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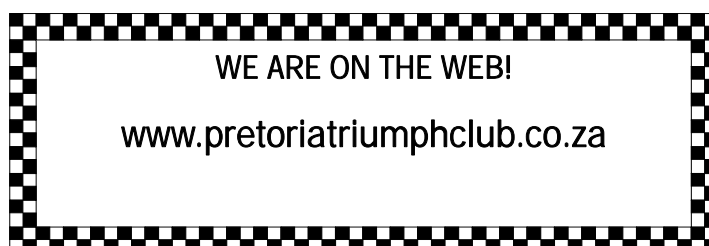
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SEASONAL STORY-EDITORIAL

This is my story, this is my song, we are in spring, and skipping along.....hope you feel the warm weather as inviting as I do.

We had a wonderful Ladies Spring Day Run to the Sammy Marks Museum. We started off at Coco Bistro in Castle Walk shopping centre, with a "to die for" scrambled egg and toast and potato wedges and coffee and tea and juice breakfast. Grahame Gertsch the owner really did us proud with the prompt service and lovely simple food made extraordinary with presentation and speed.....See the full page features on pages 8 and 9.

Bill, Bill (the Top Billing Team) and Nick have some interesting show and tell pictures and stories that I have included in this September issue for you all to look at, read, and digest, and if it is at all possible to comment on or give some other form of feedback.....you decide.

Next month is AGM so choose your committee carefully, otherwise we may end up doing a Triumph run to the salt mines in Siberia with no possibility of a return trip home.....

I was glad to see Rita Wood's mum again and was glad that Edna and Rita's brother Barry were able to join us on the run to Sammy Marks last Sunday.....enjoy the stories on pages 9 and 10.....

Now that Spring has sprung and the grass is rizz and I'm wondering where the birdies is.....its time to go looking for Summer.....

See Ya All next month (I guess.....unless you are looking for another Editor)

Cheers for now

Helen

BACK TO THE FUTURE



THE STUDEBAKER CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA
9th Annual Motor Show
SUNDAY 24 October 2010
SMUTS HOUSE IRENE

SPEND A WONDERFUL DAY IN THE COUNTRY WHERE A DISPLAY OF CARS, BIKES & TRACTORS BETWEEN THE YEARS 1900 - 2000 CAN BE VIEWED

FAMILY FUN UNDER TREES
 FLAMPAKET
 BOTT & RESTAURANT
 SWOP MEETING

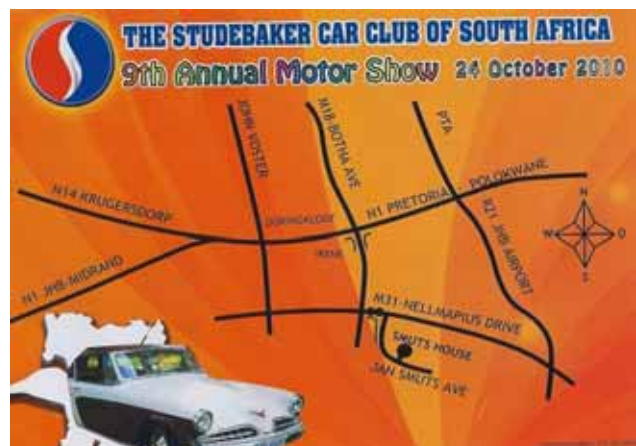
JUDGING FROM 0800 - 1100

EXPERIENCE THE AWESOME (WINNER'S PARADE (AS TROPHIES ARE AWARDED)

EXHIBITORS
 Time: 07h00
 Entrance: Free - 2 Persons/Car
 Trophy Entry: R50/Car

PUBLIC
 Time: 08h00
 Adults: R30.00
 Children U/12: Free

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THE STUDEBAKER CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA
9th Annual Motor Show 24 October 2010

Map showing the location of Smuts House Irene, with roads labeled: N14 KRUGERSDORF, N14 MIDRAND, N14 BOTHA AVE, N1 PRETORIA, N11 NELLAMPUS DRIVE, SAN SARITS AVE, N11 JHB AIRPORT, POORWATER, and N11 JHB AIRPORT. A compass rose is also present.

