

Dear Mr Mole

Firstly let me say how thoroughly we enjoyed our visit to "Stars of Sandstone" last month. Unfortunately I couldn't stay the whole week but the two days I was there were absolutely wonderful. We previously visited Sandstone when I participated in the 2011 SAVVA Run with my 1912 Rover Colonial. My wife has asked me to specially thank you very much for letting her and a couple of the other spouses go to the event for the day. They all enjoyed it immensely, and my wife particularly enjoyed seeing your beautiful cattle again.

I have read some correspondence copied to me from Keith Wetmore, and together with all the other enthusiasts hope that you will consider running the event in 2014. If you do, I would very much like to help promoting Sandstone to even greater heights, but as I mentioned at our brief meeting I would have to know what your ultimate dream is for the event.

I realise that you want genuinely interested participants, no tyre kickers or the like. From what you briefly told me you would like to have a maximum of 200 mechanically minded enthusiasts for the entire week. If I am right in that assumption I would recommend that the country be divided into say 6 regions, each with a champion promoting the event to specialised clubs and groups and giving talks on the event and film shows. The regions Western Cape, Northern Cape, Kwazulu Natal, Gauteng, Free State and the Eastern Cape could be considered. Our target audience would be vintage car clubs, steam train enthusiasts, model engineers, vintage aeroplane clubs, stationary engine clubs etc.

The Crankhandle Club alone has close to 500 members and our magazine "The Chronicle" is distributed all over South Africa and to many country members in Europe.

I would be very happy to be the promoter in the Western Cape region together with Keith and Andy, so please let me know if I am on the right track regarding what you would like to see at Sandstone in the future.

I like Keith's idea of the team sections looking after their specific area, and of course to introduce more young people to the joys of restoration and looking after our heritage.

Kindest regards

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