



## Southern Cape Old Car Club

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## Message from the Chair

Hello Everyone,

As this is my first post since assuming "The Chair", and because this will be the last newsletter before the festive season, I would like to open with a message that deals with Family Values - something that we hold all near and dear, in our own ways.

The Southern Cape Old Car is a family orientated club. It was the message that our Founders instilled into our club's basic foundation. There has been a concern of late that perhaps, we as a club, are misunderstanding the meaning of Family Values. When thinking about it, it made me pause for thought though, because we aren't all the same, we don't come from the same mould, we don't all think alike - thank goodness, or this world would be a horribly boring place if we did. So, who says that what I consider to be an important family value, is as important to Joe, Bob, Jane or Fred. I then decided that I would look at what I would consider strong family values to be and ask that you all do the same. As a club, we are after all, one huge family.

In our home family values are rules or ideals that, as a family, we agree to live by and stay true to. Having strong, well defined family values helps solidify the foundation for a strong, tight knit family. When cultivated long enough this closeness provides a soft place to fall when life doesn't go according to plan. Strong and consistent family values are important in building trust and confidence in each family member and so the same applies to us as a club.

Here are my top 10 essential family values.

**1. Belonging.** It is important that each member of my family feel that they are loved, that they belong and that they matter. Being a cohesive family could mean that you spend every spare minute together doing family activities, but keep in mind that everyone is different. Creating a strong family unit is great but each person should be allowed the space and freedom to explore the activities they think they may enjoy. People are more courageous and more willing to take chances if they know they have a safe place to come back to when things don't quite work out. Coming together for special occasions and holidays and just spending time together as a family is what helps build that sense of belonging.

**2. Flexibility.** I'm all for order, schedules and structure in my family to help maintain some level of sanity. But too much structure and the unwillingness to give a little can result in a lot of unhappiness and resentment. The more flexibility you have in decision making, for example, the happier your family will be for it. Imagine one member of the family always

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thinking they are right and enforcing their way of doing things. This certainly wouldn't lead to much happiness within the family unit.

3. **Respect.** This is a bit more difficult to define. For my family, to respect each other is to take feelings, thoughts, needs, and preferences in to account when making decisions. It also means acknowledging and valuing everyone's thoughts, feelings and contributions to the family as a whole. Respect is indeed earned and there is a very fine line between it and fear. The only way to earn and keep someone's respect is to first show them respect yourself. Respect as an important family value will extend out of the home and into school, work or other social settings.

4. **Honesty.** This is the foundation of any relationships that are meant to last. Mother-daughter, husband-wife, sister-brother. Without honesty a deeper connection will not form and certainly won't last. Encourage honesty by practicing understanding and respect when someone tells you of their wrong doings. If we lose it and get angry when we're told what has happened the other person will be more likely to hide it from you next time simply to avoid the disrespect.

5. **Forgiveness.** Forgiving people who have wronged you is an important choice to make. Yes, forgiveness is a choice. This can be tough since a lot of us tend to equate forgiveness with saying what you did was okay. They are **not** the same thing. Holding a grudge, is not conducive to a close family with mutual respect. Keep in mind that everyone makes mistakes, we all occasionally say things we wish we hadn't and none of us are perfect. Get issues out in the open, gain some understanding and move on. Life is too short.

6. **Generosity.** Giving without thinking "what's in it for me?" is an important value for anyone wanting to be a responsible, contributing member to society. Through generosity we build empathy since we tend to think more about what people want or need. Being generous doesn't mean simply handing over money to someone in need. It can also include giving your time, love, attention or even some of your possessions.

7. **Curiosity.** Children have a natural curiosity. If you've ever watched a toddler even for a couple of minutes you'd see that quality shine through. For some that curiosity wanes. I think it's important to encourage and push our kids and even ourselves to be curious about things. Rarely should we ever just take someone's word for it. How do we spark our curiosity? Ask questions. Lots of them. Read about a topic you know very little about and don't be afraid to say you don't know. Critical thinking is an important skill that can be learned and developed through exploring your own curiosity.

8. **Communication.** Communication is as much an art as it is a science. A failure to communicate will likely lead to unhappiness and misunderstandings. Small issues grow into larger ones and when they eventually boil to the surface it's unlikely they will be resolved calmly. Communication is a lot more than simply speaking your mind. In addition to spoken words, communication also extends to tone, volume, expression, eye contact, body

language and effective listening. I would argue that this is the most important value for families to have. When people feel they can talk openly about anything – hopes, dreams, fears, successes or failures – all without judgment, it's encouraging and strengthens the bond.

9. **Responsibility.** We'd all like to be considered responsible people. Some of us are and some of us are decidedly less so. Responsibility is something that is learned. As a child you may have been shown how to put your toys away after playing, how to tidy your room or how and when to feed the dog. This sense of responsibility extends well into adulthood. An adult who has an intrinsic sense of responsibility doesn't require a lot of prodding to show up to work on time, return phone calls or meet deadlines. Setting out individual responsibilities for family members works to instil this quality in everyone.

10. **Traditions.** This is by far the most fun for me. I think traditions are what make a family unique, they draw people together and create a sense of belonging for everyone. Traditions don't need to be expensive, elaborate or a lot of work. It can be something as simple as a lazy Saturday morning sipping coffee and chatting or an annual braai to ring in the new year. If you don't currently have traditions in your family, create them! All traditions started with one person; why not let your family traditions start with you? Get creative and have fun.

