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EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who have provided items for this month's Colonial. Stories to come: Mini restoration in progress from David Bennett, Peter Rhys-Davies articles on Door hinges and Fixings, fasteners, glues and cups; plenty of jokes. Looking forward to Easter rally reports. Thanks to Ray for the Austins one.

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; Gerrty Carson's Mustang. If you know any of these members, do give them a nudge for me!!

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 3 June at 12 noon and each first Friday, Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden.



Friday 17 June You are invited to the Retreads lunch at noon at the Murrumbateman Inn, in the dining room with a roaring log fire going. All club members and friends are welcome to come along. Enquiries to Alec McKernan 6286 1046.

Get Well

Advise Secretary Gerry Walker if you know of anyone who could use a cheer-up card, especially if they are in hospital.

My First Car Stories

Thank you to Geoff Hall for starting the ball rolling. I take it some of you older blokes are still searching in boxes for photos!!

President's Email address

Please note Daniel's email address has changed to the one in this Colonial.

Website

The change-over to the new site has been done but it has not been updated so the committee is looking into getting more help on this.

The Austins over Australia group have made a decision about what to do with the remainder of their funds. So wait for a surprise at a coming meeting. As well as a gift to our Club, there will be donations to TADACT and the Deafness Centre.

Sorry, you will just have to put up with mistakes this month!!
Cheers ... Helen

CANBERRA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIS MOTOR CLUB DRAFT MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 10 MAY 2011

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| Attendance | 40 |
| Apologies | 10 |
| Visitors | 3 |

Welcome

Daniel welcomed members and visitors and started the meeting. There were three visitors:

John Neilson who has various Ford cars
 Jeff Kevern 1978 Volvo Sedan
 Bianca Hill who is restoring a Celica
 All intended to join the Club.

Minutes of the 12 April general meeting were approved;
 Moved Bob Douglas, seconded Alec McKernan Carried

Business arising: Nil

President Daniel Wyatt

Daniel thanked all who assisted with Wheels 2011 and proposed the Club do it in 2012. He mentioned the Club's website will be revamped in the next couple of months and reminded members of the National Heritage Motoring Day run on this coming Sunday.

Secretary Gerry Walker

Correspondence in:

31 Newsletters
 Shannon's Auction
 Vintage car auction - online/letter
 TADACT - thank you for donation
 Membership application
 St George investment
 Old Bridge Apartments Gundagai
 Citigate Mt Panorama
 CBA merchant statement and Events account
 St George Rally account
 Membership renewal

Correspondence out:

Get well card

Vice President

As Graham was away Daniel drew the lucky numbers

Lucky badge draw #36 Lee Gaynor

Club run #1 Gerry and Kay Walker

Treasurer's Report

As Bob Judd was away Gerry presented the statement and responded to questions as to the financial result of Wheels 2011 which will break even and \$1000 available for the charity of the day. This is in addition to the money the charity collected on the day.

Moved Gerry Walker; seconded Waine Summerfield Carried

Editor Helen Phillips

Helen stated there would be an early cut off for the June Colonial as she will be on holiday soon. Waine Summerfield complimented Helen on the May Colonial.

Events David Wyatt

May 15 - National Heritage Motoring Day run starting at 9.30 am for a 10 am departure from the Ferry Terminal at the Acton Peninsula.

June 19 - the Pie Shop at Collector. Menu was available and those going were requested to indicate their choice of pie so that forward orders can be put in. Meet at the Dickson Woolworths at 9.15 am for 9.45 am departure (morning tea will be at Gundaroo).

July - a long weekend at Young/Harden is proposed with Christmas dinner at Goolongong

August 13 - Presentation dinner at the Southern Cross Club Jamison.

August 14 - President's run

Raffle - F22 Yellow Val Bland

TROPHIES - members with perpetual trophies please return to David Wyatt

Supper Coordinator Clive Glover

All OK

Registrar Bob Alexander

Total of 13 cars examined for month, an outstanding '28 Studebaker was one of them.

