

**TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA. (The “Club”).**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB, TO BE HELD IN THE TSSC TENT ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AS A PART OF THE CLUB’S NATIONAL GATHERING TO BE HELD AT THE ATKV RESORT, HARTENBOS, FROM 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 TO 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026**

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER/QUORUM/OBITUARIES.
2. MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>RD</sup> BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024 AT THE T.O. STRAND RESORT, PORT EDWARD. (circulated)
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: (i) The Club’s contribution to National Gatherings. This matter will be dealt with under the heading of the Treasurer’s Report. (ii) Holding of BGMs in a Zoom format.
4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (to be circulated)
5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (circulated)
6. TREASURER’S REPORT (circulated) : Ratification of decision to contribute R14 000,00 to the 2026 Gathering, to be incurred during the financial year end 31 Dec 2026.
7. REGISTRAR’S REPORT (circulated)
8. SAMCA REPORT (circulated)
9. SECRETARY’S REPORT (circulated).
10. INSURANCE REPORT. (circulated).
11. SABRINA: Proposal and motivation to terminate the publication of Sabrina and to delete the position of Editor from the Club’s Constitution. (circulated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and again on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026)
12. GENERAL
  - (i) Proposal for election as an Honorary Member..
  - (ii) Border Regional Centre: Closure.
  - (iii) Discussion: Doing away with the position of National President.
  - (iv) Discussion: Creation of the position of Deputy Chairman.
  - (v) Drive your Triumph Day/s : feedback from Regional Centres.
  - (vi) National Gathering 2028.
13. ELECTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT (four year term, expires at BGM 2030)
14. ELECTION OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: (i) National Chairman; (ii) National Registrar. (iii) National Treasurer (iv) SAMCA Representative (v) Club Secretary; (vi) Sabrina Editor (ref paragraph 11, above).
15. Any other items: Where applicable, please submit motivated suggestions and proposals to the Chairman before the meeting.

**Notes:**

1. Club members who cannot attend the meeting may appoint a proxy in writing. Proxies are to be submitted to the Chairman before the meeting.
2. Nominations for the positions of National Chairman and members of the National Committee should be submitted to the Chairman in good time before the meeting.

Johannesburg 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

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## TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA

### MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2024 IN THE IMBIZO CONFERENCE CENTRE, T.O. STRAND RESORT, PORT EDWARD AT THE TIME OF THE CLUB'S 2024 NATIONAL GATHERING.

**PRESENT:** Alan Grant (National President); Gary Booyens (National Chairman); Ed Gurnell (National Registrar); Helen Flynn (Editor, Sabrina); Engela van Vuuren (National Treasurer); René de Villiers (Club Secretary and SAMCA Representative) plus 35 members as per the attendance register, and a further 4 proxies.

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Gathering of the Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa (the Club). Before proceeding with the business of the meeting the Chairman called for a moment of silence to honour Club members who had passed away since the previous meeting. The Members in question were: Deneys Fourie; Alan Dickens; Albert de Vos; John Williams; and Charl du Plessis.

On behalf of the Club the Chairman extended his condolences to the bereaved families of the late members who will be sorely missed.

Apart from the four proxies referred to above there were no apologies tendered for non-attendance.

It was recorded that the Agenda and Notice of the meeting had been timeously circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club Members.

With more than 10% of Club members either present or represented by proxy, the Chairman recorded that proper notice of the meeting had been given and with the necessary quorum present he declared the meeting as duly constituted.

**MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022:** The minutes of the meeting had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club Members and were taken as read. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Engela van Vuuren and seconded by Giselle Gurnell. The minutes were duly adopted.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Closure of the Graham Cheetham Trust. Alan Grant confirmed that the trust had been closed.

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The National President's report drafted by Alan Grant had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club members and was taken as read. The report was recorded as follows and was adopted by the meeting:

This "report" is essentially a summary of general comments gathered from members, events and activities which influence the "state of the TSCC of SA".

We should all be very proud of the way the club has survived and grown. This is a sign that we are in very good hands in all eight centers

The records show that in March 1979 we had 47 cars registered and in December 2023 we have 166 registered. Total membership at present : 162.

Membership experience is based on respect, making people feel welcome, regular communication, sharing of expertise and regular social activities.

Highlights to "report" :

- The Triumph centenary celebration display events by Garden Route, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg and Pretoria Centers. Received compliments from other motoring clubs. In particular, the Austin Healey followed our lead in arranging an event at the same venue a few weeks later.

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- The enormous effort by Gary Booyens, Helen Flynn, Rene De Villiers, Italo Moranduzzo, in gathering a complete set of SABRINA newsletters for permanent storage on the website. The recorded history of the TSCC adds meaning and value to belonging to TSCC.

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- Continued publication and quality of "Sabrina". The positive value added to the TSCC, in particular by Helen Flynn has been outstanding.

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- Excellent constant communication as a result of sensible use of electronic platforms.

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- Continued website improvement thanks to the Webmaster activity.

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- Excellent clear administration/documentation, especially records, club history details and SAMCS reports Rene De Villiers. Alan Grant

## NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The National Chairman's report drafted by Gary Booyens had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club members and was taken as read. The report was recorded as follows and was adopted by the meeting:

Here we are about to hold our 23<sup>rd</sup> BGM. A consensus was reached that the TSCCSA started in January 1976, being an active club for 48 years is a significant achievement.

Recovery after the Covid pandemic has been more difficult than we could ever have imagined. Covid decimated the membership of many clubs.

As far as the TSCCSA is concerned we are slowly getting back to the participation in events and Noggins that we had prior to the epidemic.

In the Johannesburg and Pretoria regions I'm encouraged that we are seeing greater interest in the centers from non-members. This growing interest is due to members attending more car shows and our Triumph 100-year celebration. For the TSCCA to grow we need our cars to be seen at events by "Petrol Heads."

Several projects have been successfully undertaken since the 2022 BGM:

- 1) The website is up and running. Thank you, Jaws.
- 2) 90% of all SABRINAS have been loaded on to the website. Do yourselves a favour and have a trip down memory lane by reading the older SABRINA's they make interesting reading and have a wealth of technical information. We are still tracking down a few newsletters to complete the set.
- 3) The membership database has been updated to add members that for some reason were never placed on the computerized member database.
- 4) The Garden Route Center held a highly successful 100Years of Triumph's gathering in Hartenbos while the Pretoria and Johannesburg centers managed to get 100 Triumph cars together at the Higher Ground restaurant to celebrate 100 years of Triumph Cars. A TV crew filmed the Pretoria and Johannesburg event which hopefully will be aired on DSTV channel 189 in the near future.
- 5) The long membership awards proposed at the 2022 BGM has been extremely difficult to compile and complete. Should things go to plan, the majority of paid-up members eligible for awards will receive them at the 2024 National gathering.

A project that still needs to be undertaken, is the issuing of membership cards to all members.

As for national gatherings, it is concerning that we have fewer and fewer cars and members attending. The reasons for the decline in attendees appear to be.

- 1) The financial burden associated with traveling and attending a national gathering.
- 2) Our members are not getting any younger and many aren't up to the challenge of driving long distances in a classic car.
- 3) The poor state of our roads.

