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## Wizards Chatter

### Chairman's Chirp

This is our second last newsletter for this year. This is the month for our show and shine on Sunday the 8 November 2009 and of course the judging of our cars. Good luck to all our participants. There will be a bring and braai afterwards. If it rains a rain date has been set for the 15th November 2009. The Amathola Run will be on the 29 November 2009. We will meet at the Keg in Beacon where we will have our traditional doughnuts and coffee and arrange our registrations. Plaques will be handed out at the Keg on the day. Should you wish to book a plaque number, then please phone Joyce on 0834899137. We will be leaving at 10 o'clock for Kei Rd. where I believe we will have a surprise this year? The cost of the steak lunch is R60 per person whilst registration is R30-00 Everybody is welcome to join us on this, the 19th year of this event. Contact Trevor or Joyce for further details. It will be a pleasure to see all the cars together at the show and shine as I am aware that we have not had enough outings with our cars. Various reasons have contributed to this factor and the new year will see a change. A few members are busy on new projects, which will be ready for next year. Trophies must please be handed to Barry A.S.A.P. This year it has been decided that due to bad economy our Christmas dinner tickets will be "buy one get one free" (The club will be sponsoring the free meal). Please book and pay with Alma before the end of November to enable us to make the final arrangements.



### EDITORIAL

This is the penultimate news letter before our end of year "bumper" Christmas issue, which I intend to make very special with some surprises, special effects and photos of activities during 2009. Don't forget that should you be unable to get a copy of the news letter for any reason it can be found at [www.borderstreetrod.co.za](http://www.borderstreetrod.co.za). As explained some time ago certain members from time to time will be repeated in the "personality profile" as at the time of their interview spouses were not included. This month I have chosen Kobus and Magda Maritz. I specifically asked Kobus to answer my questionnaire in Afrikaans as I feel that we should be catering for both languages as a great deal of our members are Afrikaans speaking. Anyone wishing to write or supply articles in Afrikaans, please do so. For some reason (printers devil) the date of the Amatola run was given as 28th Nov. This was wrong, it is actually the 29th Nov. which is, as always, the last Sunday in November. As our awards evening is coming up shortly please return any floating trophies you may have. Below are the categories into which all our annual awards fall:-

Golf Shirts: R80-00  
Pocket Badges: R15-00  
License Disk Holders: R2-00  
Name Badges  
And shirts can be ordered from Joyce

- Category 1-Certificate of merit.....Awarded to very new members and friends of the club who give support.
- Category 2-Service awards.....Members who have gone beyond the call of duty in service to the club.
- Category 3-Long service awards..... To club members who have belonged to the club for 5..10..and 15yrs.
- Category 4-Non car related trophies.... Darts champion etc.
- Category 5- Car related trophies..... Awarded by our judges for the best turned out cars.
- Category 6-Special awards.....These are fun awards for special achievements.

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## MEMBERS' PROFILE

# Kobus en Magda Maritz

Hier gaan ons, my eerste skryfstuk in Afrikaans in meer as 50 jaar. Vir my is dit ietwat van 'n probleem. Ek is a egte Engelsman,, gebore in London England. Asseblief moet nie te hard lag as ek verkeerde woorde of grammatika gebruik nie. Magda en Kobus het saam skool gegaan op Hoërskool Grens vanaf 1976 tot 1977. Hulle was ook in dieselfde Katkisasiekulas in die Kerk. Niks verder het gebeur tot 1982 toe hulle begin het om uit te gaan. In 1984 toe hulle altwee klaar gestudeer het, is hulle getroud. Kobus was hier in OL gebore. Magda is in Pretoria gebore het daar en in Port Elizabeth en ten laaste op Grens skool gegaaan. As dit nie gebeur het nie dan sou hulle nooit mekaar ontmoet het nie. Hulle het twee kinders Stephan 21 en Corné 17. So ver as motors gaan is hulle eienaar van twee Datsuns, 'n 1975 Datsun 160U SSS Kopee en 'n 1975 Datsun 160U SSS Sedan. Hulle het by ons klub in 2006 aangesluit, dieselfde jaar toe ek aangesluit het. Wanneer Kobus nie met sy karre besig is nie dan ry hy fiets, of is hy in die kombuis besig om kos te maak. Hy het die "Cape Argus" al tweemaal gery en om volgende jaar weer deel te neem aan die wedren. Magda sê hy is die "Steak King" omdat niemand lekkerder steaks maak as Kobus nie. Magda se stokperdjies is honde, lees en om funksies te organiseer. Magde hou ook van formula een, om deel te neem aan atletiek deel en gym. Altwee van hulle wil meer uitstappies met onse klub motors hê. As ek vir Magda vra af sy Kobus se liefde vir motors deel sê sy "ja ek hou baie van Datsuns en uitstappies. As geld nie 'n opsie was nie dan sou Magde 'n Porcscha 911 wou hê, terwyl Kobus tevrede is met 'n Mazda6 MPS—Turbo, 4- wielaandrywing. Alhoewel Ferrari hulle span is, will hulle Barrichello sien as wêreld kampion (dit is nou nie moontlik nie want Button het alreeds die posisie vasgemaak.) As hulle uiteet wil Magda net 'n pizza hê, terwyl Kobus met sy steak bly. Kobus se droom is dat hy die eienaar van 'n kleinhoewe wil wees, waar hy baie garages en 'n paar klassieke motors kan hê, Verder sou hy graag 'n hele jaar lank oorsee spandeer. Ons het altwee Kobus se motors gesien en hulle is altwee pragtig maar volgende jaar wil hy al die hael duikies van die koepee laat uithaal. Altwee van hierdie tweetjies is betrokke by die administrasie van die klub. Kobus bly die sekretaris en Magde die organiseerder van uitstappies. Dankie vir al julle werk wat julle doen vir die klub.



