



**TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB**

**OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**JOHANNESBURG CENTRE**

**P.O.BOX 1102, SOUTHDALE, 2135**



**AG SHAME! HARRY WITH A BREAKDOWN!!! ON OUR WAY HOME FROM PLETT**

**MAY & JUNE 2012**

**Issue No. 03 /2012**

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman	Mike Gilchrist	011-792-0367	072-798-6976
Vice Chairman			
Treasurer	Rob McLeod		082-358-7733
Regalia	Mark Hirst		082-459-2124
Membership Secretary	Eddie Steele	011-680-8421	072-270-9557
Editor	Elaine Castlemaine		084-318-4822
Distribution	John Crowther	011-818-3223	083-950-1934
Victor Ladorum Points	Harry Fairley		072-997-7851
Door Prizes	John Craig	011-314-1400	082-901-1504
Spares Administrator	René de Villiers	011-680-3124	083-317-4339

**Please note that all contributions to the newsletter should be directed to Elaine on the following email address [elainecastlemaine@gmail.com](mailto:elainecastlemaine@gmail.com)**

<b>Interested in Advertising in the newsletter? Please contact the editor</b>
---

## EDITORIAL

In this issue Gerald has submitted his experience of his 1<sup>st</sup> National Gathering.

It was nice to see Wendy Hay attending the June Noggin after undergoing a major back operation earlier in the year. Welcome back Wendy.

It is also with regret that we learnt of the passing of Mike Jones who was the originator and co-editor of the well known magazine Fine Cars. Mike passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of all members of the Triumph Sports Car Club, I welcome new members: Alan Pearse and his wife Penny. Alan, I suspect, has a serious interest in motoring, judging by the number of times he has attended the Goodwood Revival. Ian Donaldson and his wife Julie have also joined the club and we look forward to meeting you. Welcome to you all, I hope you will find our club to be friendly, informative and a medium through which you can enjoy your car with like-minded people. In case you ask, Alan owns a TR2 and Ian, a TR3A.

It is very upsetting to inform fellow members of the passing of Koos and Trish Conradie, who died in a motor accident on their way to Knysna. As I write this, the funeral will be taking place on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> June with tea and cake at Elaine's home in Sandhurst. Arrangements have been made for members to attend in their Triumphs, dressed in regalia as a fitting tribute to an enthusiastic member. By request, their daughters Elaine and Kate have suggested that rather than send flowers, their parents, being very charitable, would be to rather bless the church school's library with a donation, which we have done.

On behalf of all members of the Triumph Sports Car Club, I would like to extend heartfelt condolences to Elaine and Kate. Elsewhere in this newsletter, John Dobbins has written an obituary.

As you are well aware, it is heartening to hear of Alistair Kennedy's measured improvements in health. Alistair, you have had a rough ride there in hospital and we wish you a speedy recovery.

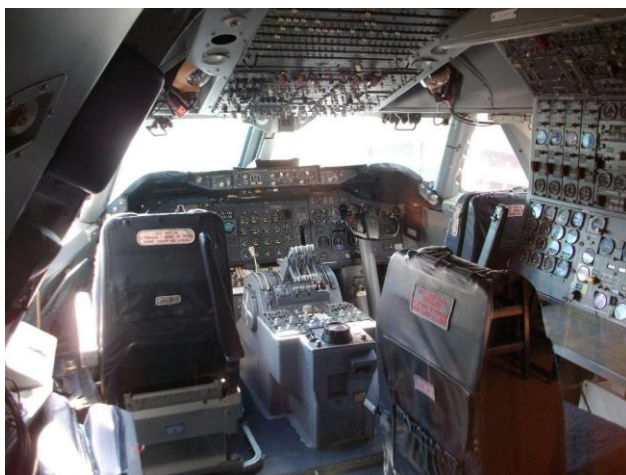
Thank you Christine for regularly keeping us all up to date, you must have had feelings of desperation through your husband's ordeal. Congratulations to you both on the birth of your granddaughter.

We have had two Noggins since the last newsletter, both making use of laptops and expensive projectors, none of which is owned by the club, so Mr. Mark Hirst, many thanks for the use of this equipment; we have been able to enjoy a photographic tour of all the things that went down at the nationals in Plett. and a terrific photo presentation at the June Noggin by Alan Grant of his experiences at Goodwood and racing at Spa Francorchamps. I think a number of us that evening made a decision to attend Goodwood next year based on the interesting stories by Alan. Many thanks, too, to the guys who brought their memory sticks for the May Noggin. Fascinating, all this motoring stuff, is it not?

It was so nice to see Bev and Italo back with us, Bev having recovered from back trouble, and Wendy made a welcome return too. It is heartening to hear how fellow members can rally around to help when one is not well. It was also very good to see Phillip Knagg and Donald McDonald at recent noggins. Now Donald is one of those intrepid travellers, who really could host a programme on the Travel Channel. He has returned from a 6000km trip around the perimeter of Botswana in his 1958 Austin Westminster together with seventeen other cars. I have invited him to give a talk with photos of this adventure so watch this space for the date.