Of the above, the TSCCSA can only control the costs related to holding and attending national gatherings. A concerted effort is being made to reduce these costs and we already have a sponsor for the 2026 national gathering. However, the sponsorship has conditions which will be discussed and voted on at the BGM. We will be seeking other sponsors, however in these tough economic times we must motivate and be prepared to make sure that sponsors get exposure and "bang for their bucks."

On a sadder note. Helen Flynn the SABRINA editor has decided to call it a day and won't be available after the BGM. Helen, thank you for all your hard work you will be missed as editor.

Rene de Villiers, after many years representing the TSCCSA at SAMCA will also step down as our representative. Thank you, Rene, for your diligence and work in what at times was a frustrating portfolio.

In closing a massive thank you for the support and assistance I've received from our President, Alan, Regional Chairman and Centre's, the Treasurer Engela, Secretary/SAMCA representative Rene, Registrar Ed, SABRINA editor Helen, Website Manager, Jaws and Insurance representative John.

Yours in Triumph's  
Gary

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

The Registrar's report drafted by Ed Gurnell had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club members and was taken as read. Ed highlighted that there were 166 active cars in the Club whilst there were 1234 cars on the historical record. He appealed to Club members to advise the Registrar of any and all changes in ownership of cars. The report was recorded as follows and was adopted by the meeting:

At the conclusion of our 2022 national gathering in Clarens, Nols Pienaar our long serving Registrar handed over his hallowed flash drive to me, it contains details of all Triumph cars that had crossed his path and spent time in South Africa, a remarkable body of work indeed.

No sooner had our cars engines cooled down in Gauteng after our journey home when Jaws ( John Austin Williams ) challenged us to gather One Hundred Cars – for the Triumph Centenary Celebration a mere ten months later.

It soon became abundantly clear that Triumph cars and their owners had over time simply vanished off the face of the earth, how difficult it would be to find a hundred cars off a data base of more than 1200 recorded in our register. Our most pressing issue was our inability to contact listed owners that weren't members of the various regional clubs.

Undeterred, a "Live Triumph Register" was born, members were asked to re-register their cars (with some protestation), sightings of triumphs were chased up and their owners hunted down, social media platforms were flooded with requests and car marketplaces were scoured to find elusive cars.

At the end of this process a "live register" now exists and augments the historical database. The list comprises cars that are on the road or at least being restored and owners that are alive and contactable by phone and e-mail allowing our club to periodically contact them and update details when ownership changes. The live register has 166 cars with owners dotted across the country and as such the register is at least updated and current as far as these cars go.

John Dobbins, Harry Fairly, Jaco Van Vuuren, Gary Booyens, Bill Sales and Bill Flynn have regularly sent through cars to be verified on the register that had crossed their paths or where ownership had changed, and I am thankful for their continued interest. Only five previously unlisted cars were added to the register – a TR3, TR3a, TR6, Herald and Triumph 2000 Mk1.

Much credit must go to Jaws ( John Austen Williams ) for his tireless pursuit of Triumph cars around the country last year that breathed new life and a new departure point for record keeping and tracing.

As the club memberships continue to dwindle in most instances it is imperative that we retain contact with those we can and stimulate others on various social media platforms to be part of the Triumph Sport Car Community and to send us their cars details.

In closing I wish to inform you of my intention to stand down as registrar of the Triumph Club, in as much as I was honored to be nominated, I now know too that I am not able to respond to our members requests in a timeous and measured manner required of this position.

Ed

TRIUMPH MODEL	MARCH 2024	MARCH 2020	INCREASE	GROUP TOTAL
TR2	49	49	-	
TR3	95	94	1	
TR3A	102	101	1	
TR4	21	23	-	
TR4A	36	36	-	
TR5	13	13	-	
TR6	78	77	1	
TR7	168	170	-	
TR8	6	6	-	TOTAL TR: 572
SPITFIRE MK1	89	89	-	
SPITFIRE MK2	61	62	-	
SPITFIRE MK3	180	181	-	
SPITFIRE MK4	28	28	-	
SPITFIRE 1500	10	10	-	TOTAL SPITFIRE: 370
GT6 MK1	17	17	-	
GT6 MK2	5	5	-	
GT6 MK3	16	16	-	TOTAL GT6: 38
HERALD ALL	46	45	1	
VITESSE ALL	10	10	-	HERALD & VITESSE: 56
STAG MK1 & 2	31	31	-	
2000 MK1 & 2	50	49	1	
2500 PI	9	9	-	
CHICANE MK1 & 2	78	79	-	6 CYL SALOON TOTAL: 138
TRIUMPH 1300 & 1500	10	10	-	
DOLOMITE	2	2	-	
TOLEDO	1	1	-	4 CYL SALOON TOTAL: 13
MAYFLOWER	2	2	-	
ROADSTER 1800 & 2000	15	15	-	
TOWN & COUNTRY	2	2	-	
SUPER 7	3	3	-	OLDIES TOTAL: 22
TOTAL ALL TRIUMPHS	1239	1234	5	

<b>Region Cars</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Border (East London)	1
Cape Town	26
Free State (Bloemfontein)	6
Garden Route (Mossel Bay to Plettenberg Bay)	16
Johannesburg	46
KwaZulu-Natal (Durban)	13
Port Elizabeth	11
Pretoria	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>
Running Yes	133
Running No	33
<b>Model</b>	<b>QTY</b>
2000 Mk1	4
2000 Mk1 estate	1
2500 Mk2 PI	1
2500 Mk2 TC	1
Chicane	4
GT6 Mk1	2
GT6 Mk2	0
GT6 Mk3	2
Herald 948cc coupe	3
Herald 1200cc coupe	1
Herald 1200cc saloon	1
Herald 13/60 convertible	1
Roadster 1800	1
Spitfire 1500	3
Spitfire Mk1	8
Spitfire Mk2	2
Spitfire Mk3	13
Spitfire MkIV	4
Stag Mk1	2
Stag Mk2	7
Super 7	2
TR2	7
TR3	10
TR3A	18
TR4	6
TR4A	9
TR5	4
TR6	19
TR7	23
TR7 Spider	1
TR7V8	2
TR8	2
Triumph-Protea Sports Racing	1
Vitesse	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>
Club member Yes	141
Club member No	25

## TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE NATIONAL ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer's report drafted by Engela van Vuuren had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club members and was taken as read.

It was noted that unused surplus funds could be invested to earn interest. Norman Bull proposed that such funds, the quantum of which is to be determined by the Chairman in collaboration with the Treasurer are to be invested in an interest bearing investment such as a 32-day deposit account. The proposal was seconded by Gino Casieri and adopted by the meeting.

