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MOTORING JOKES

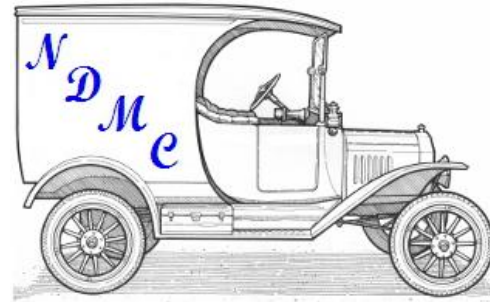


Constable (to motorist who has exceeded the speed limit): "And I have my doubts about this being your first offence. Your face seems familiar to me."



P.C.: "You were doing forty miles an hour, Sir."  
Motorist (whispering): "Make it seventy, I'm trying to sell him the thing."

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Natal Diecast  
Model Collectors

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1966 Ford Cortina MK II GT No VA04100  
In Ermine White with black vinyl roof by Vanguard.

# Natal Diecast Model Collectors

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## *Details of next meeting:*

**Date:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
**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:** "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ford Cortina"

## *Dates to look out for:*

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July ..... Natal Diecast Model Collectors Meeting  
VCC - Kloof

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July..... Scottburgh Classic Car Show  
Scottburgh Country Club

## Closed Auction - July Meeting

**John Winter's Closed Auction of models from the  
collection of the late Neville Nicholson.**

Make	Model	Code	Colour	Condition	Bid
Brumm	Jaguar XK 140 sports		Silver	Mint	
Corgi	Morris Minor 1000	UK	Green	Mint	
Dinky Matchbox	Jaguar E-type sports	1967 DY1	Green	Mint	
Dinky	Hindle smart truck & trailer	421	Burgundy	Played with / Scratched	
Dinky	Meccano trailer #25G	25G	Red	Played with / Some paint loss.	
Dinky matchbox	MGB GT. Sports	1965 DY3	Blue	Mint	
Dinky	MG Midget TF Sports	108	Red	Played with / Scratched	
Rio	Mercedes Benz. Goering's Cabriolet.	1937	Grey	Mint	
Rio	Mercedes Benz. Hitler's armoured car	1937 64	Black	Mint	
Somerville	Mercedes Benz 300 SL sports (White metal)	105	Silver	Mint. Rare.	
Dinky	Lagonda	38C	Green	Repaint	
Dinky	Hillman Imp	40F	Green	Fair	
Dinky	Vauxhall	30D	Green	Repaint	
Dinky	Riley	40A	Blue	Repaint	

Bidder:.....phone .....

has made 17 liveries for this two-door saloon since 2000. They include seven road cars, five police cars, and five race/rally liveries.

Sources : "Diecast Collector" and "The World of Automobiles - An Illustrated Encyclopaedia of the Motor Car"



**1965 Ford Cortina No 133 in Yellow by Dinky - with jewelled head and rear lights, opening doors, front tipping seats and number plates**

#### **Reminder - A few notes on NDMC Closed Auctions:**

- 1) Preference will be given to those NDMC members whose subs are fully paid for the year.
- 2) Participating members should submit a realistic bid.
- 3) NDMC try to spread models amongst participating members, as fairly and equitably as is reasonably possible.
- 4) At model adjudication, a participating member may be asked if he wishes to raise his bid slightly upwards to meet another member's bid, where the other member would otherwise secure two or more models.

Hi Folks !

The theme for our May meeting was "Earth Moving Equipment" and there were some fascinating and unusual models displayed by members.

However, Chris Brown brought along a visitor Gavin Chandler, who completely outdid all of us with an impressive and huge display of earth moving equipment models, and his presentation covered nearly two trestle tables. Well done Gavin.

We welcome Cedric Getkate as a new member of our club. Cedric collects pre-1975 cars and buses, and he hopes to find additional models in this theme to add to his collection.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Ron Gersbank who has kindly presented a copy of Cecil Gibson's book "History of British Dinky Toys 1934 to 1964" to our club. Interested members can contact me, if they wish to borrow it.

Our thanks also to Ron for the time he is spending compiling a list of British Car Marques and model makes for our website. This list is being updated continuously on the website, and members can visit our website [www.ndmc.co.za](http://www.ndmc.co.za) to see the latest list.