Gary and Joan have been busy contributing to the club events. We had a good turnout for the May breakfast they organised at Gray Restaurant in Boksburg, some coming from as far as Pretoria. It was a good chance for everyone to reminisce about all the happenings at the nationals and to plan for future events.

Gary also sneaked some of the organisers over to the High Flyers Club briefly to check out a future venue for a Noggin. Take a look at one of the attractions below. This is just one of the attractions inside the pub.



The June annual Swap Meet/Car Boot Sale took place at the MG clubhouse (also home to the Triumph Club, Pretoria Centre) and the Pretoria Centre members were our guests. How odd is

that? Once again this was a time for serious discussions on matters Triumph, admire the upgrades to you buddy's car, finding that difficult to reach part that you always promised you would replace one day and to enjoy a few frosties over the braai.

I suspect that Gary and Joan have won the Lotto, because they sponsored the whole event. Thanks guys, it was a great day. Whenever we have another braai, be sure to nick a big helping of Margarita's Russian Salad when she isn't looking. Delicious stuff!!! From this meeting, Nols Pienaar and I have agreed to invite the Pretoria MG Club to our inter-club quiz coming up soon. If that is a success, we might expand to invite other marque clubs for future events.

Please jot down the 22<sup>nd</sup> July in your diary for an organized tour of Tswaing Meteorite Crater, 40km north of Pretoria. You will be able to not only stretch the legs of your Triumph on the open road, but your own for a short walk to the crater itself. You can choose various walks around the perimeter (3kms), the best of which, in my view, is down into the crater to the salt pan. Eddie Steele and Rob McLeod have kindly done a recce of the place and have secured the services of a guide who can explain what happened on that day, long before even you were born. A detailed bulletin will be coming your way soon.



Not to be outdone, Harry has been hard at work organising the August run to the East Rand to visit the Dawie Gouws motor collection. This generous man will open his man-garage and show his collection of exotic cars, bikes, an aircraft and an impressive model collection. Promises to be an exciting visit where we can braai afterwards, rather than go to a restaurant.



Lastly, the plans that I am organising for the July presentation of the Bloodhound SSC World Land Speed Record Attempt have not been finalised yet, as Dave Rowley is on leave. Keep fingers crossed as it is very interesting.

Regards,  
Mike.

**Triumph Noggins are held at the Fairmount Bowls Club, Sandringham.**

**Johannesburg Club** noggins are held at the Fairmount Bowls Club in Sandringham on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month and Club runs take place every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Supper will be served at a cost of R30.00 per head and a cash bar is available.

**Pretoria Club** Noggins are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the MG/Triumph Club House.

### **Directions to Fairmount Bowls Club**

From the N3 Highway take exit 119B - Johannesburg/Modderfontein off-ramp and go towards Johannesburg along the R25W. Go past the Edenvale Hospital and straight over Swemmer/Club Roads (there's Sandringham high-school on the corner) and straight on with George Road in Sandringham.

Travel approx. 2km along George to the club. Along the way, go past a Spar shopping centre on your left, through several traffic lights. Go past a Shell filling station on your right, then the Sandringham Vet Clinic on your right.

The Fairmount Bowls Club will be on your right, about 40 meters before an Engen Filling station. The sign posting at the entrance is not very big. If you miss it, simply turn into the Garage and retrace your tracks and you will find it.

### **MEMBERS' NEWS**

#### **OBITUARY - KOOS CONRADIE**

Koos was one of those rare individuals you liked at once as he had the ability to make one feel he was interested in you.

I first met Koos when he requested me to restore his TR4A and got to know him during the next couple of years. He was a true classic car enthusiast and could not wait for his TR4A to be finished so he bought a 911 SC TARGA as the restoration was taking longer than expected, however I did get to know a bit about him during frequent visits to the workshop.

Koos was from good Afrikaner stock as his father was head of the Dutch Reform Church and Broederbond, but was somewhat of a rebel, perhaps as a result of being educated at Stellenbosch University where he studied Geology as a member of the SA Defence Force. His memories of the Western Cape usually revolved around his Cortina GT, his rugby prowess and how much wine he and his friends consumed.

After the Army Koos joined Anglo American as a field Geologist during which time he married Trish Steytler and had two daughters Elaine and Kate. On leaving Anglo he set up his own company doing computer modelling for local and international companies.

Once the TR4A was finished Koos was like a little boy with a new toy and frequently visited with his grandson Chris as a passenger who loved the outings. Koos also persuaded me to go on numerous runs with him including two MG Regularity Rallies as I was his "mechanic".

