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MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA



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From the President

Waldo Scribante

It was an historical event, the Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa's 32nd and KZN Region's 1st National Gathering and AGM to be hosted by the KZN Region.

It has been years in the making, with the smaller regions collaborating in 2011 and the KZN Region hosting the Gala dinner, held at Gariep.

16 Years ago, to be precise, Saturday the 28th of April 2001, the 1st KZN Gala dinner was held

at McCarthy Motors in Pinetown, when the club held its National gathering of that year in KZN – at that specific time no regional committee existed in the KZN Region. At that time, the Club's AGM was a separate event.

The following was reported in the Benz Lens of Jan/Feb 1990:

Club history was made when the 1st regional KZN AGM meeting was held on the 28th of April 1991 at the Kloof Hall in Kloof. Under the supervision of Tom Alsted, who acted as electoral officer, the following committee for 1991/1992 was elected:

- **Chairman** – Eddie du Preez
- **Vice Chairman/Secretary** – Martin van Schoor
- **Technical advisor** – Lech Janus
- **Functions coordinator** – Mike Ford

Unfortunately, after some time the Natal Region ceased to exist.

We remember the efforts of a young Chris Carlisle-Kitz, trying to form a Mercedes-Benz Club in the early 1980's. At the 2008 AGM in East London, Graham van Heerden, then President of the MBCSA, asked for a volunteer to revive the KZN Region, and immediately Anna-Lee dos Santos remarked "Chris will do it" and from then on Chris Carlisle-Kitz became the regional chairman, successfully reviving the KZN Region.

I want to congratulate Avish Maharaj, the current regional chairman of KZN committee for an excellent 2017 National Gathering and 32nd AGM, held at the Wild Coast Sun. We all enjoyed every minute of the weekend thoroughly. The KZN team did not disappoint, every event was carefully planned and executed. You can be proud of what the Kwa-Zulu Natal Region achieved.

Well done!

I want to thank Frik Roux, our past Vice President for his support and enthusiasm for the Club. Frik did an excellent job as National Secretary under the leadership of Dirk van der Westhuizen and the last two years as Vice President. He also managed our website. We wish him the best for the future.

I am sad to announce that Jaco Kachelhoffer resigned as Regalia officer – together with Annalie, they travelled up and down the country selling the Club's regalia. They did a great job to the extent that we made a sizeable profit the last financial year, pushing

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

GOOD NEWS FOR NATALIANS

Within a matter of a few months and with the determined efforts of Eddie du Preez, a Natal Region should be established. We call on all Banana Boys to please support him in this ambitious venture.

A bring and braai will be held on 18 March 1990 at the Krantz Kloof Nature Reserve.

Bring the Merc, the whole family and a picnic basket and come and enjoy this, the historic first meeting of the Natal Region of our Club. We will be discussing plans for our representation at CARS IN THE PARK in Pietermaritzburg on 13 May 1990.

See you there.

For further details, contact Eddie du Preez: Tel. (031) 764-3369 (H) or (031) 304-4141 ext 2151 (W)

NORTH WESTERN CAPE

Japie Vos, the Regional representative for the NW Cape, has moved to Bloemfontein to resume his studies at the University of the O.F.S. Needless to say we desperately need a replacement for him. Please consider a suitable candidate for nomination at the forthcoming AGM.

NEW REGIONS?

O.F.S. AND THE EASTERN PROVINCE

When are the Vrystaters and the boys from the Border going to come forward with the possible establishment of a regional club?

Why not get together and debate the issue at the AGM? The time could never be better!



Editorial

The Editor – **Stephen Kaalsen**

the club's finances out of the red. Thank you very much Jaco and Annalie.

I am glad to announce, that Francois van der Westhuizen from the Northern Region, together with his wife Olga volunteered to take over as Regalia officer. We wish them many happy sales!

At the Gala evening, a Special Membership was awarded to a well deserving Mr. Selvin Govender, Marketing Director for Mercedes-Benz Cars – a division of Mercedes-Benz South Africa, for his continued support of the club and his generous sponsorship of the Gala evenings at our annual National Gathering and the club in general.

Hero awards were presented to the following members: *Norman Hickel of the Eastern Cape, Louis Coetzer of the Central Region, Chris Carlisle-Kitz of the Northern Region and posthumous Hero award to Maxim Erdmann.*

We thank them for their superb efforts and service to our club.

I would like to again extend my gratitude to the National Committee and all the members of the club for the trust and belief they have put in me, to head this team.

To the members of the National Committee, I wish to congratulate each one for being elected for another term.

A special word of congratulations to Chris Carlisle-Kitz for being elected Vice President. I am looking forward to our relationship in serving the club.

To Pieter Booysen, you were a worthy Vice President candidate.

It is camaraderie such as this, that makes our club the BEST.

How time has flown! To say the least, it is flabbergasting to know that it is already time for the second Benz Lens of 2017. Just the other day I still called Waldo, our devoted president an oom, and a short while thereafter you, the reader, are enjoying the second Benz Lens of 2017!

In this short time, so much has happened. Angela's Picnic in memory of Angela Heinz has drawn some of the country's finest cars for a fundraising for Hospice South Africa, as it is the use for the past 35 years. The beauty of the presence of our club's Benzes did not disappoint! The Knysna Show has come and gone, with the fine oldies from several classic car houses in the vicinity to be seen, and our club's Benzes did not fail to impress as you will read in the article of Johan Sloet later. The Western Capers were busy to such an extent with their Bonnievale club outing, their outing to the Angora Stud farm, but that is also to be read in Dave Shakeshaft's article on page 18 of this profound club's magazine.

Lest I not forget the most wonderful and ever successful AGM that was hosted by Avish Maharaj and his team. From the arrival at the Union Motors dealership in Shelley beach to register, right through to the last drop of fuel that we put in the W116's tank to drive back home was one great, never to be forgotten outing. But let me not spend too much time on the AGM in this letter, Matt du Sart's article on page 4 will have your attention in his attention to detail.

I would like to express my generous thanks to everyone who did participate in the first round of "Get Starred in the Benz Lens", my initiative to draw more stories

than the usual reporting on club outings. This edition will already have a good pack of stories from fellow club enthusiasts and their cars to enjoy.

The lady on the front page of this magazine was known as Rosemarie Nitribitt, probably the most prolific German luxury call girl whose income was secured by the wealthy German men after the 2nd World War. Accordingly, she became very wealthy rather quickly herself, a fact which she demonstrated by buying a black Mercedes-Benz 190SL (a roadster which was to be colloquially referred to as the Nitribitt-Mercedes) with red leather upholstery in 1956; she would drive around in Frankfurt in this car to solicit customers.

This is the type of stories that I am looking for, only from our club members. I doubt that we would go to such extents like she did to buy the car she wanted, but maybe some of our club members sold something dear to their hearts to buy the classic Benz they always dreamed of? I would like to hear of it!





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2017 AGM & National Gathering

By Matt du Sart



One does not simply host an Annual General Meeting and National Gathering, particularly when under the auspices of a brand whose slogan reads "The best or nothing". No. Instead, months of painstaking preparation, late nights and deep-breathing culminates into one, single weekend.

But what a weekend!

The Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa held their thirty-second Annual General Meeting

and National Gathering at the Wild Coast Sun in KwaZulu Natal, the first time for this region in sixteen years. Under the direction of Avish Maharaj, the KwaZulu Natal Chairperson, and the regional committee, attendees from the furthest reaches of South Africa were in for a 27th - 30th April 2017 full of thrills, spills (almost) and exceptional hospitality on the South Coast of the Sunshine Province.

Registration for the one

hundred and forty odd strong attending members and their families took place at Union Motors in Shelley Beach. The mood at the registration tables (and the lunch tables!) mirrored the effervescence of the little coastal town as it showed off with brilliant sunshine and balmy temperatures, a precedent which would carry through the entire sojourn.

KwaZulu Natal is renowned for its rich and diverse culture.





