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1929 Buick Sports Coupe
Barry and Graham Boyce

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EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who have provided items for this month's Colonial. Stories to come: Ross Nerdal's Sunbeam, Graham Bigg's TR2, Mini restoration in progress from David Bennett, plenty of jokes. Looking forward to Easter rally reports.

On my wish/hit list of stories are: Alan Martin's Studebaker; Charlie Adams' Studebaker; Ken Herne's Buick; Ian Ruecroft's Vanguard; Peter Hoskin's AC; Barbara Phillips' Anglia; Neville Miller's Humber; Gerry Carson's Mustang. Do let me know any I have missed.

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 1 April at 12 noon and each first Friday, Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden.

Friday 15 April: Retreads car run to the ROLLONIN CAFE at Bowning. Meet at the truck stop on the Barton Highway opposite Hall at 10.45 am to leave at 11 am to arrive at Bowning for a noon lunch. Jim Crane is the organizer of this event so please advise Jim on 0417 233 821 if you wish to attend. PLEASE BOOK WITH JIM AS THE CAFÉ NEEDS NUMBER ATTENDING.



All club members and friends are welcome to come along.

Get Well

Advise Secretary Gerry Walker if you know of anyone who could use a cheer-up card, especially if they are in hospital. Sorry to hear Mark Butterfield has been in hospital again when an infection in his leg recurred. Hope Brian McKay's headache is easing.

Car Stories

Still hoping we could start a series about the first car you ever owned (but only if you still have a photo, preferably with you in it!).

Editor's position

No offers yet - need someone quickly as you will need to be involved with the May Colonial and then do or finish off the June one. My contact details are on page 2.

Oberon Highland Steam and Vintage Fair 2012

10-12 February. A long way off but to reserve accommodation is advisable. To pre-register contact Rally Organiser David McMurray david@highlandsteam.org.au or phone 6336 5331. Or I can forward to you an email we have received.

Cheers ... Helen

CANBERRA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB □

DRAFT MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 8 MARCH 2011

Welcome

President Daniel Wyatt welcomed members to the meeting

Attendees 54 members

Apologies 7 members

Visitors

John Bull HR Holden

Neville Miller Humber Hawk Mk 6

Frank Cain who has an Alvis 12/50 vehicle under restoration

Guest Speaker

Jim Crane introduced ACT Deafness Resource Centre executive officer Pete Halsey who gave an entertaining presentation on the work of the resource centre. On behalf of the Club Jim thanked Pete.

Minutes of the February Meeting

The Minutes of the February general meeting as printed in the Colonial were confirmed. Moved Waine Summerfield. Seconded: Jim Clough. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes

President's Report

Daniel Wyatt reported that Wheels on Sunday 27 March was on schedule. Marshals would be contacted soon to finalise time slots. There will be few more new clubs attending this year's event.

Daniel advised that he had purchased another vehicle 1974 TD Cortina.

Vice-President

Graham Waite advised that the next three guest speakers would deliver presentations on safety in the workshop, NRMA, and upholstery. The order is still to be resolved.

The new Register of Members and vehicles was available at \$2.00 per copy from Joe Micallef, and he thanked Joe Vavra for updating the information.

Vehicles required for Seniors day Expo Thursday 24 March at the Old Bus Depot at Kingston - set up at 9.30am.

Lucky badge draw number 40: Joe Vavra

Club run number 5: Carole Douglas.

Secretary's Report Gerry Walker advised:

Correspondence in

- . 24 Newsletters
- . National Library re January edition
- . ATO - Statement and refund
- . Capital Insurance Brokers - Car trailer insurance
- . Kidney cruise and shine Wagga to Port Macquarie
- . Plumley change of address
- . Bay to Bermagui
- . CBA Merchant statement
- . Alan Martin - entry Wheels judging
- . Kingsford Smith School re visit to autistic children
- . Dorset - Restore 2011
- . Concours D'Elegance Aust - Celebration of Automobile Excellence
- . Acknowledgement by email from National Library
- . Email from member re hearing difficulties at meetings
- . Shannon's Auction
- . ATO tax assessment
- . Australia Post PO Box renewal
- . Jenolan Caves - advert
- . Letter re Barbecue Trailer Rego
- Receipt for Insurance on the car trailer
-

Correspondence out

- . Email response to National Library
- . Email advice to Mercedes and Morris Minor Clubs that they are invited to join our National Heritage Day run as per last year

Treasurer's Report

Bob Judd advised that the Balance in current account stood at \$2997.03. A printed report was available.

