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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello from the new committee.

The AGM was held on the 16th July and was, as usual, short and sweet.

The chairman tabled his report and all agreed it should be taken as read. Sorry Charles I hope you were not too upset.

Quickly we moved on to the election of Office Bearers where there were three vacancies due to resignations from the committee: Charles Pellew, George Armstrong and Des Hill. (How the new committee will survive without these long standing and wise members remains to be seen. Don't go far guys, we still need you and thanks for your efforts over the past few years)

The new committee members are :- Dave Hawkins, Keith Schroeder and Joe Janssens

Charles presented the trophies. All to worthy recipients.

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| Best Restoration | - | Dave Hawkins, for his Singer Le Mans. |
| Chairman's Award | - | Shirley Martin, for holding down the portfolios of treasurer and secretary and her work for the OD Inggs as scorer, treasurer and general assistant to Bill. |
| Clubman Trophy | - | Des Hill, calculated on a points system, Des earned 74. |

The meeting was concluded quickly and we proceeded to the social part which included a few drinks and some eats. Thanks to Mike Newlands for organising this.

The new committee met last week under the acting chairmanship of Shirley Martin and the office bearers were agreed upon. Apologies were received from Joe Janssens who is overseas.

Chairman: Tba
 Vice Chairman: Rob Wallis
 Secretary / Treasurer: Shirley Martin
 Grahamstown Rep: Norbert Drager
 Events Co-ordinator: Dave Hawkins
 OD Inggs Co-ordinator: Bill Martin
 Fanmail Editor: Ron Gush
 Member: Joe Janssens
 Member: Keith Schroeder

Other portfolio holders are:
 SAVVA rep and Vehicle Dating Des Hill assisted by Dave Hawkins
 Webmaster John Austin Williams

Dave Hawkins has already planned some interesting events and I urge all members to participate. Please, if you are, or are not going to join in **please tell Dave** as it is very disconcerting to put in time and effort to organise an event and have no idea how many members are going to attend.

Most of you will know that we are planning to erect, in the clubhouse, an "End Of The Road" shield, by which we will remember those members who have passed away. It was decided to rename this shield "The Chequered Flag" as this has the more positive connotation of a race well run.

All of the best
 Rob Wallis – Vice Chairman

PS: I will be conspicuous by my absence for about 6 weeks from mid-August as I am going to have major surgery on my back. Keep my seat warm.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS	August
Eden Bradfield	4
Dave McNeill	4
Don Johnston	10
Bill Martin	14
Norbert Drager	16
Len Whittal	24

INSPIRATION

An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life...
 "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.
 "One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, self-doubt and ego.
 "The other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.
 "This same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too."
 The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"
 The old chief simply replied, "The one that you feed."

A Cherokee parable, Author unknown.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Story
Saturday 8 Aug	09h30	PAHS Carnival and Bathurst Country Affair	Meet at the AVCMC Museum at 09h30 to drive your old cars to Port Alfred High School. Park, display your car, have a cup of tea and be sociable. As a school fund raiser we are volunteering to take people for a ride around the block at R10 / head. In my experience everyone loves a ride in an old car and it is a rewarding experience for both driver and passenger. You may display your car and not take passengers if you prefer. At 12 noon, we drive to Bathurst to join the parade through the village. This year we go ahead of the horses! Find some lunch and enjoy the afternoon.
Thursday 13 Aug	5 to 8pm Noggin	Motoring DVD	Joe Janssens has kindly taken over the presentations.
20 Aug	5 to 8pm	Supper Night	Bring and Braai.
Saturday 27 Aug	9 to 12 noon	AVCMC Museum	Bring your friends and their old cars.
4 - 8 October	4 day regularity run	SAVVA National Rally	Queenstown Automobile Club is hosting. Open to vehicles made before Dec 1990. Registration and scrutineering from 14h00 to 17h00 on Sunday 4 Oct. Entry fee includes all dinners at R2250. Accommodation: 5 nights (Sunday to Thursday incl.) at Queen's Hotel for 2 including all breakfasts at R4250. Entry forms are available from Ron Gush. For more details contact Clerk of the Course - Peter Bolze on 082 648 6972. Entries close 28 August. --- ENTER NOW! ---
10 - 13 Dec	4 days	Mzansi International Motor Show. Port Elizabeth	Motoring extravaganza of various events including street racing on Marine Drive. Events include Formula 1, super trucks, karts, V8 Series and Taxis.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"If God wanted us to walk, He'd have given us pogo sticks instead of feet. Feet are made to fit car pedals." Stirling Moss

