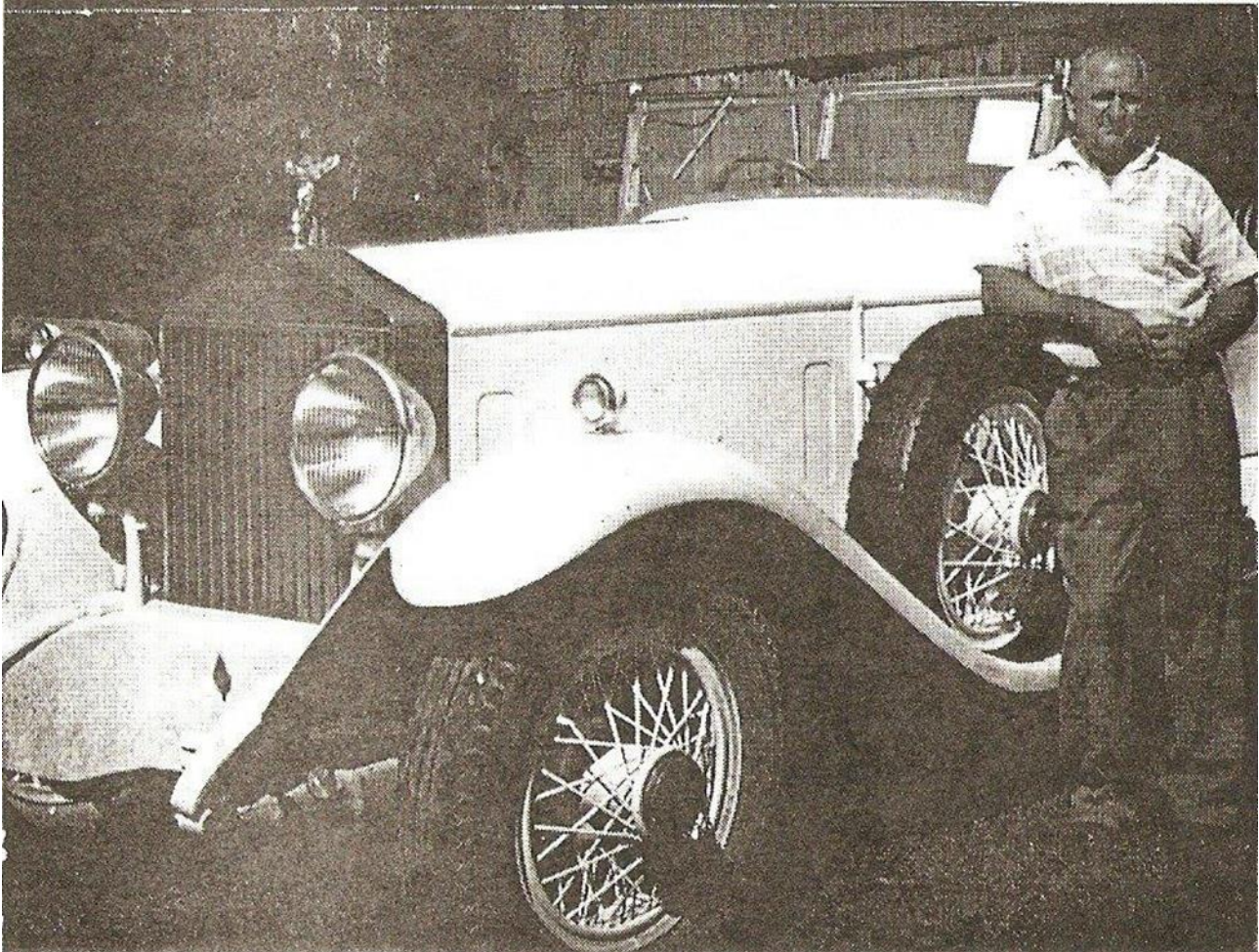


This tribute to Mr OD Inggs was delivered by Norbert Drager at the prize giving lunch on 25 March 2018. Norbert sent the scanned pictures later.