The report was recorded as follows and was adopted by the meeting:

### TRIUMPH SPORTS CUB OF SOUTH AFRICA

#### INCOME STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2021 TO PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2021	2022	2023	
<b>INCOME</b>	10 100,00	14 480,00	12 980,00	
MEMBERSHIP	10 100,00	11 480,00	12 980,00	
GIFT/FLOWERS		3 000,00		Rene paid gift back
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	4 692,60	20 760,65	8 699,29	
SABRINA/LAPTOP		10 751,00		Laptop for Sabrina publications
WEBSITE	1 075,00	3 893,00	5 506,84	WILD PURSUIT IN1732 IN1975 IN2010 IN2275 AFRIHOST yearly fee and increase
SAMCA	2 875,00	2 250,00	2 075,00	Pay SAMCA before final membership list
BANK COST	742,60	866,65	867,45	
GIFT/ FLOWERS		3 000,00	250,00	Denys Fourie Funeral and Rene gift
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	5 407,40	-6 280,65	4 280,71	

#### ACCUMULATED FUNDS STATEMENT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	2021	2022	2023	
OPENING BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2021	72 213,29	77 620,69	71 340,04	
SURPLUS	5 407,40	-6 280,65	4 280,71	
CLOSING BALANCE	77 620,69	71 340,04	75 620,75	

	2021	2022	2023	
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS	126	148	162	

2022 shows a loss of R6280.65 because of the laptop purchased for the SABRINA publications.

IN 2022 and 2023 you will notice that the website costs have increased substantially due to a slight increase in Afrihost monthly subscription and the need to maintain and update the website programme Wordpress. I expect the Website costs to again increase between 5 and 10% yearly.

In 2023 we had a surplus of R4280.71.

It is promising that membership numbers have increased from 126 in 2021 to 162 in 2023.

The Clubs Finances remain healthy. I am of the opinion that the income and expenditure balance sheet is a true and fair reflection of the clubs' finances.

Gary Booyens  
Chairman

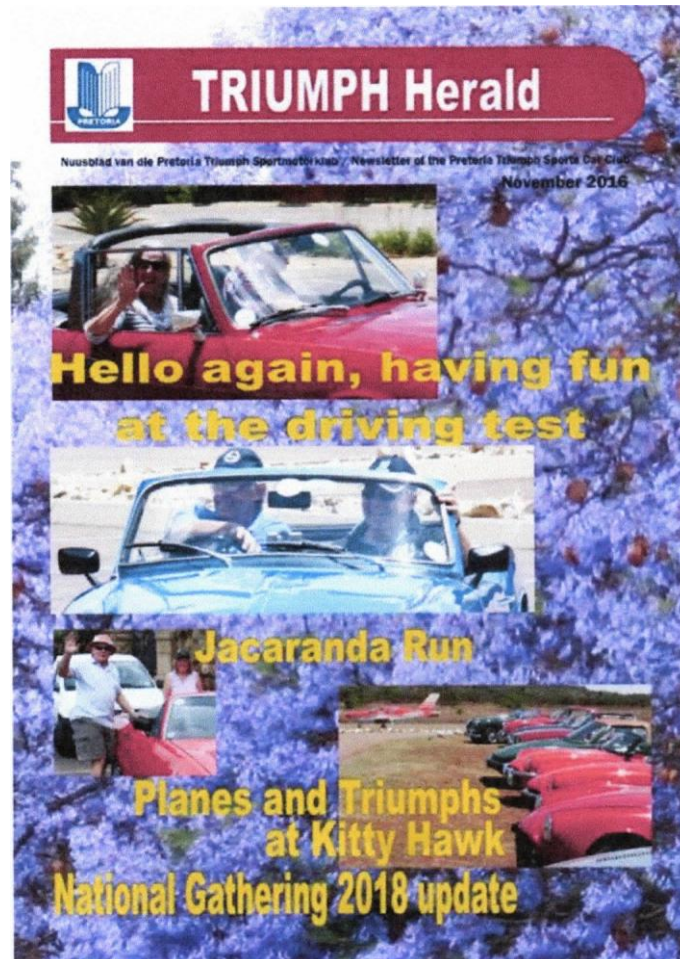
## EDITOR OF SABRINA: REPORT.

The Editor's report drafted by Helen Flynn had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club members and was taken as read.

The report was recorded as follows and was adopted by the meeting:

As I cannot really comment on my own work I will give a "brief summary" of my editorship.

I was elected to the portfolio of Editor for the Triumph Clubs Sabrina newsletter at the 2016 National Gathering BGM. The main issue that seemed to be of importance at that time was turning Sabrina from a paper-based newsletter into a manageable electronic format for all club members to read. Since I was busy with Pretoria's Triumph Herald newsletters monthly.



I probably thought, at the time, "How hard could it be? I am already producing an electronic 144 version of a newsletter anyway! "

As it turns out, it wasn't that hard, just an ENORMOUS amount of work. So besides producing the Triumph Herald monthly, now four times a year I was also to produce another "newsletter" called Sabrina, and she had to perform in March, June, September and December, every year.

Initially Sabrina was still to be in the printed format, which did add another dimension of time to my already full mix. For, four months of the year I was occupied with compiling newsletters on my computer that took me the full four weeks of those months.

I think you may understand now, why I said in my editorial in the March 2024 edition, that, It's Time!

Time for me to stop being an editor. I have produced about 150 newsletters over the years as Editor of Sabrina and the Pretoria centre's Triumph Herald.

The following pages are a summary of Sabrina under my editorship. Sabrina started out as an A5 booklet printed, in full colour, thereby limiting it to 20 pages including the front and back covers. As I said, I was already producing Triumph Herald newsletters electronically so, Sabrina was no different. The hard part of the task, was the setup electronically, for the printers to be able to print it. In this case Technoprint and Minuteman Press were the printers that I used.



In the Sabrina Editors report (at the 2016 BGM) it was stated: " A wide ranging debate ensued, regarding the means of publication of the magazine, it's accessibility by non-members on the internet (including confidential information) and regarding the desired contents thereof.

It was agreed that the new editor of the magazine be given the opportunity to decide on the format and content of the magazine, and to review the various electronic distribution options in addition to producing a printed (ham) copy. The next two years are to be seen as a period of experimentation.'

There's the "hot potato issue " I referred to in the March 2024 Sabrina newsletter.

Well to the National committee and all Triumph club members who were present at that BGM, I say thank you. I fulfilled the brief within the month of June 2016. The hard part, really was the ham copy.

Looking back to all of the various editorials from Sabrina since 1976, I must conclude now, that my task in 2016 was no more or less difficult than the tasks that faced any of the previous editors of Sabrina, in the decades that they were the editors. Sabrina newsletters from 1976 to 2024 (present) are available on the website. [www.triumphclubsa.com](http://www.triumphclubsa.com)

#### SABRINA - June 2018

Skipping through the years, Sabrina and my editorial shows the extent of the 21 st National Gathering and states that Sabrina is now 100% electronic only.. .....no more paper printing. The A5 booklet was gone and space and colour limitations were a thing of the past. The best part of the scenario was that there was a big cost saving too, and with the freedom of space (A4 pages) Sabrina could finally show her full colours and The Pictorial Games Began.....

#### SABRINA - December 2018

Life I suppose could not be better, but in the December 2018 issue of Sabrina, I got wrapped over the knuckles for using too much colour. Imagine that! The reason for that being. ....members must now print their own copies, on their own printers, (that costs them!) and most only have black & white printers, so pages in red, print black.....Oooohhh, Sabrina is dtWays going to have a print/hard copy problem, no matter what decade or century we live in. I had stuck to my brief and made Sabrina 21 st Century compliant.

