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Motoring News

For all the enthusiasm surrounding the electric car company, Tesla has a habit of messing up production deadlines and accruing losses. Last week however, Tesla CEO Elon Musk took to Twitter to express his pride of producing 7,000 Tesla Model 3 cars in a single week and meeting a self-sanctioned production deadline it promised during its last quarterly earnings statement.

But before the CEO could finish patting himself on the back, Ford's European business chief, Steven Armstrong, chimed in with a reality check. "We produce 7000 cars in four hours".

Armstrong's tweet is a reminder that the company still has a long way to go before it reaches production levels at which the rest of the industry has been operating for decades.



Events Calendar

Month	Day/Date	Event	Host	Status
January	Tue 16 th	Noggin		
	Sun 21 st	Glenburn Lodge	Joburg	official
February	Sun 18 th	Post Valentine - Bosveld Lounge	Pta	official
	Tue 20 th	Noggin		
March	Sun 18 th	Piston Ring Swop Meeting		optional
	Tue 20 th	Noggin		
April	Sun 1 st	Angela's Picnic	SAMCA	official
	Tue 17 th	Noggin		
	Fri 27 th -Mon 30 th	TSCC National Gathering -Maselspoort	Pta	official
May	Tue 1 st	Dambusters	Sunbeam Club	optional
	Tue 15 th	Noggin		
	Sat 19 th	Inter club Quiz...braai	Joburg	official
	Sat 26 th	Just Wheels, Brakpan	Muriel Brandt	optional
	Sun 27 th	Cars in Park-Pietermaritzburg		optional
	Sun 27 th	Cars on the Roof	Pta/POMC	optional
June	Sat 2 nd	Mampoer Rally	POMC	optional
	Tue 19 th	Noggin		
	Sun 23 th	Hartebeespoort - Rotary event		optional
July	Tue 17 th	Noggin		
	Sun 15 th	Scottburgh Classic Car Show		optional
	Sun 29 th	Event to be announced		official
August	Sun 5 th	Cars in Park-Zwartkops	POMC	optional
	Tue 21 st	Noggin		
	Sun 26 th	TBA		official
September	Sun 2 nd	Wheels at the Vaal		optional
	Sun 2 nd	National Classic Car Concourse - Mall of Africa	SAMCA	optional
	Sun 9 th	4 th Ave - Parkhurst Show	VVC	optional
	Sun 16 th	Piston Ring Swop Meeting		
	Tue 18 th	Noggin		
	Sun 30 th	Chequered Flag, Benoni??		
October	Tue 16 th	Noggin/AGM		official
	Sun 22 nd or 28 th	Jacaranda Run	MG club	optional
November	Tue 20 th	Noggin		
	Sun 25 th	TBA		
December	Sun 2 nd	Year-end Function	Joburg	official

Dates and events subject to change

April 2019 Fri 5th - Mon 8th Stars of Sandstone - Ficksburg

Editorial

The Winter Solstice has come and gone so the colder weather will be with us soon and as I write the weather forecasters predict snow on the southern Cape and Natal mountains so we must brace ourselves for those cold winds and with Eskom probable power outages make sure your gas cylinders are full!

My Wedgewood blue Triumph 2000 MK1 has taken up residence in PE with Janet and Jon Rademan but she has been replaced with a 2 owner old English white MK2 2.5PI saloon with a genuine 77 000 KM and original Leyland-supplied Minilite style alloys.

We had a great turnout at the last noggin and it was lovely to see so many ladies there; just a pity we had to say goodbye to Wendy and Jon but we look forward to seeing them at the next Nationals - *pictures on page 5*.

Thank you all for your good wishes regarding Liz's broken shoulder. She is on the mend now and has a long recovery road ahead.

Safe Motoring,

John Dobbins

Chairman's Chat

At our last Noggin we were treated to a farewell meal to say cheerio to Jon and Wendy which was well-attended with many ladies present, something we have not experienced for some time.

We will have to think of ideas to revitalize such great get-togethers...not just leave it for farewells. We wish Jon and Wendy a happy retirement and many a dipped toe in the salt water.

Our July run will be held on Sunday 15th by attending the Coffee & Cars gathering at the Boulevard Café, Fricker Road, Illovo....from 8.30am till 11.00am.

Entrance fee to this event is... bring a blanket or dry food for the less fortunate. A good breakfast is available at the Café. Hope to see you all there to support this deserving charity.