The O.D. Inggs Memorial Run By Norbert Drager

This unique regularity trial (previously called rally) is held in honour of the unforgettable classic automobile aficionado Oliver Douglas Inggs, who passed away at the age of 88 in 1997. "OD" as he was affectionately known ran a funeral business in Grahamstown and must rate as one of the greatest collectors and restorers of old automobiles in Southern Africa. At one stage he owned 134 veteran and vintage cars, including rarities as a 1908 Metallurgique Tourer and his favourite, a white 1925 Rolls Royce Phantom 1 Tourer.



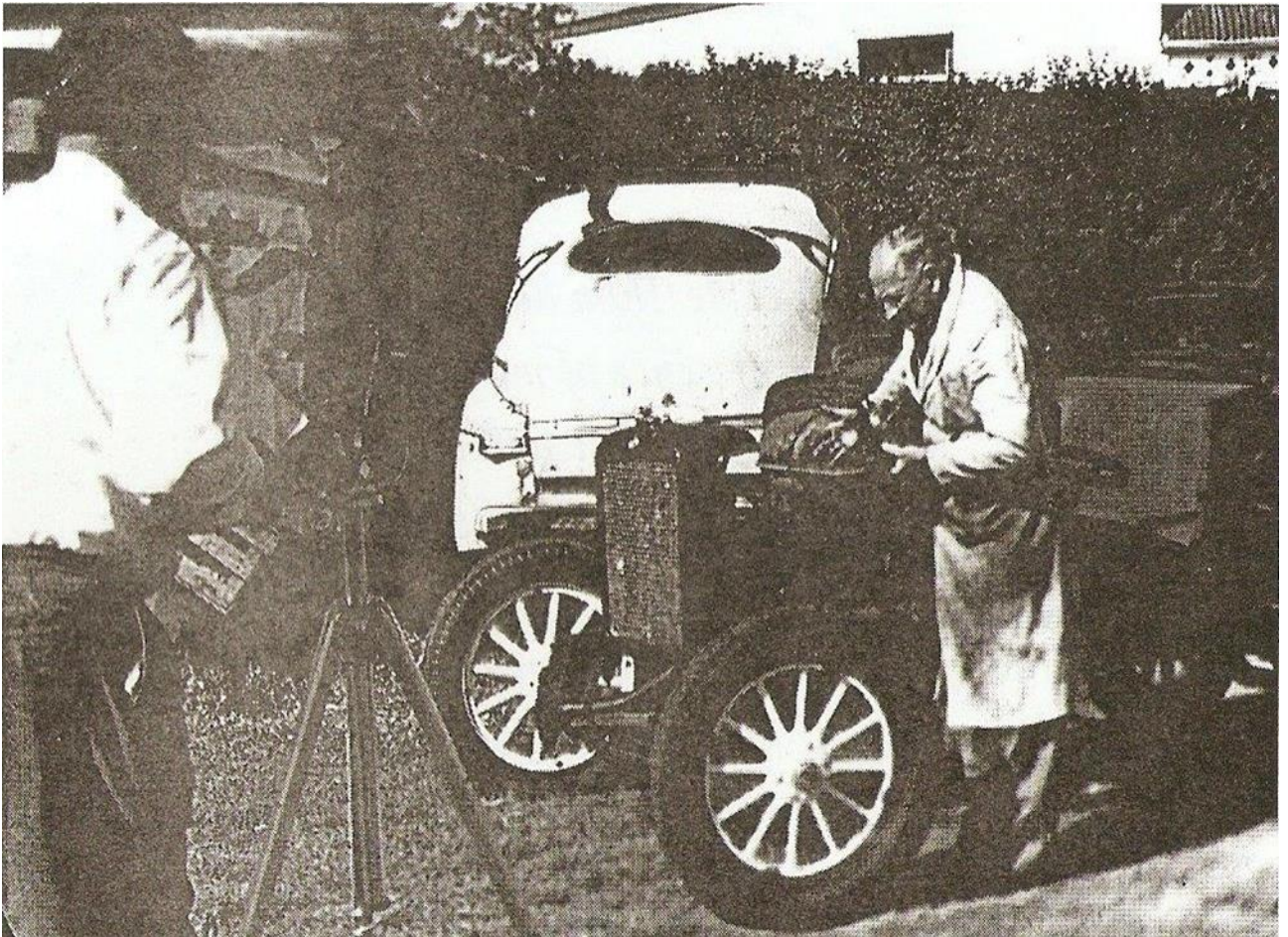
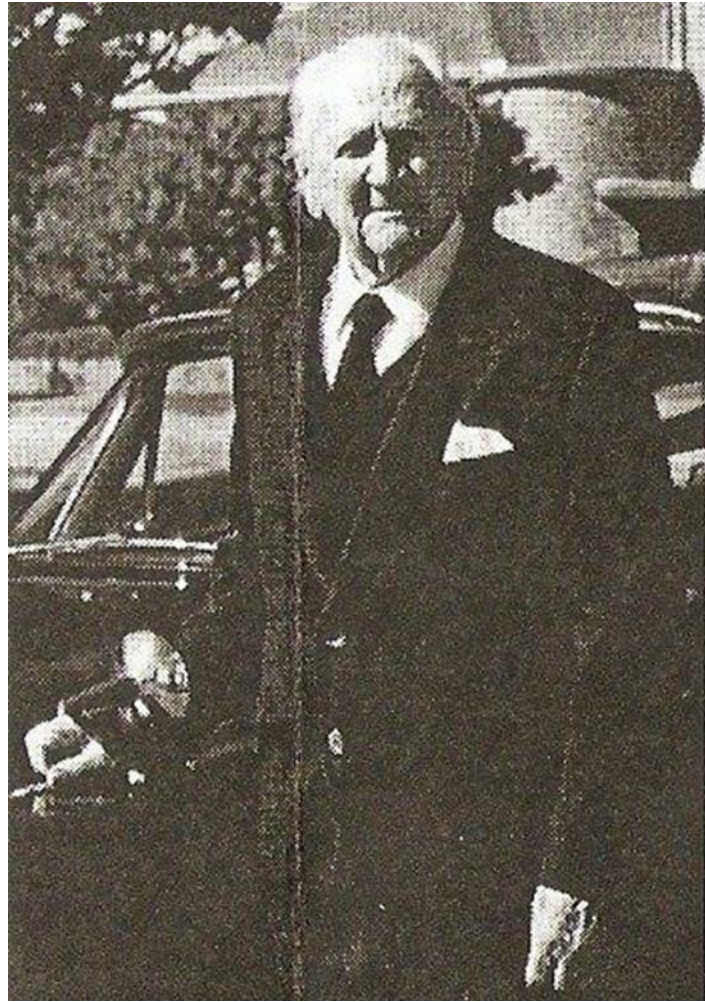
In 1968 he sold most of his collection, mainly due to lack of space, to overseas buyers.

