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Editorial

We were very honoured to have the National Chairman Geoff Kriel at the August noggin where he heaped a lot of praise on the Johannesburg Centre especially regarding the contribution the Centre has made and continues to make for the Triumph Club of South Africa. Thank you Geoff for being kind enough to organise your travel arrangements from East London to be able to attend our noggin.

For those of you who do not know Geoff he is very much a classic car enthusiast and at present has a Landy, Mini Cooper, Healey 3000, TR3 and TR6 under restoration. The Triumphs that Geoff has restored to concours condition since he joined the Club include his TR3, a GT6 and a TR6 he converted to right hand drive so you can say he is keen on Triumphs!

Spring is just around the corner which means Piston Ring have their Swop Meet this month on Sunday 17th and it's a great time to wonder around looking at cars and maybe find that part you need!

I am lead to believe that the Government are looking at another funding model for e:tolls so maybe OUR civil disobedience by not paying the toll fees is being noticed at long last!

Have a great Spring.

Happy Motoring,

John Dobbins

Chairman's Chat

Our regional concourse was held under sunny skies at the Garden Shop, Flora Farm in Boksburg...this past Sunday of August. A total of 18 cars participated in the concourse, with several cars on show at the entrance to the Nursery.

Well done to all participants as the overall standard remains high, with 4 out of 6 Jo'burg cars achieving Gold.

A big thank you to Eddie, John and Rob for the smooth and successful running of the concours.

Also to all the judges for their commitment and thoroughness in scrutinising these beautiful classics.

A good day was had by all, as depicted in the photo's.

September 17th is the Swop Meeting at Modderfontein.

Our weekend away to the KZN Battlefields has been confirmed for the 20/21/22 October. This is going to be an enjoyable and knowledgeable outing. Units are filling up fast, so hurry and reserve your place.

Spring is here....top down time in a Triumph.

Norman

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	Botanical Gardens, orchid exhibition		optional
August	Sun 6	Cars in Park-Zwartkops	POMC	optional
	Sun 13	4th Ave-Parkhurst Car Show	VVC	optional
	Tue 15	Noggin		
	Sun 27	Concours/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		
	Sun 24	National Drive It day		
October	Sun 15-22	Jacaranda Run	MG club	optional
	Tue 17	Noggin/AGM		
	Fri 20-22	Battlefields-KZN		
November	Tue 21	Noggin		
	Sun 26	Parys Festival???		
December	Sun 3	Year-end Function		

Concours at Flora Farm, 27th August

Results

D'Etat					
	Name	Class	maximum 1000	%	Medal
6	Alan Grant	TR2, TR3, TR3A	983	98.3	Gold
1	Eddie Steele	TR4, TR4A, TR5, TR250	973	97.3	Gold
5	Nols Pienaar	TR7, TR8	971	97.1	Gold
7	Denys Fourie	Stag	951.5	95.2	Gold
2	Gerald Habig	TR4, TR4A, TR5, TR250	909.5	91.0	Silver
4	Jean Coppens	Stag	908	90.8	Silver
3	Kobus Landsberg	Spitfire Mk4, 1500, GT6 Mk3	864	86.4	Silver
D'Elegance					
	Name	Class	maximum 415	%	Medal
34	Andre Greyling	TR7, TR8	402.5	97.0	Gold
26	John Roets	TR2, TR3, TR3A	401.5	96.7	Gold
27	Norman Bull	TR2, TR3, TR3A	395	95.2	Gold
32	Terry Murphy	TR7, TR8	395	95.2	Gold
28	Mike Bilson	Spitfire Mk1, Mk2, Mk3, GT6 Mk3	393.5	94.8	Gold
29	Jaco van Vuuren	Spitfire Mk1, Mk2, Mk3, GT6 Mk3	366.5	88.3	Silver
35	Guy du Sautoy	TR4, TR4A, TR5, TR250	364.5	87.8	Silver
33	Helgard Joubert (Helen Flynn)	TR7, TR8	364	87.7	Silver
30	Andre Pretorius	TR7, TR8	356	85.8	Silver
31	Clive Robinson	Spitfire Mk1, Mk2, Mk3, GT6 Mk3	340.5	82.0	Bronze
Tops Up					
	Name	Class	maximum 180	%	Medal
51	Adri van Niekerk	Spitfire Mk1, Mk2, Mk3, GT6 Mk3	161	89.4	Silver

Medals	Points (%)
gold	>93
silver	>83 <=93
bronze>	>74 <=83





doesn't this just say it all?

