



# Southern Cape Old Car Club

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Regular gatherings are held at the clubhouse "The Gully" at Glenwood House School, as per the upcoming events as listed in this magazine. All visitors are welcome.

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***On the cover - Robert Middelman's 1930 Speed 6 Bentley on the recent International Vintage Bentley Tour of South Africa.***

## Message from the Editor

Hello Everyone,

And just like that, another year has gone!! I'm sure that there is a gnome out there that steals time away from us and I bet that he's friends with that other nemesis of mine namely "calories". He's the guy that climbs into my cupboard each night and sews my jeans tighter.

Despite the fact that it feels as though the year has flown by, I can remember very special occasions that took place during the year. As a club we've had a year of awesome event opportunities provided to us by Pierre Olivier and those of you that took advantage of these opportunities will know exactly what I mean when I say this. There is a spirit in our club that is good and as members we need to cultivate this spirit and make it grow for we are truly blessed to have this passion of ours that brings us closer to each other. Speaking for myself, every time that I get into my car to take part in whatever it is that has been arranged, I have a smile on my face that extends from cheek to cheek. There really is no better medicine so all of you out there, join us next year and share in the smiles.

We've said hello to quite a few new members this year and sadly, we've had to say goodbye to a few old friends also. Life is short - enjoy it to the fullest.

Christmas is again just around the corner and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very blessed and safe holiday season. Here's to the new year and to another round of fabulous friendship.

Best regards,



## Letters to the Editor

Hallo Philip,

Ik wil je namens de hele crew van de model t worldtour nogmaals hartelijk bedanken voor het zeer vriendelijke onthaal bij jullie club en de heerlijke braai van gisteravond.

Het heeft ons goed gedaan om in een, voor ons, zo ver land mensen te ontmoeten die ook zo enthousiast met dezelfde hobby en passie bezig zijn als wij.

Vandaag was het zeer slecht weer om te rijden. Ontzettend harde wind en harde windvlagen en heel veel regen.

We zitten nu in Heidelberg in een guesthouse en gaan morgen richting Cape Agulhas. We houden contact met elkaar.

Groeten van Dirk en de rest van de crew.

**Dirk and the crew at Cape Agulhas.**





Die einde van 2012 is in sig. Dit was 'n jaar van hoogtepunte, maar ook 'n jaar van groot hartseer. Ons moet die geleenthede op ons pad aangryp en elke dag voluit leef en mekaar as lede waardeer. Ons betuig ons meelewewing aan almal wat gedurende die afgelope jaar geliefdes aan die dood afgestaan het. Die oumotorbeweging verloor op 'n gereelde basis ikone in ons geledere, wat beteken dat kundigheid verlore gaan. Die afwesigheid van hierdie kundigheid gaan die oumotorbeweging in die toekoms onomkeerbaar verander. Ons eer hul nagedagtenis en gaan hulle almal baie mis.

Aan al die lede wat die baie geslaagde Algemene Jaarvergadering bygewoon het, baie dankie vir jul lojale ondersteuning. Baie dankie aan die uittredende komiteelede vir jul onbaatsugtige dienslewering aan die SKOMK – ons waardeer dit opreg. Baie geluk aan die nuwe lede wat tot die komitee verkies is – ons sien uit na jul insette in die toekoms. Die nuwe komiteelede is: Gerhard Hoepfner, Manie Smit, Andrew Boshoff en Mike Alexander. Dit is aangenaam om 'n mengsel van ervaring en nuwe bloed op die 2013 komitee te verwelkom.

There were many highlights during 2012: the christening of our clubhouse, the wonderful growth in club membership, especially amongst the younger men and women, the successful Caltex Economy Rus that is now back after a year's absence, the very special Erfenis Toer that was probably the highlight of the highlights, and the dinner dance on Saturday 1st December. Many thanks to all our friends that joined us on the night, as well as to Karen en Tilly for all their hard work that ensured that the evening was a success.

Wat 'n voorreg was dit nie om vir Dirk en Trudy Regter van Holland, wat besig is met 'n wêreldwye toer in hul Model T Ford, in ons midde te verwelkom nie. Wat 'n insiggewende aand was dit nie gewees nie! Besoek gerus hul webwerf by [www.tfordworldtour.org](http://www.tfordworldtour.org) en deel in hul ervarings.

