



Newsletter October 2017



From my side...

In case you did not realise, it is 57 days!! to Christmas (at the time of writing). This year certainly has flown by, and not without its challenges!

I was lucky enough to visit some car showrooms in Dubai. My goodness!!, what a fantastic selection of sports and classic cars on offer!!...sadly out of my price range.



Having been to Goodwood a few times and being fortunate enough to see Sir Sterling Moss in action, this car obviously was my favourite. A Mercedes Benz McLaren SLR – the Sterling Moss edition. Signed by him, no less.



Built to commemorate Stirling Moss' legendary 1955 Mille Miglia win, Mercedes only offered the car to current SLR owners. The SLR Stirling Moss is a wildly restyled version of the SLR that completely did away with both the roof and the windshield. And while the regular SLR's 5.4-liter supercharged V8 already made an impressive 617 horsepower, the SLR Stirling Moss got a bump up to 650 horsepower. I didn't bother to ask the selling price....



Take care, and strive to be happy.

Sylvia

Chairman's Chirp

The year is winding up at an alarming rate with still a couple of club activities to come -- never a dull moment . Please have a look at the calendar in the newsletter and diarise these dates . My life over the past couple of weeks have also been rather hectic with a trip to Cape Town, then to PE and then back to CT again. This will be followed on November 12 with the Cape Morgan tour, exploring the Eastern Cape for a week . GRMC members Paul & Sally Falla, Brian & Sue Dowding , John &

Candy Fraser , Don & Joan Steenkamp , Mike & Alice Barber and Arthur & Penny Field will also be part of the of the group of 39 in total .

In the newsletter you will be reading about the Diaz Express outing held in October and the Ferrari 50th Anniversary tour held recently in SA . To Dennis Cook and Alistair Gibb many thanks for your contribution on these events.

The response to the GRMC Xmas lunch to be held at Ouland Royal, on November 19, has been overwhelming . We now have more than 80 members that will be joining us. It is an event that we all look forward to and I am sure that everyone will have an awesome day. To those who have will be joining us a very big thanks for your support.

On Sunday October 15 I went to the Cape Town motor Show held at Killarney International Raceway. Heavy rain overnight and the morning threatened to spoil the occasion. It certainly was some welcome relief for the Capetonians, but by far too little to break the drought conditions being experienced.) However by mid-morning the weather cleared and great numbers of spectators started arriving.



Fortunately the inclement weather precluded only a small number of the 1000 cars registered for display. Car clubs and individuals supported the event. On display was a vast and diverse mix of new, vintage, classic, hot rods, street rods, customised , heritage and exotic cars as well as motorcycles, tractors, and commercial vehicles of all kinds. Being a family occasion, pedal carts, bumper cars, a funfair, bands and a number of side shows were on hand to entertain. The motor show certainly was well supported by the Cape Town public.



GRMC was invited to come along and display some cars at the Plett Vintage & Vine Festival held at Luka Wine Farm located just outside of Plett. Because of the short notice and limited display area available and not a scheduled event I only invited a small group of members. In total we had a nice selection of 8 cars on display. With a band playing music, kids running around and lots of wine, beer, gin and a couple of food stalls available, a great day in a beautiful setting was enjoyed in a very social and relaxed atmosphere .



IMPORTANT NOTICE. It has come to my notice that my E-mails from my E-mail address peterp@afrihost.co.za to members who have a "gmail " E-mail address , are being divert to their " spam or junk " mail box. This is a recent occurrence. All other E-mail addresses are not affected. I have not been able to find a solution yet. If anybody has a solution to unblock this conundrum please let me know. In the interim please also check your spam or junk mail box for any of my communications.

With summer definitely now with us enjoy the drive. Until next time,

Peter

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FOR YOUR INFO.....

- Regular Breakfast Runs are held on the last Sunday of each month
- Meeting places – KNYSNA – The Quays at the Waterfront at the end of Grey Street
- SEDGEFIELD – Engen 1 Stop

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017

		<p>14th Sat GRMC Host Diaz Express / Lunch Mosselbay Quays start 8H00 MG invited BG/PP</p>	<p>22nd Sun MG Host Picnic/Braai The Slades Harkerville 10h30 GRMC invited</p>	<p>29th Sun MG Host Breakfast Run Berlin @ Plett Quays start 09H00 Quays GRMC invited Trevor Cooper</p>
		<p>One Month To Christmas</p>	<p>19th Sun GRMC Xmas Lunch GRMC ONLY SH/PP</p>	<p>26th Sun MG Host Breakfast Run Zucchini Timber Lake Quays start 09H00 GRMC invited</p>
	<p>1st Fri.... MG Host Prawn Braai MG Members Only Trevor Cooper</p>	<p>16th Dec Mosselbay Wheels Gathering</p>	<p>8th Fri..... MG Host Street Braai Bodge/Norman Frost/Brian Bruce GRMC invited Trevor Cooper</p>	 <p>Happy Holidays</p>

