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1956 Hillman Husky
Chris and Irene Berry

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EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided items for this month's Colonial. I had four promises of stories after the July meeting and have received two of those. Thank you. I have a lot of other interesting items in store, but look forward to more restoration stories and rally reports

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 5 October 12 noon and every first Friday:
Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.

Friday 19 October lunch car run to Lake Tuggeranong to meet at the Sea Scouts Boathouse lawns in Mortimer Lewis Drive, Greenway at noon. BYO picnic lunch. Any enquiries up to 12 October to Alec McKernan 6286 1046. All members welcome.



Get Well

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

Thank You

To those who volunteered for the Committee. It is just disappointing that we did not get a bit more new blood on the committee so we have a bit of succession going on.

Membership Renewals

You are definitely overdue and your concessional registration will be invalid. Also you probably won't be reading this as your Colonial will be cut off.

See you in November, Cheers ... Helen

Stolen Vehicle Alert.....

I am not a club member, however, I hope you can help. My 1968 Fiat 500F was stolen from outside my house in Windsor NSW on 14th Sept.

My car is sky blue with grey primer on the front RH panel. It is in good working order and in fairly original condition, but both the paint work and interior require restoration. The interior is grey vinyl with a tiny bit of red.

The plate number is/was DL 7115.
The chassis number is 11OF1518192.

Abigail can be contacted on (02) 4577 7669.

CANBERRA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB

GENERAL MEETING—11 SEPTEMBER 2012

DRAFT MINUTES:

Attendance: 46
 Apologies: 10
 Visitors: Nil

Minutes of the August Meeting:

The Minutes of the August General Meeting were confirmed without amendment. Moved: Vin Liston Seconded: Dave Rogers - Carried

Correspondence:

In the absence of Gerry Walker, Helen Phillips read the correspondence
In:

- * David Kuneen looking for a Volvo 240 Wagon
- * Comfort Inn Newsletters x 21 (2 email)
- * 10 membership renewals
- * CBA letter re term deposit
- * TCIS PLI insurance
- * Shannons Auctions brochure
- * Membership Application for Byers
- * Website offer—Allparts Automotive
- * Bridge Club invoice March to May 2012
- * Email: heritage motoring photo competition—Yass
- * Email: Bay to Birdwood traffic management update
- * Email airnsdale advertising
- * Weddin Shire Council Grenfell Gold Fest 27 October
- * Riverina Motor Show Griffith 20 October
- * Post Vintage Tour entry Ross Cooper
- * Home Help printing account
- * CBA Merchant Statement
- * Edge Catering advertising
- * Membership application Rohan McCarthy
- * Email re NRMA sponsorship for Wheels and Spin Rally

OUT:

- * Get well card to Tora Bennett

Moved acceptance: Helen Phillips Seconded: Roger Amos—Carried

Reports:

President, David Wyatt—Nothing to report

In the absence of the Vice President, David conducted the lucky door prize draws:

3 David Wyatt
#28 Roger Amos

Last run draw:
#12 Robyn Arndt

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of Bob Judd, Helen Phillips tabled the Treasurer's report which he had prepared. No unusual receipts or payments.

Current Bank Balance: \$11 210.10 which seems a lot but has to do us for the rest of the year.

Moved: Helen Phillips Seconded: David Wyatt - Carried

Events Director—Jan Wyatt:

- * A successful presentation dinner was held at the Burns Club but five trophies still to be collected.
- * President's run also successful with some very creative titles of street art offered.
- * September 16 Run to Murrumbateman to view collection of farm machinery and vehicles followed by visit to Chocolate Factory. BBQ trailer will be in attendance. Meet Hall layby 10:00 am for 10:30 am departure
- * September 30 Running of the Sheep festival Boorowa. Meet 9:00 am Hall layby
- * October 14 Clive Glover has arranged for the club to visit the Tuggeranong Model Airplane Club flying day, meet Bunning's car park Tuggeranong 10:30 am.
- * November Marques in the Park.
- * November 11 Fraser Primary School have asked for vehicles for display at their fete.
- * December BBQ by the lake instead of club monthly meeting.

Raffle draw:

Ticket #16 Petra Wyatt

Supper Coordinator—Clive Glover:

A few blank spaces will send the list around again.

Registrar—Bob Alexander

Seventeen registrations for the month. Alec again did most.

