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POMC NEWSLETTER



POMC Clubhouse: corner of Keuning Street and Fred Davey avenue, Silverton/Meyerspark, Pretoria

POMK Klubhuis: hoek van Keuningstraat en Fred Daveylaan, Silverton/Meyerspark, Pretoria



POMC INFORMATION

GPS Co-ordinates for POMC:

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POMC members meeting, and braai are held at the POMC Clubhouse on 5 April 2023. For the rest of the year meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday evening of each month

Club meetings: 19:30 for 20:00

POMK lede vergadering en braai word op 5 April 2023 gehou, en elke maand daarna op die 1st Woensdagaand van die elke maand in die POMK se klubhuis.

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL FEE SEPTEMBER - AUGUST

POMC bank account:
Account name: POMC
Bank: Nedbank
Acc no: 1603 0550 96
Reference: Name and Surname

SAVVA regulations, - only paid-up members are allowed to participate in Club events.
Entry fee: R200.00
Member fee: R450.00
Country member fee: R225.00
Students: R160.00

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS, 2nd SUNDAYS & OTHER: 2023

Woensdagaande	2 ^o Sondag	Ander
11 January	15 January Bonnets-up	
1 February	12 February Bonnets-up	
1 March	12 March American Classic Day & Mini Auto Pretoria	
5 April	16 April Vintage & Veteran Day, Car & Bike Day	
3 May		21 May Cars and bikes @ Loftus park
7 Junie	11 June British Classic Day & Mini Auto Pretoria	3 June Mampoer Regularity Rally
5 July	9 July European Classic Day, Car & Bike day	23 July Cars on the ROOF @ Brooklyn Mall
2 Aug		6 Augustus CARS IN THE PARK 09-13 August Magnum Regularity Rally
6 September	10 September - Cars at the club	
4 October	8 October Spring day Festival	21 October Summer Regularity Rally
1 November - AGM	12 November Japanese Classic & Bike Day	
6 December	10 December Cars & Bikes @ the Club	

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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Christo Ferreira

Tydens ons maand vergadering op Woensdag 1 Maart het ons die voorreg gehad om na die lank verwagte voorlegging van Niel Stander oor sy pragtige Ford Mustang te luister. Dit was baie interessant om die hele geskiedenis van die restourasie van hierdie kar, wat oor baie jare gestrek het, te hoor.

Our “Second Sunday” event for March was the American Car and Bike day on 12 March. After last year’s disappointing display we were pleasantly surprised with the turn-out this year. Apart from the big number of cars on display, there were quite a few very beautiful and scares American vehicles from yester year. Thank you very much to everybody who made the effort to come and show your cars to us.

Baie dankie aan al ons lede vir hul heelhartige deelname aan al ons klubaktiwiteite om dit vir al ons ousmotor- en motorfiets liefhebbers ‘n aangename en suksesvolle jaar te maak.

As previously mentioned, the rally activities for the year were kicking off with the Pre-DJ which is took place on Sunday 12 February. Please remember the Mampoer Rally which will be on the 3rd of June. There will again be a special rally guidance/information session before the rally.

Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday 5 April. This should be a very interesting event when Seth will be talking to us with his theme

“My passion for Classic Cars and the road travelled”

Op Sondag 2 April gaan ons as klub uit ry na die jaarlikse “Angela’s Picnic” in Johannesburg

Dan vind ons immer gewilde “Vintage and Veteran Day” op 16 April plaas. Emil Kuschke is weer besig om vir ons ‘n baie aangename dag, wat ook aktiwiteite van ons Klub se 57ste verjaarsdag sal insluit, te reël. Baie dankie vir Emil vir al sy insette. Baie dankie ook aan Taco wat help met die uitnodigings aan van die eerste lede van ons klub, vorige voorsitters en ook verteenwoordigers van heelparty ander klubs. Ons is ook bevoorreg om nog een van die stigterslede van ons klub, Stefan Stander op hierdie dag spesiaal te verwelkom

The rout for the vintage cars will start at the Voortrekker Monument from where it will lead through the Groenkloof Nature Reserve, from there through the grounds of Pretoria High School for Boys and then, as always, with a stop at the Lollypop Road house on the way to the Club House. Cars are expected at club at just after 10h00 and there will then be a short ceremony of about 15 minutes , starting at 10h30



Wat Lief en Leed betref is ons bly om te kan rapporteer daar niemand is waarvan ons bewus is met ernstige siekte of iets dergeliks nie.

