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## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided items for this month's Colonial. I look forward to car stories to come. Coming up "Cars I have owned", [perhaps this will cause some similar stories], "20 greatest car movies and their stars", Harry Crawford's failure to proceed. Am waiting on a 'my car' story for next month. Before the deadline please.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 1 February 12 noon and every first Friday: Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.

Friday 15 February 12 noon Point Hut Crossing Reserve by the Murrumbidgee River.

If there is a fire warning in the area, stay at home.

Enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046. All members welcome.

Hope everyone found the Southern Cross Club more comfortable than Molonglo Reach for the January outing on 18th when it was 40 degrees.



### Get Well

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

Debbie Fry's broken ankle is mending well now. Good luck and speedy recovery to Norm Betts from his heart operation.

### Parking Plan for Wheels

I was not able to fit this in this month. Pick up a copy at the February or March meeting and it will be on the website too.

See you Tuesday,  
Cheers ... Helen

Hi Helen,

The chap from Shannons I mentioned at the January meeting is Roy Smith. His private email is [awesomeauto@hotmail.com](mailto:awesomeauto@hotmail.com) He is building as a private venture a fairly large storage complex designed mainly for vehicles, and he said that his storage rates would be reasonable.

The building is on the Monaro Highway, near the Royalla area, I think. The photos he showed me of the construction looked impressive, with some individual lockable bays available. Apparently outside areas could accommodate rusty relics as well.

Cheers, Bob

## **DRAFT MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 8 JANUARY 2013**

**Attendance:** 32 members

**Visitors:** Michael Stevenson Austin Healy and Volkswagen  
Frank Gifford Austin ute

**Apologies:** 8 members

**Welcome** - President David Wyatt welcomed visitors and members to January meeting.

**Guest Speaker** - Roger Phillips presented a slide show and interesting talk about his visit to the Louwman Museum in Holland

### **Presidents Report -**

David wished everyone a happy new year. He spoke about the Shelter Boxes that have been given to Woden Day Break and that we now have certificates that we can track the boxes that we donated through our efforts at Wheel 2012.

Check out the sketches of members cars which Grahame Crocket did. Canberra Show is on 22-24 Feb and there is paperwork to fill out if people are interested. Also welcomed new members Peter and Connie Gifford, Hayden and Roslyn Clear and Trish O'Connor.

**Minutes** of the November General meeting were accepted without amendments. Moved by David Wyatt, Seconded by Mark Butterfield.

### **Treasurers Report — Roger Phillips**

Current Bank balance is \$9200.14 and copies of report are on the table. Moved acceptance Roger Phillips, seconded by Graham Bigg.

### **Correspondence—Daniel Wyatt**

Corro in

13 club magazines

Invoice from HHS for printing

2 Statements from Commonwealth Bank

2 letters to Events Director

Temora Aviation invite to Warbirds 2013 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, info passed onto Events committee

Info about Super Sydney Swap on 17 Feb at Hawkesbury Showground

Certificates from ShelterBox on our boxes and their numbers which are 11622 and 11623.

**Vice President** - Graham Waite said he enjoyed talk from Roger Phillips. Next month we will hear from Brett Macnamara about Namadgi National Park. There are now 19 ShelterBoxes that have been provided by the car clubs in Canberra and they are being sent all over the world.

**Lucky Badge** Chris Berry no 1

**Last Run** No 46 Joe Micallef

**Editor**— Helen Phillips reported that she is going away and needs copy for the February Colonial by 18<sup>th</sup> January. She needs more restoration stories please.

**Events Director** -

Jan Wyatt reported on this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> for the Chicken and Champagne at Black Mountain Peninsula

February – Run to Adaminaby with stop at Bunyan to look at Tractors then on to Cooma for a look at Snowy Hydro discovery centre then on to overnight stay at Adaminaby, looking at Museum in the morning.

March 17<sup>th</sup> Wheels at Thoroughbred Park

**Raffle Draw** Ticket no 35 Norm Brennan

**Registrar** - Bob Alexander was not present so Alec McKernan reported that Daniel had done 3 regos and he had done 101 rego checks up to December. Thanked with applause.