November 2017

3rd Cliff Hewitt	4th Gordon Stewart	6th Paul Marshall
7th Stuart Jones	8th Bunny Mentz	10th Ricky Maskew
10th David Wright	11th Graham MacDonald	11th Val Fuller
13th Mike Turner	14th Josee Lemieux	18th Ray Exton
26th Dick Stringer	28th Bernd Rohloff	28th Mike Wragg
29th Wally Mears	30th Jean Mayhew	30th Ross Lawson
30th Robert Marais		



Diaz Express- Saturday 14 October

By Dennis Cook

The run to Hartenbos and train ride on the Diaz Express to Groot Brak and the Transkaroo restaurant has to be one of the Club's most memorable this year- and not just because of the 2 hour wait for the train at Hartenbos station followed by a 2 hour wait at the restaurant for food!! It was a fun event enjoyed in good humour by all who participated. The Diaz Express offers train rides excursions to a variety of attractions between Mossel Bay and George including Santos Beach, Great Brak River, Glentana and Maalgate- our intended destination.



After driving up the N2 to Mossel bay we arrived at Hartenbos station where "Dolf se Stasie" welcomed us. It seems to be a popular local watering hole, frequented more for the well-stocked and ample bar than the good value steaks and burgers on offer. The station is a quaint yesteryear wood and iron building, sporting some memorable old ads for our favourite beverages. It was here after the intended departure time that our organiser Brian Gibson received the news that the train would not depart at 10, but at 11:30 as the schedules had been changed after the Club had booked many months ago. Well, some headed for the bar to while away the time while others enjoyed coffee and snacks. We found that it was an ideal opportunity to meet a few new friends.



The Express finally arrived with 3 blue wagons named Tom, Dick and Harry and we all piled in to enjoy the trip, feeling a bit like kids on an outing- although there was a suggestion that we should sing it did not get going.

The Express is driven, I was told, by a Rover 3.5 V8 motor, although it certainly was a lot quieter than our Chairman's Rover engined express! The journey offered lovely views over the sea, river estuaries, hidden seaside villages and the indigenous plant life of our floral Kingdom.



Due to the schedule being behind we neither made the coffee stop nor Maalgate but alighted at a beautiful old wood and iron railway station, with lovely views over the lagoon in the tranquil town of Great Brak River at the Transkaroo restaurant.

I am a great believer in using TripAdvisor for reviews before going anywhere and this place had many great reviews. It sure lived up to the part with vaulted wooden ceilings, ostrich egg chandeliers, and olde world décor. We found a brace of Healeys parked outside, already quaffing something enjoyable. It seems that the drivers went directly to the restaurant and while there was some ribbing about the Healeys not being able to make the full distance, I think it was to ensure that they could all sit at the same table!

The Transkaroo has a great reputation for gourmet Boerekos and the food was really good. What irked many is that the service was abysmal. After pointing out to the waiter the actual bottle of wine he wanted, Mike Stuart had to endure 3 different attempts by the waiter to bring him something else. Although the food had been ordered two weeks in advance it took 2 hours to arrive and while some were already enjoying their main courses 3 at our table were still waiting for their soup. The waiter assured them that this was because each bowl of soup "was individually prepared". While we were at the restaurant all 4 seasons seemed to come and go, but the rustic wooden benches outside offering lovely views of the lagoon made it seem an enticing venue to return and enjoy lunch in the Summer.

The group was unanimous in deciding not to proceed to Maalgate after the meal, in the interest of getting back to Hartenbos at a reasonable hour so that those of us whose cars have to rely on Lucas lights would not have to use them to get home. Thanks to Brian for organising this innovative and fun event which we enjoyed very much.

Ferrari 50th Anniversary Tour. Submitted by Alistair Gibb

2017 marked the 50th Anniversary of the The Ferrari Club of South Africa known as S.E.F.A.C (Southern Equatorial Ferrari Automobili Club) making it the oldest Ferrari owners club in the world outside of Italy.

To commemorate this momentous event a 10 day tour was planned leaving Johannesburg on 27th September and ending in Cape Town on the 7th October 2017. Participants from 11 countries - some Presidents of their respective clubs, formed part of the tour group of 80 Ferraris.

A track day was arranged at Kyalami preceding the start of the tour at which 180 Ferraris were present.

Knysna was fortunate enough to see the tour group for 2 nights on their way to Hermanus , Franschhoek and finally 3 days in Cape Town.

At the final photoshoot in Camps Bay in Cape Town there were 95 cars.

Petty fines were handed out on a daily basis and together with 2 big auctions a total of nearly R800 000 was raised - which will be handed over to the Lions Club of Knysna to be used for projects relating to the recent fires.

Members who were fortunate enough to take part in this once in a life time tour will have made new friends and will take with them lasting memories



The new Traffic Violation and Demerit System:

How the demerit system works

This system penalises drivers for traffic infringements using demerit points – with a demerit limit of 12 points.

If a driver's total demerit points exceed 12, their licence is suspended for three months for every demerit point over 12.

Once a driver's licence is suspended for the third time, it is cancelled and destroyed.

Drivers who continue to drive after their licence has been suspended are liable to a fine or imprisonment of up to one year.

