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# EDITORIAL .

This Publication celebrates those glorious "Motoring Machines" of the early days. And we have our very own set of historic automobiles in South Africa. There are very few cars here & a brave band of Citroen Car Club Members have become avid collectors. And we commend them on their faithful perseverance. As one sympathetic admirer has been heard to say "I can't wait to see these "little" cars on the road again, be it at 2 miles an hour or 40 – we will be proud to be part of your convoy. "

News comes in thick & fast and we are not having a problem filling the pages of our publication. Thanks to our wonderful Membership. Keep it coming, we love to hear from you, that is what it's all about – You & your beautiful cars.

You may notice that this is Volume 1 – 2012 once again delivered in 2013. We ask you to bear with us & just appreciate the fact that it is even being produced. It is hard work to collate & produce the product thanks to a minimum of people able to donate their time. But hopefully the end results will give Members an idea of what a wonderful "Little" Car Club we have created - all 35 years of wonderful motoring, great friendships & a caring Citroen family.

Worry looks around, Sorry looks back, Faith looks up. JleR.



This delightful picture of the little old cars was found in a 1983 copy of the French Newspaper "La Vie de L'Auto". A publication regularly bought by the Citroen Snatchers of that era in their relentless search for those elusive 1930s Traction Coupes & Cabriolettes. When in Paris, this purchase was their first objective and then the search was on. "Est-qu'il y a une Citroen Coupe ou Cabriolet ?" It worked !!!!

COVER PICTURE : Stephen & Joyce Le Roux's newest acquisition a beautiful & extremely original 5HP en route to Walkerville from Kwazulu Natal.

# VINTAGE CITROËNS IN SOUTH AFRICA

As far as the Citroën Car Club knows, there are only nine vintage Citroëns (1930 and earlier) in South Africa, although one can never be sure what might be hidden in garages and barns across the country.

Andre Citroën began manufacturing motor vehicles in France in 1919. His unique offering was a fully equipped motor car. This differed from other motor manufacturers in Europe at the time, who sold engine/chassis combinations and required the customer to order a body from a coach builder.

The first Citroën, the Type A, was manufactured between 1919 and 1921. This was followed by a second open tourer, the B2. There are unfortunately no known examples of either of these models in South Africa.

In 1922 André Citroën saw a gap in the market for a motor car that could be driven by ladies and, through the design creativity of Edmond Moyet, the 5HP (or 5CV or type C) was born. These little cars had 856cc engines and were small, cute and easy to drive. The 5HP was produced between 1922 and 1926 and four primary body styles were sold (as well as one or two less common variations).

## HE 5 HP ROADSTER

In 1922 Citroën introduced the 5HP Torpedo, or Roadster, which was a two seater with a simple hood and a fish tail shaped rear. There are two known examples of the Torpedo in South Africa. The Roadsters were both manufactured in 1925.



The crimson roadster (above) has been in the same family since the 1940's and has been preserved in Midrand for decades.



The yellow roadster (right), also made in 1925, was partly rebuilt in Cape Town in the 1960's and is currently being restored in Magaliesburg.



## THE 5 HP CABRIOLET

When the ladies of Paris complained that they wanted something a little more weather proof, the Cabriolet was introduced in 1923. The Cabriolet sported the same chassis and engine as the Torpedo and had some minor body variations, the big difference being that it could be completely closed up at the sides, with a more comprehensive hood and windows. There is one known example of the Cabriolet in South Africa. The 1924 cabriolet based in Gauteng (right) is probably the oldest Citroën in South Africa and is in weekly use, having been restored in Cape Town in the 50's and 60's.



## THE 5 HP DECALEES

In order to introduce a third seat, Citroën first experimented with putting a small folding passenger seat in the front and a larger passenger seat in the back. This variation, the Decalees, was not too popular and a small number of these were built during 1925. A few of these were modified by the Spanish (full closed bodies were built on the small chassis).



One example of these is currently being restored in Gauteng (right). This rare, "doctor's coupe" on the east rand was assembled in Spain in 1925 and a great deal of effort has gone towards restoring it to its original condition.

## THE 5 HP CLOVERLEAF

The Decalees gave way to the more popular Trefle or Cloverleaf in 1925. The Cloverleaf had two fairly normal seats in front and a large central seat at the back.

The name Trefle (or Cloverleaf) came from the configuration of the seats. There are two Cloverleaves in South Africa.



The red three seater cloverleaf (left), manufactured late in 1925, spent several decades being restored in Bloemfontein and is now progressing well in Germiston.

One of the best preserved 5HPs is the 1925 cloverleaf based in Durban (right). This 5HP was imported into South Africa fairly late in its life when its erstwhile owner emigrated from England.



Citroën also manufactured a 5HP delivery van during this period. While there was a Cloverleaf converted into a delivery van in the Cape which was recently sold to a buyer in Malaysia, there don't seem to be any 5HP delivery vehicles in South Africa.

