



### On your mark; it's Cars in the Park

THE PRIDE of South Africa's national veteran, vintage and classic cars from 1905 to 1985, muscle cars and a motorcycle collection will be on show on Sunday, July 31, at the Pretoria Old Motor Club's (POMC) 37th annual Cars in the Park exhibition.

This is the biggest event of its kind in Africa. Collectors from more than 100 motor clubs across South Africa will display more than 2000 vehicles.

The exhibition takes place at the Zwartkops International World of Motoring in Pretoria and will feature a special display of rare vintage commercial vehicles (bakkies & LDVs)

Some of the world's most sought-after collectors' cars will be on display.

Members of the POMC will exhibit more than 70 cars to celebrate their 50th anniversary with a special

Market on the Track will have more than 100 stalls covering food, flea-market, arts and craft and commercial exhibitors will add colour to the occasion.

There will be no shortage of food and refreshments. The Lions club will have food stalls and a beer garden to raise funds for their organisation as will Sonitus School to raise funds for the hearing impaired.

Visitors are also welcome to bring their own picnic baskets. The gates will be open from 6am for exhibitors and 8am for spectators.

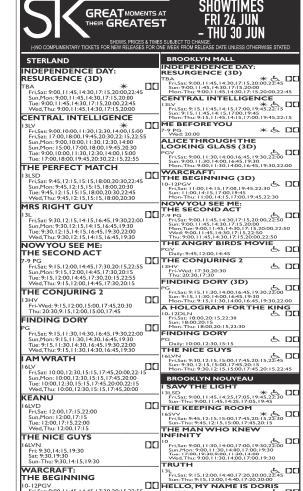
There will be an additional parking area next to Zwartkops with a separate entrance to ease the traffic as well as an additional exit at the west side of the

Admission is R100 per person for adults with children under 12 free. Entrance for exhibitors with two people per vehicle is free.

For more information or to register to display go to http://www.pomc.co.za or contact Frik Kraamwinkel on 082 444 2954

#### **WINNING CORNER**

We have 10 double tickets to give away to Cars in the Park on July 31. Simply SMS the word PTANEWS followed by CARS and your full name to 43637. Winners will be contacted by phone. Ts and Cs apply





on the first Wednesday of every ears the Pretoria month for talks, demonstrations Old Motor Club has been and advice on restoration. The club home to those who share also boasts an active programme of social outings/and get-togethers Anyone is eligible to join, with

a passion for old cars. Members enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts, exchange of or without an old vehicle. ideas, news of other old vehicles Enthusiasts represent all up for sale and where to obtain walks of life, often with the only common thread being the internal combustion engine and its Members also receive a

monthly newsletter with news tips Club members meet socially every second Sunday of the month. This takes the form of a display with a theme, fun run or interesting activity of some kind. Non-members or members

from other clubs are always welcome at meetings.

It is normally a bring-and-braai,

the club bar is open and prizes are During old car rallies the

accuracy of the driver and the navigator is tested and not how fast the car can go.

Speedometers, odometers and rev counters are sealed and replaced by stopwatches and clues en route.

For more information visit the club's website – berto@ woodcarving.co.za



A 1954 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith once used by the president of South Africa, CR Swart, in the 1960s was on display during an earlier Cars in the Park event at Zwartkops Racecourse.

# Petrol heads revved up for event

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### Vintage vehicle enthusiasts in for a treat at Cars in the Park shindig

#### **BART MARINOVICH**

ETROL heads all over Pretoria are gearing up for one of the main events on the vintage and classic car calendar: the Pretoria Old Motor Club's Cars in the Park next

It's got old car enthusiasts reaching for their restored wrecks, their vintage vehicles and their muscle

It promises to be a feast for motor car lovers from across the country. Three enthusiasts from Pretoria

will be there on the big day. Frik Kraamwinkel, who is also the PRO of the club, can't wait for the day when he gets to show off his 1971 blue

Ford Thunderbird. "It's my baby. Everything works on the car. It drives like a dream. I can't wait to show it off," he said.

Kraamwinkel says he obtained the car about seven years ago from a friend in Springbok in the Northern Cape. "I had to tow it from there to Pretoria, but it's been worth it. It's a muscle car with oomph.'

Kraamwinkel says his family shares his passion for old cars. His wife Leone helps whenever she can as does his daughter and two sons.

He hopes his two grandchildren will also inherit his love for all things

THE MOTOR car is probably one of

the greatest inventions that saw the

light of day. The first models were

other transport of the day.

primitive in the technological context

of today, but leapt forward in terms of

The advancement in engine and

design technology was and still is a

driving force behind motoring.

Vehicles became more of a household discussion point after

World War I. A higher availability,

more familiarity and a passion for

future. Some of the more familiar

names that come to mind include

Mercedes-Benz, Daimler, Bugatti,

Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Maserati,

Volvo, Vulcan, Humber, Citroen,

Renault, Clyno, Talbot, Scania-Vabis,

Chevrolet, Chrysler, Stutz, Packard,

their capabilities set the scene for the

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on four wheels. At the moment he is working on a 1947 Ford and a 1939 Chevrolet. But they won't be at this year's show. "That will be for another show another time," he said

Another motor enthusiast who shares Kraamwinkel's passion for petrol, power and panelbeating is Berto Lombard. He has two cars on display at the show: a 1968 Ford Galaxy and a 1957 Mercedes-Benz 190.

