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1948 Plymouth Coupe  
Brian McKay

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## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who have provided items for this month's Colonial. Stories to come: Peter Hoskin's AC; Mini restoration in progress from David Bennett, Vic Hughes research of the Isuzu-Hillman; Tora Bennett's birthday surprise of MGB Roadster; replica of old Number One; founder of the Morris Motor Company; German Autofest. Thank you to these members. It's nice to have something in reserve

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 4 November at 12 noon and each first Friday, Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden.

Friday 18 November Fire up your oldish cars and head for the Eaglehawk motel complex on the Federal Highway by 11 am. We then go to the Bushranger Hotel in Collector for a drink, then lunch at noon. Enquiries to Alec McKernan 6286 1046. All members welcome.



### Get Well

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

### Presentation from members of the Silver City rally

At the November meeting, Graham Gittins will make a presentation to the Mothercraft Association of a cheque for \$410 and rugs made for them by club members. Could all members and wives who attended the rally come along to the meeting.

### Summernats—Car Club Display 2012

We have a standing invitation to Summernats which has to be co-ordinated through the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. The information on the website is still for 2011 but hopefully it will be updated soon so those wishing to attend can get their booking in.

### Appreciation

September run—Graham Bigg thanks Alec McKernan and Daniel Wyatt for help when he failed to proceed with clutch problem. Daniel for getting under the car and Alec for following Graham home and tow when failed to proceed again 200 metres from home.

October run—Ollie Walker grateful for all the helpers who pushed him and got him headed for home. Got home with a few stops to top up with water. Obtained a new pulley and seal and will be out again soon.

See you Tuesday  
Cheers ... Helen

# **CANBERRA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB**

## **GENERAL MEETING 11 OCTOBER 2011**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Attendance: 57

Apologies: 3

#### **Welcome**

President David Wyatt welcomed members to the October meeting and invited Vice President Graham Waite to introduce the guest speaker, Dean Willis from the Australian War Memorial who made a presentation on the restoration of the memorials vehicles.

#### **Minutes of the September General Meeting**

The Minutes of the September 2011 meeting were confirmed

Moved acceptance of the Minutes: Phil Donoghoe

Seconded: Vin Liston Carried

#### **Business Arising from the Minute**

There was no business arising from the September Minutes

#### **Correspondence - Gerry Walker**

##### **In**

Newsletters x 17

Letter Stuart Town Advancement Assn Festival Easter Saturday

Letter from Centrelink re article

Renewal x one

Account from Working Gear for \$79:00

ATO quarterly instalment notice

St George term deposit maturity

Shannons Auction news

Membership application

CBA – general account and merchant fee statements

CAMS club affiliation information re membership services and benefits

Google information about Google maps

##### **Out**

Nil

Moved acceptance of the correspondence: Gerry Walker

Seconded: Alec McKernan Carried

#### **President's Report - David Wyatt**

Congratulated four club members, without naming them, for their success at the American Car Club Day.

David said he had just returned from the Club's Silver City Tour at which he had a most enjoyable time.

**Vice President** - Graham Waite

November guest speaker will be Peter Kier who will make a presentation on radiator care (To be confirmed)

**Lucky Badge** draw

Door prize: *sorry—can the recipient please let us know!!*

September run: Robyn Arndt

**Treasurer** - Bob Judd

Major expenditure for the month was the insurance account of \$1578:50. Current balance \$3858:67

Has sent out letters to 24 members reminding them that their have not renewed their membership, received four replies so far.

Moved acceptance of the Treasurers report: Bob Judd

Seconded: Helen Phillips Carried

**Editor:** Helen Phillips apologised for the magazine being late in the mail this month but the machine the printer uses for our issue had to have a major overhaul. Thanked Phil and Roger for rushing to get it in the mail once printed. Sorry Daniel for not putting name and car make on front.

**Events Director:** Jan Wyatt was congratulated on being elected as Events Director.

Collector pub this Sunday—arrive by 11.30 am.

Nov 13 Marques in the Park

Dec 13 BBQ by the lake instead of meeting at Bridge Club. As so near to Christmas, not planning a Sunday run as well unless enough people particularly want one.

Jan 15 Twilight run for chicken and champagne.