Namens die komitee wens ons almal 'n baie geseënde Christussees asook 'n voorspoedige 2013 toe.

Maak die handrem los en laat die speke vrylik draai en onthou om elke dag voluit te leef ... môre mag dalk te laat te wees!

Oumotorgroete

**Philip Kuschke**

*Laugh until your belly hurts..... and then laugh just a little bit more!!*

## Birthdays



On behalf of all the SCOCC members, we would like to wish the following people a very happy birthday. On your special day, we wish you all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you be blessed abundantly that day, the following day and the days to come! May you have a fantastic ...  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!**

### DECEMBER

Andrew Boshoff	4th December
Ockert Schoeman	5th December
Russell Stander	5th December
Duke Jackson	7th December
Tjaart vd Walt	9th December
Christopher Botes	10th December
Frik Mentz	11th December
Hendi Smith	12th December
Niekie Theron	12th December
Philip Kuschke	17th December
Wally Steffen	20th December
Jaco v d Westhuizen	24th December
Tian Geyer	15th October
William Stopforth	25th December
Jack Boshoff	27th December
Doc Greeff	27th December
Albert Etsebeth	30th December

### JANUARY

Brian Smith	1st January
James Allan Stokes	2nd January
Gert Gouws	3rd January
Karoolsvan der Linde	5th January
Anthony Roff	7th January
Mitch Mitchell	8th January
Boet Laas	9th January
Willie Buchner	10th January
Gallie Meyer	10th January
Byron Smith Jr	10th January
Kobus Harris	13th January
Lötter Neethling	15th January
Steve Smit	15th January
Jeremy Wits-Hewinson	17th January
Rudy Knuppe	19th January
Louis Benade	20th January
Kofie Du Plessis	21st January
Carl Grundling	21st January
Ruben Wright	22nd January
Fanie van Jaarsveld	23rd January
Rynard Jonker	26th January
Jannie Stander	29th January
Tony Durandt	30th January
Andries Steenkamp	31st January

If your birthday has accidentally been left out or if you notice any mistakes, please accept my apologies and also let me know so that I can make the corrections - spanner@scocc.co.za.

Take note though that we can only mention your birthday if we know when it is!! So, if you have not returned your completed Member Update Form and your birthday is not mentioned on this list, this could be why. Please return your forms to ensure that our member lists are up to date. Need another copy? Drop me a mail at karen@gtmt.co.za and I'll send you one.

## For Sale/ Wanted

- For Sale. Double axle car trailer. R20,000.00 o.n.o. Call Willie (082) 570-7673
- 1929 Model A Ford Bakkie. Contact Lukas Coregas. (053) 382-3571 or (083) 733-3780
- Christo Geldenhuys is op soek na 'n 1974 Ford Ranchero linker kant spieël. As jy hy kan help bel hom asseblief op: (023) 414-4720.
- Eben Smit soek 'n domkrag vir 1959 Morris Minor. Bel hom op (084) 460-8002 of epos ebensmit@telkomsa.net.
- Egmond Coetzee soek na 'n vergasser vir sy 6 silinder Dodge. As jy hom kan help kontak Egmond op egmond@intekom.co.za

## 7th International Vintage Bentley Tour of South Africa



On Friday 12th October Philip Kuschke, Willie, Dirk - a friend of Philip's and I headed off to Knysna to see if we could possibly hook up with the Bentley boys that were taking part in the 7th International Vintage Bentley Tour of South Africa which started on Saturday 29th September at the Oyster Box Hotel in Durban and finished on Sunday 21st October in Cape Town after having covered some 4,500 km's.

There were 32 entrants this year ranging from 3 litre, 4.5 litre, 6.5 litre, Speed 6 and 8 litre Bentleys. The first tour was in 1983 with 50 entrants mainly from Europe but also from the USA and New Zealand. To see this many vintage Bentleys together truly was an exceptional experience and kudos really do need to go to John and Frederike White in particular for their tireless efforts during the organisation of this tour.

