



TRIUMPH Herald

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Track & Rail Fun The Triumph Way



THE CARS
TRIUMPHANT MINI'S



Centenary Run *the 100+ run*



Editorial Endeavors

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Hello July

July has 31 days, and if there had been 62 days in July, I still would not have managed to squash all of July into July. Be that as it may, not May, you are welcome to read into that whatever you choose. The next Triumph Herald is due in September, along with the next issue of your National magazine Sabrina, and only time will tell the *time* of those endeavors! But read them you shall.

Bill gives you a full account of our activities in June and July, and it seems that this year, our club and our Triumphs are really packing as much punch into each month as is possible.

This month a special thanks to Eddie Gurnell for supplying the pictures of the Centenary Run. Later in this issue you will see the full extent of the photos and photographs that Eddie produced. Thank you also to Bill Flynn for supplying most of the other photos that appear in this issue. Another Thank you must go to Nols Pienaar for his Michelotti report, as well as his other interesting articles. The Triumph Fury amongst others. Thanks go to Marius as well for keeping our points up to date.

While I am on the subject of points.....yes the Michelotti house is beating the socks of you Spitties and Ama 7's.....Why? Well because maybe we submit house reports to the editor every issue.....and.....so... Spitties and Ama7's put pen to paper, I mean fingers on the keys and get typing! (or make music, either way!)

Forthcoming events: A quick summary.

6 August—Cars in the Park

9 August—Wednesday public Holiday Noggin, starting at 11:00am. A fun filled day for both Guys AND Gals. A talk by a chap from the Alfa Club, on how he built a real car from a toy model. He up-scaled it and all. He was at the Centenary run in that car too. The Yellow Alfa. I will also be doing a deco-paging demonstration on how to re-cycle/up-cycle your furniture, for the ladies, and Giselle and Bill have decided to surprise us, and do a Prego/Boerewors Rolls Bonanza. So for those who just want to come and have fun without the hassle of braaing, lunch will be served. If you want to braai, the fires will be ready.

15 August—Tuesday—Triumph Pretoria vs Jo'Burg Interclub Annual Quiz.. This will be held at the VVC clubhouse in Jo'Burg. The quiz will start at 7:30pm and be finished by 9pm. Pretoria needs 5 members for our team if you would like to volunteer, otherwise you will be picked anyway.

27 August—Sunday Jo'burg CONCOURS. It will be held at Flora Farm Nursery in Boksburg. So please get your cars spruced up and let us have numbers as soon as possible. There is a coffee shop on the premises and restaurants across the road. So ladies there is plenty to do for you to. Remember everyone, your car needs to qualify for the Nationals next year, and this concours event is the pre-qualifier for the Nationals. As we Pretoria are hosting the event, it would be good for us to gain as many medals as we can.

The rest of the years events are in the events calendar at the end of this newsletter.

So folks, happy reading and if you should have anything you wish to discuss, please drop us a line. Flynnstones@wol.co.za

Cheers 4 Now *Helen*

Chairman's Chat

Hello Everyone

Well we certainly have had a busy and exciting past two months with Triumph activities.

The **28th May** saw the **Spitfire Run**, along with the POMC Cars on the Roof, followed by our Spitfire lunch at the Green Olive, organised by our ever helpful and enthusiastic Kobus Landsberg.



Saturday **3rd June** saw a number of our Triumphs compete in the POMC Mampoer Rally from the Willem Prinsloo Museum. This was a superbly organised and most enjoyable outing. A MUST for more Triumphs, next year!



Saturday **11th June** was **British Day** and again our Triumphs did us proud.



Chairman's Chat cont'd



Our Wednesday evening **Noggin** on the **21st June**, was again well attended, despite the weather, thanks to all of our loyal and enthusiastic members. This Noggin being the **Slot Car Racing** at Jaco and Engela's home. You will see pictures and a short write-up about this evening further on in this newsletter.

This year we decided to opt out of our traditional Cats Eye run, that has been on our calendar for the past many, many years, as our cars and members are all ageing (just a bit). The evening runs have become a bit of a no, no, as unfortunately our roads and shopping centres have become tooo suspect in the evenings.

