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Please note that all contributions to the newsletter should be directed to John Dobbins, e-mail dobbins@iafrica.com by 25th of each month

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 on Tuesday 18th.

John Craig

Editorial

When I watched the news on Thursday morning 31st March I thought we were on another planet with the decisions our so called leader had made but maybe he knows more than I as to what is good for the country but a 7% depreciation in the Rand in two days is not good in my view. What do you think?

Getting onto car matters which I think are just as important - HAVE YOU GOT YOUR CAR SUITABLY INSURED? The reason I ask is I have a TR3 in the shop which a customer 'parked' into a garden wall at low speed and proceeded to write off the nose cone and lhs front wing, bend the chassis and rip the lhs front suspension mounts off the chassis - cost of repair about R120k.

Also if your car is off the road and at the panel beater is it covered by your insurance? I recently had a very bad experience with the Italia which was at the panel beater Rapid Repair with whom I had been dealing for more than 10 years but when I was away on leave they went belly up and the body was "lost". 6 months and R30k later we got the rusted body back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Remember insurance is only expensive when you do not have it!

Have a good autumn.

Regards,

John Dobbins

Chairman's Chat

Beautiful sunny skies are still the order of the day and "top down" motoring is hopefully here for a little longer, before the winter chill sets in.

Yours truly was unfortunately out of town for Angela's Picnic, but this event is always well supported.

Our next event is the Dambusters run on the 1st May (public holiday), organised by the Sunbeam Sports Car Club. An enjoyable run....let us give this British Marque our support.

Norman

Tour of Sicily Rally 1st – 4th June

They're on the go again!

Arthur Wassenaar and Mandy Di Nicola have entered a very interesting classic rally.

Let's follow and wish them safe journey.



Subject: Giro Di Sicillia

Hi Mike,

Thanks for the SMS, the race runs from 1st-4th June this year so the Green Car is on its way on Monday. We will meet her end of May in Palermo.

Its 800km around the Island over the 4 Days; start is In Palermo and ends Cefalu.

Attached is the Program for your info.

If you go to www.girodisicilia.it , click on the UK flag and it will bring it up in broken English.

Please feel free to keep the club informed.

Kind Regards,

Arthur

PROGRAM

girodisicilia.it / Program-2017 /

Rally summary

June 1: scrutineering and a night start from Palermo to Marsala - 140kms

June 2: Marsala to Pergusa - 310kms

June 4: Pergusa Race Circuit to Aidone - 275kms

June 4: Aidone to the finish at the coastal town of Cefalu - 145kms. Prize Giving.

Thursday, June 1 - Departure from Palermo - 140 km

hours 09:00 to 15:00 scrutineering - gadgets Delivery

hours 15:30 to 6:00 pm **START CIRCUIT PALERMO**

hours 18:30 to 19:30 Dinner

20:00 START TOUR SICILY

TRANSIT

Monreale - Poplar - Borgetto - Alcamo - Castellammare del Golfo - Life - Salemi -

Marsala : Hotel Baglio Basile Petrosino **** (overnight)

Friday, June 2-310 km

START

TRANSIT

Mazara del Vallo - Sambuca di Sicilia - Sciacca - Siculiana - Scala dei Turchi (Realmonte) - Porto

Empedocle - Agrigento -

STOP LUNCH

Palma di Montechiaro - Gela - Caltagirone - Mirabella Imbaccari - Piazza Armerina - Pergusa -

ENNA: Hotel Federico II **** (dinner and overnight)

Saturday, June 3 - km 275

START

TRANSIT

Pergusa Autodromo - Nissoria - Agira - Regalbuto - Paterno - Belpasso - Nicolosi - Mount Etna -

STOP LUNCH

Pedara - Trecastagni - Viagrande - Aci Sant'Antonio - Aci Castello - Acireale - Aci Trezza - Aci Castello - Catania - Raddusa - Aidone -

ENNA: Hotel Federico II **** (dinner and overnight)

Sunday, June 4 - km 145

START

TRANSIT

Enna " *Castello di Lombardia* " - Leonforte - Sperlinga - Nicosia - Gangi - Geraci Siculo - Castelbuono - Cefalu -

LUNCH and AWARDS

FIESTA Athènee Palace Hotel - Via Imera, 7 - Campofelice di Roccella (PA) - Tel. +39 0921 935 044

EVENT End

Long-time ex-Jo'burg member Pierre-Yves Etienne kindly sends this message from France. . . .