So those are my top 10 family values. I would like to encourage all of you to take a few minutes to think about what your top 10 family values are. Each and every one of you are as important to the family as the rest of your family members and so is it the same in our club. You are all important because you all bring to the club family your own personality and this is what makes this wonderful institution such an interesting place to be and to spend time with your other "family members".

In signing off, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very special festive season and New Year. Enjoy the time that you will be spending with your families, wherever you might be. They are the single most important people in your lives. Friends may come and go but family will hold your back for a lifetime. I look forward to 2014 with great enthusiasm and trust that your enjoyment of our club will continue to grow.

Take care everyone & remember - you are all very special.



## Letter to the Editor

Nog 'n jaar het soos blits verbygegaan. Ek kan getuig van vele interessante en sommer net lekker uitstappies wat die komitee vir ons greël het. Ons het beslis hierdie jaar groot pret gehad as ek net dink aan die "Amazing Race" en die "Drive-in" aand by Glenwood Skool as voorbeeld. En dan het ek en Amanda nie eers al die uitstappies kon bywoon nie. Die Erfenis Toer was ook weereens 'n hoogtepunt en almal het dit duidelik baie geiet. By elke Garage Aand het ons gereeld nuwe gesigte gesien, en hier het ons ook interessante onderwerpe bespreek en unieke motorversamelings gesien. 'n GROOT pluimpie vir die reëlingskomitee.

By way of this letter I also wish to congratulate the new committee on their appointment at the AGM. With Karen van der Merwe at the helm, I'm sure our club will only keep moving forward. Even though a female Chair for a SAVVA club is not a first, it certainly is a first for the SCOCC. Karen, to you and your committee, we wish you all the best for 2014.

Merry Christmas to all.

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## Upcoming Events

### CLUB EVENTS

- 1st Januarie** Nuwejaarsontbyt by Pierre Fourie se plaas op Waboonskraal. Ons sal 7:30 vertrek vanaf die Engen vulstasie regoor die Virgin Active Gim by Heatherpark. Bring eie eetgoed en eetgerei, vure, lemoensap en vonkelwyn sal voorsien word deur die klub. Kontak Pierre Olivier by (082) 872-6456 vir meer inligting.
- 26th Januarie** Bonnets up by ons klubhuis Tipple & Torque vanaf 12:00. Bring eie eetgoed of vleis en kom braai en geniet die dag saam met ons.
- 07 Februarie** Pre-Old Car Show Veteran Run arranged by Philip Kuschke (082) 856-5152.
- 08 – 09 Februarie** Die Midas oumotorskou. Registrasies kan via die internet gedoen word, registreer vroegetydig asb. Meer inligting skakel Phillip Rosser by (082) 410-5490 of Chris van Staden by (082) 491-5254.
- 16th February** Bring & Breakfast at the Model Aeroplane Club. Meet at 8:30am at Checkers Centre - York Street to drive together so that those of you who don't know where it is won't get lost. Bring along whatever you want for breakfast, chairs, tables, cutlery, crockery, skottels, drinks & the kitchen sink!! We're going to meet the members from the Model Aeroplane Club and watch a flying demonstration. Should be fun. Contact Pierre Olivier on (082) 872-6456 for more information if required.
- 23 Februarie** Bonnets up by die klubhuis Tipple & Torque vanaf 12:00. Bring eie eetgoed of vleis en kom braai en geniet die dag saam met ons.

You will notice enclosed in this envelope, the calendar of events for the whole year. Please stick this onto your fridge door or keep it somewhere safe so that you will always have a reference to all club activities for the whole year. If you lose your copy, you will however be able to download it off the events page on the club website

**If you need any further information regarding any event, please call Pierre Olivier on (082) 872-6456. Events are also constantly updated on the web site: [www.scooc.co.za](http://www.scooc.co.za)**

**LANCEWOOD.** Choosy about cheese.

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## Birthdays

*On behalf of all our members, we would like to wish the following people a very special birthday. Best wishes for a happy day filled with love and laughter.*

DECEMBER	
Hennie Du Raan	2nd December
Suzette Koen	6th December
Andrew Boshoff	4th December
Ockert Schoeman	5th December
Kevin Casey	5th December
Russell Stander	5th December
Waldri Spies	6th December
Suzette Koen	6th December
Bruce Jackson	7th December
Pat Dolt	7th December
Curly Hanekom	7th December
Yvonne Greeff	8th December
Tjaart vd Walt	9th December
Illze Nel	9th December
Marietjie Bezuidenhout	9th December
Christopher Botes	10th December
Peter Watson	11th December
Frik Mentz	11th December
Hendi Smith	12th December
Niekie Theron	12th December
Pierre Cronje'	14th December
Jacqueline Geldenhuys	15th December
Philip Kuschke	17th December
Christina Meiring	19th December
Wally Steffen	20th December
Amanda Rosser	24th December
Jaco v d Westhuizen	24th December
William Stopforth	25th December
Annamarie Jonker	25th December
Margery Wake	26th December
Jack Boshoff	27th December
Gerhard Breytenbach	27th December
Leonie Lodder	27th December
Doc Greeff	27th December
Aletta Janse van Rensburg	27th December
Albert Etsebeth	30th December
Emce Bernhardt	31st December

