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Vintage Sports Car Club





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“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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EDITORIAL

It is hard to believe it is April already. Cars in the Park is just around the corner so please make yourselves available to help. I have included a letter from Carl on the latest developments in the newsletter. It covers the registration procedure as well directions and entrance fees. It sounds like it is going to be another good show.

Please note that there will be NO Bonnets Up in May, due to preparations for CITP the next day. Members are welcome to offer their services at the venue instead.

Last month was the DJ Rally and an eventful one at that. There is a write up on the rally for those interested. I haven't included pictures but there is a nice gallery of pictures on the DJ Run website.

We appear to be having trouble recovering our fees that were due in June last year from members. Please pay up if you haven't paid. If you are unsure of your account status, please contact John Wilsworth, the treasurer.

See you at the club

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

ON THE COVER

A Chev Corvette belonging to Trevor Lewis, displayed at the March Bonnets Up

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 contact name changes, It is no longer Madeleine Wiese or Yolande Erasmus.)

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'

April 1<sup>st</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 29. May 6<sup>th</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>. 27<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

### 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.*

*19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March: OD Inngs Memorial Run.*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016: BREAKFAST RUN TO CRYSTAL BARN, NOTTINGHAM ROAD.** This event, organized by Clyde & Rose Wyatt, had to be cancelled due to insufficient interest.

## COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

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

### April 2016

**Saturday 9th April 2016: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** No theme

### May 2016

**Saturday 14th May 2016: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** Cancelled due to 'Cars InThe Park' the next day

**Sunday 15th May 2016.: VSCC Cars in the Park - Ashburton training centre**

## **Bonnets up Events 2015**

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>JANUARY</b>   | <b>EUROPEAN CARS</b>             |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  | <b>AMERICAN CARS</b>             |
| <b>MARCH</b>     | <b>SPORTS CARS</b>               |
| <b>APRIL</b>     | <b>NO THEME</b>                  |
| <b>MAY</b>       | <b>NO THEME</b>                  |
| <b>JUNE</b>      | <b>NO THEME</b>                  |
| <b>JULY</b>      | <b>HOBBIES DAY AND BOOT SALE</b> |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    | <b>AGM / NO THEME</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>                  |

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

# **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **New Members**

We have no new members to introduce this month.

## **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**

Members wishing to hire the club hall are requested to please fill in and submit the requisite form. Copies of the form are available at the Klink.

## **Club Members Name Badges**

If you previously placed an order, please collect your badge from the barman at the Klink.

The latest order has not yet been received from the supplier.

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  
Saxon Murray.

## **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.



## THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

### SAVVA Technical 107 – Stopping Model T's

At home I have a little booklet "The Book of the Ford" written in 1922 by a Mr R T Nicholson, it dishes out some very useful tips on how to stop the Model T. Besides the foot operated service brake, Mr Nicholson informs me, I have four other brakes making my T a very safe vehicle.

These additional brakes are

1. low gear,
2. switching off the ignition,
3. using the reverse gear and
4. lastly the handbrake.

The first three are sure ways to wreck your Ford in a very short period of time - leaving only the emergency / hand brake as a means of slowing, not quite stopping the T.

Can you imagine having to go through the first three procedures when a split second separates you from disaster? Please bear in mind that Mr Nicholson was a Brit!

Why has the T got such poor stopping power? Firstly there are no brakes on the front wheels and secondly the foot operated service brake works through the transmission using a well lubricated contracting cotton band to do the stopping. As a matter of interest, stopping the car using the service brake thereby locking the prop shaft can lead to some very scary moments on slippery or gravel roads – the moment both rear wheels do not have the same amount of grip they can actually start turning in opposite directions!

So apart from going for some aftermarket brakes such as Rocky Mountain Brakes the only other option is to use the hand brake. Initially the shoes were steel on steel to be used for starting and parking purposes only – soon aftermarket lined shoes became available and the hand brake with very thin walled drums at the rear could be used to supplement the service brake in modern traffic.

Well, almost. The hand brake is mounted pretty low down in the T requiring one to bend down and forward if you wanted to use the device – not very comfortable in an emergency. So, like with the reverse pedal extender someone, in this instance a Mr Grout invented an aftermarket hand brake extender. Although complex to install it was a very handy accessory item indeed.

Sadly, today this item is no longer available. A few years ago some NOS (new old stock) items were discovered in the USA – they were soon replicated and sold for \$149.99 apiece until production ended through lack of finding a manufacturer with the necessary skill and patience to manufacture this retro article.