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP-VOORSITTER SE VARIA

Just as we said goodbye to winter and started to embrace the advent of spring, we were once again jolted back to the reality of the fact that life is but a temporary sojourn on earth. With great regret and sadness we heard that one of our very long-standing club members, Tony Castleman, unexpectedly passed away on the 22nd of August (see obituary elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter).

While August was loaded with club events and outings, September thus far was relatively quiet – thank goodness – so we have little to report this time. But our Ladies Spring Day on Sunday, 12th September, was a real fun event that really deserved better support from our members. The breakfast at Coco Bistro at Castle Walk shopping centre in Erasmus Kloof was good while the visit to the Sammy Marks Museum afterwards became an enriching experience for those members who could appreciate the eclectic legacy of a wealthy yet colourful character, Sammy Marks, Pretoria's first industrialist of the late 19th century.

Please note that the notice of our AGM next month appears elsewhere in this issue of the *Triumph Herald*. Please look at the provisional agenda and note that members have time until 15 October to place items on the agenda should they wish to do so. The most important item on the agenda is the election of a new committee and I once again want to appeal to our members to make themselves available to be elected to the various positions that will fall vacant on 20th October. Without members willing to serve on the committee the club cannot be taken forward into the 30th year of its existence.

In Februarie 2011 sal die Pretoria Triumph Sportmotorklub 30 jaar oud wees. Ek hoop dat ons lede solank kan begin dink oor wat gedoen moet word om hierdie mylpaal in ons klub se geskiedenis te vier en voorstelle in hierdie verband aan die nuwe komitee sal kan maak. Dink daaroor, ouens, dalk kan ons weer lekker makietie hou op eg 'triumfantlike' styl! Dalk kan Jaco solank begin dink aan 'n mooi kleurvolle hemp met "Pretoria Triumph 30" op die linker bors daarvan geborduur. Ons lede se idees sal verwelkom word.

Groete
Nols



Hierdie is die Voorsitter se "Voorwa"



This is the Chairman's Chair

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Nols Pienaar.

DINGE OP HANDE / FORTHCOMING EVENTS**Annual General Meeting / Algemene Jaarvergadering—Wednesday / Woensdag, 20 Oct /Okt 2010**

See notice below and please make sure that you attend. This is the most important noggin of the entire year!

Jacaranda Run: Sunday / Sondag, 24 Oct / Okt 2010

The official annual MG Jacaranda Run this year will take place on Sunday, 17th October and it will consist of a photo shoot at various famous landmarks in Pretoria as part of a world-wide campaign to celebrate 80 years of the MG club movement. Although we were kindly invited to attend once again we thought it best if there are no Triumphs in this special event's commemorative MG pictures.

We shall organise a short Jaranda run the following Sunday (24th) that will culminate with a braai at Smuts House in Irene. More details of the starting venue and time will be given at the October noggin and also in the next issue of the newsletter. Please diarise this important event.

NOTICE / KENNISGEWING

Notice is hereby given of / Kennis word hiermee gegee van

**The 29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING /
Die 29ste ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING**

of the / van die

Pretoria Triumph Sports Car Club / Sportmotorklub

Date / Datum: Wednesday / Woensdag, 20 October / Oktober 2010
at / om 20:00

Venue / Plek: Centurion Bowling Club / Rolbalklub, Kruger Ave / Laan,
Lyttelton, Centurion

Provisional Agenda / Voorlopige Sakelys

1. Constituting and welcome / Konstituering en verwelkoming
2. Attendance and apologies / Bywoning en verskonings
3. Minutes of previous AGM / Notule van vorige AJV
4. Matters arising / Sake voortspruitend
5. Chairperson's report / Voorsittersverslag
6. Financial report / Finansverslag
7. Subscriptions – 2011 – Ledegelde
8. Election of new committee and house captains / Verkiesing van nuwe komitee en huiskapteins
9. General / Algemeen

Members are invited to submit items for inclusion on the agenda to the secretary not later than 15 October / Lede word uitgenooi om items vir insluiting in die sakelys aan die sekretaresse te stuur nie later nie as 15 Oktober. Proxies by members unable to attend must be handed to the secretary before the meeting commences / Volmagte deur lede wat nie die vergadering kan bywoon nie moet aan die sekretaresse oorhandig word voor die vergadering begin.

