



DIE THE BENZ LENS

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA



IN THIS EDITION

✓ Diasfees 2019	5	✓ My special 208C	18
✓ The Trip to and fro'	7	✓ Emerald Vale Brewery	20
✓ MB Stanmar besoek	11	✓ A year to remember	23
✓ Year-end functions 2018	14	✓ Valentine Run	25
✓ Western Cape Workshop Day	17	✓ Central region activities	28

Editorial

The Editor – Stephen Kaalsen



Ever seen a shooting star? Did you ever lie flat on your back on a cool autumn evening and enjoy the crickets' company, admiring the stars, gazing at each one's brightness and its clarity? Have you seen how each one is uniquely placed in the atmosphere, and shines in its own beauty, lighting and decorating the majestic night sky? A Boeing can disturb the tranquil experience with its taillights, making you feel that you have just seen a shooting star.

Then suddenly in the corner of your sight, the reality of a real shooting star makes its appearance. In an instant, your attention gets drawn away from all the stationary, and pointed to the shooting star.

Dear reader, it is my pleasure to announce that 2019 will be the year of the Benz Lens where we will be "Stargazing". It will be the year where we will look at special editions, rare collectibles and once offs. Our club is a club with unique cars, and our members are equally unique. We are a group of friends who are special. Some of us are rare in our own right, and some of us are straight put a once off!

In Mercedes-Benz society, exactly 50 years ago in 1969 amongst all the stars, a shooting star - the C111 - made its appearance in

Shines in its own
beauty, lighting
and decorating the
majestic night sky

the Mercedes-Benz galaxy. It was a series of experimental automobiles. The company was experimenting with new engine technologies, including Wankel engines, diesel engines, and turbochargers, and used the basic C111 platform as a testbed. Other experimental features included multi-link rear suspension, gull-wing doors and a luxurious interior with leather trim and air conditioning.

The first version of the C111 was completed in 1969. The car

used a fiberglass body shell and with a mid-mounted three-rotor direct fuel injected Wankel engine (code named M950F). The next C111 appeared in 1970. It used a four-rotor engine producing 257 kW (350 hp). The car reportedly could reach a speed of 300 km/h.

A total of 16 units were built, and experiments could be executed. Mercedes-Benz introduced the C112 at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 1991 as a proposed production sports car. The car used a mid-mounted 6.0 L V12 engine. After accepting 700 deposits, the company decided not to proceed with production.

To find one of the 16 C111 units would be quite impossible, unless you can rob a bank, hold a museum curator hostage, or marry into the Rupert family. Follow this year's anticipated Benz Lens editions, as we will gaze at the special, the rare, and the once off's. Thank you to all the readers for your endless support, thank you to all the contributors for keeping me nights up to edit and build each Benz Lens puzzle.





from the President

Waldo Scribante

We once again had a busy and exciting start to the year!

First, congratulations to Johan Sloet (Southern Cape), Erald Hohls (Eastern Cape) and Avish Maharaj (Kwa-Zulu Natal) for being re-elected as Regional Chairmen. The National Committee also extends a warm welcome to Steve Rademeyer and Zillen Venter, from the Northern Region and Western Cape, respectively.

We thank our outgoing Regional Chairmen, Sven Krassnokutski (Northern Region) and Kurt Stassen (Western Cape), for their dedication and service. Along with their regional committees, they will certainly be missed. However, I am sure they will enjoy the well-deserved break.

Year-end Functions

All the regions ended another successful year with their various Year-end functions. We thank the regional committees for their sterling efforts and commitment to maintaining our Club's excellent standards. We once again look forward to an exciting 2019, filled with world-class outings and events.

René and I had the privilege of joining the KZN Year-end lunch, basking in the warmth of the regional hospitality, while taking in the spectacular view. We hosted the Southern Cape's Year-end function with our usual Sheep Braai and Magnum ice-cream, which has quickly become a firm favourite.

George Old Car Show

The SCOCC George Old Car Show 2019 was once again a major success, thanks to the support from our various regions. We had almost 106 cars on display! This year, we had a special 60th Celebration of the Fintails, as well as a 40th Celebration of the Geländewagens. With the help of Fintail register captain Chris Kühn, we enjoyed a lovely outing to Glentana beach on the Friday afternoon, and had 39 Fintails on display at the show. Johan Sloet presented a special commemorative Fintail grill badge.

We also launched the club's Geländewagen register and had 13 Geländewagens on show with a special 40th grill badge commemorating the event. On Monday, we had a quick outing to the Vleesbaai 4x4 route, having fun on the dunes and ending the day with a lekker boerewors roll!

Congratulations to Francois and Olga van der Westhuizen. They once again had a record sale of regalia at the George Old Car Show!

The weekend was a huge success and I thank the SCOCC organisers, as well as Johan Sloet, Aldo van Zyl, Chris Kühn and Dirk Lombard, for managing the Southern Cape portion of the event. Southern Cape stalwarts Kobus Harris and Peet Botha deserve a special mention and thanks; for arranging the professional layout of the show - once again resulting in a world-class display of our old Merc's.

President's Braai

On the Saturday evening of the show, René and I again hosted the President's Braai at the Scribs Benzeum. A hugely popular event with 160 of our members and friends in attendance - and Benz camaraderie second to none!

We were fortunate to have our past Presidents attending the George Old Car Show, as well as the President's Braai. Sadly, Graham van Heerden had to leave early the Saturday morning, as his father-in-law suddenly passed away. Our sincere condolences to Graham, Ester and their family. Our thoughts are with them during this difficult time.

It was my honour to present Steve Rademeyer, Etienne Geel, Dirk van der Westhuizen and Graham van Heerden (in his absence), with special "60 Jahre of the Heckflosse" fedoras, for their service and support to the Club.

Drive to increase membership numbers

On a serious note, our membership numbers are still in slow decline. We need your support to strengthen our numbers, by sharing our Facebook posts and events, finding new members and inviting friends/potential members to join us on outings and events.

Forum and Tapatalk

We are in the process of converting our Forum to be more easily accessible via the Tapatalk app on Smart phones - meaning our beloved forum will now be accessed on the go!



It will work very much like a WhatsApp group, but with all regions sharing ideas and info with each other. A notification will appear as a new post is placed. The forum will still be available on your PC, as always.

Upcoming AGM

The 34th AGM and National Gathering (21-24 March 2019), will be hosted by the Central region, at the Golden Gate Hotel and Reserve near Clarens. I encourage you to join us, so that

we may have as many members as possible in attendance. It is always a huge event and certainly one of the best to experience the Benz camaraderie. I'm sure you'll agree!

As always, the best or nothing!

MUA & Mercedes Benz Club: It's a CLASSIC!

Strategic recovery as a corporate athlete is about rituals, and habitual activities that allow you to rest, rejuvenate and unwind. While habits come in many forms, one of the most popular ways of recovering is having a hobby, something you are passionate about and dedicated to, something that takes your awareness from your everyday life, and shifts it onto something that provides an escape.

