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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, Vic Hughes research of the Isuzu-Hillman; Tora Bennett's birthday surprise of MGB Roadster; founder of the Morris Motor Company, Michael Toole's take on NRMA Motorfest; Barbara Phillips' Anglia "Harriet" story is coming. Thank you to these members.

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 6 April GOOD FRIDAY and the Southern Cross Club is closed. Happy Easter from Alec. See you next month for Retreads sandwich lunch.

Friday 20 April The Retreads lunch time car run will be to Crisp's Gallery on the Hume Highway at Bowning south of Yass. Meet at the truck parking bay on the road to Yass opposite Hall at 10.30 am. Plan to arrive at Crisp's about 11.30 am. Food and refreshments are available and tables and chairs inside—and outside for your own meals if required. Crisp's phone number is 02 6227 6032 if you have any enquiries. For April and May they are presenting, as well as the usual displays, an exhibition of icons and illuminated letters and special art works.

Any queries 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.

Things to remember

Fill in the survey—if you are satisfied with the running of the Club, we do need your input too.

Congratulations and well deserved

At Terribly British Day, Graham Gittins was presented with the Ambassador Award by the Council of ACT Motor Clubs for his extensive volunteering in the historic car movement. His involvement with the Council goes back 17 years and he is also a member and worker within the CACMC and the MG Car Club. This is as well as helping with the organisation of Terribly British Day as a member of the small committee led by the Jaguar Drivers Club. Well deserved.

Happy Easter and safe driving if you are travelling. See you Tuesday Cheers ... Helen

SENIORS WEEK EXPO 2012

Our club had a good display at the COTA Seniors Week Expo at the Old Bus Depot in Kingston on Thursday 22 March.

In attendance were: Vin Liston 57 Morris Minor, Clive Glover 40 Chev, Keith and Lilly Carswell 39 Oldsmobile, George Sturgess 57 Austin A40, Allan Martin 28 Studebaker, John de la Torre 65 Mercedes, Graham Bigg 66 Mustang, Gerry Walker 67 MGB GT, Gerry Walker 63 Vauxhall Cresta, David & Jan Wyatt BMW, Ken Walker 24 Austin, Roger Amos 69 MGB, Phil Donoghoe 29 Durant, Paul Cuneen 37 Ford, Alec McKernan 39 Chev Pie Cart, Paul Flint 57 Datsun Bluebird.

Thanks Roger and thanks to all who supported this event.



CANBERRA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB GENERAL MEETING 13 MARCH 2012 DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: 58 members

Apologies: 6

Visitors: 2 - former member Cec Brown and recently joined Garry

Cartright

Opening

President David Wyatt opened the meeting welcomed everyone and then Guest speaker Graham Waite who gave a presentation on the work carried out by ACT Technical Aid for the Disabled.

Minutes of February meeting

Moved acceptance Gerry Walker, Seconded Graham Moore. Carried

There was no business arising from the Minutes

Correspondence Gerry Walker

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Newsletters x 13
National Trust Miss Trail's House and Garden, Bathurst Shannons Auction 5 March
Rally payment from Bob Douglas
St George Term Deposit
PO Box renewal
Terry Byrne payment for ad
Bridge Club invoice
Wintersun info
Email membership enquiry
Postcard from Brian McKay
Advert for BBQ trailer for sale
Final invitation Wings over Illawarra
Invoice for February printing
CBA Merchant Fee

OUT

Get well cards Response to membership enquiry.

Rally payment W. Smith Survey forms x 3

Moved acceptance Gerry Walker, Seconded Bob Judd. Carried.

Presidents Report - David Wyatt

Looking for BMW parts following a recent problem with his car.

Advised there was a cloud over the location of Wheels on the lawns of Old Parliament House and a new location has to be found.

Appealed to members to use the microphones when addressing the meeting.

Vice President Graham Waite

Radiator talk now scheduled for May meeting April will be Jim Clough Lucky badge draw #38 Roger Amos - no badge. Redraw #54 Cec Brown Last Run # 9 Graham Bigg.