Moved that the report be accepted: Bob Judd Seconded: Roger Amos Carried

Editor

Helen Phillips advised she would be able to do the April and May issues of *The Colonial* but had not received any offers from members to edit the June issue.

Helen also advised that there is a desperate need for more restoration stories from members for *The Colonial*.

Events Director

David Wyatt advised that cars are needed for the Brindabella Gardens Fete 26 March

For the National Motoring Heritage Day in May the club will be joined by the Canberra and Region Morris Minor and the Mercedes Benz car club for a run around historic parts of Canberra.

Run to Water wheel - David Wyatt invited Phil Donoghoe to detail the run to the Tallaganda Forest water wheel in April. Phil spoke about the run and directed members to the map and photographs he had placed on the notice board.

Additional runs

Seniors Day, Old Bus Depot, – Kingston on 24 March

Raffle: Won by Graham Bigg ticket number A66

Registrar Report

Bob Alexander reported that 24 inspections had been conducted for the months. Bob also advised he had a 1928 Chevrolet engine available

Librarian

Joe Micallef advised that there was to be a book audit and requested members to return all books borrowed so that the audit can be completed.

Shop Manager

Joe Micallef advised all is well and there were still windscreen banners available at \$15 each.

Council Representative

Graham Bigg advised that there was no date for the introduction of the Special Interest Vehicle scheme and reminded members that the Council was the single voice for complaints to Government. Present your case to the Council before running off to the government.

The MG Car Club Canberra was putting a proposal to Council to conduct a Brunch run in the spring.

Wheels badges were available \$10 each.

Supper Coordinator

Clive Glover advised he still had a couple of slots available for supper helpers.

Publishing Committee

Phil Donoghoe. All is well.

Membership Secretary

Joe Vavra also advised that the new Register of Members was available from Joe Micallef for \$2:00 a copy.

Any changes to members or vehicles details should be sent to Joe Vavra.

Information Officer

Mark Butterfield - Not many vehicles or spare parts for sale this month.

Floor Member

Mark Butterfield - All is well.

General Business

Jim Crane pointed out an advertisement in the *Canberra Times* advising that that a Citroen was being advertised using 4.5 litres per one hundred thousand kilometres.

David Wyatt announced that it was Daniel's birthday last Monday.

John de la Torre advised members that the Canberra Model Railway Club was holding an expo April 1-3 at the Kaleen High School The expo has been moved from the National Hockey Centre. There will be 17 different clubs from Sydney participating in the Expo.

Waine Summerfield advised that he had sold his truck and it is now in Gosford, but still has his 1940 Buick for sale.

Brian McKay advised that he was having problems with the NSW RTA over toll road fines. 033 is on his 29 Chev and the one on the RTA camera was a fake plate.

Clive Glover has a Morris Oxford manual MO Series handbook available.

Waine Summerfield has a box of tow hitches.

Parts from Allan Martin free.

John Senior has a glove box lock problem in his Humber Super Snipe.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Graham Gittins

Minute Secretary

At Wheels, Graham Boyce was finally presented with last year's Editor's award.



SHANNONS WHEELS EXPO 2011

More than 1000 cars, commercials, motor bikes and fire appliances, varying from veteran and vintage to classics and moderns, graced the lawns in front of the Museum of Democracy at Old Parliament House for the annual Shannons Wheels Expo on Sunday 27 March.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club had around 80 vehicles plus 22 Buicks from the Sydney Buick Club on display. The Buicks made a spectacular presentation and attracted a great deal of attention from other vehicle owners.

The annual display now in its 29th year was organised by the club on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. Mainly by Club President Daniel Wyatt, who when seen taking a relaxing few minutes break around the club barbeque trailer, looking well pleased with the days event. Apart from a couple of grumbles about club locations the day went smoothly with most vehicles on site before the 10am official opening time to the public.

ShelterBox was this year the charity—a Rotary club project which provides 10 person tents, bedding, tools, childrens activity pack, cooking equipment, crockery, cutlery and wood burning stove for use in natural disaster areas. 500 ShelterBoxes have recently been deployed in Japan and a further 5000 are ready to be dispatched.