HOUSE HEARSAY AMASEVENS—BILL SALES

History of **The Shape**

Paul Williams, ©1995

Billed as **The Shape** of Things to Come by British Leyland, Triumph's parent company at the time, the entire concept of the car caught people by surprise. The big issue for sports car enthusiasts was figuring out how the car had evolved from the earlier TR range, and the obvious and perplexing conclusion was that it hadn't. The TR7 was clearly unlike any TR before, but it was also unlike virtually everything else on the road as well. What, then, to make of it? To answer that question requires some understanding of the emerging North American market for cars in the early to mid-seventies, and how transformations taking place in the British automotive industry related to that market.

From the beginning of TR7 development, British Leyland saw North America as a primary destination for its new sports car. Codenamed "Bullet" by the factory, the car was to be the first of a new line of Triumph cars with a selection of engines, including a long-wheelbase 4-seater hatchback called the Lynx. There was a big problem, though. Legislation was expected which would ban convertible cars, so British Leyland made the decision to produce a sports coupe, rather than a more traditional open-topped car. Related to safety legislation in the US was a requirement for bumpers that could withstand a 5mph (8km/h) crash. Under that legislation you would be able to drive your car into a post at 5mph, not damage the car's body, and have the bumper able to regain its original shape. Additional legislation specified minimum bumper height and minimum requirements for headlight height.

This proposed legislation had a direct impact on the way the TR7 was to look, and was to be built. Unfortunately for Triumph, the ban on convertibles never occurred, and American legislators halved the 5mph bumper rule to 2.5mph. This left Triumph to introduce their new big-bumpered coupe at a time when you could still buy a convertible TR-6, Spitfire or MG, as well as a range of European alternatives.

So one reason why the TR7 didn't owe much to earlier TR sportscars was because of the constraints imposed by proposed legislation in the US. The Shape. That's what the advertisers fixed on as the defining feature of the car. The Shape of Things to Come, Get into the Shape, The Shape of Things that Win, and simply, The Shape. But by 1976, the scramble was on to change the shape by getting the roof off the TR7. For this task, Triumph returned to the Italian design studio of Michelotti, and by the time of its NA introduction in 1979, what some thought an ugly duckling had certainly turned into a swan.

The Shape of Things that Were



Get into Shape



The Shape



The Shape of Things that Win



AUSTIN POWERS MAKES A RARE PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN NICK AND RITA WOOD'S TR7



Truly the best of British and proudly so a TR 7 regaled in Union Jack and used for promoting Lumoss Mouldings at the Markex exhibition held recently at the Sandton Convention Centre. Look carefully for Austin Powers and his ladies.



BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S..... COCO BISTRO CASTLE WALK.



It all started one fine, sunny, spring morning, when a couple of Triumph's and MG's decided to have ... *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (better known as Coco Bistro in Castle Walk) where meet .



The **FOOD** was superbly presented in the quickest of times, The **FAMILY** of

Triumph and MG **FRIENDS** were all together, and cleared their plates in no time. The proprietor

Grahame Gertsch (seen here with Bill Flynn) made sure the Triumph and MG Ladies Spring Day Breakfast at Coco Bistro, Castle Walk, was a *breakfast* to remember.....Thanks Grahame!



LADIES SPRING DAY AT THE SAMMY MARKS MUSEUM



After breakfast the Triumphs and MG's were seen leaving Coco Bistro, Castle Walk and heading in the direction of another castle.....or was it a castle.....a haunted castle maybe.....or just a historical museum that housed a ghost from *Christmas* past or just *the past*. Sammy Marks was the places name.



The perfect place for the Ladies of the Triumph club to spend a lovely Spring Day !



But was that all that went on at Sammy Mark's museum that lovely sunny spring day.....where were the men?

WHERE IS THE GHOST OF THE SAMMY MARKS MUSEUM.....?