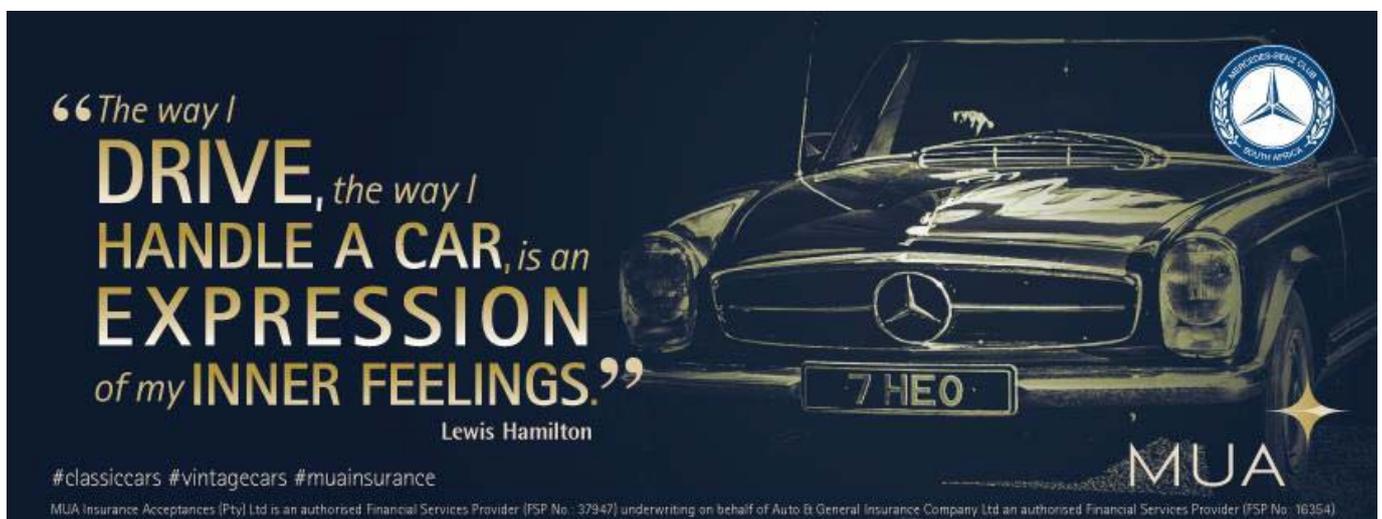
More than ever, working individuals are becoming conscious of their own wellbeing, and with that, is the realization that spending time doing what you love is essential for your physical, emotional, mental and spiritual recovery. For some, recovery means playing a round of golf on a Saturday morning, or perhaps spending a weekend completely disconnected from technology, and for others, like

those part of the Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa, recovery comes in the form of a passion for classic cars. Members attend a variety of functions each year, where they either look at and appreciate the history that comes with a Mercedes-Benz model driven by World War II Generals, or they display craftsmanship and dedication in their own restored and preserved classic models. Some become collectors, and others spend years restoring a single car, but what matters is the attention to detail, and the awareness given to this bespoke, if a little unconventional, method of recovery. The beauty of this is that people are investing in their recovery, and in the process, are cultivating connections with not only the history attached to classic vehicles, but also with people they care about, be it a moment between a father and his son and

their shared love of cars, or club members who collectively drive around in their cars and spend time giving back to their communities. Of course, when you're a member of the club, it becomes more than a hobby, but rather a lifestyle, and a way of living that gives balance to daily chaos, and common ground between people where there was none before.

From restoration, to preservation, this is a hobby for people from all walks of life, but most importantly, it allows for human connection through a shared experience, and an awareness of how something as simple as a classic car can bring people together.

For more information on insuring your classic car, please speak to your broker or visit www.mua.co.za.



“The way I
DRIVE, the way I
HANDLE A CAR, is an
EXPRESSION
of my **INNER FEELINGS.**”
Lewis Hamilton

#classiccars #vintagecars #muainsurance

MUA

MUA Insurance Acceptances (Pty) Ltd is an authorised Financial Services Provider (FSP No. : 37947) underwriting on behalf of Auto Et General Insurance Company Ltd an authorised Financial Services Provider (FSP No. 16354)



SOUTHERN CAPE REGION



DIASFEES 2019

Deur Johan Sloet

Op Saterdag 2 Februarie was dit weer tyd om die feesgangers aan ons klub en motors bekend te stel. Die deelnemers het voor 08H00 by die bekende Langeberg winkelsentrum opgedaag vir ons optog deur Mosselbaai. Begelei deur die verkeersbeamptes het ons die rit deur Mosselbaai se hoofroetes onderneem en by die feesterrein aangekom. Ons gazebo is in 'n japtrap opgeslaan. Daar het 'n koelerige windjie getrek en Kobus Harris het voorsiening gemaak vir 'n skerm wat ons teen die windjie beskerm het.

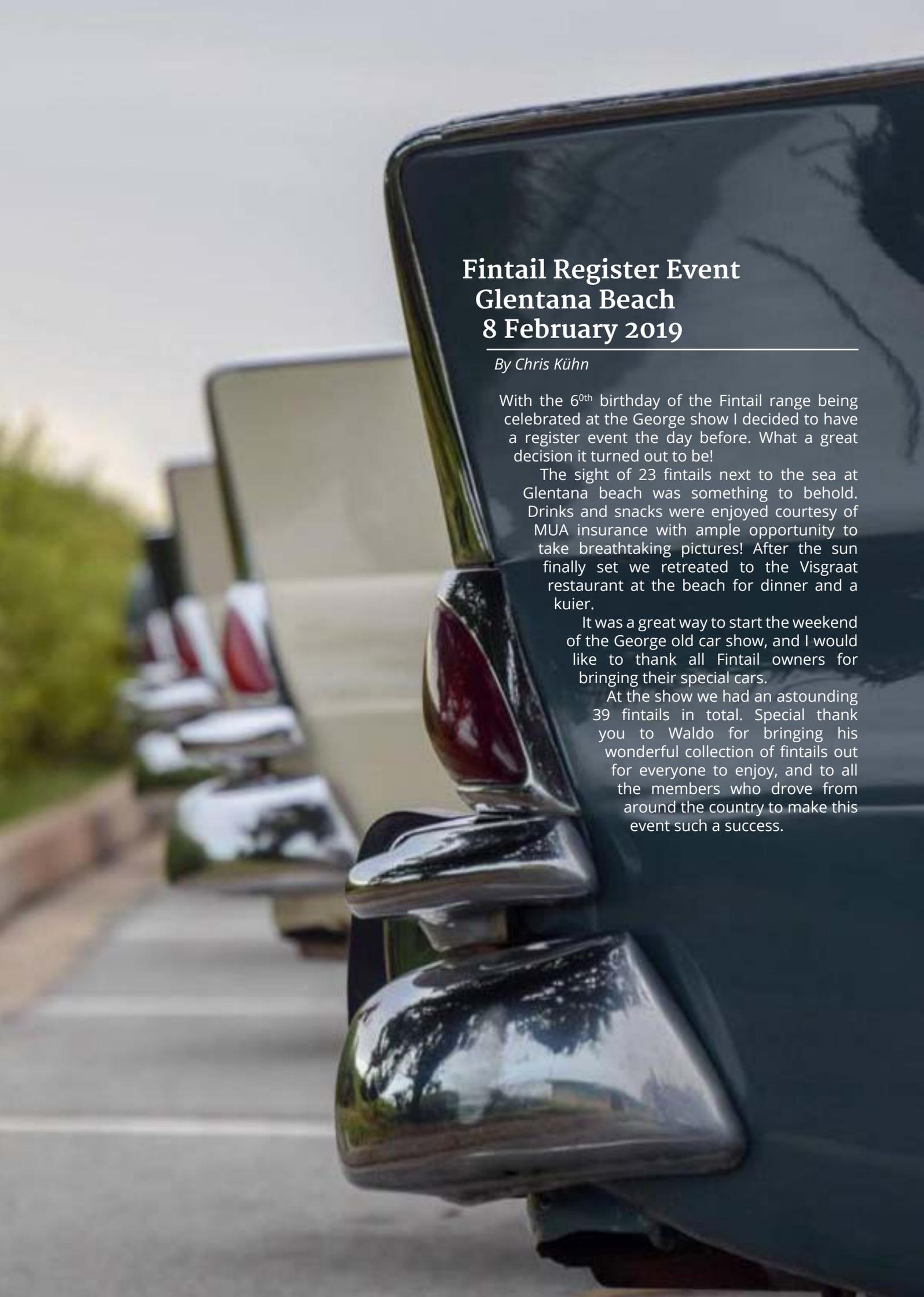
Lekker beskut kon ons toe die dag se bedrywighede geniet.

