

## *Petrolheads in Paradise*

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MARCH 2013 - EVENTS CALENDAR.

**Please note:**

- **Regular breakfast runs will take place on the last Sunday of every month and will be organized by the MGCC – GRMC members are invited.**
- **GRMC members are invited to MGCC events shown in red. MGCC members are invited to GRMC events.**
- **Meeting place will be the Quays at the Waterfront in Knysna and Engen One Stop in Sedgefield.**

**Calendar of Events – To Diarize. Please note the changes on the Calendar.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events and Venue</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>
<b><u>June</u></b>			
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.	Last night of the Proms. P.E.	GRMC and MGCC invited	
Sun 9th	Bring and Braai at Glentana Caravan Park	MGCC	10h00
Tues 18th	Quiz Night – Soup “n roll + light supper. The Bell. R65 + Tip		18h00
Sun 30th	Breakfast run to Old Nicks	MGCC and British G P	9h00

## CHAIRMAN’S CHIRP

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The past two months have been a very busy period for GRMC members. In April we completed a very successful “Star Gazing tour “ to Sutherland. Full compliments and thanks must go to June and Peter Turner who organized the tour in the most professional way. Peter provided a write-up in the small torque last month and all 39 members on the tour had a fantastic time. This was followed in May with the staging of the Garden Route Classic Car show. From all accounts and feedback many compliments were received, placing our car show firmly on the map as a car show with a difference and one to support

A more detailed write-up will follow in this newsletter.

We have had no response to the vacancy for an Events Organiser. This is a request to encourage one of our members to take on this task as a committee member of GRMC. For the committee to function at an optimal level we need your support. Currently I am performing the role of Chairman, Car Show organiser and Events organiser. It goes without saying that this is an overload for one person to handle!! Please contact me on my cell no 082 321 4714 or E-mail peterp@epweb.co.za.

Christine and I would also like to hear from you regarding the format of the Torque newsletters. Would you like to see more articles or fewer articles and more photos?

For the committee to provide a full, varied and interesting program we need the support of dedicated members who are willing to offer up some of their time. After all we are members of GRMC, as well as being “petrolheads “ and enjoy the fellowship and outings that are arranged.

Until next time.

*Peter*

## FANTASTIC WHEELS AT THE GARDEN ROUTE CLASSIC CAR SHOW.

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What a team effort it took to make a great success of the Garden Route Classic Car Show held on May 4. The GRMC can feel proud of what was achieved. The car show is now firmly placed to take



it to another level in the coming years. Numerous compliments have been received from participants and the public. (See below some of the compliments received)

No doubt we were all extremely nervous on the Friday night as the heavens opened up and buckets of rain came down, but come Saturday we were able to enjoy a rain free day.

An estimated 2500 to 3000 Petrolheads and car lovers from all walks of life attended the Garden Route Classic Car Show. This number is substantially up on last year with the gate takings being around R36,000 - R12000 up on last year.

Participants were selectively invited and a total of 218 fantastic and rare classics were on display. While we had 230 cars registered the inclement weather resulted in some participants not wanting to take the risk of showing their cars. Vehicles were displayed in categories which included Dream Cars (Cobra, Mustang, GT40, Corvette}, Collector Cars, Super cars (Ferrari, McLaren}. In addition the model evolution of the Jaguar range was displayed. Starting with the rare 1937 SS Jaguar, through XK140, E-Type, XJ 6 and latest models. Similar displays of MG's were on display. The remaining displays were in car type.

The Car Show also recognised several anniversaries. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aston Martin, 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Henry Ford, 50 years for the Lotus Corrine, Austin Healy 100/4 and Triumph TR2.

Participants came from as far afield as Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, East London, Port Alfred and Port Elizabeth. The show also included a silent and live auction organised by the House of Sports and Classic Cars. The financial benefit of this auction will also be donated to GRMC

Charities. The amount derived from this auction is currently being finalized as there are still some sales being concluded as a direct result of the car show.