The Eastern-themed dinner which officially opened the festivities on Thursday evening was magnanimous in its testament to this claim. The crowd was entertained by Tribal Fusion Belly Dance duo "Yin and Yang" while feasting on a curry buffet. If the cuisine on offer was not hot enough, the uni-cycling fire dancer certainly turned the temperature up with a spectacular display of his skill. A Couple's Quiz kept diners riveted as the words to Harold

Melvin and the Blue Notes "If You Don't Know Me By Now" rang true as each contested couple, new and experienced, were paced through their general knowledge of each other...

From dance expression and mendAhi hand-painting to haute cuisine, nothing punctuated this first night of the weekend better than the echoes of good humour and camaraderie, feeding the energy of the warm Indian Ocean from just beyond the breakers.

Armed with a loud-hailer and a clipboard on a very early Friday morning, Master of Ceremonies Christopher Carlisle-Kitz called to order the chatter recounting the previous evening's activities. The grouping was rearing to embark on a Travel Quiz; a test in skill of observation, team work and (for some of us) a steady foot on the accelerator pedal. At precisely 09h00, the grouping set off "mit aufregung" on an hour-long adventure beginning in the highly-



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favoured and picturesque holiday towns of Ramsgate and Margate, all the while collecting answers to the quiz centred on the Banana Capital of the South Coast.

As the journey continued further inland and the landscape morphed from coastal to escarpment, no prize could compare to the reward that was the experience of Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve. As the convoy descended further into the emerald bounty of sub-

tropical vegetation, there was indeed a true appreciation for this magical province. A quick stop on the low level bridge over the Mzimkhulwana River allowed members to have their photograph taken with their prized autowagens. And what a sight to behold. From saloons to coupés and convertibles (and even a Maybach!), striking vegetation and cliff-faces offered up an unrivalled backdrop to showcase engineering finery.

Onward to Leopard Rock Coffee Shop and Restaurant where ravenous revellers tucked into a hearty lunch, awestruck by the magnificent vista of the Oribi Gorge. Carved out of sandstone by the Mzimkhulwana River, this natural canyon is a site to behold and worthy of its state protection. Those who wished for a closer and less obstructed view girded their loins and ventured out onto Leopard Rock, a three- to four-metre overhang onto the steep





walls of the gorge. It is so called owing to the nature of the cliffs and caves in the area, generally favoured by the majestic leopards which populate the locale. Not for the faint-hearted...

An afternoon at leisure, guests made their gradual way back to various accommodations to rejuvenate for another evening of merriment. Despite the cooler temperatures beyond sunset, few were discouraged by the notion of a beach party at the Wild Coast Sun

Water Park. With temperatures low but spirits high, guests feasted on braaivleis and beer while the winners of the Travel Quiz were announced and suitably spoiled. Well done to Chris and Anna-Lee for taking top spot! Even after a Sudden Death round.

Ladies and Gentlemen! Start your engines! Saturday morning breakfast consists of tyre smoke served up on a bed of baking tarmac, all washed down with high octane fuel!

Well... not quite.

The modified gymkhana brought out once again, high levels of competition within the crowd, even with the prospective challenge posed by the W123 200s which were the steeds to lead each valiant warrior onto the battle field.

Less dramatic that implied, the course was a simple three hundred metre oval on the Wild Coast Drift



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Track which drivers were required to navigate around only once. The fastest recorded time to complete the course would eventually have the title of "winner" bestowed upon them. But that would be far too simple... Each Mercedes-Benz vehicle had been slightly modified to ensure directness of steering - in the opposite direction. This meant that turning to the left would result in the car careening off to the right and vice versa. Not a standard item on the options

list offered by Mercedes-Benz. Pat Smythe in the commentator's seat kept up the cheers, jeers and chuckles as Pieter Booysen achieved the quickest time in the men's category while Alta van Heerden claimed top spot for the ladies, demonstrating that the fairer really are better drivers. Even in the opposite direction.

The order of business on Saturday afternoon saw to the formalities of the Annual General Meeting. The National Committee

met with its members to discuss the affairs of the Club with exciting movement into the future. Congratulations to Christopher Carlisle-Kitz on his election to Club Vice-President!

An evening of glitz, glamour and poise awaited guests arrival at the venue for the Gala Dinner, a description befitting not only of the fine Mercedes-Benz and Mercedes-AMG (four-wheeled) models which served as the evening's pre-cocktail Welcoming





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Committee. The doors to the banquet hall opened to exquisite décor and an air of elegance, more than appropriate to the brand being celebrated. Divisional Marketing Director for Mercedes-Benz South Africa and esteemed guest of honour, Selvin Govender, provided a glimpse onto the imminent highway of global motoring, following the Star of Stuttgart into the future.

A special guest joined the event via video call. Janine Erdmann

accepted a special award presented to her late husband, Maxim Erdmann, for his contribution to the Club. Maxim sadly passed away in 2016.

Amid mass congratulations to the KwaZulu Natal Team on an

outstanding undertaking and after the last speech was spoken, guests whiled away the last few hours of a spectacular weekend in the company of friends and family, old and new, under a sky of three-pointed stars.





SELVIN GOVENDER

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP

By Waldo Scribante

Selvin Govender brings his flair for interpreting trends, and understanding market needs to the role of Marketing Director for Mercedes-Benz Cars – a division of Mercedes-Benz South Africa. His career advancement in the Mercedes-Benz South Africa group of companies is based on a wide range of expertise gained throughout his career, and also through his formal studies.

Having an MBA, Selvin also has a degree in Supply Chain Management and National Diplomas in Transportation Management and Mechanical Engineering. He has excelled in all three of the organisations that make up the Mercedes-Benz group in South Africa, having cut his teeth at Debis Fleet Management (a part of the company's Services Group) as a key accounts executive. Other positions include gaining experience in areas such as remarketing, pre-owned, residual value management, and fleet services at Mercedes-Benz Financial Services. Selvin's position as National Sales Manager for Mercedes-Benz SA has been the final stepping stone before his appointment to head up the Marketing Division as Marketing Director, Mercedes-Benz Cars, making him a well-rounded asset to the business.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP

A posh evening like our Gala Dinner at the Wild Coast Sun could not have happened without our main sponsor, Mercedes-Benz South Africa. I wish to thank Mr. Selvin Govender for his continued support of the club and his generous sponsorship of that evening and the club in general. I am looking forward to our continued professional cooperation. I am sure he agrees that this prestigious event follows the standard set by Mercedes-Benz.

The National Committee proposed to bestow a special membership to Selvin Govender, which was unanimously accepted by the members at the AGM. This award is bestowed on a person who has rendered a valuable and beneficial service to the Mercedes-Benz Club and Mercedes-Benz Marque. I cannot think of a better recipient than Selvin. I first met him in 2009 when he represented MBSA at the AGM held in George. We cannot forget his generous sponsorship of last year's AGM in Gauteng, having sponsored the track day at Zwartkop for us. He is well known in the club and a very worthy recipient.

Selvin, I salute you.





NORMAN HICKEL

HERO AWARD

By Erald Hohls

Norman did an apprenticeship as a diesel mechanic with the old Road Transport Services of the South African Railways and then went on to Diesel Electric to repair injector pumps. Norman married his lovely wife Jill in 1969. His association with Mercedes-Benz started in the early 1970's when he joined MBSA as a Commercial Vehicle Assembly Process Engineer at the CDA Factory in East London.

He also worked at MBSA's Head Office in Pretoria and spent some time in Germany as well. After returning to MBSA East London, Norman retired from MBSA in 2003. In his earlier days, he raced Go-Carts and did a bit of off-roading. Being a petrol head, he got involved with the old car movement in East London.

Norman joined the Mercedes-Benz Club of SA in 1988 and has been a very well-liked and invaluable member with a great sense of humour. He keenly assists everyone with his technical knowledge when

servicing or repairing especially the older vehicles.

Having owned several classic cars, Norman has a wealth of knowledge across all ranges from; among others a pre-war 170V, Ponton, 190E2.3-16 etc. His latest acquisition is an SLK320.

Having close links with the plant even now in his retirement, has given Norman the opportunity to stay in touch with the heritage cars owned by MBSA and of course the three wheeled Benz Patent Motorwagen, which he knows particularly well.