In July 1997 at the general meeting of the Grahamstown Motor Club members decided to start a regularity trial to honour his name and a special trophy shall be donated to the winner. Since 1998 the O.D. Inggs Memorial run has been held annually and brought together the four East Cape clubs, Border Vintage Car Club (East London), Grahamstown Motor Club (now the Albany Vintage & Classic Motor Club), Eastern Province Veteran Car Club (Port Elizabeth) and Queenstown Automobile Club. These four clubs took turns to organize the event until this club decided to make it our own event. It became a very popular event, attracting up to 30 vehicles. The first run fielded 29 entrants and was won by the Hammonds from Queenstown in a 1975 MGB GT. The big winner's silverware was donated by the Inggs Funeral parlour and the winning club trophy with the four East Cape club badges was crafted by member Eric Tasmer.

I took part in 16 runs with my excellent navigator Trevor Hoole and it is mainly to his credit, that our average placing overall was a 3. I recorded also the number of participants in these 16 runs, with an average of 27, lowest in 1999 20 and highest in 2013 with 36. It is very sad that number have dwindled recently. But the club has a history of poor attendance. Reading a 1997 newsletter the scribe mentioned that of the supposedly 45 membership usually only 10 attend functions.

Let us all try to improve the situation now and show some more enthusiasm for events and by that give the organizers the well-earned thank you.

Keep the old wheels moving!



In Loving Memory of

"O.D."



Oliver Douglas Inggs