Librarian Joe Micallef

All OK

Shop Manager Joe Micallef

Joe is taking orders for warm polar fleece jackets at \$55 each and can also order cotton shirts available for \$35

Information Officer Mark Butterfield

As Mark is away Joe had laid out the information on the back tables.

Membership Secretary Joe Vavra

Joe an apology

Council Delegate Graham Bigg

As Graham is away Dave Rogers filled in:

The Council thanked the CACMC for Wheels 2011. About 1100 cars were present on the day.

SIVS is in abeyance (info Council Registrar Mark Saunders)

AHMF AGM Sue Walker (Council President) will attend.

Waine Summerfield asked whether there was any progress on exemptions of the child seat belt legislation for the older vehicles. Mark stated there were no exemptions or concessions being made by the ACT Government although exemptions were in place in SA (blanket) and WA (on a club by club basis). The Council is pursuing the issue once the ACT Govt stabilises.

Publishing Committee

All OK

General Business

Kevin McKay would like a lift on the Collector Pie Shop run, can any member going assist. Kevin lives in Fraser phone 6259 0265.

Graham Gittins thanked members who had supported he and Heather. She is now out of hospital after her mastectomy and the prognosis is good.

Graham also brought up the issue of insurance companies "double dipping" on the registration and third party insurance where the car is a complete write off. The agreed value is deducted by the refund likely from the Traffic Authorities whereas this is paid extra to the cost of the car by the owner. Graham is questioning the insurance company AAMI on its policy. It is common to other insurance companies such as the NRMA as well.

The issue of write offs in NSW was brought up whereby only one write off is current there whereas in the ACT there is still economic write off as well as the total write off.

The Council Registrar added that the NSW legislation does not apply to pre ADR vehicles which are exempt. ADR came in on 2 Jan 1969.

Keith Carswell asked when the renewal slips would be out. They will be included with the next edition of the Colonial. Those receiving the Colonial electronically will receive theirs in the post.

Roger Amos gave a run down of the Autumn Rally in Orange which is restricted to cars up to 1930. He and Phil Donoghoe were judges for the three categories (Peoples Choice – Dodge 6 Roadster, Best Veteran – an FN and Best Vintage – 1929 Bayliss Thomas). Roger was impressed with the organisation of the rally particularly the runs and the catering.

Roger proposed our Club think of hosting a rally for cars 1931-1945 in the future (maybe 2014 which is the off year of the Orange Rally). Wayne noted the Rock Rally was cars 1931 – 1948. Roger is willing to be the coordinator.

George Sturgess provided members with some information and entry form on the Austins over Australia Rally in Bendigo, Easter 2013.

Wayne Summerfield advised that Tony James is not too good and will keep the Club advised on his condition.

Trophies and the three event rule – clarification was asked on the rule which is in the by-laws. [*By Law 12.1 Vehicle Quality Awards*]. The events have to be Club sponsored events such as Retreads or others organised by the Events Committee. Helen explained that the committee had not enforced this rule in the past but after a complaint to the Floor Member which was brought to the committee, it will be in the future. The complaint was that several cars have won an award in recent years and never been seen again.

Brian McKay brought some tuning equipment (dwell/tach meter, timing light and compression tester) to the Club for members (on donation).

Meeting Closed 8.55 pm

Gerry Walker, Secretary

Unfortunately tonight's speaker, Shane Keir did not turn up. We did enjoy a wonderful supper after the meeting though. Thanks W & D.

THE MORGAN

The Morgan Motor Company located in Britain doesn't change in a changing world. Not only is it still independent, but it also makes each car by hand. A base model is about \$44,000 with some cars costing up to \$300,000. People wait for over a year to get their exclusive hand-built cars with the shell made out of metal and much of the vehicle made out of wood. Working on the wood interior, workers use metal shears to individually shape a hood because each car has to be different. Every year Morgan produces about 600 cars. The company will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2011. It has a long and interesting history and is still run by the same family: the Morgans. Founded by Henry Frederick Stanley Morgan known as "HFS", it was then run by his son Peter, and is now run by Charles, the son of Peter Morgan.



