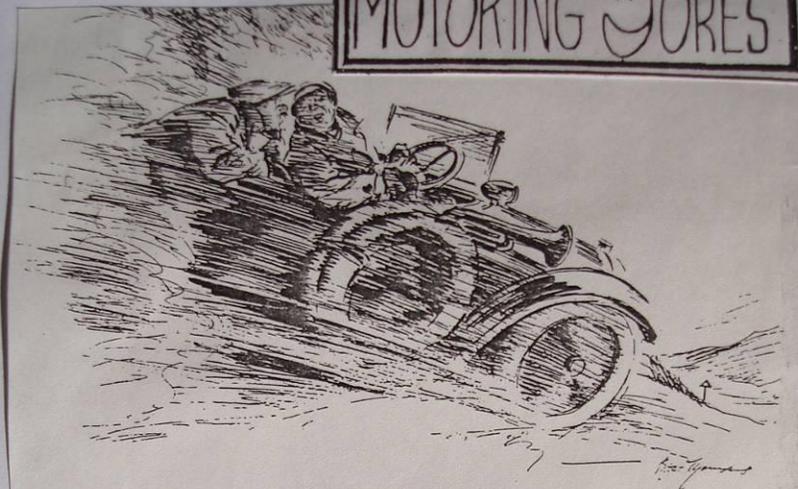


BOY JOUBERT'S
MOTORING JOKES



Nervous Passenger: "What's that queer sound?"
Irish Chauffeur: "Tis the foot-brake, Sorr, is out of order and the hand-brake won't work.
But don't be onaisy, Sorr - the hooter is all right."



Alarmed Motorist (after collision): "Are you hurt?"
Butcher Boy: "Where's my kidneys?"

Natal Diecast Model Collectors

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965 Euclid Rear Dump Truck in yellow by Dinky Supertoys

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Details of next meeting:

Date: Monday 28th May 2011
Venue: VCC Clubhouse, Kloof
Time: 17:30 for 18:00 'till we end
Cost: R20-00 for non-members
Subs due: R100-00 for the year.
R60-00 for Country Members
Theme: "Earth Moving Equipment"

Dates to look out for:

Monday May 28th Natal Diecast Model Collectors Meeting
VCC – Kloof

Saturday June 2nd Annual Hobbies Fair
Bellair Primary School

Sunday August 12th Vintage Baynesfield Fair "Time Marches On"
Baynesfield Museum (On N3 - Exit 61 from DBN then R56 – Richmond area

Guide for Buyers and Sellers for Collecting

The late Geoff Sear copied this guide from an earlier MAP newsletter, and it was re-printed in the October / December 1986 NDC Newsletter.

Geoff made these comments just prior to the 6th National Swop meet - held in the then Transvaal on 11th October 1986: "We have a few newcomers amongst us, and I think the following guide is well-worth renewing. Some of us older collectors I think could also do with a refresher course."

- 1) If you have agreed to part with a model under certain conditions, or supply a model at a fixed price, stick to it. It's very easy to gain a bad reputation if you do not keep your word.
- 2) If you do not succeed in obtaining a certain model this time, leave it, as it may well turn up next time, in better condition and at a better price.
- 3) Do not substitute the model that you have agreed to swop or sell for an inferior one.
- 4) If someone else is negotiating for a certain model - even if it takes time - respect him and do not 'steal' the model from him.
- 5) If you've given someone an option, ask him whether he is still interested in it - before selling or swopping with someone else.
- 6) Always bear in mind that collecting model cars should be a hobby. Leave the business side to the professionals.
- 7) You owe it to your own good name to pay a reasonable price for every model bought - especially when buying from a non-collector who wants to see their models go to a good home.
- 8) Avoid all sharks and antique dealers who may try to sell you models at grossly inflated prices.
- 9) When confronted with a collection belonging to a non-collector and not wanting to purchase it for yourself, or being unable to purchase the lot, try by any means to help other collectors and save the collection. We may be able to help the owner by selling it at a closed or open auction.
- 10) Avoid mentioning what you think a model is worth or what your collection is worth in terms of cash when talking to a non-collector, as this again will inflate the price of models - especially if they have a few models stashed away in the garage.

Geoff continued: "True words, I do not think there is a single collector amongst us who has not at one time or another been involved with one of these ten commandments. It boils down to the fact that it is not worth risking a friendship - or your name as a collector - in order to obtain a model or cash in a dubious way."

can hold a competition with a prize offered for the best logos submitted – and then chosen by members for both our NDMC club - and the Hobbies Fair. What do members think ?

And unfortunately, members without PC's and website access are going to miss out, as they will continue to only receive a hard copy of the black and white newsletter as before, and they will not see all the colours and website content available. These members can still partake by contributing hard copies and scans for inclusion on the website - but for those members without their own PC - or access to a friend's PC - unfortunately too, they will not be able to log on and see all the various other website links.

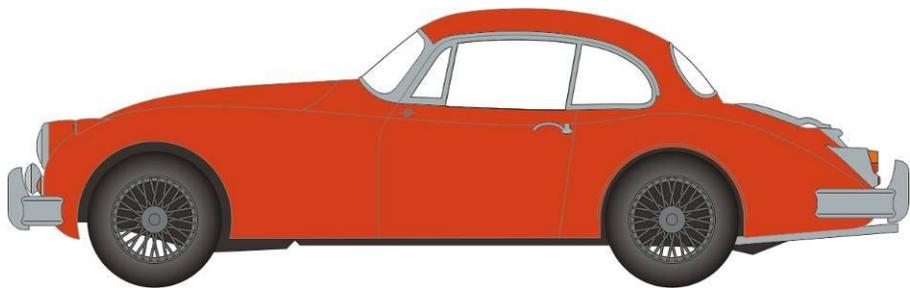
But, what do you think about the new NDMC website ? Please send me your suggestions, and any relevant material and ideas about our club and hobby which can be included on the website.