Eerste op die program is altyd die genot van koffie waarna die stalletjies en ander besienswaardighede besoek is. En soos gewoonlik is die pannekoekstalletjie goed ondersteun. Ons uitstalling, alhoewel dit net uit twaalf motors bestaan het, het baie aandag getrek en soos gewoonlik moes ons bontstaan om nuuskierige toekouers se vrae te beantwoord.

Na middagete (en 'n paar lang koue drankies), was dit weer tyd om kamp op te slaan en huiswaarts te keer.

Volgende jaar is ons weer daar.





Fintail Register Event Glentana Beach 8 February 2019

By Chris Kühn

With the 60th birthday of the Fintail range being celebrated at the George show I decided to have a register event the day before. What a great decision it turned out to be!

The sight of 23 fintails next to the sea at Glentana beach was something to behold. Drinks and snacks were enjoyed courtesy of MUA insurance with ample opportunity to take breathtaking pictures! After the sun finally set we retreated to the Visgraat restaurant at the beach for dinner and a kuier.

It was a great way to start the weekend of the George old car show, and I would like to thank all Fintail owners for bringing their special cars.

At the show we had an astounding 39 fintails in total. Special thank you to Waldo for bringing his wonderful collection of fintails out for everyone to enjoy, and to all the members who drove from around the country to make this event such a success.

THE TRIP TO AND FRO' – 2019 GEORGE OLD CAR SHOW

By Andrew Hempel

I've been wanting to do a short story on this issue since the 11th Feb, but work is getting in the way.

I wasn't planning on attending the George show this year, combination of factors, but chiefly funding was a bit of an issue - there wasn't any.... (funding that is....)

After an event at my place, where the 'ous' got together over a bit of meat and some 'cough medicine' and much convincing, later, I was persuaded to make the 2019 trip down to George.

Now both my finnies are not in a condition where I would take them on an extended trip, let alone put them on a show ...

But as I said, 'ous' talk you into these things, so I set about sorting a few issues on my black 230S. It needed a brake overhaul, especially front as the one wheel was binding.....and it needed an exhaust..... and carbs to be sorted....

So I tackled the job and settled into doing the brakes, only to find that the car had a 3 piston caliper on the front and the pistons were corroded to the extent that they needed replacing..... the quote to make new pistons was a little eye-watering to say the least... So I had a set of 108 calipers that I refurbed and fitted....

Whilst all this was on the go, I got a call to go and look at a project ponton 220S at Lawrence Kropfs place.

It was during this little sojourn that Lawrence and I got talking about the George show and the cars we were taking.

Lawrence had recently acquired a number of cars, and there were 2 that he wanted to take down to the George show, but for obvious reasons he could only drive one. The 2 cars, one was obviously a finny and the other a W116 280S that he has come to enjoy.....

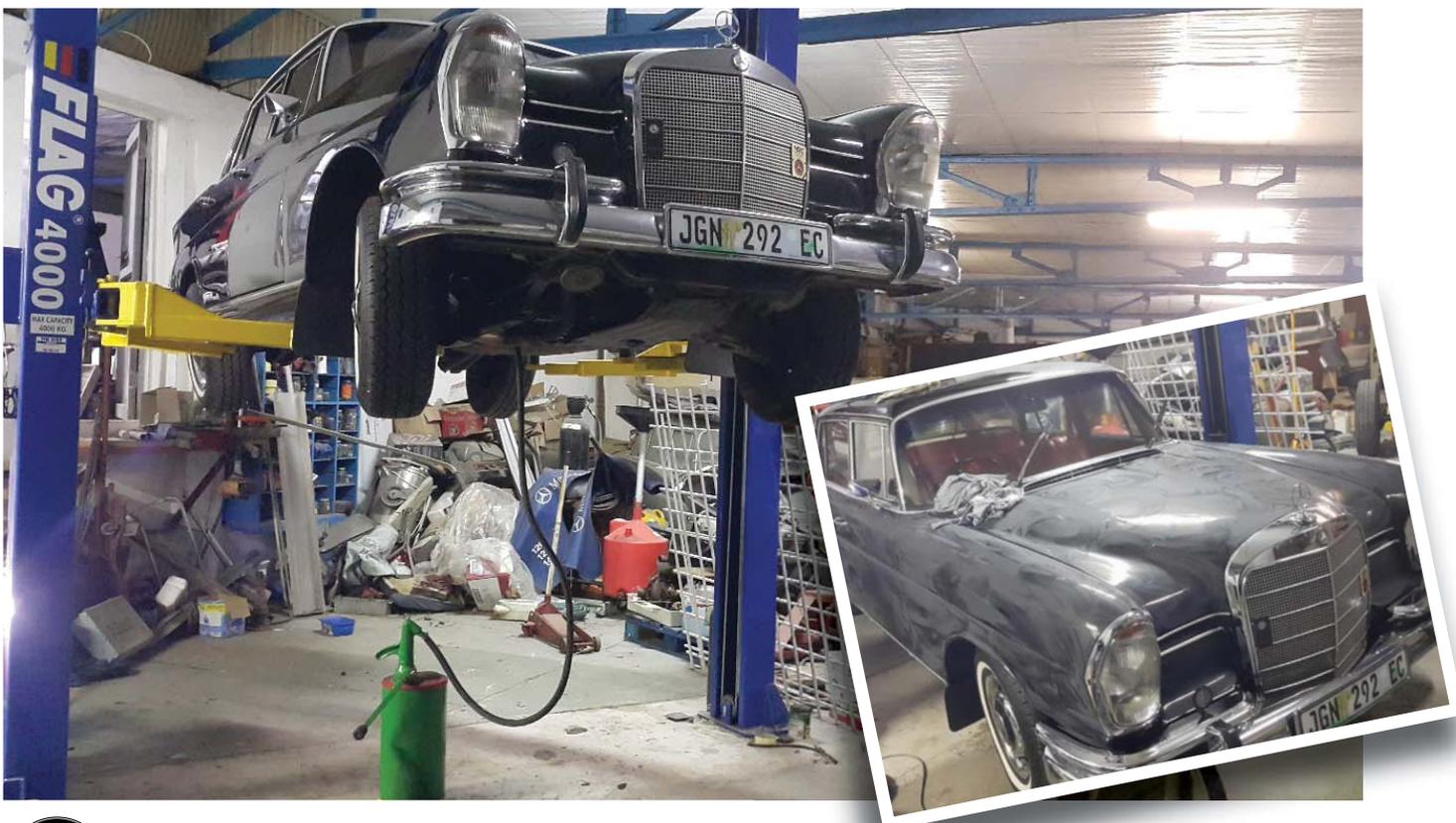
I offered to take Lawrences finny as it was in WAAAAAY better shape than any of mine, which would mean that I could stop work on mine in terms of the new exhaust and carb rebuild....

So I arranged to pick the car up from Lawrence 2 weeks earlier and sort some stuff out for him on the car.....Lawrence had done some work, like new tie rod ends, and a good clean and buff.....

I collected the car on a 'blisteringly' hot Sunday with temperature in the mid 30's..... it was actually unpleasant, but then nothing surpasses a ride in a nice fintail.....