Article courtesy of the *Daily Mail*, Monday, Aug 14th

Rusty motorbike that's been left in family's garage since 1930 is set to sell for £75,000

A vintage motorbike of the same model as that ridden by the swashbuckling British Army officer immortalised as Lawrence of Arabia has emerged for sale after eight decades.

The rusty 1925 Brough Superior SS-80 has been in the same family since it was bought new directly from maker George Brough.

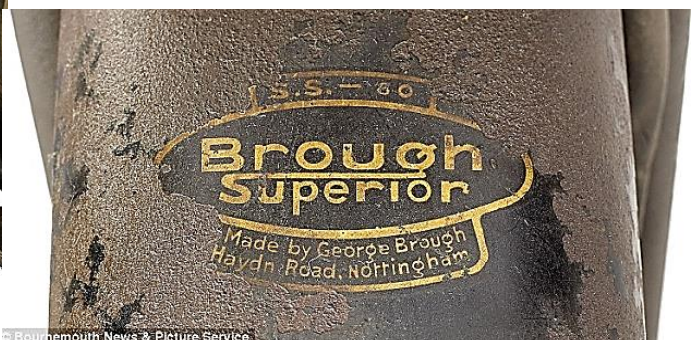


TE Lawrence - Lawrence of Arabia - loved the bikes and famously died on one near to his home in Dorset in 1935.

This classic Brough superior SS-80 motorbike that has been locked away in a garage since 1930 after just five years of use has emerged for sale. The machine was put through its paces for the first five years of its life before its owner placed it in his garage at his home in Kent - and it has remained there ever since. It was recently wheeled out of storage for the first time in eight decades after the late owner's son decided to sell it.

The 'barn-find' motorcycle has all its original parts and when air was pumped into its 87-year-old tyres, they inflated. Its re-emergence has delighted experts as there are very few original surviving models of the Brough SS-80.

Despite its run-down condition it is being tipped to sell for at least £75,000.



George Brough was the son of a motorcycle maker but when he wanted to concentrate on high performance machines there was a disagreement. Its re-emergence has delighted experts as there are very few original surviving models of the Brough SS-80.

George set up his own firm and made 'Brough Superiors', a name that angered his father, but has delighted enthusiasts ever since.

It retains traces of its original black paint and has its number plate - XY6896 - mounted above the front wheel. The bike has a 981cc engine and is being sold by auctioneers Bonhams on October 21 at the Staffordshire Showground.

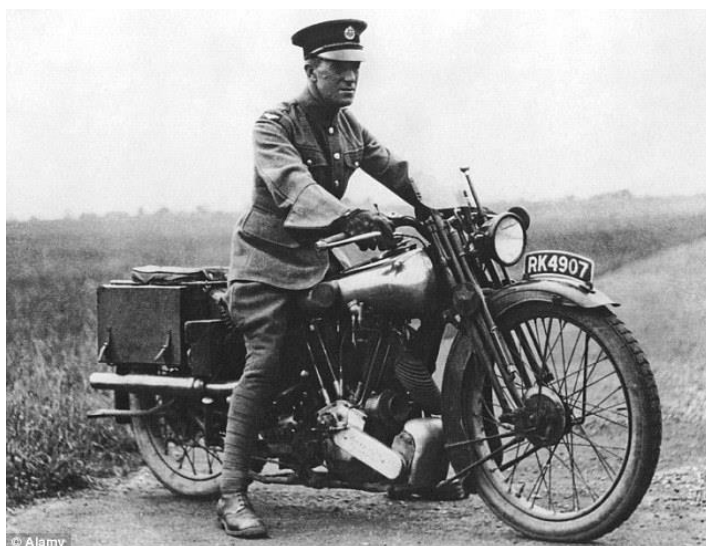
British Army officer TE Lawrence is immortalised in the film *Lawrence of Arabia* on one of his Brough Superior bikes.

Ben Walker, from the saleroom, said: "It's a stunning bike. Just when you think there can't be any more to be discovered this one turns up.

This 1925 machine was guaranteed to reach 80mph and would have cost £150 new, a large amount back then. It has been in the same family since new and from 1930 kept in a garage, untouched. We're not sure why it went off the road five years after it was bought but there might have been a problem with the gearbox. Enthusiasts will be drooling over its condition and the level of originality. It's amazing. Nothing has seemingly been done to it and it also comes with history files showing correspondence between the owner and George Brough.

In 1929 the bike was taken to a 'Brough gymkhana', which was like a motorcycle club gathering and there is a programme from that gathering. To get this level of history and documentation is very rare. It will need to be recommissioned mechanically and sympathetically. I would just smother the bodywork in oil so it doesn't deteriorate further.

