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## Newsletter May 2016

Hi Folks,

There were some good displays of VW models at our March 2016 meeting for the theme "70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the VW Beetle" - with Tony Govender's large display stand being most noteworthy.

Those members who bid successfully at the Closed Auction, can pay for and collect their models at our May meeting.

As mentioned in the March 2016 newsletter, all the recent financial increases in expenditure we face at NDMC mean that it is becoming more and more important and critical for members to pay their subscription fees on time. Many members have already done so, but there are still a number of members who have not paid. Please make arrangements to pay this NDMC membership subscription ASAP - or if you no longer wish to continue with your NDMC membership and subscription, please tell me.

Reminder - A model railway exhibition will be held by The Model Railway Society on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Westville Civic Centre. Ian Sutherland will give us more detail and information when available.

(Note: The 91st edition of the world's biggest and oldest ultra-marathon is all set to be run on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and is a downhill run from PMB to Durban. The M13 route through parts of Hillcrest, Gillitts, Kloof, and Westville and towards Durban is normally closed in that direction, and used by the runners for much of the day)

Our theme for the evening at our May meeting is "British Royalty Transport - including horse drawn carriages and coaches". The car makes include Rolls Royce, Bentley, Jaguar, Land Rover, Vauxhall, Volkswagen, Daimler and Aston Martin. But, many of these car makers made bespoke cars for the Royal family, and this means that many members may not have the actual models - so suggest members bring along similar models of these makes to the meeting to commemorate this theme.

See <http://www.msn.com/en-za/cars/autosphotos/the-queen-a-life-in-cars/ss-BBsbwMk?ocid=UE01DHP#image=2>

Royal state coaches of the British monarch

Gold State Coach [Scottish State Coach](#) [Irish State Coach](#) [Queen Alexandra's State Coach](#)

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See these links [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gold\\_State\\_Coach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gold_State_Coach)

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=royal%20coaches%20used%20by%20the%20queen&FORM=PRHPHI&refig=b6d743fa515644488aeed62009e88015&ocid=UE01DHP>

There are many more interesting and fascinating facts about these coaches which are too numerous to mention here, so suggest if you are interested and want to read more, open and read the links above.

e.g. For the Gold State Coach - [Queen Victoria](#) complained of the "distressing oscillation" of the cabin. She would often refuse to ride in the Gold State Coach. A later monarch; King [George VI](#) said that his journey from the palace to Westminster Abbey for his coronation was "one of the most uncomfortable rides I have ever had in my life".<sup>1</sup>

For the Diamond Jubilee Coach - The lion in the Royal Coat of Arms has been painted in such a way that regardless of where the viewer may be standing his eyes gaze directly at them.

Richard Hebron will be holding an Annual Hobbies Fair on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Richard will give us more details when these are available.

See you at the next meeting,  
Keep collecting,

*Philip*



**The Queen: 90 years in cars**

As the Queen celebrates her 90th birthday, we take a look back at some of the cars she has either driven or been driven in, which includes everything from a palatial Bentley to a Vauxhall estate for carrying her beloved corgis.



**Bentley Mulsanne**

Four carmakers hold a Royal Warrant for supplying vehicles to Her Majesty The Queen, namely Bentley, Jaguar Land Rover, Vauxhall and Volkswagen. A fifth, Aston Martin, holds a Royal Warrant for His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. This Bentley Mulsanne was used by the Monarch during a two-year period from 2012 to 2014.



**Bentley State Limousine**

This unique Bentley State Limousine was presented to the Queen in 2002 to mark the 50th anniversary of her succession to the throne. Though based on the Bentley Arnage, the Crewe company went to great lengths to ensure this was as bespoke as possible. Well, it isn't every day you celebrate your Golden Jubilee.

The State Limousine is powered by a modified version of the 6.75-liter V8 from the Bentley Arnage R, developing 400-horsepower and 616lb-ft of torque. Such power is required when attempting to move such a huge car along the road.



**Daimler Super V8 LWB**

For three years, this 2001 Daimler Super V8 LWB limousine was the personal transport of Her Majesty and it was often seen providing transport between Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

Daimler has a rich history of providing vehicle to the Royal Family and the company went to great lengths to ensure the car would meet the exacting standards required for royal approval. In fact, the Jaguar/Daimler factory covered around 2,500 miles before the car was delivered, just to ensure every potential issue was ironed out.



**Land Rover 'Royal Review State' V Series III**

Commissioned for the Queen and owned by the Ministry of Defence, this 1978 Land Rover 'Royal Review State' V Series III was auctioned by Historics of Brooklands in 2012.



**Jaguar Land Rover**

Meanwhile, this is Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in Mauritius in 1972.



Rolls-Royce

Think of royal weddings and thoughts inevitably turn to the Rolls-Royce, a brand with a rich history of links with the Queen. Whether on a state visit or taking part in a royal engagement, there's often been a Rolls-Royce close at hand. This five-car line up was photographed at the Royal Mews.