There have been rumours of other 5HPs in South Africa and with luck we may uncover more. The most promising lead is the orange roadster, shown on the left, which is reputed to be somewhere on the East Rand, although this is a very old photograph.



All the right hand drive 5HP's were produced in Paris between 1922-1926 and despite the fact that over 80,000 5HP's were sold in this period, these little cars were discontinued in 1926 and it wasn't until the production of the 2CV in 1948 that Citroën again made a small vehicle.

The larger Citroëns manufactured between 1924 and 1928 included the B10, B12, B14 and B18. These cars saw the introduction of all-steel bodies and also heralded the end of the reign of the open tourer, as closed bodies became more and more popular during this period.

### THE 1925 B12

The only example of these in South Africa is the B12 based in Midrand (right). This open tourer has passed through three owners since being bought from a doctor in Mozambique several decades ago. The current owner has restored her to pristine condition.

### THE C4 AND C6

The larger, more powerful, American influenced C4 and C6 of the late 1920s were the penultimate rear wheel drive Citroën series and the last series to be classified as vintage. These were a great success, with almost a quarter of a million C4's sold between 1928 and 1934. South Africa is fortunate enough to have one of each of these stately Cs.



THE 1928 C4

The large bodied C4F (left) was discovered in a garage in District Six in Cape Town in 1967 and is currently disassembled and awaiting restoration.

### THE 1928 C6 COUPE

The six cylinder C6 was once a working hearse. At some stage it was converted to a pick-up (see right) and has since apparently been converted into a coupe.



Following the vintage era, Citroën introduced the 8cv, 10cv and 15cv (commonly known as the Rosalies). These were manufactured between 1932 and 1935 and were followed by the legendary Traction Avant. While there are probably more than a hundred Tractions in South Africa, we have been unable to unearth any Rosalies.

All in all, we are only aware of nine vintage Citroëns in South Africa. If readers know of any others, please let us know at [sreacleass@mweb.co.za](mailto:sreacleass@mweb.co.za)

# Barbier visit - 2011.

What a wonderful few days spent with this marvelous couple. There was an immediate rapport & in no time we were old friends, blame it on Citroen. After tracking them down, based on info received from the Cape Car Club & an excited phone call to Zimbabwe, we managed to persuade them to stop in Johannesburg on their annual visit to see family in Cape Town.

After settling in at Walkerville, we prepared ourselves for the invitation to join Citroen SA's Management at their Linbro Park Offices for breakfast. A wonderfully warm welcome from our enthusiastic contact Sharon Garson, introductions to CEO Didier Gerard & a steady stream of Citroen employees wishing to meet the now "famous" Pierre (Peter) Barbier, who had been involved with Citroen from an early age – a toddler in fact – with a photograph of him sitting on Andre Citroen's lap to prove it. Peter also inherited the beautiful Kegresse model, the only one known to be in existence & one of only two made. A little worn from use, in pride of place at Citroen SA, with all the other family regalia, books, etc. Peter's Grandfather, Father & Uncle were employed at Citroen & were actively involved in the Kegresse production & the expeditions. Interestingly Peter met Renee when they both worked at Citroen, Slough in the UK, but that is another story. A genuine Citroen Romance !!!

A visit to Steve Renecke to see his beauties was a definite on our itinerary, where we had a royal welcome & Peter could feast his eyes on these exceptional cars. Steve's 5HP collection must be the biggest in this country, with not only the cars & a hefty stash of spares, but also models, books & endless info on his beloved "little" cars. Steve is also the proud owner of a L15 & a DS, which he uses to transport his 5HP collection to events.

Sunday saw Club Members at the Clubhouse to meet the Barbiers. An excellent Bring & Braai did the trick & Peter regaled Members with wonderful stories of his childhood, his Family & of course the Kegresse connection, his courtship & his life in Zimbabwe. It was an absolutely magic day, you could almost feel that you were there in the 1900s, with the excitement of the early days. For Stephen & I this was the ultimate Citroen experience. It's also got rather expensive as we now own a 5HP & some beautiful books of the Kegresse crossings. And the model collection is expanding, but I do understand that all these "Toys" are investments.

It was a really wonderful time spent with 2 marvelous "Citroen" people, an honour to have enjoyed their company & we certainly look forward to their next visit.

Joyce Le Roux.