Car Trailer annual registration due. Trailer required some work – new tyres and brakes before registration passed.

Librarian—Joe Micallef

Nothing to report. All is well

Membership Secretary—Joe Vavra

Reminder membership fees are now overdue.

Shop Manager—Norm Brennan

Club shirts can be ordered, cloth and metal badges all for sale.

Information Officer—Mark Butterfield

All good.

Council delegate—Roger Amos

- * No club has offered to organise Wheels 2013
- * Council involved in the National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally in October 2013.
- * Council to advise date for 2014 Wheels to help Post Vintage Capital Tour finalise itinerary.

Publishing Committee—Phil Donoghoe

All is well.

Phil then spoke about the Dandenong Car Club visiting Canberra 16/17 October and would like to meet club members over dinner – Best night 17 October details to be advised in the Colonial.

Also the Historical Fire Brigade Society will be meeting with the Minister in the next fortnight to discuss additional storage space requirements for the growing fleet of vehicles being obtained by the society and the future of the society.

Editor—Helen Phillips

Advised that Bob Judd will be finishing the next issue of *The Colonial* while she is away.

Webmaster—John Jeffrey

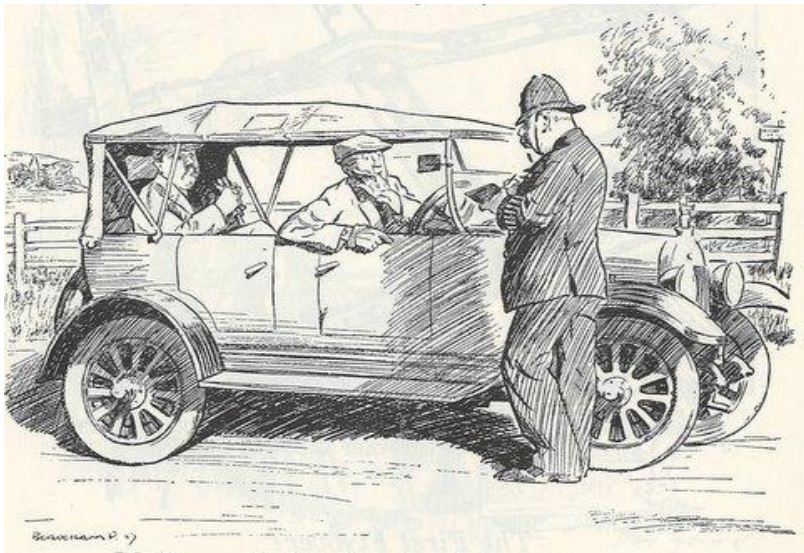
President David presented the Webmaster John with an appreciation plaque in thanks for his work on redesigning and maintaining the club's website.

General business

- * John Senior—Advised that he wrote off his Fairlane last week
- * Peter asked whether cars for sale are on the website. Advised that cars for sale are in the Colonial (*then onto the website*).

- * Alan Martin—received a non-payment of toll fines for his Studebaker. He advised the authorities that his vehicle had never been on a tollway. Fines rescinded.
- * Clearance Sale if anyone wishes to enter goods in his clearance sale they will be most welcome.
- * Goode Creek owner Ron is looking forward to meeting club members on Sunday. His 1938 Chev has been sold to Daniel and Petra Wyatt. Alan purchased Daniel's 1973 Rover.
- * Member looking for supplier of bendable 50mm metal for his Oldsmobile Advised to try Tony at Belconnen Exhaust Centre.
- * Waine Summerfield requested that a list of all current members be provided to all inspectors. Joe Vavra advised no problem.
- * Dave Rogers advised that in the instructions to Inspectors, members must present their current membership card at time of vehicle inspection.

Meeting Closed 8:40 pm
Graham Gittins, Minutes Secretary



Police Officer:
"You were doing forty miles an hour, Sir."

Motorist (whispering):
"Make it seventy, I'm trying to sell him the thing".

Courtesy: Punch Magazine

DINNER WITH MEMBERS OF THE DANDENONG VALLEY HISTORIC CAR CLUB

**Wednesday 17 October 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm
Royal Hotel, Queanbeyan**

Members of the above club will be staying at the Crestview Caravan Park, Donald Rd, Queanbeyan on the nights Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th October. Most are coming modern and towing caravans but there will be 3 or 4 old cars.