#### **Royal state coaches of the British monarch**



**The Gold State Coach - which was built for George III in 1762  
Note the supports under the axles, as the coach weighs four tons.**



As the heaviest of the royal coaches, the Gold State Coach is an eight horse-drawn carriage



A close up of the artwork by Giovanni Cipriani



The Diamond Jubilee State Coach was unveiled during the State Opening of Parliament in 2014.

Built to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, it is only the second coach to be built for the Royal Household in over a century and has successfully combined traditional craftsmanship with modern technology.

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#### Upcoming events

Date	Event / Function	Venue	Comments
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	NDMC Meeting	VCC - Kloof	Time: 17:00 for 17:30 'till we end. Subs due: R150.00 / year. R80.00 Country Members Cost: R35.00 for non-members
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Theme		British Royalty Transport - including horse drawn carriages and coaches. Car makes include Rolls Royce, Bentley, Jaguar, Land Rover, Vauxhall, Volkswagen, Daimler and Aston Martin
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	The Model Railway Society	Westville Civic Centre	Note: The annual Comrades Marathon will be held on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 - Some parts of the M13 through Hillcrest, Gillitts and Westville towards Durban may be closed.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	Annual Hobbies Fair	Moth Hall, Malvern - to be confirmed	9am to 3pm - The directions and flyer will be on our Website soon.

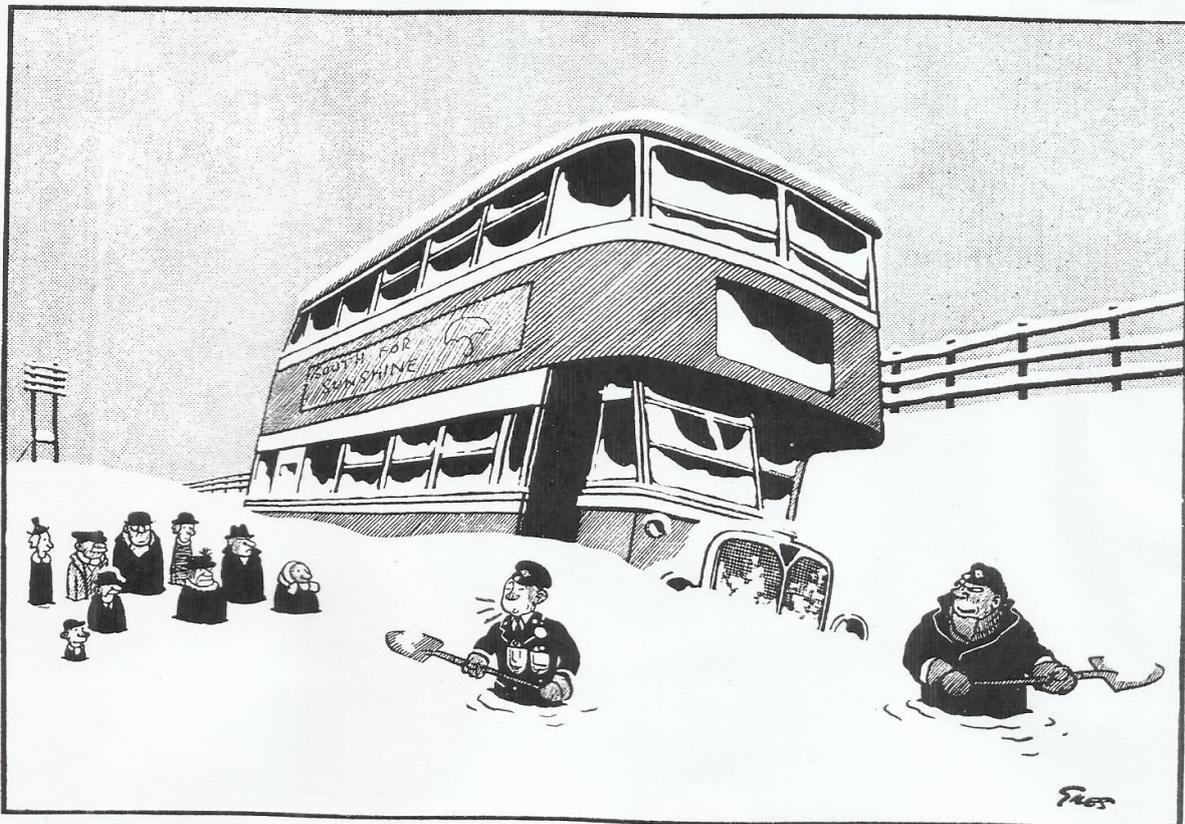
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ROY JOUBERT'S  
MOTORING JOKES



'When I said knock off a jag for the getaway, I didn't mean *this* model!'



"If you don't quit whistling 'Your tiny hand is frozen' I'm going to come over and do yer."