Club member Graham Waite and others from the Rotary Club of Woden Daybreak with a ShelterBox set up were advising people of the project and seeking donations.

As usual the club's judging panel, led by Club Registrar Bob Alexander inspected vehicles and the public were invited to vote for the peoples choice award. The winners will be announced at the club's annual dinner later in the year.

Club member Peter Hoskins displayed his AC coupe for the first time, after its restoration and Barbara and Roger Phillips parked the big and small of their fleet a 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood and a 1971 Fiat 500 Bambino side by side.

It was bad luck for Brian McKay keen to show off his new acquisition his recently imported Plymouth, when the roller door failed to stop and hit the roof of the car and Brian's head, requiring several stitches before he arrived at Wheels. The Plymouth will have to wait another day before it is shown to the club membership at large.

Congratulations to the Club's event team who organised the display area for members vehicles and particular thanks to Daniel Wyatt for taking control of the day overall on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

Graham Gittins

Peter Hoskin was awarded the Encouragement Award last year and here is his AC now finished and on display.



Roger and Barbara Phillips' Cadillac and Fiat.

Events Director David Wyatt with the Club banner. Onya David and Jan and the other helpers of the Events Committee for the work they did on the day.





1956 Holden Ute of John Liston and 1967 HR Holden Sedan of Vin Liston

A good day for sitting around and having a good yarn. Waine Summerville, Graham Bigg, Ken Walker and Geoff Tyrrell. Dick Stubbs and Graham Gittins just out of the picture.



Phil Donoghoe's Durant which is out on just about everything and the 1958 Vanguard ute of Ian and Sally Ruecroft which I had never seen before.

I'm ashamed to say I did not display my HR Holden as it was playing up along the way so I parked it at a friend's. Only third time since 1983 a Phillips vehicle has not been on display. Many thanks to Bob Alexander who adjusted the points for me and it is running beautifully again. Thanks also to Garry Scorgie and Albert Neuss for offers of help. Helen



Looking along the bonnets of some of the larger Buicks from the Sydney Buick Club. Our thanks to them for enhancing our display.
 Roger Amos brought along his restoration in progress 1936 Vauxhall DX Coupe. Bought in 1988, a long term project. Ken Walker looking on.





More of the 22 Buicks from Sydney. Getting down to the older models now. Certainly made an impressive display. Not many members still restoring from scratch but the Boyces have produced another superb car. 1930 Marquette Town Sedan.





ShelterBox was the selected charity this year. Our Vice President Graham Waite and another Rotary member outside the display of one.



New cars on the block. Alan Martin's purchased 1928 Studebaker Commander Sedan and Charlie Adams restored 1950 Studebaker Champion Sedan.



You've read in Graham's report what happened to Brian McKay and his recent acquisition. This is the Plymouth on display at the Seniors Expo on 24 March. Hope you are feeling better Brian and the car can be restored.

CLUB RUN 17 APRIL 2011

Directions to Tallaganda Forest - Water Wheel

CONDENSED DIRECTIONS

From Queanbeyan take the Kings Highway towards Bungendore and turn right onto the Captains Flat Road. Approximately 13 kilometres is the Bungendore/Hoskinstown (Briars/Sharrow road) on your left, turn onto this road and cross the Molonglo River Causeway, about 400 metres on is the Hoskinstown Road, turn right and follow to Hoskinstown, the Mills Cross Radio Telescope is visible on your left as you cross the plain.

From Hoskinstown at the Rossi turn off there is approximately 20 Kms to go to the Water Wheel. From the Rossi turn off the following distances are fairly close.

6 km to end of the bitumen.

A further 5kms is the village of Rossi with a short length of bitumen.

1kms to the Tallaganda forest and the Palarang road (Fire trail) on the left.

2 km. to the Forestry Depot on the right and about 0.4Km to Coxs Creek road intersection.

Be aware Lowden Forest road is to the left and is not as well used as Coxs Creek road.

Stay on Lowden Forest road to the Water Wheel turn.

There are several forestry access roads which have numbers that you will ignore;

you will pass the following intersections, all on the right.

1.3 km to Old Northern road

0.3 km. to Snake Tree (Gully) road

3 km to Old sawmill road,

1 km to 2nd intersection of Old Northern road

0.4 km to Dead Cow road

1.7 Km Water wheel turn off to your right, (Lowden Forest Road deteriorates at this point)

0.8Km to the parking area.

