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Wizards Chatter

Hi Folks,

In the last month we have lost 3 well known friends in our car family. Our condolences to the Hayward family (Graham). Then Sandy Paterson, Derek Graham and their families.

The ladies had an outing on the 6th March. They were treated with a visit to a very unusual guest house. They ended off with tea and cake at an Art Coffee Shop.

The guys went to watch the drifting at the racetrack and I believe they had a good time.

Our scavenger hunt was a planned schedule which took us to various suburbs to identify certain landmarks. We ended off with a prize giving and braai.

Guys next month the 17th April we are going on a boat cruise so please, if you would like to go let Joyce know, it is important for booking purposes. The Captain.

WANTED

Body spares for a 1979 RS2000 Ford Escort. Wind-screen for 1955 International bakkie. Contact person Johan Hattingh 043 7412577 or 0824123365.

PLEASE GUYS SEND ME A PICTURE OF YOUR FAVOURITE MODEL AND I MEAN MODEL CAR, FOR MODELERS CORNER.

Chairman's Chirp



A SAD MONTH FOR BORDER MOTOR SPORT

What a sad month March has been for motoring circles. Three of our motoring greats have moved on to a higher calling, namely Graham Hayward, Sandy Paterson and Derek Grayham. Our thoughts, condolences and prayers go to their families. They will long be remembered specially by those of us involved in motor sport as all three were dedicated gentlemen and all were willing to go that extra mile in furthering the interests of motor sport in the Border region. Graham has been involved with the Border Vintage Car Club for more years than I can remember. Most of those years were spent being a member of the committee and chairman for a long spell as he held this position with such dedication and love of vintage cars and motoring. He was an extremely keen rally person both as organizer and partaker. Graham was also very active with other car clubs and a regular AACC member. They say if you want a job done well give it to a busy man. This was certainly the case with Graham as he managed his business with the same enthusiasm as his hobby. Farewell Graham we will all miss you, your smile, your friendly approach and above all your infectious enthusiasm. Derek was another dedicated person and a highly respected member of the MG Car Club. Derek only knew one way to do anything and that was the right way. I think I am right in saying that he was a past chairman, secretary, treasurer and scribe of the M.G. Car Club. He was also my secretary of the AACC for many years where once again he made sure that no stone went unturned. Derek was just as much a perfectionist when it came to restorations and it was so sad to know that he left unfinished MG's and an "E" type Jag in his garage which were all being put painstakingly back together and would have been a credit to a great guy. Goodbye Derek, like Graham you will be missed by many. As For Sandy Paterson here is another dedicated gentleman of motor sport and motor racing. I never knew Sandy personally but have it on good authority that he was a fine gentleman both on and off the race track and will be missed specially by the motor racing guys. To all three of these gentlemen we grieve very much your passing, yet are so pleased in the knowledge that you have no more pain to bear. You will all be remembered for many years to come by all of us.

Fords, Fords & more Fords by Les Thomas

It was Thursday the 25 Feb and the time was finally here for us to make the trip to Welkom to become part of the World Record attempt of having the most Fords ever traveling in convoy around the Pakisa Race track.. Brian and Lorna were the first of the 3 cars that traveled from our club to leave at about 1pm, Johan and Joyce followed at 2:30 and us at 17:30. We were all staying over Thursday evening in Aliwal North we eventually got into Aliwal North at about 10pm to discover that Brian and Johan had made a fire to braai but seeing that we were still not there Johan decided to add some water so a new one was lit for us. (what's better than 1braai fire?? Ed.)

Friday morning saw us up early and ready for the second part of our trip, our first stop was at the Ford garage and it was not for any spares for the Fords (sorry Datsun boys) Johan had learnt that the workshop foreman knew of a Valiant standing in the location and to our surprise he told his mechanic to take us into the location with his bakkie to see if we could find it. Unfortunately it was gone already. Well back on the road again next stop was about 20km from Bloem where we went looking for a windscreen for Johan's International Bakkie, and then it was on the road again. According to Brian's GPS although we guys disagree, but the woman agreed with the GPS ,we had more stops on Friday than actual traveling time. On arrival in Welkom we stopped at Joyce's brother's house, who led us to the place that we were going to be staying in Welkom. Driving into the area we started worrying about where we were going as we were in the industrial area and the buildings lining the street where in a really bad state of vandalism. We turned into the driveway to Chris and Sonja's Place and were even more worried as it was a workshop area and we all thought we were going to be sleeping in a shed! Well to our surprise we walked through a gate and into the yard and what a difference, lush grass, a swimming pool and a real area to sit back and relax in, we met Sonja and her 18 toy poms (maybe she is also trying to get into Guinness book? Ed.) she showed us around and where our rooms were, then it was off to the track to see what was happening. We drove in to the camp site where a lot of guys where camping and wherever one looked there where Ford's, there were a lot of Escorts and neither Johan nor myself knew which one to look at first the one was better than the next, when Johan saw the RS2000's he just didn't want to leave.