#### SABRINA - ~~March—June—September~~2020.

That was a tough year for everyone, the pandemic called Covid-19 hit the world very hard, and we all found ourselves locked-up. I produced two Sabrina issues that year, and tried to make the best of a bad situation. The 2020 National Gathering also had to be postponed indefinitely.

SABRINA – December 2021

I only produced one issue that year, due to having contracted the Delta variant of the virus myself. It does take many months to recover from it as you all know. We also lost many of our Triumph friends and members during that horrid time.

SABRINA - September 2022

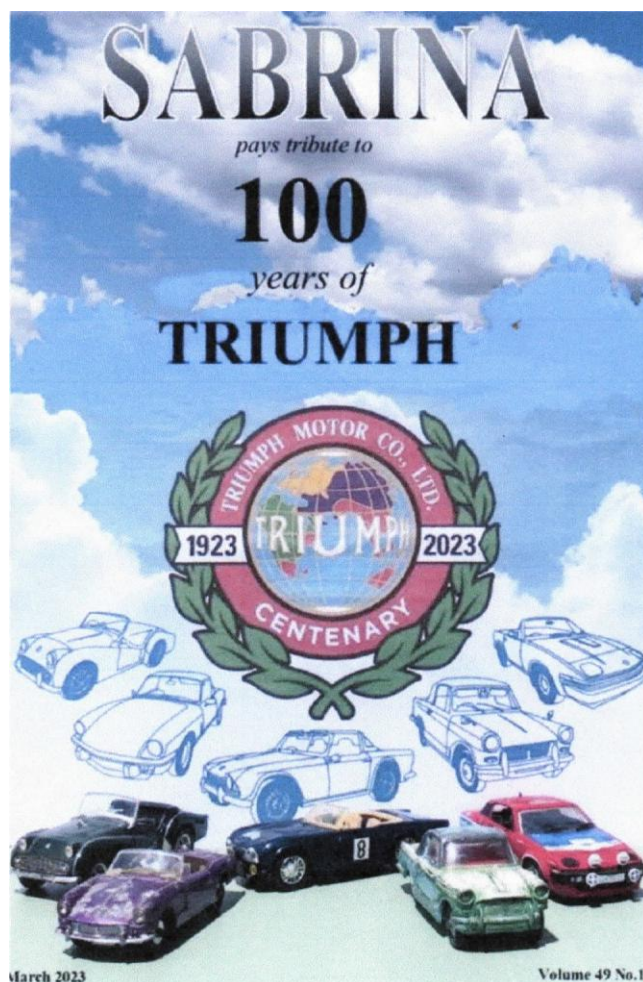
This year saw us all up and running and getting ready for our National Gathering 2020 in 2022. This was also the first time I alluded to wanting to step down as the editor of Sabrina, and I would not be available for another term. This edition even got up to 64 pages and took the reader down memory lane and highlighted all of the National Gatherings that I had attended.

SABRINA - June 2022

This edition revealed that my stepping down as editor did not happen, and for my efforts the National Committee and members of the club voted for the editor to get a brand new computer for the job.

In the next editions editorial that followed, I did thank everyone involved, and continued with Sabrina.

The AI (Artificial Intelligence) Chat GPT Age... Mind Ether into Digital Format.SABRINA—March 2023



The Triumph marque turns 100 years old in 2023. Some of the Triumph club regional centres planned to have 100-year celebrations, as did many of the Triumph clubs around the world. South Africa was one of the few, if not the only, to plan an event with Triumph cars parked in the 100 formation. In this March edition much discussion ensued as to how and who would put these events together. The relevant advertising by the centres was done in this edition too. Gauteng (Johannesburg & Pretoria) planned their event on the 30<sup>th</sup> April and The Garden Route planned their event for May.

I went to a lot of trouble designing this cover for the beginning of 2023 for the 100 - year celebrations. Using various photos of the emblem produced by the Jo'burg centre, and some real toy Triumphs and some real sky and cloud formations. It was a cut and paste graphic of note, (even if I say so myself) but it's not every day you get to celebrate 100 years of anything, so I gave it my all.

In this issue, I also attempted to write an article about the 100 years of the Triumph marque, but as I said in the article, that wouldn't be easy. I did the next best thing I could think of, seeing as we are in the 21st century and computers rule, even in Sabrina 's life, let's ask the computer. I did, and you can read the article in this edition. "Mind Ether to Digital Format."

## **SAMCA REPORT**

The SAMCA Representative's report as drafted by René de Villiers had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club members and was taken as read.

The report was recorded as follows and was adopted by the meeting:

SAMCA, The South African Motor Club Association was initially known as The South African Marque Club Association catering for "One Make Car Clubs". In time it changed its name to cater for car owners who belonged to Clubs catering for a variety of vehicles. This applied especially to rural towns where the small number of car enthusiasts did not justify various one make car clubs.

The 17 November 2007 issue of Classic Car Africa featured an article on SAMCA, and in that issue it quoted a December 1981 SAMCA leaflet outlining *inter alia* the aims of SAMCA as follows:

1. Promote and improve co-operation between member Clubs.
2. Act on behalf of its members in gaining concessions and recognition from local and overseas organisations and various government bodies.
3. Promote the sport and pastime of motoring in all forms by encouraging Member clubs to organize a wide variety of events.
4. Advise, co-operate with and maintain cordial relations with all bodies controlling motoring activities
5. Promote and encourage the preservation and enjoyment of the vehicles of the various Clubs
6. Promote and encourage road courtesy and good driving habits
7. Investigate and promote any activities that may further the aims or improve the benefits of the Association.

The following Clubs are listed as founding members: Alfa Romeo Club of SA; Austin Healey Club of SA; Jaguar Club of SA; Historic Lotus Register; Lancia Owners Club; MG Car Club Combined SA Centres; Porsche Club of SA; SA Morgan Owners Group; Sunbeam Sports Car Club; Triumph Sports Car Club. The Triumph Club has, therefore, been a member of SAMCA from the very start.

Over the years member clubs came and went and currently SAMCA's membership consists of some 25 Clubs catering for just under 3 000 individuals. Representatives from Member Clubs meet every second month to discuss matters of import and to share information on events arranged by Member Clubs.

SAMCA stands ready to lobby the authorities (such as The Department of Transport -DoT-) on any issue affecting its Member Clubs. For example, there was a recent move to oblige owners of older cars to obtain roadworthy certificates for their vehicles every two years. SAMCA, together with other interested parties managed to have this requirement shelved, hopefully permanently. SAMCA was also part of the initiative a few years ago not to outlaw left hand drive vehicles already in the country.

On the first Sunday of April each year SAMCA organizes and promotes Angela's Picnic which is a gathering of cars drawn from every and all motoring Clubs. Hundreds of cars participate in a relaxed non-competitive event and drivers make a voluntary contribution at the gate. Some R30 000,00 is collected every year and all proceeds go to the Hospice Association.

