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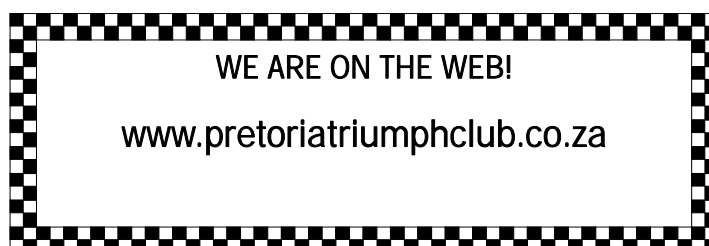
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SEASONAL STORY—EDITORIAL

A Seasonal end of winter greetings to you all, although we seem to have had the very cold of it and the very hot of it all in the last two weeks. Spring is in the air (somewhere, it must just get more down to earth already!)

We seem to have a bumper picture issue this month, well that's ok as I know most of you only read the pictures anyway. We have had quite a busy winter these last two months with all of the events depicted in this issue, check them out on the pages that follow and see if you would just maybe like to join in some of them in future.

We went from an ice cold MG Icicle rally to a Hot August Night (I mean day) for our Gymkhana day all in one week, but that's good ol' Pretoria for you.

A surprise Ladies Day outing next month, so be there and join in the fun. Not to forget the inter club quiz as well in September.

I am very impressed with this months front cover not only because of what it says (which is true) but because Bill suggested it.

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(P.S. See Nick Wood for further details.....)



Cheers for now.....**Helen**

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Lunch at Parys - Sunday 22nd August (See back page for details)

Sunday, 12th September 2010: Spring Ladies Day

More details at the August noggin.



Wednesday, 15th September 2010: Noggin and Inter-club Quiz

This noggin will be hosted by the Amasevens while our club will also host the annual inter-club quiz against the Johannesburg Centre. We need as many members to attend as possible.

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP–VOORSITTER SE VARIA

The Amaseven House has done us proud with the excellent and most enjoyable gymkhana / driving test they hosted last Sunday. On behalf of all the participants, spectators and visitors I wish to thank Bill Sales and his team for a job extremely well done. Thank you to Terry Murphy for the challenging yet safe course he designed and mapped out with traffic bollards and also to Bill Flynn for the tailor made venue he organized at the B-House and Rafters Restaurant.

The Amasevens event was actually the third event we had the opportunity to participate in during August. On Sunday, 1st August, many of us attended the Pretoria Old Motor Club's annual Cars in the Park at Zwartkops race track. This year we enjoyed a far greater attendance by club members and other Triumph owners than the previous year. At one stage I counted no less than 32 Triumphs parked at the official Triumph stand. It was also very good to see our country members from Limpopo Province making the trip to Pretoria. A big thank you must go to Terrance du Toit (TR6) who came down from Tzaneen as well as William Kelly (TR4A) and Andre Joubert (TR5) who drove all the way from Mokopane (Potgietersrus).

On Monday, 9th August (Womens' Day), some of us accepted the invitation by the MG Car Club to participate in the annual Icicle Rally. There were no less than 55 entries in total and three teams from our club entered as novices in the regularity event. Congratulations to Bill Sales and Bill Flynn (TR7) who came 22nd, as well as Johan and Sieglinde Retief (Rover) in 25th place. Unfortunately the team consisting of yours truly and Jaco van Vuuren (TR7) lost the plot and scraped home in 37th place. I think we are hooked now and cannot wait for next year's event to prove that we learned a lot as first timers.

Maar ek wil ook 'n bietjie keel skoonmaak. Ek het meer as 50 boodskappe per epos aan ons lede gestuur om hulle uit te nooi na die Amasewes se Gymkhana. Hoeveel daag toe op? Slegs 13 lede. Hoeveel bel of stuur 'n boodskap dat hulle dit nie kan maak nie? Nul!

Ek weet dat baie van ons lede ander verpligtinge het en nie alles kan bywoon nie. Dit sal darem net lekker wees as lede uit hoflikheid kan laat weet dat hulle dit nie kan bywoon nie want ons komiteelede en huiskapteins werk hard om aan die lede van ons klub iets te bied waaraan hulle kan deelneem. Ek veronderstel heelaas dat dit die storie van die Triumphklub is. Dankie tog vir die handjie vol lede wat dit vir ons die moeite werd maak!

Two months from now, on 20th October, we will have our AGM. It is very important that our members attend because we have to elect a new committee to take the club forward in the next year. I am not available to serve on the committee, and I do not know if our other committee members and house captains are prepared to stand again. Now is the time for our members to do some introspection and to ask themselves if they want a Pretoria Triumph Sports car Club at all. If the answer is yes, they should be prepared to make themselves available to serve on the committee for the sake of the club. Remember, it is in giving that you receive.....