Thanks to Graham Gittins
If you would like to see more
photos of the workshop, ask
Graham or Helen to email them to
you.



There are craftsmen and there
are Craftsmen!!





Presentation of cheque for \$1,000 to John Carberry, President of Woden Daybreak Rotary Club, for purchase of a ShelterBox by Bob Judd and Graham Waite at April meeting.



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ROLLS ROYCE NATIONALS, Canberra 9 April 2011

The ACT Branch of the Rolls Royce Club of Australia hosted the 53rd National rally in Canberra in April. More than 200 Rolls Royce and Bentley cars were displayed on the Patrick White Lawns, which is believed to be largest gathering of the marques in Australia.

It is 100 years since the Rolls Royce mascot the Spirit of Ecstasy was created and was the theme selected for the event. Spirit of Ecstasy was created in the image of the second Lord Montagu of Beaulieu's secretary and lover, Eleanor Thornton.

Lord Montagu took delivery of a new Rolls Royce Silver Ghost chassis number 1404 in December 1910 and shortly afterwards it was the first car to carry the Spirit of Ecstasy on its radiator in 1911. That very car has been in Australia since 1923 and is now in the hands of a member of the ACT chapter of the Club and the restored chassis was on display for the first time at the Canberra event. *(Picture 1)*

The oldest Rolls Royce on display was David McPhee's 1909 Quicksilver which took David of Queensland 30 years to restore. *(Picture 2)*

Dr John Matheson's 1967 Rolls Royce Phantom V was first owned by the Federal Government and used by visiting royalty, heads of state and Governors-General. John and Jeanne Eve drove the car in the arduous 1997 Peking to Paris Motor Challenge. In 2002 the car was donated to the Sir Henry Royce Foundation. A total of 516 Phantom Vs were built between 1959 and 1968. *(Picture 3)*

One of the most unusual Rolls Royce on display was "Morty" a 1968 Silver Shadow ordered by the The Rt. Hon Countess of Munster and converted into a hearse in 1975-76 for use in Melbourne and Brisbane and was later changed to station wagon in 2001. *(Picture 4)*

The cars were displayed in a chronological timeline and in a stylised Spirit of Ecstasy form and photographed from a helicopter.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club members who were spotted as either spectators or marshals and stewards included Gerry Walker, Graham Bigg, Graham Gittins, Gary Scorgie, Anne and Peter Toet, Wayne and Sandra Smith, Joe Micallef, Dave Rogers, Joe Vavra and Graham Waite manned the Rotary Club's ShelterBox display.

Thanks to Graham Gittins

JULY MONTHLY RUN TO YOUNG AND GOOLOOGONG SATURDAY 23 & SUNDAY 24 JULY 2011

Saturday 23 July 2011

8.30am Meet at Woolies car park at Dickson.

9am Depart for Harden and travel via the Burley Griffin Highway. Meet Kevin Sharp from the Young Car Club on Burley Griffin Way opposite the Harden Ambulance Station.

10.30am Morning tea at the Light Horse museum – Hosts: Judy & Brian Dunn. \$7 per head.

12.30pm Drive in to Murrumburrah/Harden for lunch at the Terracotta Restaurant. 319 Albury St, Murrumburrah, Phone: 02 6386 2730. Art of Espresso. Various lunches choices available include: hamburgers and open sandwiches to chicken schnitzels, fish, cutlets or steak. Menu available on request.

1.30pm to 2.30pm Free time to wander the local shops, for example: quilt shop, second hand book shop, two antique shops, honey shop, Insgo country style furniture and knick knacks. Be back at the restaurant for a 2.30pm departure.

3pm to 5pm A visit to Pam & Les Warren's private museum shed and Renault collection. Afternoon tea provided to us by the Young Car Club.