**Raffle:** Won by Marjorie Cooper.

**Supper coordinator** - Clive Glover

All is well

**Registrar**

In the absence of Bob Alexander, Alec McKernan reported that 16 vehicles had been inspected during the month.

**Information Officer** - Mark Butterfield

All Good.

**Librarian** - Joe Micallef

Brought to attention three books which may be of interest to members  
Mustang, Land Rover and Leyland the truth behind the cars.  
He had received a box of books donated by Bob Douglas.

**Shop Manager** - Norm Brennan

Has cloth and metal badges and shirts for sale.

**Council Delegate** - Graham Bigg

Result of Council elections

President: Sue Walker

Vice President: Bill Lewis

Treasurer: Graham Bigg

Committee: Dave Rogers

Events Director: Bruce Perry

Registrar: Mark Saunders

Wheels dates for 2013 and 2014 will be set at next Council meeting  
Council's revised Constitution and by laws were voted on and accepted  
Great number of events now loaded on to the Council's website.

**Publishing Committee** - Phil Donoghoe

All Good

**Membership officer** - Joe Vavra

Advised one club member – Peter Toet had 61 vehicles listed

**General Business**

Alan Martin

Advised members to get their applications in for the Yass Heritage Day on 5 November. Can't just turn up without a booking.

Peter Hubert asked about a display of cars at the Canberra Swap Meet. He was advised that there is no car display at the swap which is run by the Veteran, Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club.

Bob Garrett asked who could service an engine magneto. Wayne Summerfield advised there was a firm in Victoria and Tasmania who did this work. Also advised to check the man mentioned in October *Colonial*.

Bob Judd pointed out an ABC story on the world's oldest working vehicle an 1887 De Dion-Bouton was recently sold for \$4.6 million.

Barry Boyce knows of a 1951 Dodge for sale for around \$10 000 see him for details.

Jim Crane advised that ABC will be broadcasting a three part series on *Wide Open Road* in Australia at 7.30pm starting on Sunday 17 October.

Helen Phillips asked has the Australian War Memorial rescheduled their Mitchell Repository Open day, which was cancelled due to the fire in the suburb? Dean Willis advised that the next open day will be next year, no date confirmed as yet.

Graham Gittins advised that \$410 had been raised by way of fines and raffles for the Mothercraft Society during the Silver City Rally.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Graham Gittins  
Minute Secretary.

Speaker at the October meeting, Dean Willis from the Australian War Memorial Annexe at Mitchell with our President David Wyatt.



## MARQUES IN THE PARK - 13 November 2011

### Event Details:

9.00 – 10.00 set up under the shade of the trees at John Knight Park in Belconnen

10:00 – 3:00 Kick back and relax

### Details and Facts

- ✓ The display at John Knight Park will begin at 10.00 am and go until 3.00 pm
- ✓ John Knight Park is on Aikman Drive Belconnen, A.C.T.
- ✓ Entrance to the park is via Lake Ginninderra College car park
- ✓ Entry to Marques in the Park is FREE for participants and spectators
- ✓ Shaded areas and open grassed areas, for parking and relaxing
- ✓ Espresso coffee and Food stall selling hot food and cold drinks
- ✓ Trade stalls selling goods and services for motoring enthusiasts
- ✓ Display area close to shopping mall and fast food outlets
- ✓ Vehicle access and movement is allowable all day, with a 5 KPH speed limit
- ✓ Club BBQ's permitted in the Park

The Canberra Celica group will be selling Sausage sandwiches and cold drinks so please support this local club.

This event would not be possible without the fantastic support of our Gold sponsor, SHANNONS and silver sponsor SOS Recruitment

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**Marques in the Park**

**John Knight Park**  
**November 13th 2011**

On display  
Vintage, Veteran, Historic,  
Classics, Hotrods, Customs,  
Choppers, Harleys,  
Street Machines

**Ferrari MG Lotus Subaru Ford**

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## OCTOBER MONTHLY RUN TO THE BUSHRANGER HOTEL, COLLECTOR

A very pleasant day and a good roll-up - in pictures



Butterfield Chrysler near the hotel  
Memorial stone near the hotel



Above: New member  
Philip Smith's 47  
Buick



Cars everywhere—a good run for getting the bigger cars out







Norm still smiling despite the pressure

Some ate inside in the dining room.