Treasurer Bob Judd

Current bank balance \$5305:68
Major expense for month \$750 for Bridge Club room hire
Moved acceptance: Bob Judd, Seconded: Clive Castles. Carried

Editor Helen Phillips

April edition half completed as Helen is going away.

Information officer

In the absence of Mark Butterfield Helen Phillips brought along the magazines and for sale items.

Events director Jan Wyatt

Pleased with the number of people who attended the winery trip Wheels Dinner - still seats available at \$37 per head. His Excellency Michael Bryce will be the guest speaker.

April run to Alan Martin's farm at Yass and also to meet with the Yass Club members

National Motoring Heritage Day May 20

Alan Martin asked if anyone would be able to trailer Ken McKay's 1937 Austin Ute to Wheels. Kevin is in Calvary Retirement Aged Care and will not be able to make Wheels.

Yass Show 18 March free entry for driver of old car.

Graham Waite reminded members that Seniors Day at the Old Bus Depot Markets is on Thursday 22 March 10 am to 3pm space for around 10 vehicles.

Wheels volunteers for marshals contact Chris Berry.

Raffle ticket #1 Val bland

Supper coordinator Clive Glover All OK

Registrar Bob Alexander

25 inspections for month Alec = 10.

Librarian Joe Micallef

Received books via Jim Clough from Grace Sugden.

Membership Secretary

Joe Vavra not present

Shop Manager Norm Brennan

Banners for sale - buy one for Wheels \$15

Council Delegate - Roger Amos

A secure storage space required for the Canberra Pie Cart.

Wheels badges - Graham Bigg has 2012 Wheels badges for sale \$10 each

Council events coordinator requests that the club advise him of club events to avoid events conflicting.

ACT Heritage Festival require vehicles for display at Duntroon Dairy on 29 April. See Alec McKernan

2013 Centenary Rally. 18 -20 October 2013. All club vehicles are eligible Council is working with National Trust ACT. Jervis Bay major starting point.

Ethanol. NSW no longer to ban unleaded 91. Council is checking what is happening in other states and territories.

SIVS still to be finalised.

Government is holding firm on seat belts for under 7 year olds.

Modified Vehicle legislation. Main problem is brake test.

Forum held at Eastern Creek on 26 February 2012

30th Anniversary of Wheels Dinner, Southern Cross Club Jamison Saturday 24 March - tickets see Jan Wyatt

Council's web site has been re-designed and now up and running.

Webmaster

No report

General Business

Bob Judd - Name badges for new Members available

Daniel Wyatt - reminded drip trays required at Wheels.

John Senior - Going away for two months.

Roger Amos advised that he would be seeking seeding funds of \$2000 from the club committee to fund the 2014 Post Vintage Capital Tour. Management Committee to discuss.

Tony James Dodge truck has been sold and is remaining in Canberra.

Helen will be chasing up survey forms at Wheels.

David Wyatt - Saturday 24 March Brindabella Gardens nursing home require vehicles for their annual fete.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Graham Gittins, Minutes Secretary

CLUB SURVEY

Included in members' Colonials for March was a survey which the committee would like you to fill in and return.

Your input will help us with targeting services and events so please take the time to have your say.

The Colonial

Any errors/omissions let Helen know. I am gradually catching up on the material you good members so kindly provide. Contact me if I have forgotten something you gave me or forgotten to give you back a photo.

Have run out of restoration stories.

It is still possible to get your Colonial by email: just email Helen, so that she gets your details correct, cc Joe Vavra and Joe will take you off the labels list.

SHANNONS WHEELS 2012 DISPLAY DAY Thoroughbred Park, Mitchell

At the time of counting there were 862 vehicles on display at this year's Wheels. In CACMC display, 87 vehicles. Thank you to all those who took part and special thank to the Events Committee and Daniel for the organisation and everyone who helped with marshalling or helped in any way.

I hope not too many got lost but it was advertised on radio, in the Canberra Times and by email to those of you on the e-Colonial list who were asked to let friends know of the new venue. Graham Bigg sat at the lawns of OPH for some time to redirect but only saw two cars (who thought he was lost!). Thanks to Thoroughbred Park for the use of their site and surprisingly there were a lot of visitors to the display. We wait to see how much was raised for the chosen charity Rotary ShelterBox.