Upon arrival in Knysna we discovered that everyone had been invited to Tony and Linda McEwan's house in Pezula for sundowners. Undaunted, we set off to catch up with them and then promptly gate-crashed the party with the help of Kobus van Jaarsveld who sadly passed away a little over a week later. Thank you to the McEwan's for their hospitality. Unfortunately, Tony & Linda, who were entrants in the tour had to withdraw after an accident outside Cintsu. It broke my heart to see the damage to Tony's Bentley after it was T-boned on the right hand side & luckily saved from further extensive damage thanks to the side mounted spare wheel. You might remember this stunning car from the Knysna Car Show earlier this year.

The route for the following day was over the Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn so Philip and I decided that we would take our Model T's for a drive over the pass and wave to everyone as they went past. Manie Smith and his young son joined us and we spent a very enjoyable couple of hours at the padstal while most of the Bentley drivers stopped to have a chat and a coffee with us before driving on to Oudtshoorn. What a nice bunch of people - must be because they're petrol heads like us!!



## **2013 SAVVA National Edwardian & Veteran tour**

As some of you might already know, the Southern Cape Old Car Club has been requested by SAVVA to please organise and host next year's Edwardian & Veteran Tour. The tour is going to start on Tuesday 5th February in George and finish on Thursday afternoon 7th February in Oudtshoorn. The tour is open to all cars that were manufactured between January 1905 & 31st December, 1918.

Philip Kuschker, Chris van Staden and Karen van der Merwe have been hard at work planning route schedules, hotel accommodation, lunch stops, tea stops and are sure that this is going to be a very well run, successful and above all, enjoyable event.

On Sunday February 3rd, The Crankhandle Club is hosting the annual Kalk Bay Veteran Run down in Cape Town and quite a few of the Veteran Tour entrants are also going on the Kalk Bay run and then driving from Cape Town back to George in time for the start of the Veteran. On Friday 7th February it is the annual traditional pre-George Car Show "VetTour" which is open to all cars that were originally only manufactured with rear brakes.

This is going to be a fun filled week starting on the Sunday in Cape Town, then back to George for three days of the Veteran which will take us from George through Wilderness, Hoekwil, Sedgefield and back to George on the first day and then from George to Oudtshoorn on day 2. Day 3 takes us through Meiringspoort to Wakkerstroom and then back to the Riempe Hotel for the prize giving dinner. The following day, the VetTour will take us through Herold back to George with the week being rounded off by two days at the George Old Car Show.

Entries are open and anyone wishing to take part on this run can either contact Karen on karen@gtmt.co.za or by phone on (082) 774-8290 or go onto the club's website at [www.scooc.co.za](http://www.scooc.co.za) and download the entry forms.

## **SCOCC Annual General Meeting**

The SCOCC AGM was held at Glenwood House School on 3rd November. The meeting was attended by 35 members during which the previous year's minutes were approved and we were given the Chairman's Report, the Treasurer's report, the 2012 Midas George Old Car Show Report, as well as reporting on the year's events that took place and the various clubhouse opportunities.

Honourary Awards were awarded to the following members: Kobus Halliday for Member of the Year, Oom Charles van Zyl was awarded Honourary Life Membership, Mike Alexander was nominated as club President and Attie van Zyl was nominated as the club Patron.

Sep Serfontein, Carel Smith, Pierre Olivier and Tilly Olivier stepped down for re-election to the 2013 committee and after voting by secret ballot, Manie Smit, Gerhard Hoepfner, Mike Alexander and Andrew Boshoff were elected in their places to next year's committee. The committee for 2013 will therefore consist of Philip Kuschke, Karen van der Merwe, Chris van Staden, Clay Whittal, Byron Smith (Jr), Manie Smit, Gerhard Hoepfner, Mike Alexander and Andrew Boshoff.

## Club Regalia

Club regalia is available for sale through Tilly Olivier. This is a small selection of regalia available for purchase. If you wish to purchase anything and at the same time support the club, please contact Tilly on (072) 510-7836.



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**R100.00**  
Various colours  
available



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**R30.00**



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Badges  
**R120.00**



Coffee Mugs  
**R65.00**



Caps  
**R 50.00**

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## SAVVA Dating Certificates

SAVVA is running a special for the next three months October – December whereby members can obtain an up-dated or new Dating Certificate for R25.00. The object is twofold; members to receive a new certificate and for SAVVA to up-date it's records.

Please bear in mind this is not for new dating applications but only for existing dated vehicles - e.g. where someone has purchased a vehicle and it has an existing dating number, but never applied for a certificate or there was a change of ownership.