Ons hoop dit gaan goed met almal verder. As daar dalk iemand is waarvan ek nie bewus is nie, en wie ook moeilike tye beleef, wil ek julle graag alles van die beste toewens.

Bly veilig en gesond.

Onthou asseblief om vir Hannie, wat baie moeite doen met ons Nuusbrief, artikels en ander nuuswaardighede deur te stuur.

Daarmee groet ek tot volgende maand

POMK Groete

Christo Ferreira

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CLUB MATTERS



DID YOU KNOW:

There is an Attendance Register at the club for each event.
An event is the club's month meetings, 2nd Sundays and any additional event that the POMC organize at the club.

Why do I have to write my name in the attendance register with each event?

With each attendance you receive
1 point.

Attending an event with your automobile that is older than 20 years, you will receive
1 point.

Attending an event with a modern car (not older than 20 years) right "modern car)

The "Clubman of the year" trophy is awarded according to these points.
A Great trophy to be proud of.

The attendance register requests the following information:

Your name and membership number
Vehicle - What type of car and the manufacturing year of vehicle
Vehicle younger than 20 years - wright "modern"

The attendance register is at the front main door of the Club.

POMC kennigewing bord.

Hou die kennisgewing bord dop vir interessante inligting rakende klub aktiwiteite.



Nuwe lede:

Welkom aan Attie Cloete



Niel Stander introduced his Ford Mustang at Wednesday meeting. Thank you Neil, it was very interesting. Enjoy your car!



Having problems getting your vehicles registered on the e-natis system? We can help. With over 17 years' experience and knowledge in the industry introducing re-builds, licencing, and registering vehicles is our expertise.

Contact Larina on 084 949 0937 or Stewart on 082 772 4177 to discuss your individual needs.

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Leo Middelberg - COC of the 2023 DJ rally at the start of the second day at New Castle





UPCOMING EVENTS



VINTAGE and VETERAN DAY

16 April

10h00 to 14h30

@ POMC Club house

**c/o Keuning drive & Fred Davey Avenue
Silverton**



***Spectators R30. - person
Under 12 Free
Exhibitors free entrance***



Food and drinks available



***Picnic and braai
facilities available***



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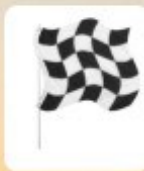
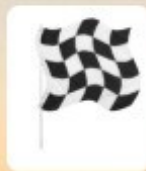
Frik Fotos



UPCOMING EVENTS



MAMPOER Vintage and Classic Car and Bike Regularity Rally 3 June 2023



Start and Finish
@
Willem Prinsloo Museum

Distance: 200 km
All tar roads
North and east of Willem Prinsloo
Registration: 7h45-8h45
Start time: 09h00
Finish time: 14h00

Speed Groups
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The 2023 Mampoer Rally, that will take place on 3 June 2023 will be a circle route of approximately 220 kilometers, starting at 09:00 at the Willem Prinsloo museum, near Rayton. Supplementary Regulations are available on the POMC website.





UPCOMING EVENTS



PRETORIA OUMOTORKLUB

CARS *in the* PARK



6 August 2023

**Gates open 6h00 for vehicle exhibitors
Two person per vehicle free entrance**

GATES OPEN 8H30 FOR SPECTATORS
Admission: Adults R130,- Children under 12 Free

Tickets available from iTickets.co.za or at Gates

Commercial Exhibitors - Art and Craft Market - Flea Market - Food market



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MONTH EVENTS



Daantjie Badenhorst

The Pretoria Old Motor Club (POMC).