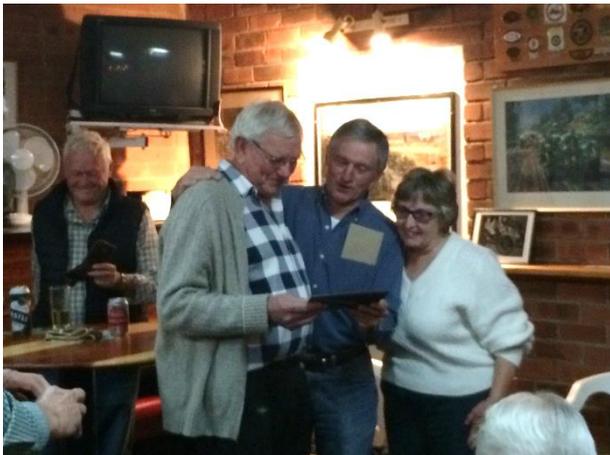
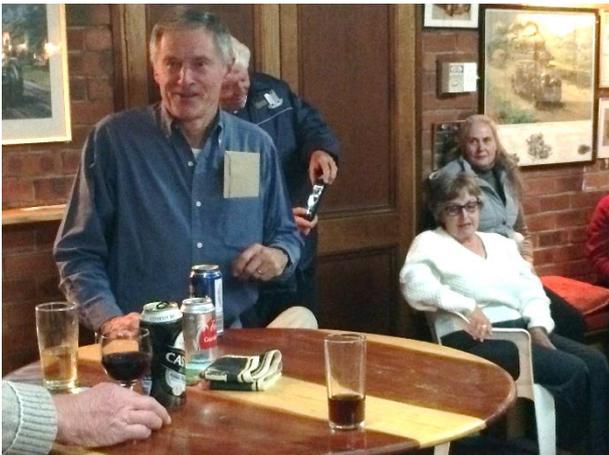
Cheers,

Norman

Stag for Sale

Nearly complete with 6-cylinder engine c/w overdrive conversion for sale registered and licensed - **R70 000**.

Contact **Gavin** on 082 921 6014 for details



**SHELBY COBRA
DAYTONA, COUPE.**



Around '63 it was realised that whilst it was a Ferrari beater on short challenging tracks, they lacked the top speed performance of 157mph on the longer circuits like Le Mans.

Peter Brock convinced Carroll Shelby that a more aerodynamic body would give them a useful extra 30 mph. Brock together with Ken Miles apparently sketched out the shape of the coupe on the shop floor with chalk. On first sight the team was reluctant to do any work on what they thought was an ugly shape. Using scrap wood and gaffer tape, they spaced out wooden formers as a guide for the hand-beaten aluminum bodywork.



The shell fitted perfectly onto the Cobra chassis. They retained the transverse leaf spring suspension up front, and the reliable 289 cu. inch 4.7 litre Ford V8 and, what is considered to be a first in racing, hydraulic air jacks for rapid wheel changing. It was ready for its shake down at Riverside Raceway within a remarkable ninety days; driven by Ken Miles, it managed 186mph and better fuel consumption. At its first competitive outing at Daytona, February 1964 they achieved a 4th place overall and 1st in class. The success of this event convinced them to build another five cars, named the Shelby Cobra Daytona.

In 1964 for the 24 Hours of Le Mans, they yet again covered themselves in glory with a GT class win, and fourth overall, Dan Gurney/Bob Bondurant, clocking over 196 miles per hour (315 km/h) on the Mulsanne straight.

In its career, CSX2299, the second car built, set lap records at Le Mans, Reims, Rouen, Oulton Park and the race distance record at Le Mans and Goodwood. It came 2nd in 1964 and won the 1965 World Sportscar Championship season.

I've seen the very first prototype CSX2287 car in a museum in Philadelphia: a thoroughly well used and abused example, mechanically reconditioned, but the body unrestored. It's the first US automobile to be recorded under the Standards for Heritage Documentation, kept on file in the Library of Congress.



There are several replicas and reproductions, but the Superformance Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe - "SPF Coupe" is the only Shelby Licensed Replica. Although Superformance Headquarters are based in Irvine, California, all cars are built by Hi-Tech Automotive, Port Elizabeth, South Africa. From the same factory there are several other notable desirable sports cars. This includes the production run of the Noble M12, AC Cobra, Caterham, Ford GT40 and the most recent model, the '60s Corvette.

*Mike Gilchrist.
June, 2018.*



Tail End Giggle

Drive-Through ATMs

Please note that the Wachovia Bank is installing new "Drive-through" teller machines. Customers will be able to withdraw cash without leaving their vehicles. To enable customers to use this new facility, the following procedures have been drawn up.

Please read the procedure that applies to your own circumstances (i.e. MALE or FEMALE) and remember them when you use the machine for the first time.

MALE PROCEDURE

- Drive up to the cash machine.
- Wind down your car window.
- Insert card into machine and enter PIN.
- Enter amount of cash required and withdraw.
- Retrieve card, cash and receipt.
- Wind window up.
- Drive off.

FEMALE PROCEDURE

- Drive up to cash machine.
- Reverse back the required amount to align car window to machine.
- Set hand brake, Wind the window down.
- Find handbag, remove all contents on to passenger seat to locate card.
- Turn the radio down.
- Attempt to insert card into machine.
- Open car door to allow easier access to machine due to its excessive distance from the car.
- Insert card.
- Re-insert card the right way up.
- Dig through handbag to find diary with your PIN written on the inside back page.
- Enter PIN.
- Press cancel and re-enter correct PIN.
- Enter amount of cash required.
- Check make up in rear view mirror.
- Retrieve cash and receipt.
- Empty handbag again to locate wallet and place cash inside.
- Place receipt in back of cheque book.
- Re-check makeup again.
- Drive forwards 2 feet.
- Reverse back to cash machine.
- Retrieve card.
- Re-empty hand bag, locate card holder, and place card into the slot provided.
- Give appropriate one-fingered hand signal to irate male drivers queuing behind.
- Restart stalled engine and pull off.
- Drive for 2 to 3 miles.
- Release hand brake.