**Supper Coordinator** - Clive Glover, all is well.

**Librarian** - Joe Micallef all is well.

**Membership Secretary** – Joe Vavra not present.

**Shop Manager** - Norm Brennan

2 shirts for sale and don't forget about the banners for Wheels

**Information Officer** – Mark Butterfield all is well

**Council Delegate** - Roger Amos—no Council meeting in December.

Wheels on the 17<sup>th</sup> march at Thoroughbred Park. Won't cost our club any money as costs are covered by sponsors. Received \$500 from Council to go towards flyers. TADACT representatives will be on the gates. Helen asked for a copy for publishing in the February magazine.

2014 Post Vintage Rally has had more interest

**Publishing Committee** - Roger Amos reported as Phil and Charlie had gone to Victoria to pick up a gantry for the fire brigade museum. No problem as no January Colonial.

## **General Business**

Helen spoke about NRMA CARnovala on the 26<sup>th</sup> January in Sydney. Information in several magazines Mark has.

Bob Garrett got insurance at Shannons in Fyshwick and the guy there is doing a storage unit style thing on his property with the ability to store caravans and wrecked cars and suchlike. He lives just on the Monaro Highway and will only charge half the going rate. Bob has his details.

Mark Butterfield said Norm Betts had a quadruple bypass heart operation and is out of commission for a while. The recent fires have been very close to his home near Bungendore. The pub at Collector is still running and is leased out at present.

Brian McKay, Vin Liston and Graham Bigg all spoke about their vehicles being booked in Sydney whilst the vehicles were in their shed in Canberra and their struggles dealing with the authorities to get it all sorted out.

Meeting closed at 9.09 pm  
Daniel Wyatt  
A/Minutes Secretary.

# ***Thank You***

Thank you to Daniel Wyatt of JAX Tyres, 2 Egan Court, Belconnen for his donation of five tyres for the club car trailer.

## **CANBERRA SHOW**

Give President, Dave Wyatt your name and which car you will display at the Canberra Show 22-24 February. Need only commit for one day and can take your car home at night. Only need 6-8 cars each day.

## DECEMBER BAR-B-QUE BY THE LAKE

71 members attended the Bar-B-Que by the lake on 11 December, which replaced the usual monthly meeting. Members enjoyed the sausages, onions etc expertly cooked by the chefs plus whatever they had brought along themselves. It was nice weather and people generally enjoyed the atmosphere and sat amongst the trees and chatted.

The raffle prize, a hamper of Christmas goodies was won by Jeanette Walker who claimed when she purchased the tickets, that she never won anything! Well done Jeanette.

Many thanks to the chefs, to Vin for again bringing the club trailer and all others who helped.

Jan Wyatt, Events Director



**THANK YOU** to Jan and the Events Committee for organising the December and January outings and all the work they put into them. And thank you to those who also stepped in to help. Congratulations to the hardy members especially for attending the January run which could have been a disaster with all the leftover chicken if you didn't turn up. See pictures on pages 12 and 13.



## CHICKEN AND CHAMPAGNE PICNIC JANUARY 13 2013

Despite the threatening weather, 70 members and visitors attended the outing at Black Mountain Peninsula which eventually saw people head home a bit earlier than usual. This was a shame but the rain was most welcome particularly for firefighters and people who have been affected by fires lately as well as for our gardens.

It was good to see so many people attend and people seemed to enjoy the usual tasty chicken and champagne provided despite having to try and juggle their meal with an umbrella in one hand and the meal in the other or other people holding an umbrella over someone while they ate. It was an interesting site and we were reliably told this was the first time the event had been rained upon.

During the outing we also celebrated some significant birthdays of long time members Dennis Morris, Irene Berry and Ken Walker. All their birthdays had occurred during the past two weeks. Jeanette Walker provided some cake for the occasion and managed to keep it a surprise from Ken! Thanks Jeanette, it made our outing very special.