I got the car home and immediately set about getting the few small tasks done.

These included checking the oil in the gearbox and the differential and greasing the front and rear suspension



SOUTHERN CAPE REGION

I wasn't happy with the 'feel' of the paintwork, so I gave the car some macguires treatment.....



Was joined by the dominee and Colin to do the same checks on their finny's prior to the trip....

Finally, Thursday 7th February dawned grey, cool and raining.....

The plan was to leave early for a meeting in PLZ, and take my daughter Candice with so she could spend the weekend in PLZ with her fiancé.....

We set off just after 6 with an ambient outside temperature of 18 degrees.



Once finished the meeting at around lunchtime, I would continue to George allowing me to take a leisurely drive and still get to George before sunset....

So Candice and I chatted as the car sauntered along at a leisurely 70 mph..... UNTIL I noticed this.....



Now if anything gives me the chills.... it's a heat gauge reading which sits where it shouldn't sit.....

The gauge was right at the red at one stage.....

A phone call to Lawrence who told me to take the thermostat out and carry on driving..... but for me a thermostat is important, and with it removed, my small pea brain told me that maybe the engine might run cooler in the front but the back half would be close to boiling, and this in weather that was only 18 degrees.....

How was this going to affect the car when the clouds lifted and the temperature soared to the mid 30's, as had been predicted?

So..... it took about 5 minutes for me to decide that I was NOT going to the George show in a fintail..... BUT how now.....

I nursed the car home and to add insult to injury, 5 kms from home the car started losing power like it was being starved of fuel..... (read dirty fuel tank).....

Anyway, I changed to a modern 'plastic'.... A W220 S320Cdi.

What I want to show you is that I left East London having covered almost 300 kilometers of town driving and with a less than $\frac{3}{4}$ tank of diesel fuel.



SOUTHERN CAPE REGION

One doesn't realise how well these cars do on the open road.
Coming through Knysna...



I must admit, part of me was disappointed that I couldn't do the trip in the finny, but then again another part of me was actually elated that I did use the W220 S320Cdi.

To give an indication of the frugality of the vehicle, this is when I arrived in George.



I'd covered 830kms AND I still had a range of 248kms



I was fairly tired by the Thursday evening, but I met up with the dominee and we had a few snacks and some 'cough' medicine from Prestons chemist shop... and it was off to bed.

Friday morning up bright 'n early and it was time for coffee on the stoep and some quiet reading time.

It was a blast of a weekend..... we spent the day at Waldo's place, met up with the "manne", did some

valuations..... and then it was time to deliver Waldo's cars to the show



The eastern cape guys catching a little 'toe in the pool' time and soothing their throats with some cough medicine from Prestons chemist shop....

As usual, Saturday morning dawned early. I didn't have a car to wash for the show, so I relaxed a little longer in bed and caught a lift with Sascha in his 380SEC. Some of the cars/machines that caught my attention at the show a W114 250T. Looked like a Crayford conversion. A Ponton 219 with 14 inch wheels on. This was too cute.

I 'tried' very hard I might add to stay the hell AWAY from the model shops, but dammit, im sure they put something in the ice-cream, coz although my brain was trying to point me away from that area, my legs were doing something else..... I ended up with the finny from the James Bond series, the black one with the skis on the roof, the one which gets destroyed in a ball of fire.....

All too soon it was time to point the stars homeward.



We stopped in Knysna for a bite. Another weekend which will take pride of place in the memory banks for years to come.





GEORGE OLD CAR SHOW

By Andrew Hempel

Eenhonderd-en -nege (109) voertuie, nege-en-dertig (39) vlerkies en dertien (13) G's. Wat meer is daar om te rapporteer?

Vanjaar se skou was na my beskeie mening, een van die bestes, indien nie die beste, gesien uit die oog van ons klub, en is ons baie dank verskuldig aan ons lede wat van heinde en verre gekom het en bygedra het tot die sukses van die skou.

Soos gewoonlik het ons uitstalling baie belangstelling en komplimente gelok.

Ons "nuwe" tent was ook 'n wenner. Nie net meer spasie nie, maar baie koeler as vantevore.

So 'n skou kom nie sommer vanself nie. Daar is hard gewerk

agter die skerms en weereens is ons eerstens baie dank verskuldig aan Kobus Harris en sy helpers wat gesorg het dat die terrein gereed was.

Ook baie dankie aan Aldo van Zyl en sy helpers vir die koffie wat vroegoggend reeds beskikbaar was, asook vir die hantering van die verversings deur die dag.

Die verjaarsdag van die Heckflosse is dan ook gevier met 'n spesiale koek.

Pieter Booysen se motor is aangewys as die beste Heckflosse op skou. Baie geluk met 'n pragtige motor.

Daar is by my geen twyfel dat almal die skou geniet het nie en ons sien daarna uit om almal weer

te ontvang volgende jaar.

Terloops, tensy die besluit gewysig word, was hierdie die laaste jaar wat die skou op die terrein van die P W Botha Kollege aangebied is. Sou die besluit gewysig word, sal almal op hoogte gehou word.

Soos nou al tradisie is, het die President se braai op Saterdag plaasgevind.

Waldo het die verwelkoming gedoen en ook aan elkeen van ons vorige presidente 'n spesiale hoed oorhandig.

En soos gewoonlik is daar gesmul aan die skaap en veral die roomys en sjokoladesous.

Februarie 2020 maak ons weer so!

MB STANMAR MOTORS BESOEK

Deur Johan Sloet

Op 17 November, het ons streek ons plaaslike agente besoek met die doel om nuwe modelle van naderby te beskou.

Behalwe die X-klas, was ook die opgegradeerde C-klas en nuwe A-klas beskikbaar, nie net om te kyk nie, maar ook om geneem te word vir toetsritte.

Ons is hartlik deur die personeel van Stanmar ontvang en gbaie vinning het die lede met

toetsritte begin.

Veral die bakkie en A-klas het baie aandag geniet en is na die tyd druk bespreek.

Op die vertoonvloer was ook ander modelle te sien wat ook baie aandag getrek het, veral die met baie perdekrag onder die enjinkap.

Behalwe ledevandiestreek, was ons ook aangenaam verras met die bywoning van die uitstappie

deur Jaco en Annalie Kachelhoffer. Hulle teenwoordigheid word hoog op prys gestel.

Terloops, die nuwe motors het nie veel aandag van ons gaste geniet nie. Hulle het eerder verkies om 'n "toetsrit" in Andre Fourie se 300 cabriolet te geniet.

Die oggend het afgesluit met boerewors rolletjies en 'n koue lafenis vir die keel.





Year-end function 2018

By René

A nother year has flown by, in a blink of an eye, and what a year it was indeed. We had so much fun; no wonder it flew by so quickly.

Our annual year end function was held at the extraordinary home of classic Mercedes-Benz

of Waldo and Rene Scribante. Year after year they treat us to an incredible sheep braai with all the delectable one can only imagine. The day was a balmy summer's day dressed up in cheers and applauses from our attending members, friends and family. As usually the day went off without a hitch and we all enjoyed the truly warm hospitality of our hosts Waldo and Rene.

The tables were all decorated in the spirit of the day, it being so close to Christmas, the theme

was Christmas and the ladies of the day did not disappoint and all of the stops were pulled out. The lunch tables were objecting to the sheer weight of the different dishes that was there to feast on. Fun and laughter was abounding as old and new members joined in the celebration.

