



GARDEN ROUTE MOTOR CLUB

TORQUE FOR JUNE 2015



The Garden Route Motor Club would like to welcome the following new members to the club.

Alex and Janet du Plessis

Alex and Janet who come from Plett own a 1968 MGB Roadster.

Billy and Helena Matthee who moved to Knysna recently from Cape Town.

Billy and Helena own a 1970 Fiat and a 1971 Alfa.

Lothar and Jasmine Frohich who hail from Plett. Lothar and Jasmine are the owners of a 1966 Autobianchi Cabrolet

Willie and Dita Rossouw from Knysna who own a 1967 Karmann Ghia and a 1970 Mercedes Benz.

We hope that you will all have many happy times with the club

- ❖ Regular Breakfast runs are held on the last Sunday of the month
- ❖ Meeting places – KNYSNA – The Quays at the Waterfront at the end of Grey Street.
SEDFIELD – Engen One – Stop.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015.

| Date | Host Club | Event | Quays Start | Invited | Convenor |
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| June 2015 | | | | | |
| Tues 9th | MG | Sop en Dop at Pembreys | 18h00 | No | TC |
| Tues 16th | GRMC | Pensioners Lunch Run to the "Fat Fish" Plett. 12.00 for 12.30 | 12h00 | MGCC | Please advise Peter on peterp@afrihost.co.za bu 11 th June if you would like to join in |
| Sun 28th | MG | Breakfast run to Zucchini's at Timberlake Village | 09h00 | GRMC | Trevor Cooper |
| July 2015 | | | | | |
| Sun 12th | GRMC | Regularity Run- details to follow | TBA | Both | CP?PP |
| Tues 14th | MG | Belvidere Supper and Quiz night | 18h00 | GRMC | TC |
| Sun 26th | MG | Breakfast run to Sao Goncalo - Plett | 09h00 | GRMC | TC |
| Aug 2015 | | | | | |
| Sun 9th | MG | Lunch Run to Blaauwkrantz via Groot River | 10h00 | GRMC | TC |
| 16 th - 22 nd | MG | 60 th MGA run PE-South Cape | | MG ONLY | BH |
| Tues 18th | MG | Street Party for MGA people – Curry and Rice | 16h00 | GRMC | TC |
| Sun 30th | MG | Breakfast Run to Zucchini's at Timberlake Village | 09h00 | GRMC | TC |
| Sept 2015 | | | | | |
| Tues 8th | MG | Mitchells new site – Social evening | 17h30 | GRMC | TC |
| Sun 13th | GRMC | AGM - GRMC | 11h00 | GRMC MEMBERS ONLY | PP |
| Sat 26th | MG | National Aero modellers Champs - Oudtshoorn | 08h00 | GRMC | TC/FM |
| Sun 27th | MG | Breakfast Run to Sao Goncalo Plett | 09h00 | GRMC | TC |

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| Oct 2015 | | | | | |
| 11-16th | GRMC | Tour to Stellenbosch and Hermanus | 09h00 | MG Included | PP |
| Sun 18th | MG | Bring and Braai/Picnic at The Slades | 10h30 | GRMC | TC |
| Sun 25th | MG | Breakfast run to Zucchini's at TimBerlake Village | 09h00 | GRMC | TC |
| Nov. 2015 | | | | | |
| Sun 8th | MG | Picnic/Braai – venue to be announced | 10h30 | GRMC | TC |
| Sun 22nd | GRMC | Braai – Plett Angling Club | 10h00 | MG | PP |
| Sat 28th | GRMC | Christmas Party - Lunch / Dinner | TBA | MG | PP |
| Sun 29th | MG | Breakfast Run to Sao Goncalo - Plett | 09h00 | GRMC | TC |
| Dec 2015 | | | | | |
| Fri 4th | MG | Prawn Braai – Angling Club | | MGCC MEMBERS ONLY | All |
| Fri 11th | | Street braai – Bodge/Frost Brothers/BB Museum | | GRMC | TC |

Please note that the events in blue are for MGCC Members only

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Please diarize the tour in October to be held from 11th to 16th

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP :

Well, it certainly appears that winter has arrived with the mornings and evenings getting chillier!!!. I am sure that this is not going to put us off to still enjoy our topless driving. Here we are at the beginning of June and we have enjoyed a jam-packed year of activities already. For those members who were not able to join us on these outings let me recap the fun and enjoyment and exceptional Knysna motor show held on May 9th 2015.

