

THE HERALD WORLD OF WHEELS NELSON MANDELA BAY MOTOR SHOW  
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To be the organiser of any outdoor event in December in Port Elizabeth, is to take on the weather gods and, sure enough, they had their say on Saturday as close to 400 cars and bikes gathered for the annual Motor Show. Not as bad as last year though, at least the rain held off until 3-00PM but the strong, cold South Easter, must have kept many people in the shopping Malls.

The Kickstart Club was well represented with 52 bikes on display. 22 of our members participated and produced 36 machines for our stand. The remainder were owned by friends of the club and a few outsiders who thought it appropriate to be with us, rather than the four wheelers.



The Showstopper on our display was Graham Sheard's 1917 Indian Power Plus which drew many interested people who asked lots of questions and took many pictures. Another attraction was Alan Lewis's Honda CB50 Dream with dozens of men in their late 40s declaring that they used to ride something like that!! Volker Schroer's immaculate BMW collection always draws compliments and his 1954 67/2 with sidecar was well admired.

It was nice to see a very good entry of British bikes with George Szabo's 1958 AJS 30 600 Twin and Darryl Moresby-White's 1958 Velocette Clubman, Bob Gray's 1958 Triumph Trophy 500 and 1962 Bonneville 650, and Willem Pelleboer's 1943 BSA M20, on centre stage. Tony Barlow's 1964 Model 18 AJS 500 single and 1949 BSA B31 (restored by Alec Auld) prompted comments like "My Dad had one of those", from enthusiastic viewers. Mike Gover's 1969 Bonnie is always very neat, and Willem Pelleboer's 1937 Velococette MSS completed the Britbike line-up.

The 9 Japanese, 16 BMW's and 3 Moto Guzzi's on display reflects the modern trend in the collection, restoration, display and riding, of Classic and "interesting" motorcycles of bygone years. As more European and Far Eastern bikes attain the "collectable" status they will continue to dominate Classic Bike shows. It is also a sad but inevitable fact, that far too many of our British Motorcycle heritage ends up in containers bound for all points of the compass!

Perhaps we should blame the weakening Rand!

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Below is a selection of photographs from the event.