POMC American day 2023



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The annual American day was held at the Pretoria Old Motor Club (POMC) premises on Sunday the 12th of March 2023. There was a massive turnout, and several interesting cars were on display, including a few that may also take part in the Vintage and Veteran event to be held soon.



One of these was a 1930 model Chevrolet, manufactured at the General Motors plant in Port Elizabeth. Rodney Crawford has owned it for two and a half years, but he is still in the process of getting it in a running condition.



Another locally manufactured Chevrolet dating back to just before World War II is Mario Coetzee’s 1939 Master 85, which he bought in 2017 and restored himself.





MONTH EVENTS

The Chevrolet Lumina CSV was based on the HSV (Holden Special Vehicles) VE Club Sport and was built in Australia for export countries where the Chevrolet badge was used. Five of them were imported to South Africa, among them was one which looked like a police car and was tested by Car Magazine for the August 2010 issue. General Motors decided not to introduce the CSV to South Africa due to Langheim's blue CSV was on display; it is powered by a 6,2 liter LS 3 engine with a six-speed manual transmission.



Stephan Buys displayed a few rare and desirable cars from various General Motors divisions. One of them was a 1968 Cadillac Sedan de Ville that was the official car used by ex-Prime Minister John Vorster. This car has had two owners since then.



The Buick Riviera GS is a rare car in South Africa, and only 5 500 genuine GS models were built. This car was imported from the United States of America and is powered by a 430 cubic inch (seven-liter) V8 engine with a three-speed automatic transmission.





MONTH EVENTS

The Pontiac Grande Parisienne was the last model from this General Motors division that was introduced to South Africa, and it was manufactured as an alternative to the Chevrolet Caprice. It was discontinued in South Africa in 1969. Stephan displayed a 1969 Parisienne which was similar to the Grande Parisienne in many ways but slightly smaller. It was manufactured in Canada, from where it was imported. It was mechanically the same as the Grande Parisienne, powered by a 327 cubic inch (5,4 liter) engine with an automatic transmission.



The other Pontiac that Stephan displayed was a 1952 Strato Chief with a Hydramatic transmission.



The Chrysler Valiant was South Arica's top-selling car from 1966 to 1968 and maintained its position as market leader for a few years after that. However, it has become a rare sight. In 1970, a new coachwork was introduced for the Regal and VIP models, whereas the Rebel remained unchanged. The VIP was the flagship and was powered by the most powerful version of the famous 225 cubic inch (3,7 liter) slant-six engine. The same engine was also used for the then-new Charger. John Pretorius's 1970 VIP originally came from Ottosdal in North West and had stood on a farm for thirty years.





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The Plymouth Barracuda was marketed as a Valiant in South Africa and was only available with the slant-six engine. Two were on display; a 1965 model, which was the first to be introduced to South Africa and a 1969 model, the last model year that was available in South Africa and the only one to be fitted with disc brakes, as the Power Disc-wheel covers showed. Unfortunately, it was not possible to chat to the owners of these two stunning cars.



Although Plymouth was one of the most famous Chrysler divisions until its demise in the 1990's, these cars are a rare sight in South Africa even they were manufactured in this country for some time. Bruce Mc Lean's 1959 Belvedere was in possession of the same family since new, until he bought it in 2016. It was powered by a 318 cubic inch (5,2 liter) engine.



The most recent Chrysler product on display was Fanie Gerber's 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee. It was a completely knocked down kit that was imported to South Africa and assembled in Port Elizabeth. It was fitted by the last version of the Torque Flite automatic transmission, which had a lock-up torque converter and four gears. He bought this vehicle from the estate of the original owner.



One of the most interesting and unusual vehicles on display was not a car, but a truck. Pierre Diederichs's 1951 Ford COE (Cab Over Engine) truck has been fully restored and he completed the project about a year ago. It is powered by a Cummins six-cylinder engine. Pierre replaced the Ford badge on the grill with his name.



MONTH EVENTS



Although the last Studebaker was manufactured in 1966, an amazing number has survived and the Studebaker Club is extremely active. For this event, Barry Groenewald's Lark, which is a regular sight at POMC meetings, was joined by two rare models.