The raffle prize, a bottle of Glenfiddich Scotch was very kindly donated by Graham Gittins was won by Sandy Butterfield. We hope Sandy doesn't drink it all at once or she may need to use the First Aid Kit that went with it. Thanks Graham for your generosity.

A big thank you to all the helpers who assisted on the day with all the various chores and to Vin for bringing the Bar-B-Que trailer which enabled us to enjoy a hot drink as the weather got progressively cooler.

Jan Wyatt, Events Director.



## JANUARY CLUB RUN



Zel and Ann Hindley and Ellen and Graham Waite with Ellen donning makeshift headwear.



Alec McKernan with the Gallaghers and Ken and Jeanette Walker.  
The vacant chair is mine.





Bob and Dana Garrett



Mark Butterfield braving the elements, Judy and Ken Herne with umbrellas.  
Sandy Butterfield just out of picture.

## EMAIL FROM DAVE BENNETT LAST OCTOBER

Thanks for the card for Tora, it came as a pleasant surprise to her. We are off to Beechworth next Thursday with the ACT Triumph Car Club for a five day break and it will be the longest run our Stag named "Harry" has been on. I just hope the weather warms up to a reasonable non freezing level. After Tora's experience with treatment for Myeloma (bone marrow cancer), I decided to book us into the dearest, most upmarket accommodation I could find in Beechworth. Upon arrival, there will be a lovely food platter and bottle of bubbly for us. Both of us are really looking forward to being pampered.

Thought I would share my experiences in finding a suitable rubber seal conditioner.

### **What is Gummi Pflege Stift?**

No, it is not a horrible disease which attacks humans. It is in fact, a rubber conditioning liquid in a foam tipped container. It prevents rubber from drying and cracking and resurrects dry and cracked window, boot and door seals providing lengthy protection.

How did I stumble upon this marvellous modern invention?

Well, after obtaining from local and overseas sources most of the required rubber seals for my '63 Humber Vogue, I was left with the original hard rubber rear door quarter lights/vent seals.

How could I soften these seals if such a thing was possible? I went to my favourite internet search engine and put in 'rubber seal conditioner' or words to that effect. Eventually, up popped an article by an individual on reconditioning old, hardened rubber seals. The author raved about a particular product called Gummi Pflege sold by a well-known German vehicle manufacturer.

I contacted the ACT dealership of this same manufacturer and surprise, surprise, the spare parts interpreter had never heard of such a product. I insisted he check his parts data base and would you believe the part was mentioned and even given a manufacturer's spare part number. The spare parts guy was gob smacked, how could a mere member of the public know something he didn't regarding his domain. After all the fuss, the part was not available in Australia and he would have to order from their overseas provider.

Four months later with no contact, I rang the dealership enquiring about the product. The response was that they were still waiting and to ring back. Two months later after a total delay of six months, I rang again and you guessed it, no appearance in Australia.

I gave up using the dealership and did what I should have in the first place. Gone straight onto the net making my own enquiries. After a few minutes, the product "Einszett 914806 'Gummi Pflege Stift' Rubber Care Stick - 3.4 fl. Oz" appeared on Amazon. Com. It was and still is as at 11/10/12 \$8.00 per foam tipped dispenser plus postage of course which totalled when I made the purchase of three sticks, \$33.50 delivered to my house. That was US currency I think not that there is a substantial difference between them and us with the financial advantage being slightly tipped in Australia's favour. Total time from ordering and paying on line with PayPal to delivery was about 8 or 9 days.

"I applied the product" as they say on TV and voila! softer rear vent seals on the Vogue. The dark grey colour even went much darker almost becoming black matching the new seals I had installed. I cannot rate the product highly enough after my experience which matched the numerous testimonials found on the Net. If readers experience the same old seal problems as I did, you now know at least one solution.

May the Gummi Pflege be with you!

David Bennett

PS This is not a paid or unpaid commercial endorsement nor is it a formal or informal complaint about a specific German automobile manufacturer. It is simply one person's experiences in researching a suitable product to soften and restore old automotive rubber items and/or prolong the life of newer rubber items especially seals.