Please download the 'Change of Ownership' (COO) form off the SAVVA website, complete it and forward it to the relevant dating officers: Peter Hall – vehicles or Roly Tilman – Motorcycles, their e-mail addresses are on the website.

# MIDAS

## GEORGE OLD CAR SHOW



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### Sat 9 Feb & Son 10 Feb 2013

**SATERDAG - 8:00 TOT 16:00**

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**Attie van der Walt**  
**10th April 1941 - 8th November 2012**



It was with heavy hearts that we gathered at the NG Kerk in Mossel Bay to say our final goodbyes to our friend and fellow member Attie van der Walt. Recently nominated as club Patron, Attie was one of those priceless, dependable, steadfast people who was so loved by his family and friends. His passion for old cars resulted in a long association with the SCOCC from its inception and we will miss him. Go well dear friend. Our condolences go out to Hettie, Hennie, Hannelie, Harrie, Gerhard, Anél, Petra, Jana and Andrea.

*Mnr Attie van der Walt, bekende Mosselbaaier en 'n legende in veral die oumotor-gemeenskap, is verlede Donderdag, 8 November, op 71-jarige ouderdom by sy huis skielik aan 'n hartaanval oorlede. Ons bring hulde aan Attie wat diep spore getrap het in veral die oumotor-gemeenskap.*

*Attie se belangstelling in ou motors het reeds as kind ontstaan en was hy as jong man betrokke by baanresies in Bloemfontein, waar hy menige resies gewen het. Van Bloemfontein is hy as Gesondheidsinspekteur na Uniondale en vandaar na Oos-Londen, waar hy by die Departement van Gesondheid werksaam was.*



**Attie & old friend Kobus Harris**

*In Oos-Londen het hy sy eerste ou motor, 'n 1929 Chevrolet Pheaton, aangeskaf en lid geword van die EPVCC (Eastern Province Vintage Car Club). Hy het dié motor perfek gerestoureer en 'n aktiewe lid van die klub geword. Attie was ook onder die eerste deelnemers wat aan die bekende "Bill Milligan Tydren" vir veteraanmotors, wat in 1970 begin het, deelgeneem het.*

*Hy het, behalwe vir vyf of ses tydrenne, aan feitlik al die Bill Milligan tydrenne deelgeneem. Attie, sy vrou Hettie, en kinders Anel en Hennie, het in 1976 na Mosselbaai verhuis, waar hy die pos as Hoof Gesondheidsinspekteur by die plaaslike Munisipaliteit beklee het en in 1999 met pensioen afgetree het as gevolg van swak gesondheid.*

*Hy het in Mosselbaai aangekom met drie oumotors, 'n 1934 Chevrolet, 'n 1948 DKW en 'n 1956 Mercedes-Benz 180, maar hulle verkoop omdat daar nog nie 'n klub in hierdie area was nie. Na die stigting van die Suid-Kaap Oumotorklub in 1988, het Attie aktief betrokke geraak by die klubaangeleenthede en toe verskeie ou motors gerestoureer. Hy was vir vanaf 1995 vir etlike jare die voorsitter daarvan.*

*Onder sy voorsitterskap in 1997, was dit ook die begin van die George Oumotorskou. Die inisiatief vir die skou het van Paul Fick gekom en is die reëlings saam met 'n paar klublede getref en so het die eerste skou op Paul se plaas Blackwood plaasgevind. Vandaar het die skou na die George Riding Club verskuif en toe na PW Botha Kollege waar die 15de skou hierdie jaar aangebied was.*

*Attie sal onthou word vir sy uitstekende organisasie vermoë, asook die deurlopende kommentaar wat hy by die skoue gelewer het soos die motors deur die arena beweeg het. Die Van der Walt gesin was van 1976 lede van die NG Kerk Mosselbaai-Suid, waar Attie en Hettie baie betrokke was by die koor. Attie word oorleef deur sy vrou Hettie, sy seun Hennie, dogter Anel wat in Oostenryk woon, skoondogter Hannelie, skoonseun Gerrard Vorster, vier kleinkinders, asook sy suster Martie wat in Worcester woon.*

## Nog 'n GROOT BEDERF DEUR DIE HALLIDAYS! - (wat anders het ons dan verwag?)



Sondagoggend 21 Oktober, nog 'n luid lekker rusdag, nes al die ander Sondae. Min het ons besef die Sondag gaan so bietjie meer spesiaals wees.