People who drink before they drive are putting the quart before the hearse. Unknown

They don't make cars like they auto. Unknown.

CLUB WEBSITE www.avcmc.co.za

Take a look at the Midland Car Club Newsletter on our Articles page. It is a mine of info and adverts for vehicles and spares and services. Yes, they are in Graaff Reinet but if you think that is too far, well, it depends on how badly you need something.

In fact under Links you can find anything from a speedo to a motorcycle to model cars etc.

THE DON LEE TROPHY

Pat Lee has kindly donated a new floating trophy in memory of her husband, our founding member and good friend. It will be awarded to the best turned out vehicle on the OD Inggs Memorial Run. Although Don never actually competed in the OD Inggs, he was on the first organising committee, together with Des Hill, when our club took over the running of this rally. His help and advice in running the OD Inggs was always available and highly appreciated. We will remember him.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Picture sent in by Charles Pellew: This is his son Glen and his wife Jackie running the Victoria Falls 21 km marathon on the 21st of June 2015. Glen navigated for Charles in the last OD Inggs.

Well done Glen and Jackie!



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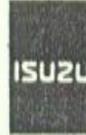
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TAILPIPE - What is the world coming to?

by Ron Gush

I was appalled on Thursday, to read in the Herald about a Jeep that was hijacked remotely by a computer hacker sitting at home on his sofa with a laptop and cell phone.

According to the article, by Sophie Curtis in the July 23, 2015 edition, the "hijack" was a planned experiment with the driver aware of what was being attempted. According to the driver, who was driving on a public highway in Missouri, the air ducts began blasting cold air, the radio came on full blast, the windscreen washer started squirting washing fluid, and a picture of the hackers appeared on the car's digital display. The hackers slowed the car to a stop and then disabled the brakes, causing the SUV to slide into a ditch while the driver frantically pumped the brake pedal. The hack enabled the Jeep's position and speed to be tracked. Apparently the hack was done using the car's onboard software known as Uconnect. This software allows the owner to start the engine, flash head lights and unlock the doors from his cell phone. Very clever. The owner will thus never have to hoist his butt onto a cold winter morning seat....

As if that was not bad enough. The same article briefly tells of a passenger on an airliner who hacked into the aircraft computer by plugging his laptop into the electronics box under his seat. He was able to move the aircraft sideways briefly. Do all passenger seats have such an electronics box under them?

Next time you get on a plane, never mind the suspicious looking fella who might have something suicidal on his mind. Watch out for the geek carrying a joystick!

But back to the car. About 470 000 Fiat Chrysler products are apparently vulnerable. I hope I never own a thing like that.

My nice "new" Isuzu bakkie is much too pedestrian for that sort of nonsense. Or is it? It can connect to my cell phone via Bluetooth and I can make wonderfully clear phone calls through the vehicle sound system. So, let me think, would it be possible for someone to hack into my bakkie while my cell phone is connected? I suppose so. Hopefully they could only fool around with the sound system - as far as I know the sound system is not connected to the engine management computer - but then I am not sure.

Makes me love my Mistress even more. She is a bit slow but wonderfully reliable. I can start her by hand or she is self starting if I push the right button. And no electronic software whatsoever to byte me!