## **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

The Chairman of the steering committee organising the National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally, Bill Lewis and the Executive Officer of the National Trust (ACT) Chris Wain, will make a brief presentation at our February meeting.

The Rally will depart from Jervis Bay on Saturday 19 October and travel via Mount Sassafras, Nerriga, Tarago, Bungendore, Queanbeyan to Canberra. On Sunday 20 October the rally entrants will cruise down Northbourne Avenue to a static display on the lawns of Old Parliament House.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER A VEHICLE FOR  
JUDGING AT SHANNONS WHEELS  
Sunday 17 March 2013**

1. Restoration of the year  
for cars manufactured before the end of 1945
2. Restoration of the year  
for cars manufactured after the end of 1945.
3. Mal Mason Car of the Year – for a vehicle purchased in a  
restored or roadworthy or original condition.
4. Bill Amies Mechanical Excellence Trophy – judged on  
mechanical condition, restoration and maintenance  
alone. Mileage driven during the year should be taken into  
account.

Make of Vehicle

Year and Model

Place of Manufacture

Name of Owners

For which Award would you like to be judged.

You may enter for Category 4 as well as one of the other 3.

Please note that to be eligible, the vehicle must attend three official Club events in the 12 months prior to the Presentation Night at which the awards are to be presented (usually in early August).

The other two Vehicle Quality Awards – Best American Marque and Best English Marque – will be judged from the whole field and no entry form is necessary.

It is helpful to the judging panel if you have information on display about your restoration. You should also be with your vehicle to supply information to the judging panel while your vehicle is being judged.

Enquiries to Bob Alexander on 6235 5845 or 0417 880 064.

Please use the form on the inside of the back wrapper of this magazine. If you can't come to a meeting before Wheels, please post to Club address on page 1. Editor.



# Wheels 2013

## UPDATE

### Thoroughbred Park, Mitchell

Vehicles to arrive on Sunday, 17 March from 7.30am but before 9.00am. Late comers may be refused entry.

As Wheels 2013 will be advertised as being available to the General Public from 9.00am to 3.00pm, Clubs are asked to remain in place until 3.00pm.

We will use two entries, either the Main Gate or Gate No. 1 that is closer to EPIC.

Your appointed parking official will coordinate the parking in your area. Angle parking is recommended.

See the Parking Plan at February or March CACMC meeting or on the website.

Everyone needs to know which **gate** to enter and the **location** of their Club's Parking Area.

This will save the Gate Marshalls a lot of time and make entry very smooth.

As I am not sure of the number of cars that will be arriving on the day, it is important that common sense is exercised when your Club takes up parking space. **Please be flexible.**

Thoroughbred Park Management will **not allow individual barbeques** and all Club equipment brought on site, be it electrical or gas operated, must be **checked and tagged** by a qualified inspector.

All vehicles must use a **Drip Tray** and it is your responsibility to leave your parking area clean and tidy at the end of the day.

Each Club has been provided with 100 **Flyers** to distribute to friends and throughout the community.

Each Club has also been given 4 **Posters** of A4 size.

Please put these up on your Community Notice Boards.

If any of your Club Members are into **Twitter** and /or **Facebook**, please encourage them to put the word out about Wheels 2013.

The nominated charity is TADACT (Technical Aid to the Disabled ACT)

Coordinators: Roger Amos Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club Inc.  
Phone 6254 2546 or amosr@grapevine.com.au  
Richard Jackson Mercedes Benz Club



## **FEBRUARY 16th and 17<sup>th</sup> - Trip to Bunyan, Cooma and Snowy Mountains Museum, Adaminaby**

For our February monthly run we are planning some visits on both Saturday and Sunday so members have a choice of a day or weekend outing.

**On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** we will meet in the Bunnings Tuggeranong carpark at 8.45 am to leave at 9am. We will proceed to a property at Bunyan which is not far from Cooma. The property contains some sheds of tractors and other old farm machinery. Please bring your own tea/coffee making if you want a cuppa. Following this inspection we will proceed to Cooma for lunch (about noon), BYO or there are several cafes to choose from. We can then visit the Snowy Mountains Discovery Centre at Cooma which closes at 2pm.