SENIORS EXPO 24 March

The CACMC and its vehicles has become a regular attraction at the annual Seniors Expo. The event which was held again at the Old Bus Depot at Kingston, was organised by the Council of the Ageing (COTA) who look after the interests of those older than 50!

We had a wide range of vehicles amongst the 13 classic cars we had on display. Thanks to Alec McKernan for driving in the Pie Cart from its current home in Queanbeyan – that could have been the densest traffic it had ever seen with the traffic at a crawl all the way!

Others there were: Vin Liston – Morris, Jim Clough – Chrysler, Alan Martin – Studebaker, Ken Walker – Austin 7, Brian McKay – A Model Ford and his very new acquisition 1948 Plymouth Coupe imported from the USA, Ollie Walker – T Model Ford, Phil Donoghoe – Durant, David Wyatt – Fairlane, Gerry Walker – Morris, Graham Bigg – Triumph TR2, Charlie Adams – Studebaker, and Keith and Lilly Carswell – Oldsmobile. A number of other Club members also stopped by and said hello. The Minister Joy Burch MLA took an interest in the cars, but did not have time in her schedule for a drive round the block – perhaps next time?

Regards Graham Waite.



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BAY TO BERMAGUI ON IN JULY

The fourth Bay to Bermagui event will be held between 15 and 17 July 2011.

The bi-annual event is organised by the Classic and Vintage Motor Club of Eurobodalla and is limited to around 100 vehicles, the maximum number of people who can be accommodated at the Saturday night dinner is 200.

Departing Bateman's Bay around 9am, after a public display of the vehicles the route will allow time for participants to visit the Moruya morning markets and the Winter Orchid Show.

Morning tea will be taken at the Moruya South Head Surf Club and a boxed fish and chips lunch at Bermagui.

Return to Bateman Bay is by your choice of route. There will be ample time to take in Mogo Zoo and travel through Cobargo, Tilba Tilba and Central Tilba south coast villages.

Total distance covered during the days is about 250 kilometres.

Dinner is at the Coachhouse Marina Resort, Bateman's Bay and includes trophies for Best Veteran/Vintage/Classic cars and motorbikes and those wearing best period dress of their car or bike there will also be a peoples' choice award.

Sunday morning is the farewell brunch.

The event is supporting the Prostate Cancer Council of Australia.

The registration fee of \$98 per person is great value and covers pre drink and nibbles on Friday night, Saturday morning tea, lunch and gala dinner Sunday full breakfast and commemorative sticker.

Entries close in May but you are advised to book early to ensure a place in this wonderful event.

Further information and registration forms are available from the CVMCE website: www.cvmce.org.au

Graham Gittins

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Apr 17	Phil Donoghoe 6258 4608 0419 466 602	Water Wheel—Tallaganda State Forest. Meet Spotlight Qbn car park 9.30 am for 10 am departure. No BBQ trailer so pack a picnic lunch. Take insect repellent. See page 17.
May 15	David and Jan Wyatt 6281 1782 0417 262 209	National Motoring Heritage Day. Meet in the Acton Ferry Terminal car park at 9.30 for 10 am departure. The run will be through Canberra streets going past some of the City's historical buildings/sites with stops at points in order to re-group. Full directions will be provided on the day. The BBQ trailer will be available for use at the last stop which will be for lunch. Please bring your own food.
Jun 19		Collector Pie Shop for lunch. Morning tea at Gundaroo—more details later.
Jul 24		Please note change of date for this month as the Bay to Bermagui is on 17 July and several of our members have indicated their intention to attend. Details for this date will be provided later.
Aug 13		Annual Presentation Night
Aug 14		President's Run.
Sep 18		Cotter viewing platform then on to Uriarra Crossing for lunch.

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2011

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Apr 9 (Sat)	Lawrie Nock 6230 3320	Rolls Royce Nationals display day, Patrick White Lawns. Record numbers expected.
Apr 10		Yass Show
Apr 17		Auto Italia www.autoitaliacanberra.com Lawns in front of Old Parliament House. FIAT will be the featured marque with Fiat 1500, Fiat 1800 and Fiat 2300 being the featured models to commemorate 50 years.