"Pierre sitting with Andre Citroen's wife - note the oldies in the background - photo compliments of Citroen SA "



" Pierre Barbier as a toddler sitting on Andre Citroen's lap - compliments of Citroen SA "

# Meet the Barbier's



" Pierre at Citroen Head Office with CEO Didier Gerard. A lovely breakfast was provided & enjoyed by several Citroen employees who were anxious to meet the now famous Monsieur Barbier, who had from an early age known even the illustrious Andre Citroen. Amongst the regalia donated is a photograph of Pierre seated on Andre's lap. A wonderful visit with Pierre practicing his French on Didier, although he had spent a large part of his early days in the UK & probably has a Pommy accent. "



" The Barbiers with Didier & Stephen admiring the regalia handed to Citroen SA. "



" Pierre & Steve ready for the road !! "



" Pierre & Renee enjoying Steve's beautiful 5HP. "



" This marvelous model of the Kegresse, one of only two models made & presented to Barbier Family by Citroen when Pierre was a young child & which has been in his care until he presented it to Citroen SA recently. "



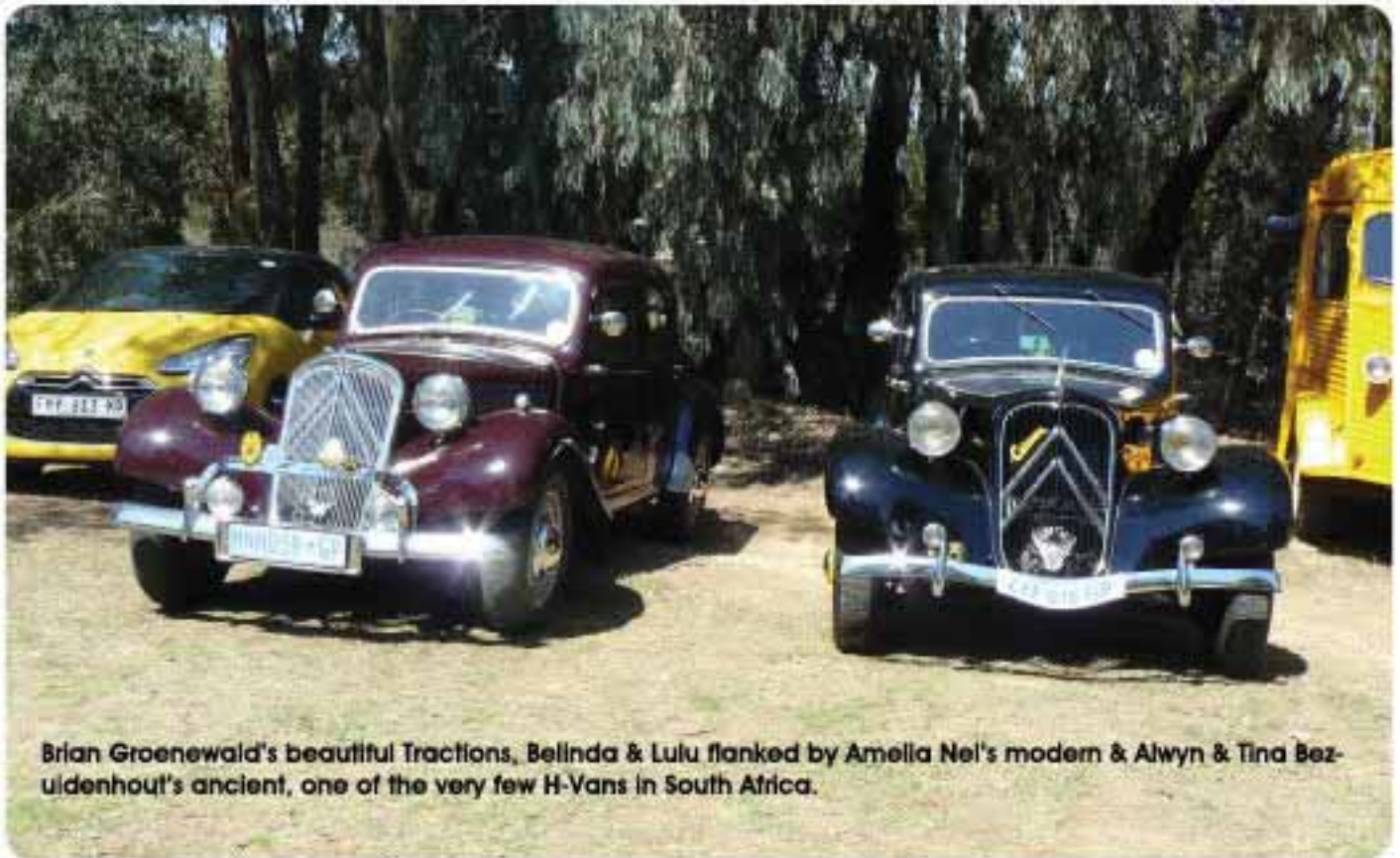
\*\* Peter with Stephen admiring Eddy Schudel's beautiful oldie, at the C.C.C. Clubhouse during the " Meet the Barbier's event " \*\*



" Steve Reneale with Pierre in his beautiful 5HP. Steve is one of the very few people that have the pleasure of owning one of these amazing little cars, in fact he has quite a collection, but that is another story. "

# *C.C.C Concours 22 October 2011 at the Clubhouse in Walkerville.*

A wonderful day had by all, with Members putting on a really grand display, with special emphasis on the Concours d'Elegance which was particularly well supported.