Both have been resprayed grey, but Lombard hopes they will be one of the highlights. "They're my darlings. My uncle had them and I sort of inherited them. I love them and I hope everyone who sees them will also fall in love

His interest in cars began at an early age when he began working on a 1934 Chevrolet which he eventually After that, he was hooked. He says

he now has enough cars in his possession. "But you never know. If the right car

comes along at the right price, I might be interested. Taco Kamstra is another aficionado of all things motoring.

He has about 20 old cars, but will only be taking two or three cars to the show. His favourite is a green 1970 El

"It's a convertible. So. if it's a nice hot day, I love driving with the cover

down, so that I can enjoy that wind in the hair feeling "Being a Caddy, there's a nice beat to the car and it's just lekker to drive. I

The first car he restored was a 1929 Ford Model A. years ago. He saw an advert in the Junk Mail

love it." he said

and went to purchase it. "It was a total wreck."

But with plenty of elbow grease and a lot of love and sacrifice, he managed to restore it to its former glory. "After that, there was no looking back," he said.

Motor enthusiasts can now look

## **CLASSIFICATION**

VINTAGE VEHICLE

Old vehicles are strictly classified in terms of year of production. An enthusiast will

normally decide where he wants to play and mainly stick to that field (year, model, make, etc). There are exceptions

however, depending on the size of the wallet of the particular enthusiast.

And it is not only cars; it is also motorcycles, trucks, buses and tractors that form part of the movement. The very basic

differentiation is: vehicles produced before and after World War II. Thus we find a split of Pre-1945 and post-

CLASSIFICATION LIST OF VEHICLES

CLASS A Antique built prior to December 31, 1904. CLASS B Veteran built between January 1905 & December 1918. CLASS C Vintage built

between January 1919 & December 1930. CLASS D Post-Vintage. built between January 1931

& December 1945. CLASS F Post 1945 b between January 1946 & December 1960. CLASS F Post 1960 built

between January 1961 & December 1980 (Source: SAVAA.org.za).

However, not all cars will "qualify" as a "collectable" Aspects such as rarity, numbers, collectability etc will play a definite part, especially in the later year models in Classes E and F. The focus of Pretoria

Old Motor Club is however to bring together people who own one or more of the above to share their enthusiasm with each other, irrespective of how collectable or expensive a vehicle might be.



Motor Cars at Zwartkops Racecourse.



A Messerschmitt was one of the attractions during the the recent Cars in the Park event hosted by **Pretoria Old Motor Cars at Zwartkops Racecourse** 

## Art of turning a jalopy into a showpiece

Lorraine-Dietrich, Delage, Alfa Romeo. Lancia and many more. Motor vehicles became the showpiece for power, wealth and prosperity.

Henry Ford and the Model T made cars a more affordable commodity, leading to mass production and rivals hitting the market.

Many car makers entered the market, some with one or two actual cars, a short model range or those that became household names, even today. Of course, big makers, both in

Europe and the US were up and running and producing general and interesting models that again mapped the affordability utilisation needs of the buyers' market.

Many of these are the collector items of today. Some have survived the melting pots of the recyclers, some were tucked away in a safe place, some came down the family as an inheritance, many are found in an appalling state of decay.

It is in the presence of these oldies that one will find enthusiasts like the members of the Pretoria Old Motor Club. They hunt the vehicles down. find them in bushes, as heaps of rust or in a reasonable condition and lovingly over many moons rebuild them piece by piece.

Once they are back to life, they are shown with pride and joy to those who whisper "when I was young" or "I remember so-and-so had one just like

that when I was a kid". and craftsmanship to bring it all to life

Enthusiasts from academics to tool-making, not to mention actually getting the vehicle to run.

for particular parts.

cases a little fool hardiness are the underpinning reasons for getting restoration.

There is a definite place for the young, technology-driven generation

And many stand in awe at the skills

plumbers upskill themselves learning the craft of carpentry, upholstery and

Then there is the combing of scrapyards and trawling the internet

Preservation, passion and in some involved in old vehicle collection and

motor down to Zwartkops when you get a chance at the end of July.

forward to the show which promises

from Pretoria to Pofadder.

to bring together the best vintage cars

to be before technology took over and

reduced the thrill of driving a car,

to get involved in the movement.

So, if you want to see how cars used

Joining a club like POMC can be of great help in the initial year or so when one needs to gain knowledge and a network of support around you. There is space for all: remember

the 1970's Minis, VWs, Alfas, etc. They are out there screaming for a rescue! Get them and get involved with the preservation of these heritage items.

As a general rule of thumb one can state that a car 10 years older than your date of birth probably qualifies as "collectable" for the new and young collector.

These are also more affordable than the really old and rare ones out

Motor vehicles can be great investments and have a very high value in the monetary sense or be just a nice, well-restored old vehicle that you enjoy driving and showing off.