



# Newsletter August 2017

## Chairman's Chirp

We are now heading for the last 4 months of the year and what a rollercoaster year it has been thus far, I am sure before we know it will be Xmas. However, we still have a few interesting activities lined up for the year. We will be off on the Stilbaai mini-tour on September 15-17 (fully booked), then on October 14 a train ride on the Diaz Express followed by lunch. This is a rail experience with a difference, which will start at Hartenbos taking us along the coast to Groot Brak River, enjoy a lunch and back to Hartenbos again. November will be the GRMC Xmas lunch and not to be missed. In December the traditional Street Braai at Gazoline Ally. The final outing of the year will be the Mosselbay Wheels gathering on December 16. Last year a small group of our members supported the event, with GRMC winning the best represented motor club and Brian Bruce with his Daytona winning the trophy for the best car on show. If you are around in December please come along and support this event. Please keep your eye on the calendar for any date changes for these events.

## Sun City Concours SA

As mentioned in last month's newsletter I would be attending the Concours South Africa that was held at Sun City on August 5/6. It certainly was a very exclusive event with about 50 cars immaculately prepared on display. Some achingly beautiful cars on display, included a 1913 Buick, Mercedes 300 SL, Mercedes 190 and a range of Porches from 1963 right up to 2017 and Mustangs. My favourites were the recently restored 1971 Dino 246 GTB, 1970 Lamborghini Miura and a 1989 Ferrari F40. Also on display were, a 1939 Jaguar SS sedan, 1958 Austin Healey BN6, 1958 MGA Twin Cam, Ac Cobra replica, 1970 Mazda Rotary Coupe and a Split Window Kombi. The judging panel, headed by Wayne Harley from the Franschoek Motor Museum, included two overseas judges, Robert Coucher, Editor of Octane Magazine and Chris Routledge, CEO of Coys of Kensington in the UK. The bar was set very high as far as the judging standards were concerned and compared favourably with international standards.

While there were 11 category winners the top 3 winning cars in sequence were -- 1989 Ferrari F40 (estimated value around R20m), 1968 Shelby Mustang GT350H and 1970 Porsche 911 S.

Will I go again, possibly not for the following reasons :

- The cost to attend is very high ( logistics to get to Sun City , Accommodation and hospitality package )
- Very few spectators attended the Concours . It was not spectator friendly, unless you purchased a hospitality pass you could not get close to the cars. In talking to the organisers they want to keep it exclusive and don't see it ever drawing big spectator crowds.
- The spread of cars were limited, with Porsches making up the volume on display.

With our Knysna motor show we have a unique event and I think that we have the formula right.

See some photos below



## Wine Route Meander.



On August 12 a group of 45 GRMC and MG Club members enjoyed a relaxing day exploring the Plett region wine route. There are now as many as 16 wine Estates in the area. It was an interesting experience for the group as many had not been down the Redford Road in the Craggs to visit some of the wine estates. Unfortunately the road is not "Classic Car friendly" and we had to go in our plastic Cars. The main focus of the wine estates is to produce "bubbly" (MCC) and Sauvignon Blanc wines

A few of the wine estates also have restaurants , which further enhances the experience. Our first stop was at Newstead, where we enjoyed a tasting of three wines complimented by a pizza snack .

Having enjoyed this, we were off to Lodestone Wines and Olives After a further tasting of three wines we enjoyed a lunch of Baboti and Chicken Pie accompanied by Lodestone wines .



As we were enjoying our lunch a “ Hens Party “ arrived ( It was a send-off for one of the girls getting married. ) It was too much for some of the guys --

While some of the group headed for home, the remainder of the group visited Kay & Monty Wine Estate to finishing the afternoon off with a further tasting and cheese platter. It was a day enjoyed by all and if you have not been down Redford Road, do so and enjoy the wine and food.



## **Disaster Support Fund Donations.**

You would have seen from my recent communication that GRMC has donated a record R100000.00 from the Knysna Motor Show (KMS) surplus to our nominated charities. In my June newsletter I also indicated that we were creating a Disaster support fund to assist GRMC members and other non-members of classic car & motorcycle owners who lost their precious vehicles, and were strong supporters of the KMS. A total of R50000 was accumulated for this purpose ( R40,000 from the KMS surplus , R5000 donation from the Vintage & Veteran car club and R5000 donation from a Cape Town Morgan owner ) . The GRMC committee deliberated and discussed in detail those who financially needed support . Consensus was reached, with one GRMC member receiving the bulk of the available funds and the balance being donated to two non GRMC members ( supporters of the Knysna Motor Show ) who have lost their cars & motorcycles and are in need of financial support to rebuild their lives. For confidential reasons it has been decided not to disclose the names of the recipients. Your understanding will be appreciated..

