

# The Hornblower



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Vintage Sports Car Club





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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

The new year is here and this is the first newsletter of the year. Lets hope this year goes well.

Sadly during January Donne Townsend passed away. We wish his family our sincere condolences.

The rally scene is gearing up again and there a few notices of upcoming events if you are interested.

I have included an article this month which does relate to some very specific literature so should be quite entertaining for those familiar with the material. If you are not just enjoy as best as you can.

*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

Malcolm Muller's 1985 Lamborghini Countach which visited at bonnets up in December 2015

## 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 (please note name change, It is no longer Madeleine Wiese.)**

For Full comprehensive cover

Contact person - Glenn Broadhurst or Yolande Vermeulen at FNB Insurance Brokers

Phone - 087 736 2222

Fax - 011 699 0783

E-mail- YVermeulen@fnb.co.za

## MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions 2015/2016 Club Year (based on Membership type & due 1 July).

Full Member	R240 including SAVVA fee
Full member plus spouse/partner	R300 including SAVVA fees
Country Member	R220 including SAVVA fee
Country Member plus spouse/partner	R270 including SAVVA fees
Associate Member*	R130 excluding SAVVA fee
Associate Member plus spouse/partner	R175 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 *	R45 + R20 SAVVA fees
Life Member (Principal) Newsletter e-mail *	R20 SAVVA fees
Life Member (Principal and Associate – Spouse/Partner) *	R45 + R40 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’

February 5<sup>th</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup>. March 4<sup>th</sup>. 18<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: ‘Bonnets 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.

## PAST EVENTS

### January 2016

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** European Cars

## COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

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

### February 2016

*7<sup>th</sup> to 12 February 2016: The Kalk Bay Run, SAVVA Veteran National and SCOCC pre-show Veteraantoer.* See notice

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** American Cars

### March 2016

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** Sports Cars

*11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March: 2016 DJ Commemorative Rally.* See notice

*19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March: OD Inggs Memorial Run.* See notice

## **Bonnets up Events 2015**

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| JANUARY   | EUROPEAN CARS             |
| FEBRUARY  | AMERICAN CARS             |
| MARCH     | SPORTS CARS               |
| APRIL     | NO THEME                  |
| MAY       | NO THEME                  |
| JUNE      | NO THEME                  |
| JULY      | HOBBIES DAY AND BOOT SALE |
| AUGUST    | AGM / NO THEME            |
| SEPTEMBER | MOTORCYCLES               |
| OCTOBER   | ITALIAN CARS              |
| NOVEMBER  | FORD DAY                  |
| DECEMBER  | NO THEME                  |

Please note that all cars/bikes are welcome regardless of the theme

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Members

We welcome Francois Davel of Howick to the club.

## 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.

## Club Members Name Badges

The first batch of name badges has been received. If you placed an order, please collect yours from Ron, at bonnets up, or later, from the barman at the Klink.

We will be placing another order soon. If you do not have a badge, please contact Ron Richmond on one of the following channels or leave your name with the barman at the Klink.

Landline: 033 330 2563

Cell: 082 859 6376

Email: [ron.ruth@telkomsa.net](mailto:ron.ruth@telkomsa.net)

Please specify whether you would prefer a magnetic or pin attachment.

Members are requested to wear their name badges at club events.

## Vehicles for hire

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

Mike Westray 072 244 4272

[mikewestray@gmail.com](mailto:mikewestray@gmail.com)

Robin Phipson 033-345 0061

[phipson@wandata.com](mailto:phipson@wandata.com)

Saxon Murray.

Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac)

[tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za](mailto:tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za)

## Museum

We are looking for items for the club museum. If you have anything to donate to the museum please could you contact Junior Fouche on 076 095 0449.

## 2016 VVC D-J MOTORCYCLE RALLY

The exciting news is that the plans for next year's DJ are progressing well and the Regulations for this will hopefully be available before the end of this month so watch this space!

The event will follow the same format as in previous years but the first big change will be that the 2016 event will be the first DJ to be run using GPS loggers instead of the conventional marshals that we have become so used to. This system has been tested on rallies and we have sufficient confidence in it to run next year's rally using the loggers.

There will be a number of questions about how this will work but we will endeavour to answer all of these to give competitors the comfort that they will require to enjoy the rally to the full.

The first one relates to "how do I get a logger?" The answer to this is simple in that you may either wish to purchase one through your club or you can hire one for the event and hiring will be arranged by individual clubs. To purchase at a subsidised price please contact your club chairman and we strongly suggest that you buy one for future rallies will be on this basis. Each entrant will be required to carry one and we have seen from the experience to date that the system works very well. Should you decide to hire one there will be a deposit which will be refunded upon the return of the item in good condition less of course the hire fee.