The two events with Koos will stay with me for ever are; the trip we did together in his 911 to the George Motor Show in 2011 and the National Gathering in Plet 2012 when he was in the TR4A and myself in the TR7V8. On both occasions we stayed at his beautiful holiday home in Knysna. It was during these stays in Knysna that I got to realise what a generous man he was and how much he adored his wife, children and grandchildren as he never stopped talking about them in glowing terms.

It was with a heavy heart that I learned that Koos passed away on 19 June following the car accident on route to Knysna in which Trish was fatally injured. My heart goes out to Elaine, Kate and grandchildren.

REST IN PEACE my friend and hope you have fun driving the highways in heaven.

John Dobbins





This picture of Koos was taken at the National Gathering at Plett  
*Courtesy: Gerald Habig*

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

We are sure that you will join us in congratulating the following members who, during May, June & July will have celebrated their birthdays we trust that you had a ball, and those who have not yet had your celebration let your hair down and enjoy.

May - No Birthdays on record for **May**

### June

01	Phillip Lategan	17	Cecil Castles
02	Keith Kelly	25	Vernon Roeder
06	Eddie Steele	26	John Dobbins
10	Nick Gamble		

### DOOR PRIZES AT NOGGINS

The door prizes for May & June were won by:

May:           1<sup>st</sup> prize ..... DVD Player..... Alan Grant  
                   2<sup>nd</sup> prize ..... Framed Pictures of TRs..... Rob McLeod

June:           1<sup>st</sup> prize ..... DVD Player..... Eddie Steele  
                   2<sup>nd</sup> prize ..... Micro Fibre Car Cloths..... Gerald Habig

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER(S)

Mike made mention of this in his Chairman's report.

### Points schedule

	Points
Attendance at a Noggin (irrespective of whether you are in a Triumph or not)	10
Attendance at any advertised event in a Triumph	20
Attendance at any advertised event in a non-Triumph	10
For any articles submitted for use in the Sabrina or our bi-monthly newsletters	20

Ball	Dave	40	Gamble	Nick	30
Ball	Pattie	40	Gilchrist	Mike	90
Black	Malcolm	30	Gilchrist	Glenda	20
Booyens	Gary	160	Grant	Alan	130
Booyens	Joan	80	Grant	Jenny	80
Botes	Gert	10	Lewis	Jonathon	100
Botes	Vaughn	10	Hay	Wendy	10
Bull	Norman	60	Haydon	Mike	90
Bull	Hannelize	20	Haydon	Tina	0
Casieri	Gino	120	Habig	Gerald	130
Conradie	Koos	40	Habig	Jeanne	60
Coppens	Jean	110	Hirst	Mark	70
Coppens	Margarita	90	Hirst	Suzanne	0
Craig	John	110	Keyzer	Rodney	20
Craig	Colleen	20	Kelly	Keith	70
Crowther	John	130	Kennedy	Alastair	20
De Villiers	Rene	30	Kitchen	Kim	0
Malan	Linda	20	MacGregor	Stewart	0
Dobbins	John	170	McDonald	Donald	10
Dobbins	Liz	0	McLeod	Robert	140
Dobbins	Lisa	30	McLeod	Jackie	60
Donker	Dickie	20	Moranduzzo	Italo	20
Fairley	Harry	170	Moranduzzo	Beverly	10
Castlemaine	Elaine	170	Pearce	Alan	20
Ferreira	Chris	60	Roets	John	50
Fletterman	John	60	Roets	Marion	50
Steele	Eddie	180	Sawyer	Dave	10
Leiboff	Ada	90	Sawyer	Antoinette	0
Steele	Eric	90	Shackleton	Andrew	10
Steele/Cindy	Cindy	40	Worth	Martin	130
Turnbull	Cliff	120	Worth	Cheryl	60
Turnbull	Coral	60			

# FORTHCOMING NOGGINS AND EVENTS FOR 2012

## TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB - JOHANNESBURG

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	EVENT DETAILS	DEPARTURE POINT	ORGANISED BY
Saturday 07.07.12	09.00	Zwartkops Airforce museum	Special air show - 80th anniversary of the first helicopter flight. Invitation from MG/ Jaguar Clubs.	-	Mike 072-798 6976
Tuesday 17.07.12	19.30	Noggin	Noggin at Fairmount Bowling Club	-	-
Saturday 21.07.12	08.00	Historic racing	Historic racing at Zwartkops	08.00	Zwartkops
Sunday 22.07.12	-	Run	Tswaing Crater visit	See details below.	Eddie Steele
Sunday 05.08.12	08.00	Event	Pretoria Cars in the Park	-	POMC
Sunday 12.08.12	09.00	Event	Icicle Rally	To be announced.	MG Club Jhb Centre
Tuesday 21.08.12	19.30	Noggin	Noggin at Fairmount Bowling Club	-	-
Sunday 26.08.12	-	Run	Visit Dawie Gouws car and bike collection and other memorabilia - Benoni	Various departure points	Harry Fairley
Sunday 16.09.12	08.00	Event	Piston Ring Swop Meeting	-	Piston Ring
Tuesday 18.09.12	19.30	Noggin	Noggin at Fairmount Bowling Club	-	-
Saturday 08.09.12	-	Run	50th Anniversary of the Triumph Spitfire. Combined event with Pretoria centre	To be announced.	Pretoria Centre
Saturday 29.09.12	08.00	Historic racing	Historic racing at Zwartkops	08.00	Zwartkops
Tuesday 16.10.12	19.30	Noggin and AGM	Noggin at Fairmount Bowling Club	-	-
Sunday 28.10.12	-	Run	Jacaranda Run	To be announced.	MG Club Pretoria
Tuesday 20.11.12	19.30	Noggin and AGM	Noggin and AGM at Fairmount Bowling Club	-	-
Sunday 02.12.12	TBN	Christmas Lunch	Christmas Lunch venue to be announced. Combined event with Pretoria Centre	Drive Direct	Johannesburg and Pretoria