By far the greatest benefit to Member Clubs (and, therefore to their individual members) is the R10 million Public Liability insurance cover SAMCA arranges every year. This policy provides cover for the members of Member Clubs who organize events (such as our biennial National Gathering or occasional "Sunday morning" runs) should there be a claim from a member of the public in case of any mishap at such event. The annual premium for this cover comes to just on R30 000,00. If the Triumph Club were to arrange public liability cover on its own it would cost each Club Member about R1 000,00 per year. Instead, belonging to SAMCA costs Triumph Club members R14,00 (that's correct fourteen Rand) *per year* and that includes an affiliation fee SAMCA pays to Motor Sport South Africa (The Automobile Association) should a Member Club wish to organize a race or rally.

René de Villiers. SAMCA Representative. February 2024.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report as drafted by René de Villiers had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club members and was taken as read.

The report was recorded as follows and was adopted by the meeting:

The position of Club Secretary was formed at the time of the National Gathering of 2022 held at Golden Gate, when I was appointed to the post.

Since that date I have been engaged in:

1. Creating and updating a formal minute book for the Club.
2. Assisting the National Chairman in compiling a comprehensive set of back issues of the National magazine, "Sabrina".
3. Commenting on draft constitutions submitted by Regional Centers.
4. Ongoing liaison with the National Chairman on the interpretation of the National Constitution.
5. Preparation for the Biennial General Meeting of 2024.

René de Villiers.  
Secretary, Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa.  
April 2024.

## GENERAL

### Club insurance scheme

The report on insured values as drafted by John Dobbins had been circulated to Regional Centre Chairmen for distribution to Club members. John noted that in general terms insured values had flattened out over the past year. He invited Club members to contact him regarding the insured value/s of their car/s should the need arise.

The report was recorded as follows and was adopted by the meeting:

### Insurance Values 2024/25

Points	5	10	15	20	25 / Bronze	Silver	Gold
Roadster	120	240	360	480	600	720	840
TR2 ,3,4and6 TR5	80 120	160 240	240 360	320 480	400 600	480 720	560 840
TR8 & Stag	60	120	180	240	300	360	420
TR7 Soft Top + GT6	40	80	120	160	200	240	280
TR7 HardTop + Spitfire	35	70	105	140	175	210	245
Vitesse + Dolomite	25	50	75	100	125	150	140
Saloons	20	40	60	80	100	120	140

In order to keep up with market trends and increased costs of restoration the insurance values of some our cars have been adjusted to the above values (in Kilo Rand). The points scoring system remains the same as before where each section (bodywork, interior, wheels and tyres, mechanical and engine compartments) are evaluated out of a maximum of 5 points and total out of 25 arrived at for the car, from which a value is arrived at. The concours at the National Gatherings is an excellent barometer of the overall condition of the cars so we continue to put a value to a car reaching bronze, silver or gold medal status so if your car reached these heights at the 2024 Nationals and you want to increase the insured value of your car, send proof to the brokers and the value will be increased.

If you have any questions please contact me on 011 6792954(h) or 0825080910(cell).  
John Dobbins

### **Long service/long membership awards.**

Gary Booyens noted that membership commencement dates as reported in “Sabrina” over the years had been used as a basis to determine the number of years a Club member had been a member of the Club. He invited all Club members to contact him in the event of any inaccuracies. Long Membership badges had been handed out to the various members in question and he congratulated everyone concerned on their respective achievements.

### **Honorary Club Members.**

A debate ensued regarding the criteria used for the election of a Club member as an honorary member. After some discussion the Chairman quoted the applicable paragraph from the Club’s Constitution.

### **Centenary Celebrations of the Triumph Marque.**

The Chairman noted that the year 2023 marked the centenary of the first motor vehicle to bear the “Triumph” name. Celebrations to commemorate the event had been held around the country, notably at the Garden Route Regional Centre and the Johannesburg Regional Centre where 100 Triumph cars had been assembled.

### **Drive Your Triumph Day.**

The Chairman noted that this event, scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> February each year to commemorate the birthday of Sir John Black, initiator of the TR range of Triumph cars, and organized by a Triumph enthusiast based in Canada was gaining in popularity world-wide. He encouraged Regional Centres to participate in the event and to submit their photographs to the organizer.

### **Sabrina back-issues.**

The Chairman recorded that all but ten back issues of Sabrina had been scanned and saved on the Club’s website. The final ten outstanding copies would be similarly scanned and saved shortly.

### **Hosting of National Gatherings in general, and specifically the Gathering to be held in 2026.**

It was noted that the Garden Route Regional Centre had volunteered to host the 2026 National Gathering at a venue to be decided. As regards the date of the Gathering it had been mooted that it may be arranged to coincide with the George Old Motor Show which took place during February each year.

It was noted that surplus funds had been accumulated in the Club at National level and that a portion of said funds could possibly be used for the upcoming Gathering, or indeed for all future Gatherings.

Wide ranging discussions ensued with various off-the-cuff suggestions being put forward.

It was noted that said funds belonged to all Club Members and that the meeting in session was not empowered to take a decision on this matter.

It was AGREED that fully motivated proposals are to be submitted to the Chairman before the end of July 2024. Said proposals would then be circulated to the Chairmen of Regional Centres for discussion and decision at the Annual General Meetings of Regional Centres before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. A final decision will thereafter be taken by the National Committee.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.**

#### **National President.**

It was noted that the term of office of the National President expired in 2026.

#### **National Committee**

The Chairman yielded the Chair to the National President, Alan Grant, for the election of members of the Executive Committee.

The following persons had been duly proposed and seconded for the positions indicated. The Meeting duly agreed to said appointments:

As Chairman: Gary Booyens.

As Secretary: René de Villiers.

The following portfolios had become vacant:

As National Registrar: Ed Gurnell had indicated his unavailability to continue in this position and recommended that John Austin-Williams be appointed to the position. With no other proposals put forward John Austin-Williams was elected unopposed. The Chairman on behalf of the meeting thanked Ed Gurnell for his past service in the portfolio.

As Editor of Sabrina: Helen Flynn had indicated her unavailability to continue in this position, but volunteered to Edit one last issue of the magazine. After discussion no alternative person came forward and the position was kept vacant for the time being. Chairman was deputised to contact Regional Centres for a replacement to the position.

As SAMCA Representative: René de Villiers indicated his unavailability to continue in this position, mainly due to the fact that he felt that one person should not represent two portfolios (and hence have two votes) on the National Committee. After discussion Terry Murphy was elected to the portfolio. The Chairman thanked René for his past service.

As National Treasurer: Two Club members had been duly proposed and seconded to this portfolio namely Engela van Vuuren and Norman Bull. Both candidates left the room and the matter was put to the vote. Engela van Vuuren (15 votes) was elected to the position as compared to Norman Bull (8 votes). Four abstentions were recorded. The Chairman congratulated Engela on her election to the portfolio.

Although not members of the National Committee, it was noted that John Dobbins would continue to oversee the Club's insurance scheme. John Austin-Williams agreed to fulfil the function of Webmaster.

The National Chairman took over the meeting from the National President.

**Format of meetings.**

Linda Malan suggested that consideration be given to hold biennial general meetings on a virtual basis such as "Zoom". The Chairman was deputised to investigate this option.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Confirmed on .....(date)

at.....(place)

Signed.....

Saved: TrCib BGM 2024 TO Strand, Port Edward.