I therefore recently decided to make my own – one weekend later I had a perfect hand brake extender of a much simpler and stronger design than the original and once again made from bits and pieces I had lying around in my garage. Maybe not as elegant as the original but it does the job very well positioning the handle within easy reach when driving by bringing the lever 15 cm forward and raising it by 12 cm. Also much easier to remove and install than Mr Grout's - should one need to remove the floorboards for routine adjustment of the transmission bands one simply undoes one split pin and two nuts securing the extender to the original handle.

**Paul Hoogendoorn, 1922 Ford T Runabout**

## SERVICES

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

- **Old motor vehicle spares** (car, truck, and tractor) Parts for most makes and models 1930's – 1980's. **Huberts Old Motoring Equipment**, 011-957 0206, E-mail [Hubert@worldonline.co.za](mailto:Hubert@worldonline.co.za)
- **Batteries** 6, 8 and 12 volt, all sizes manufactured, **Battery House**, 033 394 1224 Pietermaritzburg.
- **G & C Enterprises** – Manufacturer's of all types of gaskets – 35 Globe Road, Scottsville ext. Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Phone Garth Yeoman, 083 316 6288 or 033-386 2869
- **Latest Mike's 'A' fordable** parts catalogue, is available from Mike Leisegang. Cell 082 857 8733; E-mail [mike.leisegang@gmail.com](mailto:mike.leisegang@gmail.com)
- **Glen Kolm** is a severely disabled car and bike enthusiast who is also highly experienced fitter and turner. He currently assists a few VSCC members with their problems. If you would like his assistance contact him on 084 699 8978 or 082 618 2686.



'nuff said

## FOR SALE

- **\*\*\*1948 Velocette 350 MAC.** Good runner, good condition, no registration papers. Asking R 30 000 as is.  
Contact Ron Richmond : cell 082 859 6376 / Home 033 330 2563
- **\*\*Vw Beetle 1974. 1600.**A beautiful VW Beetle in good condition. Original. With red leather upholstery. One owner, a little old lady. Reconditioned engine and in daily use. Needs some TLC from a collector. Sold Voetstoets. R35,000 onco. Contact. Cindy Taylor 0723410094
- **\*\*Anyone interested in some Morris 1000 body parts?** It's a 2 door. Have a bonnet, boot, front and back fenders and the 2 doors, still in good condition. They are really in my way.  
Contact Hans Hartmann at [hans@ambulance.co.za](mailto:hans@ambulance.co.za)
- **\*Latest Mike's 'A' fordable** parts catalogue. Contact Mike Leisegang cell 082 857 8733, E-mail [mike.leisegang@gmail.com](mailto:mike.leisegang@gmail.com)
- **\*\*1979 Mercedes 450 SL.** R150 000. onco. See photo on Clubhouse notice board.  
Contact Gavin Richmond on 083 5555094
- **\*\*1981 MGB GT**Rubber Bumper model,(Last year of MGB GT production) Pearl white with Rostyle wheels. Very good condition. Asking R 70 000 onco.  
Contact: Clive Dennison onTel: 033 326 1167, Cell: 082 410 7030,  
Email; [dennison2@telkomsa.net](mailto:dennison2@telkomsa.net).
- **\*Matchless 500 G80CS** (no papers). Phone Wayne Westwood on 082 575 3027 for price and details.



## WANTED

- **\*\*\*For 1941 Chevrolet.** Looking for workshop manual, Centre Chrome Strip for bonnet and Rearview window. Contact Rory Sclanders on 083 4637736 or 033 3432172



# Bike Chatter

## Bike News: March 2016

### **March Mid-Month Ride:**

We had a lovely pre-ride evening despite the fact that it was a long weekend and lots of members were away. Thank you to everyone who brought snacks and salads to share - truly enjoyed by all as usual and sadly missed when not there! Lindsay made an amazing chocolate cake which we won't mind tasting again...

Here is Mike's report:

Welcome to the new riders that joined us for the ride. After an undecided start due to overcast and drizzly weather in Pietermaritzburg, we set off together with Rajan in the support vehicle from Hi-Q at 8am.

Our route took us out of PMB on the N3 with a glide off at Camperdown and then on to the R603 and a short stop at Eston to meet up with some others joining there. It was then on past Umbumbulu which was fortunately quiet on a Sunday morning but with lots of signs of previous unrest in the form of burnt logs and large rocks that had been used as barricades.