Gordon Bouwer's 1941 Champion Coupé was imported from the United States of America.



Melicia du Toit's 1958 Commander Coupé was restored from the ground up, and she bought it from the grandfather of the original owner. It has made the trip to the George Motor Show a few times and has never given mechanical trouble. It was manufactured in the Studebaker manufacturing plant at Uitenhage, which was later taken over by Volkswagen.



MONTH EVENTS



The latest addition to Pieter Kuhn's collection of classic cars is a 1972 Mercury Cougar XR 7, which is a very rare car in South Africa. The original owner imported it to South Africa from the American state of Indiana. Pieter bought it three weeks ago from the previous owner, Dr. Ina de Beer. The car is in an immaculate condition and 100% original.



The Cobra Club of SA display more than 15 vehicles in immaculate condition.

The next event on the POMC calendar will be Vintage and Veteran day on Sunday the 16th of April.



ARTICLES



Die **POMC** se lede het met hul voertuie die Voortrekker Monument Antiekmark bygewoon en was deel van die mark se uitstalling.

Koffie en verversings is aan die uitstallers voorsien. Dit was 'n mooi en aangename dag by die Monument!





ARTICLES

POMC 1966 - 2023



Deur: Alex Duffey

PRETORIA OUMOTORKLUB - 57 JAAR OUD

Dit is sekerlik belangrik dat ons hierdie jaar met die 57ste herdenking van die stigting van die Pretoria Oumotorklub op 4 April 1966 ‘n oomblik moet stilstaan en terugkyk na daardie aand toe nege mans en ‘n vrou besluit het dat die tyd reg was om ‘n oumotorklub vir Pretoria te stig.

Voordat ons egter na die stigting van die Pretoria Oumotorklub, sewe-en-vyftig jaar gelede gaan kyk, gaan ek eers vir julle ‘n bietjie agtergrond gee oor die versameling, preserving en bewaring van ou motors in Suid-Afrika in daardie jare.



Veteraanmotors op die eerste Londen na Brighton rit in November 1930

Belangstelling in ou motors in Suid-Afrika het reeds sedert die dertigerjare bestaan, omdat entoesiaste geweet het van die stigting van ‘n klub vir veteraanmotors in Engeland in 1930. Nadat die “Royal Automobile Club” ‘n herdenkingsrit met veteran motors van Londen na Brighton in November 1930 gereël het, het drie deelnemers Sammy Davis, Jackie Masters en John Wylie, die “Veteran Car Club of Great Britain” in die Ship Hotel in Brighton gestig. In Suid-Afrika het mense soos Jeffs Watson en Jimmy Hall in Johannesburg, O.D. Inggs in Grahamstad, Joe de Winter in Potchefstroom, Bill Milligan in Port Elizabeth, Waldie Greyvensteyn in Bloemfontein, die Kinnes broers in Kaapstad en andere vroeg reeds versamelings ou motors besit.