But true to form a "New Idea" was derived. So we now have had our very first of a new format "**THE CENTENARY RUN**" on a beautiful sunlight Sunday morning.

This Centenary Run, with the combined age of the Car and Driver equalling or exceeding 100 years, is the brainchild of our Honorary member Nols Pienaar. (see a full article on this run later on in the newsletter.)

As I said before, It has been a busy two months.

Yours Triumphantly still having Fun Bill Flynn.

Member Ranking For December 2016 Till July

| Member | Total | Member | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 Flynn Bill | 242 | 35 Pienaar Arnold | 25 |
| 2 Pienaar Nols | 210 | 36 Wood Rita | 25 |
| 3 Sales Bill | 194 | 37 Celliers Francois | 20 |
| 4 Labuschagne Marius | 154 | 38 Snelling Guy | 20 |
| 5 Greyling Andre | 147 | 39 Snelling Marina | 20 |
| 6 Flynn Helen | 144 | 40 Childs Rob | 20 |
| 7 Bilson Mike | 132 | 41 Roberts Duncan | 16 |
| 8 Kamstra Taco | 132 | 42 Els Johan | 15 |
| 9 Pretorius André | 131 | 43 Angelopulo George | 14 |
| 10 Van Vuuren Jaco | 129 | 44 Van de Klash Gertjan | 10 |
| 11 De Vos Albert | 124 | 45 Rooke Betty | 5 |
| 12 Gurnell Giselle | 121 | 46 Rooke Peter | 5 |
| 13 Joubert Helgard | 116 | 47 Leslie Bruce | 5 |
| 14 Robinson Clive | 107 | 48 Venter Rudi | 5 |
| 15 Landsberg Kobus | 104 | 49 Wentzel Lars | 5 |
| 16 Greyling Liz | 93 | 50 Atkinson Bob | 5 |
| 17 Van Vuuren Engela | 89 | 51 Kelly William | 5 |
| 18 Du Sautoy Guy | 84 | 52 Leicht Paul | 5 |
| 19 Van Niekerk Willie | 78 | 53 Birkenbach Bill | 0 |
| 20 Van Niekerk Adri | 78 | 54 Boshoff Henrico | 0 |
| 21 Murphy Terry | 78 | 55 Botha Johan | 0 |
| 22 Gurnell Eddy | 78 | 56 Burrage Steve | 0 |
| 23 du Plessis Dirk | 77 | 57 Du Toit Peet | 0 |
| 24 Pienaar Cathy | 67 | 58 Fourie Johan | 0 |
| 25 Retief Johan | 63 | 59 Richter Colin | 0 |
| 26 Janssen Bram | 60 | 60 Flynn Belinda | 0 |
| 27 De Vos Tiekie | 55 | 61 Van der Spuy James | 0 |
| 28 Murphy Sherryl | 54 | 62 Welman SJ | 0 |
| 29 Fletcher Eric | 51 | 63 Zwiegiers Phillip | 0 |
| 30 Odendaal Willem | 47 | 64 Gibson Brain | 0 |
| 31 Wood Nick | 30 | 65 Hill Alastair | 0 |
| 32 Fourie Denys | 30 | 66 Pieterse Ian | 0 |
| 33 Roets John | 30 | 67 Salman Janet | 0 |
| 34 Fletcher Meagan | 29 | 68 Templeman Hugo | 0 |

| Group | Totaal |
|-----------------|--------|
| Spitfire | 944 |
| Ama 7 | 1288 |
| Michelotti Plus | 1462 |

In The Rearview Mirror—Fury: the pretty one that got away

Looking back at some of the prototype sports cars developed by Triumph, it is a real pity some really handsome ones did not make it to the production stage. One such car was the Triumph Fury of 1965.



By 1964 Triumph started looking at a future successor to the TR4A which was due to be launched in 1965. As a gap-filler between the TR4A and the planned forthcoming TR5 and the smaller Spitfire, a new project named 'Fury' was introduced.