JANUARY	
Brian Smith	1st January
Johan van Tonder	1st January
Allan Stokes	2nd January
Gert Gouws	3rd January
Erna Duvenhage	3rd January
Karools van der Linde	5th January
De Waal Esterhuys	6th January
Anthony Roff	7th January
Richie Jute	7th January
Leonidas Mitchell	8th January
Boet Laas	9th January
Willie Buchner	10th January
Gallie Meyer	10th January
Yvonne Tamsen	10th January
Byron Smith (jr)	10th January
Jan Janse van Rensburg	11th January
Hilton Marx	13th January
Kobus Harris	13th January
Ansie Botes	13th January
Karin Marx	15th January
Lötter Neethling	15th January
Steve Smit	15th January
Josef Botes	15th January
Jeremy Wits-Hewinson	17th January
Elma Leonard	18th January
Rudy Knuppe	19th January
Fienie Hoepfner	20th January
Kotie Du Plessis	21st January
Carl Grundling	21st January
DeWaal Carstens	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.*

## Wel en Weë

- Our thoughts are with Dwayne Knuppe and his family after his recent surgery. Dwayne, we are all praying for a full recovery and our thoughts are with you each & every day.
- Chris van Staden gave us a little scare recently, but after the insertion of a stent to relieve the blockage in one of his heart arteries, he seems to be almost back up to full speed again.
- Mel Wake is still struggling after recent surgical procedures to his leg. Hopefully you're going to be firing on all cylinders soon Mel. We miss you at the clubhouse.
- Gerrit Lamprechts is doing amazingly well considering the odds that he has had to overcome. He is walking proof of what positive thinking and keeping the faith can achieve, and of course having Alda by his side throughout his year long struggle.
- It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of Piet "Prok" Coetzee. Oom Piet became a member of EPVCC shortly after the Club was formed. He is the only Milliganite that participated in all 44 Milligans. He always had time talking to everyone and through this made many friends where ever he went. For example, not only he had time for the people that was on the Milligan but he took time to talk to the Managers, Manageress and staff at the reception desk of the Hotels. He made such an impression on them that they knew him by his first name. All his friends at EPVCC, Milliganites and SAVVA will miss this remarkable man. We will keep Tannie Poppie and Oom Piet's family in our thoughts and prayers.
- Although not club related, we would like to send our heartfelt condolences to Ester Watson's family after her recent passing. Ester was the founder and former director of the Outeniqua Wheelchair Challenge held annually in George and whose caring personality touched the hearts of everyone that she came in contact with. She will be dearly missed.
- Congratulations to Rudloph and Sharon Greyvenstein after their recent marriage. We wish you both years and years of happiness together.

*If you know of someone who is unwell or who is perhaps going through a rough patch, or if someone has happy news, please let me know so that I can announce it in the newsletters and members can then contact or visit them. - spanner@scocc.co.za.*

## New Members

A very big SCOCC WELCOME to the following members that have joined our ranks since the last Spanner. May you spend many happy hours together with us.

- 567 James & Roelda Ackhurst who have a 1971 Ford 20 M RS.
- 568 Carmine & Andy Pecorako who have a 1946 Willys Jeep.
- 569 Lize-Mari van der Berg who is begging Dad Ockert for a Model T Ford.
- 570 Stuart & Dottie Cox who have a 1971 MGB Roadster.
- 571 Arthur & Elize Duvenhage who have a 1915, a 1923 and a 1926 Model T Ford.
- 572 Federik & Aletta Janse van Rensburg who have a 1961 Mercedes 180 and a 1930 Chev.
- 573 Daniel & Ria Kasselmann who have a 1955 Vauxhall Velox.
- 574 Josef & Hida Botes who have a 1955 Morris Traveller.
- 575 Charles & Vanessa Lloyd.

## Vehicle Asset Register

You will find enclosed in this envelope forms that we are asking you to please complete as best as you can. You will notice that we have said that this is entirely voluntary, but nonetheless we would please ask for your co-operation in this regard. This is purely an exercise for internal club use and the information will not go any further nor will it be used for any other purpose than to give us an idea of what assets we have as a club.

This will also help us to be able to identify members interests and as such, we'll be better equipped when it comes to organising events that will be of interest to all of you. Thanks in advance for your assistance in this regard.



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## Kobus Halliday Braai Day

We were once again extremely privileged to be invited out to the Halliday Motor Museum at Kobus Halliday's beautiful home outside Klein Brak. Kobus and Fienie go out of the way every time that we go there, to spoil us all rotten, and this day was no exception.



We had a really nice turn out, despite the wind that was blowing a gale, and it was really great to see how many members arrived in their old cars also. Kobus had even arranged for a pony show to entertain us all while we waited for the master braaiers to finish burning their fingers.

We must have had about 20 different salads that the ladies had all contributed, so much so that it was impossible to fit a taste of each and every one onto our plates which meant that the queue at the salad table took forever to move along while everyone debated over which ones to choose from. Fienie's pap balls were also a huge hit.

To finish everything off, though I'm not quite sure where everyone managed to stash it, Fienie had set out an amazing trifle with custard and tubs of ice cream. After lunch Kobus took everyone on a tour of the tractor and truck shed at the bottom of the property which was a little mind blowing also. We thought that we had seen it all having been through the top 2 sheds housing his cars. Not so!!



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Thanks again to Kobus and Fienie. You never fail to amaze us with your hospitality, friendship and generosity to our club.



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## Annual General Meeting

The club's AGM was held this year in our own clubhouse for the very first time. Three committee members stood back this year: Clay Whittall, Byron Smith and Philip Kuschke. In their place, Mare' Weyers, Krige Bolton and Pierre Olivier were elected to the 2014 committee. Serving on the committee is a time consuming exercise and we thank everyone on the committee for their contributions. In particular though, we need to give thanks to Clay Whittall and Philip Kuschke who have contributed years of their time to the club.