Suggested motels:

- Young Federation Motor Inn highly recommended which is a short walking distance from the Young Services Club where we will meet for dinner. Phone: 02 6382 5644 or 1800 639 988. 109 / 119 Main Street, Young, NSW 2594. 4 stars. Rooms from \$109.
- Best Western Hilltops Retreat Motor Inn. South of Young on Olympic Highway (Cootamundra Road). 2k from town centre. Phone: 02 6382 3300. 3 stars. Rooms from \$110.
- Cherry Blossom Motel. Olympic Highway (cnr Zouch & Nasmyth Sts), Young NSW. 400m from town centre. Phone: 02 6382 1699. Rooms from \$74. 3 stars.

6pm Dinner at the Young Services Club. Address: Cloete Street, Young. Phone 02 6382 1944.

Sunday 24 July 2011

9.30am Meet at Young railway station for 10am departure for Gooloogong via Cowra. It's not recommended to stop for morning tea due to the scrumptious Christmas dinner waiting for us.

12.30pm Christmas Dinner at the Log Cabin at Gooloogong. Cost per head: \$19.00 for three courses with all the Christmas trimmings and entertainment.

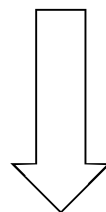
Own costs

Lunch at the Terracotta restaurant Harden Saturday.
Dinner at Young Services Club Saturday – own choice Motel

Prepaid expenses - to be collected by the Events Committee

Morning tea and museum tour Saturday: \$7.00
Christmas dinner Sunday: \$19.00

Contact is Val Bland
Phone: 6288 9691 (H)
6216 1854 (W)
Mobile: 0419 461 712



MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2011/12

Your membership renewal form is in this issue of the Colonial. Please return it, after amending details as necessary, with your payment, at the June or July meeting.

Those receiving e-Colonials will receive your renewal form by post.

Hope our Membership Secretary is over his cold.

AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA – 2011 IN FORBES

Austins over Australia 2011 was held in Forbes NSW between 22-25 April and attracted 218 entrants with some international entrants. Five members from the CACMC attended, Anne & Ray Gallagher, Paul Jamieson, Aileen & George Sturgess, Maureen & Joe Vavra and Jeanette & Ken Walker. The weather was perfect over the entire event and all enjoyed their days in the sun.

Anne & Ray, Aileen & George and Jeanette & Ken left Canberra on Monday 18 April and spent a few days in Forbes before the Rally commenced. One day was taken up with a visit to the Age of Fishes Museum at Canowindra. Our visit was most enjoyable and the Museum provided an excellent morning tea. Later we had a good look at Canowindra and Eugowra including a visit to Escort Rock. The road between Eugowra and Canowindra was badly pot-holed as a result of the recent floods. Also we were able to fit in a couple of visits to McFeeters Car Museum before it became too busy.

The Rally itself started on Good Friday with the Annual Forbes Camel Races. A large number of the AoA cars attended and were on display inside the running track. Camel racing seems to have considerable affinity to old cars; the camels are often hard to get started, cantankerous, ill-behaved and difficult to steer in a straight line. Apart from the eight races there were shearing demonstrations, sheep dog displays and a fashion display from R M Williams. Despite the lack of a Form Guide, Jeanette Walker managed to pick a winner and was the only successful punter in our group. In the evening a Meet and Greet Function was held at the Forbes Services Club which was to be the venue for all the evening activities.

Saturday was a run to Cowra via Eugowra and Canowindra, the pot-holed road attracting much criticism but it was a reminder of the state of the roads when the cars were our everyday transport. Lunch at Cowra was held on Holman Oval with the cars lined up around the perimeter. Afterwards the entrants took the opportunity to visit many of the tourist attractions in Cowra. Saturday night was a BBQ at the Services Club.

