



KNYSNA MOTOR SHOW 2017

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Pre-War MGs, micro-cars, and a very rare Bentley for the Knysna Motor Show

Although the organisers are expecting a turnout of more than 500 exceptional vehicles, the Knysna Motor Show sponsored by Sanlam Private Wealth promises three very special appearances this year.

“While we welcome everyone to come along to see and enjoy the vintage and veteran cars and motorcycles, and the super cars, classic sports cars, and new-era electric vehicles on show, we’re very selective about the exhibits we allow - which appear by invitation only. This keeps the show fresh and interesting every year,” said the chairperson of the Garden Route Motor Club, Peter Pretorius.

“As one of South Africa’s most prestigious motor shows, the Knysna Motor Show naturally attracts the attention of the owners of the most prestigious and unusual vehicles on the road, and we’re proud to announce that this year’s event will feature one of the most desirable cars of all – a Bentley MK V1 Special – as well as displays by the MMM MG Club of South Africa, and the Micro Car Club of South Africa.”

MMM MG GATHERING

Mr. Pretorius said that the bi-annual gathering of South Africa’s MMM MG Club will take place in the Garden Route this year, and that the club has entered 17 cars for the show.

According to MMM MG Club chairperson, Rodney Green, “MMM stands for Midget, Magna, and Mulette - which were some of the names given to the bewildering array of performance model MGs in the 1930s, when the marque dominated the 750 and 1100 cc classes on the international racing circuit.”



He said that the club’s display at the Motor Show will include an early M-type, as well as various 4- and 6-cylinder models - some of which are supercharged.

“Of special interest will be a supercharged C-type Monthlery Midget with a 4 cylinder, 746 cc power unit; and a 1935, 6 cylinder, 1271cc MG ND.”

MICRO CAR CLUB

“We’re pretty sure that the Micro Car Club’s display of Goggo Mobiles will be a real hit at this year’s Motor Show,” said Mr Pretorius.

According to Micro Car Club chairperson, Lothar Frohlich, the club register is open to cars of 700 cc or less that were built any time until 1967.

Like the MMM MG Club, the Micro Car Club will hold its gathering in the Garden Route this year, and will exhibit a number of vehicles at the Motor Show.



“Although they're remembered in history as curiosities, the Micro Car was a first step towards owning a full-size car for many people in the 1950s and 60s,” said Mr. Frohlich. “As with all classic cars, it's often difficult to obtain spare parts - but gatherings like these allow Micro Car enthusiasts to network with each other to keep these unique vehicles alive.”

BENTLEY

Bentley MK V1 Special that'll appear at this year's show started out as a 'project' 1951 Bentley MKV1 Sedan – but when a previous owner abandoned the project, it was obtained by a Cape Town collector who commissioned Charles Goodman Restorers in Johannesburg to complete the build.

“It took two and a half years to complete this magnificent vehicle with its 4.9 litre Bentley straight-six, F-type, fuel injected engine, and its wood frame and metal skin.

“It really is something worth marvelling over,” said Mr. Pretorius.



GOOD CAUSE

“Last year's show attracted over 5,000 people – and we're confident that the number will grow again this year, as it has every year.

The event is known for its country atmosphere, excellent food stalls, and festive beer garden – so there's always something for old and young to enjoy. But it's also an event with a heart, and proceeds will benefit Hospice, Knysna Animal Welfare, E-pap and FAMSA”, said Mr. Pretorius.

The Knysna Motor Show sponsored by Sanlam Private Wealth will take place on the Knysna High School sports fields (on Waterfront Drive) from 09:30 to 16:00 on Sunday, 30 April, 2017. Tickets at the gate.

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