The highlight of the show was the Concours Trophy winners, sponsored by Classic and Performance Car Africa magazine. The first being the public's choice. In this category. Ray Exton was awarded the trophy with his magnificent 1936 Westchester Cord (see photo). The other being judged by three experienced judges and resulting in Lynton Lomas from Johannesburg winning with his beautifully prepared 1961 Porsche 356. (See photo)



**Lynton Lomas - 1961 Porsche 356**



**Ray Exton - 1936 Westchester Cord**



To stage the car show this year, at the level that was achieved, the costs have risen substantially. To cover this and to build up a reserve for next year, we are extremely grateful to certain members who made voluntary contributions. Without their support we could not have achieved the success we did. Our Vision is to continue to build on the car show and to develop it into the "Pebble Beach " of South Africa. A big thanks goes out to them. We want to attract the best classics in South Africa. The car show is all about quality and not necessary volume. The Garden Route is already rich with classic cars and along with this we have the beautiful scenery to attract more quality participants.

A major drive of the car show is also to raise money for charity. While some smaller charities will also benefit the main charities that will benefit are Hospice, Animal Welfare and E-pap. The final amount to be donated for charity will be finalised in June.

We thank everybody from GRMC and the MG Club who assisted in making the car show such a success. The success certainly did not come without dedication and hard work. If anybody has ideas how we can further enhance the car show, please contact me. It is not many months away before we start the planning for next year's car show which will take place on May 11,2014. This will coincide with the MG Indaba, which takes place in Knysna, and we will have some 150 MG'S on display.





## CAR SHOW FEEDBACK

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I must congratulate you and your team for a well-organised show and the very friendly manner in which we were treated.

I wish you well for the future, as I am sure your show will grow from strength to strength.

Regards

Pierre Conradie

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I have just received your email, and all the thanks should go to YOU for organising such a great event. The day was perfect, both weather and ambience, the cars very classy and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

And you were nogoal very articulate on TV, Mr Chairman! Pity SABC gave such little coverage, but that is to be expected from them.

Dee Hollis.

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Thanks for the kind words re the Cord. I was delighted at being part of the show and even more delighted and surprised at the Cord winning the People's Choice award, especially considering all the amazing cars on display. It was an excellent show and I believe the vision for the future is the right one - to attract the cream of the crop and make it a prestige event on the show calendar.

The trophy will be looked after and returned in good time for the next show whenever you give the word.

All in all a very successful show which resulted in a sizeable donation to Charity.

Best Regards

Ray Exton

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I must compliment you and you committee for a great Show. The quality and quantity of cars was superb. The weather was a big worry, but it all worked out well.

Please send our thanks to all the people involved.

Kind regards

Tom Esterhuizen

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Congratulations, the show was a well organised and enjoyable. We had a great time.

See you next year!

Best regards,

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On behalf of the Porsche Club of SA (all regions) and all non-club members that attended, thank you in return for a very well run event and a pleasant day spent in the sun.

I am sure we will all be present again next year.

Regards

Les Barnes, Porsche Club South Africa – Garden Route

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Great cars, great show, great people, great company, great food, and great accommodation – what a GREAT weekend! Peter, sincere congratulations on pulling off a really excellent show and for hosting both Ian and ourselves for the duration. Your hospitality is exceptional and really appreciated – thank you.

It was a genuine pleasure to be involved and as always we look forward to the next opportunity to travel up the Garden Route and see you again in the Cape – opportunities to be with good friends should not be missed.

Warmest best wishes,

Mike & Wendy Monk

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A note to congratulate you and your team on a job remarkably well done. After a particularly unpleasant night, the decision you were fortunately able to make at 06h30 on the day to proceed was the correct one and the event continued to improve from then onwards, culminating in an unqualified success enjoyed, I am sure, by all involved.

Thank you for the enormous effort you have put into pushing the show to the high quality level that it has attained.

Well done again.