From: Pierre Yves ETIENNE [mailto:py.etienne@orange.fr]

Sent: 26 March 2017 11:48 PM

To: dobbins@iafrica.com

Subject: French TR Club outing

Hi John (*Dobbins*),

I had such a good time today at my first outing with the French TR club that I was always thinking of the Jo'burg great time I had with you & the Triumph club.

Attached some pics of the French cars.

Have a good week,

PYves





Ed. Lovely stuff Pierre-Yves. Keep 'em coming!

BMW 507

Mike Gilchrist

Ever wondered why the 507 is priced so far out of reach that only the serious investor and motoring buff can afford such a classic?

The marketing dept. deemed it necessary to have a flagship model after a request was made from a US east coast importer, Max Hoffman.

They didn't forecast massive development costs and after a new 3.2 litre V8 112kW engine and a costly Albrecht Goertz designed, hand-formed aluminium body, the listed price ended up more than twice that of magnificent Jaguar XK 140 roadster.

There were few takers and only 252 were built between 1956 and 1959, leaving the whole exercise a commercial disaster. Highest auction price to date: \$2 420 000.



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			

Scottburgh Classic Car Show

Greetings from Scottburgh,

Following to the invitation sent to you in January for your Club to join us again on **16th July** at the **Scottburgh High School** I am delighted to inform you about the special accommodation offers available to "out-of-towners" for the weekend of the Scottburgh Classic Car Show.

The Blue Marlin Hotel will again support us with a special offer which remains unchanged from last year.

TWO NIGHTS - Saturday/Sunday nights at **R700 per person per night** sharing DBB. Single supplement R200 per night.

The Blue Marlin Hotel has been totally renovated and is now offers superb accommodation and food.

The usual cabaret/entertainment will also be arranged provided there are sufficient rooms booked in the hotel.

Please visit their website www.bluemarlinhotel.co.za **for bookings phone 039 978 3361**

The House of the Rising Sun - Park Rynie - (located on the R102 road between Scottburgh and Park Rynie)

Double room for two persons - **R550 per room only.**

Please visit their website www.houseofrisingsun.co.za **for bookings phone 039 978 2769**

Shoreline self-catering Apartments - Scottburgh (located on the beach)

Apartments that sleep 5 people include one bedroom for two and another bedroom for three persons @ R750 per night per apartment. **for bookings phone 039 976 2545**

The Pearly Shells Holiday Apartments - self-catering, located very close to the Blue Marlin Hotel. This is a **self-catering** establishment comprising one, two and three bedroom (*en suite*) apartments with fully equipped kitchen and lounge/dining room and balcony overlooking the sea and sugar cane fields. Secure covered parking is available. There are several restaurants as well as the Blue Marlin Hotel close by the Pearly Shells (for breakfast & dinner)

The Show Special represents **10% off their high season rates** and as you can see, it is far more than last year.

1 Bedroom (2 adults/2 children) = **R900 per night**

2 Bedroom (4 adults/2 children) = **R1035 per night**

3 Bedroom (6 adults/2 children) = **R1215 per night**

Please visit their website www.pearly-shells.co.za **for bookings phone 039 976 2065**

Reservations for all the above should be made directly with the establishment concerned.

We hope that you will take advantage of these special offers and come to the Show to enjoy a weekend away by the sea.

Kind regards,

Peter Fielding, e-mail: jagmg@telkomsa.net

Event Organizer.

Super Quiz

Kindly submitted by a New Zealand enthusiast

Answers to last month's puzzle



WINTER WOOLLIES WANDER 2016

NAME THE CARS ADVERTISED WITH THESE SLOGANS

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

Edsel



Alvis

Graham-Paige



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

GEARSTICK



Karmann Ghia



Reliant



Saab

Cord



Tucker

Imperial 1955-75, 1981-83

Tail End Giggle

The Washington Post's Style Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter and then supply a new definition. Here are this year's winners:

1. Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
2. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
3. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
4. Foreploy: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
5. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
6. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
7. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
8. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
9. Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.
10. Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
11. Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
12. Decafalon (n.): The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
13. Glibido: All talk and no action.
14. Dopeler effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
15. Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
16. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
17. Caterpallor (n.): The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

And the pick of the literature:

18. Ignoramus: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.