With his incredible technical knowledge, his humour and willingness to help certainly makes Norman a very special and invaluable member of the Eastern Cape Region and this Hero Award for Norman is very fitting.

Congratulations on being presented with a Special Membership Award, Norman!



CHRIS CARLISLE-KITZ

HERO AWARD

By Anna-Lee dos Santos

Chris has been an old car fanatic and enthusiast all his life. He grew up in East Africa in the 1950's when the motor car played an important role in life. Watching racing at a local track in Nairobi from the age of five and helping his dad build an Austin seven racer before he could handle a spanner sure had ignited a love for cars inside of him. The East African Safari was an institution which he became passionate about. Today he has created a small museum dedicated to the Safari. Chris has nearly finished the building of a Mercedes 220SEb which competed in three Safaris. At university in the UK during the 1960's he enjoyed the golden age of the cars which were to become today's classics. Club racing and rallying with these cars was the order of the day. He got hooked on restoring old cars and amongst several others that he played around with he finally built a Concours quality 190SL which he brought with him when he came back to Africa in 1972.

A lifetime of building and repairing old cars as well as creating Concours winners out of old wrecks became his passion. He has owned classics of all descriptions from entry level cars to highly desirable collector vehicles. Top of the list was a 1965 230SL which he restored and owned for 33 years.

In the 1990's he owned a panel beating and spray painting business which specialized in the

repair of Classic Cars. Today, Chris is rebuilding a 1963 Mercedes-Benz W111 sedan and a rare 1958 Mercedes-Benz Ponton bakkie. Chris has become so involved in the history and specifications of the Ponton bakkie that he thinks that he is a world expert on this rare vehicle! In 1979, he joined in with three other young enthusiasts who tried to start a Mercedes Club in KZN. Not really knowing what they were doing their valiant efforts were soon on the rocks!

Chris has been member of the Vintage Sports Car Club since 1976. He was Chairman of the KZN Region of the Mercedes Benz Club of South Africa for seven years, a member of the Club's Executive Committee and serve as one of the Club's official valuers. He also served as a Concours d 'Elegance judge. He is also a member of the Sports Car Club of South Africa and Historic Racing South Africa where he is a passionate participant on the South African Historic Racing Circuit. He raced two different Mercedes race cars and now competes with a purpose built 1962 Ford Corsair and a 1962 Ford Anglia. He recently won the Little Giants class of the Legends of the 9 Hour event at Kyalami. Chris is keen to get younger people involved in the old car scene and within the Club and on the race track. Plans are already in place for this to happen. Congratulations on being presented with the Special Membership Award, Chris!





MAXIM ERDMANN

HERO AWARD

By Waldo Scribante

I met Maxim as a member of the Club. At that time we were both serving on the National Committee as Chairmen of our respective regions. Maxim and I bonded instantly, as he did with most of his fellow club members. We particularly shared our mutual love for a “finny” and I remember his and Chris’s adventure with Bonita and later with Emilio. Maxim joined the Club in 2006, became Regional Chairman of the Northern region in 2008, and hosted very successfully in 2010 the Club’s 25th Anniversary AGM and National Gathering in Gauteng.

Maxim was an active, contributing member of the Club and was well known to many of us across all the Club’s regions. Maxim’s geniality transcended the regional structures, but he was a passionate supporter and organiser of the Northern Region. Maxim remained at all times a Mercedes-Benz

authority and a dyed-in-the-wool enthusiast of the marque. Maxim’s cheerful demeanour, keen wit, fun-loving nature and “can-do” attitude will be missed in the Club and in the racing circles in which he keenly participated.

Maxim was a true gentleman, a hero of the Club.

It is incredibly sad that Maxim’s life ended so soon and I cannot put into words how much we will miss him. Even though Maxim may be gone, his memory will live on in all of us forever. Maxim, we appreciate your friendship and camaraderie and will never forget you. Janine, wife to our late friend – to you and the boys, may you and your family always find peace and love in our Merc family.

In your absence, congratulations on being presented with a Special Membership, Maxim!



LOUIS COETZER

HERO AWARD

By Annalie Kachelhoffer

The Central region is very fortunate in having a member with one of the largest collections of classic cars in the country. This collector has more than a 100 Mercedes-Benz vehicles, some of them with a rich and colourful history. An example of this is a 1951 Mercedes-Benz 'bakkie'; former Foreign Affairs Minister, Pik Botha's, 300SE sedan, and King Moshoeshoe II's 600 Grosser limousine.

Louis started collecting at a very young age, whilst still in primary school, but as he could not afford the cars at that stage, he started buying and collecting Dinky Toys. He also went from scrapmetal yard to scrapmetal yard in order to buy wheelcaps – at that stage for 1c each. These Dinky toys were his companions and playmates until he was in Matric and according to him, girls were not a priority at that stage. This apparently changed in 1971 – 46 years ago - when he married his wife, Hermien. It is common knowledge that you will be able to buy a Mercedes-Benz from Louis, but not a wheel-cap or a Dinky toy!

He realized the value of the Mercedes-Benz brand

in the middle 1980's and from there his collection of old beauties just flourished, his favourite being a 1968 250 SE Cabriolet. He joined the Mercedes-Benz Club in 1987 and has been a stalwart in the Club ever since. He and his wife handled the membership duties for approximately 3 years and he has also served as the Chairman of the Central region for quite a number of years.

His passion for the brand is widely known and he shares this freely with all who are interested in all things classic car related. Many articles have been published on his collection, even in popular international magazines such as the Mercedes-Benz Enthusiast and he truly is an ambassador for the club and the brand.

The members of the Central Region as well as the Mercedes-Benz Club of SA would like to thank Louis for all that he has done for the Region and the Club.

Congratulations on being presented with a Special Membership award, Louis!



The latest news from

Mercedes-Benz South Africa

Here's the scoop on what to expect from MBSA this year. Take a look...

50 years of Mercedes-AMG

It's half a century since engineers Hans Werner Aufrecht and Erhard Melcher joined forces in a garage in Germany to form AMG – Aufrecht Melcher Großaspach (Aufrecht's town of birth). To mark a successful 50 years of supreme performance, Mercedes-AMG has released its 43 range, while keeping the 63 models at the core of its messaging.

Plus! Keep an eye on mbworld.co.za to see how Mercedes-Benz South Africa will be celebrating this momentous milestone.

The new Mercedes-AMG 43 range

Mercedes-AMG have taken styling to the next level with its new V6 range – all carrying the 43 designation. This marks the first six-cylinder engine from Mercedes-AMG for quite some time. But you can still expect the same earth-shattering roar.

The expanded 43 range includes the SLC 43, C-Class 43 sedan, coupé and cabriolet, GLC 43 and GLC 43 Coupé, and the GLE 43 and GLE 43 Coupé.

The all-new Mercedes-Benz E-Class Coupé – a status symbol on four wheels

Sporty, striking and exclusive, the Mercedes-Benz E-Class Coupé combines the beauty and classic virtues of a grand tourer with the state-of-the-art intelligent technology of the E-Class family.

Time is a luxury: Add Connected Services by Mercedes me connect to your life

Mercedes me is your package of innovative services, products and lifestyle offers from Mercedes-Benz - including access to your vehicle via smartphone, of course. Connect Services from Mercedes me is a revolutionary app that keeps you in touch with your car, and your car with everything that's important to you- from anywhere in the world.

This new concept is set to make your driving experience even more seamless and is already available on all 2017 Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

Your dealer will set you up and you can access this cool new service via the web, smartphone and tablet apps on Android or iOS.

New Mercedes-Benz online accessories store for petrolheads

Who doesn't want a Swarovski-trimmed cap, an exquisite bottle of Mercedes-Benz fragrance or a top-quality AMG leather wallet? Once again Mercedes-Benz takes the lead when it comes to digital innovation. The launch of its online shop means you can now choose a selection of high-end branded items from the comfort of your phone, tablet or laptop.

From nuanced fragrances for him and her to a wide range of classic caps, super-cool kids' racing Ts, cushions and jigsaw puzzles, plus the ultimate AMG wallets and key rings – you (and the car fans in your life) are truly spoiled for choice.