Philip, as our outgoing chairman, has contributed more than his pound of flesh. His vision, attention to detail and his never ending perseverance has yielded positive results that we are all going to be benefitting from for years to come. Thank you Philip.

As recognition for the time that Philip has dedicated to the SCOCC during his 3 years as Chairman, Karen presented him with a hand made pewter clock depicting the club's logo.

Oom Charles van Zyl was nominated as club Patron. The definition of Patron is "One that supports, protects, or champions someone or something, such as an institution, event, or cause; a sponsor or benefactor". The Patron therefore, is the protector of the club and as such we couldn't have nominated a better suited person to fill this role.



The winners of the Chairman's Award for most attended club functions during 2013 was once again presented to At and Mare' Weyers. Congratulations you two. You are an example to all club

members. By the way, the Chairman's Trophy has been found thanks to super sleuthing on the part of Pierre Olivier and Andrew Boshoff.

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## Heritage of Steam in South Africa

Hans Zwets from the Crankhandle Club in Cape Town, gave us a talk and showed us a video on Sandstone Estates, one of South Africa's greatest privately owned heritage assets and their collection of narrow-gauge steam trains, the largest in the world, located just outside Ficksburg in the Eastern Free State.

South Africa was once a world leader in steam. Sandstone Estates wants to re-establish South Africa as the top steam railway destination in the world. Sandstone Estates' efforts are an integral part of the Steam In Action movement to preserve and rehabilitate many of the great old locomotives that once ran all over the country.



Recognising that there was no one in particular in South Africa encouraging the purchase, transport and restoration of 2-ft Narrow Gauge assets of historical interest, Sandstone without necessarily having set out to achieve that objective, took on the challenge and the collection as it stands today was established.

Sandstone Estates is not a museum though, it is a working agricultural enterprise that makes daily use of the original steam traction engines, buses, cars, ox wagons with oxen attached to work the farm. In addition to this they have bought quite an amount of narrow gauge rail and have built an elaborate steam network on the farm on which run a number of restored steam engines pulling railway cars.

Each year, Sandstone Estates puts on a week long experience called Stars of Sandstone.

Normally 1,000 or so visitors from all over the world, arrive for a week of non-stop steam,



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military, agricultural and transportation heritage activities. It is for people who find old machinery fascinating and who would relish the opportunity to take a step back in time in order to become more familiar with how the industrial developed and the manner in which agriculture, the military and the railways used the various technologies available to them to the benefit of their communities over a period of over a 100 years.

The club is planning on organising a trip for members who wish to take part in this awesome experience. The dates for next year are 12th to 21st April 2014. We will obviously provide you with detailed information as we get the planning underway, but I wanted to inform you now of this exciting upcoming trip. The cost per person at this stage will be R500.00 inclusive of VAT per day and if your wife is attending she will have free entry for the first day then pay only R100 per day thereafter. This includes three meals plus tea and coffee throughout the day as well as very basic accommodation should you wish to either camp on site or stay in one of the converted railway carriages. It also includes participation in all the activities that will be going on during the course of our stay which we are aiming to be in the region of about 3 days.

We're not planning on being there for the whole week, although if you wish to, you may by all means. Most visitors do not appreciate the huge investment that they need to make in coal and diesel to maintain a fleet of 22 locomotives, over 30 military vehicles, vintage agricultural equipment and steam traction throughout the event. Keep your eyes open for further information or go to their web site <http://www.sandstone-estates.com/index.php/home> for more info.



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## Membership Fee Renewal

This is the final notification regarding unpaid membership that you will see and if you haven't renewed your 2013/2014 membership fess, then this will be the last Spanner that you will be seeing also. Membership fees are only R100.00 and can be paid either by doing a direct deposit into the club's ABSA bank account, by sending us the money via EFT or by giving it to either Chris or myself at any club function. Bank account details are on page 1 of this magazine. Please use your name as the reference.



Take a step back in time and enjoy old-fashioned Karoo hospitality at this restored Victorian homestead. Situated at the Northern entrance to Meiringspoort, we offer you beautiful mountain views, fresh Karoo air and endless sunshine.

The house has lofty ceilings, wooden floors and French doors opening onto wide stoep. The decor is simple and elegant; a blend of period furniture and clean lines, echoing the purity of

the refreshing Karoo landscape. Please contact Jeremy & Sharon Witts-Hewinson to book your getaway & experience hospitality like you have never experienced before. Sharon's scones & cream are to die for. A 20% discount applies to all members who pay them a visit in their old car. (023) 541-1474 or (082) 488-8370



### Art by Karina

Karina Faddel is a South African artist living in George. She spends her painting hours in the Kamannassie, a quiet beautiful mountainous area that inspires her creativity. She also runs an off-road tour and training company. For more information contact Karina on [Karina.Faddel@southafricanartists.com](mailto:Karina.Faddel@southafricanartists.com) or (044) 874-5369

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## Gala Evening

Well after much preparation it was all too soon once again time for the annual year end function. This year it was held in the Regency Hall at the King George Protea Hotel in George. Approximately seventy guests attended, the ladies all looking fabulous and the men gorgeously turned out and looking so smart that we almost didn't recognise some of them. Goodness me but they do clean up nicely!! At Weyers looked especially sexy in his hat, tie & of course.... short pants.