Sunday's main event was a Show and Shine Day on Grinstead Oval, however, before getting there we all had to do a Poker Run through Forbes. The display on the oval was a chance to see the full array of entrants which ranged from a 1910 15hp Vertesse to a 1987 Montego. The display included 20 vintage and veteran cars and 26 Austin 7s which was one of the strongest showings for these classes of cars seen

at an AoA event. A photo of Joe and Maureen Vavra with their Sheerline featured on page 2 of the Forbes Chronicle in the Tuesday's edition. The evening featured the Presentation Dinner with the award of trophies following voting at the Display Day.

Monday, Anzac Day, took us to the Pioneer Museum at Parkes. A look through the King's Castle featuring a wide collection of Elvis memorabilia, a small but interesting Motor Museum and a large collection of artefacts. As well there was a wide display of farming equipment, some of which were started and operated for demonstration purposes. Afterwards it was time to say our goodbyes with promises to see everyone again at the next AoA at Bendigo in 2013.

Overall it was an enjoyable and successful event and apart from a couple of punctures our cars were trouble free throughout the weekend.

Ray Gallagher

*Joe and Maureen
Vavra with their
Austin Sheerline*

*Below: Being
farewelled at Hall.*



Record broken at Canberra Jaguar National Rally

The word soon spread around the display that the record had been broken with 110 E-Type Jaguars on display at the 42nd Jaguar National Rally 2011 held in Canberra during Easter.

Jaguar National Rally Secretary Mark Jasprizza said the organising committee were extremely pleased that the record number of E-Types had been broken. He said the previous record of 101 E-Types was set at the Western Australian National Rally.

"It was fitting that the new record was set at the 2011 Canberra Rally, which celebrated the 50th Anniversary of one of the iconic and influential Jaguars ever built, and was released at the Geneva Motor Show in 1961," Mr Jasprizza said.

Both the first and last E-Types sold in Australia were on display, looking as if they had just been driven off the showroom floor. The first E-Type, chassis number 850085 an open-two-seater with its distinctive 'external bonnet lock' arrangement, a feature of only the first 500 E-Types made, arrived in Australia on 2 September 1961.

One of the last 50 E-Types to be sold in Australia was also on display. The black 1974 model took pride of place on the display area. Around 200 Jaguars including the E-Types were displayed, varying from the oldest, a 1948 Mk IV, up to the current models.

A rare Daimler XJC two-door model and Grahame Crocket's 1985 XJSC Cabriolet, one of 3863 constructed between 1984 and 1988 and a D Type replica, attracted a good deal of attention from the public and other Jaguar owners. Jaguar owners travelled from as far away as Western Australia, Queensland and the UK to attend the four day rally.

Thanks to Graham Gittins

Record line-up of E-Types



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Grahame Crocket.

Presentation Night 2011

Saturday 13 August 2011
Southern Cross Club (Wests) Jamison
 Corner Catchpole and Bowman Streets, Macquarie

6.30pm for 7pm
\$30 per person for members

The Club is subsidising the dinner. Please support your annual presentation of trophies dinner. There will be a lucky door prize and plenty of lucky draw prizes on the night.

Menu (served alternately)

Entrée

Caesar salad / traditional with bacon, egg, anchovies, shaved pecorino cheese and a creamy garlic aioli **OR**

Thai Style Pumpkin Soup

Mains

Roast Veal topped with a Mushroom and Bacon jus, **OR**

Chicken filo pastry filled with chicken, cheese and avocado topped with garlic cream sauce.

Dessert

Baked New York cheese cake with a fruit coulis and whipped cream, **OR**

Sticky date pudding with caramel sauce and whipped cream.

Freshly brewed coffee and tea with after dinner mints.

Orange juice and water will be supplied on the tables. Alcoholic drinks at your own expense.

Tickets will be available at the July meeting. Please contact David and Jan Wyatt or Val Bland of the Events Committee.