Groetnis

Nols

Hierdie is die Voorsitter se "Voorwa"



This is the Chairman's Chair

"Two months from now, on 20th October we will have our AGM. It is very important that our members attend, we have to elect a new committee." Nols Pienaar.

NEW MEMBERS / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We take pleasure in welcoming the following new member and trust that he will enjoy a very long and happy relationship with us:

466. Bernard Froise lives in Tzaneen and he owns a red Spitfire Mk2 that he is currently rebuilding. Bernard was introduced by Terrance du Toit, our other member in Tzaneen. We now have four country members in Limpopo Province.

PERSONALIA

Baie geluk aan Arnold en Lee-Ann Pienaar met die geboorte van hul eersteling seun, Ruben, op 30 Julie. Ons kan nie wag om hom saam met Pa Arnold saam in die rooi Spitfire te sien ry nie!

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THE CANLEY TWINS SAGA CONTINUES (AGAIN)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Helen

Since you reported so diligently about the comings and goings in the past about myself and my twin brother Fransie, and my Ouboet, I regrettably have to inform you about the latest development.

My twin brother Fransie moved to Durban. His master, Chris, grew tired of him but fortunately my master's long standing and dear friend, Rudi, took him in. He therefore had to change his surname, his address, and his number plate. I don't mind that he is a Venter now, nor that he has to live in Westville, or that he has a ND number plate. As long as he does not shout (oops, honk) for the Sharks!

I suppose I will have to wait for the next nationals in 2012 before we can be parked together again. Two years is a long time but nothing in comparison to the 25 years we were separated since Canley until we came close to living together again in Constantia Park, Pretoria, during the past six years. I find consolation in the fact that Fransie has gone to a good home and that I still have Ouboet fairly close by.

Yours sincerely

Daleen



WHO FOUND THE PRETORIA TREASURE?

Pretoria Triumph Treasure Hunt: 25 July 2010

Starting off from the Centurion Bowls Club at 10:00, participants had to follow a 40 km route that ended back at the starting point. Answers to the cryptic clues and questions could be found at three relatively small shopping centres in the south eastern part of Pretoria. Nols and Cathy were responsible for the questions at the Waterkloof Ridge and Waterkloof Heights venues, while Bill and Helen generated the questions at the Greenlyn Village Centre in Menlo Park.

With 11 teams from Pretoria Triumph, 6 from Johannesburg and 4 from the MG Club, we enjoyed a good turnout and keen participation. The meal prepared by chef Anton Myburgh at the Bowls Club for 50 people after the treasure hunt consisted of a roast with Yorkshire pudding and veggies. Not only was it well supported but a first for our club and most enjoyable.—Nols.

From the Editors Desk.....so who did find the Pretoria Treasure and how clever were they to get the clues right.



WHO FOUND THE PRETORIA TREASURE? CONT'D



Who says we have seen the last of the Vuvuzelas..... Look Amstel Lager Vuvuzelas.....!



I vill make dese beautiful Yorkshire Puddings sooo perfectemon zat dey vil tink Chef Anton Myburg did all of zis wonderful cooking.....ne!



7th Place John Crowther and Mike Haydon Pot Plant sponsored by Garden Place at Greenlyn Shopping Centre.



6th Place Nick and Rita Wood R100 Garden voucher sponsored by Garden place at Waterkloof shops.



5th Place Dot Gibbons and 4th Place Anette and Tony Cradock from the MG club.



3rd Place Jean and Margarita Coppens from the JHB club.



2nd Place Bill Sales he won the R150 Woolworths voucher sponsored by Dot Gibbons.

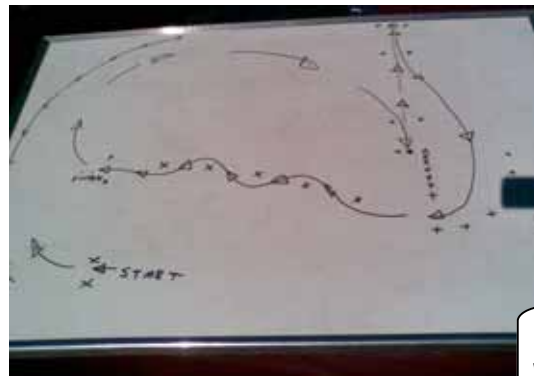


1st Place Steve and Hazel Eden, they won the R200 meal voucher from Foodprint in Greenlyn Shopping Centre in Menlo Park. Eat your hearts out guys they got the clues right.