The tables were decorated in Christmas colours, right down to the red & white Christmas crackers and flowers. The music on the night was kindly provided by Shaun and Anuschke of Thunder & Lightning DJ's and we thank them for their very generous contribution.

Our invited guest on the night was Johan Sloet, acting Chairman of the Mercedes Benz Club, who also doubled up as the non-partisan designated lucky draw adjudicator. Johan drew names from the hat in order to determine who the lucky winners were of the 20 gifts that were handed out as early Christmas presents.



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After thoroughly stuffing ourselves on the banquet provided by the staff of the Protea Hotel, everyone took to the dance floor to work off the added calories. It was especially nice to see Gerrit and Alda Lamprechts spending so much time on the dance floor, a close second to Joey and Jurgens who I'm sure danced to every number played that night.



I would like to thank everyone who came along to join in the fun and also to thank all of those on the club committee who managed to scrounge up the give away gifts that were handed out, and of course a huge thank you to the local businesses that supported us through their donations. They are: Lancewood Dairy, Nita's Roses, Clay Whittal for the lovely cheese board, Liquorland for the travel mugs and flask, Susan Alexander for the beautiful glass platter, Jeremy & Sharon Witts Hewinson for the accommodation coupon to their Klaarstroom guest house and Karina Faddel for the stunning prints. I would especially like to say a very big thank you to Mare' Weyers for all the second opinions and for helping out with the running around and table setting.



Full selection of photos can be viewed on Facebook.

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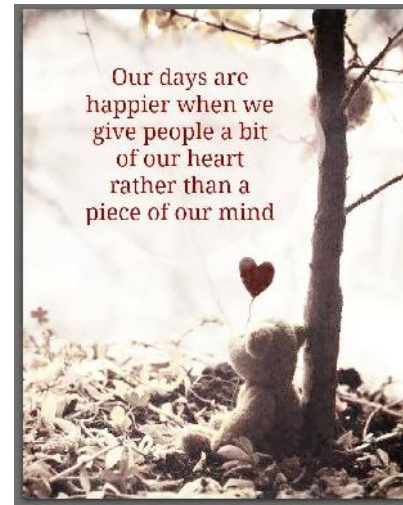
## Area Verteenwoordiger's Uitstappie

Sewe SCOCC lede met hul motors het na Scheurfontein padstal uit Beaufort-Wes vertrek, om daar iets warmes of koud te geniet en om ons vriend Attie van der Walt te eer. Op die pragtige sonnige oggend is die natuurskoon oppad na die padstal, teen ongeveer 80 km/h bewonder. Op die stoep was daar natuurlik ou motor stories en staaltjies vertel.



Ds. en Mev. Vivier moes aandagtig luister na alles wat daar kwyt geraak word. Die lede teenwoordig was: Swannie, Brian, Christo, Hannes, Hilton en Mitch. Na die lekker gekuier is daar weer in die pad geval, terug huis toe.

*Brian Zechlin*



**Wanted:** Articles for inclusion in the Spanner. Please send contributions to [spanner@scocc.co.za](mailto:spanner@scocc.co.za). They will be greatly appreciated.

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# Treasure Hunt

The long awaited and once postponed "due to weather" Treasure Hunt was recently held, starting from the clubhouse and finishing back at the clubhouse again once all the clues had been deciphered and the treasure had been collected along the route.

The day started off with coffee at the clubhouse and everyone was handed out their clue sheets - Umm, everyone!!?? At, Mare', Jurgens, Joey, Shannon and Karen..... were everyone.

A lot of thought and preparation had gone into the organisation of this event on the part of Manie and Clay, Manie had been at the clubhouse since 7:00 that morning stocking the pub and preparing the teas & coffees and considering the fact that there was a pretty decent first prize up for grabs to the winner, it was decided that out of fairness to those who had made the effort to turn up, that we would not scrap the event but that it would go ahead nonetheless and that the prize would be awarded regardless. Congratulations then to Joey & Jurgens Fourie. It was a close race... the competition was tough.... but in the end, undaunted by the odds that they were facing, the best team prevailed.

Joey & Jurgens have "won" a 4 day all expenses paid trip to Elgin Hills outside Grabouw where they will be staying in a luxury tent built on a solid base, each with its own deck and comfortable chairs to lounge in, set amongst indigenous trees. Well done you two and sorry to the rest of you that didn't turn up - eat your hearts out. You see, you never know what you might be missing out on.



Despite the lack of company, we still enjoyed a lovely braai with lots of laughs at the clubhouse afterwards. Chris van Staden and Mike Alexander also joined us afterwards for the braai.



Fun & laughter after the Treasure Hunt.

## Insurance

The SAVVA AGM was held on the 14 September 2013. An item of interest was discussed at the meeting that has an impact on those taking part in rallies and is most certainly something to think about. There had been a nearly serious accident on a recent event, although fortunately no one was injured. However it turned out that only one of the cars was insured. From the discussion at the meeting regarding whether it was necessary for cars participating in events to be insured, the following points were raised.

- It was suggested that organisers ensure that all participants on events have insurance, at least balance of third party.
- It was brought to the committee's attention that in the U.K. no vehicle was allowed on the road without insurance.
- It was suggested that entry forms for SAWA events should stipulate that participants without insurance for the vehicles would not be allowed on the event.
- It was further suggested that event entry forms require participants to include the name of their insurers on the application form.
- It was agreed that SAVVA will enquire from FNB if it was possible to have a blanket 'balance of thirty party insurance' for SAWA events.

