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**Vintage Sports Car Club**



# Vintage Sports Car Club

P O Box 11709, Dorpspruit, Pietermaritzburg 3206

*"Forward into the Past"*

This is the newsletter of the Vintage Sports Car Club. Opinions expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of the Committee, the Editor, or of the Club.

Regular gatherings are held at the Clubhouse, Oribi Road, Pietermaritzburg, and as per the schedule of events published in this newsletter.

Visitors are welcome in the care of a Member and should be signed on by that Member.

On Bonnets-Up and Club Open Days, parking in front of the Clubhouse is reserved for Club Qualifying Vehicles Only, and you are requested to park modern vehicles behind the Clubhouse.

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Clyde Wyatt

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## EDITORIAL

This is the last newsletter of the year and we will be taking a break next month. This issue is therefore a bumper issue with twenty four pages. I have included some nostalgic articles showing just how much life has changed in the last few decades.

We need to mention sadly that 'Bertie' Mapstone passed away recently. We offer our sincere condolences to Rose and family.

One of the queries I dealt with this year was regarding the assigned themes for our bonnets up days. I have included the calendar as is for 2014, but it needs to be discussed and revised at the committee meeting next year so that we can make changes where necessary. Do you have any ideas about changes that we can make? We have specific days for some of the more prolific countries or makes but generally have broad themes. Let me have your ideas and we can see how much we can accommodate all of you out there.

It is the end of the year and many of you will be going on holiday or travelling to family. There are also a lot of other users on the roads, many impatient to get to their destinations. Please take care and travel safely. Take your time and treat the journey as part of the holiday.

Our best wishes to you all and all the best for the New Year.

*Gillian*

**Short** items of interest are always wanted for inclusion in our newsletter (max between one half and two pages) Contact Gillian at [gillian2@telkomsa.net](mailto:gillian2@telkomsa.net)

## ON THE COVER

Trevor Lewis's 1972 Ford Fairmont GT, seen at bonnets up in November 2013.

## INDEMNIFICATION

**Members, guests, visitors and any other persons' attention is drawn to Indemnity requirements in the VSCC Constitution and posted in the VSCC Clubhouse bar and main hall.**

### **SAVVA collector's vehicle insurance scheme**

For Full comprehensive cover

Contact person - Glenn Broadhurst or Madelene Wiese at FNB Insurance Brokers

Phone - 087 736 2222

Fax - 011 699 0783

E-mail- [madelene.wiese@fnb.co.za](mailto:madelene.wiese@fnb.co.za)

## MEMBERSHIP

### Subscriptions 2013/2014 Club Year (based on Membership type & due 1 July).

Full Member	R230 including SAVVA fee
Full member plus spouse/partner	R290 including SAVVA fees
Country Member	R210 including SAVVA fee
Country Member plus spouse/partner	R260 including SAVVA fees
Associate Member*	R125 excluding SAVVA fee
Associate Member plus spouse/partner	R170 excluding SAVVA fees

\* Applicable to members of another club and awarded at the committee's discretion.

### New applications for Membership include an indemnity that is valid for Life.

Life Member (Principal) Newsletter postage *	R65 + R20 SAVVA fees
Life Member (Principal) Newsletter e-mail *	R20 SAVVA fees
Life Member (Principal and Associate – Spouse/Partner) *	R90 + R20 SAVVA fees
Honorary and Honorary Life Membership *	Free.

\* Awarded at Committee discretion.

There is a once off entrance fee of R100 on application for membership.  
A charge of R120 will be levied for posted newsletters.

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**Banking Details:** Account name – Vintage Sports Car Club: Bank – Nedbank:  
Branch - Hayfields: Branch Number – 13 40 25: Account number – 13 40 505 339:  
Always include member's name on the deposit slip.

**REGALIA:** The club has caps, of the "one size fits all" type, embroidered with the VSCC logo, available for sale at R45 each. See the 'Klink' attendant, for your Requirements.

**VISITORS:** Visitors are welcome, but as we are licensed, please ensure that your guests are 'signed on' in the visitors register. This gives them temporary membership status, and entitles them to make purchases from the bar.