In reply to the question "why change?" I can say that there are among other two compelling reasons why this step is necessary.

Firstly it is a matter of costs as not having to place marshals does save the event significant cost. In addition to the cost factor the safety of marshals has become an increasing concern in these times and while we will miss the smiles and waves as we pass them the issue of security falls away.

There are two other reasons too which are accuracy and ease of scoring the event and that makes a big difference in the lives of our hardworking volunteer scorers. All in all we are confident that this development will add to the event and we look forward to a really great and enjoyable DJ next year.

The dates are 11 and 12 March for the Rally with registration and documentation taking place as before on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Oxford Village Shopping Centre. We are delighted that the Centre is happy to have us back there next year as the venue worked very well for the event.

Get those motorcycles sorted and get your entry in early as we plan to restrict these to the first 125 entrants.

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DJ 2016  
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11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## **O D INGGS MEMORIAL RUN**

The annual O D Inggs Memorial Run will take place in the Albany district, starting at 0930hr on the 19th March 2016 from the Rosehill Mall, Port Alfred, overnighing in Port Alfred and ending at mid-day on the 20th March 2016. Breakfast facilities are available at the start point.

An evening function and dinner will be held at the Port Alfred Ski Boat Club on Saturday night. The prize giving lunch will also be held there on the Sunday. These functions and lunch on the first day and tea on the second day are covered by the entry fee. A list of popular B&B's is available on request.

Cars and motorcycles manufactured before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1985 are eligible to compete and entry fees are R600.00 per vehicle. Additional passengers will be charged at a rate of R275 each if they require all the meals

All vehicles must have a minimum of Third Party Insurance. If entrants do not have insurance cover, SAVVA Event Insurance is available at a cost of R50 per event. Entrants who do not have insurance must do so timeously and provide proof thereof.

All drivers and navigators must be current members of recognised clubs and hold valid SAVVA indemnities. All entrants must provide proof.

The attention of entrants is drawn to the SAVVA safety requirements.

A mounting bracket to mount the disc numbers on front must be provided.

This event has been popular and well supported in previous years and we hope to have an equally successful event this year.

Please contact Bill Martin (Tel 071 509 0169 or 071 675 4570 or email: [club@avcmc.co.za](mailto:club@avcmc.co.za)) if any more information is required.

Clerk of the Course  
**BILL MARTIN**



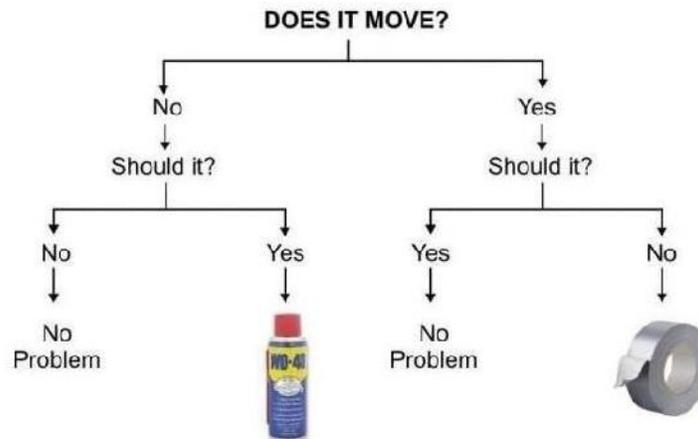
THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

**SAVVA Technical Tip 104 WD40**

*Let's start the year off with a bit of humour. This was taken from a US publication.*

**Here's an interesting illustration of when and when not to use WD40 and Duct tape.**

### Engineering Flowchart



Why did the chicken cross the road?

Colonel Sanders: I missed one?

Basil Fawlty: Oh, don't mind that chicken. It's from Barcelona.

Bill Gates: I have just released the new Chicken 2000, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your chequebook. Of course, you will have to purchase Microsoft Road.

Stan Laurel: I'm sorry, Ollie. It escaped when I opened the run.

## Technical Tip 105 – Cleaning chrome

*This tip comes from Roberts cycle in Chicago and seems to have merit. Feedback on it's success would be appreciated.*

### A simple solution

A simple and inexpensive way to remove rust from **and** polish chrome surfaces by hand is to rub it with aluminium foil dipped in water. This process yields two advantages. First, since the aluminium foil is softer than steel, it will not scratch the surface. And second, a by-product of the process produces a fine metal polishing compound that smoothes the chrome surface to a bright shine.

### Geek Stuff- Oxides are the key

**Cleaning** Rust is basically oxidized metal or in other words metal that has taken on extra oxygen atoms. As heat is generated by the friction of rubbing the aluminium foil on the chrome, a portion of the aluminum will oxidize to produce aluminum oxide. Aluminium has a higher reduction potential (i.e. a tendency take on electrons and in the process reduce or break itself down) than the chrome, and will therefore leech oxygen atoms away from any rust on the chrome surface which changes the chemical properties of the rust and breaks it down.