## **Piston Ring Calendar of Events**

<b>Sunday 15th July 2012 -</b>	Club Meet and Toyota show
<b>Sunday 19th August 2012 -</b>	AGM – Hot Rods in Arena
<b>Sunday 16th September 2012 -</b>	Swop Meet
<b>Sunday 21st October 2012 -</b>	Motoring Memories Show
<b>Sunday 18th November 2012 -</b>	Continental Cars
<b>Sunday 16th December 2012 -</b>	Open Day

## **TSWAING METEORITE CRATER**

Approximately 40 Km. north west of Pretoria is the Tswaing meteorite crater, suspected to have been formed by a 50m meteorite slamming into the earth approximately 220 000 years ago.

Meteorites may travel at speeds from 11 to 72 Km. a second. This one in about 30 seconds produced a crater 1.13 Km. across, 100m deep, and raising the crater rim above its present height of 60m. above the surrounding springbok flats.

With the passing of time water has accumulated on the crater floor and as it cannot get out salts have accumulated in the water and underlying mud. People have extracted this salt since the middle Stone Age and up to the mid 1950's commercially. The ruins of the Soda and Salt plant can still be seen today.

On the site attached to the parking and braai area is a small lecture hall where we will hopefully organize a lecture at 10:00am on the crater history. There is a variety of vegetation growing around the crater and on the slopes due to the varying depths of soil, water retention and soil variations. This and the nearby Soutpanspruit wetland support a rich variety of bird life and some small animals.

There is an almost circular footpath around and through the crater of ~ 7.2Km length, some sections are steep and stony and will take about ~ 3hr. (Some people actually run it?)

Points 1 to 10 are comparatively easy, and the walk to the lake on a road from point 7 to 15 quite easy, but take it slowly coming back, as it is all uphill.

If you want to do the entire walk, suitable foot-ware, a hat, water and a warm jacket are recommended, as it can be cold, hot climbing, and there are no refreshment stops. The temperature can also be 6 deg warmer than Pretoria.

Visitors are given a comprehensive map of the crater when they pay their admission fee of R20.00 for adults and R10.00 for children and a special price for pensioners of R15.00

Over 450 various plant and 250 bird species have been identified in the area, there is also interesting hiking. This is one of 4 impact crater museums in the world and the only one in the southern hemisphere and is easily accessed. A very interesting book on the crater is available at the reception for R100.00, a good buy if you are interested in this type of incident.

If the distance or the thought of 2 Km. (last stretch, very little dust) on a gravel road is a negative join us in your other car and bring some friends or other family members, for a Triumph bring and braai picnic, under the trees in a paradise for nature lovers, hikers and bird watchers or for those who like to relax in the open.

We should meet at the Shell 1 Stop on the N1 North to Pretoria to depart at 08:30am Sunday 22 July.

The one-way distance from the Shell 1 Stop to the Crater is ~ 78Km.

We will travel 34Km on the N1 North towards Polokwani (Pietersburg) past Atterbury turn off. (Pretoria TSSCSA) and turn left into Zambezi Drive; pay a toll of R7.50 (not reclaimable)

8Km later, at the T-junction turn Right into the R101 (Lavender Rd.).

1,7Km later at a robot turn Left into the R566, R513. Almost immediately,

800m later just over the railway bridge turn Right into the M35 follow this road for ~ 29Km. to the entrance of the Tswaing Crater Reception.

This last section goes through the Soshanguve settlement area, and there are a number of speed humps and 4 way stop streets. Keep to the demarcated speed limits, which vary, the speed humps should not be a problem as they are long and not too high.

