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Wizards Chatter

Hi Folks,

Here we are at the end of the love month. Well folks we are now at our new venue and for those of you that were there last month, you will certainly have noticed a difference, in that the place has been painted and cleaned and I am sure we will be very happy there.

The George Show turned out to be the biggest and best Show I have attended. I have seen cars I have never seen before. The theme was "Wings and Things" but more about this by Barry.

Our monthly outing was on Sunday 20th Feb and we went to Nahoon Dam for a braai. The weather was beautiful and hot. Barry and Kevin took along their boats and some of us were taken for a trip around the beautiful dam.

Folks we are having a committee meeting in March to discuss the WOW. We are planning a lot of different things and we also need some new ideas. We want to make a big success of the show so please contact any of the committee members with your ideas to make the show bigger or better or whatever and we also need prizes.

As you all know the last Sunday of November is always the Amathole Classic car run whereby it has become a very popular event and well supported. Why I mention this is that I am proud to say if it was not for the V8 Club the AACC would have battled to survive as most of the committee members are from the V8 Club. This brings me to the point where the AACC chairman, Trevor Browne, has decided to step down as chair person and I would like to thank Trevor for all his hard work and dedication to this event, but Trevor you always said if you turn 70 you would like to step down but he will remain a committee member. This committee was 8 years old in November 2010.

We will notify you of our next event.

The Captain.

OUR NEW HOME

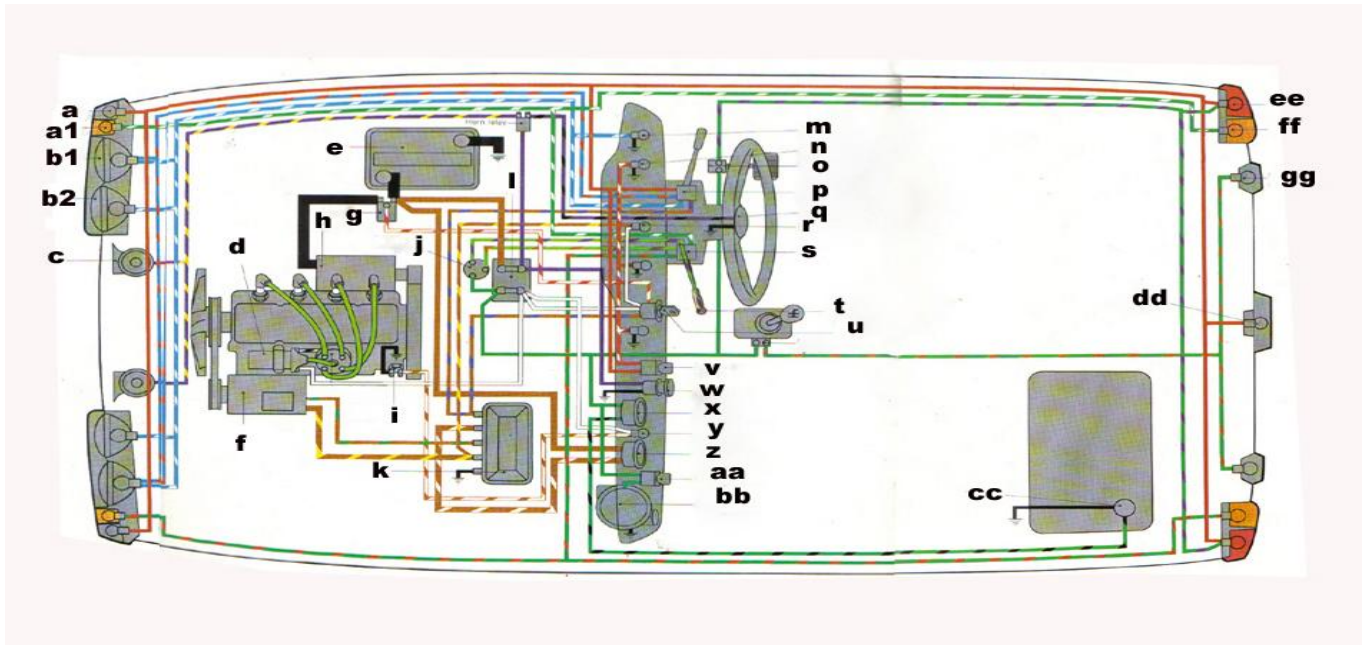
I interviewed many of our club members during the first noggin of 2011 and without exception all agreed that it was a lovely venue and we look forward to many more enjoyable times there. The turn out of members was good and the club even threw in a pretty young barmaid to the delight of us oldies (ok...I speak for myself). The evening was pleasant with a little light rain which presented no problem at all. What a good start to the new year.