Jan could laugh after a hectic week, Daniel is scratching his head but Chris and Clive have the layout maps under control.





Good to see Barry Boyce there but they didn't manage their usual big display of cars. Graham Gittins presented Barry with a certificate for attending the first Wheels in 1982.

Graham Waite was kept busy explaining what a Rotary ShelterBox is. Here with Bob Maguire.



The pie cart was on display next to Shannons tent.

The McKernan's feel their Bean is still in the family as it was sold to friends Denise and Peter Sturgess.

CANBERRA PIE CART



Alan Boate felt lonely as his was the only Jeep this year.

A new car is our display, the 1977 Ford LTD Monarch of Garry and Carol Cartwright who only joined in January.







Cars don't have to be bright and shiny to attract attention. Ken Barfoed's 1938 Hudson Terraplane got more attention than his beautifully restored Studebaker next door.



Rear view of Alan Martin's Studebaker and Charlie Adam's Austin. The Studebaker featured in an article in the Canberra Times which gave good coverage to the Wheels day and new venue.

Claude Favretto added a quirky touch to his Cadillac.



OBERON HIGHLAND STEAM & VINTAGE FAIR

The Club was well represented at the Highland Steam and Vintage Fair held in Oberon on 10-12 February.

Fourteen club couples made the journey via Goulburn and Taralga stopping at the Taralga Motor museum on route.

The Museum operated by Ricky Hopkins is housed in two sheds and contains mainly British marques of the smaller car variety - Austin and Morris. Some restored but many still work in progress.

Around the walls are Ricky's collection of model cars, garage signs, fan belts, cigarette lighters, dolls, prams, Tonka trucks, oil cans, and other bric-a-brac. Spotted in one of the display cases was a 1991 Wheels badge.

Rick a former policeman and now a country singer with sixteen albums to his credit, keeps visitors amused with his stories of his collection.

From Taralga the group followed the Oberon road across the Abercrombie River and were met on the other side by an escort vehicle who invited drivers to follow along about half a kilometre of road work.

Oberon is 1113 metres above sea level has population of about 2500 and enjoys full employment with industries associated with the logging and timber industries.

Friday was a free day and some chose to travel to Blayney and Carcoar. Some went to Orange whilst others spent the day exploring Oberon.

Carcoar a gold mining town was once held up by Ben Hall and his gang in 1863 but escaped with no money when the Commercial bank teller fired a pistol to the roof, the bush rangers took flight. The robbery is re-enacted each Australia Day.

Saturday was the grand parade along Oberon's main street with tractors - lots of Ferguson's, trucks of all sizes from big Macks and Whites to older Chevrolets and a wide collection of vintage and classic cars.

After the parade all the vehicles assembled at the fair ground and it was time to walk around the various exhibits.

Disaster struck one Mk11 Jaguar when it caught on fire, but the flames were quickly extinguished by the local SES whose fire truck was passing by when the fire broke out. Someone is in for an expensive repair bill!

Saturday night was the Fair dinner at the Oberon RSL Club with a theme of 1950s and 1960s.

There were several leather jacketed Elvis look-a-likes and ladies in colourful full skirts and bobby socks.

Anne McKernan and Anne Gallagher each won a raffle prize of a box of fruit and vegetables.

Sunday was time to pack up and head back to Canberra via Bathurst, Crookwell, Gunning and Gundaroo.

Apart from the weather which ranged from cold, to heavy rain and storms, with thunder and lightning, to fog which tended to put a bit of damper on the Saturday display the weekend was worth the effort to attend.

The Magnette travelled just over the 500 miles (800 Kilometres) trouble free.

Members of the club who attended included Ray and Anne Gallagher Alec and Anne McKernan George and Aileen Sturgess Bob and Carole Douglas Graham and Heather Gittins

Ken and Jeanette Walker Clive and Merilyn Castles And spotted were: Graham and Dee Crocket Joe Micallef Lee Gaynor and Albert Neuss.

Thanks to Graham.