This roadster was designed by Giovanni Michelotti and featured the first ever unitary construction sports car by Triumph. The traditional TR's, as you all by now probably know, had a body mounted on a separate chassis. Fury used mechanical parts from both the TR4A and Triumph 2000 saloon.

Suspension was all independent with MacPherson struts in front and at the rear, semi-trailing links, a la TR4A. The engine was a tuned version of the 2-litre six-cylinder from the saloon and Vitesse while the gearbox was borrowed from the TR4A.

It featured pop-up headlamps as seen in the later TR7 and a squared-off tail, much like the Mk4 Spitfire that only followed 5 years later. Centre-lock wire wheels completed the picture on this very handsome convertible sports car.

Completed in 1965 the one and only Fury was used by the Triumph factory up to 1968 when it was sold to a private buyer. Finding it cheaper to continue with the traditional separate chassis sports cars rather than tooling up for totally new unitary construction cars, Triumph decided on the 2.5 litre six for the TR5 that basically was a re-engineered TR4A.

The TR5 went into production at the end of 1967 and was available for the 1968 model year only. After a short production run of only 2945 units, it was followed by the TR6 from the end of 1968 up to 1976. The much longer production run yielded more than 94 000 units but it also represented the swan song for the separate chassis range of TR's by Triumph. Ten years after project Fury Triumph entered the more modern unitary construction era in sports car production when the TR7 was introduced.

Imagine what a sensation it would have been if Project Fury survived to the production stage in 1965. However, would it have been an oversize Spitfire or a somewhat smaller TR?

MICHELOTTI PLUS REPORT—Nols Pienaar

Looking at the photo below you can see how Lewis Hamilton was greatly privileged when he was allowed to be taken around the Silverstone circuit in a TR2 in a lap of honour after winning the British F1 grand prix earlier this month.



Talking about TR2's, I am very impressed about the way Dirk du Toit is slowly but surely improving his recently acquired red TR2. A brand new water pump and fan belt (just in time) is now taking care of cooling issues and I believe a new clutch is also in the pipeline.

It was great to see Bob Atkinson, our other TR2 owner, at the July noggin. We truly hope that we will see him in his beautiful ex-Cecil Castles car at one of our events soon. Incidentally, his car is the pretty maroon red TR2 appearing in the photo next to a TR3 and TR3A (parked under the wing of a Canberra bomber) in the clubhouse. This photo, together with some other ones in the clubhouse, was taken at a club photo shoot at the Air Force Museum in December 1997.

Jaco tells me that Eddy Gurnell's silver TR6 will soon be ready for the road after the fitment of a more modern electronic fuel injection system, replacing the mechanical Lucas system originally fitted to the car. We are of course holding thumbs to see this pretty car at a club event soon.

While talking about Eddy, I wish to thank him and Giselle for

the most wonderful tasty hamper of biltong, nuts and other goodies they donated as a door prize at the Michelotti noggin last week. Munch, munch..... Guess who was the lucky winner in the raffle? Thank you too to Johan Retief for the nice bottle of liqueur as well as chocolates; we really had door prizes a plenty this time!

I am greatly indebted to Marius Labuschagne who made his spare TR7 gearbox available to me for more than a year when my Seven's box was in for repairs. Thanks Marius, you are a star! Thank you too to Andre Greyling who helped us to remove the box more than once and who was actually the middle man who convinced Marius to make his spare box available. Finally, a big thank you to Jaco who helped me to put my own gearbox back after Gearmax in Silverton set up the internal clearances.

Finally, I am very happy to report that our Michelotti Centenary Run on Sunday, 23 rd July was a huge success. Nine of our house members and fifteen other of our own club members attended, possibly making our own house run the best attended event so far this year. In addition, we had nine teams from the MG Car Club, eight teams from the Alfa Club and three from POMC. A big thank you to Bill and Helen Flynn, Engela, Cathy, and Bill Sales whose assistance ensured a great event. More about our run follows in another separate report elsewhere in this issue.

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Cheers vir eers.