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

| DATE | CONTACT | DETAILS |
|--------|--|---|
| Jun 19 | David and Jan Wyatt 6286 1782 0417 262 209 | Meet at the Woolworths Dickson carpark at 9.15 am to leave at 9.45 and have morning tea at Gundaroo (own choice of café). Then proceed to The Daily Pie at Collector for lunch. As seating is limited at the pie shop, would those intending to go advise David or Jan at the May meeting or by phone, so tables can be reserved. If you haven't put your name down you would still be most welcome and any extra will be phoned through on the morning and hope there will be enough room. As the pies are all made fresh, it would be helpful for the staff if we pre-order so we won't have to wait too long. See the menu at June meeting or view at www.thedailypie.com.au/menu |
| Jul 24 | Val Bland 6288 9691 0419 461 712 | [Please note change of date as the Bay to Bermagui is on 17 July and several of our members have indicated their intention to go.] Activities in Young and Christmas dinner in July at Gooloogong Log Cabin. Guests of the Young and Cowra Car Clubs. See pages 14-15. |
| Aug 13 | David and Jan or Val | Annual Presentation Night see details on page 19. |
| Aug 14 | | President's Run. |
| Sep 18 | | Cotter viewing platform then on to Uriarra Crossing for lunch. |
| Oct 16 | | TBA |
| Nov 13 | | Marques in the Park, John Knight Memorial Park, Lake Ginninderra, Belconnen |

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2011

| DATE | CONTACT | DETAILS |
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| Jun 10-13 | Pam 6922 4572 | Wagga Wagga Vet & Vin Motor Club Queen's Birthday long weekend rally |
| Jun 19 | 0415 907 614 | Battle of Waterloo, Patrick White Lawns |

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2011

| DATE | CONTACT | DETAILS |
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| Jun 19 | 4341 8088 | Gosford Swap Meet, Showground Road. |
| Jul 15-17 | Roger 4471 2778 | Bay to Bermagui. Entry forms at meeting www.cvmce.org.au |
| Jul 17 | Colin Murphy 4729 0482 | Liverpool Super Swap Meet, Fairfield City Showground, Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood. |
| Jul 17 | | Wagga Wagga Swap Meet |
| Aug 7 | 6344 1886 | Canowindra Swap Meet |
| Aug 13-14 | | Cessnock Swap Meet |
| Aug 21 | | Shannons Eastern Creek Classic |
| Aug 27-28 | | South Coast Nationals, Moruya |
| Aug 28 | | Dubbo Swap Meet |
| Sep 4 | | Cootamundra Father's Day Swap Meet |
| Sep 10-11 | | North West Swap Meet, Gunnedah. |
| Sep 16-19 | Rodney Elsley 0408 111 025 | 35th National Chevrolet Festival, Tamworth celebrating 100 years of Chevrolet, hosted by Chevrolet Club of NSW. Entries close 8 Aug. Copy of entry form with David & Jan. |
| Sep 18 | | German Autofest |
| Sep 24-25 | | Queanbeyan Swap Meet |
| Oct 8 | | The Heritage Vehicle Clubs of NSW SW SLOPES get-together for 2011 will be hosted by Cootamundra AMC at Harden racecourse. |
| Oct 21-23 | Phil Donoghoe | Boorigal Rally Albury |
| 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 |
| Jan 2012 | | Summernats, Exhibition Park I Canberra. |

SUNBEAM 20/60 LONG WHEEL BASE TOURER

I have no idea who originally brought the car into Tasmania. There is still a faint chance that the second owner's wife may hold a clue. Her son David Hutchison will ask next time he visits. I wait with hope.

C1940 Geoff Hutchison a civil servant who worked at the Launceston town hall in Tasmania bought this 1924 20/60 Sunbeam. He treated it fastidiously.



But In June of 1948 he sold the car to his brother a Tasmanian cray fisherman Murray Hutchison for the grand sum of 25 pound. Murray wanted the car to use for travelling on his honeymoon.

Murray loved the car but worked it very hard. He fitted it with towbar and used it to tow a large trailer. He would boast that he could fit 52 ewes in it and tow them up the Sidling road with the car in third gear. The Sidling is a famous leg of Targa Tasmania (steep and winding) it would have been dirt back then. The poor car was used one day to tow the wreck of a boat back down the sidling, apparently the mast was laying forward out over the car and the driver and passenger would have to duck every time they went around a corner. This wasn't too much of a problem until the brakes began to fail near the bottom of the hill and the rest of the trip was out of control.