After lunch, on the verandah Chris, Petra, Irene and Daniel.

Norm's truck out front and that sculpture across the road.



**Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club  
Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
13 September 2011**

The AGM opened at 9.06 pm with President Daniel Wyatt in the chair.

**Minutes of the previous AGM** - Correction to the Minutes: The Club Membership Secretary's name does not appear in the Minutes. Joe Vavra was elected to this position. Acceptance of the Minutes with the above amendment was moved by Vin Liston, seconded Graham Bigg. Carried

**Report from the President** - Daniel Wyatt

Good evening to all. I wish to thank all who have joined us tonight for the Annual General Meeting for 2011. As we all know by now that public speaking is not one of my strong points, so I will be as brief as possible.

As a club on the whole we have achieved a lot this year. We have had many events that have been well attended and some not so, but that is the way it all falls into place and what makes this the club what it is.

As a young pup in this club, in the time that I have been a member I have met some exceptional people and would like to think that I have made some great friendships along the way. Many years ago myself and my father used to travel to many car shows, with one day hoping to be able to put our own cars on show. Well five years into being members, now we do sit behind our cars at different shows with a great sense of pride seeing what we have achieved.

That is something that we should not lose sight of as a club, not only the enjoyment we get from using our vehicles but also the joy it can bring to others.

This year I will not be standing for the position of President. With our club running Wheels, I wish to take on that task only as I have increasing work commitments. However, I would like to carry on in the role as Club Examiner. But don't worry, as our family seems to be quite involved in the club I am sure that I will be kept busy.

Words cannot express how grateful I am to the existing committee for the help that I have received to make my position a joy. To all concerned: Thank you.

As mentioned before this was going to be brief and I hope that the coming year brings as much joy as the previous years have. Thank you to one and all for the opportunity that was given to me and I hope that I have served the club well. Best wishes and Good bye. Daniel

### **Financial Statement and Auditors Report - Bob Judd**

The task of Treasurer is made considerably easier by the assistance I receive from my fellow Committee members. While all Committee Members provide assistance in their own way, as mentioned at this time last year, Gerry Walker's ongoing assistance is truly appreciated. Also, I would like to specifically thank Joe Vavra for his work in maintaining the Membership Register for, without this, I would not accurately know who the financial members are at any given time.

In the past year, there are a number of things that I feel are worthy of mention.

While we have saved three and half thousand dollars in Colonial printing costs in the last year, the cost of producing the monthly magazine remains a major cost of running the club. I would like to encourage as many members as possible to receive their copies by email as this saves on both printing and postage costs.

The organising group of the Austins over Australia Rally has been holding over \$2800 in our accounts for the last few years. This year, they decided to make a significant contribution to several local charities and, additionally, donate funds to our club for the purchase of a new audio system with the new wireless microphones. Their generosity is well appreciated by all members.

Our funds held in Interest Bearing Accounts remains untouched for the year and are slowly climbing to now be above \$29,500.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gail Boate for her time and energy in auditing our books for the past year. This has been a long-term task for Gail, for which she receives no recompense.

I present the Audited Financial Statements for the 2010/2011 Financial Year and move their acceptance. Bob Judd

There were no notes attached to the Auditors Report. There were no questions of the Treasurer.

Bob Judd moved acceptance of the Financial Statement and Auditors Report, seconded Roger Amos. Carried

## Election of office bearers for 2011-12

The President declared all committee positions vacant and invited Life Member Vin Liston to conduct the election.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
President	David Wyatt	Daniel Wyatt	Bob Judd
Vice President	Graham Waite	Gerry Walker	Mark Butterfield
Treasurer	Bob Judd	David Wyatt	Gerry Walker
Secretary	Gerry Walker	Graham Waite	Bob Judd
Editor	No nominations		
Librarian	Joe Micallef	Gerry Walker	David Wyatt
Information Officer	Mark Butterfield	Joe Micallef	Bob Alexander
Shop Manager	Norm Brennan	Bob Judd	Mark Butterfield
Council Delegate	Graham Bigg	Graham Waite	Bob Judd
Council Delegate	Roger Amos	Waine Summerfield	Bob Alexander
Events Committee	Vin Liston	David Wyatt	Daniel Wyatt
Events Committee	Clive Castles	David Wyatt	Mark Butterfield
Events Committee	Chris Berry	David Wyatt	Bob Judd
Events Committee	Jan Wyatt	David Wyatt	Gerry Walker
Events Committee	Clive Glover	volunteered	
Events Committee	Alan Martin	volunteered	
Events Committee	Val Bland	volunteered	
Membership Secretary	Joe Vavra	Bob Judd	Gerry Walker
Minute Secretary	Graham Gittins	Graham Waite	Gerry Walker