## **GRMC AGM**

You would all have received my notification of the AGM taking place on **Sunday September 10**. This is a reminder. Please attend as we need your support and input. To those who have tendered their apologies, thank you for this.

## **GRMC SUBS**

Thank you to all of the members who have paid their annual subs. We still have quite a number of unpaid subs. If you have not paid yet please action -- It is only R200 (less than R17 per month ). Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Message of Condolences**

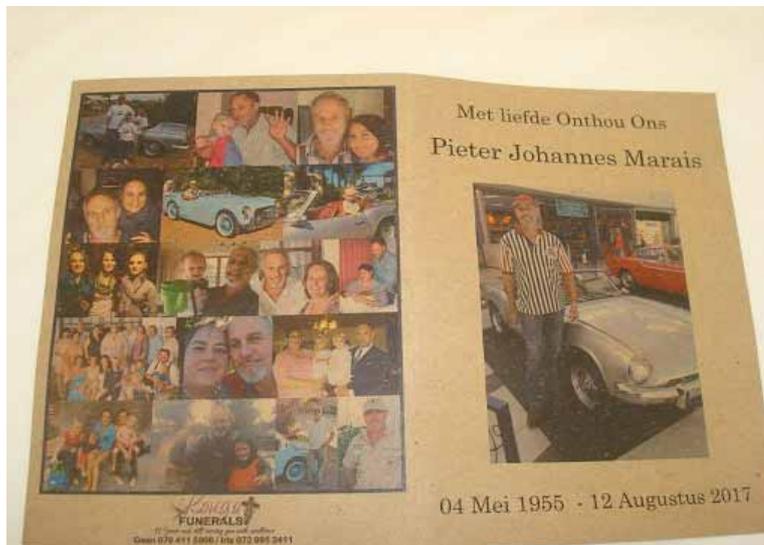
The month of August has been a tough one for our members and friends who have lost their close ones. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families and may they be comforted by the outpouring of love that surrounds them.



Veronica Jute passed away after a short illness.  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Richie during  
this time. We will miss Veronica.

- Ian Miller - Ian's health over the past year has steadily declined and after a recent fall, passed away. He was a petrolhead in the true sense and in his younger days was very involved in rallying. To Duncan & Clare we say thanks for the love and care that you gave Ian.
- To Chris Rist who lost his father at the age of 95, one can almost say it is a celebration of the wonderful life lived to the fullest that he enjoyed . He was a car enthusiast his whole life and

loved his family. I am sure that it is from his genes that Chris and his sons have inherited the love for cars.



On the morning of August 12 I was deeply saddened to hear of the senseless murder of Johan Marais, the chairman of the Jefferies Bay Car Club . He heard a noise in the house during the early hours and went to investigate. In an effort to protect his wife and

grandchildren from the intruders, he was shot and murdered. Johan was a true friend of the Knysna Motor Show and in recent years displayed his unique Davdon, one of a kind. With strong family roots and the life blood of the Jeffries Bay car club he will greatly be missed. GRMC made a small donation to assist the family to meet their immediate commitments during this very difficult period. May god give them strength during the coming months.

Until next time .

Peter

Be grateful for every second of every day that you get to spend with people you love. Life is so very precious.

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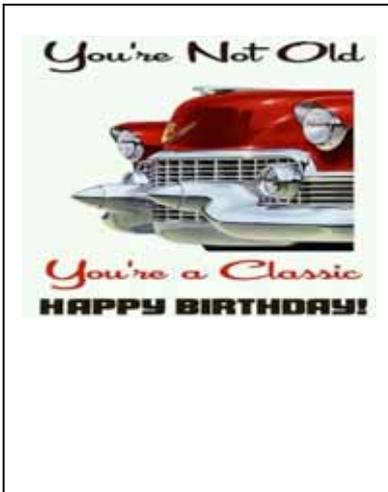
### FOR YOUR INFO.....

- Regular Breakfast Runs are held on the last Sunday of each month
- Meeting places – KNYSNA – The Quays at the Waterfront at the end of Grey Street
- SEDGFIELD – Engen 1 Stop