THE TWO STORMS RIVER PASSES FUN RUN - APRIL 12

On a very misty Sunday morning 45 members (excellent attendance) of the GRMC & MGSCCC met up at Old Nicks in Plettenberg bay to drive through the Groot River and Bloukrans River passes en-route to our lunch destination, the Tsitsikama Inn.

The theme of the day was Old English and some people went to a lot of trouble to enter into the spirit of the day. As we left Plett the mist disappeared and we were greeted by a beautiful autumn day. The views were spectacular and the feeling of driving in the open air with all of nature's beauty surrounding us was just wonderful. The road being narrow in both of these old passes, you really get to feel the earth, the beautiful undergrowth, old trees and ferns. The scenery is just so magnificent and we are lucky to have this right on our doorstep!!!. We arrived at Tsitsikama Inn and were treated to a jolly fine lunch of English favourites, enjoyed with a glass or two of refreshments. . As part of the day a couple of prizes were awarded. While driving to our destination several answers for the fun run had to be provided. The first correct sheet drawn was Tony Lyons-Lewis's and he was delighted with his bottle of sparkling wine. This was followed by a lunch voucher prize at the Tsitsikama Inn for the old English best-dressed couple. This went to Beth and Chris Rist , looking fantastic in their matching outfits with braces, bowlers and even matching umbrellas (see the photo below). The runner-up winners went to Veronica and Richie Jute with their prize being a lunch sponsored by Old Nicks. It was a very well organised event, thoroughly enjoyed by all and a big thanks to Graham and Sylvia for a job well done.





THE KNYSNA MOTOR SHOW - MAY 9.

Well what can I say!!! . Yes we are elated with the result and in particular how the motor show has grown exponentially over the past 3 years. The Knysna motor show in 2015 again raised the level and was a phenomenal success - the best motor show that GRMC has staged to date!!! Accolades, congratulations and praise were received from all, including participants, the trade, the press and the public. I list the following accolades:

“Getting better every year and must rank as the best in SA “

“Incredibly well organised, beautifully curated and an all-round brilliant motor show “

“The bar for the 2016 motor show has been set very high!!! “

To have achieved this level, I must mostly thank my organising committee - Mike and Ann Griffiths, Cedric and Anne Parker, Allan Waterston, Alistair Gibb and Duncan Miller. The organising of the motor show took more than four months and it required a total commitment and team effort with a focused approach. Each committee member’s contribution in spending many hours in the planning and implementation phase is greatly appreciated. Without this we could not have achieved this success. A big thanks must also go to the GRMC and MGSCC members who volunteered their services to assist with the layout of the display areas, the marshalling on the show day and all those who did duty in selling tickets – it is greatly appreciated.

Outside of all the human effort that went into making the motor show a success, we have also had to spend more money in staging the motor show. This also largely contributed to

the success and could be seen in how the two sports field were transformed to an up-market motor show. We estimate that with the paying public, children, participants and stand holder staff around 4000 people visited the motor show. While the gating takings were substantially up, so were the costs to stage the motor show. While we are still finalising the accounts, indications are that we will still be able to distribute around R50,000 to our nominated charities. In brief I list the objectives of the motor show:

