



TOOLBOX



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AFFILIATED TO SOUTHERN AFRICA VINTAGE & VETERAN ASSOCIATION (SAVVA)

Greetings and Salutations

With Spring in the air, one can see that more and more social gatherings are starting to happen. Toolbox visited a few other car related shows this month and reports back on what was to be seen at the Piston Ring Club in Johannesburg as well as the MG Club gathering in Clarens.

Piston Ring Swopmeeting

The second and last swopmeeting of the year was held on Sunday 16 September at the Modderfontein grounds. Notwithstanding the foul weather and hail storm of the previous evening, a good number of cars and sellers gathered for the event. A little less than at the March event, but still a few interesting cars to see and admire.





MG Indaba – Clarens

The South African MG club celebrated the 50th birthday of the MGB last month. With Clarens celebrating its 150th year, it seemed fit to bring these two together during the past long weekend.

Approximately 150 MG's drove down to Clarens from all over the country. Some even came from Europe. There was one of every model and colour to be seen. From the very early to the latest models were on display. A variety of activities kept the members busy, to great amusement of the public. One such event was a dress-up competition with the theme being to dress up in the style and fashion of the year that your car was manufactured in. This made Clarens Square to look like the Durban July, with hats and feathers everywhere as the old English ladies paraded the grounds.

The cars were also judged and members received accolades later the evening. A well known TV channel was present to capture all the action on film. Members also got to know the Eastern Freestate as they drove to Golden Gate for a photo shoot. They also went to Sandstone Estates near Ficksburg to observe the Heritage related activities. Congratulations to Clem Harrington who kept our name high by participating in his MGB GT!



Future Events

04 October – Monthly Social Gathering
06 October – Morelig Church Bazaar
27 October – Paul Roux Fun Run
01 November – MALUTI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SAVVA – National Calender:

14 October – Classic Motorcycle Club Winter Rally – Germiston
16 October – Motoring Memories – Piston Ring
28 October – Studebaker Club Show Day – Germiston
9-10 November – Fairest Cape Motorcycle Tour – Durbanville

Congratulations

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following people on celebrating their birthdays during October.
May you have a very prosperous and blessed year ahead!

01 October – Kevin Schroeder
07 October – Jimmy Dawson
24 October – Sakkie Bell

Annual General Meeting

Next month is our AGM and election of office bearers for 2013. We hereby urge all members to please fill in the attached Nomination Form and hand it in to any member of the current board before commencement of the meeting.

We would also like to request all members that received floating trophies last year to please bring it back to the club for distribution at our coming year-end and prize giving ceremony, to be held soon. We would appreciate it if we can receive all trophies by the time of the AGM. Please ensure that all plaques are properly engraved before returning it and to ensure the history record is up to date.

Any ideas or suggestions for our year-end party and prize-giving are welcome and should be handed in before November at any current office bearer.

Till next time...

Tertius

SAVVA Technical Tip 65 - Servicing radiators

On recent trips, travelling at 120 kph, I noticed the water temperature was a bit higher than normal. I removed the radiator cap to find the radiator was still full of water and therefore further investigation was needed. I immediately thought of head gasket failure and other dreadful and horrible things that can go wrong with a car going on for 50 years old.

Peering into the radiator cap opening I noticed the cores appeared to have gunk in them so to play safe I removed the radiator and took it to the local radiator shop for a check-up. They found it was over 60% blocked. I explained that was impossible as it was re-cored only a few years back and has been fed copious quantities of the finest radiator additives since then. They checked their records only to find out that 'a few years ago' was in fact 10 years ago – how time flies.

The assistant gave me one of those "here's another dumb ass" smile and explained that radiators like other components require "servicing" after a number of years, especially cars that stand for lengthy periods between use. He added that regardless of what additives you feed the radiator over a ten year period there will still be enough corrosion to block the cores. He suggested that every now and again radiators should be professionally cleaned out. Professional cleaning means removing the top and bottom tanks, cleaning out the cores and re-soldering the whole lot together again – cost around R450.00.

He also suggested that every year or so we should remove the hoses and the thermostat and check their condition. At the same time, back flush the radiator and refill it with a good quality anti-corrosion additive. He also pointed out that once it's blocked it's too late for back hosing.

I think this was good advice. We change the oils, hoses, belts etc but pay little attention to the water works – which is a major component of our cars.



EAST LONDON GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT : " WINGS & SLICKS" SERIES and BORDER 100, HISTORIC RACE WEEKEND DECEMBER 15TH & 16TH 2012

East London, the cradle of Motorsport and Aviation in South Africa, would like to "time-warp" you to the Golden age of Motoring as we host the advent of the " WINGS & SLICKS" series together with the famous "Border 100" over the long weekend commencing 15th December, 2012.

In December 1962, Graham Hill secured the World Formula One Drivers Championship in East London, simultaneously earning BRM the 1962 Formula One Constructors Championship in the same event. Our Historic Circuit, is also the home of the very first flight of an aircraft from this country. To commemorate over 100 years of aviation, there will be fly-pasts of "Magnificent men (and women) in their Flying Machines" to add to the nostalgia and motoring spectacle of the weekend.

Here is the line-up of some of the "Wings & Slicks" Series cars:

Sana F5000. Pilbeam Mp58 F5000. Brabham BT40 F2- Lola T460 Formula Atlantic. Ralt RT4. Modus Formula Atlantic. Maurer MM82. Pilbeam Mp52 FF2000. Pilbeam Mp52 FF2000. - Reynard 853 F3. Reynard 863 F3. Argo JM8 F3.

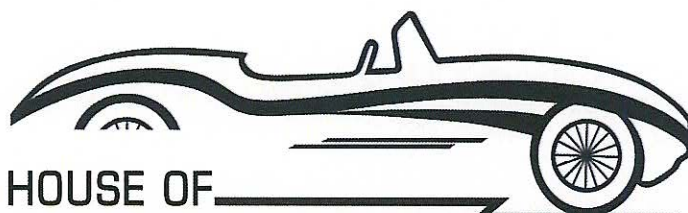
The "Springbok Series" cars will also be participating at this event as will many of the HSSA cars.

Bookings and detailed information will be available as a link on the Border Motorsport Website (WWW.BMSC.CO.ZA) from 15 October 2012. We will also make provision for Marque/fine cars to participate in a series of "Fast Parades" on the circuit. Until then, we would like you to provisionally enter, by emailing full details of persons attending, number/make & type/age of car, to the following email address: djnkirkman@gmail.com





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Nominations for 2013 Committee

Chairman: _____

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Additional portfolios (Will be appointed by the new Management, nominations welcome)

SAVVA Representative: _____

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