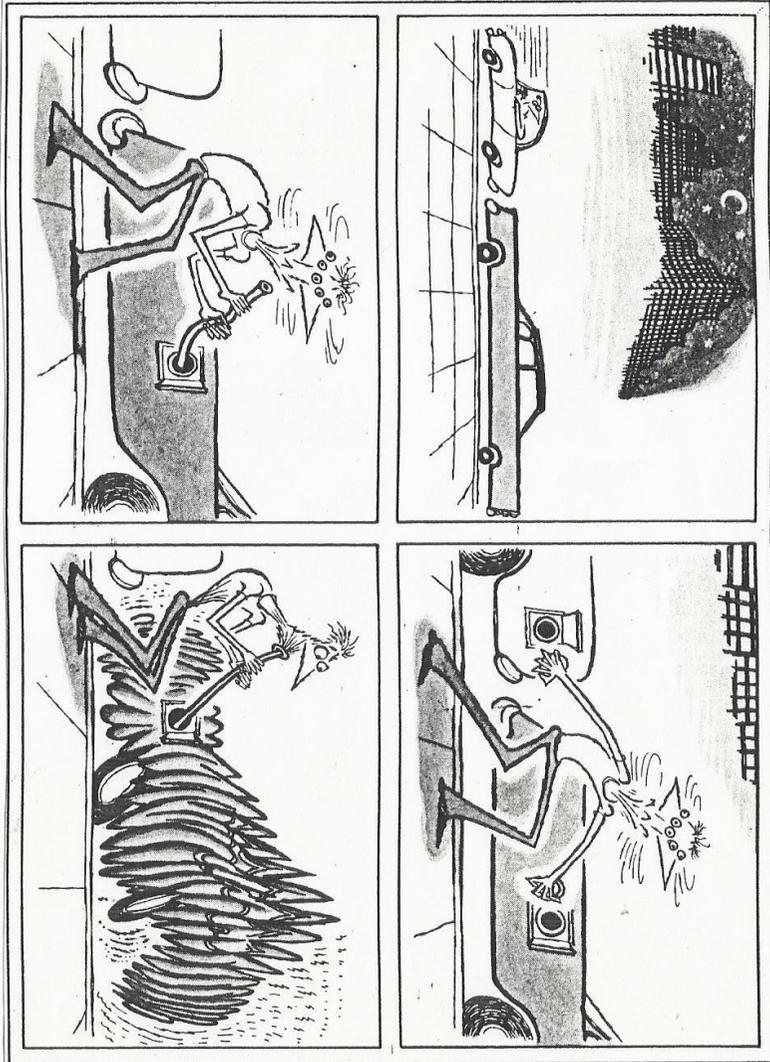
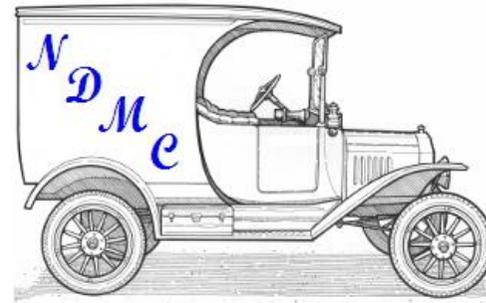


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VA06700 Triumph Spitfire MK II in Signal Red by Vanguards
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Details of next meeting:

Date: Monday 27th May 2013
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 Years of the Triumph Spitfire" – OR "Triumph sports cars"

Dates to look out for:

Monday 27th May Natal Diecast Model Collectors Meeting
VCC – Kloof

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August **Wings, Wheels & Whistles**
held by the Pietermaritzburg Model Engineering Society
78 Rudling Road, Bisley, PMB



**Protea Triumph in red
SEAR Model made in resin by Geoff Sear.**



**Triumph TR 3B in black
SEAR Model made in resin by Geoff Sear.**

List of SEAR Models (cont.)

Make	Year	Model	No.	Approx. Date Model made	Remarks
Marauder	1951	3-seater Sports Tourer (conversion of Rover Saloon)	L.E. No. 14	2005/08	Sage Green with Beige upholstery & tonneau covering furled hood. Floor-mounted gear lever. Disc wheels with chrome hubcaps. <i>Just 15 cars built 1950 – 52. RARE!</i>
Morris	1947	Minor “Mosquito” 2-door. Saloon		1986/01	Black with white “Dinky Toys” wheels. <i>(The prototype Morris Minor model.) UNIQUE!</i>
Protea	1959	Protea Triumph 2-litre Competition Sports 2-seater	L.E. No.43	2002/11	Red with Black seats & ½ tonneau. Perforated disc wheels. Single aero screen. Racing Nos. 9. Registration plates TJ2466 – since new! <i>(Won its 1st race, the 1959 South African 6-hour Race in Pietermaritzburg driven by John Mason-Gordon & John Myers – joint designer & builder of this rare South African car & a fellow member of Cape Town’s Crankhandle Club. Now 90 years old)</i>
Riley	1949	2½ litre Roadster (open)	5 of L.E.	2008/12	Red with Light Grey upholstery & wheels (Dinky type).
Swallow	1954	Doretti 2-seater. Sports	L.E. No 3	2001/07	Maroon with Light Grey seats. Putty coloured tonneau. Maroon disc wheels with chrome hubcaps.
Triumph	1938	Dolomite Coupé/Roadster (open)		1986/01	Yellow with Green seats. Yellow Dinky Toys wheels. <i>Geoff’s first resin model.</i>
Triumph	1950	TRX Roadster (open)	3 of L.E.	2008/12	Silver-Grey with Matt Maroon upholstery. Disc wheels with chrome hubcaps. <i>JUST 3 CARS BUILT.</i>
Triumph	1952	TR1 Sports 2-seater (TR1 prototype)	14 of L.E.	1992/05	Cream with Beige seats & Putty coloured tonneau. Cream perforated disc wheels with chrome hubcaps. <i>ONLY 1 CAR BUILT.</i>
Triumph	1953	TR2 Sports Record Car	35 of L.E.	2006/10	Pale Blue with Grey helmeted driver. Single aero screen. Pale Blue perforated disc wheels with chrome hubcaps & spats over rear wheels <i>(Timed on Jabbeke Motorway, Belgium at 124.89 m.p.h.)</i>

Hi Folks !