Our members are encouraged to get together with these fellow old car enthusiasts on Wednesday 17 October at the Royal Hotel bistro, Cnr of Monaro and Crawford Streets, Qbn. Phil will take numbers at the October meeting or ring him on 6258 4608 if you can go. He will then confirm the number of tables required. You can order individually from the menu in the bistro. He hasn't given me a time, so I will say 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm. There is car parking behind the shopping centre.

Those who went on the VicRally in 1990 are especially encouraged to attend. I will be an apology as I don't think I'll be too good after a 22 hour flight home.

There will be 18 members from Dandenong, so let's please match that number from our members.

Helen.

SPRING TOUR OCTOBER 2012 Forster and Port Macquarie 14—24 October 2012

Approval has been given for the running of the above tour under the auspices of CA&CMC. By word of mouth the tour has quickly filled.

We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip and I know we will hear all about it.

Contacts:

Graham Gittins 0419 249 109

Ray Gallagher 6241 9823

Where is Wally within Website (wiwww)?

- as presented by our Webmaster, John Jeffery

Well, at least I was able to get www in the title.

A big thank you to all those who have sent in pictures, articles, photos and films for the website, especially Bob Judd, Helen Phillips, Bob Alexander, Ken Herne, Harry Crawford and Alan Martin.

There are 60 pages on the website so it has become large, but hopefully still easy to use.

Some of my favourites are:

- * The video of the 42 litre Packard Bentley 'Mavis' special starting up, compete with flames out of the exhaust of the 24 cylinder motor, and driver wearing a bowler hat.
- * The state of the art film of the 1938 Chevrolet assembly line.
- * The original advertisement for the new HK Monaro.
- * The video of Brian McKay and a history of his lifelong involvement with classic cars; and
- * Lastly the film of a restoration of a Bullnose Morris from the 60s. This film has a guest appearance of Steptoe, from Steptoe & Sons.

If anyone is currently restoring a car and would like to put up a journal or Blog of the restoration with photos on the website, that would be very welcome. It would be a good reference for you, as well as giving people an appreciation of the work involved in restoring a car. There is an example of a 1960 Chevrolet restoration journal or Blog on the website, located under 'Restorations/Engines'. If you need a hand or advice, I may be able to point you in the right direction.

If you haven't viewed the website www.cacmc.org.au lately then have a look, if you cannot access it, ask your children / grandchildren and they will bring it up on their iPhones.

The website does not replace the Colonial magazine; the aim of the website is to inform our members, promote the club and the classic car movement in general, with a spin-off of recruiting new members.

Since the major changes to the site there has been positive feedback from overseas and locally, with over 10,000 hits (main page views) and over 30,000 page views (other pages on the website), which can only be good for the club.

If you have anything to sell or publish go through the Editor of the magazine first, and it will find its way to the site.

The first person to find Wally on the website, and emails his location me wins a bottle of local Canberra Wine.

'The older we are, the better we were'

John Jeffery



Webmaster John Jeffery and President David Wyatt

A traffic cop pulled alongside a speeding car on the motorway. Glancing into the car, he was astounded to see that the young lady, who was driving, was knitting.

Realising that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the policeman wound down his window, turned on his loud speaker and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO', the young lady yelled back, 'IT's A SCARF!'

**Alan Martin reports on.....
The Club Run to Ron and Gail Hartshorn's Museum at
Gooda Park on 16 September 2012**

Thirty CACMC vehicles and a large number of club members enjoyed the spring weather and hospitality of Ron, Gail and son, Mark, Hartshorn at their fantastic displays inside and outside of the large Museum shed.

Ron had prepared a large grassed area for vehicle parking behind the Museum shed and had parked his restored 1936 Ford truck, 1956 Ford sedan and Corvette and Mark's 1936 Chev ute as well as their two hot rods in this area. Club members parked their vintage and historic vehicles neatly in this grassed area.



A restored International Army vehicle was also presented at this display. The Museum included at least 12 restored farm and industrial large machines inside the new shed, many dating back to 1914 and earlier. Two of the machines were demonstrated in short operating spells which provided great interest for our club members.

The museum included a huge number of antique and historic items used in garages, farms and factories over the past 100 years, a large number of historic petrol bowlers, enamel garage signs, antique locks and various items used in machine and vehicle repairs in times gone by. The museum attracted a lot of interest from our club members as they moved through the displays and the feedback from the members was that they enjoyed inspecting the large collection and organised neat displays of like items.