Editor: Helen Phillips volunteered to stay on till the end of the year.  
 Moved Roger Phillips, seconded Waine Summerfield that this be accepted

### Appointments:

Public Officer	Bob Judd
Registrar	Bob Alexander
Examiners:	Are appointed by RTA—to stay as they are listed in the Colonial
Webmaster	John Jeffery
Publishing Committee	Phil Donoghue, Roger Amos and Clive Castles
Supper Co-ordinator	Clive Glover
Auditor	Gail Boate

### Close of Meeting

Newly elected President David Wyatt thanked Vin Liston for conducting the election and the outgoing committee for their work during the year.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 pm  
 Graham Gittins, Minute secretary

## POSSIBLE IGNITION TIMING PROBLEMS ON MGS WITH "B" SERIES ENGINES

I recently had problems with the electronic ignition on my M.G. "B" so I took it back to the original and fitted a set of points. In resetting the timing, I used the marks on the front pulley however this led to confusion as valves were open on both No.1&4 cylinders and the rotor button was nowhere near the contacts in the distributor cap.

After setting No.1 cylinder on T.D.C. with the valves rocking, I rechecked the timing marks and found them to be almost 180 out of position. I also found at this point another mark on the front pulley that looked to have been put there with a file or like instrument. Using this other mark, the engine fired up instantly and fine tuning with this mark gave me a good running engine.

Further investigation revealed that the front pulley on my car is not the correct one for an M.G. It would appear to be from a B.M.C. product that uses the "B" series engine. On checking this out, I found that the fingers on the timing case cover of the M.G are attached to the bottom of the timing case and, on most other "B" series engines, the fingers are attached to the timing case at the top and slightly to the right when looking at the engine from the front. This would account for the discrepancy of slightly less than 180 degrees.

The above suggests then that all pulleys will fit however the timing marks are different.

There is the possibility that the pulley is correct and that the timing case cover is wrong however I think that the pulley in my case is not correct.

I hope that no one else runs into this problem as it was extremely frustrating however If you do, I hope the above will help.

Jim Crane, Phone 6291 4209

### Progress on Roger's Vauxhall



The Colonial

Wheels in March on left

In September on right



November 2011

## **A NEW STABLE MATE - BY BRIAN McKAY**

### **1948 Plymouth Coupe**

Most club members will be familiar with my two “rag top” vintage cars (1929 Chev Tourer and 1930 Model A Ford Roadster) which I have owned and rallied for much of our club’s long history. Although I dearly love these sometimes cantankerous old girls, there are nonetheless times when I have wished for a vehicle more suitable to drive on the longer rallies we sometimes get involved in. As many members are well aware, old vintage cars can be quite tiring on really long trips.

Accordingly, last October found me at the famous US Hershey car swap meet, largely to check out what the market was offering there. My interest for a possible purchase tended to something a bit rare to Australia, such as a coupe or convertible from the 1940s. (I actually owned a ‘47 Ford Mercury coupe many years ago when living in Canada.) Of course, I saw many interesting cars at Hershey, but anything nice cost plenty. Furthermore, there was nothing reasonable in the brand and body style I favoured, namely a 1940s era Plymouth.

It wasn’t until I was on my way home, in part travelling by train from Hershey/Carlisle to Detroit and Chicago that I spotted an ad in Hemmings Motor News, listing a 1948 Plymouth coupe for sale. This was described as an original unrestored, low mileage model, located in the eastern state of Ohio. Unfortunately, by then I wasn’t in a position to sidetrack my journey, so had to put off further enquiries until I returned home.