**Polishing** Aluminum oxide is harder than steel, and the microscopic grains of aluminium oxide produced during the cleaning process creates a fine metal polishing compound which, mixed with the water you added, creates a paste that smoothes and polishes the chrome surface.

### In English - How it works

A common way to clean a rusted chrome surface such as a fender is to use a fine steel wool. However, when you use this method you have to use a lot of elbow grease and you still end up with a slightly dull surface with some amount of scratching not to mention the messy 'dust' left over from the steel wool. That's because you are physically scraping off the rust.

When you use the aluminium foil method you are dissolving the rust chemically so you don't need to rub nearly as hard and since the aluminium foil is softer than the chrome, you are left with few if any scratches. This method also allows you to get the rust out of some minor pitting without having to dig into the surface.

The aluminium oxide that is created by friction when you rub the surface of the chrome leeches the rust away and when combined with the water you added creates it's own polishing compound so you end up with a clean, smooth, shiny surface.

### Step by step - By the numbers people

**Step 1** Cut the aluminium foil into small squares. 3" by 3" should do.

**Step 2** Wipe down or wash the surface to remove any surface dirt.

**Step 3** Dip a square into some water or sprinkle some water on it and spread it around on the surface of the foil.

**Step 4** Cup the wet square over the surface you want to clean so you get a nice even coverage.

**Step 5** Start rubbing a 6 or 8 inch area and remember you don't have to rub very hard. As you rub, you'll feel the surface get smoother and smoother until the foil just glides

over it. You will also notice a light brown paste building up. This is the polish that results from the chemical reaction.

**Step 6** When the surface is nice and smooth and you have polished it, take a clean cloth and wipe the polish off.

**Step 7** Once you finish cleaning and polishing the item you need to cover the surface to protect it from the elements. At a minimum you can wipe it down thoroughly with a clean cloth. Since cloth inherently contains some amount of oil, this will give you at least some protection. The best method would be to use a small amount of chrome polish or maybe something like turtle wax or an equivalent kind of wax or polish. Make sure you wipe the surface down with a paper towel first instead of a cloth because paper doesn't contain any oil so you will have a clean and dry surface for the wax or polish to adhere to.

### **Limitations - There's always a catch**

If the surface is severely pitted or some of the chrome plating has peeled off, there is a limit to how much you can do. Since this method removes the rust chemically, you should still be able to get rid of most if not all of the rust. And since it creates its own polishing compound, you should be able to feather (taper) the peeled off edges to help prevent more peeling in the future. Again, once you have the surface as rust free and smoothed down as much as possible, don't forget to apply some form of wax or polish.

### **Things we noticed along the way**

Use a little extra water if you want a super fine finish.

Wad up a larger piece of foil when you work on pitted areas. The edges created will help smooth down the pits.

Don't rub too long with the first 'paste' created. Once the surface feels nice and smooth and you've wiped the gunk off, you can use a new piece of foil with some more water to get as much shine as you like.

Don't waste your time with a severely pitted surface since the rust has probably eaten down through the chrome to the bare metal. Smooth it down as much as you can with steel wool then use the aluminium foil method to remove as much rust as possible.

The aluminium foil method also works pretty well on steel. It removes the rust well, but don't expect that super shiny finish like you get with the chrome because it never had that to begin with.

To get the best results, remove that fender or other part so you can work on it easily without having nooks and crannies to dig into.

If you're working on severely rusted rims, you might want to use a steel brush to remove the worst rust spots first. This will also remove any caked on road gunk so you have a better surface to work with.

### **A final Note – Parting is such sweet sorrow...**

We hope you will be as amazed with this method as we are. It has saved us a lot of time and effort and has yielded much better results than we've gotten in the past.

## SERVICES

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

- **Silicon Brake Fluid** available at **Motorcycle Centre**, 265 Berg St. 033-394 6941 and **Race Spares Africa** 084 396 0285 Roger Veitch
- **Waterflow Plumbing cc** For general plumbing services, clearing blocked drains etc. Contact Clinton Hart on 076 194 4185 or 033 - 396 6953
- **New Parts.** Ford ignition coils 1937-41, 1952 ford stop/tail light lenses, Zephyr 1936- 39 rear light lenses, 1951-54 Ford V8 tail light lenses, 1959 Ford parking light lenses, Chrome tail light housing 1951/52 Zephyr & Consul.  
Flywheels – A30, Morris Minor, Taunus, Prefect, Anglia, Zephyr.  
Period wheel trims – Simca, Taunus and others. Rings, Fanbelts 1950's Chrysler.  
**Jansen's Motor Spares (Klerksdorp) 018 462 9121.**
- **Good weld** – Specialised welding; TIG & MIG, Aluminium, Magnesium, Titanium, Stainless, Cast Iron, Pewter, Etc. Turning, Spline cutting, General engineering. Run by enthusiasts. 4 Roger de Klerk Place, Mkondeni. Phone, 033 346 1207
- **Bearings & Seals** – 424 Greyling St. (Also 'O' rings, belts, roller chain etc.) Contact Dennis on 033-345 7739 or 082 656 4864, who will do his best to locate items needed, if not in stock.
- **Professional bead blasting** with proper glass beads, professional chassis clean, professional repairs and vacuum pulling/pumping of BMC hydrostatic suspension units. Contact Robin on 033-3450061, or visit 23 West Street.