And please tell our members who you may know do not have PC access about our new website.

Hope you enjoy the website - and I look forward to receiving your input, and hearing from you.

Oxford Jaguar XK 150 - 1/43rd scale

Below is a pic of the soon to be released Oxford Jaguar XK 150 in 1/43rd scale – Model No JAGXK150003 in Carmen Red.
The Jaguar XK 150 will also be available as a roadster - in Old English White – Model No JAGXK150002.



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Hi Folks !

Well, since last we met, I'm pleased to tell you that the majority of members have voted to retain the NDMC name – and it's also great to tell you that we've launched our new NDMC website www.ndmc.co.za

I think that this website is a big step forward for our club – as now most of our clubs more important information, with Links and Gallery Pics, Diorama Competition, Newsletters etc are all in one place.

Hopefully, most of you have visited this website by now – and for those members without PC's – I suggest you try and access the website via the PC of a family member or friend. See article in this newsletter - “Proposed NDMC Name Change – and Launch of new NDMC website”

Our March meeting was well attended – and the theme was “Steam Wagons, Vehicles & Stationary Steam Engines”

There were some interesting models displayed at the meeting – including a number of stationary steam engines - including from Meccano – plus steam wagons and vehicles, including early steam cars and steam ships. At least one model of the Titanic was also on display, commemorating the launch and a few days later, the well-documented sinking of the ship in April 1912.

On page 7 is an article on a “Guide for Buyers and Sellers for Collecting”. This guide was found by the late Geoff Sear, and was printed in the October / December 1986 “Natal Diecast Collectors” newsletter. Although this guide was directed at the time at a forthcoming Swop meet in 1986, I think that much of the content still applies to collectors – and is just as relevant today.

The theme for our May meeting is “Earth Moving Equipment”

Many thanks to Alf Reynolds for his recent donation of past NDC and NDMC newsletters to the club – some going back as far as the mid 1980's.

Richard Hebborn is holding another Annual Hobbies Fair at the Bellair Primary School on Saturday 2nd June 2012. Richard's contact Nos are on page 2 of the newsletter, and tables are free if you display, and cost R100.00 for sellers.

See you at the next meeting,
Keep collecting

Philip

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Proposed NDMC Name Change - and Launch of New NDMC Website.
By Philip Ellis

(Note: This article was written and sent to members by e-mail on 18th April 2012 - so apologies for repeating the content to those who may have already read it)

As per my e-mail sent to members on 3rd April 2012 - today 18th April 2012 - is the deadline to submit votes for the proposed name change to our NDMC club.

Up until today, 18 members have voted to retain the NDMC name - and there are 2 members who have proposed new names.

There are just 24 paid up members to date - and who are entitled to vote - so only 4 have not voted - we had 32 paid up members last year.

So to summarise:

Votes to retain NDMC name	18
Votes for New Club Names	2
Abstentions	4
Total Paid Up Members	24

No votes have been received since last week, and from the votes submitted thus far, I would say we have an absolute majority to retain Natal Diecast Model Collectors (NDMC) as our official club name – and so now that the proposed name change is behind us, we can proceed to the next step.

I am therefore delighted and excited to announce that a website in our NDMC name has already been registered, and that today we are proud to be launching our new NDMC website - and I think that this website is a great and exciting start for us, and also a huge step forward for our club.

See www.ndmc.co.za

There are a number of live links - incl. Newsletters (only 8 included so far) Events, the Photo Gallery, and Links - and where our webmaster John Williams has included Richard's forthcoming Hobbies Fair

pamphlet in PDF format. Similar forthcoming events in DBN and PMB can also be listed here in future.

Our thanks and compliments to our webmaster John Williams for building our NDMC website so speedily - over a period of just a few weeks, John has been a pleasure to deal with as he is professional, efficient, and available “24/7” !! - First he set up and built a temporary website, and then as the expiry date for this website approached, and only recently, John converted the temporary website to our permanent NDMC website. And I would definitely recommend John's website services to others.

Please look at the website - our founder members names are listed - but is this list correct ? Also we have used some of the info. from the notice of the 1st meeting held on 25th March 1980 - and so without any fuss or fanfare, our club has just turned 32 years old.

On the website, there are also pics and info. for our “Rod Guérin Annual Diorama Competition” - including past winners.

But there's still a long way to go. We need input from all our members - and for you as a member to check, verify and edit if required the website info. as already inserted - and to add much more. It's the club's website, so suggest you send me your ideas and proposals for inclusion - and then all our NDMC data and information will be in one place.

We also need a new NDMC club logo. As I recall, some years ago Terry Morgan designed a black and white logo in the shape of a car while using the alpha characters of the NDMC name - so perhaps we can ask Terry to re-submit this logo and use this - but with the logo redone by a Graphics Designer in colour - or if members so wish, we can design another one. Another suggestion is to use an early Dinky or Matchbox Van - and then design our name and club logo around that. Please send me your designs and ideas for this - we can then put all these proposed logos as submitted onto the website, and then members can vote for their choice.

Logos can be submitted in sketch form, and then we will probably have to pay for the services of a Graphics Designer – to develop the logo in high resolution, so the logo will be suitable for both our website and newsletters.

Similarly too - Richard is looking for a logo for his Hobbies Fair - so maybe we