God bless you both. Trevor

### Kwaai Braai Paai

### Gestuur deur Magde Maritz

2 Rolle Skilferkorsdeeg  
1 Pak Spinasië  
Gaar Hoenderborsies (Gerookte Hoenderborsies kan ook gebruik word)  
1 Pakkie Gesnipperde Spek  
1 Ui  
1 Rooi Rissie  
1 Geel Rissie  
1 Pak Sampioene  
Feta  
Kaas  
Mozzarella  
Cheddar

#### Metode:

Laat ontdooi die deeg en rol uit op snyplank.

Braai ui, rissie en spek saam.

Voeg Ina Paarman se Rosemary and Olive en peper by.

1. Sit helfte van rou spinasië op deeg.
  2. Sny hoenderborsies in stukkes en plaas op spinasië.
  3. Sit uie en spek mengsel op.
  4. Pak sampioene op.
  5. Sit nou verskillende kase op.
  6. Eindig met ander helfte van spinasië.
  7. Plaas deeg bo-op. Verf met eier/melk.
  8. Maak deeg oral toe, soos 'n pakkie
- Gebruik rooster met randjies. **Moet nie die rooster toe knyp nie. Knyp net liggies wanneer jy omdraai**  
Braai stadig, hoog op vuur.  
Braai 15minute, **draai 3 x binne 5 min om.**  
Braai tot mooi goudbruin.