Brian Groenewald's beautiful Tractions, Belinda & Lulu flanked by Amella Nel's modern & Alwyn & Tina Bezuidenhout's ancient, one of the very few H-Vans in South Africa.



Brian Groenewald & Tina Bezuidenhout.



" Peek-a-bo - Tina Bezuidenhout taking part in the H Van's first Concours d' Elegance. "

# Results of the Citroën Car Club of South Africa 2012 Concours held on 22/10/2011 at the clubhouse in Walkerville.



Our Concours d' Elegance Winners, Herwig & Ansie Martinek - Bravo Guys for your excellent portrayal of a French Farmer & his wife. A really great effort from a really wonderful couple, who have always been supportive of Club events.



" Another charming shot of Concours d' Elegance Winners Herwig & Ansie Martinek. "



"Runners up, Harm & Natasha Pretorius in their beautiful DS."



Harm & Natasha Pretorius in their Concours d'Elegance garb.

## Overall Concours winner:

Brian Groenewald 902 points.

### Light 15:

1. Brian Groenewald - 885
2. Frans van den Berg - 771.

### Moderns:

1. Deon Ackermann - 779.5
2. Harm Pretorius - 770.

### 2CV

1. Konni Hoferichter - 858.5

### Concours D'Elegance

1. Herwig & Ansie Martinek 2 CV
2. Jane Winnicott 2 CV
3. Harm & Natasha DS

### Most Enthusiastic Member:

Brian Groenewald.

### Cake Competition:

1. Jane Winnicott
2. Anna Pretorius.



Jane Winnicott's beautiful purple 2CV on it's way to Elegance glory – 2nd prize.



" The ambulance crew & patient (Mummy) - Nic & Konni Hoferichter & Tony Bone "

## 2011 Hospice Wide horizon Charity Racing , Vereeniging.



\* CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KARTING CHAMPIONS WHO HAVE HELD THE CITROEN FLAG HIGH FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS AT THE WIDE HORIZON CORPORATE CHARITY RACE AT VEREENIGING. WINNERS IN 2000 & RUNNERS UP IN 2011.

TEAM 2011 ON A VICTORY ROLL – IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER – WESLEY MARKS, AVON MIDDLETON, HERMAN OPPERMAN, BARRY & MARK RICHARDSON AND DENIS WINNICOTT. THANKS FOR YOUR DEDICATION & DARING. WE ENJOYED WATCHING & CHEERING YOU ON & WILL BE THERE IN FULL FORCE IN 2012 TO SUPPORT YOUR VALIANT EFFORTS.

ANY ASPIRANT DRIVERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR TEAM ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT ROB CLARK AT 0829203097 OR DENIS WINNICOTT AT 011 475 2630 / 0834563300 FOR AN INTERVIEW & ASSESSMENT OF THEIR RACING DRIVER POTENTIAL. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND & SPUR OUR TEAM ON TO RETAKING THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2012 – SO BE THERE & ENJOY AN EXCITING DAY AT THE RACES. \*



" Excitement in the Pits, with endless advice from all & sundry. "-

# Christmas Party



" A beautiful picture of Jane Winnicott & Heather Stevens in their finery.



John Hammill with his lively Jack-Russell in party mood.



Rob Clark in action, with Alwyn Bezuidenhout in the back ground.



" A lovely picture of Luisa Julius, in the back ground Stephen Le Roux & Brian Groenewald.

"Christmas Party @ Lusikisiki, the home of John & Sue Hammill, who kindly offer their beautiful home & garden as the venue for our 2011 Party. Sue & Estee Louw organizes a wonderful Thai event with great foods & lovely décor to match. Members did us proud with their Thai outfits. Sue

had a juke box belting out the tunes to keep everyone's toes tapping & after the satisfaction of being well feed, everyone spent a very lazy afternoon enjoying that wonderful Citroen Company. "




" The A.G.M. was well attended, the Bring & Braai was thoroughly enjoyed as the Ladies always ensure that the Gourmets are satisfied & the usual quick voting saw the same Committee at the helm for 2012. "

" A delightful picture of Albert Louw & Johann Miny in their beautiful DS "

*“ If ever there was to be a Master Notice Compiler it would have to be Konni Hoferichter, he just seems to be born to the art & is indeed the best there is, so Guys if you are roped in to do an outing, do make friends with Konni !!! “*

## Slow Drive Followed By Slow Lunch

Get away from the city to a special place right on our doorstep. The ~~Eet-Sum-Mor Club~~, sorry, the  invites its Gauteng members to a memorable outing



on **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February** to **Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve** followed by **Lunch at Her Majesteas Salon** (no, that's not a typo)

Meet at the Total garage on the N3 towards Durban just past Thokoza at 9am. We leave at 9.30. Enter Suikerbosrand at the Protea Hotel (also known as Diepkloof) entrance on the Lenasia Road. For the Vaal Triangle and Southern Joburg members, it may be more convenient to meet at this entrance. To get there turn off the R59 at Klipriver and follow the road to Villiers. The entrance will be on your right. The two groups will meet there at 9.45.