Visit www.shop.mercedes-benz.co.za

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EASTERN CAPE REGION

SPECIAL W115 & W201

By Erald Hohls



In the mid-seventies, while still at school at Wartburg KZN, I got to know a very special 1973 W115 220 Auto which belonged to a certain old man Otto Fortmann. He was a resident of Wartburg and the streets were well travelled by this W115.

Having been star struck from a very early age, this car really appealed to me.

It was a distinct harvest beige in colour with an ivory roof, which 'Onkel' Otto had painted. He was painfully meticulous with his vehicles and kept the car extremely well maintained all the years. Ownership of the car was passed down to his son, also Otto, who kept it in the same

pristine condition for many years thereafter.

Little did I know that I would one day have the opportunity to purchase this same car.

After some protracted discussions with Otto (Junior), I bought the car from him in 2013, almost 37 years after first seeing it, and exactly 40 years after the old man had bought it new from Severn Motors, the Mercedes-Benz dealership in Pietermaritzburg at the time.

So special is the ownership history of this car, that I affectionately named it 'Otto'.

Also, at the time when I collected the W115 220, I saw Otto's other Mercedes, a 1993 W201 190E 2.0

Auto, parked alongside it.

The car was in exceptional condition, just as the 220, and I mentioned to him that, should he wish sell the car at some stage, I would be keen to buy that one as well.

In January this year, Otto offered the car to me and without hesitation I confirmed the purchase, and I now have both cars in my collection – together again after a few years apart.

I have named the 190E 'klein-Otto' being Otto's small Mercedes.

I am honoured to have both cars in my collection, exactly 20 years apart in age, and I endeavour to keep them in the same condition as both Ottos did.





WESTERN CAPE REGION

A TRIP TO A STUD FARM and the only horses were under the bonnet! ... by Dave Shakeshaft



Angora Stud Farm in Bonnievale, almost 200 kms east of Cape Town in the Robertson Valley, was our destination for the Western Cape February weekend away.

This farm once belonged to the Grandfather of one of our members, Rozitha Oosthuisen, and bred quite a few race winners in it's day, including Jungle Warrior, a top race winner of the 1980's / 90's including the 1990 J&B Met.

Our day began at the incredible Mercedes-Benz dealership outside Paarl, where we gathered together for early morning coffees and muffins whilst wandering amongst their showroom display of stunningly gorgeous 'Mercedes ladies'.

All sorted, indemnities signed, goodie bags with sunblock and lip ice sponsored by Mercedes distributed, our convoy of almost 40 fun lovers left the forecourt to drive over Du Toits Kloof Pass, always beautiful but at this time badly burnt from the last veld fires. A stop at the top to stretch legs, look at the view down the Paarl Valley, and have a really good look at who was driving what. Wow, did we have a collection including Pieter & Jo Venter with his bright red SL 400, George Padley and everyone's favourite W108 280SE, Etienne Long with the SLS cabriolet, Jean Le Roux's gleaming black A124 300CE-24, plus an S500, 230E, SL 500 and 600 amongst others, and Coenraad Botha's W116.

As the sun turned the heat up, we all turned the aircon up, and continued our merry drive over the pass into the Worcester Valley, through the farmlands and on to the Robertson Road for our next stop at Nuy on the Hill Restaurant. All except, that is, Coenraad and the 116 which





refused to start...ignition trouble! Kurt and Johan Kemp stayed to help and eventually, after a fair bit of twiddling, he was away and they hastened to join the convoy waiting patiently at the end of the Pass.

All together again, the restaurant, as the name suggests, is on top of a small koppie and boasts magnificent views from the dining area. This was a welcome place to chill, drink wine, eat pizza, fish 'n chips, burgers, drink more wine...until departing once more, this time for the last leg to the Stud farm.

Angora Stud is indeed today without horses (apart from two very cute little ponies). Rozitha and husband Bertus have not only maintained the original stables

and staff accommodation, but changed them into the most amazing en suite guest rooms for various functions. The main Dining Room also houses Bertus's collection of Mercedes-Benz classics, allowing us the privilege amongst these beautifully presented cars.

Sundowners with cheese and boerewors nibbles, a magnificent dinner of baby chicken and two vegetables, pudding, copious wine, and a great brandy to finish... and off we went, very late, to each bed down in our stable.

Farmyard and country sounds woke us for our fabulous breakfast, and then time to say farewell and thanks for an incredible weekend which, by popular demand, I am bound to repeat next year.

A Stud farm with only horses under Mercedes-Benz bonnets Nothing could be better. In the words of Schwarzenegger...."we'll be back!"





Rojaal By- Ederik Kritzinger

On the 26th of March, the Western Cape had a run to Rojaal in the Elgin valley for lunch. We started off at the N1 ENGEN and went through Stellenbosch where more members joined the convoy. From there we went past Spier to the N2 where we had a quick stop at the N2 ENGEN to make the convoy bigger with more members. Then we went through Somerset West and over Sir Lowry's Pass towards Elgin. Just past Peregrine we turned off to Rojaal where we were welcomed with a sublime glass of sherry. Here we had the most divine starters, and a boerekos buffet and dessert. After lunch some guys took the shortest route home, while a few of us took the scenic route over Viljoen's Pass, past and over the Theewaterkloof dam and then over Franschoek Pass. There a few guys stopped at the chocolate shop while the thirstier ones stopped at Rickety Bridge for wine tasting. We stayed till they closed..... It was a very nice scenic drive, good company and lunch and good wines.



Meet your committee



Ederik Kritzinger

My history with the club and Mercedes-Benz:

I have been a member of the club since 2002. I served as secretary for the Western Cape region since 2010. My first Mercedes-Benz was a Blue CLK320 that I bought new. I firmly believe that once you own a Mercedes-Benz, there is no going back to anything else!

What I enjoy about the club:

Meeting other people who loves Mercs as well and most of all the outings and runs on a regular basis.

Contact me about:

Enquiries and updates on contact details of the other club members, meetings and runs.

Committee portfolio:

Western Cape Secretary.

My contact number:

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JB Wiese

My history with the Club and Mercedes-Benz:

I joined the club in 2007 and after acquiring a C124. My history with the brand, similar to so many others, started as a youngster, when since I can remember the "Sunday car" was always a Mercedes-Benz. The fond memories created an affinity for the brand that will remain with me forever.

What do you enjoy about the Club:

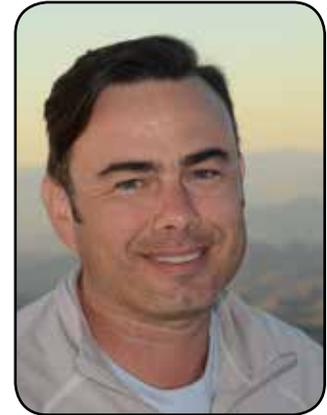
The camaraderie between members from various different backgrounds, who would otherwise probably never have been friends, is wonderful, and is simply as a result of their shared passion for the brand.

Committee portfolio:

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Kurt Stassen

My history with the Club and Mercedes-Benz:

I first joined the MBCSA ten years ago as the proud owner of a derelict W120 with lots of passion and little understanding or knowledge of what I was about to undertake. Club members immediately welcomed me warmly, and with their wealth of experience they helped to guide me through what was to be the first of many projects to come – some more successful than others! My dad, an avid admirer of the three pointed star, bought his first Mercedes-Benz when I was quite young and the W120 was, for some reason, my mom's favourite Merc, so I think that could have been the start of my lifelong passion.

What do you enjoy about the Club:

I have served as chairman of the Western Cape branch for the past five years, and I am still amazed at how club members support one another with their technical know-how and wealth of experience. As well as the good friends I have made who share the same passion for the Mercedes-Benz brand!