You know mum, there is a Ghost somewhere here.

Oh ! Really?

Yes Edna, Bill, Engela, It's this Big !.....

Yeah Right ! Bill.

Hee....Hee !



It could be anywhere here in the museum or the garden.

Ek twyfel....

Kom ons "Google" dit.



Hoe groot se jy?.....

Have you seen it Nick, it's this big.

No Bill, I haven't seen it, and I don't think I want to.

It could be here under the rose arch.



Actually some say, on a clear day, behind the Triumphs (if they are there) you can see it in the dove-house aviary.....look carefully and you will see just how big it really is !.....

WHEELS @THE VAAL–BILL FLYNN

Wheels at the Vaal is a typical classic car show, but certainly with a difference. It takes place over 2 days at a large park venue on the Vaal river, with good facilities for food, shows and toilet facilities. Patrons can camp overnight in tents or caravans as this is an all year round facility.

Being on the Vaal river in Vanderbyl park lends it towards agricultural and water sport, and the classic agricultural equipment and classic older boats on display was great. People came over in the “campers” both new and older classics, and camped out over 2 days as classic car clubs or just as friends who share an interest with their cars.

This is probably the real reason I belong to the Triumph Club.....so that I keep my enthusiasm and love of old classics alive in my own life. I do not belong to the Triumph club because I have a burning desire to have a triumph car, to be quite honest, the Triumph marque alone does not interest me.....it's but the particular marque that was available (and affordable) at the time I revived my interest in classic cars. If I had the money at the time I would have preferred an E-Type Jag, Aston Martin or even a Ford Mustang. I could not afford them then and I cannot afford them now.....so nothing has really changed.

Notwithstanding what I have just said about Triumphs, I am very happy with the Triumphs I've had in the past which range from a MK1 Spitfire to the Chicane range to my GOOD OLD FAITHFUL STAG, and I have no intention of changing to another make, but certainly am always looking.

I came along to the Vaal show with Mr. Stephan Stander, one of the founder members of P.O.M.C. (Pretoria Old Motor Club), together with his son and my personal friend Theo Stander. (see pic. above) I also am a member of the POMC and most certainly enjoy the variety of old classics within POMC, this to say, that I am an exclusive Triumph club member is also incorrect.



We drove to the Vaal show in Stephan's 1964 Ford Fairlane V8.....wow that was so different and good. At this moment in time my interest is to acquire a “bakkie” for Helen and myself to use on Flynnstone Farm.....for collecting food for Helen's horses, peacocks, geese, goats, etc...etc...I sold my Mazda 2,5 double cab 4X4 last year, for which this year I am very sorry, so I went around the Vaal show just looking and thinking, and saw some very interesting “pick ups” of various shapes and sizes that would do the job for us.....not sure they are totally practical, but what the heck they have character.



WHEELS @ THE VAAL-BILL FLYNN



What a lovely day out this was, and certainly a day I believe should be on our Triumph calendar for next and every year. There was much to see for the whole family.....Flea market displays for the ladies and gents, train rides for the younger at heart plus a lovely picnic area on the Vaal river, we as a club could have used.....it just needed to be arranged.

There are many other such events around our area, eg.. Rustenburg Old Car Club, Centenary Car Club Krugersdorp, Studibakers Jan Smuts House classic day, SAMCA Vaal run, Piston Ring Swop meet now on the 19th September, POMC various rallies including to Willem Prinsloo Mampoer fees, Ferrari day at Kyalami, the MG clubs different rallies including the ICICLE Rally which we attended, there was also the MINI birthday at Zwartkops and the VW Beetle 75th Anniversary at the Mint. The Witbank motor show is only 100kms straight up the highway and of course our own Gauteng Motor Show in June, not to mention Cars in the Park and Angela's Picnic and the Rock Festival.....None of these are "official Triumph runs".....why not?.....instead we piddle around Pretoria looking for "affordable breakfasts" which obviously is not attracting even our own members !!!

The past "Ladies Spring Day", which needed as much arrangement by the committee as the previous months "Gymkhana", was again to my mind VERY POORLY ATTENDED. Maybe there needs to be a total re-think of what we as a Triumph Club want to be and do in the future.