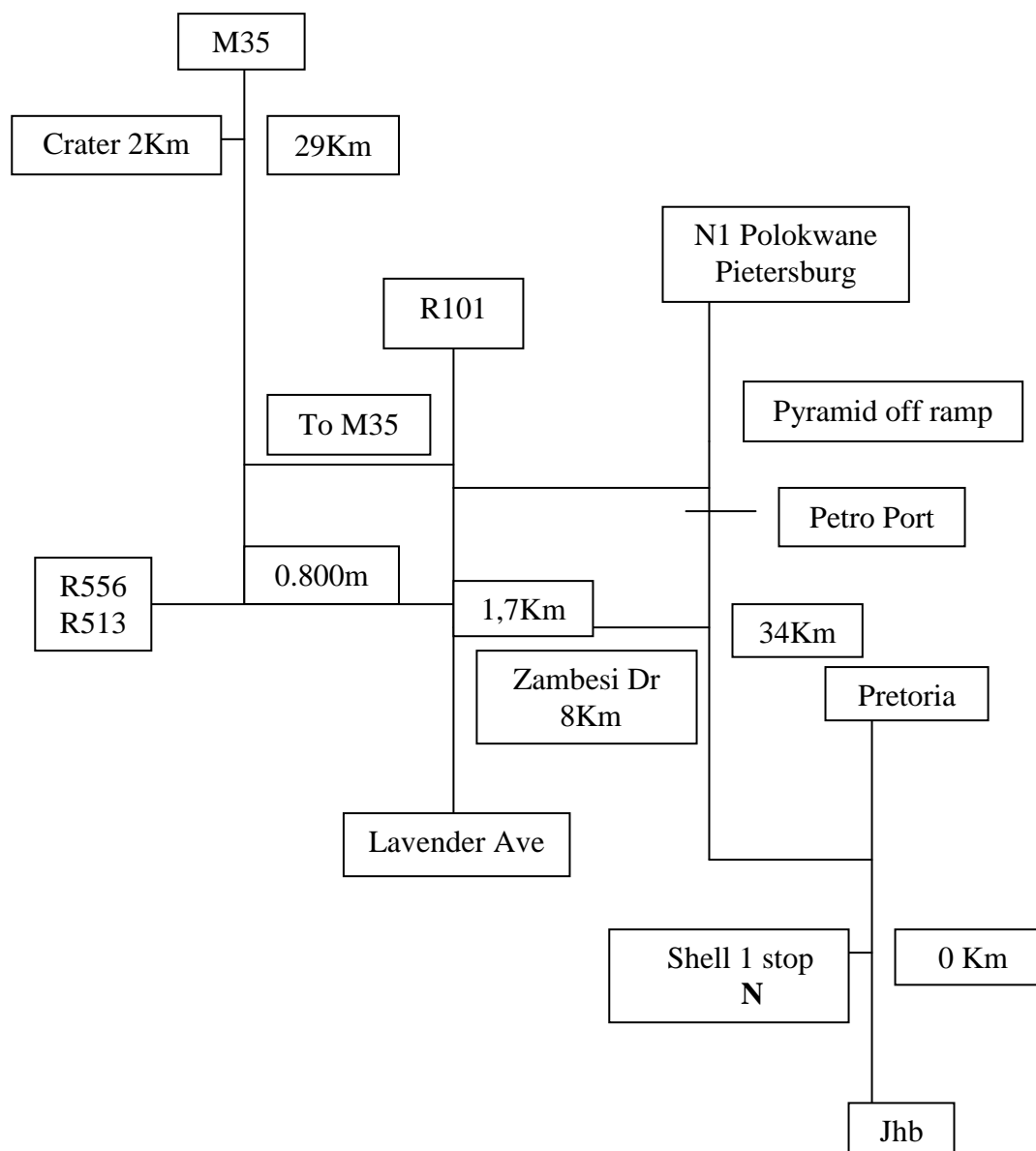
A picnic type of meal would be preferable as it takes less time to prepare, and quite a bit of time may be required for a Crater lecture, sight seeing and socializing.

There are trees with benches to sit under. A fire will be made for those wanting to Braai.

For further information phone Tswaing Crater 076 945 5911 or Eddie Steele on 011 680 8421



## DIRECTIONS:TO TSWAING METEORITE CRATER



## Directions FROM Pretoria to Dawie Gouws

Take the left offramp R23 Benoni.

2<sup>nd</sup> robot left at M32 Petit and keep going straight.

At stop street after 3<sup>rd</sup> robot bear left towards Petit

Stay on this road until after Nature Road on your left to the next left which is Ystervark Road but there is NO ROAD SIGN

Turn left into Ystervark Road.

At stop sign bear right into Nature Road go down to the last road at T junction this is Ash road.

Turn left now sand road for approx 50m and enter Plot 115 on the right Please note proceed very slowly DO NOT CREATE DUST AS FARMER ON YOUR RIGHT WILL GREET YOU WITH A SHOTGUN and you're there. For those yuppies out there Dawie's co-ordinates are as follows: S26 04 696 E028 20 863 – these directions can be used by the JHB members as well.