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010-2011

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Apr 17	Fabian 03 5721 8673	Lions Club 12th Annual Wangaratta Swap and Collectables Market \$5 admission 6 am
Apr 17		Canberra Heritage Day Duntroon Dairy.
Apr 22-25	Harvey Miles	16th EH All State run, Canberra ejehwhiz@hotmail.com
Apr 22-25		National Rally of Jaguar Car Clubs, Patrick White Lawns. pjsutton@bigpond.net.au
Apr 22-25	02 6559 2242	Bush Council Easter Rally Forster/Tuncurry
Apr 22-25	02 9544 3828	Austins over Australia at Forbes
Apr 23	Peter 6288 1061	TEA Club celebration of St George's Day at Magna Carta Place. English cars please.
Apr 27		Orange Swap Meet
Apr30-May1	6947 1929	Tumut Festival Rally Gundagai AMC
May 6-8	Peter Amos 02 6366 3152	Orange District AMClub Central Tablelands Autumn Tour 2011 for pre-1931 vehicles.
June 5		Port Macquarie Swap Meet at Racecourse
Jun 19	4341 8088	Gosford Swap Meet, Showground Road.
Jul 15-17	Roger 4471 2778	Bay to Bermagui. Entry forms at meeting
Jul 17	Colin Murphy 4729 0482	Liverpool Super Swap Meet, Fairfield City Showground, Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood.
Aug 21		Shannons Eastern Creek Classic
Aug 27-28		South Coast Nationals, Moruya
Sep 18		German Autofest
Sep 24-25		Queanbeyan Swap Meet
Oct 30		Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC
Nov 5		Cooma Motorfest
Nov 13	Bruce Perry 6254 5059	Marques in the Park, John Knight Memorial Park, Lake Ginninderra, Belconnen
Dec 4		Terribly British Day

1929 BUICK SPORTS COUPE - FISHER BODY MODEL 54 CC, MASTER 6

The Buick, Sports Coupe is owned by two generations of the BOYCE family being Barry and Graham.

How this Buick come to light was a life long mate, Nick Nowak had been searching for Dodge parts or cars when he stumbled across the 1929 Buick. At the time Nick had no interest in Buicks and as good mates do he passed on the find. A phone call from Nick and all of us set off to see what had been found.

The pile of junk was owned by Vic Gorham at Reids Flat via Frogmore, NSW (on a pig farm) who purchased it in the 1950s and according to the conversations of the day, the Buick had been brought new to the district and named by painting Ms PIGGIE on the radiator surround and used as a bush basher.

The price was \$9 for it in 1969, the original asking price was \$10 and as a matter of principle a negotiation factor had taken its course. Nick topped it with an \$8 Dodge taking the mickey out of Barry. At the time the Buick had no front end under it and some disc wheels welded to the back hubs. As luck has it, Nick pipes up and said no problems as I know where another one is but cut to a ute on a property not far away. We set off on another venture and acquired that one for \$5. Between the two it enabled us to get the Buick mobile enough to get on a trailer setting sail for home towed by our old FE Holden.

This began the searching for Buicks which brought us in contact with another great mate Keith Harvey who was a wealth of knowledge as he had a 1929 Buick Roadster. At times Keith would set off to purchase Buicks but as luck would have it, they would not suit him. Keith found two 1929 Buicks the same as ours, dumping the two at home. A treasure trove for us but not Keith with a transaction price negotiated over many bottles of plonk. From then on Keith had an excuse for demand drink by just dropping into the Boyces.

In an advisory capacity Peter Toet, who suffered from the same issues as Keith, a problem solver of the world or so we thought. Resulting from the demand drink we at time engaged another mate to resolve a restoration point in question and would call Mal Mason only to get his wife on the phone who responded by saying "Barry, do you know what time it is?" Mal quickly says "that's Barry pass the phone over" a quick conversation took place with a passing comment "Barry, its 3 am in the

morning". That's mates for you always ready to help?

The restoration was completed in 1970. Hours of mechanical work, spray painting, electrical and upholstery framing was carried out by us. My mentor and panel beat was Peter Arber my cousin who is an old school panel beater who did most of the beating as a young apprentice. The woodwork in the body frame of the Roadster was completed by the late Wally Brown.