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TRACK AND RAIL FUN...THE TRIUMPH WAY

Here's what Bill Flynn had to say about it.

These cold South African winter days/nights were kept warm with our "budding race driver" club members engaging in some real TRACK RACING.....all being it indoors with some good 'Old Brown Sherry'

Our Wednesday evening Noggin turned into a real "competitive racing theme" with a visit to Jaco's slot car racing facility, beautifully set up in "one" of his garages at home.

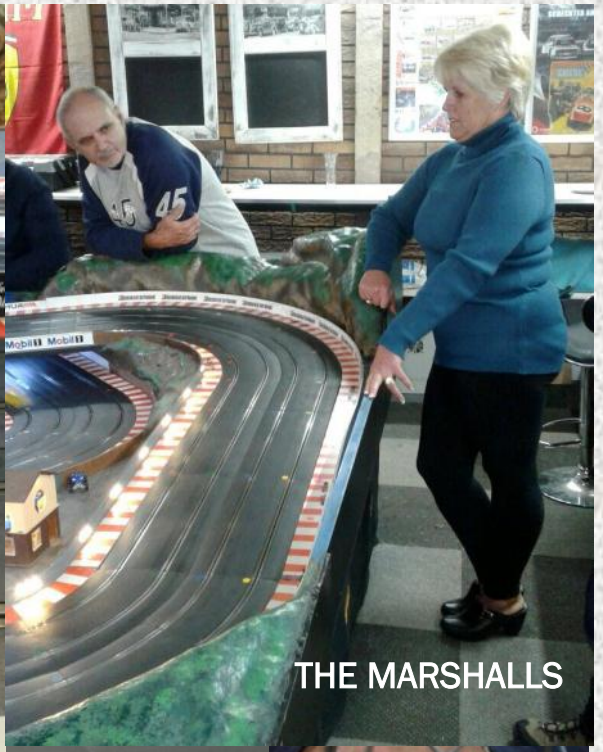
"Our budding race drivers" were arranged into teams (of course all TEAM TRIUMPHS, in "Mini's) and one by one the teams were eliminated until the winning TEAM TRIUMPH emerged. The evening was very competitive, very enjoyable and such fun, that I don't recall who was in who's team, or which team eventually won and needless to say my favourite Flynnstone Car, just did not make the grade.....hahaha. Engela made some lovely mince vetkoeks and as I said this was washed down with some lovely Old Brown Sherry. Jaco and Helgard and Andre P, and Adri and Willie and Helen and Andre G, and Mike, and Dirk and Kobus and Guy du S, and Terry.....gosh who else....all that 'OBS'and some of Jaco's slot car friends, raced those cars.....(Mini's).....Nols and Albert and Marius cheered us on in flabbergasted silence. A great time was had by all!