In 1949 Murray and his wife used a smaller trailer to build the new family Home at 1 Murray Street St Helens



Then around 1952 the car was sold to Mr Jack Bishop who owned the St Helens fish factory. The car continued its life of hard labour with Jack using it on his properties around St Helens and Scottsdale. The car was just abandoned by Jack around 1961 at a property called "Beverly Hills" at the bottom of the Sidling road near Scottsdale.

In 1963 the car was found by Alan D Jones the garage mechanic from Westbury. It took two weeks he and his Wife Verlie to cut it out of the blackberries and get it ready to tow.



It appears to have been sad but mostly intact. Most importantly the original Sunbeam body was still sound. Alan Jones fully rebuilt the car mechanically. It appears that he used a gearbox and diff from a 25 HP car. But all the rest is original. I have the original gearbox, it is a bit broken, but can be fixed. Most of the timber is still original; Alan did a good job of keeping the car as original as possible.

The car saw a little bit of club use for the next decade. Its last outing being to Canberra in 1982 where it was still looking great



Alan Jones died November 2001 leaving the Sunbeam to his wife Verlie.

Bill de Graaf of Canberra is a good friend of Allan and Verlie and has known that the car was sitting in their garage in Westbury for the last 20 or so years. The car was languishing, the interior was pulled out, the floor pulled out and the bonnet being pulled apart for repair but never finished, just getting plain old and dirty and unloved. In November 2010 Bill and his wife Mary went to Tassie for the Veteran Rally. Verlie invited them over for tea and told Bill that she wanted to see the car being used again. Could Bill find a new owner who would put it back on the road.

I am very grateful that Bill decided to tell me and no-one else. Because as Bruce Dowel of the British sunbeam register puts it in a recent email

“ . You are a very lucky man, the model 20/60 is one of the more iconic models in the Sunbeam range. Finding original ones are in the 'hen's teeth' bracket. About 1500 made and only 40 or so survive. (18 ish in Oz.) Yours is a Long Wheel Base Tourer which is not unique, but very rare. Most L.W.B. cars would have carried some type of 'closed' coachwork. Also, your car seems to have Sunbeam coachwork and as you know importing 'whole' cars incurred a very high tax rate. The first owner was special, I would look at it being a diplomat?”

I knew I wanted the car so I negotiated with the ‘boss’ - does anyone want to buy a 1962 Dodge Phoenix. Something has to go.

I had only seen some old photos of the car but I felt that it would still be worth the risk of negotiating a deal over the phone. I didn't want to waste any time because you know what can happen if you hesitate. I asked Bill if he wanted to go for a bit of a drive.

How do you get a car that doesn't run out of Tasmania? Just drive down with a car trailer and some cash and get it. So I booked the spots on the Ferry and found a car trailer big enough to comfortably and safely carry a large heavy car. Then, thanks to a good friend, borrow a suitable diesel tow vehicle.

On the road at dawn for a leisurely 10 hour drive to Melbourne I'm glad we left early because it started to rain 200 kms out. We couldn't see much - well except for the semi-trailers passing us at 120 kph, and the sheets of water across the road. Those truckies are insane. Crossing Bass Strait was a bit rough but trava-calm and a few scotches fixed that.

We were at Westbury early the next morning. The car not quite as good as I had hoped but still it was good enough to go ahead with the deal.

Bill's son Ronny lives down the road a bit and he turned up in time to help get the car on the trailer and tie it down and cover it, between the heavy squalls of rain. Many thanks Ronny. Also many thanks Nick for the loan of his chains d-shackles and turn-buckles, the only way to safely tie a car down and much easier



Back on the road, more pouring rain and more crazy truckers. I was passed by fully loaded logging trucks on double yellow lines no visibility and I was going 70. Overnight on the boat and back on the road at 7. The load towed well but we still stuck to a cruisey 90 kph, I have heard so many hard luck stories that I admit to being a little paranoid, and Bill wouldn't let me go faster if I tried. The floods had cut the road at Tarcutta so a long and bumpy trip out through Wagga and Binalong got us home in Canberra with a couple of extra hours.