We left and went back to where we were staying and met Sonja's husband Chris and what a nice guy he was, we wanted to wash our cars and he ended up opening his workshop up for us, where all his tools and equipment was out in the open, he is a Diesel mechanic and had a very clean workshop, he said we can use whatever we want and that we could park our cars in the workshop and he went back to the bar, later that evening he went and locked the workshop so our cars slept safely inside. Saturday we were at the track bright and early to take our places along with all the other Fords of all makes and models (again sorry to the Datsun boys I was expecting to see just as many Datsuns outside the track waiting to tow the Fords as they say for every Ford built there is a Datsun to tow it!!) we had to park in our car color groups for the Parade lap. Then it was time for the big moment as over 1000 Fords lined up on the track in convoy 3 cars abreast and one behind the next. Down went the flag and off we went, It was a feeling that can't be expressed in words as all these Fords took off down the main straight driving our way into History and becoming part of this World Record, which was not just beaten or shattered but smacked right out of the ball park. Saturday evening saw us back at Chris and Sonja's, where we relaxed with a fire going, a good couple of Brandy's and were basically given the run of the place when Chris retired for the night. Sunday morning and it was time to take the long road back, this was a very enjoyable weekend and will defiantly not be forgotten any time soon and will take some doing to better the feelings that were experienced of being part and parcel of this successful World Record attempt. Careful study of the aerial view below will show almost 1000 Fords.





The beautiful Triumph Spitfire - *Quick, before it's too late.*

Found this old advert in a magazine lying in my garage. I think the picture says it all, although I did find an uncanny resemblance to some of our present members and cars???. It was sort of standard practice in the 60's to have a gorgeous female in, around, or leaning on the car (as seen in this example.) However this style of advertising fell away in the 80's as it was found that ladies could no longer rest their weight on the bonnet as this would invariably leave an indentation straight away! Should you like to meet the sexy chick in the picture just remember that by now she will probably be about 70 years old!???? And yes, you've guessed it, this picture is of a bedroom, indicating that the comfort of a Spittie is equal to that of a soft feather bed! And I can vouch for that having traveled many Kilometers in my Spit to past Triumph Nationals.

Scavenger Hunt 21st March



A little windy but otherwise a lovely day for a run. Starting as usual from the club house about 10 cars headed on a round about route to Gonubie and back. I'm quite sure we would have had more entries had it not been for the long weekend. All the entries were given a question/route schedule, a bank bag and a playing card? Had us all puzzled at first until we found at the end of the run whoever held the joker won anyway! Congratulations Oom Des for having the joker. There were various other awards for a variety of reasons even Iwan received one for seeing to it that the braai fires were ready at the end of the day! Brian Hewitt completed the run in his immaculate Ford V8 only to find that it refused to start at going home time. After all the comments in Lesley's article (opp. page) it was quite ironic to see his Ford being towed away by Kevin's Datsun!!!!?

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Monthly Raffle

The Club Raffle for last month was won by:

**Tracy West
Well Done!**

Please remember subs are
Due for 2010...R250-00

The sooner you fall behind,
the more time you have to catch up.

There are 3 easy ways to loose money—racing is the
quickest, woman the most pleasant and owning a
Classic car the most certain.

This is not actually a joke, but something that actually happened to my wife Hester recently. Her and Belinda (our daughter) were having coffee at a newly appointed coffee shop when they noticed that their waitress was "bare foot." My wife tells me that it is quite normal to cast off one's shoes when pregnant (don't ask me why) and this lady was heavily pregnant to say the least, in fact it looked like full term? When our said waitress came to present the bill my wife jokingly said "please let us leave before your baby arrives neither of us have any midwifery skills". The waitress replied "I'm not pregnant?????" *Ever wanted the floor to swallow you up??*

You've stolen another car?" the judge yelled at Clayton. "Didn't I tell you I never want to see you in my courtroom again?" "Yes sir, and that is what I told those officers, but they wouldn't listen".

Forthcoming events Booze cruise on a barge up and down Nahoon river. This is a "must do" event which will take place on Saturday 17th April . Please phone Joyce for details and booking. Note that booking is a must for this one.

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Something to think about



JUST JOKING

Happy Birthday



Below: Louis Nel's Mini nearing completion.