Chairman's Chirp



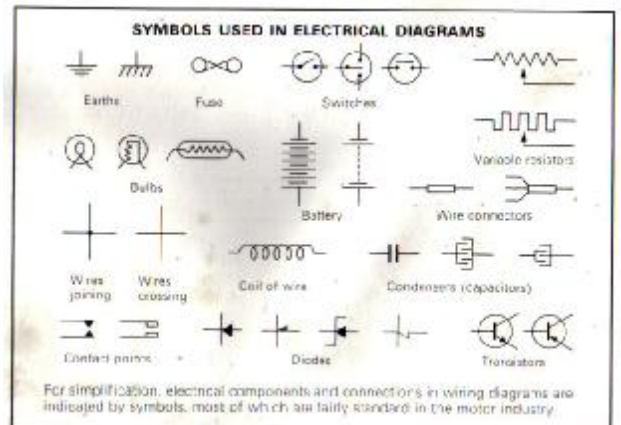
Technical time. The Electrics part 1

Over the next few Chatters we will deal with the electric systems of our cars. This is an area that scares the hell out of most of us, specially with modern day cars, however, these write ups will certainly help us with the older types. I thought I knew it all, but in putting this series together I have learnt how little I really do know ,so read on even those auto electricians it will certainly renew your knowledge of basics and may even surprise you with something you didn't know!



a park light a1 indicator b1 headlamp, main and dip b2 headlamp, main beam only c horn d ignition coil e battery f generator/alternator g ignition coil h starter motor i oil pressure switch i2 distributor j flasher unit for indicators k regulator l fuse box m main beam warning light n pannellight o brake light switch p parking, headlight & dipswitch control q horn button r ignition warning light s indicator switch t indicator warning light u ignition/starter switch v panel light switch w cigarette lighter x fuel guage y oil warning light z ammeter aa heater switch bb heater motor cc fuel tank rheostat for fuel gauge dd number plate light ee rear light and stop light ff trafficator gg reversing light

Cars in the 60's 70's and 80's boasted about 60 meters of wire joining its electrical components. All the wiring with the exception of the earth straps, battery leads and high tension ignition leads, are colour coded. The coding was standardized in most cars (specially British) to allow quick recognition of the different circuits when any repairs were necessary. The battery acts as a reservoir to supply current to the system when the engine is not running. When it is running above tick over, the generator supplies all the cars needs and recharges the battery. Only a few parts of the electrical system are needed to keep the cars engine running. The remainder operate the lights, windscreen wipers and other accessories. Older cars have a separate starter button. In the wiring diagram above the windscreen motor has been left deliberately out. This is because there are several different motor types in use (single speed two speed and intermittent) and the wiring varies. Other optional accessories have also been omitted.



While I was on leave in November, I stopped over in Calvinia. I visited the previous owner of the Lark and showed him the photos of the restored Lark; He was very impressed and told me about a Valiant Rustler that was standing on a farm. I went and had a look and convinced the owner to sell it to me.

16 December 02:00am myself and Piet left for Calvinia.

13:00 we stopped in Calvinia 1000 km later, loaded the Rustler, and decided to turn back, and sleep over at Victoria West, arriving at Victoria West, 1380 km later, we found that there was no accommodation available.

The next stop was Murrumbidgee 1480 km later, there was also no place to rest, and all the B&Bs were fully booked. The next town was Graffrein, there also was no accommodation. All the B&Bs were loaded with Vallies.

At the caravan park, we managed to get some hot water, but no accommodation. We had some coffee, and Piet bought us each a red bull. It was 12pm at night, we had 1620 km behind our backs. At that stage I couldn't keep my eyes open anymore. We decided to go to Piercedon, after the second B&B; we at last got a room.

It was 1am in the morning and 1700 km later, the room looked like a jail cell, no windows, a shower and toilet, but no doors, the only good thing was two single beds. Piet passed out straight away and started snoring, I turned around and around, and discovered that the Red Bull had kicked in, so I had to listen to all Piet's songs.

Next morning Piet was up early, but he could not get me out of the bed, an hour later we were on the road again, and it was Piet's turn to drive as I was still exhausted.

We got home safely, but still exhausted, we offloaded the Rustler, I stood back and had a good look at it. Then I wondered,

- Was it really worthwhile?
- Didn't I make another mistake?
- Didn't I pay too much?
- Where will I find all the parts?

And how long will it take me to restore the Rustler?

But I had no answers
Kenny Willemse



BEFORE



This is what happens when your gardener borrows your car without your knowledge!! That is exactly what happened to this lovely mini belonging to Kenny Willemse. He now wishes to either sell it or have someone restore it for him. Kenny can be contacted on 0437321455 or 0828763533.

AFTER



The AACC has a few of these (limited edition), 20th anniversary Amatola Classic bumper badges left over. They cost R80-00 each and are available from Joyce. At the time of writing I think we had only 7 left!