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THE TEAMS

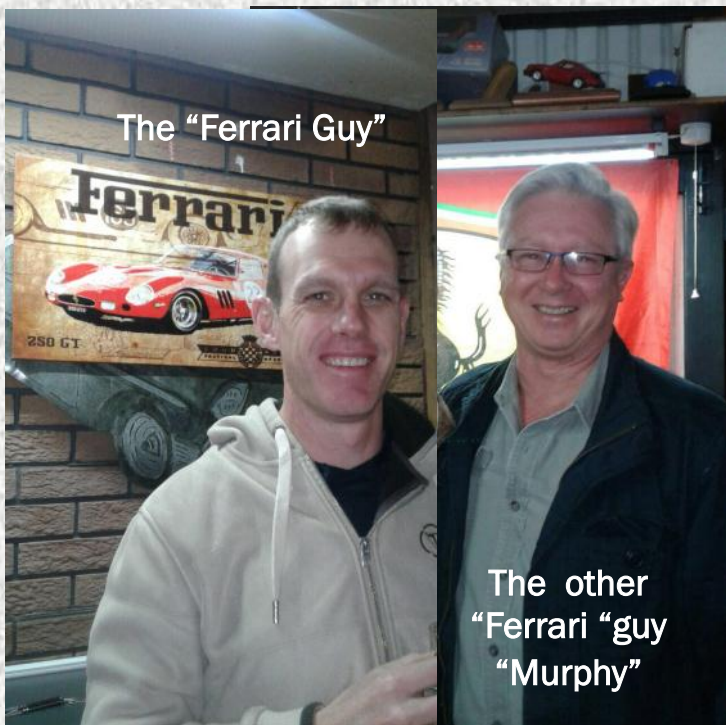


THE slow-coach



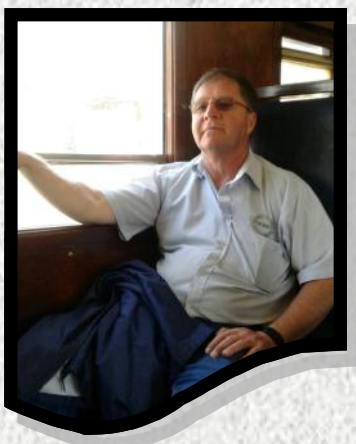
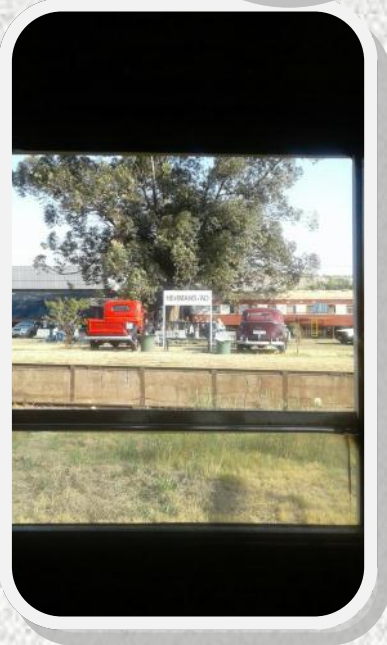
Helgard and The Stig
in competition !

TRACK AND RAIL FUN...THE TRIUMPH WAY



TRACK AND RAIL FUN....THE TRIUMPH WAY cont'd

Our second outing took the form of a visit to "Friends of the Rail" at Hermanstad Station. Here we proudly exhibited our Triumphs while we went on a two hour steam train ride around the outskirts of the greater Pretoria area. Totally a different view of Pretoria; Hermanstad, Hercules, City Centre, Loftus, Pretoria East, Mucklenuek, Pretoria Station and Pretoria West areas. What a great experience. Triumphs just having fun. PHHTTT, PHHTTT, All aboard the steam express "Jo-Anna", brilliantly organised by Taco Kamstra. "Thanks Taco, I think everyone enjoyed this Ride."



MICHELOTTI CENTENARY RUN—23 JULY 2017

The 'older' were there, the 'younger' were there, the 'Italians' were there, the 'other' British were there, you were there, we all were there.....to see who could make it up to a 100 years, not kilometres. So what did we do?

Objective: to create an opportunity whereby the age of the participating car as well as the driver gets added together in order to reach a total of 100 years, hence the name 'Centenary Run'. Participants with an age combination of less than 100 years are equally welcome to join.

In order to add some flavour a treasure hunt is thrown in. Answers to the cryptic questions in the participant's questionnaire will be found along the route. The score attained in the treasure hunt will be added to the car/driver age combination in order to determine the eventual winner.

Limitations:

While members of the participating clubs are welcome to join the run and treasure hunt, only members participating in their respective club cars will be eligible to compete in the age aspect of cars and drivers. This means that only Triumph people in Triumphs, Alfa club members in Alfas, and MG participants in MG's, will qualify. People in 'plastics' can join in the fun but not in the age competition.

Lucky draw: Participants will be able to buy fuel at a designated filling station along the route. While this will be optional, the fuel purchase slips will be used in a lucky draw whereby the winner stands a chance to have his fuel expense refunded in full.