The hood was a late addition, as we were unable to make head nor tail of how it was configured. Peter Withers my half brother found a restoration in the USA in progress from which we able to work out what we had to do. Most moving parts were made from bog and later caste into bronze, later sanded and chromed. The woodwork was hand crafted, later stained by Derik Sharpe.

The first rally the Buick ventured on, the Buick consisted of a radiator, running gear a scuttle and a butter box for a seat and that's all. You couldn't do that these days but those were good old days.

Now the Buick is well loaded with accessories being wire wheels, spare wheels in the front guards, driving lights, bugle horns, back mud guard kick plates, valance kick plates, wind deflectors on windscreen, front and back bumper bars, radiator wings with Boyce motor meter, rotating spot light.

The chrome plating and polishing was done by Electroplating Technology, Queanbeyan. Shane, the chrome plater (knowledge plus) and Brett, the wizard who changes a sow's ear into a silk purse.

The people who have influenced me, are Albert Neuss, Keith Harvey, Mal Mason, Nick Nowak, Peter Arber, Peter Toet, Henry Le Grand, Bill Phillips, John Thomas and Keith Blundell (my mates).

Graham Boyce



ARALUEN RUN

Known as the 'Valley of Peace' or 'Happy Valley', the village of Araluen has had a varied history from the establishment of sheep and cattle farms in the 1840s to the discovery of gold in 1851 to the planting of stone fruit orchards in the 1930s. Located between Braidwood and Moruya the small village is at the end of the sealed road to the South Coast.

Gold was discovered in 1851 and the population at the height of the rush exceeded 3000 people, gaining a reputation as a wild place with more than 20 pubs and dance halls. With the gold came the bush rangers. In 1862 Ben Hall unsuccessfully tried to hold up the gold coach from Araluen to Majors Creek.

Home grown bushrangers the Clark Brothers roamed the countryside robbing travelers, settlers, Chinese miners and publications.

By the 1860s around 30 per cent of the miners were Chinese and by the 1920s the gold was finished and the valley returned to farming.

Famous for its stone fruits since the 1930s the Araluen Valley is best known for its succulent peaches and, nectarines picked between November and the beginning of February each year.

The village boasts a War Memorial opposite the pub which lists the names of the local residents who gave their lives in World Wars One and Two.

The local hotel - the Araluen Valley Hotel, which is for sale, is the meeting place for the villagers and car and motor cycle clubs.

On the day the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club visited, there was the Veteran, Vintage and Classic Motor Cycle Club, a four wheel drive club and touring nearby a BMW Car Club.

The views while descending to the valley are magnificent, although there are not many places to pull off to enjoy the panorama unfold along the sealed, narrow and nine kilometre steep descent.

Author Jackie French has a property somewhere in the valley. (*Been there Ed*) The trip is worth while for the scenery.

Club members who made the journey included:

David & Jan Wyatt; Ray & Anne Gallagher; Jim & Rhonda Clough; Dan & Glenys Dennis; Vin & Irene Liston; John & Pam Senior;

Keith & Lilly Carswell; Gerry & Kay Walker; Phil Donoghoe; Wes & Pat McCulloch; Roger & Barbara Phillips; Graham & Heather Gittins; Bob and Carole Douglas; Graham Bigg and Gael Walton; Clive & Merilyn Castles.

Thanks to Graham Gittins.

MUSTANG MUSTER

The Patrick White Lawns was the venue for the Canberra Mustang clubs bi-annual Mustang Car display. More than 100 Mustangs from the first model released in 1964 to the 2010 model were on display.

When it was released it was the most anticipated Ford Motor company's launch since the Model A replaced the Model T in 1928. Mustang is Fords third oldest nameplate next to 'F' trucks and the Ford Falcon – still manufactured in Australia. In releasing the Mustang Ford gave rise to the 'pony class' vehicle with it long bonnet and short boot.

Mustangs featured in two movies first in James Bond's Goldfinger (1964) and then with Steve McQueen in Bullitt (1968) which according to some movie buffs the car chase sequence involving the Mustang and a Dodge set the standard for all future movie car chases.

Mustang's also come with a fine racing pedigree. It won numerous NASCAR and TransAm races and set a world land speed record on the Bonneville Salt Flats when racing great Mario Andretti driving a Ford Indianapolis engined Mustang Fastback, recording more than 320 kilometres an hour.