Na kerk het ons ons piekniek mandjie gepak en afgesit na Kobus en Fienie Halliday se plaas net buite Groot Brakrivier, as gaste van die besondere twee mense. Met ons aankoms daar het ons gou besef dit gaan sommer 'n besondere Sondag raak! Die plek het gewemel van SKOMK lede en die

energie in die lug was sommer heerlik.

Die fasiliteite is uit die boonste rakke en almal het gesellig verkeer en Kobus se uitmuntende versameling van gerestoureerde ou motors met die oë geniet. Dit voel en lyk regtig of daar nooit 'n einde aan die mooi versameling voertuie is nie, so groot en uniek is die versameling. Ietsie vir elke liefhebber van ou motor karre!

Al die gekyk en gestap het mens so lekker hol kolletjie op die maag begin gee, en alhoewel daar taamlik baie hand eet goetjies was om aan te peusel, is ons vooraf gewaarsku om ons nie te ooreet nie, daar kom groot kos vanaf die beplande braai. Nou ja, wat kan ek nou hier se anders as dat ons soos gewoonlik, weereens geweldig bederf is. Die braai vleis was uit die boonste rake, te veel om alles te eet, en glo my daar was 'n paar manne wat hart prober het. Saam met al die slaai, by geregte en poeding kon mens nie help om jou so bietjie te vergryp nie. Dit was nou soos hulle sal se, "vingers aflek lekker". Alles was baie goed voor berei en in die Halliday's se lieflike Lapa bedien. Ai, dit is lekker hier in ons ou wereld.....



Net toe ons pense lekker vol is, en ons oë net net wil begin toe-trek, kom die hoogtepunt van die dag - Pille Keyser van Heidelberg. Nou kan die kerel vir jou lekker musiek maak en sing my vriende! Veral die liedjies so uit die ou dae uit het 'n mens se voete sommer so jukkerig gemaak, nes 'n kat op 'n warm sinkplaat. Was dit nie vir Sondag nie, het ons sweerlik bietjie gedans...

Ai, so wil mens mos jou Sondae van tyd tot tyd deurbring. Lekker kos, lekker geselskap, lekker musiek en sommer lekker terug sit en jou vrinne en die lewe herwaardeer.



Maar ongelukkig moes die lekker geselligheid ook op 'n einde kom, aldus die son begin water trek het. Hoe vining vlieg die tyd darrem as mens jou so gate uit geniet?!

As ons eerlik moet wees, is ek seker ons sou aan gebly, so lekker het ons gekuier. Maar uit respek vir Kobus en Fienie Halliday, het ons besluit om maar huiswaarts te keer, soda tons hul bietjie ruskans van hul eie kon gun.

Ter afsluiting wil ek net namens ons almal wat die geleentheid by gebring het, aan Kobus en Fienie Halliday se, baie dankie! Julle gas Vryheid was uit die boonste rake! Julle was en bly twee sterre! Terloops, sal ons die selfde datum volgende jaar in ons dagboekke oophou Kobus.....?



### Toekomstige Byeenkomste

- **10 Desember 2012 -** Eerste komitee vergadering by Die Gully.
- **19 Desember 2012 -** Dana Baai Tobie Fees. Contact Byron Smith on (072) 566-5033.
- **3rd Februarie 2013 -** Kalk Bay Veteran Run - Crankhandle Club.
- **5th - 7th February 2013 -** SAVVA National Edwardian & Veteran Tour - SCOCC.
- **8th February 2013 -** VetTour - SCOCC.
- **9th - 10th February 2013 -** Midas George Old Car Show, PW Botha School, George.
- **23rd March 2013 -** OD Inngs Memorial Run, Port Alfred - Albany Vintage & Classic Motor Club.

### Annual Subs/ Membership Renewal

We would like to thank all members who have paid their 2013 subs so promptly and to also remind those who have not yet paid to please do so. The club's bank account details can be found on the first page of this magazine. Please send confirmation of your payment, together with your name as a reference via fax to (086) 626-5210 or by email to Chris van Staden on vanstadens10@gmail.com. If we do not receive your payment, this will be the last Spanner that you will receive until your account has been brought up to date.