Forthcoming events: 20th March Kingwilliamstown run.



For sale: this beautiful set of mags, contact Shane Sutherland at 0825795832

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Monthly Raffle

Won by

Shaun Bezuidenhout

Are you a paid up member?

A rich entrepreneur visited a small town in the Karoo with the intention of possibly setting up a business there. He walked into the only hotel in the town, put R250-00 on the counter and told the manager that was a deposit on the best room should he stay overnight. As soon as the entrepreneur had left, the manager went straight to the butcher and gave him the R250-00 he owed him. The butcher went to the bottle store and cleared his R250-00 debt and the bottle store manager went to the prostitute and gave her the R250-00 he owed her. The prostitute went to the hotel manager and gave him the R250-00 she owed him. Just then the entrepreneur walked in said he wouldn't be staying over took the R250-00 lying on the counter thanked the manager and left. This left the small town suddenly free of all debt ????????????????



Something to Think About



JUST JOKING

'n Antreklieke jong dame ry met haar baba op die bus. Heel diskreet probeer sy die babatjie te borsvoed, maar hy wil niks weet nie. Kort-kort sê sy vir die babatjie: "As jy nie wil drink nie, gaan ek dit vir die oom daar oorkant gee!!!!!" Toe sy dit die derde keer vir die babatjie sê, antwoord die man: "Dame, maak asb jou mind op of jy my wil laat drink of nie. . . ek moes al 3 bus stoppe terug af geklim het!!!"

Baas toets blond se wiskunde: "As ek vir jou R5 miljoen minus 10% gee, hoeveel trek jy af?"
Blond: "Als Mener!.....Skoene, rok, bra, pantie - ALLES!"

Happy Birthday



Chereldene Nel 2nd
Ian Nicholson 9th
Kevin Klayton 14th
Debbie Clayton 19th
Belinda Baard 23rd
Arelina Bernard 31st

Hope you all have a wonderful birthday



1948 Chevy

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Mistaken identity



I must apologise for an error in last months news letter where I mistook Don H for Pat E. The picture on the left (blown up) had the caption "lover boy" and was not Pat as closer inspection revealed Don. I do beg your pardon gentlemen.

It was wings all the way at the 2011 George car show



Some of the 16 Street Rod guys from E London



Wing a Wing of Woses



Mrs. Datsun, oops, Maritz, relaxing at Storms River



Elvis, eat your heart out



Kobus's sign of the times



And then along comes the evening and still Gerald hasn't found his red bully girls



Chris Klienhans's Recently restored Datsun



Well its wings for Afwica



And more wings



There were some grand old ladies there too



Time for wings to go home



EL as can be seen, put on a great show

Photo's by Kobus



Webmaster Bruce, son Mathew & Clyde relax after a great day

Nahoon Dam Bring & braai 20th February 2011

"What a wonderful world"



Some people are soooo organised



Others brought along the kitchen sink!



While still others enjoyed the shade of the toilets!!!!



Some took to the water



Whilst others took to the saddle

It's Ian



And some enjoyed the braai



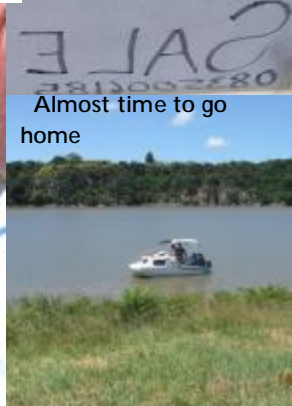
My view from Kev's boat



It was thanks to Barry and Kevin for taking us for rides on their boats



Boating buddies



Almost time to go home



And some just relaxed

Some of the pages in this month's News Letter may be of very poor quality and for this I apologise. The reason being that I print most of the publication the weekend before the noggin and I couldn't get a new print cartridge until Monday. So if you want to see the pictures in all their glory, best you go to our website later in the month.

Report by Barry Gradwell on the George motor show

Our George trip

Well, it was that time of the year again when a few of the guys from the club decided to attend the George old car show on the weekend of the 12th and 13th of February.

Kevin, Bruce, Matthew, Clyde and myself started cleaning and preparing cars the week end before the trip and as time neared, we started getting more and more excited to get going. Kobus, who lives two houses up from me started polishing weeks before the trip as I could see his garage lights on till late at night, go on, admit it Kobus.....

Kobus decided to leave on the Thursday after noon and as he was about to leave, Chris from the BVCC club decided he too was leaving on Friday and decided to travel down with Kobus so at least he had some company along the road.