## CLUB TIMETABLE

### Every Friday night: 'Klink'

December 6<sup>th</sup>.13<sup>th</sup>. January 17<sup>th</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>. 31<sup>st</sup>. February 7<sup>th</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>.

The AIR-CONDITIONED 'Klink' will be open from 17h30 until 21h00. Braai fires will be provided, and you are invited to bring your own braai meat and/or salads to enjoy at the Club..

### Second Saturday of every month: 'Bonnetts Up' / Club Open Day:

From around 12 noon until then '*The Klink*' will be open, plus the availability of either boerewors rolls, hamburgers or an alternative being made available for purchase.

**Don't forget,** tea/coffee, pancakes and/or other goodies are a regular option.

**The Library and Spares Department** will also be open.

Third Sunday of every Month; Regular Club Outing. Motorcycles are most welcome at this run.

(Happens the weekend following after bonnetts Up which becomes 4<sup>th</sup> weekend if 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Sunday

## PAST EVENTS

### November

*3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November: 2013: 2013 Fairest Cape Tour.*

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** Ford Day

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Dinner Dance**

## COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

**RED BOLD** - Depicts VSCC Club Events      *ITALIC* - Depicts other Events

### December

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** No theme

### January

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** European Cars

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Regular Club Outing.** To be announced

### February

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** American Cars

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Regular Club Outing.** To be announced

## **Bonnets up Events 2014**

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|------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>JANUARY</b>   | <b>EUROPEAN CARS</b>             |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  | <b>AMERICAN CARS</b>             |
| <b>MARCH</b>     | <b>BRITISH SPORTS CARS</b>       |
| <b>APRIL</b>     | <b>ORPHANED CARS</b>             |
| <b>MAY</b>       | <b>CARS IN THE PARK</b>          |
| <b>JUNE</b>      | <b>NO THEME</b>                  |
| <b>JULY</b>      | <b>HOBBIES DAY AND BOOT SALE</b> |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    | <b>AGM</b>                       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | <b>MOTORCYCLES</b>               |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   | <b>ITALIAN CARS</b>              |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  | <b>FORD DAY</b>                  |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  | <b>NO THEME</b>                  |

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Members

We have no new members for introduction.

## Spares Department

**Note to non-local enthusiasts.** Please be advised, we work on a select-yourself system and are unable to take orders or arrange delivery. It is advisable to bring a sample, as not all parts are identified.

## Hire of Club Hall

If members wish to hire the club hall please could the form on the adjacent page be completed and handed in. Copies of the form are also available at the Klink.

## Vehicles for hire

The following members are willing to hire out their cars for weddings and other such occasions.

|                             |              |                                                                              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Robin Inggs                 | 072 202 6598 |                                                                              |
| Mike Westray                | 033 386 2593 | <a href="mailto:mikewestray@gmail.com">mikewestray@gmail.com</a>             |
| Robin Phipson               | 033-345 0061 | <a href="mailto:phipson@wandata.com">phipson@wandata.com</a>                 |
| Saxon Murray.               |              |                                                                              |
| Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac) |              | <a href="mailto:tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za">tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za</a> |

## Christmas Shutdown

The club traditionally closes between Bonnets up in December and Bonnets up in January. In terms of this, the club will close after Bonnets up on 14 December 2013 and will reopen on 11 January 2014 with Bonnets up.

## Subscriptions overdue

The club subscriptions are now long overdue. If you have not yet paid, please make payment as soon as possible. The club banking details are included in the newsletter. If you are unsure as to how much to pay the treasurer can be contacted on the VSCC address. We will discontinue newsletters to all those who have not paid as of the next newsletter.



# VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB

PIETERMARITZBURG

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## APPLICATION FOR USE OF THE HALL

To the Chairman:

Date:.....

Club member responsible for the function:.....

Date of function:...../...../..... Nature of function:..... No of guests:.....

Applicant:..... Land line:.....

Cell:..... Email: .....

Expected time to start:..... Expected time to finish:.....

Hire charge will be R500 and there will be a charge for breakages if incurred.

Will bar facilities be required? Yes No

Please note that the cost of staffing the bar is a private arrangement between the hirer and the barman. Requests for stock not normally carried must be made directly to the barman.