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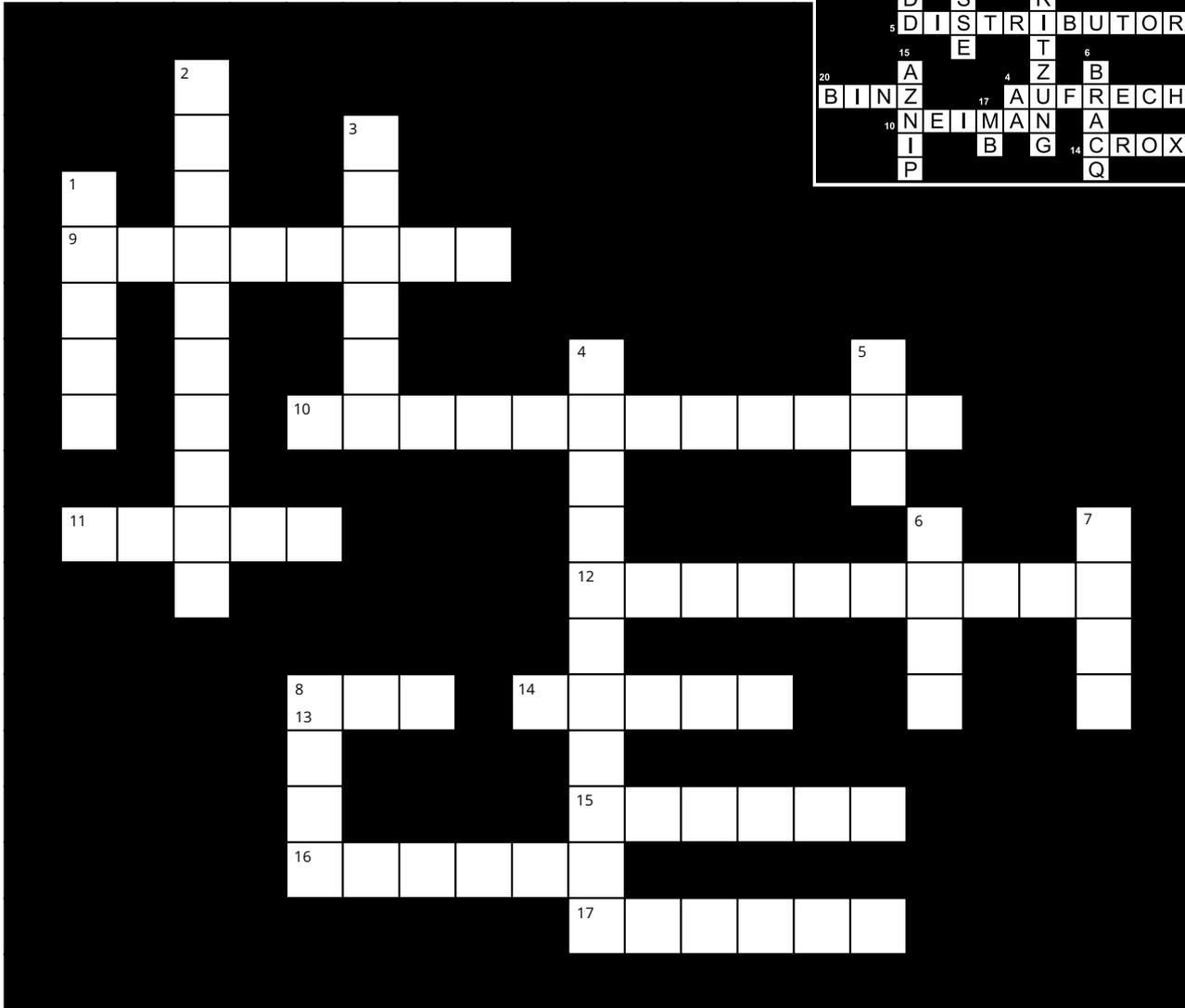
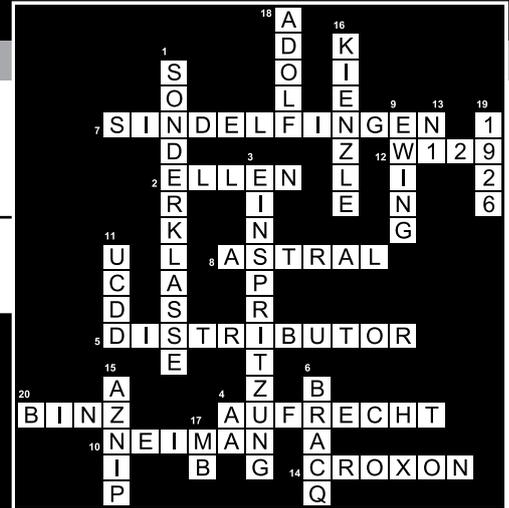
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Our own Crossword Puzzle

Kopkrapper



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Down

- 1 Not leather
- 2 Not thistle
- 3 First lady to drive an automobile over a long distance
- 4 Essential for smooth manual gear changing
- 5 Supplemental Restraint System
- 6 Aitconditioning
- 7 Spark plugs
- 8 This has got the power

Across

- 9 Unleaded in Stuttgart
- 10 Town in which Namaqua Garage is
- 11 Agter Elke Man W126 driver
- 12 Fintail
- 13 Car Distributor Assembly
- 14 W111 / W108 Sunroof
- 15 "She's got the Mercedes-Benz
- 16 Tragedy in 1955
- 17 Ponton special clutch