We decided to leave on the Friday morning early so I got going at 5am as I had to do a detour passed King William's Town to fetch my dad. Kevin and the rest of the guys also left at 5am, and as we were on two different roads, we decided our first stop would be at Colchester where we would continue in convoy. As we all arrived safely at Colchester and had a quick bite and a cup of coffee, we decided to head off to Storms river where we would have our second stop.

It was a smooth ride to Storms, what a lovely road for the old cars and admittedly from time to time we got to stretch their legs a little too, who says the old cars haven't got it in them anymore.....

After a refill at the fuel pump and a lovely Steers breakfast, it was time to head off to George, at this point, we had met up with Kobus and Magda as well as Chris and his wife so the convoy continued as they joined in. (Needless to say the convoy consisted of Datsun and Nissan's only.)

Once we arrived at George and checked ourselves in at the George Tourist resort, it was time to relax with a cold beer before starting to clean our cars for the big day on Saturday. Later the afternoon, Ian and his brother Rodney arrived with the beautiful Cobra behind Ian's Lexus, it was quite a site seeing the guys cleaning their cars in the shade, even my dad had a cham-ois in his hand wiping off the insects..... Go dad!!

Friday nights braai in the company of Kobus, Magda, Ian, Rodney and Chris with his wife was over in no time and before we knew it, the big day had arrived, it was time to head off to the show!!

WOW, what a show it was, we have to give the organizers credit this year as they really went out of their way to ensure that there would be no hassles at the gates as we arrived.

All our documentation was taken care of thanks to Kevin entering us as a club this year so it was quick and easy without hassle. Thanks Kev.

We quickly found our parking spots allocated to us and it was time to take out the camera and start the long walk through all the cars. It was nice to see Frank, Lisa, Johan, Joyce, Brian and Lorna at the show too, although I never saw his car, Neville also made an appearance and I am sure he too enjoyed the display of all the old beauties.

As this years theme was "Fins and Wings" they sure meant it as there were cars on display I have never seen in my life before, with wings almost bigger than SAA's 747's airbus it was hard to understand what kept these cars on the road.....

This years show was definitely the biggest I have attended over the past 5 years with almost nine hundred and fifty registered cars on display and with more than 33% people through the gates than last years show, it was just amazing.

They had all sorts on display from the very old to the very new, even a 4 x 4 mini and loads of tractors and old machinery, bikes, off road 4x4's and even Stockcars from the Western Cape, the quality of the cars were un believable this year in

particular and its just nice to know that there are so many golden oldies out there on our roads.

At lunch time on the Saturday they even had a auction and there were some beautiful cars sold under the hammer to some proud new owners, what an experience for me as I have never seen a car auction like this one before, and just when you think, wow, there is no money for toys like these, the rich and famous just sit there nodding their heads as the price keeps climbing higher and higher, until eventually the hammer falls.

After a long event full day and loads of photos we decided to attend the stockcar racing on Saturday evening, it was very exciting as our own club member, Percy Noah and Shawn Collins represented the Border guys at this event. Shawn did very well to take the Super Hotrod class honors and showed the best how its really done, Percy did well too, and his Opel ran like clockwork, not missing a beat either, well done you guys, we were proud watching you and just to make the effort to get down there was great to see!!

On Sunday it was back to the Show, not as well attended as the Saturday, but never the less, there were plenty cars still on display and there were models not seen on the Saturday we could catch up on.

After the Show, Clyde decided to head back to EL as he had to start work on the Monday afternoon so we waved him good bye as he left for East London, We decided to do a little sight seeing and Ian suggested we try a resort just 10km out of town called Herolds bay, its so nice there, that even Ernie Els decided to build a holiday house in the rock face, it is definitely something different, but with a rough see, I am not so sure I would be comfortable there.

After our visit there, Kevin, Bruce and Matthew decided to do some grocery shopping whilst my dad and I took a drive to look at the old cars on sale at Sedgefield, unfortunately they had nothing that caught our eye so there is still peace at home with our wives as the family did not grow.....

After that we headed off the Victoria bay for a walk around, it's so beautiful there and as we do it once a year, its always a highlight on our trip, in fact, that's were my dad qualified for his wings so I am sure we will always swing passed there, just incase..... Kidding dad!!

After a lovely braai on the Sunday evening and a couple of rounds of Ten Pin Bowling, it was time to start packing up our stuff as we were to set back early on Monday morning. We were on the road at 7am sharp and it was a cool pleasant morning, just perfect to travel in.

As the cars ran like clockwork and we neared home we were already discussing next years trip and what cars were going to display.

All in all, it was an amazing experience and those who never attended sure did miss out. I am sure next year will be even bigger and better and we are already looking forward to attending, hopefully we will see more cars from our club on display at next years event.

Regards

Barry

Thanks Barry for your comprehensive write up. Having not been at the show I enjoyed it immensely and I am sure that both those that went and those that didn't will enjoy it just as much.