# Gala Evening

Die langverwagte dinee – 'n eerste vir die Suid-Kaap Oumotorklub – het uiteindelik aangebreek op Saterdag 1 Desember. 'n Groep van ongeveer 70 klublede en vriende het opgedaag by 'n pragtig getooide saal by die Kwagga Cuisine. Die spreekwoordelike "rooi tapyt" was uitgerol en almal was uitgevat in netjiese aanddrag, reg vir 'n aand van kuier, jolyt en vrolik wees. Die tafels was stylvol gedek vir 'n ete uit die boonste rakke. Die kos was onverbeterlik – smaaklik en keurig voorberei én genoeg! Ons opregte dank aan Karen van der Merwe en Tilly Olivier vir hul harde werk voor-af om die saal so mooi te versier.

Ons sê ook dankie aan Byron Smith (junior) en sy span wat gesorg het dat die musiek die mense se voete laat juk het. Die gaste het nie die kans laat verbygaan om die dansbaan uit te toets nie. Sommige vasbyters het tot knap duskant 24:00 die dansbaan besoek en wye draaie gegooi. 'n Gesellige stemming en groot vrolikheid was bewys dat almal hierdie besondere aand baie geniet het. Afslaeur Chris van Staden het die kunstige muur-horlosie wat Karen se inisiatief en handwerk was, teen die einde van die aand opgeveil en die gelukkige nuwe eienaar van dié horlosie was Jan Stander. Die geld wat met die veiling gemaak is, sal aangewend word vir die veteraantoer wat gereël word vir volgende jaar Februarie.

Aan diegene wat hierdie wonderlike aand gemis het: julle moet volgende jaar seker maak dat julle nie weer hierdie glansgeleentheid misloop nie. Dit was voorwaar baie spesiaal!



## SAVVA Technical Tip # 66 - Radiator Blockages

In response to our last article on radiators we received the following from Thys Venter the Chairman of the Austin Healey Club. I think he is spot on saying that modern radiator additives are not always suitable for earlier cars, especially those with aluminium cylinder heads. Some years back I recall reading an article that suggested that the aluminium used in many British cars of the 1960's was of very poor quality. Could it be possible that this poor quality aluminium doesn't take kindly to modern additives? Thys is going to follow-up and will let us know the outcome. Has anyone else experienced these problems?

To quote Thys:

*"I had a similar problem with my Austin Healey. The engine was redone and a tropical core was installed in the radiator. Within two years, the car suddenly started overheating within a few minutes after starting. We did not suspect the radiator and took off the cylinder head to check the gasket and then pressure tested the cylinder head, where we found a small crack between the exhaust port and the water jacket. R40 000 later and a new aluminium cylinder head from Vortaufer Cars installed, I started the car again and within a few kilometres, the temperature gauge was off the scale again. Only then did we discover that the cores were completely blocked by a white, powdery substance.*

*The coolant used was a Premix from Toyota at R200 for 5 litres as recommended at the time by Ben Gerber. Ben then checked his own Healey and noticed that his radiator was about 70% blocked. A few other recently restored Healeys that we checked showed the same deposit on the cores of the radiator. Every one was advised to drain the coolant and to replace it with a water/Glycol mixture.*

*We are reasonably sure that some form of electrolytic reaction occurs even when the car is standing, hence the sudden overheating when the car is used after it has been standing for a while. Electrolytic reactions occur when a conductive liquid is exposed to different metals. We believe the Toyota formulation works well in modern cars where the coolant is only exposed to aluminium.*

*Sasol Technology is currently studying the problem and has samples of the deposit that was found in the radiator cores.*

*I hope to keep you posted on developments. In the mean time I have filled the radiator with distilled water and will add Glycol soon. The radiator water seems to stay clean and no further deposit can be noticed after a few months of usage.*

*The good news is that the locally manufactured cylinder head works well and the car is substantially faster than a standard Healey."*

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*Ek is nie jonk genoeg om alles te weet nie*

## Model T Ford World Tour

As from the Summer of 2012 until the end of 2014 Dirk and Trudy Regter from the Netherlands are making a journey in their 1915 Model T-Ford, visiting over 50 countries covering all the continents of the world. This journey of over 85,000 kilometers is being made in order to raise money to support the worldwide work of SOS Children's Villages International. The trip will take them through all the continents of the world driving right through Africa, along the west coast of South America, through Mexico, the United States and Canada, via India, China, Mongolia, Siberia and Russia, returning to the Netherlands at the end of 2014.