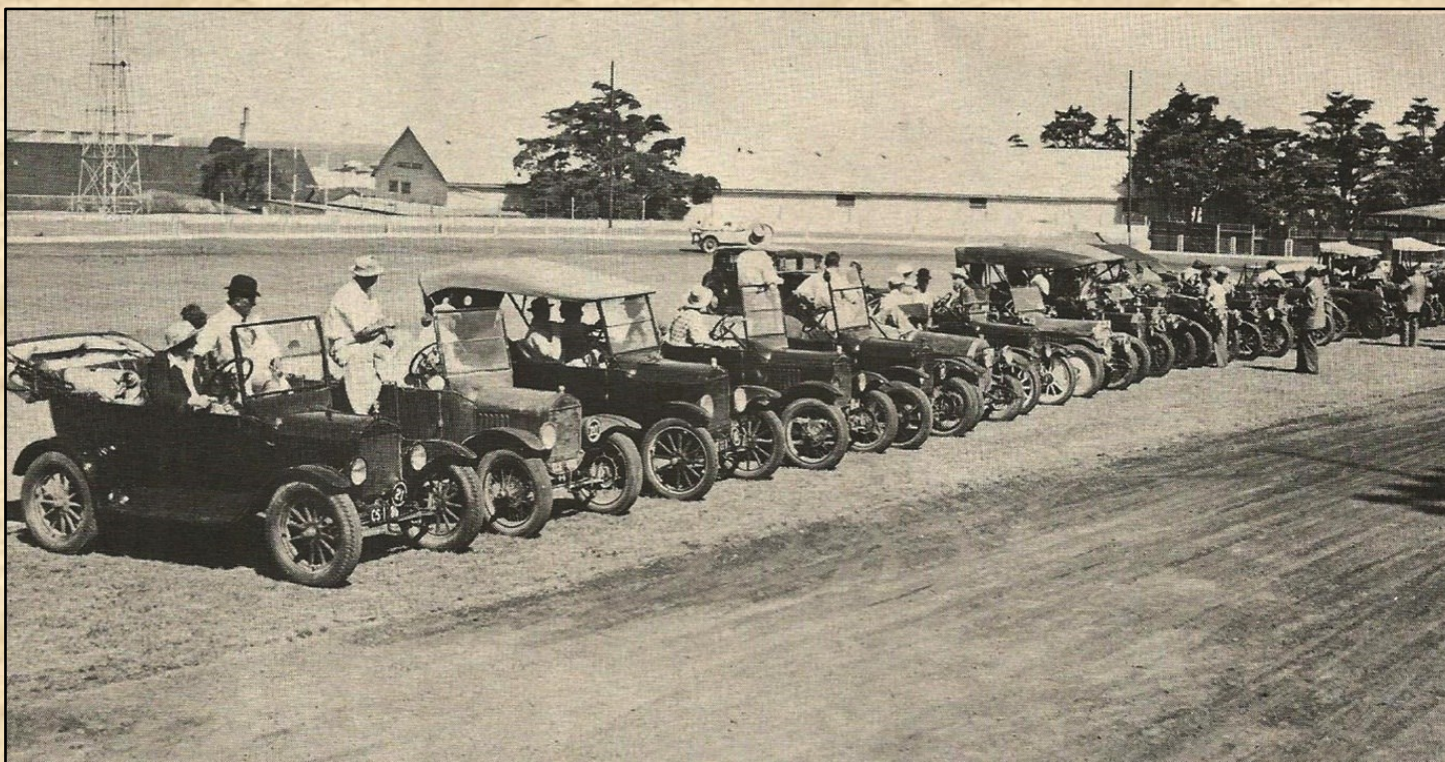


Plakaat vir die 1953 film “Genevieve”

Toe die film “Genevieve”, wat op die jaarlikse Londen na Brighton herdenkingswedren gebaseer is, in 1953 vrygestel is, het dit wêreldwyd belangstelling in veteraanmotors uitgelok en ook in Suid-Afrika. Die gevolg was dat die eerste oumotorklub in Suid-Afrika op 25 Mei 1954 in Durban gestig is, as “The Veteran Car Club of South Africa” (VCC). ‘n Gebeurtenis wat die bal werklik aan die rol gesit het om Oumotorklubs dwarsdeur die land te vestig, was Suid-Afrika se eerste oumotorrally wat van 6 tot 11 Desember 1954 tussen Kaapstad en Port Elizabeth gehou is en deur Bill Milligan gereël is. Hierna is die Crankhandle-klub in Kaapstad in Julie 1955 gestig en die “Vintage and Veteran Club” (VVC) in Johannesburg in 1958.



Stigterslede met hul motors voor Suid-Afrika se eerste Oumotorklub die V.C.C.



Motors en deelnemers aan Suid-Afrika se eerste Nasionale Rally op 11 Desember 1954.



Die Culemborg hotel in Pretoria, waar die P.O.M.K. gestig is, soos dit vandag lyk.