As there is a security system in place, the responsible club member must arrange for the opening and closing of the hall.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the indemnity notices on display in the clubhouse and it is a condition of this application that the hirer accepts these limitations.

Applicant's signature:.....

Date approved by the committee:.....

Chairman:.....

Cc: Treasurer  
Barman



## THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

### Technical Tip No 79 – Electric fans

The hot weather is with us again, or just around the corner. Hurrah, but think of your cherished oldie – they don't appreciate the warm weather like we do.

Our older cars were never made to sit in the heavy traffic we experience today and the old fan turning at idling speed isn't going to help very much. One needs a good gust of wind through the radiator to keep it cool - which can only be accomplished by the fitting of an electric fan.

I've just had a radiator cleaned out and whilst it was out I thought it may be worthwhile investigating the possibility of converting to an electric fan and the cost thereof. A trip to the local Silverton radiator shop soon answered my curiosity. The proprietor knew exactly what I required and placed in front of me a fan switch (thermostat) and a brass receptacle that needed to be soldered into the bottom of the radiator. They apparently do this on a regular basis.

Installation of the electric fan is very simple and no special expertise is required. You must however check how much space you have available at either side of the radiator then decide which type of electric fan would best fit - a "push" or "pull" fan. Pull fans are used in most front wheel drive cars and are obtainable from various spares outlets. Push fans can be a bit difficult to find - the best source are the car aircon dealers and they carry them in stock. They usually come in 10"12"14" sizes. The cost of a 10" is around R310.00. A warning however - the contacts in the thermostat switches are extremely light and cannot take much current so it is *imperative* that a relay be used – at least 35 amps or even heavier if you can find one.

Attached is a picture of a typical thermostat switch and the brass receptacle (socket) which fits into the bottom of the radiator. The black unit is an alternative receptacle which can be fitted into the bottom hose (rather than taking the radiator out) and takes the standard thermostat switch. If you can't find these sockets in your part of the world they are available from Silverton's in Greymont, Johannesburg and sell for R150.00 each. They can be ordered by contacting them on 011 022 7056 or 078 633 4770.

Total cost of an installation, including the switch, socket, relay and the fan, should be between R500.00 and R600.00.



## SERVICES

Services listed will be rotated on a tri-monthly basis.

*The VSCC is not responsible for the quality of the services provided by the above service providers.*

- **PMB Carburettor Centre:** Contact Robin on 033-3450061 for all carb and distributor spares and repairs back to about 1920. If they haven't got it, they can usually make it, or import it. Proper computerised gas flow rig also available for test/development purposes for anything through which gasses or liquids flow.
- **Silver Wings:** For silver plating and expert welding, soldering and brazing repairs. Polishing of brass, copper, aluminium and stainless steel. Contact Robin or Sue on 033-3453650.
- **Magneto Repairs:** Offered by Rod Thomas of Waterfall. He can be contacted on 031-762 1509 or 073-365 6494
- **Gearbox Shoppe:** Gearbox and diff specialists. 14 MacFarlane Street, PMB. Contact Graham Keir. Phone 033-3427543 / Fax 033 -3450479 / Cell 0828938782.
- **Silverton radiators.** Radiators, auto air-conditioning and fuel tanks - sales, service and repairs. 299 Boom Street, Pietermaritzburg. 033 3422604.
- **Piston rings** of any size made up to suit your engine. – H.W.Godwin & Son. Phone: 011-622 2546. Speak to Andrew or David.
- **Peter Malherbe** does very good job of making up brake hoses - any type. Phone 082 682 8142
- **Colour restoration** and repair of leather – vinyl – plastic – velour, and carpets. Contact: Sonette van Niekerk. 033 330 3352.
- **Wood burnt Art:** Commissions undertaken, portraiture, ethnic, plus the Big 5 Showroom: 524 Bulwer Street, Pietermaritzburg. Tel: (033) 342 2513
- **Old car engine Spares.** "If it's available I'll find it for you." Telephone Lionel on 072 146 9543. Cape Town.
- **B-Secure:** For your alarm and security needs contact B-Secure on (033) 3424 222.