Back in Canberra a week later, I called ‘Gene’, the Plymouth owner in Ohio. When I obtained more details about his car (and that he approved of its export), my interest went into overdrive! However, I still was not convinced enough to make an offer on the car without a formal inspection. Fortunately, by a stroke of luck, a Vancouver friend had relatives in Ohio living within 40 miles of the Plymouth. Furthermore, they had a background in farm equipment/motor mechanics, and seemed quite happy to inspect the car for me. To cut a long story short, back came a fairly glowing report that “my” car was a little beauty, being solid and well cared for, with low (43,000) miles and with great potential. By then, wild horses couldn’t dissuade me, and, as other buyers were ‘in the wings’, I immediately contacted Gene offering him the listed price and commenced arrangements for shipping the car to Australia out of New York.



When the car arrived in Sydney this autumn, readers can imagine my excitement as I pulled up at the Botany shipping terminal with my ute and car trailer. There it was, an original 1948 Plymouth Special Deluxe Coupe, just out of its shipping container, parked beside the Customs facilities. It was slightly travel stained from its long voyage, but nevertheless, to me it looked pretty terrific and very pleasing to the eye.

Once back in Canberra, I carefully checked out the car and was amazed to find it in such good order. Virtually everything worked, including the various electrical accessories; the cloth upholstery was original and spotless while the black (factory?) paint was very acceptable for a 63 year old vehicle. Even more surprising, the chromed bumpers and stainless steel trim were unmarked while the motor ticked over like the proverbial clock. All in all, I was now convinced what a fortunate purchase this had been.

Later, on putting the car through rego, I was not too perturbed that the inspectors found a few minor faults. These were principally leaking seals on the brakes, transmission and differential, probably suggesting long periods of storage. Fortunately, Gene had sent a parts/repair manual with the car, and I was able to order replacement seals from the US. Our club's Albert Neuss (a Chrysler product fanatic if ever there was one!) wrestled with the very rusty bolts etc on the brake cylinders and a Fyshwick company adjusted the steering. (I have no plans, by the way, to convert the car's left hand drive.) The final motor registry inspection took place in early June and the car now carries historic plates on club registration.

So there you have it, the story of yet another car (a ridiculous 3rd) in my stable. This car I feel will quite satisfy my needs at this stage in my 'vintage' life, although the true test will only come with extended driving and how it stands up to future events. I can only wish we both will have many years ahead of happy rallying together.

Brian McKay.

On display at Seniors Expo at bus depot after just arrived.



## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2011-12

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Nov 13	Bruce Perry 0408 652 107	Marques in the Park, John Knight Memorial Park, Lake Ginninderra, Belconnen. Be in place by 10 am. See pages 10 and 11. See map at meeting if unsure where to park.
Dec 13	Jan Wyatt 0400 603 686	Instead of our general meeting at the Bridge Club, gather under the trees near the YMCA Sailing Club, Alexandrina Drive, Yarralumla. Club will provide sausage sizzle plus bread, tea and coffee. Please bring everything else you wish to eat/drink, plus tables and chairs. Raffle tickets for sale. Don't forget the Aeroguard and a light if you wish to stay late. Trailer will be there between 5pm -5.15 pm, sausages will be ready about 6.00 pm onwards. Names to Jan please at the November meeting or by phone by 7 December would be appreciated.
Jan 15	Jan Wyatt 0400 603 686	Twilight run, chicken and bubbly at Black Mountain Peninsula. Very last picnic area. Again names are required for ordering purposes. Names will be taken at the November meeting, December BBQ and January meeting or by phone. Visitors \$5 per head.
Feb 19		TBA
Mar 25		Shannons Wheels display day

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2011

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Nov 5	6226 1944 kreidy@ozemail.com.au	Yass AMC celebration of heritage motoring MUST send in entry form. <a href="http://www.yamc.com.au">www.yamc.com.au</a>
Nov 5		Cooma Motorfest <a href="http://www.coomacarclub.com.au">www.coomacarclub.com.au</a>
Nov 12	Beth Vincent 6161 5102 9.30 am to 2 pm	Kingsford Smith School Fete would like cars for a show'n'shine. Kingsford Smith School, Holt. Prize for most popular vehicle.

**EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2011-12**

	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Nov 12-13		Bendigo Swap Meet
Nov 18-20		Canberra Ute, Car and Truck Muster at EPIC.
Nov 19	6977 1088	Temora Aviation Museum would like expressions of interest from car clubs for flying event.
Dec 3-4	Phone 6026 3006	Pop the Top Festival at Jindera (15 kms from Albury-Wodonga).
Dec 4		Terribly British Day, Patrick White Lawns near National Library.
Sat Dec 10	4822 2811	All American Muscle Day at Wakefield Park Goulburn <a href="http://www.wakefieldpark.com.au">www.wakefieldpark.com.au</a>
Jan 8 2012		Summernats, Exhibition Park in Canberra. Details on Council website and I will put them in the Colonial in December. Entry form has to be in before Christmas.
Jan 22		Mudgee Swap Meet
Jan 29	03 9890 0524 (bh)	Seymour Swap Meet & Country Car Show, Kings Park, Tallarook Road.
Feb 5		Bathurst Swap Meet
Feb 10-12	David McMurray 6336 5331	Oberon Highland Steam and Vintage Fair. <a href="mailto:david@highlandsteam.org.au">david@highlandsteam.org.au</a>
Feb 11-12	<a href="mailto:info@gnooblas.com">info@gnooblas.com</a>	Gnoo Blass Classic, Orange
Feb 19		Sydney Super Swap Meet, Clarendon
Feb 26	02 4659 6064 EM: <a href="mailto:rcwnswapmeet@live.com">rcwnswapmeet@live.com</a>	3rd Annual Wollondilly Swapmeet and Family Market Day, Oakdale Workers Club Football, Ground, 1605 Burragorang Rd. Oakdale
Mar 17-18		Chryslers on the Murray
Apr 2		Goulburn Swap

## **Morris Owners Group Canberra Region 2011 Weekend Away**

The 2011 Morris Owners Group weekend away will be to Goulburn on 19-20 November. About an hours drive from Canberra, Goulburn was Australia's first inland city and boasts a range of attractions including many heritage buildings and sites.

### **Saturday 19 November**

The Tour will depart at 9.00am from the Dickson College car park corner of Antill Street and Phillip Ave, Dickson. Follow the Federal Highway, turn off the highway at the first Goulburn exit ramp and park at Trapper's Bakery for morning tea and a visit to the Big Merino.

Joe Micallef has arranged a visit to a car collection, followed by a visit to the Rose flower show at St Saviours hall ( fee) and it is a short walk across the road to St Peter's and Paul's Cathedral to view the new Caroline Chisholm mosaic on the outside of the building. An inspection of the interior of both cathedrals is well worthwhile.

Lunch is at the Goulburn Workers Club.

After lunch it will be time to book into the accommodation, which is at the Lilac City Motel 126-128 Lagoon Street. A dinner bed and breakfast tariff of \$155 has been arranged.

You will need to book your accommodation direct with the motel Tele: 4821 5000 before 5 November. The booking has been made in the Morris Owners Group name.

Afternoon is free to explore Goulburn shopping centre.

Happy hour will be held in the motel grounds from 5.00pm followed by dinner in the motel restaurant.

### **Sunday 20 November**

Breakfast in the motel restaurant from 8.00am

Morning free to visit the National trust property Riversdale (fee) or Garroorigang Homesteads ( fee) or the Historic Goulburn Brewery.

There is a tractor display (fee) at Taralga ( 45 kms from Goulburn)

Morning tea - own arrangements.

We will then muster at the Bushranger Hotel Collector for lunch at 1.00pm. Mains from \$15.00.

Depart Collector for Canberra.

Graham Gittins 0419 249 109

## Expression of Interest

Calling all owners of vehicles built or sold between 1 January 1931 and 31 December 1949 to attend a new event in Canberra in 2014.

The Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club is hosting a Post Vintage Capital Tour in March 2014.

The event promises to be a friendly tour of Canberra, allowing some free time as well as visits to various places of interest, a presentation dinner and display at Wheels 2014.