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This Museum included a large workshop for all types of mechanical repairs and the majority of the repairs and restorations have been undertaken on site under the control of Ron. A nearby shed contained a large collection of antique and historic farm and industrial machines awaiting restorations and it is great to see these items restored and displayed in the Museum for future generations.

Club members enjoyed the coffee and BBQ facility expertly managed by Vin Liston and they gathered in lunch groups outside the Museum. There were too many items to photograph but I have selected a few for the editor to select for the Colonial. This Museum is a location for future events committees to place in their diaries for a few years' time.

'Ace' Reporter Jan Wyatt goes on to add.....

After leaving Ron and Gail Hartshorn's property, several members continued on to Chocolat d'Or, the home of *robyn rowe chocolates* located along Nanima Road, Murrumbateman. Robyn makes the chocolates using traditional European methods with skills she learnt in Australia and Belgium.

Members viewed and chose to purchase from the good variety of chocolates which could be purchased individually or boxed and enjoyed tasting them with hot chocolates, tea and coffee on the verandah of the premises. Members agreed the chocolates were superb and it was unusual to find such a gem in a rural setting. The chocolates are also available for sale at some other local venues but to go to the place they are made gave us a chance to talk to the owners and show support for a local industry keen to establish themselves as a small business. A well worthwhile visit.

Thanks to Chris and Irene Berry for making a trip out to



Chocolat d'Or prior to Sunday to talk to the owners about our intended visit and for providing the instructions for both venues and being 'Mr Policeman' so we wouldn't miss the entrance to the Hartshorn's property.

Constable Chris, surrounded by "stuff"



A once in 100 year event

It is being billed as the once in a century event, to which every enthusiast motorist should consider taking part.

The event, The National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally, to be held over two days on 19–20 October 2013, will take entrants on a 230 kilometre journey from Jervis Bay to Canberra via Mount Sassafras, Tarago, Bungendore and Queanbeyan into the National Capital, followed on the Sunday by a cruise down Northbourne Ave from Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) to the display area in front of Old Parliament House and Concours D'Elegance and Rally dinner on Sunday night at EPIC.

ACT Deputy Chief Minister Andrew Barr launched the event on the lawns of Old Parliament House on Monday, 10 September 2012. The Minister arrived from the ACT Legislative Assembly building in Civic in a 1913 Model T Ford and after the launch departed in the state of the art electric vehicle.

Surrounded by a selection of historic and modern vehicles the Minister said the ACT Government was pleased to partner the National Trust in breaking new ground for the organisation and wished the event every success. National Trust ACT president Eric Martin said at the launch, that this was a departure from normal bricks and mortar activities of the Trust and the Trust was enthusiastic about promoting both the Centenary of Canberra and preserving Australia's motoring history.

Expressions of interest forms can be obtained from the *National Trust ACT* website and a \$25 deposit will secure a place in the Rally.

All vehicles from the turn of the 19th Century to 2013 vehicles are eligible to enter the Rally. The only qualification being that the vehicle must be road registered and the owner a member of a vehicle club.

For further information please contact Chris Wain 0407181196


Graham Gittins 0419 249 109








10TH ANNUAL

MARQUES IN THE PARK

18 NOVEMBER 2012 **JOHN KNIGHT PARK
BELCONNEN**





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Display will include a
show and shine for the
the A9X Nationals

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(Editor's note) Could this be the last Marques in the Park ever?

THE TWENTYFIFTH GREAT CANBERRA SWAP MEET

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2012

7am to 3pm

WHAT

Parts and accessories for old & new cars, motorbikes & engines, automobilia, books, tools, models, antiques & collectables, toys and crafts etc. Spring clean the garage and set up a stall, be early for the bargains or just bring along the family for a day out. Club and trade displays welcome.

WHERE

Exhibition Park (EPIC), Northbourne Ave, Canberra
(In Buildings F & M at north entrance, behind servo site)

SITES

150 indoor sites 3M x 3M (some with power).
\$17 per site (includes entry for 1) - bookings essential.
200+ outdoor sites 5M x 5M, \$12 per site (includes entry for 1) - no bookings. Set up from 12.00pm to 8.00pm
Saturday 3 November or 6am Sunday 4 November.
(Fitzroy Pavilion not available for set-up till 4pm Sat.)