## **TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB - PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2026 - HARTENBOS NATIONAL GATHERING**

I am very pleased to "report" that since the 2024 National gathering, the TSCC has continued to be in "excellent condition". This pleasant fact is the result of chatting and listening to Classic Car Club enthusiasts in general, not Triumph people only!

**The National Committee has set a very high standard.**

**The preparation for this the 2026 NATIONAL GATHERING by Dennis Cook and the Knysna team, has been of a very high standard. It is this enthusiasm and care which makes a large contribution to the well-being of our club.**

The following are general comments on some items in the 2026 BGM agenda:

(ITEM 6) TREASURER'S REPORT: Standing down of Engela van Vuuren as National Treasurer. This was a difficult unpleasant situation which was dealt with by the committee in a professional and sensitive way.

(ITEM 7) REGISTRAR'S REPORT: One of the original aims of our club was to generate and maintain a register of the cars. The original South African Triumph club was referred to as "TR Register of South Africa".

Thanks to John Austin-Williams, the register is maintained and updated with great enthusiasm and effort. There is a noticeable increase in interest by members and potential members for gathering history of specific cars.

(ITEM 10) SABRINA: Proposal and motivation to terminate the publication of Sabrina and to delete the position of Editor from the Club's Constitution.

If possible prior to the BGM; ALL MEMBERS SHOULD READ THE COMPLETE SABRINA 202602 Volume 51 number 3 with the appended document.

I remember with amusement the discussions and disagreements during previous national gatherings. "These new electronic things".

If the majority of members agree to terminate the publication of Sabrina....so be it! As long as we keep communicating and enjoying the preservation of our classic cars.

(ITEM 11) GENERAL)

(iv) Creation of the position of Deputy Chairman.

From a personal point of view I agree with the creation of the position of Deputy Chairman as it will improve the structure of the National Committee.

**My sincere appreciation for the way I have been treated as "part of the national family".**

Alan Grant  
20 March 2026

## Chairmans Report 2026 BGM

Well, we've made it to our 24<sup>th</sup> BGM and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the TSCCSA that is an epic achievement. I realise that there will always be a debate whether the club is 50 or 52 years old, so a brief explanation as to why it was decided on 50 years old. There are some handwritten notes by Graham Cheetham of the start of a TR Register in 1974 with just over 20 members with the majority from Natal with a few Transvaal members. Record keeping was either poor, or the records have been lost. Rene de Villiers explains in the article published in the SABRINA how it was decided to accept that the club is 50 years old:

**Car Magazine, March 1977:** An item placed by Graham Cheetham in this issue of "Car" reads as follows: "I wonder, through your columns, whether I could mention the formation of The TR Register of SA, which was formed to cater for all Triumph TR Sports cars in early 1975? Groups of enthusiasts of these fabulous cars have got together in both Johannesburg and Durban, and as a result the Register was started to keep information about them, and to provide a spares and technical service. It would be most encouraging if TR enthusiasts from other parts of the country could get in touch with the Register, so that they too can enjoy the benefits of membership. The Register Newsletter "Sabrina" is issued quarterly, and the cost of membership is R2,50 pa. For further details of the Register would TR owners please contact me at the address below. GRAHAM CHEETHAM. TR Register of SA, 4 Highways, Marian Hill Road, Pinetown, Natal, 3600."

There are some references on record which seem to place the formation of The TR Register sometime in 1976, and possibly even in 1974, but on closer examination these have been found to be contradictory. After due consideration, the ".....early 1975....." date referred to in "Car Magazine" appears to be incorrect and 1<sup>st</sup> January 1976 has been accepted as the inception date of the TR Register in South Africa. (Reference: Rene de Villiers)

### Membership:

Sadly the last two members of the Border Centre Geoff Kriel and Stuart Turner contacted me in August 2025 and requested the Border Centre be closed as it was no longer viable after discussions the executive committee agreed to the closure of the Border Centre.

According to the information received from the centres we have the following paid up members (not family members) for 2026:

Kwa Zulu Natal	20
Bloemfontein	11
Garden Route	17
Johannesburg	42
Cape Town	29
Pretoria	17
Port Elizabeth	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>

### Sabrina:

We are still without an editor, and the future of SABRINA will be discussed at the BGM. Dennis Cook kindly published 2 SABRINAS' for information on the Hartenbos National Gathering.

Good news is that all the past SABRINAS' that we were able to find are now copied onto the website <https://triumphclubsa.com/> and makes very interesting reading of times gone by.

### General:

The long membership awards have become less onerous to administer after the original awards, and we have three members receiving 50-year membership awards this year namely:

John Dobbins	#002
Rene de Villiers	#007
Alan Grant	#036

With great sadness, the following members have passed away since the BGM in 2024

1. Des Burton # 1357 (1991) CPT
2. Albert de Vos # 2712 (2010) PTA
3. Gavin Tooms # 2401 (2004) KZN
4. Bob Pretorius # 2122 (2001) PE
5. Gavin Turner # 101 (1977) Border
6. Marius Labuschagne #136 (1977) PTA
7. Eddie Steele #2319 (2003) JNB

Jaws and I came across a set of TR Technicalities Manuals that have a wealth of “how to” articles in them. We approached the TR Register UK for permission to place the manual on our website, unfortunately they were not very helpful and are not interested in assisting us.

**In closing:**

Then a big thank you to Dennis Cook and all the Garden route members who took on the challenge of organizing the Hartenbos National Gathering 2026.

To all the center chairman, Fannie Nortje and Gavin Mills, Dennis Cook, Henry van Heerden, Tim Kent and Gerhard Vorster, Bill Flyn, our Secretary, Rene de Villiers, Registrar/ Website Controller Jaws (John Austin-Williams), SAMCA Representative Terry Murphy, Insurance Representative John Dobbins and last but not least Joan, thank you all for your support and assistance over the last two years.

Yours in Triumph's  
Gary

**TSCC -National Income Statement** (as at 31 December 2025)

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Regional subs	10880	13780
Sponsor	20000	10000
Interest-32 day A/c	1238.85	6065
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>R32,118.85</b>	<b>R29,845.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Bank fees	107.52	117
Website	1267	4947
SAMCA	2114	2363
Long Service Awards	4788.90	
Deposit-32 day A/c	20000	
Depreciation-laptop	2500	2500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>R30,777.42</b>	<b>R9,927.00</b>
<b>Nett Profit</b>	<b>R1,341.43</b>	<b>R19,918.00</b>

Note: Sponsor entry is monies received for sponsorship of the 2026 National Gathering

2024

R10 000 Afrihost  
R10 000 Afri pumps

2025 R10,000 Fussell and Associates

2024 shows small profit while the 2025 profit of R19 918 is skewed as R10 000 is sponsorship for the 2026 National gathering, giving a profit R9 918 due to increased membership and R6 065 Interest received.

Once again website costs increased drastically mainly due to keeping the Wordpress programme up to date.

Membership numbers were standing at 172 as at January 2025.

The Clubs Finances remain healthy. I am of the opinion that the income and expenditure balance sheet is a true and fair reflection of the club's finances.