To show your interest in this new event please complete the Expression of Interest and send to

Roger Amos  
Post Vintage Capital Tour Coordinator  
email: [amosr@grapevine.com.au](mailto:amosr@grapevine.com.au)

## Expression of Interest

to attend the

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club's

## Post Vintage Capital Tour

Yes, I am interested in attending the Post Vintage Capital Tour in March 2014

Name .....

Address .....

.....Post code.....

Email .....Telephone.....

Vehicle details

Make .....Model.....Year.....

Colour.....

Email to Roger Amos  
[amosr@grapevine.com.au](mailto:amosr@grapevine.com.au)

**NOTES FROM A COACHBUILDERS WORKBOOK**  
**BY PETER RHYS-DAVIES.**  
**FIXINGS, FASTENERS, GLUES AND CUPS.**

PART 3 AND FINAL OF THIS ARTICLE.

Finally, the other half of a perfect joint – the glue. Really, there is only one choice – the waterproof/marine grade commonly used in wooden boat building. There are two basic types: ‘one-pot’; and ‘two-pot’. The easier to use is the ‘one-pot’, which comes, as the name suggests, in just one container, and is spread over the joint, often on both faces. Some require a dampening of one face. They all have a setting time, some faster and some longer, but one with around 15 – 30 minutes should be fine for most normal joint work. Bear in mind these times are related to temperature, so the warmer it is the quicker the setting time. Certainly when putting together a complex curved section it would be wise to use a glue with a longer setting time, say an hour or two. These glues are to be found in almost any good hardware store, under a variety of names. I have used ‘Kleiberit 501’; ‘Titebond 111’; and Selley’s ‘Aquadhere Super Durable’ all with great success, and have no problem in recommending any of these.

Slightly better are the ‘two-pot’ glues. These come in two separate containers, needing to be mixed together just before use. They are usually somewhat stronger, and in the most highly stressed parts of the body – corners, doors etc – I would recommend these. Once mixed, of course, the glue will set regardless, so it is important to mix enough to do the job in hand, as there is usually insufficient time to mix up a new batch partway through. ‘Araldite’ is probably the best known, but check out the nearest marine ships chandler to see what they may have, as there are new mixes and chemicals coming onto the market frequently. These may not be cheap but are very well worth the extra cost and provide a certain peace of mind. And always follow the mixing directions precisely.

Don’t even think of using the everyday ‘Interior’ or ‘Exterior’ white glues commonly seen in hardware stores

The aim with all joints in a body is to ensure that every joint is as firm and solid as possible. Try to make every joint a tight fit, then use plenty of glue – certainly do not scrimp here – and use a good length screws to hold everything together as solidly as possible. The idea is the create a one-piece framework that is rigid and as strong as can be, for on our older cars the chassis can flex a little, and



the less movement in the bodywork, the more substantial and longer lasting it will be.

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## WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY

In the month of September the club received 17 car books which were surplus to the Bruce CIT Learning Centre Library. I had a quick look at the books and I think that most of them will make a valuable enhancement to our library. (see list below)

One of the books that I spent a bit more time on is 'Land Rover conversions applications since 1948 the worlds most versatile vehicle at work'.

This book will interest mainly those people who own a Land Rover and those that like military vehicles. I was surprised to see in how many configurations this small 4 wheel drive can and has been adapted, especially for military use.

Bedford and the British Chevrolet

Glass dealers guide passenger vehicle model identification 1974 1984

Cars Detroit never built fifty years of American experimental cars

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## **SILVER CITY TOUR 2011**

**Alec & Anne McKernan**

### **Part 1 - Trip to Adelaide and the Bay to Birdwood**

Last year I said to Anne that it is 48 years since I worked in the mining industry in Broken Hill and as I have never been back we should think about a holiday trip there, as well as a trip to Adelaide at that time.

We met up with Graham Gittins soon after who suggested making it a club trip as few club members it seems had been to Broken Hill. We set about planning such a trip, with Adelaide first to incorporate a Bay to Birdwood rally on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally on the crisp morning of 20<sup>th</sup> September 30 members in 15 cars gathered on the Barton highway truck stop at Hall to commence our trip, to be farewelled by Ken Walker.