ADMISSION

Adults \$3, children U12 free

PARKING

Ample free parking available

FOOD

Hot food and refreshments available all day on site.

BOOKINGS

For bookings and additional information

Email: 2012swapmeet@vvcmmc.org

Phone 0428 915713 (ah)

Or write to: The Swap Meet Organiser
VV&CMCC ACT Inc
PO Box 3127 Manuka ACT 2603

ORGANISED BY The Veteran Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club ACT Inc

CA&CMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2012-1

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Oct 14	Clive Glover 6161 3068	Meet in Bunnings Tuggeranong carpark at 10:30. Those who wish can have coffee in the café at Bunnings. Leave between 11:00 am and 11:15 am to view the Namadgi Model Plane Club flying their model planes at Tharwa. They will provide a sausage sizzle for spectators to buy lunch or BYO.
Nov 18	Bruce Perry 0408 652 107	Marques in the Park 10th anniversary, sponsored by Shannons in John Knight Memorial Park, Aikman Street, Belconnen (on the edge of Lake Ginninderra) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please have your car in place before 10:00 am. BBQ trailer will be there for the use of our members only. Food stalls will be there for food and drink purchases and trade stalls will sell motoring goods and services.
Dec 11	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782 Chris Berry 6254 7145	Instead of our general meeting at the Bridge Club, gather under the trees near the YMCA Sailing Club, Alexandria Drive, Yarralumla. Club will provide sausage sizzle and tea and coffee. Please bring everything else you wish to eat/drink, plus tables and chairs. Raffle tickets for sale, prize is a Christmas Hamper. Don't forget the Aeroguard and a light if you wish to stay late. BBQ trailer will be there by 5:15 pm, sausages ready about 6:00 pm onwards. For catering purposes, names will be taken at the October and November meetings or to Jan Wyatt by Dec 6 please.
Jan 13	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782 Chris 6254 7145	Twilight Run—Chicken and Champagne. More details later
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 and event registration. www.mgccc Canberra.org.au

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2012

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Oct 14		Albury/Wodonga Twin City Swap, Jindera
Oct 21	Bill 0428480632	Rotary Club Swap Meet, Crookwell
Oct 28	4861 1488	Chevalier College and the Southern Highlands Morris Minor Car Club present Highlands Motorfest Chevalier Fete, 566 Moss Vale Rd, Burradoo. \$10 per vehicle. \$5 per bike
Sat Nov 3		French Car Day 3 pm - 7 pm Telopea Park School
Nov 3 -4	Ken 6226 1944	Classic Yass on Sat 3rd. Look at www.classicyass.com and print an entry form. Open gardens on Sunday.
Nov 4	0428 697105 (AH)	Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO NOV 4.
Nov 10-11	Rogan Corbett 0412 722 505	Snowy Mountains Touring Classic Surf to Summit www.coomacarclub.com.au
Nov 11	Jan Wyatt	Fraser Primary School, Tillyard Drive, Fraser would like some cars at their fete from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Names please to Jan
Nov 17-18		Bendigo Swap Meet
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 25		Culcairn 1st Swap Meet and Show'n'Shine at Football Ground
Dec 1	Michael Lindfield 6286 4747	Tuggeranong Festival in the Town Park. gmlindfield@bigpond.com
Dec 2	Paul 6286 1816	Terribly British Day, Treasury car park, Langton Cres, Parkes ACT
Dec 1 - 2	0427 267 927 0400 394 645	Queanbeyan Swap Meet All Ford/All GM Day Sat 1st American Car Nationals Sun 2nd www.qbnswnet.net

THE STORY OF MY CAR—1956 HILLMAN HUSKY

Chris and Irene Berry

The Husky was resurrected from a watercourse in Queanbeyan and towed home with the idea of “doing it up” as a knock about car.

It was in a sad and sorry state with a seized engine block, no glass or interior, but still had four wheels. The body was rusted through in places and had suffered some panel damage.

I enrolled in basic panel beating and spray painting at Canberra Technical College and requiring a project to work on, the Husky was used. The rust was cut out, new panels made up and welded in, damaged panels were straightened and the body began to look presentable.

The next stage was spray painting and once again a project was needed which resulted in the Husky receiving a new coat of paint. The blue over grey was the original colours.

During the time taken to restore the body, I was given two Hillman sedans to use as parts. One was a 1956, same year as the Husky, the other a 1960 Minx. Out of both cars the mechanical components, wiring looms and other necessary items were removed and the shells were dumped.