Some of the CACMC cars

Grahame and Dee Crocket with cars display in background





Jaguar which caught on fire



WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY

In the March meeting Jim Clough brought in two crates of books that were donated to the club by Grace Sugden the widow of the late Allan Sugden. The list of books is shown below:

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Holden Shop Manual 'FE' and 'FC' Series	GMH	
Holden 'HK' Series Shop Manual	GMH	
Holden 'HQ' Service Manual Vol.4 2 x of	GMH	
Holden 'HQ' Service Manual Vol.5	GMH	
Holden 'HQ' Service Manual Vol.6	GMH	
Holden 'HJ' and Statesmen Service Manual 2 x of	GMH	
Holden Apollo 'JK' Series Vol.1 Service Manual	GMH	
Holden - Trimatic Shop Manual Commodore Calais 'VT' Series II owner's Handbook	GMH GMH	
Falcon - Fairlane 'XA' - 'ZF' Repair Manual 2 x of Falcon 'XD' Repair Manual 2 x of	Ford Australia Ford Australia	
Ford Falcon 'XC' Series Repair Manual	Ford Australia	
Ford Fairlane 'ZA' Series Shop Manual Falcon - Fairlane - LTD Repair Manual 2 x of Telstar and TX5 Repair Manual 1985 -1986 Models Auto Repair Manual American Cars 1980 - 1987 Valiant 'VC' series Service Manual Ford Australia Ford Australia Chilton's Chrysler Australia		
The Book of Morris Minor 1000 The Book of Austin Twelve Vauxhall 'VX' Type 26 - 33 H.P. Instruction Book	Staton Abbey Staton Abbey Vauxhall Motors Ltd	
Passport to Service and Driver's Handbook Morris 11	00 & 1100 'S' BMC	
MGB Parts Catalogue	Moss Motors Ltd	
Royal Enfield Motor Cycles	C.A.E. Booker	

Rover 3500/3500S Pamphlet

Some of the manuals are duplicated therefore they will be put up for sale at the April meeting.

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Joe Micallef, Librarian

Two - Stroke Motor Cycles

APRIL MONTHLY RUN—Sunday 15 April

Proposed joint social BBQ event for the Yass Antique Motor Club and CACMC after Easter 2012, on Sunday 15 April at Alan Martin's Drummoyne Homestead, Yass via Coolalie Road.

I thought this joint social BBQ event would be of interest to members of the above car clubs to view each others cars and to network amongst old friends and to establish new car club friends. Accordingly I offer my grazing property as the venue and this property is around 6 kilometres from the Yass Post Office along the Coolalie Road. The Coolalie road is located 4th turn to the right after the bridge over the Yass River on main road through Yass. This road is bitumen and there is a give way sign half way up Pollux Street which is the start of the Coolalie Road and there are a few sharp narrow turns along this road. The Drummoyne Homestead is on the left about 150 metres from the road and is visible from the road.

All members of the above two car clubs are invited to attend this joint social event and to drive their old cars. CACMC will have their BBQ trailer facilities. Attendees will provide their own catering and drinks.

There will be separate external toilets for females and males, hand washing taps, a number of seats and in the event of inclement weather there will be undercover weather protection. I can conduct inspections of the 1920 Federation homestead, shearers quarters and shearing shed if there is interest. The Drummoyne Pastoral Company is a working grazing property with sheep, wool, fat lambs and Angus cattle and has been in the one family since 1908. Families of blue wrens, swallows, willy wag tails, parrots and many other birds reside in and around the homestead buildings.

I will be inviting some of the neighbours of my Evatt and Drummoyne properties to this social event and children and grand children of the car club members are invited also and it is expected that attendees arrive commencing say 11am and this event depending on the weather should run to around 2pm to 3pm.

Cheers, Alan Martin Mobile 0406 377 258

PS

See restored Army trucks and an ex Army field kitchen. I wonder if they will cook a pizza?