Sedert die begin sestigerjare was baie eienaars van ou motors in en om Pretoria reeds lede van die VVC in Johannesburg. Vroeg in 1966 het Danie van den Berg, 'n oumotor entoesias in Pretoria en lid van die VVC in Johannesburg, besluit dat dit tyd geword het vir die stigting van 'n oumotorklub in Pretoria. Eienaars van ou motors in Pretoria het mekaar geken en dikwels by die vyfster Culemborg hotel op die hoek van Van der Walt en Pretoriusstrate in Pretoria byeengekom. Danie het belangstellendes in Pretoria uitgenooi na 'n stigtingsvergadering vir 'n Oumotorklub in Pretoria op Woensdagaand 4 April 1966 in die Culemborg hotel. Op daardie aand het tien entoesiaste opgedaag. 'n Verskoning is van Angelo Bernardi ontvang. Die tien stigterslede was:

Danie van den Berg
Eddie Dixon
Erwin Kuschke
Tony Poole
Steffan Stander
Blackie Swart
Fred Messenger
Chris van Rensburg
Dr D. van Zyl
Mev Uhewer (Chris van Rensburg se verloofde).



Danie van den Berg



Eddie Dixon



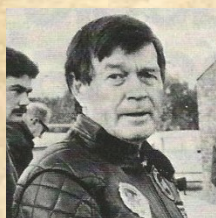
Erwin Kuschke



Steffan Stander



Blackie Swart



Chris van Rensburg



Angelo Bernardi

By hierdie vergadering is 'n gewysigde weergawe van die konstitusie van die VVC aanvaar, Dr D. van Zyl is as Voorsitter aangewys, ledegeld is op R5 per jaar vasgestel en daar is besluit dat die naam van die klub die **Pretoria Veteran Motorklub** sal wees.

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INCEPTION OF THE PRETORIA OLD MOTOR CLUB

By Alta Stander

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On Wednesday evening, 4th April 1966, ten vintage car enthusiasts gathered in the then grand Colerberg Hotel in Pretoria with the aim of establishing a vintage car club in order to preserve the cars of yester year. A phone call from Erwin invited Steffan to the meeting of the founding of the P.O.M.C. Of these ten founder members, (Eddie Dixon, Mrs Dot Hewer, Erwin Kuschke, Fred Messenger, Tony Pool, Steffan Stander, Blackie Swart, Danie van den Berg Chris van Rensburg and D. van Zyl), only Blackie Swart and Steffan Stander are still around, with Steffan being the only active founder member left.

In 1996, both Erwin, proudly carrying POMC no 3, and Steffan, no 6, were made POMC life members.

On 26th April 1991 The Pretoria Old Motor Club celebrated its Silver anniversary, on 2nd April 2016 its Golden anniversary, the club is still going strong and, after all these years, giving many Vintage car enthusiasts a world of joy and fellowship.

Steffan bought his first vintage, a 1928 Model A Ford in 1957. Needless to say, Pa Bill was not charmed: "But Steffan, you are only seventeen years old and do not even have a driver's license." Steffan stated his case: The car was in running order and it only cost sixty pounds, and what was more, he had the sixty pounds cash to pay for it. And he bought his car. (Incidentally, it is still running after being in his possession for sixty years.)

Approximately three years before the P.O.M.C. came into being, Steffan was traveling down Farenden street, Sunnyside, in his beloved Model A and approaching him from the Park street direction, along came a 1926 Model T Tourer (Phaeton)..

Steffan pulled the driver, Erwin Kuschke, off the road and that was the beginning of a forty year vintage-car-cum- wonderful-friendship-connection, until Erwin sadly passed away in on 4th May 2001.

He also drove Steffan and Alta's wedding car in 1964. Carl, Philip, then still dressed in little grey shorts and bobby socks and Emil, ten months old, attended the wedding. Erwin restored mainly Model T's and passed his love for them to his sons. When Steffan's boys started arriving, Erwin said to him: "Steffan, let me give you a bit of advice; if you are working on a car and one of your boys comes running passed to go places, do not tell him to first help you hold a bolt. Let him first go and then come and hold the bolt. Emil came running across the street from the neighbours on his way to the loo. I insisted on him first holding down the bolt and was appalled when I suddenly felt my arm,(up in the air under the car) go very warm and wet. Ma Stella commented:" But Erwin, when they have to go, they have to go immediately. Not first hold down your bolt."