With the above in mind, the SCOCC will have to take steps in order to comply with what is ultimately going to become a blanket requirement that will be stipulated by SAVVA. We would therefore like to urge all of you to take advantage of the greatly discounted insurance cover that SAVVA has arranged through FNB Insurance for club owners of classic cars.

Even if you do not particularly wish to take out fully comprehensive insurance on your vehicle, please think of the other users on the road and the consequences involved, should you get into an accident in your oldie, and at least take out balance of third party, fire and theft insurance. This way, if the accident is, heaven forbid, your fault, at least the damage to the other car is covered and so is your conscience.

Please also check out the SCOCC web site under the SAVVA button for more detailed information on the various types of insurance that is available for your oldie as well as to download the application form. Feel free to contact me also if you wish to talk about this.

## "S" Licences

Think very carefully before you decide to register your vehicle under an S-Licence. Strictly speaking, you CANNOT use it for any other purpose than attending club related events. If you use it for everyday travel and have registered under an 'S' Licence to simply save on the cost of the annual licencing fees, yet you still use it for everyday travel or for driving happy couples to weddings, and you are involved in an accident, you have a potential can of worms on your hands. Firstly your insurance is going to give you endless amounts of uphill and secondly you could be facing criminal charges. However, if you do decide to go this route, then please take note of the following helpful information.

Some registering authorities are not correctly informed on the requirements relating to the granting of Special licences, the so called 'S' licences. This is currently being addressed, but in the interim, for those members intending such registration for an eligible vehicle, the following pertinent, (but not strictly verbatim), extracts from the current Road Traffic Regulations, will be useful:

### **Regulation 138, Certificate of roadworthiness required in certain circumstances.**

*Sub-regulation (1)* states that, subject to sub-regulation (2) a registering authority shall not issue a licence disc in respect of a used motor vehicle of which the owner has changed, unless such motor vehicle is certified to be roadworthy.

*Sub-regulation (2)* states that the above sub-regulation (1) shall not apply in respect of a motor vehicle referred to regulation 21 (1).

### **Regulation 21, Special classification of motor vehicle in relation to motor vehicle licence fees.**

*Sub-regulation (1) (e)* states that the owner of a motor vehicle which is a vintage vehicle and which is used solely-

- (I) in any race or sport referred to in regulation 317;
- (II) in any event organised by a properly constituted motor club;
- (III) exhibition purposes; may apply to the MEC concerned for special classification of the vehicle concerned with respect to motor vehicle licence fees by, at his or her appropriate registering authority, making a declaration on form ELFI to the effect that the vehicle is as contemplated in paragraph (e) accompanied by:

- (I) the acceptable identification of the owner; and
- (II) additional information or documents required by the MEC concerned.

### **NOTES.**

1. By definition in the National Road Traffic Regulations, "vintage vehicle" is defined as: any motor vehicle manufactured on or before 31 December 1965.

2. The accompanying documentation must include:
  - 2.1 A letter from the club chairman, quoting your ID. Number, and confirming that you are a bona fide paid-up member of a SAVVA-affiliated club.
  - 2.2 A copy of the SAVVA dating certificate for the specific vehicle, failing which, a letter from the club dating officer confirming that the vehicle is eligible.
  - 2.3 A letter signed by you the owner, stating that you understand and acknowledge that the conditions under which the 'S' licence application will be granted as stated in Regulation 21 (1) (e), will be complied with.

## *Youth Program Vehicle Tender*

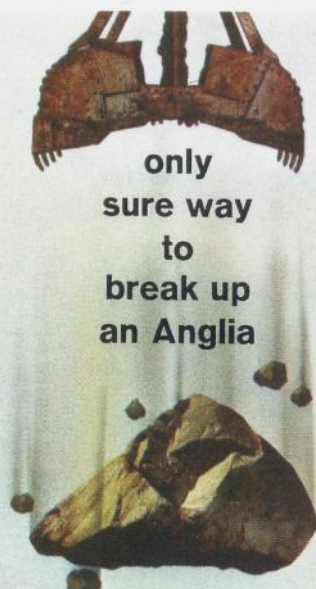
Thanks to the very kind donation of two vehicles by two very generous George gentlemen, Mr. Danie Wessels and Mr. Hamman Oosthuizen, the club is in the fortunate position to once again be able to offer on tender the following two vehicles;

1. A late 1960's Ford Anglia that has been customized into a bakkie.
2. A 1968 Toyota Corona bakkie.




You will find in the envelope with this newsletter, tender documentation that pertains to these two vehicles. In order to be eligible to participate in this tender you have to (a) be a fully paid up club member, (b) under the age of 28 (c) you need to be able to demonstrate that you have the means as well as the commitment, to restore the vehicle and (d) you need to convince the committee that you will continue to play an active role in the promotion of the club's youth program. In other words, you will act as an ambassador for the club and actively recruit new young members to the club who are interested in the preservation and enjoyment of our motoring heritage for generations to come.

If you have any questions regarding the tender process or completing the tender documents, please feel free to give me a call. The closing date for acceptance of tender applications will be 13th January, 2014 and the winner will be announced at Bonnets Up in January.



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to  
break up  
an Anglia**



The world's worst roads couldn't do it. Take the East African Safari Rally for instance. Or the Liege-Sofia-Liege Rally—world's toughest test of cars. Anglia licked 'em both when other cars crumbled. If those roads and that kind of driving can't bust an Anglia—you don't stand a chance. And Anglia looks good too. If you don't drop a rock on it.