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2012

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Apr 15		Alan Martin has invited our club and the Yass Antique Motor Club to visit his grazing property located just out of Yass. Bring your own lunch and the BBQ trailer will be there for tea, coffee and to cook your lunch for those who wish to do so. Meet at the Hall truck lay-by about 10 am to leave at 10.30 am. See also page 19.
May 20	Chris Berry 6257 7145 Vin Liston 6241 1645	National Motoring Heritage Day. Please meet in Tuggeranong Bunnings carpark at 9.30 am to leave at 10.00 am. Our event for the day will consist of a drive through some of the Canberra streets, the aim being to make the cars visible to the public. The BBQ trailer will be at the end point for tea/coffee and cooking if members wish. All the instructions for the drive will be given out before departure. Other clubs are most welcome to join us for the day.
Jun 17		ТВА
Jul 15		ТВА
Aug 19		ТВА
Sep 16		ТВА

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2012

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Easter Sat April 7	6846 9414	Man from Ironbark Festival, Stuart Town (between Orange and Wellington)
Easter		Bush Council Rally in Orange
Apr 6-9	Caravan Park Lyn or Frank 02 6851 1929	Easter Teardrop Caravan Gathering, Forbes. Book now so you don't miss out. Canberra contact Ken Herne (mob) 0404 468 560 www.apexriversidepark.com.au
Apr 15		Auto Italia
Apr 28-29	Peter 6947 1929	Tumut Falling Leaf Festival. Gundagai Antique Motor Club

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2012

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Apr 29		ACT Heritage Festival—historic vehicles required for a display at the Duntroon Dairy from 10 am to 3 pm. 2012 UBD/Gregorys map, page 4, Kelliher Street off Russell Drive.
May 6		Collector Pumpkin Festival
May 6	0418 424 748 www.woi.org.au	Wings over Illawarra Air Show. Car and bike clubs are invited to attend. Go to website to register and obtain free car registration sticker. Names of those who wish to attend to Jan Wyatt at next meeting
May 6	Ph: 08 8552 8646 Mob 0419 848512	The Historic Motor Vehicle Club of Victor Harbor (SA) are having a British Classics Tour
May 20	John 0428 643090 Darren 0402 911592 Harvey 0408 971 884	6th Annual EH EH Holden car show 2012 All pre 80 Holden vehicles welcome. The Park opposite Bunnings, Anketell Street, Tuggeranong. 7.30 am for 9.00 am start— trophy presentation at 2 pm. Entry \$35—I entrant per car. If entering on the day the cost will be \$45.00
Jun 8-11	Brian Hanson 02 6922 3316	Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club rally. Book accommodation early.
Jul 15	Colin 4729 0482	Liverpool Super Swap, Fairfield City Showground, Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood
Aug 5		Canowindra Swap Meet
Aug 11-12		Newcastle Swap Meet
Sep 2		Cootamundra Father's Day Swap Meet
Aug 19		Eastern Creek Classic
Sep 9		Shepparton Swap Meet
Nov 3 -4		Classic Yass and Open gardens & arts trail

See also page 32

1954 MERCEDES BENZ TYPE 220 SEDAN

My 1954 Mercedes_Benz Type 220 sedan is quite a rare car - only 16,154 sedans were produced 1951 - 1954, 214 produced in 1954. The car was also available in coupe, 2 seat convertible, 4 seat convertible and 41 open top police cars were made.

Only 14 or 22 cars were sold in Australia - all believed to have been sold through M&B Distributors, 307 Latrobe St Melbourne. I believe that all the cars sold were black with red leather trim. All were 4 door sedans.

My car was sold by the Zung Fu company new in 1954. A well known authorised distributor of Mercedes Benz cars. The car probably came to Australia in about 1959 as it was seen in Rossyln Gardens in Sydney about this time.

Nothing is known about this owner of the car, although it is known that the car was still its original light green colour with dark vinyl upholstery (not leather).

I have some information that the car was repainted in Sydney in the mid seventies. It was repainted a dark blue Mercedes colour, the same colour and paint that it has now.

The car was bought at a Pickles auction in Sydney in about 1989 by a well know antique Mercedes restorer known as "Ziggy "who also owns a convertible version and 2 pre war Mercedes - he has restored all these cars to a very high standard.

Ziggy had the engine rebuilt (not the original engine), rebuilt the gearbox, rewired the car and restored the woodwork. He also rechromed the bumpers and grille.