Mechanically the car is very good, radiator needs attention and the Interior had been removed for some reason. It is not authentic but I will put it back in, it will do for the time being. My main disappointment is the wheels: they are not the right size (20 inch) and the splines had been abused resulting in damage to two hubs. These can of course be re-splined. I am in the market for new wheels. I can have them made in NZ but I will search for some originals first - I will not hold my breath. Does anybody have 21 inch wire wheels with Rudge 52 centres, I need 6. I think they are the same as Vauxhall 14/40 and many 20's Sunbeams. It will need some paint and lots of refreshing but I don't intend to do a concours resto. I think she will be allowed to show her age.

I will let you know how things go.

Ross Nerdal

The front cover shows this car as it used to be and hopefully will be again.



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June 2011

MY FIRST CAR - GEOFF HALL – FIAT 1500

My first car was a white 1963 Fiat 1500. I bought it for \$130 in 1988. I had always liked Fiats as my uncle had a 124BC and a 500. My dad also had a good friend who owned numerous Fiat 500s, 600s and also a 124AC. My friend at school had also bought a Fiat 124 to restore, and his sister had an 850. Inspirational. He helped me get my first Fiat up and running. When I took it for its roadworthy, the mechanic told me it needed new ball joints. I didn't even know what they were, but some friendly advice from a neighbour, and the borrowing of an angle grinder to remove the huge rivets soon had me heading in the right direction.

Booked in for the second roadworthy, the starter motor decided not to work, so mum towed the car there. On the way the rope snapped and I was stranded across someone's driveway. Of course they turned up almost instantly so I had to jump out and push my car out of the way. A knot in the rope got us the rest of the way there. Did this put me off owning an old car – not at all. Learning how everything worked, and being able to fix most things myself was great.

Finally I had the roadworthy and was able to use the car on my learners permit. It was so exciting to be out on the road in my own car.

While I was fixing it up, I also picked up some old road test magazines to learn more about my car when it was new. I was very impressed to find that the four cylinder Fiat engine had more power than an EJ Holden six, and out of 25 cars tested, it's top speed of 91 mph was 7th fastest beaten by the Valiant S, 92 mph, Fiat 2300 92.8mph, Fairlane 500 93.5 mph, the MG1600 MkII at 100mph, Mercedes 220 SE at 105mph and Jaguar 3.8 MK II at 125 mph. Therefore in that test it was the fastest medium 4 door sedan of the day. A quote from the road test summary: "While not intended as a sports car, it can behave in a sporting fashion yet provide good top gear performance." I guess that means that before Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May came along, we had the Fiat 1500.

No wonder people at car shows have told me stories of sitting behind cars at 60mph for a while then opening the second barrel of the Weber carburettor and blasting past other road users (in the good old days). It also had standard disc brakes on the front and a fantastic heater and warning lights for everything.

As you can imagine, with all that power under the hood, it was inevitable that a new P plate driver would try to take advantage of it. I crashed my poor car just three months after getting my licence but thankfully walked away without a scratch. I put my spare white 1500 on the road for few years, then came across a very good blue 1500 that I found at a wrecking yard. \$150 later I had the car that I used for my wedding, and still own today. I'm pretty sure there are still a few donor parts of my original 1500 that continue to travel with me.

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Taking my car for one of its first drives on my learner permit.

My blue Fiat 1500 as my wedding car.

Thank you Geoff.



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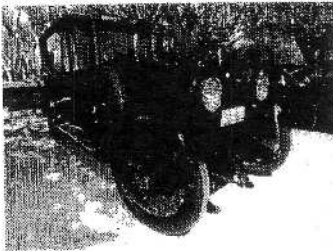


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