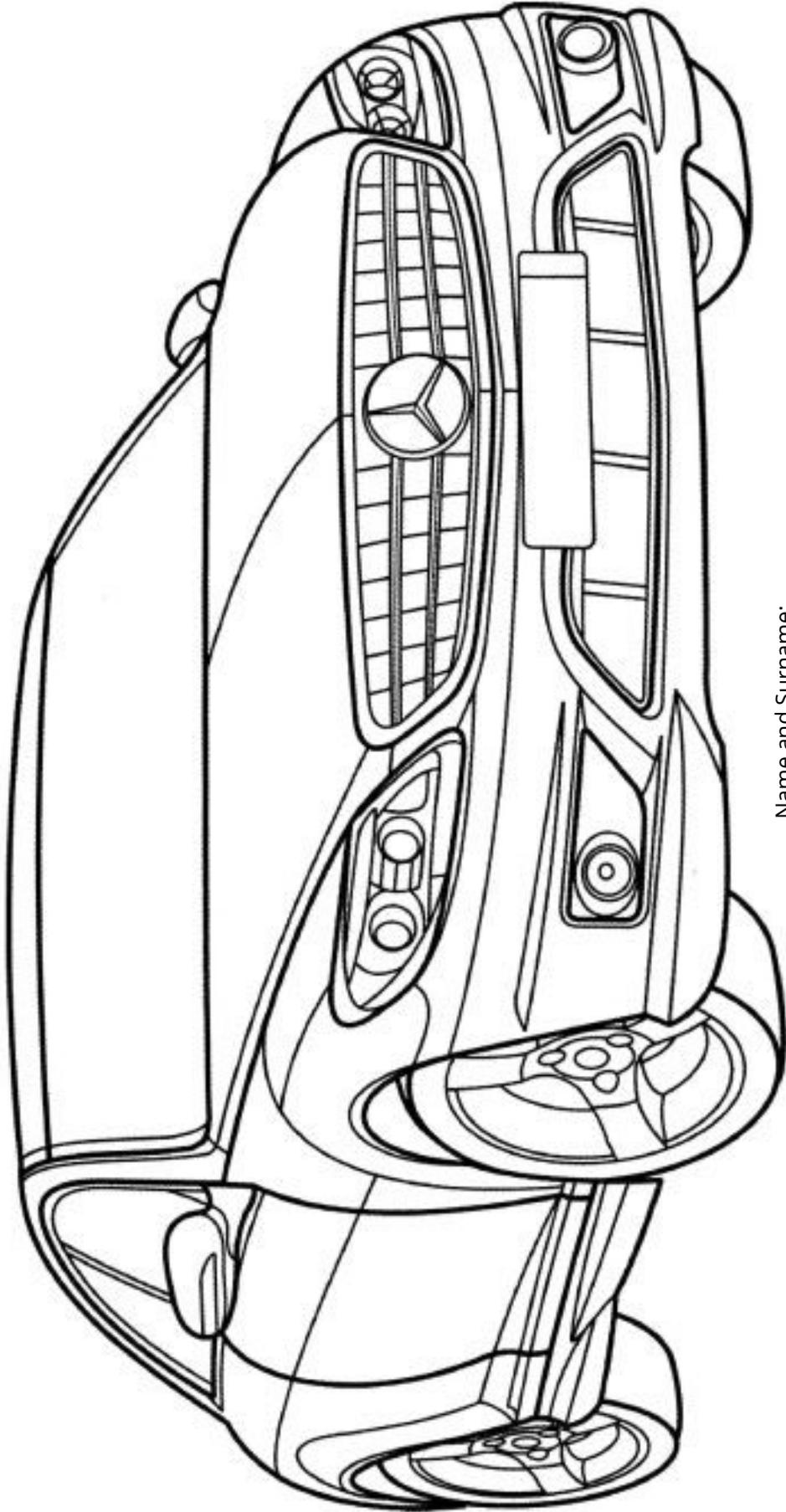




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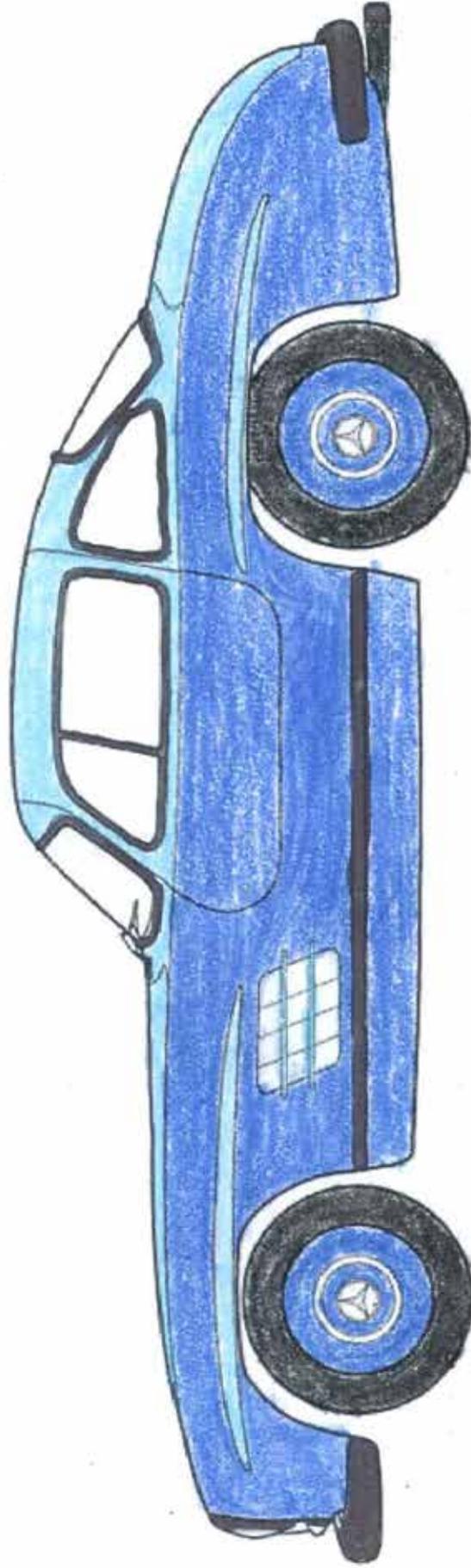


Name and Surname: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

and the Winner is! ...



Name and Surname: **MARK LAVIN**
School: **SRATHVAAL PRIMARY**
Grade: **5** Age: **11 YEARS**

SOUTHERN CAPE REGION

Knysna Motor Show

By Pieter Lourens



Sunday the 30th of April was showtime in Knysna! The Garden Route Motor Club was the hosts of the prestigious Knysna Motor Show. This show is now recognized as one of the premier and best organized motor shows in Southern Africa.

It has over the past 5 years grown exponentially with this year showcasing more than 400 cars and motorcycles. All entries and exhibits were selected by invitation. We as the Mercedes-Benz Club received a personal invitation from the chairman, and had the opportunity to exhibit the

fine cars that our club members own.

Most of our faithful troops joined the other loyal National Club Members in KZN for the AGM, which left us with not too many cars to enjoy the fun in Knysna as well as the scenic drive there. As always our very own Mr Pagoda, the one and only Bernd Eloff welcomed us at the show and parking was sorted within minutes. There was a stunning collection of Vintage-, Veteran-, Super-, Sport-, New-, Racing cars and several other cars as well. If you are into motorcycles, this

is a show not to miss. I do not think I have ever seen so many British cars on display, the MG's totally outnumbered the Jaguars, Triumphs, Morgans, Healeys, etc. (of which there were plenty.)

There was something for each and everybody to enjoy, a true family day. If you are a petrol head, this is your show. Ample food stalls, ice cold beer and steaming hot coffee completed the picture.

Congratulations to the chairman Peter Pretorius and the rest of the Garden Route Motor Club for an outstanding show.



THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD... TO KZN.

By Johan Sloet

As some of the Southern Cape members attending the AGM had left earlier, Andre Fourie and Kobus Harris and I decided to drive in convoy, leaving George on Wednesday April 26th. My wife and I were travelling in our '96 E280, Andre took his Maybach and Kobus his E350.

As arranged, we departed at eight o'clock sharp from George and I took the lead.

I set a leisurely pace as we would stay overnight in Dordrecht, a distance of approximately 650km. Very soon Kobus indicated we have to stop. With some excuse that my driving was causing discomfort to his foot or ankle or knee or neck (I can't remember which), he asked to take the lead as he could then utilise the speed control and save him the discomfort. He would (he said) set the speed at 120 km/h.

To travel the speed limit or less, was not on Kobus' agenda. Every time Kobus overtook a slower vehicle, Andre and I were left behind. We had to drive slightly faster than the speed limit, just to keep up with Kobus and his maniac driving. As I had no wish to incriminate myself, I had to put my whole weight on the brake pedal at some times, just to slow my ship down a little bit.

We stopped at Beervlei Dam for coffee and something to eat. Kobus then admitted that he actually set the speed control at 128km/h. No wonder we (Andre and I) had to throw caution overboard in our effort to catch up.

After enjoying our coffee and sandwiches, we set off again. I had hoped that our talk about setting speed control at a fast pace would have had some impact, but it had no effect notwithstanding. Kobus set off at the same pace and Andre



and I had to keep the accelerator working hard to keep up. We refuelled at Middelburg and stopped a few kilometres further to enjoy a light lunch. Andre saved the day by pulling some cool ones from the Maybach's fridge.

Soon we were once again driving at Kobus' mercy.

Passing through the once quaint towns of Steynburg and Molteno, I was very sad to note the decay of these towns. We eventually reached

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Dordrecht without any mishaps and were pleasantly surprised by our lodging for the night. I unreservedly recommend the Forecourt to anybody travelling there. After unloading our luggage and settling in our rooms, we utilised the outdoor facilities (before it became too cold to do so) to quench our thirst. Kobus amused us by trying to set up his camera to get a good photograph. I trust the editor will include the photograph accompanying this to enable the other members to also

enjoy the moment!

What happens(ed) in Dordrecht stays in Dordrecht. We met another diner, who, after meeting us will either join the club or avoid anybody wearing regalia. Enough said. Next morning, we decided to skip breakfast as we were sure that we will find one of those popular family restaurants along the way. What a big mistake!

After negotiating one after the other of stop and go's, we found ourselves in many kilometres of rural areas. Speed limits rarely exceeded 80 km/h. No nice wayside places to stop for coffee were found, man the three Mercedes' had to prevail in their nerve racking marathon of dodging goats, sheep, cattle and taxi's. Driving through towns, mostly in first gear was our fate.

By the time we reached Matatiele, we missed the sign directing one to the restaurant we were seeking, we had to go through to Kokstad. There we found the restaurant we were looking for, that was after being on the road for more than five hours during which time we covered 350 km. We met up with the dominee and Norman from the Eastern Cape. Two cups of coffee and a very late breakfast, we were almost feeling human again and could continue our arduous and



time consuming trek to our final destination which we reached at about 15H30 without mishaps, just in time to register.

