

### GSM Car Club – Dart Histories

Chassis	Owner	Address	Tel No.	Original Colour	Present Colour	Condition in %
5903 (6409)	John & Pat Engelbrecht	48 Louis Botha Ave Monte Sereno Somerset West	0833905902	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	99

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**Known History:** The John Keightley era: John, Willie's step father bought Dart 5903 as first owner from the factory fitted with a 100 E motor and three speed gearbox, in 1959.

The Willie Meissner era: Willie bought it from John, replaced the motor with a 105E 998cc Solex carb and four speed gearbox. It was entered in the Cape Three Hour race and won the Index of performance award. This is possibly the last car Willie ever raced. His last race was at East London on 11/07/1960.

The Peter Gough/Dave van Schoor era: Peter Gough and Dave van Schoor jointly bought Dart 5903 from Willie Meissner in early sixties, registered in Daves name. Peter actively raced it at Killarney...successfully. Reg No: CA43906

The Peter Gough ear: Peter eventually bought Daves share of CA43906 and the blue car with a white flash became CA4514. It was then raced with Team GSM as the entrant. According to Peter, Bob van Niekerk did some major development on the car, which included replacing the chassis with chassis # 6409, Zephyr disc brakes on the front, four Amal carbs in place of the Solex, and a light weigh later model raised bonnet to improve cooling airflow. The car, with Peter driving won the 1965 S.A. Sports Car Championship in 1000cc class, racing with the hardtop in place. The chassis replacement was apparently done in Adrian Pheiffers workshop, and the car raced as Adrian Pheiffer Racing Team as entrant. The car was entered in the 1965 9Hr Race, with two flashing amber lights on the roof, just above the screen, on the drivers side, driven by Peter and Denis Joubert. They were placed second on index, (257 laps) in class B, behind Dart of J. Truter and N.Smith (265 laps) but ahead of Dart of J.Rowe and R.G. Wicks, (248 laps). Darts coming in first, second and third. Peter swopped the Dart for a MG 1100 at Kinsky Motors, bottom end of Loop St..., and what happened to it until it surfaced at Smart's Garage is unknown.

Hennie Smit era. Hennie Smit bought it sight-unseen from Smart's Garage, Gabriel Rd., Plumstead, around '71. He had heard about the car. Asked his

brother to clinch the deal. No engine, tatty, painted silver with stripes on bonnet and roof. Railed to B/West, Henk Altena of Springbok Panel beaters returned it to its former glory, painted lime green, with black hardtop. Also closed holes in roof used as ID during 9hour race. Hennie fitted Kent engine with Weber 36DCD twin choke downdraught carb. No room for air cleaner, bonnet too low. Basil Green cam, car went very well. Later two side draughts were fitted. Hennie felt the single carb performed better. The red seats were covered with black sheepskin. Gear knob was a personalized Tiger's Eye. Hennie owned CZ4883 for about four years. Hennie recalls having a lot of fun dicing cars passing through on the N1.

Jan Stutler era: Hennie Smit sold it to Boy Visagie, (a dealer in B/West) about 1975 who sold it to someone in George, probably Jan Stutler who also owned another metallic blue Dart. Jan Stutler owned it for between 15 & 20 years

Anthony Roff era: Anthony Roff a well known car restorer who works from his workshop, behind De Klerks Hardware Store in George, bought it from Stutler in shocking condition, with remnants of a substantial roll bar and evidence of two holes in hardtop. Roff ground most of the gel coat off the body and re-gel coated. Roff also fitted the front "spoiler"

The John & Pat Engelbrecht era: Pat and John Engelbrecht have owned this beautiful car since around 1998. The club often makes use of this car for shows. Pat and John have driven it all over and I am sure have really enjoyed owning it John's ideal was to own a classic racer, so owning one that can be used on the road in normal traffic can only be a huge bonus.