From JHB to OR Tambo freeway take PTA North freeway stay on this freeway until you reach the Benoni offramp, turn right and then follow above directions. If all else fails contact Harry on cell no. 0729977851. Please note you have a choice of braaing or bring your own picnic lunch (braai fires will be supplied) and please bring your own chairs and tables.

Good Day Fellow Members,

Here is an update concerning the Spitfire Anniversary from Nols, and I ask you to diarise the new date.

**I encourage all Spitfire owners to attend this event including support from all other types from the Triumph Marque.**

Regards,

Mike.

I need to give you an update on matters regarding the Spitfire 50th anniversary. The idea all along was to use AFB Swartkop where the SAAF Museum is situated because their facilities and setting for a 'Spitfire' event are ideal. The date we had in mind that was also given to you was 23 September.

I went to see the OC of the SAAF Museum yesterday about our plan and they were very accommodating but the date of 23 September does not suit them because they have other flying activities booked from 15 to 23 September. Also, we have to have our event on a Saturday because their facilities such as the museum exhibitions, restaurant and bar are closed on a Sunday. So I have booked **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**.

We will be able to have a Triumph display on the apron in front of the control tower so that we can take photos from the top. They will also be prepared to pull some museum aircraft, such as the P51 Mustang, out of their hangers for us for individual photo sessions. If Friends of the Museum do the braai for us we will have the use of Hanger 5 that is fitted out with tables and chairs and is situated close by to our car display. In the meantime we are negotiating to have a flying 80% scale model of a Spitfire flown from Rand Airport for our benefit on the day.

The event is not limited to Spitfires only. In fact, we would like every Pretoria and Jo'burg Triumph owner to be able to participate in this historic event. After all, it is six years ago (at the Voortrekker Monument) since we last enjoyed a really big Triumph festival.

We must try, between Jo'burg and Pretoria, to get at least 20 Spitfires together on the day to be parked in the shape '50', but we will need many more other Triumphs to form a circle around the '50' for a commemorative photo taken from the top of the control tower or even from a helicopter that could be arranged.

Best regards

Nols

## **NATIONAL GATHERING PLETTENBERG BAY**

*Courtesy: Gerald Habig*

When asked to share my thoughts of our first National Gathering, I looked back on the year leading up to Plett and realised what a busy year it had been.

Acquiring Madam TR last year at Cars in the Park from Ivor Carlson in Pietermaritzburg, becoming a part of the Triumph family and enjoying outings with fellow club members, it was soon time for entries to be completed for Plett.

Not too sure whether Madam TR was ready to enter, I was convinced otherwise by John Roets and then all the preparations began in earnest. Thanks to my partner Pierre and colleagues at work we were all ready to go on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2012.

Travelling with Harry, Elaine and John Crowther, it became a trip to remember or at the time, one that I would have liked to forget! Lots of encouragement, advice and some push starts from aforementioned certainly helped and convinced me that turning back was not an option.

First the overdrive, then the starter packed up and the major oil leak, which we thought we had beaten, were all an issue by the time we reached Bloemfontein on the way down. However, with help from Harry, John, and Pierre who arranged a spare starter to be freighted overnight to Classic Cars in Sedgfield, we were able to complete repairs and arrive in Plett on time for registration.

After settling in to our super accommodation, arranged by and shared with Norman and Hannelize, we were ready for the start of our first Nationals, which Jeanne and I will only remember with the fondest of memories.

Following the welcome function on the first evening and meeting many new Triumph friends, it was time for cleaning and preparing on the Friday in anticipation of the Big Day on Saturday when all the proud owners would show their cars.

It was quite an experience for a novice like me, seeing the extra effort put into real serious cleaning and polishing by all the Triumph owners and helpers. The last time I had been this serious about cleaning a car was probably 40 years ago.

Onto the Big Day and this really was a day to remember. All these Triumphs in one location made a wonderful exhibit. It was left to the judges to complete the scoring and for us to await the results at the farewell dinner and prize giving.

Much fun was still had in the next two days with a historic tour of Plett, a driving skills test and on the last day a wonderful tour of Knysna.

To the organizing committee, our thanks, as apart from the National Gathering, they also arranged perfect weather for the week.

Finally it was time for the big night and expectations as to how our Triumphs had fared. As expected, the top cars in their various categories stood out and claimed their well deserved recognition. All this, because of the hard work, dedication and love for their triumphant Triumphs.

Surprise for me was that Madam TR had won a gold medal in her class. Many thanks must go to all who helped in attaining the achievement.

All too soon it was time to leave for home on Tuesday morning and apart from leaving a Valdez-like oil trail, Madam TR had us safely home after a trip of more than 1700 miles.

To all our Triumph friends, we say thank you for a new experience most enjoyed and looking forward to the next National Gathering in KZN.