We thoroughly enjoyed the AGM and then it was time to return.

Kobus was leaving us for a tour through KZN and Gauteng to visit family and friends.

We, that is, Andre and I, would drive in a loose convoy with Norman and the dominee taking the lead in Norman's SLK. Soon Norman disappeared from sight. As I understand it, he could not resist putting the SLK through its paces, especially in fast turns. Rumour has it that it was the dominee's job to make sure that Norman behaves behind the steering wheel. If the rumour is true, then the dominee failed! At

Kokstad my wife and I, together with JC Coetzee, who was a passenger home, enjoyed coffee and a leisurely breakfast. Andre decided to head for PE, while the dominee and Norman decided that they would enjoy a brunch in Matatiele.

We then drove all the way to Maclear, once again through most of the rural areas discussed above as well as most of the road works. I had decided beforehand that I would visit Thomas River, and after a call to make sure that Jeff is on site, that is where we went.

This visit to Thomas River was another highlight of our trip. I know that many of our members have visited Thomas River and this is nothing new to them. Those who still have to visit this historical town - don't delay. On our arrival,

we were greeted like long lost family by Jeff, proprietor, mayor, chief librarian, tour guide and most genial host of Thomas River and his wife Ann. Unfortunately, we arrived rather late in the afternoon and due to the fading light we could not take the time really needed to do a thorough tour, but I will revisit and make sure that I have enough time to do a proper tour.

We arrived safely home the next day after a round trip of just over 2 800 km.

My ageing W210 with its outdated technology surprised me no end by returning fuel consumption of 11,1 km/litre, despite having to drive as described above. This indeed was, a trip that I would never forget!





NORTHERN REGION

Angela's Picnic 2017

By Steffan Liebenberg



The South African Motor Club Association (SAMCA) held their 35th annual "Angela's Picnic" on the 3rd of April this year at Delta Park in Linden. The event is named after Angela Heinz, a formidable classic car enthusiast, who used to arrange this event for many years until she sadly passed away. In her memory all proceeds of this event are donated to charity.

This is a unique event and a highlight on my classic car calendar every year. Its family friendly, unpretentious nature makes for a relaxed day out, even for the unfortunate better halves that in some instances don't have 95 octane pumping through their veins! This is not one of those glorified flea markets where crowds of chip

stick chomping attendees flock to showcase flashy street rods to the tune of some lip singing country singer. The scene is always the same, there are no food stalls or items on sale of any kind, it is a picnic in the true sense of the word amongst the sprawling lawns of Delta park. This central location seem to lure some interesting and otherwise reclusive machines out of their garages. You might get see anything from the family heirloom 1920's Rolls Royce 20/25 to someone's pristine VW beetle that they have owned since new and of course meeting the owners of these prized possessions often make for interesting conversation.

The Mercedes-Benz Club is fortunate to occupy what is arguably

the "best seat in the house" with a stand able to accommodate many cars near a large shady spot. Sven and his able team made the early morning autumn chill so much more bearable with hot beverages and delicious eats and of course the wonderful friendship found amongst fellow admirers of the three pointed star. This year saw a fantastic turnout spanning from a freshly restored 170SD to modern R230's and everything in-between.

It was great to see quite a few club members from other regions at this years' picnic and I hope that many more will take a scenic road trip or a short flight to join us Northerners for this special event next year!





Northern Region Goes Greek!

By Dennis Botha

Cullinan is known as the home where the world's largest and most expensive rough diamond was found. Since 1905 when it was found, a few other gems popped out. Some miniscule, and some not so miniscule! Few of the gems that could be found on Sunday 12 March 2017, was our club's fine cars! And who would have thought that a small town like Cullinan would host such fine people and exquisite cars?

The Johannesburg convoy left from Shell Ultra City N1 North at 09h15 and met up with the Pretoria convoy at Pretoria Botanical Gardens at 09h45. Pings to mark

the open field parking locating were sent from club Vice President Frik Roux and soon the stunning 3 pointed star convoy entered the historical quaint town of Cullinan. Among others, these fine model codes were seen: W108, C111 a very nice w114, W115, W116, W124, W126, R109, and a new GT-RS. Photos were taken of the beauties and of stories of origins and histories of the vehicles were shared by members. A total of 25 vehicles were parked in the field for one very picturesque scene.

"As Greek as It Gets" was the venue for tasty Greek cuisine. Freshly prepared seafood and

meat platters were enjoyed and to round it off nicely, baklava and filter coffee were served! Members, spouses and some children all enjoyed the gathering and shared many interesting stories, and rumour has it a few deals were also lined up around the tables!

Once again the gathering just proved what a great initiative and body the Mercedes-Benz Club is. Members with the same interests and passion for the German manufactured vehicles can gather, savour and enjoy parts of German engineering, in our stunning settings across Southern Africa!



Mother's Day Run

By Steve Rademeyer

What a fabulous outing this was, for all attendees celebrating our mums that we have, and those who also passed on that we will always cherish in our hearts. Myself, Jeanette and her daughter Samantha and family arrived at Rustica at 12pm and were welcomed by Gary Dodds. We were impressed by our venue with rolling lawns, children's play area and a mass of people. We

settled down at our table, we got ourselves a few drinks and a relaxed atmosphere prevailed. Gary and myself talked cars and days gone by in the club and it generated many a chuckle. Good memories just cannot be erased from the mind.

Our menu was teasing the taste buds, with appetisers such as Springbok carpaccio or salmon with garlic toasted bread, followed

by ribs, steak or fish as a main meal and rounded off with a delicious dessert and coffee. The dishes were masterfully prepared and all were full of compliments. When at last we had our fill of talk and food I was surprised that the time had marched on to nearly 16h00. A big thanks to Gary for choosing a super venue and also honouring us with his presence.



That Maroon Car

By Greg Goodchild

Growing up in the 1970's and '80's meant that I was exposed to cars of that era that are only memories today. Most of my early years were spent with my grandparents. While out on our holiday travels, Oupa would sometimes say: "Hey, look at that truck!" or "Look at that thing", or car, or whatever was interesting. On one such trip he said, "Watch this idiot coming from behind!" I suppose he saw this car (idiot) coming up quickly behind our caravan. Next thing all I remember was seeing a flash of a maroon car passing at great pace and disappeared in the distance. That maroon car.

It is the year 1973, we are out camping. Shortly after setting up camp, Oupa took a walk where he spent what seemed like an eternity speaking to some strange man, parked close by was that maroon car.



well, doing holiday trips to Hartenbos, Port St-Johns and East-London and many other places.

Back home, the green beetle got a wash and clean and suddenly I found myself in the driver's seat. "It is a long driveway" I hear Oupa say, "slowly let the clutch out" I heard. Obviously I stalled it, repeatedly. But that was just the normal happening when you are a minor and as yet not supposed to be behind the steering wheel. But Oupa had allowed it, as it mattered to him that I might have the same passion for cars as he had. At some time later on another weekend's visit, I discovered that the beetle was gone. There was a red Datsun parked on the lawn, but the Mercedes was still safe in the garage. One day Oupa allowed me to move the Mercedes up the driveway, that was an easy task compared to the beetle. Foot on the brake, move the column shift to D, released the brake and steer straight, then gently apply brake again and move the gear lever to P. When I got out I could hardly walk, adrenalin I suppose.

In 1982, Oupa was getting on in age and I heard the words "retirement" being mentioned quite often. The red Datsun was gone, it was replaced by the bright yellow Toyota Corolla, box shape RWD. Some weeks later I was visiting again, Oupa beckoned me to look in the garage, the Toyota and the Mercedes were gone. In place was a new white Opel Ascona, October '82 model. Nice car I'd say, but somehow there was an emptiness around me. The Opel served us well, never missed a beat and was easy to drive. But

town driving. The first small car I remember was a blue Ford Prefect, followed by a white VW Beetle, a green Beetle, a red Datsun 120 GX coupe and finally the last "town driving car" he drove was a yellow Toyota corolla, the box shape RWD.