John Winter and Neville Geddes will be selling a selection of Dinky models and several other model makes by Closed Auction at our July meeting. (See notes on our NDMC Closed Auctions on page 6 - and the list of models for sale by John on page 7)

Only one suggested theme has been received for our November Diorama competition "A Christmas Scene" - are there any other suggestions ?

As I mentioned at our last meeting, and in memory of Geoff, Marilynne and Rowan Sear have kindly donated a 1/18<sup>th</sup> model of a Mini Cooper to our club, and we are having it suitably mounted as a floating trophy for presentation at our end of the year Diorama competition. This trophy will be called the Geoff Sear Diorama Floating Trophy.

However this presents our club with a dilemma. At the moment, we have a 1/18<sup>th</sup> model of a 1937 Studebaker Coupe Express Pick Up which is

mounted as the “Rod Guérin Diorama Floating Trophy” – and, as members know, this floating trophy is presented to the annual Diorama winner. We have also called our Diorama competition the “Rod Guérin Annual Diorama Competition” - but unfortunately, this competition name now seems to also limit the possible introduction of any additional floating trophies to the competition - and prevents us from using any future floating trophy names on an equal basis.

To give our club more scope with the naming of future floating trophies, my suggestion is to rename our Diorama competition “The NDMC Annual Diorama Competition” - and for the overall winner and the winner of the Diorama of the evening to then each choose from the two floating trophies (and then perhaps in future we could also have additional floating trophies) - and the idea is that all of these floating trophies would be similarly made up and they would all be considered “equal” - except that at the moment, one is in memory of Rod - the Studebaker - and the other is in memory of Geoff - the Mini Cooper. (Note: The normal cash prizes will still be on offer.)

Please bring your thoughts and suggestions to our next meeting on this proposal to rename our Diorama competition, and we can discuss them.

Simon Bruton has submitted a Ford Model T as a proposed logo for our club - this logo has been placed on our NDMC website for a few weeks already, and this new mast-head is also shown on the front page of this newsletter.

After a request to submit logos some weeks ago, this has been the only suitable logo submitted thus far. But, what do members think ? Again, we can discuss at our meeting, so please bring your thoughts and suggestions.

Richard Hebron will be exhibiting at the Scottburgh Classic Car Show to be held in late July. See Page 2 for further details, and please try and support this show, to keep both your hobby and interests alive and active.

See you at the next meeting,

Keep collecting

*Philip*

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ford Cortina

The last 50 years has seen the Ford Cortina develop into one of Britain’s best loved cars. The appeal of the Ford Cortina was not confined to the streets, as it also made its mark on the racetrack.

The development of the engine began with the 1500cc Ford Cortina GT engine, which had a five bearing crankshaft and a Weber carburettor, giving this family car good performance for its time - and at a very competitive price. Ford of Britain sent two of these cars across the Atlantic to race at Malboro in 1963, and it is interesting to note that the driver of one of them was a young Scot by the name of Jackie Stewart; it was his first race in the United States. At the same time, the Lotus-Cortina was introduced with a twin-overhead-camshaft design on the basic Cortina block, and this car was to be rallied and raced with great success, so building the foundation of competitions on which Ford capitalised in later years, first with the Lotus Cortinas, and then with the Ford Escorts which became so successful.

Ford always devoted major efforts into racing and rallying and then promoting the successes. The appeal of the car in the showroom being similar to a well publicised winner the previous weekend created huge brand benefits. Although this still occurs today, the context then had many differences which determined why some Cortinas became famous.

The first is that racing drivers were not the category specialists of today. Household names such as Jim Clark, Graham Hill or Jackie Stewart would win a Grand Prix or the Indy 500 one weekend, and then race a Cortina at Oulton Park the next, and this versatility was hugely marketable.

With television still in its infancy, patriotic Pathé News shorts were regularly shown in cinemas so everyone heard about British racing achievements, even if they had no interest in cars.

For model collectors, 1/43<sup>rd</sup> scale Cortina cars were made by many model manufacturers including Solido, Minichamps, Vanguard, Dinky and Corgi. Models of rally and racing Cortinas with full liveries were also made by Minichamps, Corgi Classics, Classic Carlectables and Vanguard - the latter