Gerald & Jeanne Habig  
Madam TR





## EVENTS ATTENDED IN MAY & JUNE 2012

### 27 May 2012 - Breakfast Run to Grays Restaurant, Boksburg

I think this was the first TR outing we've attended in a plastic purely because we had Harry's son Grant with us. Having said that it was a rather cold day and even though I don't mind the "no roof" scenario it was rather nice not worrying about the hair.

It was a great venue thanks to Gary. We sat outside brrrr but made sure we were under the gas warmers/burners which kept us warm but sadly not the food. A good breakfast was enjoyed by all.

### 24 June 2012 – Swop Meet / Boot Sale at Pretoria Club

We had a good uneventful run through to Pretoria club where we had a lovely braai and our thanks to Gary and Joan for their generous contribution.

## WANTED and FOR SALE CORNER

### WANTED:

We were approached by Andre du Toit at the Piston Ring who asked if we could please publish his request in his endeavour to find a TR4, TR5 or TR6. Please contact him - Andre du Toit on cellphone no: 082-336-2240 or via e-mail: [propprojects@vodamail.co.za](mailto:propprojects@vodamail.co.za)

### FOR SALE

Nothing at time of going to print

## THIS 'N' THAT

### Thermo-Tec Exhaust Insulating Wrap

Thermo-Tec Insulating Wrap gives Safety with Performance. Tubular manifolds by design produce a vast amount of heat in the engine compartment. This increases the possibility of electrical/ignition components not working effectively and promotes a higher risk of fire (if any combustible material comes in to contact with the manifold), not to mention the likelihood of severe burns when working on the engine! By wrapping your tubular manifold with Thermo-Tec insulating wrap you can overcome all these risk factors. Thermo-Tec keeps the heat within the exhaust manifold so the exhaust gases have a much higher velocity, this induces negative pressure (scavenging) which increases air intake flow, resulting in better performance & economy.

Technical Notes: Thermo-Tec heat wrap – which is race & rally proven – comes in rolls 2" wide x 50 feet long and moulds to the contours of the manifold. Being a Silica based fabric (it does not contain asbestos or carcinogens) it is unaffected by oil or water, withstands temperatures up to 1000 degrees Celsius and reduces under bonnet temperatures by up to 70%.

Prices overseas can amount to around **£50.00 incl VAT** (This is for information only)

*Courtesy: Mike Gilchrist*

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since the last newsletter. It was really nice to see such a large turnout of Triumphs at Angela's picnic. However, I thought that the total turnout was less than previous years.

It was interesting to read of Mike's comments on the Alfas' drum brakes. Those large aluminium finned drums were a thing of beauty. However Mike, Jaguar was still only experimenting with discs then and then only on their race cars in conjunction with Dunlop. I think it was Sterling Moss who insisted on the use of discs in one of his races, I think in his "D" type. BUT it was Standard Triumph who were the first car manufacturer to fit the disc brakes to a standard production motor car namely the TR3 and NOT Jaguar.

Courtesy: Harry Fairley

## **"CHILL OUT PAGE" / LAUGHS / SMILES / SMIRKS 'N' SNIPPETS**



On a Church's Bill board: - 7 days without God makes one weak.

On a Plumber's truck:- We repair what your husband fixed.

On another Plumber's truck - Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.

### **Oh! To be poor**

Annie, 6 years old, gets home from school. She had her first family planning lesson at school. Her mother, very interested, asks; "How did it go?" "I died of shame!" She answers Koos from over the road, says that the stork brings babies. Sally next door said you can buy babies at the orphanage.

Piet in my class says you can buy babies at the hospital. Her mother answers laughingly "But that's no reason to be ashamed?" "No, but I can't tell them that we were so poor that you and daddy had to make me yourselves!"



I have a little Satnav it sits there in my car .  
A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.  
I have a little Satnav. I've had it all my life.  
It does more than the normal one; My Satnav is my wife  
It gives me full instructions on exactly how to drive  
"It's thirty miles an hour" it says "And you're doing thirty five"  
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake.  
And, tells me that it's never ever safe to overtake.  
It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green.  
It seems to know instinctively just when to intervene.  
It lists the vehicles just in front. It lists those to the rear.  
And taking this into account it specifies my gear.  
I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device.  
For when we leave and lock the car it still gives its advice.  
It fills me up with counseling. Each journey's pretty fraught.  
So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?  
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house. Makes sure I'm properly fed  
It washes all my shirts and things. And keeps me warm in bed.