There were beautiful cars on display and to peruse and enjoy with the eyes. The Concourse prize was won by Andre Fourie and his exceptional Mercedes 300 Cabriolet, and what a truly



well deserved win it has been, a magnificent specimen of Mercedes-Benz if ever there was one. Second runner up was Gerrit Lamprecht and his 560 SEC, also a worthy contender. We were treated to a beautiful array of Mercedes cars, what a sight to behold. One can truly see the dedication and time that some of our members put into their cars and it shows through in the exceptional examples of cars that were on show at our annual braai. Truth be told most of the cars in

attendance were of such good form and state that choosing a winner really is difficult, but alas there can only be one winner. Congratulations to Andre and Gerrit on their exceptional cars. Not to be outdone by the Mercedes' on display, some of the ladies took great effort in creating beautiful tables for all to enjoy, congratulations to Estelle and Mike Mudge on winning the grandest table at the braai. A further shout-out goes to Gerrit and Alda Lamprecht on winning

the prize for the best dressed couple, and if memory serves me correct, this is not the first time that they have harvested this prize, with Alda usually setting the trend for giving the day a dressing up! Thank you all for an extremely lovely day and special thanks again to our gracious hosts Waldo and Rene for hosting our year end function. Until then, "auf wiedersehen"!





WESTERN CAPE REGION

Year-end function 2018

By JB Wiese

Our year-end function was held on 9 December 2018 at Okkie Potgieter's beautiful Land en Zeezicht Estate in Somerset West.

Members packed picnic baskets and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon under the oak trees whilst the concours took place and judging was done. We were fortunate to have truly excellent cars that took part in the concours – not an easy task to judge!

Our awards ceremony followed after lunch and the following winners were awarded prizes in the respective categories:

Best Ponton	Ettienne Long 220S Cabriolet
Best 107	Bill Tolken 350SL 4.5
Best 108	Okkie Potgieter 280S
Best 114/115	Thys de Jager 280E
Best 121 190SL	Ettienne Long 190SL
Best 113 Pagoda	Wayne Keppler 280SL
Best 123 Sedan/Coupe	Johan Kemp 200
Best 116	Okkie Potgieter 280SE
Best 124	John Andrews E320 Cab
Best 126	Okkie Potgieter 380SE
Oldest or Most original	Okkie Potgieter 280S
Ladies Choice	Ettienne Long 220S Cabriolet
Chairman's Choice	Nigel Tiffin 560SEL
Best polished car	John Andrews SL350
Member of the year	Long family
Novice of the Year	Jimmy Visser
Most Outstanding contribution	Brian Long
Best Cabriolet	Ettienne Long 190SL
Best Coupe/Sedan	Johan Kemp 200
Club Champion	Ettienne Long 190SL



The new committee was also presented at the ceremony following the retirement of the previous committee – Kurt Stassen (Chairman), JB Wiese (Vice-Chairman) and Ederik Kritzinger (Secretary) - that served for a 6 year term. Congratulations and all the best to the new committee - Zillen Venter (Chairman), Brendan Moran (Vice-Chairman) and Jean-Pierre van der Poel (Secretary).

The Western Cape is looking forward to an exciting new year under the guidance of the new committee!





107 Themed Breakfast Run – 24 February 2019

By JB Wiese

On Sunday 24 February we had a 107 themed breakfast run for all R107 and C107 owners to Richard Branson's 5 star boutique hotel in Franschhoek. The convoy met at the Winelands Engen garage on the N1 towards Paarl at 08:30. The morning started off a little overcast which caught some of us out as we decided to leave home with the cars' tops down. Luckily the mist cleared and the rest of the day was sunny and warm.

We were a total of 38 people and 15 107's ranging from Graham van Heerden's early model 350SL manual, to a late American spec 560SL. Bill Tolken brought his immaculate and rare 350SL 4.5 which is one of the first edition 4.5ltr's built for the American market badged as a "350SL 4.5" before the later models were re-badged as the 450SL. There were

also two C107 405 SLC's in the group.

Although this was a 107 themed run, other members were welcome to join, so the convoy also included a CLK 63 AMG convertible, C124 300CE convertible, 3 SLK's and a R129 500SL.

From the Engen garage the convoy left for a photo shoot at the Anura Wine Farm, after which we enjoyed a beautiful leisurely drive through to Franschhoek to Mont Rochelle for a 5 star breakfast at 09:30. Our relaxed breakfast took us to 12:00 when everyone departed for home with well satisfied appetites.

If you ever visit Franschhoek, the breakfast at Mont Rochelle is a must. The views across the valley from Mont Rochelle's elevated position are spectacular and you have to try the incredible soufflé



WESTERN CAPE REGION



Timour Hall Classic Car Show – 10 February 2019

By Brendan Moran

On Sunday 10 February, we participated in the 18th annual IPA Classic Car and Bike show held at Timour Hall Villa in Plumstead. The International Police Association started this car show back in 2000 as a fundraising initiative for the various charities that it supports.

Charities that have benefited from the event over the years include various child welfare and educational institutions, wildlife organisations, social outreach programs, as well as charities caring for the elderly.

It started out as a one day event, but has grown in popularity to such an extent that it is now run across two days with the Saturday showcasing “future classics”, and the Sunday reserved for classic cars and motorbikes. Apart from the 23 classic car clubs who display vehicles, there is also a large “auto-jumble” where various vehicle parts, brochures, books and workshop manuals can be bought.

We, as the Western Cape division of the Mercedes Benz Club have been supporting this great event and worthy cause for many years now, and this year was no different.

I, our club chairman Zillen Venter, and former club president Graham van Heerden, took up the task of setting up our club stand this year. We set off in convoy early

It's always special seeing great classic cars out in the sunshine

to avoid the traffic with Graham leading the way in his beautiful 1963 W111 220SE cabriolet. It's always special seeing great classic cars out in the sunshine being driven on public roads, so the drive to Timour was a real treat as we witnessed all the other clubs on route to the show.

We had a lovely collection

of cars on display this year. As mentioned there was Graham's 220se, Peter Breen's W111280se, David Shakeshaft's 190sl, Wido Schnabel's very original Adenauer, George Padley's Fintail, Jurgen Apel's Ponton, Collin Hunt's 450SL, and last but not least my 450SLC.

The undoubted “star of the show” was our club Secretary JP van der Poel's Old English Sheepdog Dora, who came to visit us there with his daughter Mieke. I am sure you can see from the photos why this gorgeous one year old puppy attracted more attention than any car on display. So much so that Mieke and Dora even caught the eye of a local journalist and they appeared the next day in the local newspaper!

For anyone interested in their own Old English Sheepdog puppy, Dora in fact comes from our club president Waldo Scribante's litter; who has been breeding them for many years.



Western Cape Workshop Day – 2 March 2019

By Brendan Moran

In the past few years we regularly held workshop days for our members at the Mercedes Benz Eikestad dealership in Stellenbosch. The partnership with Eikestad was mostly thanks to the involvement of two of our club members who were employees at the dealership at the time, namely Daleen Du Toit (sale executive) and Robert Pascal (senior mechanic). With them both having since left the dealership over a year ago it was time for us to look for a new partner with whom to reintroduce this initiative which was always a popular event with members.

After doing a bit of research and paying a few visits, we found a great father and son business in Somerset West by the name of Disa Auto Services. The father and owner is in fact himself an ex-employee of Eikestad Mercedes and has been working on Mercedes Benz's for many years.

On Saturday 2 March we held our first trial workshop day with them and 10 of our members.

The aim of these workshop days is to give members the opportunity to come together and discuss technical issues on their vehicles with professional mechanics and fellow members to gain knowledge and diagnose problems with their vehicles free of charge. It is always a fun morning learning more about your own car as well as other Mercedes Benz models, and to know you are not alone in the constant maintenance that is required on a classic car.