He advertised the car about March 1998 and after some intense saving on my part - i bought the car in October 1998. The drive from Sydney to Canberra was uneventful, but on arriving in Canberra a large kangaroo walked in to the right front door, right rear door and right rear guard. \$3000 worth of damage!

So I have now owned this car for nearly 14 years, I have covered about 10,000 miles in it. I have just about rebuilt the car mechanically: all new brakes - everything including remade rear brake drums, rebuilt front end, new steering box, rebuilt gearbox, rebuilt diff and tailshaft, cylinder head rebuilt, radiator rodded out.

Other work - completely rewired to 12v from 6v - a vast improvement! Generator replaced with alternator, thermo fan added, original troublesome carby replaced with latter twin carbies, 4 new safety rims added.

Nearly the whole car has been rebuilt apart from the interior (mostly original) and the bodywork!

It is an interesting car as it encompasses the old and the new. It is based on pre-war styling, but with the headlights integrated into the front guards, instead of free standing.

It looks old, but mechanically is very advanced:

- 2.2 litre OHC engine 100 hp with alloy head
- 4 speed all synchro gearbox
- all independent coil sprung suspension with swing axle hypoid
- diff 4.44 to 1 (first on a German car)
- recirculating ball steering 13.9 ratio
- central lubrication a pre war throwback
- steering lock
- power assisted 4 wheel drum brakes
- telescopic shock absorbers
- wheelbase 112"
- length 177.4"
- width 66.3"
- height 63"
- ground clearance 7.4"
- weight 2,970 lb
- it has a separate tubular chassis

It is a nice old fashioned car to drive, with good acceleration and will cruise at 70 mph, and probably top 100 mph, but I have not tried this!

It is also rather old fashioned with its wind up 8 day clock, wooden dash, running boards, and suicide front doors, but in this has a lot of old world charm and probably represents the last of the link between the pre-war Mercedes and the new post war Mercedes - the roundie pontoon models.

It is extremely well made - back then the Mercedes company had some of the highest standards in the auto industry. The doors shut like they were new, and nearly everything works precisely! It is interesting to note that every forged part of every Mercedes built was crack tested!



It is also interesting to note that I can buy nearly every part for this car new from Germany! (at a cost).

Of the cars bought to Australia - about 5 survive in good useable condition. One was destroyed years ago in a bushfire, and one in a wreck in Melbourne (this is reputed to be the ex Redex trial car used in 1953).

Murray Mules

LECTURE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE



A Police STOP at 1:00AM

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 1 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."

Thanks Dave

RECORD OF THE YASS SHOW CAR DISPLAY HELD ON SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2012

This was a lovely sunny autumn day compared to the washed out day this time last year. There was a large collection of cars from the Yass (YAMC), Canberra (CACMC) and a Goulburn car club all showing their nicely presented cars. The grassed display area in front of the Yass Club house was in great condition and again the hospitality of the Yass club and serving of morning tea to all attendees was first class. The networking and sharing of car restorations issues amongst all club members was very evident throughout the car show. As well as inspecting all the cars on display there were many other interesting displays throughout the show ground that one would see in a country show including show horse events, a display of a number of Fergie tractors, birds, poultry, wood chopping events amongst many other events and items of interest. The CACMC car club was represented by the following members and three received ribbon awards.

Photographs were taken of the 5 CACMC cars in attendance. Charlie Adams. 1950 Studebaker.
Graham Bigg 1954 Triumph TR2 Roadster.
Roger Phillips 1959 Chevrolet Belair
Michael and Anne Toole 1961 Mercedes Benz 190 and Alan Martin Studebaker Commander Regal



FORBES MOTOR SHOW - OCTOBER 2011

Early September Anne and I decided, after noting an advertisement in our club magazine, that the long weekend at Forbes would be nice. The ad was about the Forbes Motor Show that was to be held on the Sunday of the long weekend, and as a Forbes boy I thought that it would be nice to support the locals.

I contacted the organisers and said that I would be bringing my 34 Buick (modified) up with a period teardrop caravan. They were welcoming to this proposal. The other reason I took the van was that Anne and I were staying with friends, and if their kids decided to come home at the last minute then Anne and I would have a bed.