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017

 <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">July</p>	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>            MG Host  <b>Belvidere Supper /Quizz night</b>            GRMC Invited            Trevor Cooper</p>	<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>            GRMC Host  <b>Stormsriver Memorial Run</b>            Quays start 9H00            MG invited            SH/PP</p>		<p><b>30<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>            MG Host  <b>Breakfast Run</b>            Zucchini Timber Lake            Quays start 09H00            GRMC invited            Trevor Cooper</p>
<p><i>Holy shit it's already</i>  <b>AUGUST</b></p>	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>            MG Host  <b>Competitive Run</b>            TBA            09h00            GRMC invited            Trevor Cooper</p>	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>            GRMC Host  <b>Plett Wine Tour</b>            10.45 BP garage The Craggs.            MG invited            Peter Pretorius</p>		<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>            MG Host  <b>Breakfast Run</b>            Berlin @ Plett            Quays start 09H00            GRMC invited            Trevor Cooper</p>
<p><i>Hello September</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p><b>24<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>            MG Host  <b>Breakfast Run</b>            Zucchini at Timberlake            09h00 Quays</p>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>            GRMC  <b>AGM</b>            11h30  <b>GRMC ONLY</b>            DM/PP</p>	<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>            MG Host  <b>Steak Evening</b>  <b>Blend Rest &amp; Dominoes</b>            18h00            GRMC invited</p>	<p><b>15/16/17th</b>  <b>Stillbay Tour</b>            Closed Group as Previously booked            Peter Pretorius</p>	<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sat</b>            MG Host  <b>Aeromodellers Nat. Champs</b>  <b>Oudtshoorn</b>            07h00            GRMC invited</p>
		<p><b>14<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>            GRMC Host  <b>Diaz Express / Lunch Mosselbay</b>            Quays start 8H00            MG invited            BG/PP</p>	<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sun</b>            MG Host  <b>Picnic/Braai</b>  <b>The Slades Harkerville</b>            10h30            GRMC invited</p>	<p><b>29<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>            MG Host  <b>Breakfast Run</b>            to Plett            Quays start 09H00 Quays            GRMC invited            Trevor Cooper</p>

		<p><i>One Month To Christmas</i></p>	<p><i>25<sup>th</sup> Sun</i> GRMC Xmas Lunch GRMC ONLY SH/PP</p>	<p><i>26<sup>th</sup> Sun</i> MG Host Breakfast Run Zucchini Timber Lake Quays start 09H00 GRMC invited</p>
	<p><i>1<sup>st</sup> Fri....</i> MG Host <b>Prawn Braai</b> MG Members Only Trevor Cooper</p>	<p><i>16<sup>th</sup> Dec</i> Mosselbay Wheels Gathering</p>	<p><i>8<sup>th</sup> Fri.....</i> MG Host <b>Street Braai</b> Bodge/Norman Frost/Brian Bruce GRMC invited Trevor Cooper</p>	 <p>Happy Holidays</p>



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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Joyce Griffin   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kevin Fouche    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Donald Wheeler   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lew Baker       | 7 <sup>th</sup> Lothar Frohlich | 7 <sup>th</sup> Colleen Stringer |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Stuart Wedlake | 13 <sup>th</sup> Norman Frost   | 13 <sup>th</sup> Tony McEwan     |
| Alice Barber                    | 19 <sup>th</sup> Roger Fisher   | 19 <sup>th</sup> Libby Gibb      |
| Glenda CleLand                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Don Fuller     | 20 <sup>th</sup> Vaughan Griffin |
| Barbara Renfield                | 27 <sup>th</sup> Chris Bouray   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Margie Wachter  |
| Merceda Woodgate                | 27 <sup>th</sup> Lyn Madeley    | 27 <sup>th</sup> Lyn Madeley     |

Happy Birthday Mr Chairman.....



Peter celebrated his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday with a few special friends at his beautiful home in Brackenridge. We wish you many, many happy years ahead Peter, may it be filled with health, happiness and good friends. And good wine.....and cars...and woman...no scrap the last one.....



*House  
For  
Sale*

(No Agents)

As we intend moving to Belvidere Park Retirement Village some time in the future , we are looking to privately sell our existing home at Eastford Downs. Apart from it being an attractive home, it is ideally suited for a car enthusiast seeking secure lock-up facilities for 5 cars plus a work shop.

Further details can be obtained by phone 044 3821986 [073 1794140] or e-mail, [lionel.rose@telkomsa.net](mailto:lionel.rose@telkomsa.net)

Lionel Hewitt

### **SAVVA Technical Tip 123 - Anti-seize compound**

Recently, a club member admitted to being a bit impatient and causing a horrible botch-up on his nice shiny sports car. That was to strip the threads in a spark plug hole on an aluminium cylinder head – bless him! The spark plug had decided it was a nice place to be and refused to come out. Instead of being patient and using penetrating fluids or even running the engine to warm the head up he used brute force and ended up with a serious problem on his hands. He now has a choice of either taking the head off for repairs or fitting a Helicoil.

If you haven't, or don't use it, may we suggest you invest in a tube of Anti-Seize compound and coat the treads of plugs when fitting them. It will save a lot of aggravation at a later stage when they have to be removed.



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To get on to our Facebook page Google Facebook and go to “gardenroutemc

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