It was a successful morning with two of us already deciding to leave our babies with them to have the diagnosed mechanical maintenance done. We look forward to building a strong relationship between our club and Disa Auto in the future.





EASTERN CAPE REGION

My special 280C

By Johan Minnaar

I have military service and a posting in Windhoek to thank for the acquisition of my 1972 Mercedes 280C. It was there that I became friends with the original owner, Simmie Frank. Having been S.A. Ambassador in Vienna in the early seventies, Oom Simmie decided to buy a car prior to his return to this country. When his son arrived in Vienna from UCT for the June 1972 holidays, Theo and a chauffeur were dispatched to London to collect the new 280C and drive it back to Vienna. (RHD's could only be sourced in the U.K.)

Upon their return, the Franks settled in Windhoek. The 280C became Mrs Frank's car. Anna Frank played a leading role in

Namibian politics, was the only woman in parliament at the time and accompanied President Nujoma on a state visit to President Clinton. I bought the car from Oom Simmie in 1992. Many happy holidays were spent all over the country. My children were embarrassed by the car and often chose to cycle to school as a result. The "designer poverty" image appealed to me at the time - bear in mind that I was then in my early thirties. The 114-series exude understated elegance; the coupé portrays a slight enhancement of that.

Of course the prejudices of my three sons have transformed dramatically.

The 280C cost 21423DM in 1972; 4924 cars were built. It was the appeal of the 123-series coupés that saw the 114-series coupés rust away and become ignored. To see a 114-series coupé is now a rare occurrence, and ironic given the important role the car played in the evolution of the Mercedes pillarless coupés. I'm indebted to Erald Hohls, Colin Meyer and Norman Hickel for their very generous assistance in commencing the restoration of my car and encouraging me to continue.



60 Years of Finny Roadtrip

By Pieter Moolman

When I first heard about the planned Finny gathering at the George Show, I just knew – I must take Miesies Benz there! Seeing that she just loves Roadtrips, I started dreaming and planning what else to do on the way – and so the idea was “born” to take the road less travelled.

On the way down to George from East London, I took the old Van Stadens River pass – the bridge is still an awesome sight from the bottom.

While enjoying a milkshake at Marilyn's 60' Diner at Storms River Village, I was told by an old lady that it is still possible to travel another old pass – “Just take the Coldstream turnoff. Don't worry about the 'Pass Closed' signs...”

The temptation was just too big.... I decided to try it! It turned out to the old Bloukrans pass. What an experience and adrenaline rush it was to be on a road that is “officially closed” combined with a flood of old memories coming back!

As a child we often travelled that pass with a Dodge Polara

with a huge Gypsey caravan. The Grootrivier pass towards Nature's Valley is still open and in good condition.

The Finny photo shoot and sundowners at Glentana was a fantastic event – not to mention the George Show! (More about that from Andrew Hempel)

I was also blessed to be part of the 4x4 event at Vleesbaai as a passenger.

The following day I took the Robinson pass from Hartenbosch to Oudtshoorn. Apart from stunning scenery, it was a big surprise to find 2 memorials next to the road. The one for 13 SAPS members who died in a bus accident on the way to the Diaz Festival in 1988. The other for 2 Dutch tourists who also died on the same hairpin bend in 1998; also in a bus accident.

Then came the highlight of the trip – from Oudtshoorn Miesies Benz and myself tackled the awe-inspiring Swartberg pass to Prince Albert. With trepidation and not a little bit of fear, we did it! It was an awesome experience that I will

always cherish.

It still boggles the mind how Thomas Baines built the pass with just dynamite and convict labour – no cement used!

After a few days in Prins Albert, I started the road back via the magnificent Meiringspoort.

Something different was the single lane cement strip road between Willowmore and Steytlerville.

Another highlight was the stretch between Grahamstown and Port Alfred via Bathurst.

I was grateful to be safely back home after 2 weeks on the road, but most of all once again extremely impressed with my 53 year old faithful Miesies Benz. The only hiccup was that the brake booster developed a leak – disconnected it and blocked off the pipes and used muscle power to apply the brakes. A slight fuel pipe leak was also easily rectified with Locktite.

I am in love all over again with my Miesies Benz!!!



EASTERN CAPE REGION

Emerald Vale Brewery

By Erald Hohls

We had a very nice Lunch Run to Emerald Vale Brewery yesterday. (Attached are some pics with a lovely pic of Torben & Dörte with little Tjark)

There was a nice mix of cars from 115, 109 all the way to Torben's W205.

There were three /8's; - Caden's W114 280, Justin's 115 230.4, and my pre-facelift 115 220 (Beige).

The most obvious cosmetic

differences between Pre-facelift & Facelifted models are clearly visible in this pic.

Pre-Facelift: Narrower grille, no lower valance, ¼ vents on side windows, different side mirror, curved headlight lenses, no rain deflectors on 'A' Pillar, different bumper & re-positioned number plate.

(Among other changes, not visible in this pic; the face-lifted

models had a newer generation soft touch steering wheel, ribbed taillight lenses, revised levers & switches and different upholstery) It was nice to see Lawrence's 109 300SEL 6.3 there as well.

Thanks to everyone who joined us.



EC MORGAN BAY RUN – SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY –

By Erald Hohls

A number of EC members went on a pleasant lunch run to Morgan Bay on Sunday 27th January 2019. This was our first run of the year.

Awesome weather, great company with fellow members, excellent food and a fantastic wild coast sea-side setting, ensured that everyone had a lovely day out.

It was good to see such a nice mix of cars & colours with Colin Meyer's 230S Fintail the oldest and Stewart Peters' CLK500 the newest.

Thanks to everyone who joined us.



RE-ENACTMENT OF THE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST MERCEDES PRODUCED IN SOUTH AFRICA

By Erald Hohls



It has been just over 60 years since the first Mercedes-Benz (a Ponton) was produced at the Mercedes-Benz factory in East London - (Car Distributors Assembly (CDA) as it was known then).

To commemorate this special milestone, local EC Mercedes-Benz Club members Norman Hickel and Pieter Moolman, undertook an epic journey in my Ponton 190, from East London to Bloemfontein and back, supported by journalist Ferdie de Vos, driving a new Mercedes-Benz W205 C63S and followed by a crew of journalists in a Vito crew cab.

This was to re-enact the delivery of the very first Mercedes-Benz car built in East London in 1958, to the Mercedes-Benz Dealership in Bloemfontein - John Williams Motors.

All went well on the first stretch of the way to Aliwal North, a distance almost 400km.

The next day was extremely

hot into the dry Free State and the Ponton ran very hot to boiling point.

After cooling down, they continued without any trouble and then, with less than 200m to go from the Dealership the car came to a halt, and just would not start again.

Norman established that the points were burnt and sorted that out in a few minutes.

They then proceeded to do the handover at John Williams Motors.

After a trouble-free return trip the next day, having driven almost 1200km in all, they were welcomed back in East London by fellow club members with great fanfare, some champagne, in the factory parking lot, where they had left two days earlier.

All in all, the Ponton performed very well and I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to be part of it; for the sake of the historic value and for keeping the local Mercedes-Benz Heritage alive.





A Year to Remember

By Marcell Mostert

It is a scary thought that the end of the year is upon us. Just the other day we celebrated a new year, and now we are at the end of the same year. Although this year has flown by, the members in the Northern Region have enjoyed a spectacular motoring year.

We have been treated with a vast amount of great events and new members joining our region. To celebrate this joyous year, the Northern Region held its Year-End function and AGM at Faircity Quartermain Hotel in Morningside.