These two staunch founder members of the POMC , through the years, contributed greatly to the club and passed their knowledge, abilities and love for the cars to their sons: Erwin, to Carl, Philip, (member of the George Club in the Cape) and Emil (POMC) and Steffan to Claude, Leon, Theo and Neil (all members of the POMC).

And so the second generation, and even a few third ones, continue with the joy of playing with their little cars.



ARTICLES



Hot, hot, HOT: **George Old Car Show** shows there’s no cooling off in the love of automobiles

By 9am on Saturday morning, a crowd comprising thousands of **motor** enthusiasts had already gathered at Eden Technical High School to gain tickets to the 26th George Old Car Show (GOCS). Those who had already entered the showgrounds, had first dibs on the exquisite **special display of Italian Marque cars and bikes** in this year’s show – the annual flagship event of the Southern Cape Old Car Club.

The temperatures, hitting the high 20s by first light and quickly gaining momentum during the morning, did little to keep show-goers at bay, and the brilliant sunlight over both show days on February 11 and 12 did much to show off all carefully restored and pampered machines on display.

Early tallies put the weekend’s attendance at 12,500 souls, with 1,500 cars having entered through the Carpe Diem School gates in a matter of hours on Saturday morning to park their rides and enjoy the spectacle. Thence, they ventured across the road to start salivating over everything on offer at the bristling showgrounds.

For the 17th time, this year’s GOCS was preceded by the Vet Tour, participating drivers hailing from all over South Africa but also travelling from faraway shores such as the UK, Canada and Germany. These venerable old cars formed part of the display at the Eden showgrounds, which also featured modern fleets by an array of top marques, tractors and motorcycles of all ages and shapes.

Among the many stalls of food and drinks, bric-a-brac goodies and car-related products, GOCS sponsors featured in full regalia. This year’s event was generously supported by premier partners **WeBuyCars**, and many other businesses are deserving of mention for roles played big and small, according to GOCS chairman Alewijn Dippenaar.

“Protea Hotel’s fabulous tent on the main field provided shade and refreshments and a perfect vantage point to the parades that continued throughout both show days and that was perfectly MC’d by Herman Ungerer and Morne Pietersen. Divan de Kock’s slick Herotel crew enabled live-streaming of events to Raceday TV with aplomb,” adds Dippenaar.

He also thanks George Municipality, Coke, SAB, George Herald and Midas for their support in pulling this year’s event together and doing what they do best in their various capacities, so making the weekend a roaring success.

“On behalf of the Southern Cape Old Club, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all companies, individuals, motor exhibitors and all the spectators, who contributed to the success of the GOCS 2023. Your support was invaluable and we could not have achieved such a resounding success without your presence.

A major word of gratitude is expressed to everyone who exhibited their beautifully-conserved old cars, motor bikes, tractors and other extraordinary engines. Wandering among the nearly 1,000 motor cars that made their way to George from all over South Africa, your love for old cars and camaraderie was palpable.

The SCOCC thank you for your stewardship and belief in our old car heritage, and for your heart-felt contribution and presence at this year’s GOCS.” – Waldo Scribante, Chairman SCOCC.”

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By: Roger Houghton



UNEXPECTED SURPRISE AWAITS DJ RALLY WINNER

The winner of this week's DJ (Durban-Johannesburg) Rally will get an unexpected reward in the form of a miniature of the famous and priceless Schlesinger Vase which was presented to the early winners of this motorcycle race between the two cities that took place from 1913 to 1936.

This year's commemorative regularity trial will start in Durban on Friday (10 March) and finish the next day in Benoni. It has attracted an entry of 90 competitors who will ride motorcycles made up to 1936 when the road race was last run before the authorities decided it had become too dangerous for other road users.