Entrance to the reserve is R10 per car and R20 per adult.

The circular drive is +-50km along a lovely, one-way, tarred road. No oncoming traffic, no trucks, a cyclist here and there; perfect for our grand old ladies (and the cars too). It's a leisurely drive through undulating hills with great views. Don't forget binoculars and camera.

When we leave the reserve we head back to the N3 and then to Heidelberg. First offramp, head into the town. Turn into HF Verwoerd Street and drive to number 67. This is **Her Majesteas Salon**, a beautiful Victorian Guest Lodge and High Tea Parlour. Light lunches, cakes and of course, the very best of teas.



**Please RSVP Tony Bone at 073 089 6860** so that he knows how many people to expect.

Reminder list: Full tank of petrol, cash for entrance fee and lunch, water and refreshments along the route, binoculars & camera

# Slow drive thru Suikerbosch Nature Reserve to Heidelberg, Gauteng - 19/2/2012.



At Her Majesteas for lunch, from the left Stephen Le Roux, Albert Louw, Frikkie Visser, Johann Miny, with Jane Winnicott's Mother, June in the foreground.



New Member, Wessels with his beautiful DS on his first Club outing.



Nic Hoferichter's superb VW Kombi Ambulance, always in attendance at Citroen events.



Members try their luck at Pole Dancing, Tony Bone & Ansie Martinek. Not quite as simple as it looks & in fact an art in it's own right.



Jane Winnicott & Errol Schwegmann after an excellent meal, the cat could not look more satisfied after a bowl of cream !!!



Organizers Konni Hoferichter & Tony Bone with Herwig Martinek. Konni wearing one of those special "Martinek" T shirts, owned by a few very fortunate ZCV owners.

# ID / DS Week-end

The ID / DS Week-end have become a Citroen institution of note. The Northern Section have excelled themselves over the years & the annual event is well attended. A change from Plenaars dam in Middleburg to Riverside on the Crocodile River, near Groblersdal was an excellent & interesting venue. When I was first told by chief organizers Rolf & Amelia not to swim in the river as there were crocodiles waiting to feast on the nearest human & exclaimed with disbelief " You must be joking " It was true every word – they wallowed in the water watching our every move. I never even ventured close to the river & no one took up the challenge to swim across the river, so we packed a way the substantial prize for the next time.

The week-end was spent relaxing, enjoying wonderful company & exploring a new stomping ground for the ID /DS Weekend-ers.

We can only thanks this great group of people who have made these events as wonderful as they have been & we look forward to the big one next year – Tshipise. We can never thank the Organizers of all of our major events annually, trophies & gifts cannot show our appreciation so we can only say a simple Thank You.





" Most gatherings were at the beautiful veranda on the river bank & here Eddie van Vuuren & John Hammill enjoy the festivities with Estee Fourie, Brian Groenewald & Sue Hammill in the background. "



" Jane Winnicott being comforted by Alwyn Bezuidenhout. Looking on is Cheryl Lewis. We loved the hat !!!! "



" Cas Schoeman, enjoying the beautiful wooden deck veranda at Riverside Lodge with Chris & Glenda Lemmer & Heather Stephens - we loved this hat as well. "



" Diane van Vuuren & Stephen Le Roux on the wooden deck enjoying a sundowner. "

# MOTOR SHOWS.

Motor Shows are very popular, if not the rage at the moment. In fact you can probably attend one every week-end & therefore we have had to start being selective. Of course the SAMCA Angela's Picnic at Delta Park is an institution & is attended every year as a compulsory event. The "Citroen" breakfast with "Stuart's Gang" in attendance is a tradition & we thanks them, one & all for their selfless service to the Club & for the benefit of Hospice. Our other favorite is the Piston Ring in Modderfontein & we attend at least one event every year, usually the Continental Day. This one is very popular with the Gals as they have an extensive flea market with very nice goodies to see & buy.



"A visit to the Motor Show in Eikenhof earlier this year - Stephen Le Roux with Johan Krige, an organizer of the Show, where Stephen & Joyce had there 1937 Coupe & Cabriolet on display. Joyce was the only Lady drive of the day & received a lovely prize".



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# KZN Visit

" A wonderful visit to the V.C.C. Clubhouse was organized by Chairman Andrew Stewart & Vice Chairman Reg Taylor, both long time Citroen owners & Members of the C.C.C. Our thanks for a really superb evening."



" Our enthusiastic KZN Members - Andrew Stewart, Carl Mouton, Jo Prinsloo, Alistair & Jill Roberts enjoying a wonderful reunion. Thanks to Marilyn for arranging the great snacks."



" Aubrey Barnes, Stephen Le Roux & 2 visitors "



" Enjoying the company Jill Robert, Marilyn Mouton & Jeannine Barnes. "



" Here Treasurer Maryann Stewart with Marilyn Mouton chat to us."