- The prime focus was to attract the best quality and variety of classic and Veteran cars, including potential modern classics. Participants came from Johannesburg, Cape Town, East London, Port Elizabeth and the surrounding Garden Route area. The success can largely be attributed to the personal invitation and selection of cars on display, as well as the track record of the Knysna motor show. Over 300 of these beautiful cars were on display!!
- This was the second year that a strong focus was placed on vintage and veteran motorcycles - road, racing and off-road. Among the amazing 45 motorcycles on display, we were lucky to have some very rare motorcycles. From the 1955 Jawa racing motor cycle (only 3 in the world) to the great collection of Norton's from 1926 onwards, the Ducati's, Yamaha's, Grieves, Moto Guzzi and BMW'S ECT. . Again a selection of the highest quality. It is an area that will be grown in the future.
- To bring an educational aspect into the motor show, on display was the thirteen and a half meter cut-away model of the supersonic BLOODHOUND car, which will be attempting to achieve 1600km land speed record later this year at Hakskeen pan. In the same line, the Nelson Mandela Metro University displayed their ECO CAR project. The aim is to achieve 300km on 1 litre of fuel. These developments all involve engineering, science, maths and high tech materials. In addition we had local businesses sharing their knowledge and demonstrating how an engine, transmission and differential works, the function of a radiator and the importance of tyres and wheels. These elements were introduced to encourage the younger learners in the art of motoring.



- To showcase the latest new vehicle models offered by franchise dealers and the related automotive products. The stands were placed among the classic car displays to enable the public to see the new versus the old. Dealers also took advantage to launch some new models at the motor show.
- The final element of the motor show was to support local charities with the monies that will be left over after expenses to stage the motor show are deducted. The nominated beneficiaries are Hospice, Knysna Animal Welfare, E-Pap, FAMSA, Knysna High School and Change for Change.
- **The high point of the motor show was the handing out of the following trophies.**
- The public choice of the most appealing and beautiful car was awarded to Jan du Rand with his 1953 Super Buick Convertible. The trophy was sponsored by Classic & performance Car Africa.



- The three judges choice for the stand out appearance, cleanliness and authenticity was awarded to Brian Bruce with his vary rare 1952 Tickford Healey Coupe. The trophy was also sponsored by Classics & performance Car Africa and the prize for a weekend was donated by the luxurious Karoo View Cottages located in the pretty Prince Albert.



- The Style Et Luxe trophy covering a one make feature car was awarded to Sep Serfontein with his immaculately prepared 1947 Packard Super Clipper. The trophy combined with a value pack of Autoglym products, was sponsored by Autoglym polishes and Shampoo and the prize for a weekend away was sponsored by Protea Hotels.



- A runner-up prize, sponsored by Autoglym, was awarded for the car needing a refined polish. This prize of Autoglym products was awarded to Tokkie Farber with his Sunbeam Rapier fastback.
- The public's choice of the most appealing and beautiful motorcycle was awarded to Lofty Pretorius with his vary rare 1955 Jawa motorcycle.



It was a fantastic and highly successful motor show with a real difference. Added variety came from the dancing girls from UNE Dance academy, gourmet food stalls and a beer garden all set in a relaxed country style atmosphere.







Mini tour two Oudtshoorn and Prince Albert - May 25-27

33 GRMC members left Knysna on Monday morning May 25 and headed for Eight Bells Mountain Inn where delicious tea and scones awaited us. The socialising had commenced and it was difficult to get the group on the road again. The route then took us through the winding Robertson pass, through Oudtshoorn to the Karusa winery located 14km on the Cango Caves road. Here we enjoyed some wine tasting and a talk given by the owner. This was followed by a light lunch before we rushed off to Buffelsdrift Game Lodge. By now the group was well integrated and everybody was having fun!! The game drive was a bit disappointing as not much game could be seen, however the drive and stop for refreshments at a scenic point was great. Accommodation in upmarket tents was comfortable and the - le-carte meal was enjoyed along with much noise as the refreshments started to flow. Initially 10 people wanted to go on an early morning drive to see the meerkats come out of their boroughs, but with the cold setting in only Jane and Stuart Jones braved the early morning start.

At this point some of the group returned home and a group of 19 continued the tour via Meirings Poort, Klaarstroom, to Prince Albert. Many interesting places were visited with some of the group taking the two hour red bus tour of Prince Albert. Prior to dinner the group packed the bar and great fun was enjoyed along with the a la carte dinner. The group returned safely back to George, Knysna and Plettenberg Bay, arriving back mid-afternoon on the 27th. It was a tour where everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it

was agreed to name it as “ the Happy Tour “ ~!!! A special thanks must go to Sue and Brian Dowding for the excellent job done in setting up all the arrangements -- greatly appreciated by all





Conclusion.

