



March 2020 TORQUE

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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
- SEDGEFIELD – Engen 1 Stop

GRMC Events- 2020

Date / Day	Event	Quays Start	Host - Invited
	March		
18 Wed	Loafer's Lunch – Enrico's		GRMC – ALL
29 Sun	Breakfast Run / Mass / Maple / Lett	09h00	MG – ALL
	April		
4 Sat	Visit to S. Barte's Fine Arts Collection / G. Gage		GRMC – ALL
26 Sun	Breakfast Run / Maslin / 150 Miles	09h00	MG - ALL

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May

3 Sun	Knysna Motor Show		GRMC - ALL
7-10 Thu-Sun	Simons Mill Cl		MG - ALL
20 Wed	Let's Lunch @ The Hoefo, Wardenburg	12h00	MG - ALL
23-24 Sat-Sun	Last night of the Knysna E		GRMC - ALL
31 Sun	Breakfast Run, Moss & Maple, Plett	09h00	MG - ALL

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June

4 Thu	Sop 'n Dop, Pembreys	18h00	MG - ALL
11-14 Thu-Sun	Eastern Cape tour CANCELLED		MG - ALL
21 Sun	Totties Buffet Lunch		GRMC - ALL
28 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG - ALL

July

9 Thu	Xmas Lunch in July @ Peppermill, The Craggs		MG - ALL
19 Sun	Tsitsikamma Memorial Run		GRMC - ALL
26 Sun	Breakfast Run, Moss & Maple, Plett	09h00	MG - ALL

August

7-9 Fri-Sun	Slow Wine Festival, Robertson		GRMC - ALL
12 Wed	Let's Lunch @ Skotteljons Bistro, Hoekwil		MG - ALL
23 Sun	GRMC AGM- Belvidere		GRMC only
30 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG - ALL

September

20 Sun	Plett Wine Route and lunch		GRMC - ALL
27 Sun	Breakfast Run, Moss & Maple, Plett	09h00	MG - ALL

October

11 Sun	Treasure Hunt, with Bring 'n Braai		MG - ALL
14-17 Wed-Sat	Technical Tour, PE, + Bloeisel Fees, Joubertina(17th)		GRMC - ALL
25 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG - ALL

November

1 Sun	Century Charity Run		GRMC - ALL
29 Sun	Breakfast Run, Moss & Maple, Plett	09h00	MG - ALL

December

6 Sun	GRMC Christmas lunch	12h00	GRMC - ONLY
11 Fri	Gasoline Alley Braai	16h30	MG/GRMC

Chairman's Chirp

Covid-19 the dreaded virus certainly has changed all of our lives and I am sure that how things are done in the business world will never be the same!! . With the lockdown having started, remember the things that make you happy and stay positive as we work through the next 21 days. Let's work together and comply with the government regulations by staying home and keep in your prayers the less privileged for whom it is not easy.

With many things having to be cancelled, this will be an abbreviated newsletter informing you of the changes that we have had to make.

The "Loafer's lunch" at Enrico's which was held on March 18 was the last club activity for a while. The member turnout was low, with only 18 members enjoying a lovely meal and basking in the sun. This certainly already signalled the fear of the COVID-19 virus and what was to come. The GRMC committee has thus decided to cancel all of the events for April and May. The MG club have also decided to cancel the events arranged by them for the same period. In addition, for those who have booked on the annual tour, organised by the MG club to the Eastern Cape, has also been postponed to later in the year. Once a decision has been made of an alternative date, those affected will be advised. The situation regarding the regular events, scheduled for after May, will be monitored and a further notice will be issued once a clearer picture is formed. Please review the events calendar included in this newsletter.

The major disappointment was the cancellation of the Knysna Motor Show, which was planned for May 3. It was also decided to cancel the KMS in total for 2020. The factors that influenced this decision were, the uncertainty that lies ahead, the withdrawal of sponsorship monies, that it would not be fair on the KMS committee members to ask them to plan for a later date and a postponement to later in the year would impact on the 2021 KMS .

We are in the process of undoing the extensive arrangements for the Knysna Motor Show. A portion of the KMS expenditure has already been made, with some refundable and others not. In spite of this, the Knysna Motor Show committee has decided to reimburse the monies received from sponsors, trade stands and food stalls. As the KMS will not be in a position to donate any monies to the designated charities this year (They certainly are going to need help), we have asked some sponsors to donate a portion of their sponsorship monies for this purpose. There has been some positive response, some declined and we await some outstanding responses. The unrecoverable expenses will be written off against the KMS provision.

The response from the KMS participants, sponsors, trade and food stalls have been overwhelming. I received more than 100 E-mails and responded as follows.