The theme for our March meeting was “Models made in any Material” and this proved to be a most interesting and entertaining evening, with models displayed that were made in resin, glass, wood, plastic, Meccano, tin plate - and even a model made in soap !! Plus diecast and white metal too !!!

We believe there are models also made in paper, but none of these were on display at the meeting. Unfortunately, that evening the weather was cold and there was also some heavy rain, so understandably many members could not attend the meeting. But, such was the variety of materials, and interest shown, that I think we should have this theme again later this year, or early next year – what do members think ?

As most members may have already seen, SEAR Models have been added to our NDMC website, under “Collections”. See article on page 4.

A few members have suggested we have a SEAR Models evening, and so I suggest we have this theme for our July 2013 meeting. I ask that members who have SEAR Models in their collections, and are prepared to bring them to this meeting to please let me know, so I can gauge how many models we can expect. If there is insufficient response, then I propose that we also add “and British Marque sports cars” to the theme.

Hopefully many members went to Richard Hebborn’s Annual Hobbies Fair – held at the Bellair Primary School earlier this month. Unfortunately, I didn’t make it, but Richard said the fair went well, and was reasonably well-attended.

Our theme for this meeting is the Triumph Spitfire, which has just celebrated 50 years. If members don’t have Triumph Spitfire models, suggest they bring Triumph sports car models as well / instead.

Alf Reynolds will be holding a closed auction of various and assorted models at the meeting.

We were sad to hear that Mike Richardson passed away recently – members will remember that amongst his many other accomplishments, Mike wrote the “The Great Book of Dinky Toys” with his wife Sue. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family.

See you at the next meeting,
Keep collecting

Philip

SEAR Models

Below is an extract from our NDMC website:

British sports car models made from Resin by the late Geoff Sear.

Article by Ron Gersbank and Philip Ellis, 29 April 2013

Geoff Sear was a scale model enthusiast and collector. He was an architect, who lived in Durban and one of his passions was producing hand-built resin models of cars not made by the bigger model manufacturers. His early models resembled those of Mikansue from England similar in the style of the early Dinky Toys.

He went on to produce improved detailed 1/43rd scale resin models marketed under Sear Models. The models were of British sports cars from the 1950s and 1960s that had not been produced by any of the major model manufacturers.

Of interest to South Africans are the two models he produced of South African designed and built sports cars, namely the Protea and the GSM Dart. These were only made to order and could be customised, body and interior colours as well as number plate and various engines – Triumph, Ford, B.M.C. – could be fitted to suit the purchaser.

He made these models as a one man business, and as a small commercial venture selling them to serious collectors all over the world. We believe that Geoff produced well over 20 different models.

Geoff was at one stage Chairman of The Natal Diecast Model Collectors Club. He passed away in late August 2011.

A preliminary list with descriptions of the models Geoff produced appears on page 5. This list was kindly compiled by Ron Gersbank, from the SEAR Models in his collection.

But we know this list of 17 models is not complete – and we would appreciate hearing from you if you have any SEAR Models not shown on this list.

List of SEAR Models

Make	Year	Model	No.	Approx. Date Model made	Remarks
A.C.	1956	Ace-Bristol 2-seater Sports		2004/11	Red with Creamy Tan upholstery. With wire (spoke) wheels
Allard	1954	Palm Beach Roadster		2011/06	Ron Gersbank supplied Geoff with scans of 2 of his Allard Palm Beach brochures, which included scale elevation and plan drawings of the car, with dimensions and photos etc. to assist Geoff with what would turn out to be his last resin model. Unfortunately, due to Geoff's ill health, he never completed this model, but his wife Marilynne let Ron have the unpainted body shell and Ron will have it completed, with wire spoke wheels, in due course, and in Geoff's memory.
Buckler	1953	Mk.90 Sports 2-seater	No 04	2006/10	Dark Red with Black seats. White 3-spoke steering wheel. Single aero screen. Disc wheels with Black hubs & chrome rims. Rear wheel spats. <i>(Ford 1172 cc. 4-cylinder side-valve engine. 4-speed gearbox).</i>
Elva	1958/9	Courier Sports 2-seater (open)		2003/05	Red with Tan upholstery. Black rimmed 3-spoke steering wheel. Perforated disc wheels with chrome hubcaps.
Fairthorpe	1960	Zeta Sports 2-seater (open)	L.E. No. 03	2009/11	Silver with Matt Green seats. Central boot filler cap. Perforated disc wheels. <i>2553cc. Ford Zephyr 6-cyl. engine)</i>
G.S.M.	1957	Dart 2-seater Sports		2000/02	Silver-Grey with Tan seats. Disc wheels.
Ginetta	1965	G4 Series II Sports 2-seater	L.E No. 11	2004/11	Ivory with Matt Avocado Green upholstery. External near-side chrome exhaust pipe. Special disc wheels. Registration No. 228DBL.
M.G.	1961	Midget Mk1 2-seater Sports (open)		2008/04	Maroon with Cream upholstery. Chrome disc wheels. <i>(Dinky Toys aluminium wheels)</i>