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*The Reader's Digest, January 1965*

# 2014 Midas George Old Car Show

GEORGE  
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SHOW



The date for the 18th Midas George Old Car Show is just around the corner. The organisers are working around the clock to ensure that next year's show will once again go off without a hitch. Registrations for vehicles are coming in thick and fast so if you haven't yet had a chance to register your vehicle but you plan on bringing it to the show, please don't leave it to the last minute. Registrations close on

17th January 2014. You will find both the online electronic registration form on the club website ([www.scooc.co.za](http://www.scooc.co.za)) as well as the downloadable registration form should you prefer the old fashioned way of filling in a form with a pen. Simply complete the form and return via email or fax and we'll register your vehicle for you. The special invitation theme for the 2014 Show is Microcars with an engine capacity of 850cc or less. Anyone knowing of such cars please contact Mike Alexander directly (phone (082) 495-4780 or e-mail [mikealex@telkomsa.net](mailto:mikealex@telkomsa.net)) so that he can send them a personal invitation to come to the show and park their car in a specially allocated area.

Onthou asb. dat vooraf registrasie vir die skou absoluut noodsaaklik is. Besoek ons webblad by [www.scooc.co.za](http://www.scooc.co.za) om te registreer. Omdat uitstalruimete beperk is mag dit wees dat u weggewys kan word by die hek as u nie vooraf gerigistreeer het nie.

Those of you who wish to participate as stall holders, in other words, if you wish to exhibit or sell your products, application forms can also be found on the club web site. This is the ideal forum especially for those of you in the motor related business to exhibit or sell your wares. If you have any questions of any kind whatsoever, or problems with registration, please contact either Phillip Rosser on (082) 410-5490, Chris van Staden on (082) 491-5254 or Karen vd Merwe on (082) 774-8290.

A man pushes his car into the garage and tells the mechanic that the engine just died on him in the street. After a few moments of tinkering under the bonnet, the engine is purring again.

'Great,' says the driver. 'How did you fix it?'

'Just crap in the carburettor,' replies the mechanic.

'Okay,' replies the man. 'So how often do I have to do that?'

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# MIDAS

## GEORGE OLD CAR SHOW



PW BOTHA COLLEGE  
YORK STREET

### Sat 8 Feb & Sun 9 Feb 2014

**SATURDAY- 8:00 TO 17:00**

**SUNDAY - 8:00 TO 13:00**

CONTACT CHRIS VAN STADEN

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# The Goldberg Brothers -

## The Inventors of the Automobile Air Conditioner

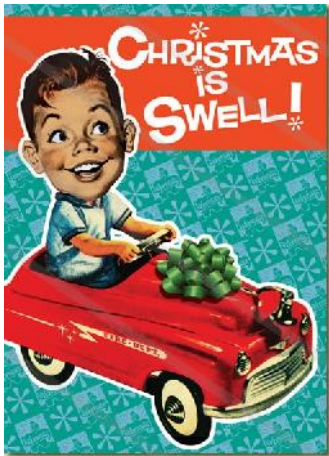
Here's a little factoid for automotive buffs or just to dazzle your friends.

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed. Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown. And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -- Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.



*Christmas -- that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance -- a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.*

**Augusta E. Rundel**

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# S.A.V.V.A Technical Tip # 78

## Water Hoses

Recently I had to take the head off an engine that just wouldn't run right and had a tendency to run a tad warm. It was a 1960's overhead valve engine, typical of that era British sports car. After wasting hours messing around with the carbs, timing, valve clearances etc. it became obvious that the problem had to be with the innards -- so off came its head.

When the head was on the bench and stripped the mystery deepened somewhat as the valves etc. were in perfect condition. Obviously, we should have taken a compression check first but it was too late once the head was off. I was reminded of the old saying "lazy people do the most work".

I assumed the problem must be piston related therefore the engine must come out. The laborious task of taking the engine out starts with the removal of the radiator, so off came the top hose and then the bottom hose and surprise, surprise -- guess what I found -- the top hose was obviously a bit too big so a previous owner had, in their infinite wisdom, wound some plastic insulation tape around to take-up the clearance. The problem was that with heat of the engine the glue on the tape had softened and slid back over the water pump's orifice reducing the water flow by more than 50%. See picture.

At this stage I was more or less committed to pulling the engine out. Once the engine was out and stripped I found all the top piston rings broken. This must have been the problem right from the beginning. The big question was why? There wasn't a ridge at the top of the bore and the pistons were in perfect condition, so one has to assume that the restricted water flow had caused serious overheating, resulting in broken rings.



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## S.A.V.V.A Technical Tip # 79

### Electrical Fans

The hot weather is with us again, or just around the corner. Hurrah, but think of your cherished oldie – they don't appreciate the warm weather like we do. Our older cars were never made to sit in the heavy traffic we experience today and the old fan turning at idling speed isn't going to help very much. One needs a good gust of wind through the radiator to keep it cool - which can only be accomplished by the fitting of an electric fan.

I've just had a radiator cleaned out and whilst it was out I thought it may be worthwhile investigating the possibility of converting to an electric fan and the cost thereof. A trip to the local Silverton radiator shop soon answered my curiosity. The proprietor knew exactly what I required and placed in front of me a fan switch (thermostat) and a brass receptacle that needed to be soldered into the bottom of the radiator. They apparently do this on a regular basis.