Why did the chicken cross the road?

Albert Einstein: The chicken did not cross the road. The road passed beneath the chicken.

Isaac Newton: Chickens at rest tend to stay at rest. Chickens in motion tend to cross roads.

Peter Higgs: We must first find the chicken.

Galileo Galilei: The chicken crossed the road because it put one foot in front of the other and took a sufficient number of steps to transverse a distance greater than or equal to the road's width. Note the reason is not because the earth is the center of the universe. Oh, great....another jail term.

## FOR SALE

- **\*1981 BMW R100RS**, red, Licensed and generally in good condition but requires attention . Motor and bodywork in excellent condition, but brake calipers seized, and clutch frozen. BMW Krauser panniers included. Asking R 22 000-00 as is onco.  
**1948 Velocette 350 MAC**. Good runner, no registration papers. Asking R 27 000 as is onco.  
Contact Ron Richmond : cell 082 859 6376 / Home 033 330 2563

## WANTED

- **\*\*\*Parts for a BSA A50 or A65** rebuild, I would be interested in any parts that you may have, at the moment I am urgently looking for a swinging arm or a full frame with the swinging arm. Please call Colin on 0723819877.
- **\*For 1941 Chevrolet**. Looking for workshop manual, Centre Chrome Strip for bonnet and Rearview window. Contact Rory Sclanders on 083 4637736 or 033 3432172

### **Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?**

A: James T. Kirk: To boldly go where no chicken has gone before

A: Mr. Scott: 'Cos ma wee transporter beam was na functioning properly. Ah canna work miracles, Captain.

A: Dr. McCoy: Dammit Jim!! I'm a doctor not a farmer!

A: Mr. Spock: Obviously, it was the logical thing to do.

A: Mr. Data: Why is a barn yard fowl crossing a thoroughfare humorous?

A: Mr. Worf: For the honour of all chickens.

A: Counselor Troi: I knew it was going to happen. I could sense it.

A: Computer: Insufficient information.

## TRAVELLING AND HITCHHIKING TIPS

1. Know where your towel is.
2. If you've done six impossible things this morning, why not round it off with breakfast at Milliways.
3. Avoid the transport routes of McKenna's All-weather Haulage.
4. When on pilgrimage to the Final Message, the scooters are not for the devout.
5. Babelfish make for good translators.
6. Don't try to hitchhike a lift from a Vogon.
7. The Big Bang Burger Bar hosts a great show.
8. Drunk in charge of a space ship is a serious offense.
9. Entities whose lifespan originate in any of the plural zones are not advised to travel in hyperspace.
10. DON'T PANIC

If these flew over your head, you might want to look into Douglas Adams' The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy Trilogy – All five parts.

For the Douglas Adams fans out there, I just figured out one of his jokes in the Hitchhikers books with reference to the name Ford Prefect (an alien) chose for himself....

Although Ford had taken great care to blend into Earth society, he had "skipped a bit on his preparatory research," and thought that the name "Ford Prefect" would be "nicely inconspicuous."

The [Ford Prefect](#) was a popular British car manufactured from 1938 to 1961, and Douglas later clarified that Ford had mistaken the motor vehicle as the predominant lifeform on the planet.



## TAILPIECE

This guy was on the side of the road hitch hiking on a very dark night and in the middle of a storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stop. The guy, without thinking about it, got in the car and closed the door, just to realize there's nobody behind the wheel.

The car started slowly. The guy looked at the road and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life.

Then, just before he hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and turned the wheel. The guy, paralyzed with terror, watched how the hand appeared every time they came to a curve. The guy, gathering strength, jumped out of the car and ran to the nearest township. Wet and in shock, he went to a bar and asked for a drink.

He then started telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through. A silence enveloped everybody when they realized the guy was crying and, wasn't drunk.

About half an hour later two guys walked into the same bar, wet and out of breath. Looking around and seeing the guy who hitched a lift, the one said to the other, "Look, Tolu, see the idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it."

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

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