Members comprised: Berrys in their Humber Vogue, Castles in their Mercedes 280E, Wyatts in their Ford Fairlane, Gallaghers in their Austin A60, Applebys in their Nissan X Trail, Smiths in their Austin Healey 100, McCullochs in their Alfa Romeo Guilina, Micallefs in their Honda Prelude, Seniors in their Humber Snipe, Brays in their Rover SD1, Garretts in their Toyota Camry, Gittins in their MG Magnette, Waites in their Honda Accord, Walkers in their Hyundai Elantra, and us in our Volvo 122S. The Douglasses in their Datsun 260Z and the Marshes in their Falcon joined us later in the trip. All members had mobile phones to advise of any car troubles or ad hoc visits to friends or places of interest.

Our first port of call was to visit a private vintage and veteran collection in Wagga Wagga arranged by John Snedden a friend of the car display owner, Arthur Garthon. These cars included a 1926 Crossley, a 1908 Rover, a 1948 MG TC and an MGB.



John Snedden, Clive Castles  
and Arthur Garthon



Joe Micallef and Chris Berry  
in Arthur's garage

Our first night was spent in Albury following dinner at the Commercial Club. Bright and shiny next morning we headed off to Yarrawonga to see one of the best collections of clocks, over 500 in all. After lunch we left for Bendigo where the ladies and two 'blokes' visited the Victorian and Albert London museum collection of 200 years of white wedding dresses at the View Street Art Gallery. This was an impressive display.

A long trip to Mount Gambier lay ahead the next day. Stopping along the way at interesting places. Very impressive was the mysterious Blue Lake which curiously changes colour. Locals said that we were two weeks early. Next day we went to Victor Harbour, a pretty seaside town and after taking in the sights the next day we went on to Adelaide for 3 days.

On arrival in town Scott Appleyard an interstate member of this club escorted us to various sights to take in the views of the city from Windy Point and through the beautiful Botanic Gardens. A stop at Torrens Weir on the way to the Austin Seven Club where he and other members put on a lovely BBQ dinner for us. Is this where Ray sold his car?

In Adelaide on day two the Bay to Birdwood Rally was on from Glenelg to the National Motor Museum in Birdwood. Several of our group were entered in the rally and thoroughly enjoyed themselves and heard us all cheer as they went past. The rest of us who have previously done the rally sat on the lawns of Anzac Highway outside our motel to watch all the rally cars and motor bikes come past from 9-30 to 11-30 am. Chris and Irene shared the day with their beautiful grandchildren.

On the Monday morning we went to Maggie Beer's farm property organised by Heather and Graham. We watched our meal being prepared and cooked and a demonstration of their products. Our Jim Appleby volunteered to help in this preparation and performed admirably. The meal was prepared using her farm grown olives and vegies. Local wines were served to compliment the great meal. During the afternoon we all went off to "do our own thing", such as a trip to Port Adelaide. Alec and David Marsh visited an acquaintance of Alec's who owns a convertible version of his 2.6 litre Lagonda sedan. Alec was keen to photograph certain items of this car as his car is in many pieces at the moment.

Whether it was the weather in Adelaide I know not but various car problems arose there, most of which were fixed quickly. My car developed a leak in the oil pressure switch which allowed oil to drip on to the hot exhaust, leading to advice from following members "Jeez mate your old Volvo smokes a lot ! " I said they don't normally burn oil before 500,000 kms. Anyway a visit to a parts shop with Scott Appleyard secured the required replacement part.

Chris had a clutch fork problem which meant out with the gearbox or engine. With the use of Scott's workshop all was fixed. John had a carby problem with the Humber which he solved. Graham Gittins had a tube problem which he got repaired. Bob's 260Z developed an intermittent misfire which did not cause any real problems before arriving home where he went looking for a cause.



At dinner with the Austin 7 Club  
Ellen, Anne and Jan

Alec presented a plaque to  
Ralph Drage in appreciation  
for the Austin 7 club  
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Opposite page: inside club rooms



Scott Appleyard in his workshop

John Senior making an adjustment to his Humber



Alec under his Volvo with an audience.



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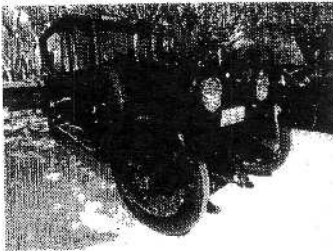


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