Two members of the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor club displayed their vehicles Graham Bigg with his 1966 206 cui six cylinder three speed auto. Graham has owned the car since 2006 and has not had any major mechanical work done to the car.

Gerry Carson with his 1966 V8 260cui. Gerry purchased the car in the USA in 1997 and carried out a complete restoration of the body and transmission. He also has a 1966 GT coupe left-hand-drive and a 1966 Mustang in his garage.



Left: Graham Bigg
and his 1966
Mustang



Right: Gerry Carson
and his 1966 V8
Mustang

THREE MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

This is the replica of the first ever MG that is the star attraction at the Three Mountain Challenge each year. Initiated by Jim Bruce this car was driven by Mark Bruce seen squeezing himself out at the top of Red Hill. It just started to boil after being switched off.

The other car is a special bodied Austin 7 Wasp owned by new member Ray Scarlett seen squeezing himself out after his son Aaron got it up the hill.

Neither of these cars have a door on the driver's side. The Cowley based MG has an edge on the mechanically standard Austin.

In the background is the Morris 6 of Ray and Laurie Coates who comes from Boorowa every year.

Morris cars dominated the attendance with several Austins, and believe it or not Chevs and Fords, also attending. Always a delightful day with lots of talk at the top of the three mountains.

Our member Joe Micallef in his MGB hardtop won the trophy.

I continued to expand my record of having ridden in more club cars than any other member with rides in four more cars. Thanks to Charlie Adams for picking me up in the Chev Roadster. (My Austin 7 had let me down for the time in 40 years when the crank went with a big bang whilst flying past Moorabin airport).

Harry Crawford.



How lucky was I

After a five year search I finally found a die caste maker who produced a model of my 1955 ZA Magnette in almost the correct colour.

So pleased with finding the model (Oxford Autos in UK) that I purchased two models – one for the display case and the second one to mount on the wooden dash of the Magnette.

The dash model attracted as much attention as its big brother the real thing, when the car was put on public display.

On the trip to Araluen I noticed that the rear window of the model look a bit odd. We stopped at Braidwood for morning tea and I took a closer look at the model to find that both the front and rear window of the model has distorted and melted caused by heat of the window glass of the car.

How lucky was I that it had not ignited and set fire to the Magnette.

Lesson learnt – don't put a model of your pride and joy on the dash in the summer months.

Graham Gittins.

Delicacies to be had travelling to Sydney

There is a delightful section of the old highway running from the Tulip Farm to Lake George. It is a time warp that allows a delightful opportunity to enjoy non congested motoring or try out the handling of your car. I remember seeing a TC MG that had left the road after the Yass River Bridge, cleared the fence and landed upright in the sheep paddock (in 1956).

Your car will view the road as a delight and it is now lined with delicacies from the cores tossed out by past travellers. Every March I collect apples. There is also something that is very rare now, quinces. The pears and peaches don't do so well though.

I like to break my journey at Marulan. Not at the big servos but at the local store for a pie and coffee. Even better now, is an antique store opposite the war memorial. At the back they serve home cooked meals and have excellent coffee all in a sunny room with lots of local history. I found out that the original town was south (you can see the cemeteries a few kms on the Canberra side) but the arrival of rail changed that.

Happy eating and motoring. Harry Crawford.

ODOMETER REPAIRS

Helen

I thought I would reply to an article in the March 2011 *Colonial* submitted by Graham Gittins as to repairs to his odometer. I have had the same problem with the speedo in my Mercedes and in previously owned Volvos, there is not a problem in having access to parts if one knows where to start.

First have all the numbers available on the speedo together with make, model, year of manufacture. Having all this at hand I got on to a place in South Carolina USA. There one can source any gear ever made. I had all the information at hand and emailed the company.

Yes they had the gear for that particular speedo and the gear arrived to a firm in Sydney within the week costing \$25.00.

There's an instrument chap in Hackett I took my speedo to and the recently acquired gear. He then fitted and serviced the speedo in two days and it works fine. This cost \$88.00.

I thought this information may be help to those who are experiencing the same problems and should any person require assistance I would be happy to help.