# CROSSWORD NO. 1 - ANSWERS

M <sup>1</sup>	O	T <sup>2</sup>	O	R <sup>3</sup>	I	S <sup>4</sup>	T		S <sup>5</sup>	N <sup>6</sup>	O	W <sup>7</sup>
A		H		E		I		G <sup>8</sup>		I		A
T <sup>9</sup>	I	E	U	P		E <sup>10</sup>	L	E	A	N	O	R
S		K		O		N		O		J		R
	N <sup>11</sup>	I	S	S	A	N	A	R	M	A	D	A
A <sup>12</sup>		N		S		A		G				N
M <sup>13</sup>	A	G	N	E	T		D <sup>14</sup>	E	F	E <sup>15</sup>	C	T
C					S		C <sup>16</sup>		B		L	Y
P <sup>17</sup>	A	R <sup>18</sup>	T	S	M	A	N	A	G	E	R	
A		I		I		T		R		C		C <sup>19</sup>
C <sup>20</sup>	O	N	S	O	L	E		R <sup>21</sup>	E	T	R	O
E		G		N		R		I		R		L
R <sup>22</sup>	U	S	T		C <sup>23</sup>	A	M	S	H	A	F	T

# CROSSWORD NO. 2

1		2			3	4		5		6		7
				8								
9								10				
11												
												12
13		14					15					
						16						
	17									18		
19												
20						21						
22									23			

**Remember, this is American Based.**

**ACROSS:**

1. intersection instruction
3. O/O is Owner/-----in trucking lingo.
9. Georgia's Road -----Road.
10. Sidewalk sides.
11. Passenger car category (7,5)
13. A hot-rod's heart.
15. Description for modern oil filters. (4,8)
17. Jessica Simpson's *Dukes of Hazzard* ride (4,8)
20. Ford's famous '50s failure.
21. SA version of Plymouth/  
Dodge
22. Car for sale advert's urgent wording (4,4)
23. A heavy highway hauler, briefly.

**DOWN:**

1. Restorers' parts-trading event (4,4)
2. Applied lubricant.
4. Car battery components.
5. Lower body-sides sections (6,6).
6. The T in ATV.
7. Road -----, slang for motorcycle crash injury.
8. The Brickyard, a.k.a. ----- Motor Speedway.
12. Surname of racers Mario and Michael.
14. Thick automotive lubricants.
16. Country road surface, sometimes.
18. A long term rental, you might say.
19. Word following high or low.

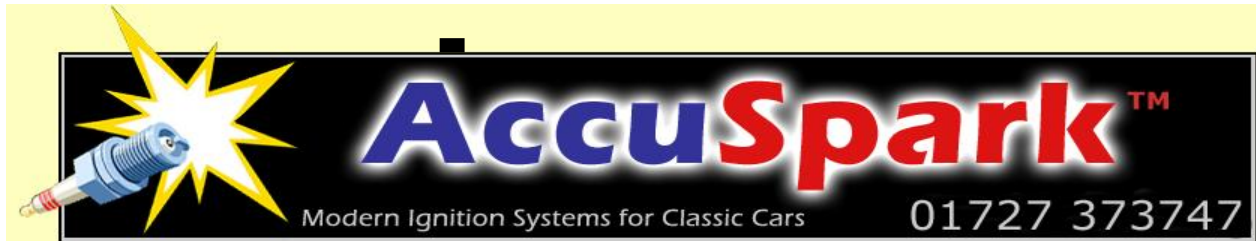
Ads

Ads

Ads

Ads

Ads

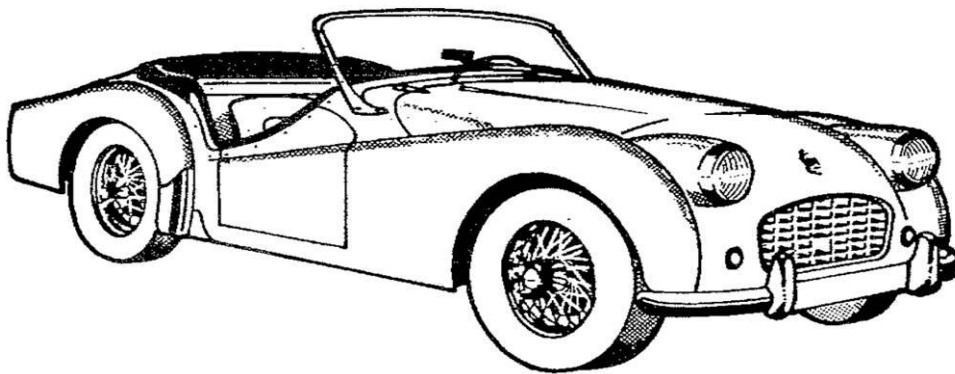


**FED UP WITH OLD POINTS AND CONDENSERS??  
FIT ACCUSPARK!!**

- **MODERN IGNITION SYSTEMS FOR CLASSIC CARS**
  - **SPORTS COILS, LUCAS ROTORS & D-CAPS**
  - **KITS ARE VERY AFFORDABLE @ JUST R495**
    - **and EASY TO FIT**

# CLIMATRON

air conditioning



a fresh cool breeze

Leaders in air-conditioning since 1970

Tel: 011 493 5364

Email: [sales@climatron.co.za](mailto:sales@climatron.co.za)