

**Maluti Antique Auto and Machine Club**  
Trip to Kestell, Saturday 4 May 2013

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Saturday 4 May 2013, 08:00 – Seven members of the Maluti Antique Auto Club got together at the Engen 1 Stop, ready to support the Dutch Reformed Church of Kestell's annual "Borrelfees". As we depart to Kestell, one could feel that the summer is a thing from the past as the crisp fresh autumn breeze kept the temperature gauges from rising.

Frans and Nonnie attended in their Valiant VIP and took the lead. Kestell is about 40km from Bethlehem. With the newly rebuilt N5 it was a dream to drive. No potholes and dual carriage ways most of the time, kept the older ladies and the faster cars out of each other's way.

Cyril Adkins, a former member, joined us with his latest finished project. A Chevrolet Nomad. Following him were Luame in his DKW and Tertius in the Desoto with Richard and Eddie from Paul Roux behind them. Richard in the Jaguar Mk2 and Eddie in the Mercedes-Benz. New member, Manie Geyer, formed the back of the convoy in his Chevrolet Constantia.

We were well received at the church in Kestell, where they have set aside a circular parking spot for us. Luame organized the trip and has taken his Citroen through the previous day. Another new member, Piet van Wyk, who is a local face of Kestell also joined us in his Honda Goldwing motorbike. Later during the day a motorcycle club from Bethlehem also joined the festivities. Wessel, Miemie and Dircolene arrived later.

New cars by the makers of Ford and Isuzu were also displayed by dealerships from Harrismith. Spread across the terrain were all sorts of fun and games for the children. From jumping castles to a driving range. Inside the first hall were the normal bazaar tables. Meat, Curry and Rice, Pancakes, Pudding and Pumpkins. And don't forget the home made cakes, jam, bread and koeksisters. All from the hands of the local ladies.

In the second hall were tables and chairs where breakfast and coffee were served. This could be complimented with waffles or cake of choice. Later an artist from town performed and his interpretation of some famous songs was enjoyed by many. Outside all kinds of food was being braaied. Sosaties and Boerewors flavours filled the air. By lunch time the smell of Potjiekos was eminent. Three of our members were asked to help out as judges for the Potjiekos competition.

They had to look at aspects like presentation of the food, quality of the ingredients etc. This ended with the tasting and scoring of each potjie. Never thought we had so many connoisseurs amongst us. While they had the time of their life, Eddie and Tertius were interviewed by a group of Dutch students from the Netherlands as part of their assignment during their stay in South Africa.

After lunch everyone got in their cars and took the road home. What an enjoyable Saturday morning with the weather turning out to be a sunny and cool day. What did we learned today? Amongst our architectural gems in the rural areas are many a building carrying history connected to famous people. The church in Kestell for instance was designed by Gerhard Moerdyk, who was also the designer of the world famous Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria. And ever wondered where Carike Keuzenkamp got the song Timothy from? Well the reverend that served this congregation 50 years ago was the man who wrote the song that made her famous.

Below is a section of photographs of the Classic Motor Cars and Motorcycles that took part in the outing.



Line-up



Chevrolet Nomad



Chevrolet Constantia



Mercedes Benz



Desoto



Chrysler Valiant VIP



Jaguar Mk2



Citroen



Honda Goldwing



Citroen



DKW

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