Gary Booyens  
Chairman

29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**TSCC-National Balance Sheet** (as at 31 December 2025)

Capital Employed	2024	2025
Retained Income--bought forward--amended	103135	104476
Retained Income--current year	1341	19918
<b>Total Capital Employed</b>	<b>R104,476.00</b>	<b>R124,394.00</b>
Current Assets		
Laptop	10000	10000
less depreciation	-5000	-7500
Nedbank 32 day A/c	81238	97304
Cash in Bank	18238	32990
Creditors		-8400
<b>Total Capital Employed</b>	<b>R104,476.00</b>	<b>R124,394.00</b>

**Note:** Creditors -8400 is money received for windscreens being imported and will be paid to the supplier once they arrive.

## Registrar's Report 2026 BGM

Ed Gurnell noted in his Registrars Report for the 2024 BGM *"No sooner had our cars engines cooled down in Gauteng after our journey home when Jaws (John Austin Williams) challenged us to gather One Hundred Cars – for the Triumph Centenary Celebration a mere ten months later.*

*It soon became abundantly clear that Triumph cars and their owners had over time simply vanished off the face of the earth, how difficult it would be to find a hundred cars off a data base of more than 1200 recorded in our register. Our most pressing issue was our inability to contact listed owners that weren't members of the various regional clubs.*

*Undeterred, a "Live Triumph Register" was born, members were asked to re-register their cars (with some protestation), sightings of triumphs were chased up and their owners hunted down, social media platforms were flooded with requests and car marketplaces were scoured to find elusive cars. At the end of this process a "live register" now exists and augments the historical database."*

At the time of Ed's report there were 166 recorded Triumphs in South Africa. As word spread of my "2023 Census" and the forming of a "New Register" many members came forward giving me details of their cars, thanks for this, indeed appreciated.

I keep a regular eye out on Facebook Market Place (thanks to John Dobbins for showing me the ropes – I'm not a Facebook person) as well as the usual "Classic Car Dealers". Advertisers and Car Dealers are not always willing to divulge details of cars as they seem to be suspicious, however once my request has been explained in detail most do come back with useful information, one can only nag so many times.

Whenever a Triumph is spotted for sale on the Internet (and occasionally our WhatsApp groups) I download whatever images there are and save them. Its amazing how some cars do the rounds from one dealer to the next.

The old "Nols Pienaar" registers (now combined into one big Excel list with 1248 line entries), along with the late Graham Cheetham lists published in early Sabrina magazines has been invaluable, they are referred to regularly as I get often get requests from folk trying "connect dots".

Gathering Triumph car information has indeed proven to be an enjoyable, educational and interesting, activity along with making many new acquaintances and having long chats with them about various aspects of their cars. I enjoy research, have learnt an enormous amount, and wherever possible have helped those new to the Triumph marque with some advice where to find assistance and spare parts et cetera.

Many owners have been kind enough to send me photos of the "manufacturers' data plates" that are affixed to various parts of the their car's bodies, it's fascinating spotting all the little differences between same types, variations in prefixes et cetera – this where using Microsoft Excel is most useful in being able to spot patterns/sequences and filter and/or sort by various "numbers", Commission/VIN, Local Assembly number, Mulliners "EB" number and the Standard Triumph body number as well as engine numbers et cetera.

I've also learnt that the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust (BMIHT) archives are not 100% intact, nor 100% accurate as I know of at least one vehicle where the heritage certificate contradicted the records of the late Graham Cheetham's car "Bluey". Graham was fanatical and fastidious about Triumph "numbers" and I doubted very much that he'd get the details of his own car wrong. The short story is I contacted the BMIHT and they conceded, after closer inspection of their builds records, that the Heritage Certificate for "Bluey" was indeed wrong and that they would issue a new one.

I've become adept with the numerous websites offering Triumph history and spare parts and have managed to amass a good collection, both hard copy and electronic format, of Triumph workshop manuals and spare parts catalogues as well as literature and catalogues for Lucas, Lockheed, Girling, AC, SU, Zenith Stromberg, Jaeger and Laycock de Normanville equipment. I too have become fanatical and fastidious about Triumph car parts and their correct part numbers. It's a wonderful ongoing learning experience.

If you are unsure as to whether your Triumph(s) are on the New Register please send me an e-mail to [john@austinwilliams.co.za](mailto:john@austinwilliams.co.za) or WhatsApp to 0834597802.

Not every Triumph owner is a member of one of our regional clubs, for whatever reason some are simply not interested in joining – can't win 'em all.

Thank you for entrusting me with keeping the register alive – indeed fun.

The following page contains "the numbers".

Best regards to all, John "Jaws" Austin-Williams. 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026.

<b>Region Cars</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Border (East London)	6
Cape Town	68
Free State (Bloemfontein)	18
Garden Route (Mossel Bay to Plettenberg Bay)	30
Johannesburg	89
KwaZulu-Natal (Durban)	43
Port Elizabeth	38
Pretoria	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>360</b>

<b>Running</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Yes	276
No	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>360</b>

<b>Model</b>	<b>QTY</b>
1300	1
1500	1
2000 Mk1	14
2000 Mk1 estate	1
2000 Mk2	2
2500 Mk2 PI	2
2500 Mk2 TC	2
Chicane	14
Dolomite Sprint	1
GT6 Mk1	3
GT6 Mk2	0
GT6 Mk3	6
Herald 948cc coupe	5
Herald 948cc saloon	0
Herald 1200cc convertible	1
Herald 1200cc coupe	2
Herald 1200cc saloon	1
Herald 13/60 convertible	1
Italia	1
Mayflower	1
Roadster 1800	1
Roadster 2000	1
Spitfire 1500	4
Spitfire Mk1	11
Spitfire Mk2	7
Spitfire Mk3	34
Spitfire MkIV	9
Stag Mk1	5
Stag Mk2	17
Super 7	3
TR2	14
TR3	22
TR3A	42
TR4	12
TR4A	14
TR5	6
TR6	39
TR7	50
TR7 Spider	1
TR7V8	3
TR8	2
Triumph-Protea Sports Racing	1
Vitesse	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>360</b>

## **SAMCA REPORT**

The SAMCA Representative's report as compiled by Terry Murphy.

### **TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA. NATIONAL GATHERING 2026 (HARTENBOS)**

The Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa was one (1) of the ten (10) founding clubs of SAMCA, (The South African Motor Club Association) where it is important to reiterate the aims of this association.

#### **The Aims of SAMCA.**

Promote and improve co-operation between member clubs.

Act on behalf of its members in gaining concessions and recognition from local and overseas organisations and various government bodies.

Promote the sport and pastime of motoring in all forms by encouraging Member clubs to organize a wide variety of events.

Advise, co-operate with and maintain cordial relations with all controlling motoring activities.

Promote and encourages the preservation and enjoyment of the vehicles of the various Clubs.

Promote and encourage road courtesy and good driving habits.

Investigate and promote any activities that may further the aims or improve the benefits of the Association.

Membership to SAMCA remains at R14 per person from affiliated clubs and the financial statement for SAMCA 2026 reflects an amount of R45 980.00 just in membership fees alone.

SAMCA arranges two events during the year namely the **SAMCA Breakfast Run** during January and **Angela's Picnic** during April.