“This is just a note from me and the KMS committee to say very sincere thanks for all the supportive feedback received. Your commiserations, sympathy and unconditional commitment towards the KMS certainly are very heart warming. Our planning was already at a very advanced stage and all the available space on the Knysna High School sports fields was filled. It is our task to now unravel all of this. With such wonderful support it is a very sad occasion that we had to cancel the KMS for 2020, but safety and health considerations must come first. With such generosity, comrade and enthusiasm, we are very proud of the impact that the KMS has made on the petrolheads and sponsors out there. It certainly is a leap of faith!. Without this type of support the KMS could not have reached the high standard which we have come accustomed to. We salute all of you!!!
Peter & the KMS committee “

The KMS committee agreed to postpone discussions on the future of the KMS 2021 to a later stage in the year.

The Simola Hillclimb has also been cancelled and will be postponed to a suitable date in 2020. The organisers have communicated that due to financial reasons the event has to take place in 2020.

Now is the time to sort out all those niggling problems on your classic and give it a good polish.

Look after yourself and be safe

Peter

From my side...

As we enter lockdown period and face the tough times ahead, my thoughts always stray to those who will suffer the most - the poor and underprivileged...of all colours and creeds. So many people will lose their only income, often those supporting multiple family members.

My appeal to you as we head into the unknown, please be compassionate and help where you can financially...there are soup kitchens around in most townships, and most churches will have projects in place collecting food and money to support people during this time.

In Knysna the Municipality has decided to house the homeless at Loerie Park. If you can assist with food parcels please call the grounds manager, Desmond van Rooyen on 060 998 7104. The homeless from Sedgefield is also house at Loerie Park.

In Sedgefield Slow Town Mobile Meals provide meals to the poor three times per week, to many old folks this is their only meals they get. Please support them if you are able to, their details are:

Slow Town Mobile Meals
FNB Sedgefield
Account No 62502775549
Branch Code 210229
Contact person: Jim Mitchell 083 379 3737 or 044 343 1221

Martie Rooi runs a soup kitchen in Smutsville for hundreds of kids, she is desperate for donations.
Her contact number is 072 268 6433

If you are finding difficulty in finding anyone to support during lockdown, please contact me, I will help you put your money to good use.

Then if you, like me, prefer to stay at home and have my groceries delivered, the following is available for home deliveries:

Woolworths – on line shopping (you might have to wait up to two weeks so if you plan ahead, you won't need to go out in case the lockdown is extended)

Pick n Pay Sedgefield delivers. Email them on fsedgefield@pnpay.co.za
They have a card machine when delivering, or they accept eft's.

Farm Fresh Direct – George. www.farmfreshdirect.co.za
They offer free deliveries over R300. Look online or email them on info@farmfreshdirect.co.za

Stay safe, and Stay at Home.

Sylvia

HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL 2020

2 nd Carel Brink	2 nd Margaret Day	3 rd Jim CleLand
7 th Dave Jones	9 th Jenny Frost	9 th Alan Waterston
15 th Billy Matthee	16 th Roger Newby	17 th Tersia Fourie
17 th Neville Mayhew	21 st Brent Watts	22 nd Angela Mackey
22 nd Bill Nortier	23 rd Astrid Betton	26 th Paulene Franklyn
26 th Ann Griffiths	28 th Tabita Rossouw	29 th Johan Kruger
29 th Ed Parfett	29 th Peter Turner	30 th Rose Hewitt
30 th Jinny Price		



SAVVA Technical Tip 154 – Saving tubes

A problem a number of vintage car enthusiasts encounter is with tyres and tubes on our oldies. Modern tyre shops are not geared up for tyres with tubes. As an example, I recently had a flat on an 18 inch tyre. I took the wheel to a local tyre shop and they had never seen an 18” tyre or an old wheel with spokes, never mind a tube.

I realised that these modern tyre shops are not going to be able to help. The alternative was to take it to a shop that has been around for years. In Gauteng, we are lucky as we have a few shops like Jeppe tyre around. When I took the wheel out of the boot, Roy Greenberg, the boss, didn't even flinch, as if repairing wheels with tubes is an everyday occurrence.

After removing the tube and pumping it up many times to its normal size he was able to determine that the tube was fine but the valve, where it comes out of the rim, had deteriorated and was losing air. Fortunately, he still has replacement valves, see picture, and a vulcanising machine to repair tubes.

So, before throwing out your old tubes have them checked out by an older tyre shop. Replacement tubes can be very expensive – if you can find them that is and replacing the valve is an inexpensive alternative.



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