The amount of demerit points a driver has accrued will reduce by one for every three months in which no demerits are incurred.

Demerit points

The applicable fines and demerits for traffic infringements are detailed below.

It is possible to accrue multiple demerit points in a single incident, as the points are awarded per violation.

Infringement	Fine amount	Demerit points
Licences and miscellaneous		
Driving an unregistered vehicle	R500	1
Driving an unlicensed vehicle	R500	1
Driving a vehicle with licence plate not visible	R500	1
Driving without a driving licence	R1,250	4
Driving without a seat belt	R250	0
Driving under influence of intoxicating substance	Not set	6
Driving while holding and using a cellphone	R500	1

Infringement	Fine amount	Demerit points
Failing to stop		
Skipping a stop sign (light vehicles)	R500	1
Skipping a stop sign (buses, trucks)	R750	2
Skipping a red light (light vehicles)	R500	1
Skipping a red light (buses, trucks)	R750	2
Failing to yield to a pedestrian	R500	1
Overtaking and overloading		
Overtaking across a barrier line (light vehicles)	R500	1
Overtaking across a barrier line (buses, trucks)	R750	2
Overloading a vehicle with max 56,000kg combination mass by 12-13.99%	R1,500	5
Speeding		
81-85km/h in a 60km/h zone	R750	2
100km/h+ in a 60km/h zone	Not set	6
106-110km/h in an 80km/h zone	R1,000	3
120km/h+ in an 80km/h zone	Not set	6
121-125km/h in a 100km/h zone	R750	2
131-135km/h in a 100km/h zone	R1,250	4
140km/h+ in a 100km/h zone	Not set	6
131-135km/h in a 120km/h zone	R250	0
141-145km/h in a 120km/h zone	R750	2

Infringement	Fine amount	Demerit points
151-155km/h in a 120km/h zone	R1,250	4
160km/h+ in a 120km/h zone	Not set	6

FOR SALE: 1974 MGB Roadster



In excellent condition. Recently re-sprayed, new tyres, new battery.

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We are scaling down and we are selling our classic car collection which consists of the following:

1970 White Triumph Spitfire Mark 111 R 120,000

1969 Grey MGBGT 1800cc 1969 R 99000

1965 British Green Mark 11 Jaguar 3.4 R 275000

1967 Grey S Type 3.8 Jaguar R 320000

1965 Light Blue Jaguar Mark 11 3.8 R 400000

1968 Light Blue S Type 3.8 R 320000

White 1958 Wolseley 15/50 R 100000

Gold Triumph Stag 1974 (Original Motor) R175000

1963 2 Tone blue and white Studebaker Grand Turismo silver Hawk R320000

1959 Blue 1.5 Riley R 75995

Should you be interested in any of the above vehicles, please contact Elaine on 084 251 4327 or email aisheindia69@gmail.com. Photos available on request.

Welcome to our new members

Connie & Makkie Scheepers, lives in Brenton on Sea, Knysna
They own a 1960 Porsche 356BT, a 1960 Landrover SWB II, 1974 Landrover SWB II and a 1996 Porsche 913.

Leish & Ingrid Horak, lives in Belvidere.
They own a 1948 MG TC, 1960 MG A, 1964 Austin Healey 3000 MKI, 1969 Mercedes 280 SLC.

Machiel & Johanna van Niekerk, lives in Sedgefield and owns a 1958 Morris Minor.

Roger & Gayle Newby, lives in Knysna and owns a 1989 Mercedes 300CE.

Hein & Marlisa Bruwer, lives in Knysna. (awaiting details)

Stuart & Sheila McAllister (awaiting details).

May you have many happy miles and smiles with our club.



Our condolences....

To Graham MacDonald on the loss of Margret.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult period.

To Wally, we wish you a speedy and complete recovery after your heart bi-pass operation. Hope to see you on the road soon.



SAVVA Technical Tip 125 – Safety Fuel Pump Cut-offs

The warning is that if you use or convert to using an electric fuel pump a cut-out should be installed to disconnect the electric pump should the vehicle be involved in an accident. If the engine is not running for whatever reason the pump should stop pumping.

To Quote Rob:

“I agree that the fitting of electric fuel pumps is a practical solution to the problem of cars that are not in use on a daily basis. I have also fitted electric pumps to some of my cars. During the carb era Ferrari also fitted an electric pump to his cars in addition to a mechanical pump. In some instances he fitted an electric pump and two mechanical pumps.

There is a problem with fitting an electric pump without some cut-out device in the electric circuit. Early fuel injected cars had an inertial cut-out switch which stopped the fuel from pumping when the car was subjected to an impact. This could also be a problem when driving on some of our bumpy roads.

There are two solutions:

- Fit an inertial cut- out switch.
- Fit a pressure sensing switch to the oil supply which would cut off the electricity to the pump if the engine is not running.

It might be possible to use the oil pressure warning light switch but I have not tried this. You will have to fit a press- button over riding switch to get the car started before the oil pressure has had time to build up.

Good Luck



PS. Ideally the electric pump should be used for priming the carb and then switched off and the mechanical one then taking over.”



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