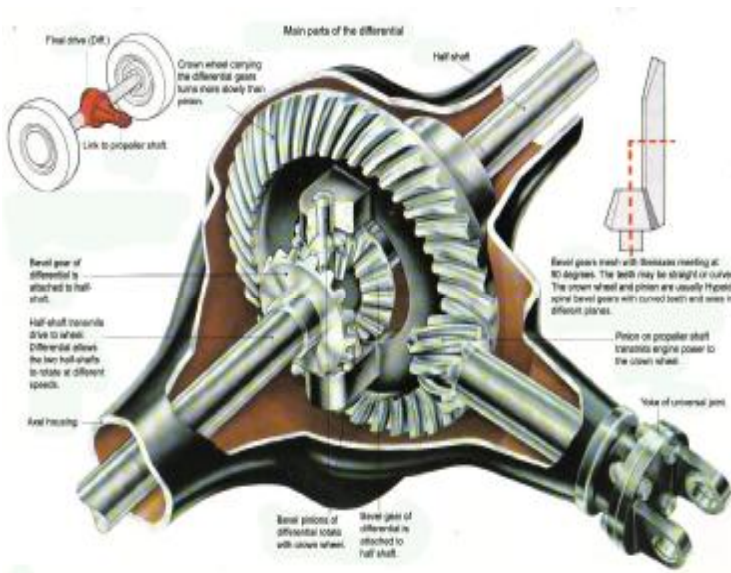


I bought the valiant in June 2007 from a guy in Gonubie, it cost me R3500. I had heard about this car and asked Pat to also look at it and he said it was a good buy. This car was actually ready to go to chics but I thought, no, this car has potential. I only use the car when we go on a run. All the restoration was done by myself except the recovering of the seats. The car is large, heavy and therefore extremely comfortable and we really have a good ride in it. The longest trip I have done so far was the trip to George Car Show. The only problem I had was when we were leaving for George the car got hot at Kidds Beach but after a new radiator cap was fitted the car was fine. As far I Know the car had quite a few owners and then ended up with a panel beater in the SBDC whom did little or nothing to the car. It looked like a lot of work but I was not put off. I put my mind to it and with a lot of hard work it was ready for the George Show. I started the car on the 29 / 8 / 2008 and by the 30 / 1 / 2009 it was completed. Due to the job I am doing I get around and meet with a lot of people. Pat was the first person that came to mind due to his experience and knowledge that I should talk to and thereafter I had a few sleepless nights working out how I would get around Joyce. I had once more seen something I really wanted. I was told that this cars big back window will come out if you drive fast!! Well so far so good the window has remained in place. When I first got home with this car my russells thought this was just another car, so they had to inspect it to see if it was safe to bring into the yard. I opened the door and of cause they got in, the tails were wagging and they were huffing and puffing until they discovered a nest of a rat. This was good entertainment and when they thought everything looked fine then I had a turn to investigate. While stripping the car to my surprise the left front door was comprised of two pieces that were welded together! It took a great deal of time to perfect the door. I then bought another valiant which I used for spares including the door and this saved me a lot of money. Before the balance of the second car left for Chics it was saved by the gong, because it found a new owner who is going to use the front end as a braai. Its amazing how these old cars are restored, adding to the sentiment and history of motoring. This then, is the story of my red Valiant. (And what an absolutely fantastic job you have made, a restoration second to none, congratulations Johan....Ed.)

**For Sale** 1973 black Wolseley, (owner Ronnie Starkey). Red upholstery, new tyres, in good mechanical condition. Offers in excess of R10000-00 required ( the highest offer so far is R10000-00). Contact Frans Prince at 0792835917.

## Technical time

## The differential



Most of the cars we drive are of the rear wheel drive type requiring the use of a differential, commonly referred to as a "diff". Whoever first designed a diff must have been a genius as it not only serves to transmit power through a right angle to drive the wheels, but is designed to allow the outer wheel on a corner, to turn at a higher speed than the inner one (otherwise tyres would wear out prematurely). It also reduces the speed of the prop shaft to increase power and therefore has a ratio factor. This is usually between 4,5 to 1 and 3 to 1. It is interesting to note that at a speed of 110kms per hour the rpm of the road wheels is between 750 to 1150 according to the wheel size, whilst the engine revs are in the order of about 3500rpm. A study of the diagram will show the "modus operandi" of this fascinating component. Those of us who have, or have been involved in racing rear wheel drive vehicles will know that the trouble on the race track is that when cornering real hard the back wheel on the inside of the corner tends to lift off the tarmac causing all traction to be lost. To overcome this the guys incorporated a "fixed or semi fixed diff". Who cares about tyre wear, we need a checkered flag.

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## Monthly Raffle

The Club Raffle for last month was won by:

**Kobus Maritz  
Well Done!**

**Amatola Classic car  
run 29th November**

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Something to Think About!



The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated!  
Butterflies taste with their feet.  
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.  
Starfish don't have brains.  
And best for last...Turtles can breath through their butts!



## JUST JOKING

Sam went to visit his friend Joe, but Joe wasn't at home. "Come in and have a cup of coffee and wait for Joe" said Joe's wife Mary. Now Mary had a pair of headlights to die for, with cleavage to match. After some idle conversation Sam said to Mary "Tell you what, I am prepared to give you R1000-00 to just see one of those beauties" At first Mary was totally shocked, but after due consideration decided there would be no harm just to flash one for R1000-00. So she obligingly whipped one out and let Sam have a good look and he threw R1000-00 on the table in front of her. After another short while Sam offered her another R1000-00 to see them both together. Mary thought "well, he's already seen one and I will have another R1000-00 if I let him see both. So without further ado she took both out and waggled them into the bargain. "Thanks" said Sam, "they are beautiful", here's the other R1000-00. Sam couldn't wait any longer, so wished Mary goodbye, saying "tell Joe I was here". On Joe's return Mary said " By the way your friend Sam came over to see you". "Oh really" said Joe. "did he leave the 2 grand I loaned him?"

**Forthcoming events: 8th November "Show n shine" at Comrades. Children's Christmas party 28th November. Amatola run 29th November. Awards evening 5th December.**

Happy Birthday



Terry West.....2nd  
Sheree Clayton.....3rd  
Chalky Schonknecht..7th  
Lyn Eberhardt.....7th  
Alrose Vice.....9th  
Kobus Maritz.....14th  
Shaun Eberhardt.....15th  
Elain Bardenhorst.....20th

**November 2009**

Louis Nel prepares to take off on the 2006 Amatola run,