# “ The next episode in the Sep Family’s DS adventure “

MORE INTERESTING NEWS FROM OUR BRAVE CITROEN TRAVELLERS, THE SEP FAMILY OF RICHARDS BAY, KZN. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WONDERFUL CITROEN SAFARI. IT IS REALLY GREAT TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU & YOUR FAMILY ENJOYED YOUR BEAUTIFUL CAR. A SMALL WORLD WITH STEF BEING SPOTTED BY NIC HOFERICHTER OF GAUTENG.

Hi Nicholas! Yes I remember you! Thanks for the pictures. We all enjoyed the attention we got on the road. My right arm was very tanned when we came back; you can see why on your picture. How was your holiday?

Oh yes the DS is a mighty car. What an engine! Especially compared to my old 12 hp 1955 2cv. It makes great cruising. It is a 1973 7 seater The engine is a 100 hp 2 litre with a 5 speed gear-box. The total weight of the loaded car was probably well over 2 tons (empty weight is 1.5 tons) but with the excellent aerodynamics you can reach great speeds. I always drove only on the 1st stage of the carburettor to keep the fuel usage down a bit and still we drove 110-130 km hour on the flat. We averaged 10 km/litre. I tried top speed once; 160 real (satnav) km/hour for a fully loaded 39 year old car!

The car is at its best on dirtroads. That suspension combined with an extremely long wheelbase and front wheel drive just works brilliantly! The only downside was the combination of; no aircon, South African sun and brown vinyl seats... It was such a good trip, Here are some more pictures;



**Single lane road from Addo to Oudtshoorn;**



**R62 from Oudtshoorn to Swellendam;**



**In and around Somerset West;**



Stellenbosch



Capetown:



Small world... We caught you turning onto the N1 towards JHB. If your memory is good, you'll remember a silver Daihatsu Terios speeding up and slowing down repeatedly, with a dashing young man hanging out of the window taking photos. Even loaded up, that thing shifts quite impressively! Cheers, Nic (son of Konni [2CVs])



I trust all is well with you and Joyce, I just returned from a 5000 km trip through SA with the whole family in my DS Safari. We drove from Richards Bay through Port st. Johns, Addo Oudtshoorn to Stellenbosch and back through the karoo. It was fantastic!

# *“ Visit to Citroen showroom in Paris ”*

I would like to share some photos with you. I had the privilege of visiting Paris during May and came across this most amazing Citroen showroom. Six floors of showroom, not wider than 8 meters, with one car on each floor. Unfortunately nobody could speak English and we were not allowed to touch the cars. As you can see the red car seems to be a proto-type (I think) and the new DS4 was also on display. I found the half-track very interesting, developed in the 1920's by Andre Citroen & Adolphe Keggresse (his engineer) and used in crossing the Sahara desert & the Himalayas (1931/32)

Vrystaat groete, Peter Killian “



# *Veronica & Jarrod's Wedding*

She insisted on the 2CV as her wedding car, that is the reason why I wanted the 'eyelashes', made up my own which worked very well. With Kind Regards. REG TAYLOR. KZN.



## *Matric Farewell*

" And a young Greek las ( goddess ) chooses to be carried in style to her matric farewell "

Thanks to Jo Prinsloo for this beautiful picture of his DS with a lovely young lady.



# News From Members



" A recent visit from Andre Badenhorst of Fochville. Andre is Member number 159 & joined the Club on 28/8/1983. Although we don't see him often, he has been a loyal Member, always there to help when possible, annual subs always paid up for several years in advance & every now & then we can expect a lively phone call from him. He joined up as a young man in the army & we're still blown away by those beautiful blue eyes. Thanks for being there for us. "



" A visit to Walkerville by John Fletterman & his cousin from Holland, Patrick van Griethulzen, an Ami expert par excellence.

" Hallo Joice, nice talking to You.

The photo of an Ami 6 in the newsletter was quite stimulating for me. It brought back good memories to my time as a student back in Germany in the late 60s. There are some photos of that model to be found in WIKIPEDIA under CITROEN AMI6 I owned an Ami 6 - with the weird roof and rear window - and I loved that car. I remember using it for a year and selling it for more DM than I ever paid for it. By the way - it was my 3rd Citroen after an AZAM 6 and a 2CV6. We are now proud to own and drive a red 2CV6 - one of the last ones to leave the factory in Portugal. Just under Km 20.000 on the clock, LHD, and rust-free. Wilfried in Barber-ton = "

First of all I wish you A Happy New Year!

I just came home last week, I was in the US with the family this time and finally home again. Too late ofcourse to send cards but I received yours thank you for that! Everything here is back to normal again - and how is life overthere still busy with the Citroens as you wrote me. I am not so sure if I can go to Yorkshire this year, but I hope you can manage to go back to SA via Schiphol and stay with me for a couple of days? I will keep my fingers crossed! In the meantime have a big big hug with love.

Marjke Krijgsman.  
Amsterdam,  
Holland. "

" I am still in Germany and can therefore not contribute to activities."  
All the best for the club for 2012.