"If we do what we have always done, the best we can expect is what we've already got."BORING.....

Cheers

Bill



TONY CASTLEMAN–OBITUARY

Dear Club members,

It is with sadness that I took note of the death of our fellow club member TONY CASTLEMAN, due to complications of his disease. When I became a member of the Triumph club (Pretoria) in 1996, Nols referred me to him, after my request for a reliable mechanic. Soon afterwards my first visit to his "OAK'S GARAGE" premises in Villieria followed. Over many years he assisted me with his technical advice: first for the Chicane, then the Stag, later our MGB GT, my parents' 3.5 V8 Rover, my TR6, and as recent as 2 months ago, my newly acquired Rover as well. Tony was always friendly, helpful, humble and always assisted with a smile. At home, his great dane dog would welcome you at his gate. One could always rely on his advice, sensing that British cars, especially Triumphs, was his passion. He was one of the old school trainees, where possible repairs, and not replacements, were the order of the day. Our condolences are conveyed to his wife Shirley, his son, as well as his daughter and her family in Nieu Zealand with the loss of her husband, and their father.

We will all miss him!

Johan Retief

Michelotti captain September 2010

Tony

★ 6th December 1941

☞ 22nd August 2010



It was with great shock that I learned about the passing away of a long-standing and respected club member when Shirley Castleman phoned to say that Tony died in hospital on 22 August 2010. Anthony James Castleman was born on 6th December 1941 and therefore not even 69 years of age at the time of his death.

I first met Tony in April 1981 when he joined the Pretoria Triumph Sports Car Club two months after its formation as member no. 29. Tony not only owned a red TR2 and a Triumph 2000 but also Oaks Garage in Riviera and was well known as a boffin on Triumphs. This was a great advantage to the club because over the years many people wanted to know where they could have their Triumphs serviced and repaired. During the last couple of years Tony sold Oaks Garage and operated from home where he serviced, repaired and even rebuilt many Triumphs and other British cars for club members both in the Triumph and MG clubs.

Over the years Tony was a loyal club member and was regularly seen at club events in the red TR2 or the Mini. Suffering from diabetes during later years Tony could not always attend all events but tried to be at the noggins if someone could pick him up because driving at night became very difficult. The last event Tony attended was the treasure hunt on the 25th of July.

Tony was a real gentleman, soft spoken and always willing to help. He never complained about his health despite the fact that walking became difficult, while his subtle humour made him a real amicable and interesting character that was regarded with great affection. We shall miss him and the red TR2 that often reminded us that we actually still had a 'Sidescreen' Triumph in the club when other Sidescreen owners supported club events rather poorly.

On behalf of all club members I wish to extend our sincere sympathy with Shirley, Tony's son, Anton, and daughter Shireen and her family in New Zealand. We pray that the fond memories of Tony will help to sooth the pain suffered by the loss of this fine husband, father, grandfather and friend. It was a privilege to know him as a club member and friend over so many years.

Nols



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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

FOR SALE

TR4A, 1967, one owner since new, very good condition. R130 000. Contact Robin Dean on 022-7830670 (home) or 082-8774788 (mobile).

WANTED

Triumph **Spitfire**, any model in good running condition. Contact Jaco van Vuuren on 082-8232681.

TR3A, must be in excellent condition. Buyer willing to pay good money for the right car.

Please phone Graeme Ritchie on 021-7616348 (home) or 076-7382404 (mobile).

TR3/3A engine and gearbox. Contact Marko Claassen on 083-2316467.

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.

**IF YOU DRIVE A TRIUMPH,
YOU WILL ALWAYS WIN!**



Triumph Herald Online readership increases.....Adam the Cat enjoys Cars as much as the next Guy!

Score card as at end July 2010

- SPITFIRE PLUS—843
- AMASEVENS—708
- MICHELOTTI—329
- SIDESCREENS—146

Footnote:
Appologies to Nols and Marius, The Editor has misfiled the Victor/trix Ludorom points in the cyber file on Planet 13, unable to retrieve for Space month September, please forward again to said Editor for Space month October. Thanks.