

LEON SPOOR - VOLVO MEMORIES

If my memory serves me correctly, I met Leon at the 2005 Saamtrek which was held in Bethlehem that year, it was also the year in which I had just finished my 1960 PV544 which was a shiny black.

Leon & Grieta was there in their lovely 122S – 122 UDI FS – blue with the white roof, a 122 that would win many prizes in the year going forward including the Tom Campher Trophy for the best classic on show, which I think was in 2006 at Maselspoort.



Looking through the archives since I became a member of the Club in 2003, it seems as if Leon only missed the 2014 Saamtrek, and this one and this one because Leon was in ICU over the Saamtrek weekend. Grieta told me that he was soooo looking forward to the Saamtrek this year.

Leon was also awarded Lifetime Honorary Membership recently for his support, contributions and loyalty to the Club over the years. He was also one of the founding members of the club way back in 1981. Leon grew up in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and his 122 registration number UDI is in memory of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence way back in 1965, also the year model of his 122. A car he has owned since new!

Leon also owned a beautiful 164 which over the years featured at the Saamtrek and events. Leon is a true example to many of us youngsters – look after you classic Volvo and support the Club. Never a murmur from his mouth, always been around, gave advice and even tried his hand at judging over the years. We could always depend on him to help us with the handing out of awards, and the last 3 years assisted us in deciding whether those awarded for honorary membership should be approved.

I was honoured to have received my honorary award in 2016, and it was handed to me by Leon. Not knowing that this will be the second last time I shake his hand! So, when you shake a hand and speak to someone, take note and make it memorable, it may not happen again.



Leon, we will sorely miss you, may you rest in peace and the gap you leave cannot be filled and will not be filled. Our sincerest condolences to Grieta, the loved ones, family and friends, we too will miss Leon sorely. We hope that the kids will step in and help Mom keep those Volvo's on the road and featuring at our shows.