Regards, Evert Schlunz "

" Nice magazine Joice

Will you be going to Harrogate in August for the ICCCR? I plan to be there for the whole week with the two girls Sienna and Sabrina, Mente will join us for a couple of days.

My role is curator of the Museum and we have some special exhibits.

Hope to hear from you and maybe see you soon.

Kind regards  
Marcus Carlton  
Chairman D- section of the Citroen Car Club, UK.

# News From Members



\* HI

Basil Barnes has suggested that I should make contact. I have a 1988 2CV, 58000 miles from new, I am attaching a photo: various parts are arriving this week including new roof, seat covers, Michelin tyres so will be back to perfect very soon! I know several other Citroën owners in Zimbabwe. They were even assembled in this country!

Kind regards  
Tony Jordan \*

"The magazine -- it looks great! Well done! I can see that a lot of work went into it!

Regards  
Henri van Schalk,  
Chairman Cape Citroën Club . \*  
Cape Car Club.

" Lots of festivities to all of you too!  
Dirck Pont. "

My Dear Friends, Stephen and Joyce,

CONGRATULATIONS for the Citroënnews Renaissance ! Very well done, and I like the covers front and back with the Ami coming on and going back. Long life to this new edition. With my best regards, Olivier de SERRES, Poce sur Clisse, France,

\* Hello there Chobbie,

What a lovely surprise to hear from you in the form of the pictures of a Citroën DS Safari. This must be an exceptionally rare Citroën in S. Africa. Thank you so much for remembering me, I believe I saw this particular Citroën on display at the 'Cars in the Park' show in Pietermaritzburg last year. A picture of what seems to be an identical Safari is also featured in the section on classical cars of the 1960's in the latest (February) issue of 'Car' magazine (along with one of the Citroën 2CV Sahara, which had two engines -- a most unusual 4 x 4).

Kind regards  
Alex & Cindy Nelemans  
KZN. \*

\* Thanks for the great first copy of Citroënnews. Lets hope there will be many more.

Many thanks  
Andrew Stewart.  
KZN. \*

\* Thank you for this beautiful edition of our Magazine !

All well here in Douglas with us and the Citroëns !

You Guys seem to be very well too ?

Regards Jacob Bosman \*

\* Good to hear from you and glad you liked the newsletter. Angela's was great and I wish our POMC would move back to the Pioneer museum for the atmosphere. If you have an electronic newsletter for the Citroën club, please put me on your mailing list. If I live long enough I still want to try and get one of those C-2V's? (not sure about the model description and too lazy to look it up), but you know it is the small spinnekop).

Regards

Pedro Diederichs.  
Editor.  
Micro Car Club of South Africa. \*

# News From Members

## Gabriel's Citroen Car outing 18 July in Silverwater, Sydney, Australia.

I hope that this email finds you all well. I have attached photos of my two babies at the Citroen Clubs French Day Outing and Concours that was held on 18 July.

My car generated a lot of interest and won First Prize in the 2CV and Variants – all models category. Although it was a one horse race, the club issued a trophy as they felt that the car was a worthy competitor. The other entrants were 3 x Tractions, 1 x SM, numerous DS's and various moderns.

Pieter and Hella Zeeman were there, I have bumped into Peter at this event previously. Peter is looking to buy a 2CV in Oz, they are both well and send regards.

Please look closely at Gabriel's shirt.

I really wish that I could share these Citroen family moments with the Citroen Car Club Of SA.

Fondest Love,

Brad, Lisa & Gabriel



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# OBITUARY

**Willie & Jeannette Balabanoff - Member no 344 - joined 12/7/88.**



**20/3/1928 – 11/9/2012**



**12/5/1933 – 18/11/2008**

It was a mission to get Willie to join the Club, but once persuaded, he & Jeannette joined into all Club activities with a gusto not matched by many others.

His love for the Marque Citroen was clearly seen by everyone, he had a large & diverse collection of cars, including his beloved Rolls Royce. He ran a very successful Citroen Garage in Roodepoort. His establishment was well known & his reputation of excellence, reliability & enthusiasm was a trademark of his business, and spilt over into his private life. His loyalty to the Club was phenomenal, whatever was required of him, would be done with pleasure, however when you got his famous "no ways" you knew the line had been reached.

With a great sense of adventure, long distance Citroen trips were his forte & many an interesting story emanated from these expeditions countrywide. Even as they got older it was no problem to join in & Willie, even though driving one of the faster Citroens would remain last in the queue of beautiful oldies riding shot gun, making sure that there were no stragglers.

Willie & Jeannette were very family orientated & were very proud of their sons, Jeremy & David. It was always a special occasion to be invited to the Balabanoffs & no effort was spared to entertain their guests. They attracted people to them who became good friends. Club Members regarded them as special honoured family.