#### **SAMCA Breakfast Run.**

The 2026 SAMCA Breakfast Run was moved from the Vaal to the V8 Restaurant in Hartbeespoort where 180 persons attended the event.

#### **Angela's Picnic.**

The venue for the 2025 Angela's Picnic had been moved to Riversands Farm Village, and the date was changed from April to May as a result of the rainy season where just under 600 cars attended the event.

The main sponsor of this event was Stellantis and together with proceeds generated at the gate, R80K was donated to Hospice.

It is worthwhile noting that over the years SAMCA has donated in excess of one million rand to Hospice which has been generated from this specific event which is indeed an honourable achievement.

The date for the upcoming Angela's Picnic is 24 May 2026 at Riversands Farm Village where more marketing strategies will be employed and a theme or slogans, "Think Pink" and "Drive for Hope" will be adopted to raise funds for Cancer Awareness in keeping the legacy of Angela's Picnic.

#### **MSA Affiliation.**

A small portion of the SAMCA membership fees gets paid to MSA (Motor Sport South Africa).

The SAMCA chairman with members of the Executive committee met with MSA with a concern that MSA was not providing value that SAMCA was paying.

At the meeting MSA did not provide good feedback in assisting SAMCA with their affiliation.

At the SAMCA AGM on 25 August 2025 it was proposed that SAMCA drops the MSA affiliation which was unanimously agreed upon.

This move away from MSA does not affect the R10 Million SAMCA Public Liability Insurance Cover that the Triumph Sports Car Club enjoys, should there be a claim from a member of the public in the case of any misfortune at an event like the Biennial National Gathering, show days, breakfast runs etc.

The MSA affiliation relates to clubs that want to organize a race or a rally.

In such instances each participant has to pay an individual fee and possess an MSA racing licence.

The organizing club must provide an MSA approved venue, arrange a qualified MSA chief marshal, qualified MSA clerk of the course, ambulance, qualified MSA vehicle scrutineer etc.

To my knowledge the Triumph Sports Car Club has not organised such an event so there is no benefit for the club.

**Financial Report 2026.**

SAMCA's financial standings at 2026 is a healthy R174 289,78 and during the AGM 2025 the executive committee has been empowered to act on behalf of SAMCA to take decisions on investing a portion of the bank balance.

Terry Murphy  
SAMCA Representative.  
March 2026.

## Secretary's Report

For the 2026 Biennial General Meeting of The Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa.

### CONSTITUTIONS 101

If I had to sum up the need for a Club Constitution in one sentence I would say: "You are dealing with other people's money".

Our Club is primarily a social grouping of like-minded people with a healthy dose of technical expertise thrown into the mix, and the need for a formal founding document on the face of it seems superfluous. Indeed, I have heard an expressed opinion that "...after all it is not a legal document..."

Not so. First of all there is the very obvious fact that banking institutions require a founding document as the basis for its dealings with a group of individuals, especially as regards bank signing arrangements :- which, by its very nature makes it a legal document. But it goes much further. It is the means whereby all Club Members are kept informed of what is going on in the Club, and of who can do what and when. It ensures that every matter of import is properly communicated to each and every member (due notices of meetings) what is up for discussion (agendas) and what the proceedings at such meetings must be (putting forward motions; voting; resolutions and all the paraphernalia of meetings).

Without the adherence to this basic safeguard a few guys could, over a few beers, simply decide what the Club will do, and how monies will be spent. The near-immediate result is the formation of cliques followed in the very short term by inevitable in-fighting and the demise of the Club. Believe me, I have seen it happen.

Rather than seeing the Constitution as an irritant it should be viewed as the lubricant which keeps the Club's wheels turning smoothly.

René de Villiers. 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

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IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE VALUE OF SPITFIRES HAVE NOW REACHED THAT OF THE HARD TOP TR7S AND THAT THE LARGE SALOONS ARE BECOMING MORE POPULAR AMONG COLLECTORS AND THE PRICES ARE RISING RAPIDLY FOR GOOD EXAMPLES.

ALSO REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE VALUING A CAR YOU INTEND BUYING TO CHECK THE VEHICLE STATUS ON THE REGISTRATION PAPERS BECAUSE IF IT IS SHOWN AS "BUILT UP" FROM A COLLECTORS POINT OF VIEW THE VALUE OF THE CAR CAN BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED AND IN SOME CASES HAVE NO REAL COLLECTORS VALUE.

If you have any questions please contact me on 0116792954 (h) or 0825080910 (cell).  
John Dobbins

## **SABRINA : Do we still need it?**

This is a proposal to do away with/terminate the Club's magazine called "SABRINA". Technically, it calls for the cancellation of the position of "Editor" which in turn requires an amendment to the Club's Constitution (Clause 4.2). The Constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at a duly formed Biennial General Meeting of the Club, the next such BGM to be held at Hartenbos in April/May 2026. A proposal such as this requires either a written request of at least 10% of Club Members, or that the proposal be put forward by the National Committee. **This then, is a request to the members of the National Committee to support such a proposal.**

**Motivation.** My motivation for this proposal is three-fold, namely (i) Electronic format of SABRINA; (ii) Technological advances; and (iii) Vacancy of the position.

1. **Electronic format.** When it was first proposed to produce SABRINA in an electronic format I for one voted against it because I preferred a hard copy publication. In the event we went electronic and at that point I must confess I stopped reading the magazine. Gone were the days that I would make myself comfortable in my favourite armchair and hold the paper issue in my hands and give it my undivided attention. Admittedly the periodical was beautifully laid out and presented but at most, once I had traced it on the internet, I gave it a cursory scan/glance, mostly to check if the technical and other articles I had submitted over the years were published. Also, I could no longer scribble notes on the front cover so as to make it easy for me to look up items of interest at a later date. Call it a self-fulfilling prophesy, but there it is. As the BGM convenor (I sort of found myself in that role by default) and later as Club Secretary (formally appointed when that position was created), I valued the regular appearance of the magazine and used it as the formal/official conduit to publish notices and minutes of BGMs.

2. **Technological advances.** Something I never foresaw was the rapid ascent of a variety of technological developments such as cellular phone and computer applications (apps) which have become commonplace and extremely effective. In addition, even newer ones will no doubt appear in the future. Notices of upcoming events and feedback afterwards, including photographs of same have become matter of routine on these apps. Obituaries and items for sale are posted with short notice. Where necessary notices of meetings and longer articles of interest can be published on the Club's website, with merely a note to Regional Chairs that such and such can be found on said website. Let's face it, new technologies have all but replaced SABRINA.

3. **Vacancy in the position of Editor.** Despite going electronic, the post of Editor of SABRINA remains an onerous one and it is not surprising that, that position has remained vacant for some years, with the result that the publication of the magazine has all but stopped.

There was a time when I considered the magazine as an essential ingredient to keep the Club together. However, the changed format, combined with its attenuated appearance which have coincided with new technological advances have resulted therein that SABRINA is no longer essential Club fare.

I **therefore PROPOSE** that the Club's Constitution at Clause 4.1 be AMENDED by the deletion of the word "Editor" and that the publication of the Club's magazine SABRINA be terminated.

René de Villiers. Club Secretary. August 2025.