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Joe says to Paddy: "Close your curtains the next time you're making love to your wife. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday."  
Paddy says: "Well the joke's on them because I wasn't even at home yesterday."

## WANTED

I looking for "a sexy car" to take a bride to her wedding in Nottingham Road, 29 March 2014; would any of your members be willing and able? ; cash paid or reciprocal arrangement using 1925 Rolls Royce Phantom 1 in Johannesburg area. VVC Member. Please contact Ian Middleton, 011 447 3496, 082 566 3132, or email [muddles@global.co.za](mailto:muddles@global.co.za)

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## COMMENTS MADE IN 1955 - CURRENCY IN SA RANDS

- I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for R10.00
- Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before R2,000.00 will only buy a used one.
- Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 4 cents just to mail a letter?
- If they raise the minimum wage to R1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.
- When I first started driving, who would have thought petrol would someday cost 20 cents a gallon (4.55 litres). Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.
- I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying "DAMN" in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either "HELL" or "DAMN" in it.
- I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.
- It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.
- Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.
- The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.
- There is no sense going on short trips anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly R2.00 a night to stay in a hotel.
- No one can afford to be sick anymore. At R15.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.
- If they think I'll pay 30 cents for a haircut, forget it.



# Bike Chatter

## Hercules

Hercules motorcycles was founded in 1886 as a bicycle maker in Germany. In 1904 it moved to motorcycle production with a bicycle fitted with an engine and a belt driving the rear wheel.

A wide range of engines were used to power the various models. By the 1930's, the company was successful. It was making a wide range of models and was doing well on the racing circuits.

As with most other marques, World War II did not do the company any favours. The factory was badly damaged during the war and it only resumed production in 1950. The models chosen were the 98cc and 123cc. By targeting the basic commuter market, the company was once again doing well and was able to expand its range with five new models within two years. They even produced luxurious models and exported bikes with Europe being their top market. The company however chose to make only a few size models.

In the mid 1953's, the German market fell. Hercules' limited range and lack of expansion resulted in this having a limited effect on the company. They acquired Rabeneick in 1958.

Hercules joined the Zweirad Union in 1966. Zweirad Union was purchased by Fichtel Sachs in 1969. They in turn were taken over by Gust, Keen and Nettlefold in 1976. Throughout all those takeovers, the success of the company allowed it to remain untouched.

After the takeover in 1976, Hercules was concentrating on making two-strokes. The two-strokes were then upgraded and supplemented.

In the early 1980's the Japanese "invasion" of the motorcycle market was starting to take it's control. In 1982 the company distributed Yamaha scooters under the Hercules brand. In 1992 a motorcycle was built for the German armed forces. This however was the end of the road for the brand.

The motoring department of the company was renamed in 1995 and the bicycle department sold off.

This article was written with reference to "The Complete Encyclopedia of Classic Motorcycles" by Mirco de Cet, and [www.vintagemx.net](http://www.vintagemx.net).

*Gillian*

## GROWING UP IN THE 1950'S

Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot,  
Before the days of Dylan , or the dawn of Camelot.  
There lived a race of innocents, and they were you and me,

We longed for love and romance, and waited for our Prince,  
Eddie Fisher married Liz, and no one's seen him since.  
We danced to 'Little Darlin,' and sang to 'Stagger Lee'  
And cried for Buddy Holly in the Land That Made Me, Me.

Only girls wore earrings then, and 3 was one too many,  
And only boys wore flat-top cuts, except for Jean McKinney.  
And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see  
A boy named George with Lipstick, in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh, so nice,  
And when they made a movie, they never made it twice..  
We didn't have a Star Trek Five, or Psycho Two and Three,  
Or Rocky-Rambo Twenty in the Land That Made Me, Me.

Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp,  
And Reagan was a Democrat whose co-star was a chimp.  
We had a Mr. Wizard, but not a Mr. T,  
And Oprah couldn't talk yet, in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We had our share of heroes, we never thought they'd go,  
At least not Bobby Darin, or Marilyn Monroe.  
For youth was still eternal, and life was yet to be,  
And Elvis was forever in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We'd never seen the rock band that was Grateful to be Dead,  
And Airplanes weren't named Jefferson , and Zeppelins were not Led.  
And Beatles lived in gardens then, and Monkees lived in trees,  
Madonna was Mary in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We'd never heard of microwaves, or telephones in cars,  
And babies might be bottle-fed, but they were not grown in jars.  
And pumping iron got wrinkles out, and 'gay' meant fancy-free,  
And dorms were never co-Ed in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag,  
And microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag.  
And hardware was a box of nails, and bytes came from a flea,  
And rocket ships were fiction in the Land That Made Me, Me.

T-Birds came with portholes, and side shows came with freaks,  
And bathing suits came big enough to cover both your cheeks.  
And Coke came just in bottles, and skirts below the knee,  
And Castro came to power near the Land That Made Me, Me.

We had no Crest with Fluoride, we had no Hill Street Blues,  
We had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton herbal tea  
Or prime-time ads for those dysfunctions in the Land That Made Me, Me.

There were no golden arches, no Perrier to chill,  
And fish were not called Wanda, and cats were not called Bill  
And middle-aged was 35 and old was forty-three,  
And ancient were our parents in the Land That Made Me, Me.

But all things have a season, or so we've heard them say,  
And now instead of Maybelline we swear by Retin-A.  
They send us invitations to join AARP,  
We've come a long way, baby, from the Land That Made Me, Me.

So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans,  
And wonder why they're using smaller print in magazines.  
And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be,  
Long ago and far away in the Land That Made Me, Me.

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## **When Grandma Goes to Court**

Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs Jones, do you know me?" She responded, "Why, yes I do know you, Mr Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs Jones, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why yes, I do. I've known Mr Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes I know him."

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counsellors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said,  
"If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair."

## VSCC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The VSCC Christmas party was held on 30 November at the clubhouse. There was a wonderful turnout with all the tables bursting with eager, hungry patrons. The hall was decorated magnificently and one could be forgiven if they did not recognize the hall. The ceiling was draped beautifully and the hall was brimming with a variety of Christmas trees, each one more beautiful than the next.

The food as always is a very important element and it did not disappoint. The fare was traditional with gammon and chicken up for grabs along with a salad, rice, potatoes, mixed veges, gravy and rolls on the side. Desert was simply delicious leaving you wanting some more. Our congratulations to the caterers for providing so well to the hungry crowd.

The DJ provided a variety of good old fashioned classics to dance the night away (and to work off that delightful meal). The party was kept rocking all night. Many thanks to the DJ – what a wonderful choice of music.

No party is complete without the bar. Our thanks go to Tony Fourie for playing bar tender for the night and making sure that nobody went thirsty. It is indeed a thankless job that few can truly appreciate.

Finally congratulations must go to Aisne and Fred for arranging the event. It went off without a hitch and was enjoyed by all. It was by all accounts a resounding success.

Below is a photo of the hall on the night. On page 22 is a photo of one of the many Christmas trees that were erected in the hall.

*Gillian*



## DISTINCTION BETWEEN GUTS AND BALLS

To those of you who are nit-pickers about the meaning of words: there is a medical distinction between Guts and Balls. We've all heard about people having Guts or Balls, but do you really know the difference between them?

In an effort to keep you informed, here are the definitions:

**GUTS** - is arriving home late, after a night out with the guys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the Guts to ask, "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

**BALLS** - is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, with lipstick on your collar, and slapping your wife on the butt and having the Balls to say, "You're next, Chubby."

I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions.

Medically speaking, there is no difference in the outcome.

Both result in death

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Shandy had a problem. Every time he came home late after a night out with the boys he would creep along the drive as quietly as he could into the garage, get out and close the door of the car quietly, tiptoe along the path, tiptoe into the house and up the stairs after removing his shoes, sneak into the bedroom whereupon his wife would sit up in bed and open a one sided conversation with words like "What's the idea coming home at this time of night!!!"

After mulling over this unsatisfactory state of affairs he thought he'd try a different approach to the problem. The next time after a night on the tiles, he roared down the drive, stopped with squealing brakes into the garage, got out slamming the car door, whistled along the path, banged the door shut and clomped up the stairs into the bedroom and said with a booming voice "How's about it Honey, I'm just in the mood." But she didn't hear a word he said. She was fast asleep.