Arriving at the venue in a stylish and affordable Hyundai Accent (Uber) I was welcomed by our chairman and other committee members, all dressed in formal attire and ready for a great party. Entering the hotel, Leon and Jacky from Klerksdorp were eagerly waiting for the members to arrive. I am always overcome with excitement when seeing Leon and Jacky. We enjoyed snacks and drinks, followed by a brief car discussion, before we made our way to the conference hall to start our AGM.

Upon the members taking their seats, Jan Willem Wielsma, our outgoing secretary, initiated the formal matters, followed by some banter and laughs. Sven, our outgoing chairman, welcomed the new committee members, and congratulated Anna Lee-Dos Santos on her appointment as Vice Chairlady.

Our new committee members include:

- Steve Rademeyer – Chairman
- Koos du Toit – Secretary

- Annalie dos Santos – Vice Chairlady
- Jeanette St James
- Hercu Van der Walt
- Shynelle Greef
- Morne Greef

Following the AGM, more drinks and snacks awaited us. Leon Erasmus, Ryan Uys and I concluded our discussion and agreement that the W116 is the best Mercedes-Benz ever built. This is my favourite part of any club event – talking about cars without any interruptions!

Finally, we made our way to the dining room for the feast awaiting us. The tables were beautifully decorated, with a bottle of red and white wine welcoming the guests to the tables. Our National Vice President, Christopher Carlisle-Kitz was our ever so entertaining MC making sure that we all behave ourselves and dine in an orderly fashion.

Prior to dishing up, a few heart-warming speeches followed, including a hand-over by Sven Krassnokutski to Steve Rademeyer. Steve presented Sven with a sentimental and well cherished gift. The remaining and outgoing committee members also received a gift, including a delicious bottle of gin, and a very special message from our outgoing chairman. Anna-Lee Dos Santos was gracious by donating the gifts received by all the members attending the year-end function.

The highlight of the evening was definitely the delicious food. The Faircity Quartermain Hotel really outdid themselves. I could



NORTHERN REGION



not help but dish up a second serving of everything. The room was filled with endless laughter and all around me people were smiling and enjoying each other's conversation.

A huge thank you is necessary for Anna-Lee Dos Santos, André Esterhuizen and Jan Willem Wielsma for all the arrangements made and booking the lovely venue for our year-end function.

The success of the Northern Region is not only attributed to the committed and hard working committee members, but also the passionate, caring and supportive members of the region, especially those travelling from afar to spend time with their fellow club members. Collectively

we encourage our Region to have fun and grow in numbers. Every person's participation and dedication is greatly appreciated. This year we have seen record numbers in the attendance of events, breaking the 100 mark of attendance with the W114/5 run, and over 30 cars attending Jacaranda Run.

Serving my second year on the Northern Region's committee, I am saddened by the departure of the outgoing committee members, but excited by the new committee members joining us. I have learned so much from the committee members I have worked with, and I have had a ton of fun.

I therefore dedicate this

brief year-end letter to the outgoing committee members, to thank them for their wisdom, friendship, support and enduring commitment to the Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa. PJ Ryan, Suzette Boucher, Jan Willem Wielsma, André Esterhuizen, and Sven Krassnokutski, I have learned greatly from you all, and I have enjoyed serving on the committee with you. Thank you.

To the rest of Northern Region – thank you for the ongoing support and commitment to the Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa. I look forward to an exciting 2019! Best wishes for the festive season and travel safe.



Valentine's Run 2019

By Annalie Dos Santos

The Northern Region enjoyed a most successful Valentine's run and lunch at the Val Hotel. Val is a time warp village about 50km from Heidelberg in Gauteng and only a stone's throw from Greylingstad on the road to Standerton. It's 160km from OR Tambo International. It is surely one of the smallest, cleanest and most beautiful little towns on the Highveld and with only 28 inhabitants, it is worth a visit!

The convoy met at Carnival mall and headed for Heidelberg. There was a wide variety of classic cars

and my personal favorite car of the day was a beautiful blue 220 SE Convertible driven by Clive Winterstein.

The atmosphere at this old time venue was great. Together with a bunch of bikers, we enjoyed a 3 course lunch in a buzzing atmosphere! The members enjoyed the little museum and the quaint garden, where photographs were taken around an old swing hanging from a tree. Thank you to Shynelle and Morne Greeff for organizing a lovely Valentines event!



NORTHERN REGION



YEAR BEGINNING FUNCTION, KLERKSDORP

By Anna-Lee Dos Santos

A chilly windy morning developed into a lovely sunny day as the Northern Region members proceeded towards Klerksdorp for the annual Klerksdorp Year Beginning function. The gathering point at the N12 Fochville garage was a welcome coffee stop and suitable place to meet and greet to kick start the convoy for the next 110km to Klerksdorp! The convoy consisted of a rich gathering of classic and modern cars! Everyone met up with the locals at the Matlosana mall in Klerksdorp and drove in convoy to Villa Maria. Villa Maria is a guest lodge comprising of 24 well laid

out luxurious en-suite rooms. The guest lodge boasts beautifully well maintained grounds with lush rose filled gardens. We were welcomed with a lovely cocktail on arrival and here we left our cars and boarded the bus to our lunch venue! Everyone in jovial mood and enjoying the camaraderie! Leon Erasmus & Pieter Booysen gave us a "very rough" guided tour of this "big dorpie"!

We are told that when it comes to watering holes, there is no shortage in beautiful Klerksdorp! But there are favourites like 1965. Tucked in the bustling Macrovest Centre, this pub is all

about quality and service, making it a definite cut above the rest! Everyone enjoyed a fabulous lunch at Vintage 1965 in Klerksdorp.

Back on the bus and we proceeded to the Game Farm, where we saw a large variety of lion, cheetah, tigers and I was particularly interested to see hyenas close up! These animals are all in top condition and this visit was a real treat!

The evening gala dinner was an absolute highlight as we were blown away to be the first guests at beautiful C'est la belle, the wedding & function venue of our dear club friends Tonnels and



NORTHERN REGION



Hannetjie Van Der Walt! The story of this property purchase together with the "before" and "after" photo's is truly inspirational! Wishing you both much success and happiness on this exciting venture Tonnels and Hannetjie! What a night of fun and entertainment - the MC, Pieter Moller from Radio OFM and Manager: Postgraduate Marketing & Student Recruitment at NWU was in a league of his own as he had everyone in tears of laughter! Thank you to Pieter Booysen and his Honda Dealership for the sponsorship of the MC. The usual "awards" by Leon Erasmus and Stephen Kaalsen did not disappoint. The Northern region was honored to have the President Waldo Scribante and

his wife, Rene, with us for the weekend! During the awards ceremony, the previous Chairman of the Northern Region, Sven Krassnokutski, handed over an award to Waldo Scribante, to thank him for his invaluable contribution and support to the Northern Region over the last financial year. After a most fantastic evening and sumptuous dinner, the ladies were entertained by the men "dance-off"! Thank you Leon Erasmus, Jacky Lavin and the Klerksdorp team for a wonderful weekend! This spectacular weekend with the Mercedes-Benz Club members and the Klerksdorp Sports Car Club was no doubt a rip-roaring success!





CENTRAL REGION

Central Region Activities

By Annalie Kachelhoffer

On the 22nd of November, we held the 2018 year-end function at Copper & Coal restaurant in Bloemfontein attended by approximately 20 members. Everyone enjoyed the evening. On the 12th January 2019, we had the privilege of visiting Louis Coetzer's huge car collection to kick off the new year. We held a braai and enjoyed the cars in his museum. In February some brave members had taken the long road to George Classic Car Show.