Lucky draw was won by Giles Wood and Lenny.

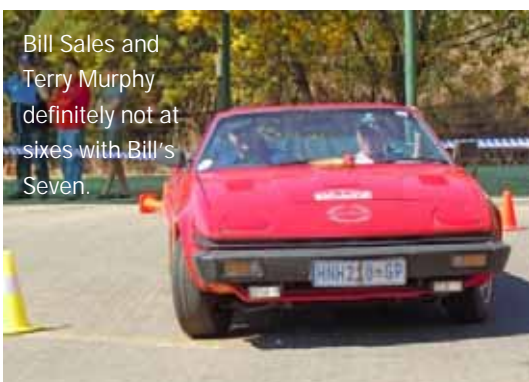
AMA7 ADVENTURE-GYMKHANA FUN DAY SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST



Put your left wheel in.....



Put your right wheel out.....



AMA7 ADVENTURE-GYMKHANA FUN DAY SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST



Yes Nols, the bar is open and you will need that coke to get around the course.



Arnold-Champion track driver. Nick -Champion soccer player. (see pic below)



Are we having fun yet dear?



If you flatten just one of my traffic cones.....I'll whack you one right here.



Run Marcelle run... um...eh...the car is over here in this direction.....

Put your right hand in, put your left foot out, I'm going this way, are you coming?



Nick Wood lines up the "tennis" ball to score his first ever Goal after the FiFa World Cup is over.



No ! Sorry, that's a HAND BALL, RED Cone for you. Please leave the track.....

AMA7 ADVENTURE-GYMKHANA FUN DAY SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST



At last my 1st Place.

I didn't flatten any of your traffic cones, Why are you squeezing my hand so hard?



1st Place Arnold Pienaar.



2nd Place A. Scholtz.



3rd Place Terry Murphy.



A great event hosted by the Amasevens at the B-House on Garsfontein Road. Unfortunately only 13 Pretoria Triumph members in 10 Triumphs put in an appearance, but thanks to the 5 members of the MG Car Club we had enough participants to make the event worthwhile and an enjoyable one.

Results: Men / Classic Cars

1. Arnold Pienaar: Spitfire Mk4
2. Andries Scholtz: Austin Healy Sprite
3. Terry Murphy: TR7 V8

Ladies / Modern Cars

1. Helen Flynn: Audi
2. Adele Louw: Renault

Triumphs seen at the Gymkhana:

TR8, TR7 (4), TR6, TR4A, Spitfire Mk4, Herald 1200 Convertible, Stag
No Sidescreen TR's at all!



Cheers ! Till next time.

VISIT TO KOBUS HALLIDAY IN BRITS—OVER 100 CLASSIC CARS— BY BILL FLYNN

On Friday 13th August , a very lucky day for me, I was invited to view some of Kobus Halliday's collection of cars being kept at his storage facility in Brits.

It's absolutely mind blowing to see so many perfectly restored old cars, all neatly parked and cared for, and all owned by one man.

WOW.... There are no other words to describe this when you see them..... WOW.....and to have Kobus himself take us around and describe each car, it's history and how he managed to collect and resrore them is an absolute privilege.

Most of the cars are Big American Cars, with the closest thing to a Triump being a Standard vanguard, in perfect running condition. Kobus also owns a couple of tractors and an old Ox-wagon .

WOW
Regards
Bill Flynn.



P.O.M.C. CARS IN THE PARK 1ST AUGUST 2010

This year the event was bigger and better and so was the Triumph turnout. Apart from the more than 30 cars at the Triumph stand, many other Triumphs were counted at some of the other multi-make club stands, notably Spitfires and the odd TR. Bill Sales put up our club banner while Jaco van Vuuren brought the club's two brand new gazebos along. There was a good turnout by our members too while our compatriots from Jo'burg also augmented our display considerably.—Nols.



Although I was not there, a good source of mine told me that there were many celebrities at Cars in the Park too. They were caught on camera as they parked in the sun.....Ed.



HERBIE



and Friend



ALVIS PRESLEY



AUSTIN POWERS



The Surry with the Fringe on top, from OKLAHOMA.



Barry and Dennis also from OKLAHOMA.

P.O.M.C. CARS IN THE PARK 1ST AUGUST 2010



The Sheriff from NYC, directing proceedings, with his panda car.



and at last here present
"BACK TO THE FUTURE"
Mr. DELORIAN himself.