We spent every July school holiday on the Natal South Coast. Every year before we packed the car, it was washed and polished, the time to finally get on the road to holiday had arrived. 4AM, I awoke, hurriedly got dressed in the freezing winter cold, by then coffee with beskuit was ready. I gulped it down, eagerly waiting for Oupa to reverse the Mercedes out the garage. 5AM, finally, we got in and were on our way. It was such a smooth ride in the back of the Mercedes. At night time the dash lights fascinated me with the bonnet star glinting from surrounding lights, then darkness was behind us as we left the city.

The Mercedes served us (Oupa)

It is the year 1974, we are on holiday again, this time we were not camping, but using a friend's holiday house. That maroon car was becoming a prominent feature. By now I knew what it was, a dark Maroon or as some call it "Burgundy" Mercedes-Benz W108 280SE which my Oupa acquired. Oupa always had two cars, one for long distance and a smaller car for





the Opel did not fill the place of That missing Maroon Mercedes.

In 1990, I started my mechanics apprenticeship at a Mercedes-Benz dealer. During my time on the bench I got better acquainted with Mercedes cars and also learned a few things about W108's as some still came in for servicing and repairs. Time went by, Oupa passed on. That Maroon car, TP 199786 is gone, lost forever.

In 2002, I started working at Mercedes-Benz Head office where I met Gary Bowes. I also met Gary Dodds and Fanie Gouws whom also have a love for the older cars. A few days just before Cars in the Park in 2006, Gary Bowes prods me to buy a W108, by then he had some insight to my liking of W108's. Gary Dodds had one for sale, transaction done. It was a Blue 1969 280SE floorshift manual with the thin chrome gearlever. The Blue W108 was nice, but it

is not quite what I wanted. Gary Dodds advertises another one of his cars for sale, this time an Ivory 280SE column shift auto which I bought, and still own today.

But still, Oupa's maroon 280SE is in the back of my mind, thinking; "What happened to that car?"

In 2015 someone on the forum told me to send them the registration number I recall, they might be able to trace it. Sure enough a few weeks later they let me know that the car is still registered and is located in Doornpoort area North of Pretoria on a plot. I took a drive out that way but finding the plot wasn't easy. After much driving around I headed home, no luck. I thought that I would have to accept the fact that the car is not traceable, that it was time to finally let go and get on with life.

Then one evening in 2016 I received a WhatsApp message

from Marcell Mostert saying he found my car!

It has been almost right under my nose for 34 years! That next weekend I met the owner and many negotiations further I brought her home. That maroon car. I was finally back in the position to put Oupa's car's gearlever back into D, to drive it not only into his garage on his straight driveway, but I can now take it wherever I want. One of the first evenings after I got it I took my son for a drive in it, and I caught myself daydreaming about the memories made in that very same car. The dash lights still fascinate me with the bonnet star glinting from surrounding lights. In the rear view mirror, I could see my Oupa's great grandson, and it looks like an image of myself in the back seat of that maroon car on the way to a July holiday.



Club run to the Black Horse Brewery

By Olga van der Westhuizen

The Northern region's April club run took place in the West Rand on the 9th of April 2017. Participating members met at the Mercedes-Benz Constantia dealership, where we were warmly welcomed with freshly brewed cappuccinos and some very delicious sweet pastries. They also kindly opened their showroom filled with some of the latest Mercedes-Benz models which included a new S-class cabriolet

in S65 AMG guise, to feast our eyes upon. Vice Chairman Chris Carlisle-Kitz welcomed everyone and thanked the dealership staff for their hospitality before we departed in a convoy of about 16 cars. The convoy was led by me in my little red SLK 200, and without a question the roof was down to enjoy the excellent weather we had. The selected route took us west through Roodepoort and Krugersdorp suburbs, via

Wilgerood and Robert Broom road before turning north to travel through a beautiful scenic pass towards Hekpoort. It must have been a sight to see the convoy of Mercedes-Benz cars, among which there were not one but two W111 cabriolets, as well as one of each





of the second, third and fourth generation SL models. Quite a few SLK's were also to be seen. Owned by former club president Steve Rademeyer, the hot Pagoda nicknamed "Donnerwetter", was also part of the sighting of German engineering on the road that day. At one traffic light, a bystander asked Mafikeng club member Ntshale Phalatse in his W123 230 what the convoy of Mercedes cars was all about, but Ntshale told us afterwards that it was nearly impossible to explain our outing in the few seconds of having been stationary, leaving

the guy none the wiser but at least able to admire the beautiful cars. Unfortunately, Ryan's 500 SE developed a fuel starvation problem and after fiddling around in the engine bay, the problem was eventually solved by opening the petrol cap. Unfortunately, deciding not to take any further chances meant him and his partner headed back home. Our end destination was Black Horse Brewery and Restaurant, situated close to Magaliesburg where we met a few more members including another former chairman Etienne Geel. Our group of 43 people

had lunch overlooking a beautiful view of green hills and a couple of majestic black stallions. We also tasted and had some of their locally brewed craft beer. Lots of stories and laughs were heard and everybody enjoyed the outing and the company of fellow members. With the help and guidance from Suzette Boucher, our Chairman Sven Krassnokutski as well as the help from my hubby Francois, this day was a roaring success!





CENTRAL REGION

13 May 2017 - Visit to Des & Susan Bosch

May 13th of this year had made a wonderful turn for our Central Region club members, as Des & Susan Bosch hosted us for dinner at their beautiful museum on the outskirts of Bloemfontein. We were treated with delicious eats amongst the collection of interesting and mostly low mileage cars that Des put together over

the years. Some of the stars for me include a brand new 2003 CLK 320 with an astounding 5300km on the clock. He has a 1976 W116 350SE with a low 122000km on the odo! Des is the proud owner of a 2007 S500 Coupe with no more than 12400km on the clock. He has a stunning 220S Ponton and a Borgward too, just to break

the status quo.

Des is also currently restoring a 190SL and recently finished a Ford V8 roadster that he displayed at the George car show in February for the first time.

To Des & Susan, thank you for a marvelous time and the opportunity to admire your beauties!



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- M
- L
- XL
- 2XL
- 3XL
- 4XL
- 5XL

Civic Lounge Shirt (NEW)



- S Vertical stripe pattern with raised collar, double layer drop shoulder yoke and back box pleat. 65/35 Poly cotton blend.
- M
- L
- XL
- 2XL
- 3XL
- 4XL
- 5XL

Fleecy Tops



- S Converts a long sleeve into a sleeveless sweater. Full zip front with two side pockets.
- M
- L
- XL 250g 100% Polyester
- 2XL
- 3XL
- 4XL
- 5XL

V-Neck Jerseys



- S Long sleeved v-neck jersey with ribbed welts and cuffs.
- M
- L 65% Cotton / 35% Polyester
- XL
- 2XL

Pullover/ Sleeveless Jersey



- M V-shaped collar with reinforced ribbed cuffs and hem. Lightweight jersey.
- L
- XL
- 2XL
- 3XL

Fusion Lounge Shirts



- 4XL Casual lounge shirt that can be worn as long or short sleeves by buttoning-up the sleeve. Curved hem, back yoke, sleeve loop and two chest pockets with inverted pleat and flap. Poly cotton blend with soft raised collar and subtle stripe design. Last of the range - no other sizes available.
- 5XL

Monza Shirt



- S Racy design with contrast stripes across the chest with two patch pockets. Poly cotton twill fabric.
- M
- L
- XL
- 2XL
- 3XL
- 4XL
- 5XL

Stealth Golf Shirt (NEW)



- S 150g Polyester fabric with 3 button placket and double contrast stripe on sleeves, underarm insert and contrast neck binding.
- M
- L
- XL
- 2XL
- 3XL
- 4XL
- 5XL

Sally Ladies Shirt (NEW)



- S Lightly brushed polycotton in soft pink. 3/4 Sleeves, side slits and curved hem. Feminine cut with chest pocket detail and top stitching. Relaxed fit.
- M
- L
- XL
- 2XL
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