Cheers Clive Castles, Phone: 6247 5264

KIAMA VINTAGE CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE RALLY

Sunday 25 September 2011

Website <http://kiama-car-rally.blogspot.com/>

KEN HERNE + 1956 BUICK FROM CANADA

A most fascinating car that Ken is doing a story on. It has a 1 speed auto with the torque convertor blades changing angle according to speed. It drives beautifully (once you figure out how the hell to activate it). Harry



SPRING RALLY

BAY TO BIRDWOOD AND BROKEN HILL 20 September - 7 October 2011

Details were in the December Colonial. If you are interested, please email Alec and Anne McKernan on alecannemck@grapevine.com.au or get a proposed itinerary from Alec at a meeting. Limited to 20 couples.

Also they will keep a short standby list for use in case there are any dropouts.

SOUTH WEST SLOPES GET-TOGETHER

The Heritage Vehicle Clubs of NSW SW SLOPES get-together for 2011 will be hosted by Cootamundra Antique Motor Club. This 27th get-together will be held at the Harden racecourse, on Saturday 8 October in conjunction with the Harden Kite Festival. Entertainment, market stalls, food and refreshments on sale.

WANTED

My 1924 Sunbeam 20 / 60 is off the road until I can find a set of 21 inch wheels with Rudge 52 centres. I may have to make a set in NZ, but if anyone has good ones I would be very Interested in acquiring or borrowing them. I believe they are also the same as some Vauxhall 14/40's. I will have the Hubs welded and re-splined unless there are good spares available. Good 20 inch lock ring wheels would also be of interest. Phone Ross Nerdal on 0408 468 759

Another new acquisition in the Club. The 1924 Sunbeam as it looked in about 1982.

Thanks to Ross for writing a story and you can look forward to it in the next couple of months. Helen



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1955 Rover P4-90 is in Albury NSW. Last registered in February 2001. 25,524 miles on the clock. Good condition, runs well. Needs front bench seat recovered (roll of vinyl supplied). Trims need some minor attention. Workshop manual supplied. Price \$2,000 (not negotiable). Owner/seller: Ron Van De Walle, 539 Comans Ave, Lavington NSW 2641. Mobile 0424 913 007.

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Contact Phil Donoghoe, H. 02 6258 4608 M. 0419 466 602.

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Contact Phone 0447 044 961 or email: rickhopkins@aapt.net.au

1948 Hillman, good condition nice to drive, on club plates not transferable. One owner last 17 years. \$9,000.

Please contact Robert, Penrith N.S.W. Phone 02 4736 3213



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1954 Wolseley 4/44 Sedan.

Vehicle in excellent mechanical condition, 4 new radials, gear box over hauled with new bearings fitted, brake system completely overhauled, engine in top condition. The interior renewed completely, instruments working and a stereo player fitted. Paint good, now on club registration, car is reliable and in go anywhere condition. Some spares, hand book, genuine workshop manual and lot of papers from previous owner. Asking \$7,500 ono Please phone 0404 208 333.



1968 Mustang Hardtop, 289 V8, meadowlark yellow with parchment interior. Matching numbers with factory fitted disc brakes, power steering, centre console and integrated A/C. AM/FM radio, new paint, chrome and interior. Rebuilt C4 transmission, Grant wood rim steering wheel and American Racing torque thrust wheels with WW tyres. Marti report. ACT historic registration. \$27,900 ONO. Phone: Dick Rowe on (02) 6166 2208 or 0415 819 381.

Copper Radiator off a vintage car, make unknown. It is a honeycomb core, copper tanks, top threaded filler, core 40 mm thick, width 470 mm, height 700 mm. Too good to go to scrap. Will need work but could be put back to use. Asking \$200. Please phone Graeme on 6286 3602.

Terry Byrne advised that his next door neighbour has an **old-style caravan** to give away if any club member is interested. Contact Terry on 6290 0360 or terryb@homemail.com.au

A GOOD SITE FOR ANTIQUE CARS AND RELATED PHOTOS

Found this site in a readers comment on the Hemmings Daily News. It's awesome. it's a fantastic look at cars and activity in the twenties! Many pages with many photos per page. Dick Rowe.

<http://theoldmotor.com/>

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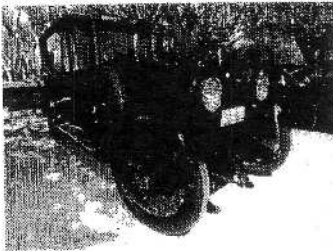


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