Willie's garden was his haven, with the wild birds & fish catered for, Sherman the tortoise roamed free on the property & of course Willie's famous Bonsais dominated the scene. He regularly donated a tree as a prize at Citroen events, there is hardly a person who has not had to care for one, & some who guiltily buried one. Stephen is now the custodian of some of Willie's prize specimens after being coerced into the art of Bonsai he thoroughly enjoys the task & is honoured that Willie entrusted him with his treasures. Jeannette enjoyed being a superb home maker & was always interested in the finer things in life, was extremely knowledgeable & cared for by all.

Willie has a variety of interests, friends from all walks of life & was an amazing man. Many of us have beautiful wood carving to remember him by, but it is the man & woman that were the most important in our lives, who enriched by knowing them.

Comment from Friends - Willie was always very generous with his time & free with advice. Everyone loved him, he was like a great big loveable Teddy Bear. He was like a father to all. KFC & Mike's Kitchen will be a sadder place without them

Stephen & I recently visit a very special place in Magaliesburg – Willie's Acre & memories rushed back – the boat trip to the UK, with Willie "standing up" pouring a generous glass of whisky, Jeannette with her vast knowledge of gourmet cooking kept us informed of the menu of the day on board ship, in rough seas, mountainous actually they keep a steady walk & didn't miss a meal !! Their infinite love & caring for all people around them & their valuable friendship. These two people held a very special place in our hearts & lives. We were accepted as family one of the greatest honours in life. An amazing couple, loved by all.

Stephen & Joyce Le Roux; Bubbles Fourie & Stuart Richardson and Denis & Jane Winnicott.



***"Willie & Jeannette  
with sons Jeremy &  
David at Willie's 80  
birthday  
celebrations"***

# OBITUARY

**GEORGE THOM - 29/11/1931 – 25/4/2012**

**-Member no 23 – joined 27/5/1980.**



George & Annatjie were loyal & active Members of the Citroen Traction Register for many years. George served as a Committee Member & was instrumental in the drafting of our Constitution. Annatjie was one of those rare people loved by all. We salute them both & remember the good times we enjoyed together.

Joyce Le Roux.

George's love of flight started with flying lessons at Wonderboom airport. He excelled, enlisting in the SA Air Force to pursue his dream. At Dunotter air base he trained in Tiger Moths. Receiving his wings George transferred to Swartkops where he flew Harvards, Spitfires and Mustangs. In 1951 George volunteered to serve in Korea, trained in Canada & England to fly Sabre jets. Korea was tough, but nothing deterred George & he was known to challenge the "Yanks" at drinking competitions – winning more often than not. Shortly before armistice he was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, captured, & transferred to a POW camp. George was fond of recalling the story of his mates, whom upon hearing of his capture, went straight to the bar and utilised his credit.

On his return George continued as a flight instructor at Dunotter, transferred to Cape Town for conversion to helicopters. He flew Allouettes, and was promoted to Squadron Commander. In 1968 he was transferred to Durban as Officer Commanding. At this time I met George at the Amamzimtoti Beach Golf Club, & after all these years can break my silence and repeat an event that occurred one weekday afternoon: George and his co-pilot were out testing a helicopter when he had an urge for a "Limo and coke". Hovering over the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway, all was clear, lowered the craft, landed, and rushed in for a "sharpie". George explained this could see the end of his career if HQ were to hear – well clearly they did not. George continued his distinguished career with the air force, transferring back to Pretoria where he retired as a Brigadier General at the Tactical Air Support Unit in 1986.

Apart from his love of aeroplanes George had another passion – Citroens. His association with the Marque began in 1950. At the time he was driving a Matchless 600cc when the OC explained that "Officers do not ride motor cycles" it set the scene for George's first L15, purchased from Minerva Motors in Pretoria. The car proved troublesome, expensive to maintain & was sold shortly before leaving for Korea. On returning George decided that restoration was the route to follow & was rewarded when one was found in Vereeniging.

George was one of the early members of the CTR and it is with pride that I display his membership badge number 7 on my L15 today. He resigned from the CTR to start the Citroen Owners Club, based in Pretoria. This he ran until failing health caused him to close the club in 2010.

Over a period of 50 years George had collected a wealth of knowledge relating to Citroens, in particular the L15, not to mention 7 garages of spares. He was free with his time, and loved nothing more than sharing his knowledge. I enjoyed spending lazy Sunday afternoons with George, where our conversation would always focus on the L15, but also talking about the "good old days" in Toti, always brought back many a memory. He lived life to the full & succumbed to kidney failure at the age of 80, but will live on in our memories for ever. The picture I have of George does not stand on the mantle, but hangs on my garage wall, where he watches over the L15 whose restoration he played such a part in. Rest in peace my friend.

A fellow Citroenian – Errol Schwegmann.



\* Annatjie with George's beloved TP 1160 on Signal Hill – Cape Tour 1987.

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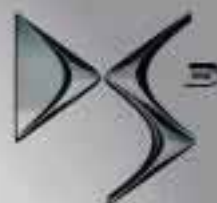
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