



KNYSNA MOTOR SHOW 2017



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Rare and classic vehicles: 2017 Knysna Motor Show fully subscribed

This year's Knysna Motor Show sponsored by Sanlam Private Wealth is firmly on track to offer members of the public an unusual – perhaps even once-in-a-lifetime - look at some of the world's rarest and most unusual vehicles.

“The line-up is incredible – and it just gets better and better every year,” said Peter Pretorius, the chairperson of the Garden Route Motor Club and the organizer of the show.

“Our selection process and the resulting quality of the displays we've been able to attract have made it one of South Africa's most prestigious motoring events – but this year's list of more than 400 classic, modern, and futuristic cars and motorcycles is outstanding by any measure,” he said.

“Mercedes Benz, Jaguar, BMW, Austin Healey, GSM Dart, Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Rolls Royce, Aston Martin, Cobra, Lotus, Ford, de Tomaso, MG, Morgan, Bentley, Veteran and Vintage cars. - they'll all be there, alongside a group of historic micro cars from the 1960s and 70s, the pre-war MG MMM cars of the 30s, NMMU's ultra-futuristic Eco-Car, and some of the incredibly powerful machines that'll be taking part in the Jaguar Simola Hill Climb on the following weekend.”

PORSCHE RSR

Of particular interest, said Mr. Pretorius, will be cars like the iconic 1972 Porsche in which Gary Dunkerley won the 1988 Wesbank Modified Saloons Championship, and which has just been beautifully restored by its owner, Franz Pretorius, in its original white and red livery.



“It's a 3,600 cc, 1972 Porsche RSR (engine type 930/25), and it's possibly the best car of its kind in South Africa – and the general public doesn't often get to see vehicles like that at close quarters,” said Mr. Pretorius.

De TOMASO

Another rarity that's recently been confirmed for exhibition is Nick Vernon's De Tomaso Pantera GT5, which Frederick Booyesen is currently restoring.



"This steel-bodied, 1982 model with its 450 hp Chevy Stroker motor is one of only a handful of right-hand-drive models ever built (they were all built in Italy, mostly for the US market)". "It's also unusual because most of the GT5s came out with Ford 351 engines," said Mr. Pretorius.

SHELBY SA

Whilst Lindenberg Racing will exhibit at the show for the fourth time in 2017, this will be the first year that it'll have its Shelby SA cars in Knysna.



"Besides the Castrol Edge Shelby Super Snake – which Paige Lindenberg will drive in the Hill Climb – they'll also be showing a Shelby 2.3l GTE, a Shelby 350GT, a Shelby Daytona Coupe, a mighty '68 Ford Fairlane, a '72 Capri Perana, and if all turns out well, their incredible V12 Ferrari P4 recreation," said Mr. Pretorius.

SOUTH AFRICAN-BUILT BARNARD BTR

“The Barnard BTR is a sophisticated Le Mans Prototype-style sports racing car designed and built in South Africa,” said Mr. Pretorius, “and we’ll have two of them at the show: Izak Spies’ road-legal model with its 750 hp Chevrolet LS7 V8 engine, and Jacques Wheeler’s track-focused version powered by a 650 hp, twin-turbocharged Lexus V8.



Mr. Spies described the Barnard as a work of art. “With the right gearing it’s designed for a top speed of 400 km/h - but it’s the race-derived aerodynamics that produces huge downforce that make it really stand out. And in the Hill climb, where it’s all about cornering speeds, this is where the Barnard excels,” he said.

SMALL TOWN HOSPITALITY

“Besides the cars and bikes, the Knysna Motor Show has become known for its unique country atmosphere, and its welcoming, small town hospitality – with excellent food, a beer tent, and undercover seating,” said Mr. Pretorius.

“And since Algoa FM will be broadcasting live this year, we’re expecting it’ll be extra festive. It is a motor show not to be missed!”

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 open from 09:30 to 16:00, and tickets cost just R40.00 for adults, and R10.00 for children 12 to 18 years of age (children under 12 accompanied by an adult enter free of charge).

Proceeds from the event will benefit Hospice Knysna, FAMSA, E-pap, and Knysna Animal Welfare.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/PeterKMS> to hear Peter Pretorius in conversation with the SABC’s Roger McCleery. Clip begins at 3:34.

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