



Rally winners on display at the 2014 Knysna Car Show

The 2014 annual charity Knysna Car Show takes pole position as it features rally winners on display to get your engine revving.

Visitors to the 2014 annual charity Knysna Car Show are in for a real treat as the 1973 Porsche 911 S that completed the 15,000 kilometre London to Sydney Rally both in 1993 and 2004 , the London to Mexico rally in 1995 and the Panama to Alaska rally in 1997 , as well as a Mini Cooper S – dressed in the livery of the car that won the Monte Carlo Rally in 1964, will be on display. Organiser and Chairman of the Garden Route Motor Club Peter Pretorius said that these cars, along with many rare and fantastic models, will be featured at the event on Sunday 11 May at the Knysna High School sport fields on Waterfront Drive, Knysna from 9:30 to 16:00.

“Onlookers had to not look twice, but three times when three similarly decorated Porsches lined up at the start of the very first London to Sydney Marathon in 1968,” Peter said. “Two of the triplets finished this inaugural race, but it is the 1973 Porsche 911 S, driven to finish the race in 1993 and 2004 by South African Franz Pretorius, that will be on the field at the Knysna Car Show. This 911 was leading its class by more than 10 minutes midway through the 2004 rally nearing Sydney, when it retired due to mechanical problems

“While we can unfortunately not have the actual Mini Cooper S that took the checkered flag 50 years ago at the Monte Carlo Rally, we will have similar Mini Cooper Models at the show,” he continued. “And one of them will be dressed in the livery of the winning car.”

“What will make the Mini component of the show that much more interesting, will be the fact that we’ll have these – and other old Coopers on show, as well as a new Mini Cooper model that has just been launched. Visitors to the Knysna Car Show will be able to follow the clear evolution of the Mini and compare the old with the new Mini which has won the demanding DAKAR Rally three years in a row.”

“Visitors will also see an array of Ferraris, Aston Martins, Jaguars, Porsches, Mustangs, the Sunbeam Tiger, more than 160 MG’s and a variety of veteran, vintage and classic racing motorcycles. This is a new feature to the show and will feature prominently in future years,” Peter explained. “Also on display will be the Brian Bruce car collection, featuring the Jaguar C-type, D-type and XK 140, Cobra Daytona, GT 40, Austin Healey, Rolls Royce and many more.”

“But the Knysna Car Show is a fun day for the whole family – not just the petrol heads!” Peter smiled. “The beer tent will be pouring Knysna’s own Mitchell’s Brewery brews and a variety of food stalls will cater to

everyone's tastes. And, as it is Mother's Day, we'll be giving away a number of spot prizes to lucky mothers – such as a weekend away, spa treatment with lunch, delicious breakfasts and more."

"We are charging an entrance fee of R30.00 per adult and children enter for free," he said. "But this is a charity event. The 2013 Knysna Car Show raised R41 000.00 and distributed these funds amongst Hospice, Animal Welfare, E-Pap and FAMSA. We're hoping to better this amount in 2014, so join us on 11 May. Not only will your family thank you for a fun filled day, you'll be making a difference to local charities."

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