Kind regards, Bruce Henderson.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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This has been a very busy few months for many of our members. The Sutherland Tour and the car show are done and dusted. And what a show it was. The best show ever – and a huge thank you must go to Peter and his car show committee who worked like Trojans to get this done – No more phone calls at 11p.m. Peter!!!

Elsewhere in your newsletter you will find some excerpts from emails Peter has received congratulating him on his/our efforts for the show.



Many of our members have interesting and varied "hobbies" apart from restoring their cars or playing Golf. Roger Davis has sent me this photograph of himself (back row centre) performing a play by Agatha Christie for the Plett Amateur Dramatic Society.

Do you have an interesting hobby – let me have a photo of yourself at it.

*Christine*



## 338 WHEELER

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For the past few weeks, a "super heavy" load has been making its way from Hardeeville , South Carolina to Biggar , Saskatchewan . It is a large electric generator destined for a clean coal power plant. The generator weighs in at 1.98 million pounds and isn't something you just jump on an interstate freeway with and truck it on down the road.

In order to support such a load without destroying every inch of road you travel, the weight has to be widely distributed. You also have to travel back roads so that day to day commerce isn't completely disrupted along your route. After all..... your top speed on level ground is less than 20 mph and this drops to as little as 1.5 mph on grades and slopes. Rush hour traffic on an interstate would soon be solidly backed up to the state lines in both directions.

I finally had time to catch up with the load on Friday as it moved along a stretch of country road near the NC state line, but was unable to get near enough to shoot photos.



Luckily, one of the crew let me know it would be on the move again early Sunday morning when they would be making a detour around an interstate overpass that was not rated for anything near the weight of the load.



Here is the rig I'm talking about.... The trailer, as rigged, is 300 ft. long all by itself. There are 36 rows of axles, each with 8 tires. (288 total) These can be augmented with up to another additional 80 wheels on hinged outriggers, for a total of 368 potential flats. Add in 5 each 10 wheel heavy duty road tractors (2 pulling and 3 pushing) and that flat tire potential rises to 418. The outriggers are not deployed in these photos, so the total tire count, for the moment, is 338.



The load then had to negotiate the 90 turn seen in the photo. This had to be done while keeping all 338 tires solidly on paved surfaces.

Note that each axle is steerable so it's only a little less exacting than a tap dancing centipede, but an on board computer system has things well in hand. It doesn't fully control the action since there is a "driver" in the chain of command. Here the action as begun and the lead tractors are making their initial turn.



As things advance, dozens of power crews are on hand to clear overhead wires and there are hundreds of other support crews and dozens of support trucks waiting to fall in line behind the convoy. Notice that each large truck has a box firmly anchored over the rear wheels. Those are 18,500 pound weights which give the truck the

needed traction this load requires to get it moving.



Looking closely at the rear section of the trailer, you'll see it is sitting at about an angle of 45 to the rest of the load. Once the main load was aligned as they wanted, the rear section crabbed and adjusted until it was in line and ready to travel. It was a strange action to watch but it worked perfectly.





Here is a shot of one of the two "Drivers" The computer might tell the all wheels how much to turn, but this guy tells the computer when to do it and how much at a time. He's apparently pretty durable since the dawn temperature was a chilling 25 as he began his ride.



Here you can see how the immense weight was distributed across the trailer sections as well as the hinge points for the support bridge. Both ends are supported in this fashion, making the whole rig a lot more flexible than it might first appear. Those outriggers I mentioned are clearly visible along the outer edge of the trailer.



The main bridge beams suspend the huge generator about 18 inches above the roadbed. When the job is completed, the round pins near the bottom edge can be removed and the beams can be stacked for their return trip home. Even up close they almost look too small to be holding that much weight up in the air. Standing near this beam is a little spooky. All kinds of pops and groans can be heard, even when it isn't on the move.

It was a fun way to begin a new day. Everyone I met was friendly, including those doing some downright cold and dirty work. Even the local cops seemed to be in fine spirits as they dealt with more traffic than that small community has probably ever seen. I just wanted to share some

of the sights with you guys.