I also found that on the Saturday of the long weekend Grenfell were having their Gold Festival and the local Grenfell car club was putting on a display. I contacted the organiser, said that I would be passing through and could I join the display. They responded with "looking forward to meeting you."

On the Saturday of the long weekend Anne and I woke early to a rainy day, we had breakfast, hooked up the van and headed north. After three hours of driving in rain we arrived at a rainy Grenfell and found the car display down at the railway station. There were 6 local cars on display. The people huddling under cover, out of the rain, said the organiser was up town and that most people had decided it was too wet to bring out their cars.

Anne and I wandered up the main street and arrived just in time to see the troopers and bushrangers shoot it out, in the rain. We found a cup of coffee in a café, and warmed ourselves up by the heater.

On our wander back we visited a Chrysler museum that had about 10 Chryslers (mostly Valiants) in it. If you were a Chrysler fanatic then it might be worthwhile! Across the road there was a closed pub that had been bought by someone who had stocked it with Christmas decorations and craft stuff and reopened it as a shop. I believe the intention is to make it into a BnB. Every nook and cranny was covered with Christmas stuff. I found the fire and settled down while Anne checked it all out.

We wandered back to the car display and met the organiser who stated that they were about to head home as nothing was happening. The reason there were no people at the car display was that it was 700 metres away from the main street and 700 metres in the rain is a walk

only made by enthusiasts.

Anne and I decided to continue our trip to Forbes, in the rain.

We arrived at our friends place and settled in to watch the AFL grand final.

There was a Meet and Greet at the Forbes bowling club for those showing cars and a BBQ was to be put on.

Sunday morning my cousin, Robert, and I took one of his bikes and the Buick and van in to town for the show. The organisers thought the Buick and van display deserved (almost) front and centre so two Falcon XR8s were moved so the Buick and Van were in a prime position. Alice (Robert's wife) and Anne picked up Robert and I and drove us back to the farm where we brought in two more of his bikes.

During the day Anne and Alice checked out every shop in Forbes, while Robert and I checked out all the other cars and bike and spoke to a lot if enthusiasts.

The day was, considering the day before, magnificent. The oval where the cars and bikes were displayed was dry and sunny, and a great day was had by all. The winning car was a XA falcon that had (almost) everything possible that could be chromed.



After the show Robert took one of his bikes home, and returned with Anne and Alice. Anne drove the Buick and van, Robert and I took the remaining bikes. After seeing Anne home safely Robert and I headed off for a quick run around the back roads. Gotta love big bikes. And yes I do have a bike license.



We then settled in and watched the NRL grand final.

Monday we rose early and headed home about lunch time.

All in all a great weekend away, there were over a hundred cars on display and about 50 bikes. I would recommend this for a weekend away and it's only 3 hours drive.

HARDEN KITE FESTIVAL

The following weekend we, and a group a CACMC club members met on the side of the road outside Hall to head towards Harden-Murrumburrah for the Harden Kite Festival.

Young Deano had spoken to one of the organisers before and as there was a car display put on by a number of clubs, he had arranged for us to join in. The night before I had cleaned out the Mercedes, filled it with fuel and Anne and I got to the rendezvous point with plenty of time to spare. We did find, however, that the Mercedes was leaking water. A quick check could not find the leak, so while the others sauntered north, Anne and I did a u-turn, headed home, parked the Mercedes, and jumped into the Buick. A quick drive finally found us arriving in Harden 5 minutes after the group.

We all met at the coffee shop - Which Craft - on the Cootamundra road. After coffee we drove back through town to the showground where the car display and kite festival was being held.

We parked our cars and the wandered around the many country style stalls that sold all sorts of things. The best stall was the pancakes and strawberries stall that got a number of visits by our members.

Unfortunately there was no wind, just the occasional lazy breeze. They did get one big kit up for a minute or two. The smaller kites were able to fly but there were a lot of dads running out of puff getting their kids

kites up.