When it was sold new it was a coveted item, and it still is today. It is not being sold for financial reasons, but for practical ones".



The SS80 (Super Sports) model was developed in 1920, soon after George Brough set up Brough Superior.

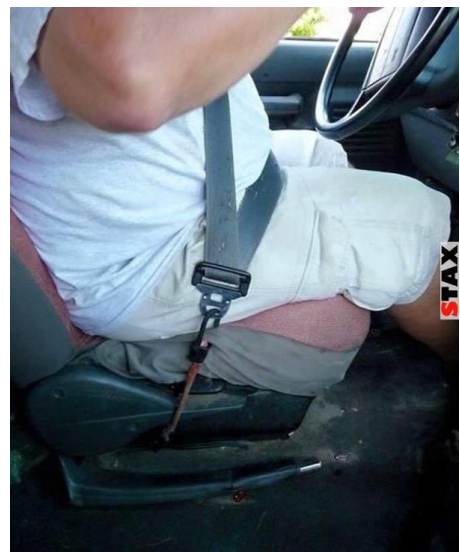
Finished to a standard that put it well beyond the reach of most motorcyclists, the SS80 set out the key features of all Brough Superior models to follow. Thirty-two SS80s were built in 1935.

Early models used the 988cc (60.3 cu in) J.A.P. side valve engine which was expected to be superseded by the overhead valve Brough Superior SS100 when it was introduced at the end of 1924, but SS80 sales continued well and in 1935 the SS80 was fitted with the 982 cc (59.9 cu in) Matchless V-twin engine, similar to the one fitted to the Matchless Model X but with Brough's modified big end arrangement.

Before production ended with the outbreak of World War II in 1939, 1,086 SS80s were manufactured in total, of which 460 were Matchless-engined.

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Tail End Giggle

Sports commentators can get carried away sometimes.... David Coleman, a famed English SPORTS COMMENTATOR, seems to get carried away more than most - here are some of his best moments.



That's the fastest time ever run - but it's not as fast as the world record.

Don't tell those coming in the final result of that fantastic match, but let's just have another look at Italy's winning goal.

For those of you watching who do not have television sets, live commentary is on Radio 2.

This is a truly international field, no Britons involved.

Both of the Villa scorers - Withe and Mortimer - were born in Liverpool as was the Villa manager Ron Saunders who was born in Birkenhead.

He's 31 this year - last year he was 30.

He won the bronze medal in the 1976 Olympics so he's used to being out in front.

We estimate, and this isn't an estimation, that Greta Waltz is 80 seconds behind.

Linford Christie's got a habit of pulling it out when it matters most.

The late start is due to the time.

He's got his hands on his knees and holds his head in despair.

He's even smaller in real life than he is on the track.

This could be a repeat of what will happen in the European games next week.

It's a battle with himself and with the ticking fingers of the clock.

Here are some names to look forward to - perhaps in the future.

In the Moscow Olympics Lasse Viren came in fifth and ran a champions race.

He just can't believe what's not happening to him.

One of the great unknown champions because very little is known about him.

There'll be only one winner now - in every sense.

He is accelerating all the time. The last lap was run in 64 seconds and the one before that in 62.

The big Cuban opened his legs and showed his class.

(At the velodrome) The front wheel crosses the finish line, closely followed by the back wheel.

The BBC makes some delightful boo-boos - but it's not alone:

"Street hockey is great for kids. It's energetic, competitive, and skilful.

Best of all it keeps them off the street." Newsbeat

"It was the fastest-ever swim over that distance on American soil." Greg Phillips, Portsmouth News

"...fears that the balloon may be forced to ditch in the Pacific. Mr Branson, however, remains buoyant and hopes to reach America" Radio 4 News

"Well, you could count them on the fingers of less than one hand" ... Jack Elder, New Zealand Police Minister

"And Nakano tries to avoid being passed by his teammate Trulli, which should in fact be quite easy, because Trulli is going more slowly than his teammate Nakano" Murray Walker, ITV

"A fascinating duel between three men" David Coleman, Hammer Throw, World Athletics, BBC

"It's amazing how, in this part of the world, history has been part of its past." David Duffy, Eurosport

"So, this movie you star in, *The Life Story of George Best*, tell us what it's about." ... George Gavin, Sky Sport

"It has been the German Army's largest peacetime operation since World War 2" ITN

"Do Britain's drug laws need a shot in the arm?" Radio 4

"Ian Mackie is here to prove his back injury is behind him," commentator at Spar Athletics

"Her legs are kept tightly together: she's giving nothing away." gymnastics commentator, BBC1

"I wouldn't be surprised if this game went all the way to the finish." Ian St John.