Installation of the electric fan is very simple and no special expertise is required. You must however check how much space you have available at either side of the radiator then decide which type of electric fan would best fit - a "push" or "pull" fan. Pull fans are used in most front wheel drive cars and are obtainable from various spares outlets. Push fans can be a bit difficult to find - the best source are the car aircon dealers and they carry them in stock. They usually come in 10" 12" 14" sizes. The cost of a 10" is around R310.00. A warning however - the contacts in the thermostat switches are extremely light and cannot take much current so it is *imperative* that a relay be used – at least 35 amps or even heavier if you can find one.

Attached is a picture of a typical thermostat switch and the brass receptacle (socket) which fits into the bottom of the radiator. The black unit is an alternative receptacle which can be fitted into the bottom hose (rather than taking the radiator out) and takes the standard thermostat switch. If you can't find these sockets in your part of the world they are available from Silverton's in Greymont, Johannesburg and sell for R150.00 each. They can be ordered by contacting them on (011) 022-7056 or (078) 633-4770. Total cost of an installation, including the switch, socket, relay and the fan, should be between R500.00 and R600.00.



## Classifieds



**Wanted:** Manie Rademeyer is looking for a Shoprider Mobility Scooter with 12 deg. climbing angle to make his visits to Car Shows easier and more accessible. If you have one to sell, please phone Manie on (082) 661-9845 or (044) 382-4538.



**Wanted:** Piston for a 1929 Automoto motor bike. The piston has a 60mm diameter. The gudgeon pin is 18mm in diameter. From the bottom of the piston to the bottom of the gudgeon pin hole is 30mm. If anyone has one that matches these dimensions, please contact Garth on (083) 375-4170.



**Wanted:** Tom van der Vyver is looking for 16 inch rims for a 1935 Ford. He needs 5 in total. Call Tom on (083) 948-1168 if you can help in anyway.

**For Sale:** Tony Durandt has oil pans for sale 760 x 760 x 60 deep for R120.00 each. Call Tony on (072) 203-7832



**For Sale:** 1938 Bedford 1.5 ton Model M truck. Straight six engine, 3518cc, 57Kw, 75.9BHP, 45,230 miles on clock. Contact Tinus Joubert Cell: (082) 725-6586

*Please note that advertising in the classified section of the Spanner is free to all members. Your advert will run for 3 editions of the Spanner, unless sold or found earlier.*

***Please let me know if you have found or sold the item that you have been advertising so that I can make space for other members wishing to make use of this service.***

## On The Lighter Side

Danny had recently passed his driving test and decided to ask his clergyman father if there was any chance of him getting a car for Christmas, which was yet some months away. 'Okay,' said his father 'I tell you what I'll do. If you can get your 'A' level grades up to 'A's and 'B's, study your bible and get your hair cut, I'll consider the matter very seriously.'

A couple of months later Danny went back to his father who said 'I'm really impressed by your commitment to your studies. Your grades are excellent and the work you have put into your bible studies is very encouraging. However, I have to say I'm very disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut yet.'

Danny was a smart young man who was never lost for an answer. 'Look dad. In the course of my bible studies I've noticed in the illustrations that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson and even Jesus had long hair.' 'Yes. I'm aware of that...' replied his father '... but did you also notice they walked wherever they went?'

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It was Christmas Eve. Harry and Shirley had returned from an enjoyable midnight mass at their local church. They arrived home and spent a short while relaxing by an open fire before retiring to bed. Some time in the middle of the night they were awoken by heavy knocking on their front door. Harry was very unhappy about this. He went down stairs and noisily unlocked the door to be confronted by a dishevelled man who was obviously the worse for drink. 'Th'cuse me thur. Will you helpth me with a puth."

"Help you with a push!" said Harry. "You drunken idiot! Get away from my house before I call the police! Irresponsible people like you should be banned from driving!" And slammed the door into the man's face.

He went back to bed and was astonished to find himself being reprimanded by his wife. "How could you be so mean and uncharitable." she said. "Surely this evening's sermon must still be ringing in your ears. How the innkeeper turned Joseph and Mary away on Christmas Eve. Here you are presented with the same situation and you show yourself to be no better than that uncaring man. Shame on you."

Harry was shocked by the relevance of what he had done and was full of remorse. He ran down the stairs and opened the front door, but the man was no longer there. So, he ran down the path to his front gate to see if the man or his car was along the road, but there was no traffic or people at all. On the off-chance that the man might still be around somewhere he shouted loudly. "Hey mister, needing a push, where are you?"

The unmistakable drunken voice replied immediately. "Over here thur, on the thwing."

## The Flavour of the Moment

### Black Magic Cake



Prep Time: 15 Min

Cook Time: 40 Min

#### Ingredients

1 3/4 all purpose flour  
2 cups sugar  
3/4 cup cocoa powder  
2 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp salt  
2 eggs  
1 cup strong black coffee, cooled  
1 cup buttermilk  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1 tsp real vanilla extract

#### Chocolate Frosting

1/2 cup margarine, softened  
2 oz melted unsweetened chocolate, cooled  
3 cup powdered sugar  
3 Tbsp milk  
2 tsp real vanilla extract

#### Directions:

- 1 Combine flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, and salt in a large mixing bowl or stand mixer.
- 2 Add eggs, coffee, buttermilk, oil, and vanilla.
- 3 Beat at medium speed for two minutes. Batter will be thin.
- 4 Pour batter into a greased and floured 9x13 pan or two 9 inch cake pans.
- 5 Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes for a 9x13, or 30-35 minutes for layer pans.
- 6 Combine frosting ingredients and mix with a hand or stand mixer. Spread frosting on cooled cakes.