With the GRMC financial year-end being at the end of June the AGM will take place on September 13. . **I would like to repeat my plea that as some of the current committee will be stepping down this year, we need to fill these vacancies. Please contact me if you would like to join - we need your support to continue the high level delivered to you the GRMC members.**

Regards,

Peter



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KNYSNA MOTOR SHOW – 1935 DAIMLER

We 3, the dignified Dame and the 2 of us, had an adventure getting to the Knysna Car Show.

Up until 2 weeks before the Car Show the Dame had not seen the outside of her garage for 18 months or more. Wayne Bakewell then spent a couple of hours tinkering on her. After various test-drives her owner, Colin Hunt, was confident for us to take her on a long road trip. Little did we realise just how looooooong the road trip would be!

We left Cape Town at 7. 30am, the day before the Car Show, and came to an involuntary halt near Sedgefield at 6. 30pm. We made no unnecessary stops, only essential fuel and other top up necessities. Many cars, destined for the Car Show, passed us at high speed, many on trailers; a few passed us several times with hoots and waves of encouragement. 35kms outside Knysna we suddenly lost power. It was a blocked fuel line. A wonderful classic car couple stopped to assist us. They had passed us on Sir Louwrys Pass that

morning, many, many hours before. Wayne finally got a dash of power and we coughed and splattered over 5km at approximately 10km per hour, with Sheryl and Charles thoughtfully snailing behind us at our very painful pace.

When we finally gained a bit of oomph and retained our former top speed of 60km, we said a fond farewell to our newfound friends after exchanging crucial phone numbers. We were on a roll at high speed, getting rather excited at the thought of arriving at the warm and welcoming house of Knysna friends when we suddenly lost total power in Sedgefield - 25kms outside Knysna. With the help of 2 seriously drunk locals we pushed the Dame about 2kms back to accommodation we had spotted on the road.

At 6. 30am on the morning of the Car Show Wayne spent time working on the Dame. One spark plug had given up so we limped the 25kms to the Show on only 5 cylinders. And we made it! We found a car spares shop just around the corner where we bought 6 new spark plugs.

The Dame, and her epic road trip tale, attracted loads of attention.

As she had proved to us, and others, that she could make the journey without any serious mishaps, we decided she deserved a comfortable drive home - on a trailer, in very sophisticated company, thanks to Jason Furness.

Colin and Wayne



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

It seem winter has arrived and out have come all the winter woollies, including gloves and scarves. Now all I need is a balaclava to keep my nose warm! I hope you are all keeping warm and coping with loading shedding and not having any heaters during this time.

Members have not received a Torque for a while now because your Committee have all been very busy over the last 2 months with the organisation of the car show. Despite this I think members have been kept well up to date on what has been happening in the club.

Many thanks to those members who have sent me articles. These will all be used in the coming months.

During the last week of June members will be receiving their subscription renewal forms for 2015/2016. These are due before the end of July 2015.

There is a lot more to enjoy over the next 6 months – so keep those engines revving.

Till next time.....

Christine

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

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| John day | 2nd |
| Karel Zerwick | 3rd |
| Linda McEwan | 3rd |
| Susan Dowding | 5th |
| June Turner | 8th |
| Charlie Tew | 9th |
| Pamela Waterston | 13th |
| Barry Giggins | 16th |
| Brian Bruce | 17th |
| Jane Cordell | 17th |
| Joan Giggins | 17th |
| Haydn Franklin | 18th |
| Lynne Dean | 20th |
| Linnea Putter | 21st |
| Jane Wilde | 23rd |
| Mike Stuart | 28th |
| Evelyn Cronje | 28th |
| Paula Koncki | 28th |
| Brian Madeley | 29th |
| Peter Vadas | 30th |

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