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Paddy and Mick found 3 hand grenades and decided to take them to the police station.

Mick "What if one explodes before we get there?"

Paddy: "We'll lie and say we only found two!".

Bloke at a horse race whispers to Paddy next to him, "Do you want the winner of the next race?"

Paddy replies "no tanks, oi've only got a small garden."

## CAR HOIST

You may have noticed that the club had a car hoist installed at the rear of the clubhouse some time ago. It has to date been unused, but at bonnets up in November it was christened. It was put to use for the first time and we would like to see more use being made of it in the future. It is obviously by its very nature prone to potential accident so use is strictly supervised and limited to authorized use only. A guideline as to the procedure for gaining use and the rules surrounding its use will be published in the newsletter shortly so that all those members out there who wish to utilize the facility, can do so.

*Gillian*



## THE VSCC THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

The vintage sport car club is for all ages and you can bring your motorbikes and your cars and some days we have a club evening and you get to play pool and bingo and mostly any game that find in the shops and they sale cakes and if you become a club member you get a trophy or a board that says your name and you get a prize if you have the oldest car or motorcycle like a bottle of wine and you get to take it home with you and enjoy it and you can only come once a month and you also go on breakfast runs to other places and you can bring your children with you so you don't have to worry about any baby sitters and you don't have to pay to go to the club and it is very fun to go to the club.

By Morne Richmond

## CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

I thought that this would be a good time to reflect on the changes that the clubhouse has undergone during the year.

The bar has had a paint job and the lighting is now far more effective. We suffered from an ant invasion during the year and we have bombed them out of existence, but not before they ate the spares room door frame, resulting in the door falling off altogether. The frame and door has now been replaced and is now ant proof. Courtesy of Cars in the Park, we have acquired a new large flatscreen TV for the bar area, so that all those Friday night patrons don't miss out on their sport. A DSTV subscription has also been acquired to enable us to show the sporting events that have in the past kept members away on bonnets up or Friday night.

Following the veranda build, the main hall has had its turn at being renovated. The floor tiles have been lifted and new tiles been laid and sealed. The floor also received some significant attention in the process, which has resolved the old crack that ran along its length.

Very recently the ceiling has been painted white in the main hall from the previous red. The difference is quite startling.

The major work carried out was in the kitchen. The cabinets have had a major facelift and new cabinets added. An attractive and hardy granite worktop has been installed throughout. The serving hatch now can truly serve its purpose. The geyser has been enclosed and all the electrics tidied up. A new fridge has been purchased. The drying rack which was looking the worse for wear has been stripped down and repainted. It is now barely recognizable. It is so impressive it did duty as a serving vessel at the Christmas party and did not look out of place in the least. The mish mash of old random cupboards have been removed and the Coke fridge relocated. Curtains have also been installed. The nett effect is that the kitchen is now something to be proud of, although it is not quite complete, with a door or two to go on and some small details to be finalised. Andrew Haupfleish who has been doing the work at an extremely competitive cost has suffered a setback. He injured his foot starting his motorcycle and has been rendered immobile. Reports indicate that he is doing well though and should be back on the job soon. Thank you Andrew.

In terms of events we are again hosting Friday night dinners and as mentioned before, sport is on in the bar for the eager followers. The monthly breakfast runs have picked up nicely and attendance is growing. Well done to all involved. The locations we visit put great effort into accommodating us and the least we can do is provide good support.

I don't know how many members have noticed how big the trees are getting in the yard. They didn't look like much when they were planted but they certainly look like they will be good shade providers in the future.

I think it can be said that the club is developing nicely and providing better entertainment for the members all round. This is certainly prevalent in the interest shown by some of the other car clubs in using our facilities.

*Gillian*

## HOW OLD IS GRANDPA?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson

asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general..