According to Brian Noik the Chairman of the Vintage and Veteran Club, which promotes the DJ Rally, the original race was started by the firing of a cannon and he wanted to re-enact this starting method. However, he was overruled as it was seen as inconsiderate to make such a noise in Hillcrest at 06h00!

The other tradition that has lapsed over the years was to award the winner with a miniature silver Schlesinger Vase, with the original being a floating trophy.

Tracking down an original miniature proved almost impossible as only 20 or so were ever made. However, Noik managed to find one which has now been replicated. Several have been made and will be awarded to the rally winner again, starting this year.





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By: Roger Houghton



MIKE WARD TAKES SECOND WIN IN DJ RALLY FOR CLASSIC MOTORCYCLES

Mike Ward, riding a 1936 Velocette 500, scored his second win in the iTOO-sponsored Durban-Johannesburg (DJ) rally for classic motorcycles, which started in Durban on 10 March and finished the next day in Benoni. He was not only presented with the magnificent, silver Schlesinger Vase floating trophy but, for the first time in many years he received a miniature of the trophy as a valuable keepsake.



This was the 51st running of this famous regularity trial which commemorates the annual race between the two cities which was held from 1913 to 1936 before the authorities withdrew permission due to safety concerns. It is for this reason that participating motorcycles must have been made prior to 1937.

Ward had a winning score of only 663 seconds error at the various timed control points on the 700 km route which was similar to that used in the road races. There was a total of 76 controls – 38 each day – so these low scores are amazing.

Ward, who is always a strong contender for victory on these regularity trials, scored his first DJ Rally win as far back as 2004.

He had the lowest score on Day 1 this year and was fourth on Day 2. This was Ward's 24th DJ and the 15th time he had ridden his Velocette on this famous event. Martin Kaiser, at 31 the youngest rider on this year's rally, took second place overall with 672 seconds error and had the lowest score on Day 2. He rode a 1934 Sunbeam Model A 500. Third overall was five-times winner Gavin Walton

(1936 AJS 500) with a score of 844, which was 20 seconds better than his brother, Kevin, who placed fourth on a 1931 BSA S31 Sloper 500.

There were 67 starters out of an original entry of 90 riders and 57 qualified as finishers. Weather varied from overcast, misty and damp to very hot. There were, unfortunately, two riders who crashed and had to be taken to hospital for treatment.

Other previous winners who completed the route were Kevin Robertson, a seven-time winner, who placed eighth and three-time winner Martin Davis who took 13th place.

Eighty-seven-year-old Neville Smith was the oldest rider to complete the 2023 DJ, finishing 55th on his 1935 Rudge Rapid Touring 250, carrying the number 35 that refers to 1935, which is the year Neville was born and the year his Rudge was made! The oldest motorcycle to be classified as a finisher was a 1920 ABC, ridden by Peter Gillespie, which took 18th place.

Gavin Walton, who rode his trusty AJS for the 17th time on a DJ Rally, said it was a tough event for both motorcycles and riders this year due to deteriorating road surfaces very few competitors had the benefit of rear suspension on their old motorcycles.

Scoring was done by Leon Stander with the help of Amanda and Emil of the **POMC**





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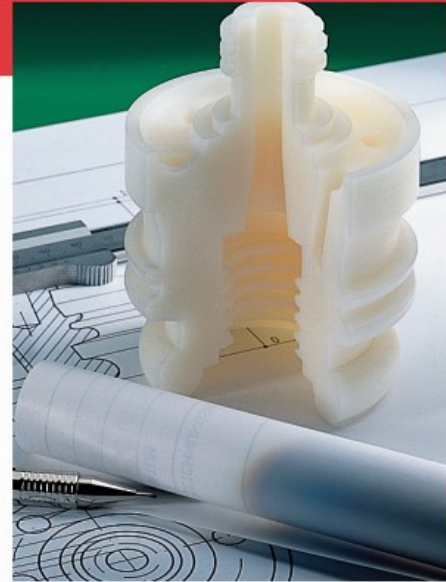


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