The rear axle, front and rear suspension was dismantled, cleaned, worn components replaced, painted and reassembled into the body.

The motor was not touched except for a tune up and a compression test gave 140 psi per cylinder. The gear box is original with a new clutch and pressure plate fitted.



Next came the upholstery which was done by the late Bill Phillips. The colour RED was as close to original as possible.

Templates of the glass were taken and new safety glass was made and fitted into new rubber and mouldings.

The Husky on display

The car was now completed, taken to Dickson Registry Station, passed with a clear sheet and was used as every day transport.

The instruments came from the '56 sedan and out of both wiring looms one was made to suit the Husky.

All the components were installed, a battery fitted, the engine started, a box for a seat and the car was driveable.

Both Bill Phillips and Waine Summerfield suggested that I join the CA&CMC and use the Husky on club events—so, I joined.

As a club car the Husky received the Recognition Award for 1987/88.

Chris and Irene Berry.



A very useful vehicle—here Irene and Heather take a rest.

Happiness is.....





Back Row L to R: Peter Sturgess, Tony Laughton (MG Car Club),
Alec McKernan, Graham Gittins
Seated: Bob Garrett, Joe Micallef, Vin Liston.

Forty-eighth Eastern Creek Classic

Every two years a group of Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club members take the Canberra Pie Cart to the Shannons Eastern Creek Classic vehicle display.

The display attracts more than 1800 vintage, veteran and classic motor cars, motor bikes and commercial vehicles from the Sydney vehicle clubs.

The pie cart is given a prime parking spot and attracts a great deal of attention from other motoring enthusiasts.

Eastern Creek International race Circuit is being redeveloped with additional racing circuits and facilities being built. The area will then be rebranded Sydney Motorsport Park. The 2012 event was the 48th to be organised by the Sydney Council of Motor Clubs.

There is always plenty to do – inspecting the vehicles, talking to the owners, trolling through the pit garages traders' stalls, taking a double decker bus ride around the circuit for a gold coin donation. This year there were three London Transport Routemaster buses as well as Leyland Atlantian and ACE buses to choose from.

A concours d'elegance is held as part of the event, with the rule that the vehicles must be able to complete two laps of the racing circuit.

Throughout the day each car club entered in the event is given the opportunity for their members to take a parade lap around the racing circuit.

Alec McKernan was invited to tell the story of the pie cart over the PA system.

Thanks to club member Peter Sturgess for providing his Toyota Landcruiser to tow the pie cart up and back from Eastern Creek. Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club members who attended were:

Peter Sturgess, Alec McKernan, Joe Micallef, Vin Liston, Graham Gittins and Bob Garrett, with a member of the Canberra MG Car Club Tony Laughton joining the group.

Graham Gittins



London Transport Routemaster taking passengers around the race circuit.

Morris Minor police car from British TV show "Heartbeat"



MY FIRST CAR..... BY DAVE BENNETT

The following photo is quite rare as it is the only image I possess of my first car before it was given to me several years later.



It shows me as a gangly 14 year old in the background with my 5 year old brother in the foreground leaning against the offside front guard whilst we were on holidays at the NSW South Coast.

The vehicle, the subject of this article, is a 1938 Chevrolet Master (with 'knee action units' as my Dad used to constantly remind me). It was pale grey with maroon wheels and at the time was the primary source of transport for our family. As my Grandmother used to live with us whilst Mum and Dad worked, we often went on holidays with five on board plus our dog and even though it was a large vehicle, it was still cosy on long trips.

When you think about it, the Chevrolet was only a 21 year old vehicle at the time of the photograph in 1959. Today, it does not seem old at all as I have a 1963 Humber Vogue which is 49 years old.

I have many, many memories of the Chevrolet, especially three years later when it was presented to me by my Dad after I obtained my full driver's licence. No experience with night driving, country roads or wet weather and most of all, no general practical experience. I was a lethal weapon on the roads.

On my 17th birthday, the driving instructor with his new EK Holden in two tone pink with dual pedal control, picked me up from Randwick Boys' High at lunchtime and dropped me back after I obtained my NSW licence, having successfully completed the driving test. Twenty five years later on a two year posting to Sydney with my wife, I drove around Rosebery near the old motor registry and the test course was exactly the same with the same hill for hill starts and the same street for reverse parallel parking.