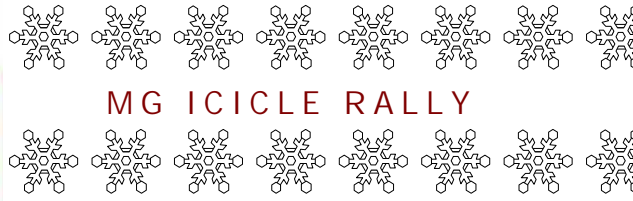
BILL CLINTON with his racing Hillary.



Barry again from OKLAHOMA



and all of their adoring Triumph fans lined up in a row,
ready to be part of the show.



Two tenors gets you a meal at the Wimpy. Two Bills don't get any meal but they do get into the Icicle Rally organized and run by the MG Club of Pretoria. We were joined by Johan and Sieglinde Retief in their 3.5 litre Rover and Nols and Jaco in Nol's 7.



Sales/Flynn Team



Retief Team



Pienaar/Van Vuuren Team

Woman's day the 9th of August saw us out at the crack of dawn so that we could be at Emperors Palace by 7:00am.



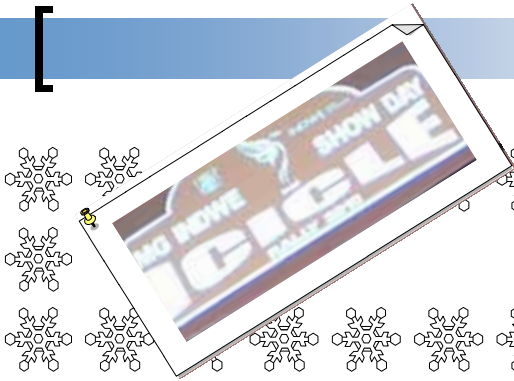
Scrutineering is taken rather seriously as can be seen from the points checked below as the rally is sanctioned by the MSA and all cars have to be roadworthy and legal.

Scrutineering

The following particulars will be checked:

- Warning Triangles
- Mounted Fire Extinguisher (1 x 1.5kg or 2 x 1kg). The fire extinguishers shall be in good working order, and, if a gauge is not fitted, evidence must be furnished to prove that the extinguishers were purchased new or serviced within the six months prior.
- Advertising decals as supplied by the organisers
- Valid vehicle licence
- Safety Belts: In the event of passengers in the car, a minimum of a 3 point safety belt for each passenger must be fitted.





MG ICE RALLY

After scrutineering we were given the route schedule and as novices we had to attempt to interpret these and try to work out what was required. The rally is run against the stop watch and there are certain check points that you have to reach within a specified time. This was not too bad as you can check your time against the odo and try to adjust your speed to compensate for traffic and minor detours. The tricky part was that at certain check points no time was given and you had to fill in the time that you arrived and this was the essence of the rally. The total distance of the rally was 210km.

Penalties were given for every second that you arrived at these points early or late and at the end of the day the team with the lowest penalties was the winner.

We tried to behave ourselves and hopefully we will be invited back for next year's event. I can highly recommend this event as we got to travel over 200km of new and unfamiliar roads.

Congratulations and many thanks go to Esra and all at the MG Club for a well organised and run event.



HOUSE HEARSAY—JOHAN RETIEF

Hi Bill, Helen & Club members,

Attached a few photographs taken at or before recent events attended by the ourselves and other club members. Cars in the Park at Zwartkops held on 1 August, was well attended (about 30 Triumphs on display): the photo of our TR6 was taken at home before departure (still clean and dust free!). The other photos show the 5 Triumph club members in the waiting area before the start of the 210km "Icicle Rally", organised by the MG club, departing from Emperor's Palace near the Oliver Tambo Airport. This turned out to be a very entertaining event, and more members are encouraged to participate in future. From the Triumph club's side both Bills, Jaco and Nols, Sieglinde and myself (not driving a Triumph, but our P6 Rover) represented the Pretoria Triumph club.

Best wishes,
Johan.



HOUSE HEARSAY AMASEVENS—BILL SALES

The length of red tape is longer than you would imagine as today after 3 months I had to visit the Waltloo testing station again with the red 7 for a Police Clearance.

It seems that there is a difference between a Police Inspection and a Police Clearance although the check that was done was identical both times. This time they took a bit longer behind the scenes before I was issued with a small slip of paper and told that I can now register the car. (Smiley Face!)

Registration apparently has to take place before the roadworthy test as without registration the car is still not identifiable.

First thing tomorrow morning I will be off to the Licence offices to see if the end of the red tape is in sight. And then comes the roadworthy. (Non smiley face!)



Bill Sales Red TR7 before Police Clearance.



After Police Inspection. (Clearly there is a difference)

FUTURE OF PRETORIA TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB

Once again what a GREAT TIME, some of us had during July/August via our Triumph Sports Car Club, and this newsletter again highlights these events.