After a leisurely lunch, bit of a chat, check out the other 60 cars we decided to head on home. Butterfield's Ford Pilot gave them a bit of grief at Murrumbateman, but with a little roadside farmer's fix we got it mobile again and they made it safely home.

In summary, it was a good day for a drive, but a bit more wind could have made it a bit of a spectacle. A gale would have seen posts pulled out of the ground by the bigger kites which would have been even more spectacular.

The reason for the leak In the Mercedes was the month before I had replaced the water pump bearings which were leaking and when I put it back together I had not tightened one of the hoses tight enough. When the car was sitting still no water leaked, but when pressure built up with the heat generated by the engine the water sneaked out. The water dropped onto the alternator, run down a cable, onto the motor, across a lip and onto the ground on the other side – which is why we could not fix it at Hall, we couldn't find where it was coming from.

It's now fixed. Michael Toole

CHURCH LADIES WITH TYPEWRITERS

- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

More to come - another contribution thanks to Jim Hill

FOR SALE - OTHER CLUBS PLEASE COPY

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1971 Morris Nomad Sedan in going order with car registration expired last year. Motor has been rebuilt with some modifications and has a heavy duty roof rack fitted. This vehicle is stored in Kevin's Fraser home back yard and there is easy vehicle access to this yard. This vehicle is offered at no cost and contacts are Kevin McKay as the owner on phone number 62590265 or Alan Martin on mobile number 0406 377 258



1967 Humber Super Snipe series VA several years on Club rego, white, major engine overhaul and rear springs replaced 23,000 miles ago, new tyres, new shockers, new water pump. Asking around \$6,000. Phone Kim on 02 62518308



Dyke's Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia

The Club library has a 13th Edition Dyke's Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia for sale. It was published in 1924 and is in good condition. These books are a collector's item and they Club is asking for offers of Contact Librarian Joe Micallef, phone 6290 1930 (H)

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Oct 12-14	Brian Calder	MG Car Club Canberra will host an MG TYme 2012 event in Canberra. MG TYme is a non-competitive, socially oriented event designed as a particular celebration of the iconic MG T and Y Types. Check website for more details. Details and event registration information will be progressively added. www.mgcccanberra.org.au
Nov 9-25	Paul Ballard 02 6942 4694 0419 973 822	Cootamundra Antique Motor Club invitation to participate in their next Grand Tour visiting Eastern Victoria and the Snowy Mountains. Email: westkinlocj@dragnet.com.au
Nov 18		Marques in the Park
Dec 2		Terribly British Day
Dec 1 and 2	Ph: 0427 267 927 Ph: 0400 394 645 www.qbnswap.net	Queanbeyan Swap Meet All Ford/All GM Day Sat 1st American Car Nationals Sun 2nd
Dec 28-31	Helen can email entry form	21st Australian Early Holden Federation Nationals at Bathurst
Mar 2	Sharon Thearle 02 4832 1988	Crookwell Potato Festival www.crookwellpotatofestival.com.au
2013 Mar 17	Harvey Miles EJ/EH Club	Wheels 2013
Apr 19-22	John Inshaw 0403 076 175	Morris 100 National Rally, Canberra. Morris Register of NSW
Sep 14-21		National Veteran Tour, Shepparton Vic. Email: dwright@bigpond.com
Oct 18-20		Spin rally to Canberra run by National Trust and Council of ACT Motor Clubs

SHANNONS AUCTIONS

Sydney Autumn Classic 7 May, 65 Reserve Road, St. Leonards. Melbourne Winter Classic 4 June, 321 Warrigal Road, Cheltenham

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If anyone is interested in converting their old mechanical style regulator to a modern electronic one then I have come across this guy in the US that can convert your old one for you. I just received my original Delco regulator back from being converted and refitted it to the car and you can't see any external changes. The only difference that I notice is that the amp meter now responds instantly and accurately to what generator output is required.

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So if you want to have a regulator converted then send it to Bob Jeffers at Wilton Auto Electrics and have a look at his website at http://www.wiltonae.com/home/index.aspx apparently he can convert all makes of regulator and can even make up a regulator to suit old cars which originally did not have one.

Ken Herne Ph. 02 62917493



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