We then joined the N2 at Kingsburgh for the short ride up to Amanzimtoti and then on to the Thirsty Whale Pub/Restaurant car park on the beachfront. The weather in Toti was much better and warmer with even a few glimpses of the sun. The main beach was very busy with lots of people swimming. The Thirsty Whale Pub/Restaurant where we joined the contingent from the Dolphin's Coast 100's riders with Klaus was the highlight of the day with tables for 40 members of the 100's Club being reserved on the second deck level with 190 degree sea views. The rest of the restaurant was already packed out and the large breakfast, although slow for some of us, was really worth waiting for and great value at R50pp. We ended up with a total of 33 people at the venue. Minnesh suggested a group photo on the beach where we also drew the raffle with Heather drawing the lucky number. RajanRamlal, our backup driver for the ride, generously donated his fuel money back to the club. Thank you Rajen for this extra boost to the kitty.

We said goodbye to our friends from the Dolphin Coast Group and headed off for home back on the same route. Heather and Mervyn treated us to the traditional Ice Creams back at the KFC Armitage Road parking lot to bring an end to the day. Thank you to each and every one for making it such a successful outing and safe and enjoyable ride and a special thanks to Mervyn who did a sterling job as Road Marshall.

Safe riding



### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

|                         |                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 16/04/2016              | April Social & Awards Evening                   |
| 27/04/2016 – 01/05/2016 | Africa Bike Week, Margate                       |
| 15/05/2016              | Cars In The Park, Ashburton                     |
| 19/06/2016              | Mid-month Ride – Hosts: Stewart & Rita Aylward  |
| 17/07/2016              | Mid-month Ride – Hosts: Leijn&GuibinTissink     |
| 28/07/2016 – 30/07/2016 | Boyz Weekend – Dragon Rally, Ifafa Beach        |
| 21/08/2016              | Mid-month Ride – Host: Adrian Bloem             |
| 18/09/2016              | Mid-month Ride – Host: Leon Jooste              |
| 16/10/2016<br>Westwood  | Mid-month Ride – Hosts: Wayne & Sandy           |
| Nov 2016                | Christmas Party / Social (Date to be confirmed) |
| 27/11/2016              | National Toy Run, Amanzimtoti                   |

Facebook Link:

[www.facebook.com/pages/100s-Riders/339649839471](http://www.facebook.com/pages/100s-Riders/339649839471)

***100's Riders are committed to safer, slower riding and it is compulsory for all participants to ride with a high-viz jacket or vest. No alcohol is consumed on 100's Group Rides.***

Regular naps prevent old age, especially if you take them while driving.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

## 2016 DJ RALLY

The 2016 running of the DJ Rally has been interesting to say the least. The weather over the two days was favourable, unlike last year, and yet the casualty rate was higher than usual.

The event was won by Ralph Pitchford on his 1926 Triumph. This was his first win.

This year a change was made to the capturing of the results. For safety reasons, the manned marshalling stations were abandoned and instead use was made of electronic data loggers. This enables faster electronic downloads of data and quicker results, as well as capturing data more accurately. There were however some glitches with devices switching off and batteries going flat. I would expect that these issues will be receiving some attention for next years' run.

From the perspective of VSCC club members competing, and their families, the race was challenging. A week before the race, Stuart Anderson dropped his 1918 Harley Davidson on his ankle and broke his foot, effectively excluding him from competing. The good news was that the bike was okay and Jayson completed the rally, finishing in 20<sup>th</sup> place. Samantha Anderson was rather unlucky however. After a good start and a good first day's run, shortly after leaving the overnight stop in Newcastle, her 1909 Humber (oldest bike) caught alight and burned out after the fuel tap came adrift from the fuel tank. Despite some burns to her leg she is doing okay. The Humber however will require some significant restoration before it can see another D J. The unfortunate incident earned Samantha the Hard Luck Trophy.

Graham Bowles also took part on his 1930 300cc Zenith. He also had some tough luck and ended up having to ride 45km on a flat tyre between Ladysmith and Volksrust. This earned him the True Grit Award, and despite this setback, he still achieved 38<sup>th</sup> place at the finish.

Eric Lewis and Rob Thompson also completed the rally finishing in 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> places respectively.

Some other interesting events of the rally saw Ian Holmes (Clerk of the Course) earning himself a painful black eye and three stitches on his face, when, after pushing Kevin Robertson's 1936 500cc Velocette MSS to get the engine started, he stumbled and fell, as it fired and pulled away abruptly.

Kevin Robertson (seven times winner) wasn't having much better luck when the aforementioned Velocette experienced carburetor problems. He was also one of unlucky ones to experience problems with his data logger, and ended up finishing very low in the rankings.

I think it can be said that this race will not be forgotten soon by many of its competitors. They will I'm sure be back next year for another go.

This year's race earned the expression "blood, sweat and tears."

The DJ Rally website has a full list of winners and trophy recipients as well as a race report and a splendid collection of pictures, should you wish to view them.