Some of us have been following their progress through their online blog and arranged to meet up with them as they came through the Garden Route. On Friday a group of 5 of us drove to Sedgfield in our cars to meet up with them and escort them back to George. What a pleasure it was to meet Dirk and Trudy, as well as their son Dirk-Jan and daughter in law Inge who have accompanied them on the African section of the trip as back-up drivers in the Land Rover.



Since leaving The Netherlands they have so far travelled through Israel, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana and into South Africa. Sleeping mostly in tents as well as the odd boarding house and Bed & Breakfast, they have made do with what they could pack into The Model T and the Land Rover. Break downs along the route have been mended with the tools and few spares that they brought with them plus the odd welding job that was done in a locally sourced repair shop.



The car has had a few modifications made to it such as the addition of shock absorbers in order to survive the rough roads through Northern Africa and it has been fitted with indicators and beefed up front and rear lights as well as a second gear box, good rear brakes plus an air filter and oil filter to survive travelling through the desert. Other than these slight modifications, this is a stock standard 1915 Model T Ford.

The only items that are being sponsored are their tyres, supplied by Coker Tyres in America. Every other cost they are paying for themselves with all donated

monies going to SOS Children's villages.

Protea Hotels kindly sponsored their night's accommodation at The King George Protea Hotel for the night that they spent with us in George. This is a truly remarkable family and nicer people will be hard to find. The Southern Cape Old Car Club hosted them to a braai at their clubhouse on Friday night and on Saturday they resumed their trip towards Cape Town where the car will be loaded on to a ship bound for Argentina where they will take on the second continent of their round the world challenge. If you would like to make a donation to this extremely worthy cause you can do so by following this link to their web site: <http://www.tfordworldtour.org>



## Wel en Weë

- Our thoughts are with Mel Wake who has recently undergone spinal surgery and also with Kobus Harris after his recent heart bypass. Johan Lingen-Felder has also had a battle with heart problems. We wish you all a very speedy recovery.
- We would also like to congratulate Sep and Stella Serfontein and wish them a very happy future together after their recent marriage.
- Our condolences go out to Hettie, Hennie, Hannelie, Hanrie, Gerhard, Anél, Petra, Jana and Andrea after Attie's recent passing.

As members of the SCOCC family, we share with each of you those occasions when life has it's up's and down's. It is here that we offer support, condolences and celebrations. If you know of anything that you feel should be announced here, please contact me on (082) 774-8290 or [spanner@scocc.co.za](mailto:spanner@scocc.co.za).

### Traditional Christmas Pudding



#### Ingredients:

225 grams Unrefined Molasses sugar  
225 grams Sultanas  
175 grams Shredded Suet  
225 grams Raisins  
225 grams Breadcrumbs  
100 grams Candied Peel Chopped  
110 grams Apricots dried, chopped  
1 tsp Nutmeg grated  
100 grams Prunes Pitted And Chopped  
1 tsp Cinnamon ground  
150 ml milk Stout Or Dark Beer  
1 tsp Ginger ground  
4 tbs Rum or Brandy & a pinch of ground cloves  
4 Beaten eggs

#### Method:

1. Place all the fruits in a large mixing bowl with the stout and rum or brandy, cover and leave to soak overnight.
2. Next day, stir in the rest of the ingredients, stirring well to combine.
3. Divide between 2 1.2 litre (2 pint) greased pudding basins (leaving room for the puddings to rise) and smooth the tops.
4. Cover with a lid or a double thickness of pleated greaseproof paper, then with a double thickness of pleated foil.
5. Tie securely and place in 1 or 2 large pans and pour in boiling water to come halfway up the basins.
6. Cover and cook for 6 hours, topping up with boiling water as needed.
7. Cool completely, then wrap in fresh greaseproof paper and foil. Store in a cool, dark place until needed. The puddings will keep for 3 months.
8. To reheat: steam the puddings for 2 hours.

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*- Dr. Seuss.*