*Submitted by Bernd*



# HOW TO DRAW A SKETCH ON AN INSURANCE CLAIM

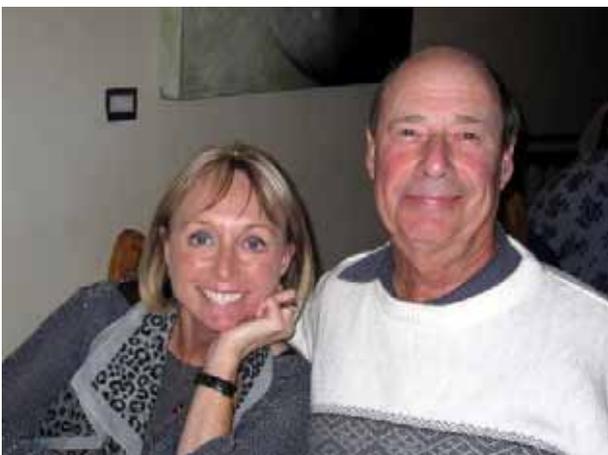
WITNESSES		
Name, address and telephone number	1	<del>N/A</del>
	2	
	3	
ACCIDENT DETAILS		
Date, time and place accident occurred		
Speed - KPH:	Before accident	Moment of Impact
Weather conditions?		Visibility?
Road surface?		Width of road?
Which vehicle lights were on?		Street lighting?
Did you give any warning? (e.g. hooter, indicator)		
Police details	Name of officer who recorded details of accident	Police reference number
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Was driver tested for alcohol or drugs?		
N/A		
Description of accident	<p>VEHICLE WAS PARKED IN YARD ON 4/3/13            WHEN I GOT UP FOR WORK ON 5/3/13            AT 5 AM VEHICLE WAS NOT IN YARD.            ADT SECURITY FOUND VEHICLE            DAMAGED AND PARKED DOWN            NORTHOLIFE RD MALVERN</p>	
SKETCH OF ACCIDENT (If necessary use separate page)	PLEASE INDICATE CLEARLY THE POINT OF IMPACT AND INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL BY ARROWS GIVE DETAILS OF ANY ROAD SAFETY SIGNS OR WARNING SIGNS IN VICINITY OF SCENE OF ACCIDENT	
	<p>Now It's HERE</p> <p>MY HOUSE      MY CAR</p>	<p>Now It's NOT</p> <p>MY HOUSE      NO CAR</p>
LICENCE INSPECTION		
I have inspected the driver's licence and it is free of endorsements/enforced as shown.		Signature
(Please attach copies of driver's licence and page 1 of driver's identity document.)		Capacity
DECLARATION		
I/WE HEREBY DECLARE THE FOREGOING PARTICULARS TO BE TRUE IN EVERY RESPECT.		
I HEREBY AUTHORISE THE INSURANCE COMPANY TO OBTAIN THE POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT ON MY BEHALF.		
Signature of driver		Date
Signature of insured	Capacity	Date
	OWNER	5/3/13
NB It is important that you notify the insurer's immediately should you become aware of any impending prosecution, Inquest or demand.		



## PAST EVENTS

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### MORE PHOTOS FROM THE SUTHERLAND TRIP





## NEW MEMBERS.

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We would like to welcome Clive and Bridgette Le Patourel to the club. We hope you have many happy outings with us.

## BIRTHDAYS

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*The following members celebrate their birthdays during June. We wish you all a very happy birthday.*

Ella Burton, Keith Burton, Jane Cordell, Evelyn Cronje, Susan Dowding, Haydn Franklin, Joan Giggins, Barry Giggins, Brian Madeley, Linda Mc Ewan, Linn Putter, Willy Psocka, Charlie Tew, June Turner, Peter Vadas, Pamela Waterston and Karel Zerwick

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**The deadline for submissions for the September newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