I realize that these fun events are for those who enjoy socializing with like-minded people,.....in our case the guys who enjoy playing with their toys i.e. the sports cars that we dreamed about when they were new, but simply could not afford at the time.....and now use them to recapture our youth! !! I intentionally said "Guys" and excluded the "Girls" simply because I believe our girls are only involved because they have become part of us guys.....and we really appreciate them for their support.

I know that "old" cars are not a "girly" thing, therefore we try to combine club events with interesting outings that will be of interest to our ladies. Having purely competitive events,, concourse days and "parts in a bag" noggins does not do it for them.

Having said that, I do believe we have been able to balance our events very well during the past year, with great outings to interesting places, lovely breakfast and lunch venues, as well as some competitive events.....Yet there still seems to be something lacking, as the turn outs from our club members is still sadly lacking.

Maybe we have become too selective and protective over our "Pretoria" Triumph Club, or maybe too secluded in our "Pretoria" area, or maybe too Brand conscious and not giving other makes the time of day???....Whatever the reason we need to "stop it", and start to re-think our club strategies.....for the clubs own survival.

Why not a "British Sports Car Club", including Triumph, MG, Austin Healy, Mini etc., etc, etc. or at least combining our "Sunday Runs" with other makes and models.....just a thought guys, don't shoot me down yet.

I started this writing by saying "What a great time SOME OF US had" and by the antics and photo's of past and present events in our *TRIUMPH HERALD NEWSLETTERS*, there seems to be no lack of enthusiasm. Yet if one looks closely, it seems the some people.....the SOME OF US.....having a great time. What about the rest of our club members.

Are those of us enjoying our cars with our ladies a dying breed, or is it the poor economy? I don't believe it's the economy, or are we allowing it to strangle the fun life out of us.

I am referring to our most recent event, the "Gymkhana Fun Day" whereby a very simple fun driving test was done, on a tar surface in the parking area of the Rafters Pub within the B-House facility, in full public view to show off our cars. The facility was FREE, the participation was FREE, the good weather was FREE, the prizes that were sponsored were for FREE, the Rafters pub menu was VERY REASONABLE—as even printed in last months newsletter. Yet our clubs member turnout was very disappointing.....but just look at the photo's, for the SOME OF US who came it was GREAT. Thankfully the MG club members came in support.

OK, enough of this negative input, I for one do enjoy our club and am very grateful to the committee for all their efforts and arrangements, and to my dear wife Helen, who for, without her efforts, we would not have a wonderful newsletter.

I've always said that if it was not for our club outings, there are many, many experiences we would not have had, and many interesting places we would not have seen, and many people we would not have met. /overleaf



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The Pretoria Triumph Sports Car Club is a non profit organization that attracts people who are enthusiastic about Triumph Sports Cars and living life in the 'slow lane'. The members are classic, their cars that is, and they enjoy car runs once a month as well as "Noggins" on the third Wednesday of the month.

TRIUMPH TRADERS

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

If you would like to become a member of the club, and join us for our monthly activities, please contact the chairman Nols Pienaar, his details are on page two of this publication.

JO'BURG NEWS

IF YOU DRIVE A TRIUMPH,
YOU WILL ALWAYS WIN!

Lunch Run to Parys (in the OFS) -

Lunch at Parys - Sunday 22nd August

This will be a longish run to Parys (unfortunately in the 'Free State, not in France) where we will do a lot of kuiering and have a good lunch. Parys has been trabsformed over the last 10 years into a touring attraction and a place to spend a quiet Sunday. The main road is now a shopping and culinary precinct, with one or two diners having been influenced by motorcars. Certainly a different venue and one which all will enjoy. The idea is to get there by about 11.00 am and then visit the shops, antique shops, museum etc. and then have lunch, either together or in smaller groups as you all please, at the any restaurants found in the main drag. For the benefit of the members living on the south, east and wet side of Jo'burg, we will meet at the Grasmere Engen 1-stop on the N1 at 10h00 SHARP! That's on the Bloemfontein road just past Soweto. From there it is 80 km to Parys, so we'll easily get there by 11.00 am. Bring some money for lunch and for some shopping if you wish. Any questions please phone Gino on 083-3252063

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Life is all about experiences and the choices you make, and the things you do. So I choose to spend some interesting experiences with my wife, in my old Triumph STAG, with some like minded people.

Also remember we have an AGM coming up shortly, and some good suggestions and ideas have to be discussed, and some "new blood" needs to be voted in, so that we can have a committee who are willing and able to take our club into the future. This is very important if we want our club to continue and prosper into the future.

Regards

Bill Flynn