We had a pretty "full house" of participants on this run, with some 40 or so cars and owners vying for that ever illusive 100 year mark! We had a Triumphant winner. **Harry Fairley of the Triumph club** in Jo'burg reaching the astounding score of 151,5. **WELL DONE HARRY!** He walked away with the "Centenary Run" floating trophy, donated by Nols Pienaar. Lucky Draw for the petrol tank fill up at **Q4 Performance Fuel in Tiegerpoort**, was won by Dirk Putter from the MG club, in his MGA. **Well done Dirk.**

RESULTS: CENTENARY RUN



| Position | Score | Entrant | Club |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|
| 100 PLUS GROUP | | | |
| 1 | 151,5 | Harry Fairley | TSCC: Jhb |
| 2 | 146 | Steve Eden | MG CC |
| 3 | 143 | Albert de Vos | PTSCC |
| 4 | 141,5 | Dirk Putter | MG CC |
| 5 | 141,5 | Willie Grobbelaar | ARCOP |
| 6 | 141,5 | Terence Wyer | MG CC |
| 7 | 137 | Russell Haselau | ARCOSA |
| 8 | 134,5 | Leo Middelberg | POMC |
| 9 | 132 | Mike Bilson | PTSCC |
| 10 | 130 | Peter Paul | MG CC |
| 11 | 128 | Johan Retief | PTSCC |
| 12 | 127,5 | Zack Marques | POMC |
| 13 | 127 | Dirk du Toit | PTSCC |
| 14 | 124,5 | Gino Casieri | TSCC:Jhb |
| 15 | 123,5 | Clive Robinson | PTSCC |
| 16 | 119 | Heyn Prinsloo | ARCOP |
| 17 | 119 | Frik Kraamwinkel | POMC |
| 18 | 119 | Corrie de Wilde | ARCOP |
| 19 | 115 | Eddy Gurnell | PTSCC |
| 20 | 113,5 | David Goodrum | MG CC |
| 21 | 112 | Jaco van Vuuren | PTSCC |
| 22 | 108 | Bernard Mostert | MG CC |
| 23 | 100 | Geoff Cunningham | MG CC |
| 24 | 100 | Taco Kamstra | PTSCC |

SUB-100 GROUP

| | | | |
|---|------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 | 98,5 | Giselle Gurnell | PTSCC |
| 2 | 86,5 | Nick Booyesen | ARCOP |
| 3 | 84 | Pepi Gaspari | MG CC |
| 4 | 81 | Gerhard Stoltz | ARCOP |
| 5 | 79 | Henk Welthagen | ARCOP |
| 6 | 65,5 | Hendri du Plessis | ARCOP |
| 7 | 30 | James Kelly | MG CC |

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The amazing photo's and photo graphics for the Centenary Run that are reproduced in this newsletter, were taken by Eddie Gurnell. Thank you Eddie for such lovely pictures.



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Personalia

It is with great regret that we have just learned of the passing of **Rita Wood's** mother who lived in the United Kingdom. We extend our most sincere condolences to Nick and Rita in this difficult time.

Rob Childs (TR5) is in the process of moving to Cape Town and we wish him and his family good luck and trust that they will keep contact with us.

Gertjan van de Klashorst attended the annual Triumph International Weekend in Malvern, England, and sent some photos of a beautiful white ex South African TR3A he came across over there.



| MONTH | DAY/DATE | EVENT | HOST | STATUS |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| August | Sun 6 | Cars in the Park | POMC | Official |
| | Wed 9 (public holiday) | Noggin/Swap meet/Braai | Amasevens | Official Official |
| | Sun 27 | Concours/Show Day Jo'burg | Jo'burg TSCC | |
| September | Sat 3/ Sat 10 | CANSA event | CANSA | Official |
| | Wed 20 | Noggin | Spitfire Plus | Official |
| | Sat 23 | Diamond Run (Cullinan) | POMC | Optional |
| October | Sun 15 / Sun 22 | Jacaranda Run | MG car Club | Official |
| | Wed 18 | Annual General Meeting | PTSCC | Official |
| November | Wed 15 | Noggin | PTSCC | Official |
| | Sun 26 | Amaseven Run | Amaseven | Officail |
| December | Sun 3 | Year End Function/ Christmas Lunch | PTSCC / Jo'burg | Official |
| | | | | |