When I arrived home from school in late 1962, an unfamiliar vehicle was parked on the front lawn, a 1956 FE Holden in white with grey side flashes and lots of chrome. It appeared to be fitted with every chrome accessory sold by GM at the time. Now the downside, it was an ex taxi and had travelled a huge number of miles as taxis do but it was a modern car only 6 years old.

Dad casually took me to the single garage with twin wooden doors and informed me that my car was preventing him putting the Holden away for the evening. I was gone in a flash with the Chev to show off my new found freedom and enjoy my cool status with my mates.

Next day, I drove it to school and in those days, there was no student car park so I was directed to park in the teacher's car park. Did that cause much angst or what? A student daring to park his monster car next to the teachers. I can remember parking next to my Geography teacher's car, a red Gogomobile Dart. Later that year on our last day, the teachers made the mistake of having a smart lunch somewhere away from the school grounds. As the Geography teacher was not well liked, we chose his Dart, carried it through the large double doors in one of the larger classrooms and proceeded to stack every table and chair we could find around the Dart completely encapsulating it. Now that I think about it, maybe the reason he was such a cranky teacher was due to the fact he was a Spitfire pilot and survived the entire gambit of WWII. I still remember his dogfight stories when he used to stand on his desk reliving numerous duels in the air. Don't forget at the time, it was only 17 years since the end of WWII.

In those post war days, the economy was going gangbusters, jobs were everywhere. You could just about walk down any business street and knock on a door and there would be a vacancy. Anyway, I soon had a job working for Dalgety and New Zealand Loan, a pastoral company remaining there for several years.

As I lived in Matraville which was only 20 mins walk from Maroubra Beach, I just about lived in the surf. Never heard of sun block or skin

cancer but I certainly have now as my skin specialist reminds me every time she slices a funny looking mole off my body.

To cut a long story short, after ownership of less than a year, I was heading across the Sydney Harbour Bridge from North to South in the far left lane about 5:30 pm on a Friday afternoon when the engine gave up the ghost.

I had blown the engine due to oil starvation. How was I to know that all the gauges on the instrument panel like temperature and especially oil pressure actually meant something important.

An F100 tow truck dutifully arrived hooked up a chain around the front bumper and attempted to lift the front of the Chev. The rear of the truck went down only barely lifting the Chev's front wheels off the roadway. The last time I saw the Chev was the tail light disappearing into the darkness of Hamel Road, Matraville after the tow operator hit me with a huge towing fee which I could not pay so he took the Chev as payment. Dad just shook his head mumbling something like "One of these days son, you might grow up".

I obviously did and Dad lived until his 90th Birthday driving until his 89th year in his from new 1974 HQ 253 Trimatic Kingswood. I hopefully have a few more years left to play with my cars. So much for my first car.

Be kind to each other and drive safely.

Dave Bennett



YASS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB PHOTO COMPETITION

This year we are searching for photography that recreates the past through community, family, your cars & travels - anything that reflects the motoring history of days gone by. This could include a Family Picnic, Motor Race Day, The Break Down or Vintage Calendar Shot.

It is up to you. A list of Yass Antique Motor Club members will be available and happy to supply vehicles for your photo shoot.

The Winning Prize Selected Photographer Will Receive: \$250 Prize Money

Exposure:

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Jan 20		Mudgee Swap
Feb 3		Michael Livingstone Memorial Run
Feb 10		Wangaratta Swap
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President's Run 19 August—Some Imaginative Names given to the Public Art (Author(s) anon)

LOCATION	CORRECT NAME	IMAGINATIVE NAME
Opposite Old Parliament House	Aboriginal Tent Embassy	'Humpty Do'
Outside Questacon		Inspiration, Tin Olympians
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Emu Bank (outside Belconnen Arts Centre)	Dancers on a Lakefront	Straw Trees, Yellow Grass

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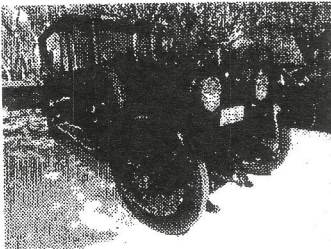


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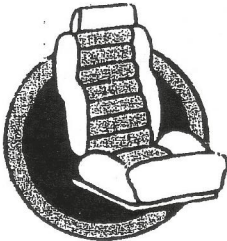
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