*Gillian*

## Bentley Speed Six



This is a Bentley Speed Six, a marvel of British engineering from 1930, which was restored to its glory in honor of the legendary 1930 Bentley 'Blue Train'.

In 1930, British motor company Rover advertised that it beat the world-famous 'Train Bleu', a luxury express train, designed to take British aristocrats and celebrities from Calais to the French Riviera. Originally, the

Bentley Speed Six was introduced in 1928 as a more sporting version of the Bentley 61 $\frac{1}{2}$  litre.

The vehicle's interior is made of red leather, velvet carpeting, and walnut trimmings.

Following the advertisement, Captain Joel Woolf Babe Barnato, a British playboy millionaire and chairman of Bentley, wagered £100 that his Bentley Speed Six could beat the train as well. (Back in 1930, the average annual income in the UK was £165)

The Bentley Speed Six was first introduced in 1928 as a sporty version of the Bentley 61 $\frac{1}{2}$  litre. They were produced until 1930, when a new model took its place.

The original version also had a champagne and crystal glass holder, but no seat belts.

Despite being off to a bad start, Barnato managed to beat the train by a few minutes, but when the French authorities got wind of his exploits, he was fined for illegally racing and paid a hefty fine.

The story became infamous and the Speed Six became a legendary vehicle. The engine was restored to perfect running order, using original and custom-parts.

The boot of the car holds a beautiful surprise as well. A fancy tool organizer, recreated according to the original specs. The toolbox folds up to reveal a red velvet trunk, with ample room for the discerning 1930's man of wealth.

The Blue Train version produced 200 hp, reached a top speed of 200km/h (125mph), and won the 24 Hours of Le Mans race in 1929 and 1930. In both races, the driver was none other than Barnato – the Chairman of Bentley Motors.

## **Cars in the Park 2016**

3rd April 2016

Dear Car Club members and Car enthusiasts,

Excitement is growing as the final preparations for the **41st annual "Cars in the Park"**, hosted by the Pietermaritzburg Vintage Sports Car Club, are underway, and to be held on **Sunday the 15th May 2016**.

The venue is again the **Ashburton Training Centre**, details are as follows: Co-ordinates are: 29°38'43.23"S 30°28'8.62"E

At the N3 Ashburton off ramp, coming from either Durban or Pietermaritzburg veer left off the highway, then turn right on the road over the highway, and follow this road, Pope Ellis drive for +- 2km to the Ashburton Training Centre on the left.

Once again it will be a spectacular show for the whole family. For the men over 1 400 vehicles of all shapes and sizes, tractor, steam engines, motorcycles, etc, will be on display. For the ladies lots of flea market stands to do some serious shopping. For the younger kids up to 12 a playground area with jumping castles, swings, train rides, horse rides, and more. There will be a food court with many varieties, a beer garden, and a **live band the Bifocals**. Radio controlled model plane and car display.

**FNB ATM available.**

**Entry fees: Adults R 50.00 - Pensioners and Children R 30.00 - Children under 5 free, Children 5 to 12 get R 40.00 free playground vouchers.**

**There will be Prizes and Cups for the best club and the best individual displays as well as Lucky Draw prizes.**

**Club and individual exhibitors please market and enhance your stands with posters and banners.**

Unfortunately to host a successful day like this we need some **controls and guide lines**.

**All exhibitors** are asked to once again **register online**, which made access to the event so quick and easy last year.

Gates open 5.30 am and all exhibitors are requested to please **arrive no later than 8.30am**, and **not leave before 3.00pm**. We understand that many have long trips to get home, but visitors like to see all the vehicles on display.

**Exhibitors please register your vehicles ASAP**, log onto <http://www.carsinthepark.net> then follow the easy instructions.

The top two fields entered on the vehicle registration form ie: Name – Telephone Number is the information that appears on the registration form and the 3rd field the Email address is person where the registration form will be sent to. If these 3 fields are left blank the form will sent to the registered persons email address. This makes it easy for one person to register multiple exhibitors from one club and having the form sent to the owner of the vehicle, with his correct details.

**Please leave your registration form on your vehicle for the day.**

A detailed stand layout map of the venue is on the same web site.

Should any further information be required please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Carl Habermann.

082 447 3355

**LOTS OF PARKING - NO MORE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS**

**Clubhouse GPS co-ordinates:** 29°38'12.55"S 30°23'40.55"E

**Web Page:** <http://www.vsc.co.za/> or <http://www.carsinthepark.net>

**E-mail:** [admin@carsinthepark](mailto:admin@carsinthepark).

## TAILPIECE

This happens every day.....

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition.

He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice.

"Are you kidding me?" He barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!"

Welcome to the golden years...

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

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