



KNYSNA MOTOR SHOW 2017



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Knysna Motor Show attracts amazing cars and motorcycles

The exhibitors' list for the Knysna Motor Show sponsored by Sanlam Private Wealth is filling up - and the organizers say that this year's event will attract some of the rarest and most exciting cars and motorcycles in the country.

The event will take place on Sunday, 30 April.

"The Knysna Motor Show is a family affair in a country atmosphere that's become known as one of the top gatherings of its kind in South Africa - and its reputation comes from the fact that we're very selective about the vehicles we choose for exhibition," said Peter Pretorius, the chairman of the Garden Route Motor Club, and the Show's organizer.

\$100,000 HONDA

"One of the most astonishing bikes on display will be a Honda Rune - of which only a handful were imported to South Africa," said Mr Pretorius.

"This 6-cylinder, 1800cc machine is more than 2.4 meters long, and was produced during 2004 mainly for the American market. Each one is said to have cost Honda \$100,000 to build - although the selling price was just \$27,000."



Honda Rune

Many of the bikes on show have been rebuilt. Neville Fisher from East London, for example, will show three immaculately prepared, historic racing motorcycles: a 1983 Ducati TT1 750, a 1998 Ducati 748 SPS, and a 1969 Triumph Bonneville .

"We'll also have a 1974 Ducati 750 SS that has been rebuilt by Lofty Pretorius as an exact replica of the legendary American race bike that became known as Old Blue," said Mr. Pretorius.

"Old Blue was a highly-modified Ducati 750 SS that won the 1977 Daytona Superbike race and finished second in that year's American Superbike championship. It is acknowledged as having helped to establish Ducati motorcycles in the American market."



1998 Ducati 748SPS



1969 Triumph Bonneville T120R



Ducati 750ss

1928 CHATER-LEA

"Perhaps the most unusual display at the show will be Steven Helm's 1928 Chater-Lea - a very scarce face-cam racer, and quite possibly the only one of its kind still running anywhere in the world," said Mr. Pretorius.

"We believe due to the evidence of use (or abuse) that this motor was used in the original DJ Race - the Classic Motorcycle Rally between Durban and Johannesburg - in which a face-cam placed second."



1928 Chater Lea

MOTORCYCLE ROOM

This will be the first year that Knysna's private motorbike museum - The Motorcycle Room - will take part in the Knysna Motor Show, showing some of the rarest items from its collection of over 80 machines.

These will include a 1984 Yamaha RZ500 - of which less than 500 are thought still to exist (they were manufactured in limited quantities and were inspired by the motorcycle on which Kenny Roberts won the '83 World Champs) - as well as a KTM RC8 (the Austrian manufacturer's first ever superbike). The unit that will be displayed - a 2015 RC8 R model - was the last RC8 sold in SA, and possibly the world, following KTM's decision to discontinue the production of superbikes for road use).

The Motorcycle Room will also show two exceptional custom motorcycles - both hand-built in Knysna: the Silver Bullet (a salt-flats-style racer that started life as a Yamaha IT490 off-roader), and the Copper Bike café racer that was originally a Suzuki GN250 commuter bike.



Copper Bike



Yamaha RZ500

TICKETS

Mr. Pretorius said that the Knysna Motor Show attracted over 5,000 people in 2016, and that the organizers are hoping for an even larger crowd this year.

"With a great food court, a beer tent, and undercover seating, the show precinct is always a comfortable, festive place to be - and since proceeds from the event will go to our favourite charities (Hospice, Knysna Animal Welfare, E-pap, and FAMSA), it's very definitely a show with heart."

The Knysna Motor Show sponsored by Sanlam Private Wealth will take place on Sunday, 30 April, 2017 on the Knysna High School sport fields on Waterfront Drive. Gates will be open from 09:30 to 16:00, with tickets prices ranging from R40.00 for adults, to R10.00 for children 12 to 18 years of age (no charge for children under 12 - but they must be accompanied by an adult).

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