**The Grandfather replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before:**

- ' television
- ' penicillin
- ' polio shots
- ' frozen foods
- ' Xerox
- ' contact lenses
- ' Frisbees and
- ' the pill

**There were no:**

- ' credit cards
- ' laser beams or
- ' ball-point pens

**Man had not invented:**

- ' pantyhose
- ' air conditioners
- ' dishwashers
- ' clothes dryers
- ' and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and
- ' space travel was only in Flash Gordon books.

Your Grandmother and I got married first, and then lived together..

Every family had a father and a mother.

Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir".

And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir."

We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by The Bible, good judgment, and common sense.

We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege...

We thought fast food was eating half a biscuit while running to catch the school bus.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends-not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan ' on it, it was junk  
The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam....  
Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.  
We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents.  
Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel.  
And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600, . . . but who could afford one?  
Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

**In my day:**

- ' "grass" was mowed,
- ' "coke" was a cold drink,
- ' "pot" was something your mother cooked in and
- ' "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby.
- ' "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office,
- ' "chip" meant a piece of wood,
- ' "hardware" was found in a hardware store and
- ' "software" wasn't even a word.

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap.  
How old do you think I am? I bet you have this old man in mind....you are in for a shock! Read on to see -- pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time.

This man would be only 59 years old!!

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Paddy says to Mick - I'm ready for a holiday, only this year I'm going to do it a bit different.

3 years ago I went to Spain and Mary got pregnant.  
2 years ago I went to Italy and Mary got pregnant.  
Last year I went to Majorca and Mary got pregnant."  
Mick asks - So what are you going to do this year?."  
Paddy replies, - I'll take her with me!"

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Paddy's in the bathroom and Murphy shouts to him. "Did you find the shampoo?"  
Paddy says, "Oi did, but it's for dry hair and I've just wet mine."

## THE WOODEN BOWL

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

'We must do something about father,' said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.'

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone.

Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor.

He asked the child sweetly, 'What are you making?' Just as sweetly, the boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.' The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

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Paddy finds a sandwich with two wires stickin out of it. He phones the police and says "Bejasus I've just found a sandwich dat looks like a bomb." The operator asks, "is it tickin?" Paddy says "No, oi tink it's beef"

# MARQUES THROUGH THE AGES

## Goliath

In 1928 Goliath-Werke Borgward & Co was started by Carl Borgward and Wilhelm Tecklenburg. The company was based in Bremen, Germany. They started by developing the "Blitzkarren", a three-wheeler which was easy to build. It could also be used for transporting loads. A new vehicle was developed, named the Goliath.

A variety of versions were developed. In a short time more than 300 people were employed and lack of space led to several moves.

Hansa-Lloyd AG was struggling and the majority of the stock was bought by the company. This changed the range of vehicles on offer and a move was made to include small passenger vehicles in the range. Development was now rapid in the personal passenger as well as the truck ranges.

This development led to more than 6000 staff being employed by the end of the 1930's. It was now the biggest private German car factory.

World War II led to the stopping of regular production. Tanks, track laying vehicles and war vehicles were produced. The factory was destroyed during the war due to bombing.

At the 1948 Hanover fair the Goliath GD750 triangle was introduced. This was the start of the remotorisation of Germany. There was a need for an inexpensive mode of transport which this model provided. About 30 000 units were produced.

In 1948 the company was founded as Goliath-Werke GmbH.

1950 led to the introduction of the Goliath GP700 which sold even better than the GD750. Over 36 000 were made all together.

Technological changes in 1957 led to the end of the 2-stroke engine. It was replaced with a 4-stroke opposed cylinder engine. The Goliath 1100 and Express 1100 was released.

The company's reputation as a maker of tricycles overrode its attempts to move to the more conventional passenger car market. In an attempt to shed the three-wheeler image, the 1100 range was sold under the Hansa brand in 1958.

The Borgward group went bankrupt in 1961, taking Goliath with it. Up until 1964, twenty employees continued the production of a few vehicles using the spare parts inventory.

This article was written with reference to the Goliath Veteran Club website and Wikipedia.

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## TAILPIECE

### REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

Last year, I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind.

Today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He complained that he had completed the work a year ago and I still hadn't paid for them.

Hellooooo,...just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year. Hellooooo? It's been a year, so I told him they're paid for. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.

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**Drive Carefully! See You at the Club.**

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