A highlight was the Fintail Register that held a function at Glentana on the seafront and the Central region had three Fintails in

the lineup. From the ordinary to the luxurious 300 was represented. During March we visited the Benz Barn of the Kachelhoffers. We all had a good helping of Annalie's famous punch and the evening turned out to be in very good spirit. The highlight of the evening was when Japie Vos arrived in his new 300SL freshly imported from Germany. Everyone had the greatest admiration for the car. It turned out into a late night.



NATAL REGION



End of year function

By Mira Maharaj

2018 set with the perfect AGM and End of Year Function with our Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa KZN Region family. Held at one of KZN's most beautiful venues, The Salt Rock Beach Hotel, even the weather came out in all its Durban glory for us Durbanites.

As always with end of year functions, it is good to see so many members make the effort to come through as it isn't always that we are able to do every single event in the year together.

Avish Maharaj lead through the AGM with his trustee committee members, Warren and Des giving input on the year gone by as well as what is expected of the coming year for members.

With all formalities and voting out of the way, it was indeed an honour and a treat to have Waldo and Rene Scribante grace us with their presence at this function. Lunch soon came under way as members enjoyed their meals taking in the spectacular views

outdoors and great KZN warmth.

Secretly knowing that Mrs. President celebrated her birthday recently, we sang and cut a scrumptious cake together for her with our Mercedes-Benz family much to her surprise.

What a way to end of a fabulous year 2018.





**10%
discount on
used parts**

BENZO PARTS FOR AFRICA CC T/A
BENZO PARTS
CAPE TOWN

QUALITY GUARANTEED USED PARTS FOR MERCEDES-BENZ

**5% discount on
OE German made parts**

Contact: Noel Grové

086 137 7728 | 072 592 4515

CTEK | *MAXIMIZING
BATTERY
PERFORMANCE*

SmartCharge is designed to make professional charging simple and safe for everyone. It has received the "Award for Design Excellence" and "Design for All" awards from the Norwegian Design Council.

Authorized CTEK Distributors to the Classic Car and Classic Motor Bike Community in Southern Africa
279B Orion Ave, ZA-0181 Waterkloof Ridge, South Africa
| Cell: +27 82 551 0222 | Fax: +27 86 569 5699 | Email: info@hbosch.com

Mercedes
MEMBER'S DEAL

- **Tiger Wheel & Tyre and Tyres & More®** are Divisions of TiAuto Investments (Pty) Ltd.
- Our two divisions specialise in retailing Tyres, Wheels, Batteries and Allied Services.
- In addition to the above, Shocks, Brakes, Tow Bars, Bull Bars and various accessories are synonymous to **Tyres & More®**.
- Both Divisions are Independent, multi branded fitment Centres.
- **Tiger Wheel & Tyre** has 109 stores throughout South Africa, including Botswana, Namibia Zimbabwe and Mozambique.
- **Tyres & More®** started out in September 2013 currently has 39 Stores, currently only locally.



REGALIA WORTH EVERY PENNY!



Mercedes-Benz Club Shop South Africa

regalia@mercedesbenzclub.co.za
www.mercedesbenzclubshop.co.za

JOIN THE MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB

SMS "MB CLUB" to
32541 to join today!

or

Download application form
www.mercedesbenzclub.co.za

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Club meetings, events, outings
- National Gathering & AGM
- National Concours
- Club Forum
- BENZ LENS
- Valuations
- Special discounts
- Club name tag
- International MB Club card

Follow us



www.mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Olga van der Westhuizen | Cell: 082 055 2275 • Francois van der Westhuizen | Cell: 082 379 6240
regalia@mercedesbenzclub.co.za | www.mercedesbenzclubshop.co.za



Mercedes-Benz Club Forum South Africa



“ I'm not old, I'm a
CLASSIC ”



MUA

MUA Insurance Acceptances (Pty) Ltd is an authorised Financial Services Provider (FSP No.: 37947) underwriting on behalf of Auto & General Insurance Company Ltd an authorised Financial Services Provider (FSP No: 16354)



“The way I
DRIVE, the way I
HANDLE A CAR, is an
EXPRESSION
of my **INNER FEELINGS.**”
Lewis Hamilton



#classiccars #vintagecars #muainsurance

MUA Insurance Acceptances (Pty) Ltd is an authorised Financial Services Provider (FSP No.: 37947) underwriting on behalf of Auto & General Insurance Company Ltd an authorised Financial Services Provider (FSP No: 16354)

MUA



DIE
THE **BENZ LENS**
MERCEDS - BENZ CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA

P.O. Box 999, George, 6530 | www.mercedesbenzclub.co.za

The only officially recognized Mercedes-Benz Club in Africa
Member of the SA Motor Club Association

Waldo Scribante (President)

C: 082 802 3280 | E: president@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Chris Carlisle-Kitz (Vice President)

C: 082 966 3463

E: vicepresident@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Johan Kemp (Treasurer)

C: 083 457 1092

E: treasurer@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

**Steve Rademeyer
(Chairman: Northern Region)**

C: 082 887 5201

E: northern@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Johan Sloet (Chairman: Southern Cape)

C: 083 640 7455

E: scape@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Theo Potgieter (Chairman: Central Region)

C: 084 551 6122

E: central@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Stephen Kaalsen (Editor)

C: 083 234 7653

E: editor@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

**Olga & Francois van der Westhuizen
(Regalia Officer)**

C: 082 055 2275 or 082 379 6240

E: regalia@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Annalie Kachelhoffer (National Secretary)

C: 084 205 5411

E: secretary@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Marlize Heroldt (Membership Secretary)

C: 073 305 6214 | F: 086 684 0235

E: membership@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Zillen Venter (Chairman: Western Cape)

C: 083 440 6814 E: wcape@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Erald Hohls (Chairman: Eastern Cape)

C: 082 443 8379 E: escape@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Avish Maharaj (Chairman: KZN)

C: 071 672 8156

E: kzn@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Marcell Mostert (Social Media)

C: 083 704 3223 E: socialmedia@mercedesbenzclub.co.za

Club Approved Insurance Brokers

Elsabé van Zyl (MUA)

T: 086 196 7568 C: 082 807 9052

E: elsabe@execbrokers.co.za

Pat Smythe

T: 031 701 0226 C: 082 781 4410

E: pat@smythebros.com

Honorary Life Members

Sir Stirling Moss | Steve Rademeyer | Etienne Geel | Philip Kannemeyer | Graham van Heerden | Dirk van der Westhuizen

Hero Awards

Kobus Harris | Norman Hickel | Louis Coetzer | Chris Calisle-Kitz | Maxim Erdmann (Posthumous) | Bill Tolken | Fred Winkel
Okkie Potgieter | Theo Classen | Waldo Scribante

Special Members

Chris Calisle-Kitz | Hein Lorentz | Okkie Potgieter | Brian Slingsers | Anna-Lee dos Santos | Selvin Govender | Warren Geysler



Mercedes-Benz

PLEASE NOTE: The placement of ads is a service rendered to our members. Neither the editor nor the committee accepts any liability pertaining to condition or ownership of goods advertised. It remains the responsibility of the reader to investigate these issues before closing any transaction.

DISCLAIMER: The Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa, although an authorized user of the Mercedes-Benz Trademarks, is an independent organisation and the views expressed in the Newsletter are not necessarily those Mercedes-Benz SA, Daimler AG or the Mercedes-Benz Museum GmbH.* Opinions expressed are those of the individual contributors and should not be interpreted as official club policy. While great care has been exercised in the compilation of the material published, members are advised to personally verify information, statements and claims before committing themselves to acts on transactions.

* Mercedes-Benz Museum GmbH is a Daimler Company.