Those just doing the day trip can then make their own way back to Canberra. Those who are visiting the Snowy Mountains Museum at Adaminaby on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February can then proceed to Adaminaby at their leisure. Accommodation options listed below. There is a Bowling Club or the Snow Goose Hotel (meals from \$22) for dinner on Saturday night.

**On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** we will visit the Snowy Mountains Museum at Adaminaby. The museum opens at 10am so those coming for the day can make their own way to Adaminaby or join with others doing the same. The trip from Canberra to Adaminaby takes about 2 hours. The museum staff suggest we view a couple of short videos about the life and time of those living in Old Adaminaby prior to its relocation and then the moving of the town before we go through the museum. Entry to the museum is \$6 per adult or \$5 for seniors.

Places for lunch on Sunday include the Snow Goose Hotel or cafes in the town.

### **Accommodation options at Adaminaby:**

Snowy Mountains Motel – Rooms \$120 double or \$100 single including continental breakfast. They will also arrange a table for us at the Bowling Club for dinner on Saturday night. Phone 02 6454 2380

Snow Goose Hotel or Motel beside the Hotel – if we get enough people, double rooms reduced from \$135 to \$120, single rooms from \$100 to \$80 including a continental breakfast. Basic hotel rooms \$70 a double room or \$50 single room. Phone 02 6454 2202.

Alpine Tourist Park – cabins from about \$85 to \$150 for a deluxe two bedroom cabin. Ph 02 6454 2438, email [jan@alpinetouristpark.com.au](mailto:jan@alpinetouristpark.com.au).

**Please book your own accommodation and mention that you are with the Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club group.**

Any enquiries or indications that you wish to attend to:

Jan Wyatt, 6286 1782 or Chris Berry 6254 7145. or at Dec or Jan event.

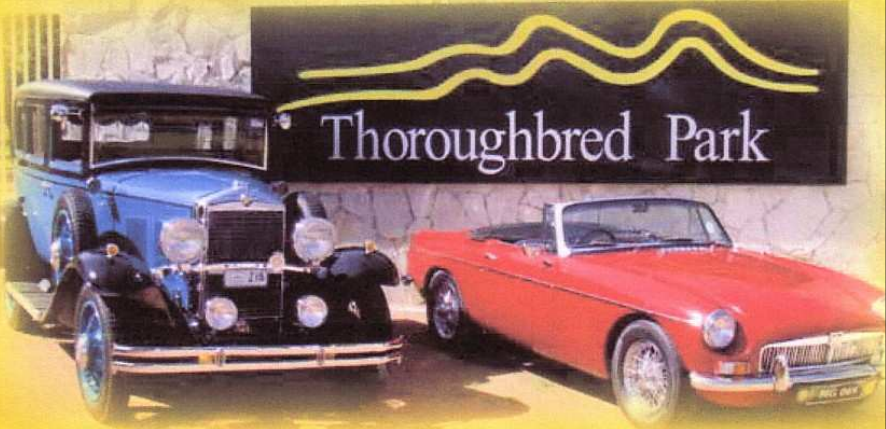


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# WHEELS

**17 March 2013**

## Thoroughbred Park



Display and Charity Day for all Clubs affiliated with  
The Council of ACT Motor Clubs

Visiting Clubs are welcome. Display vehicles arrive from 8.00am

**Spectators from 9.00am till 3.00pm**

**Entry by gold coin donation**



*Celebrating 100 Years  
of Motoring in Canberra*

Organised by Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club  
and Mercedes Benz Club.

Contact: Roger Amos - tel: 02 6254 2546 - eml: [amosr@grapevine.com.au](mailto:amosr@grapevine.com.au)



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## CA&CMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2013

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Feb 16-17	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782  Chris Berry 6254 7145  Or any Events Committee member	Saturday 16th—meet in Bunnings Tuggeranong car park at 8.45 am to leave at 9 am for a visit to a property at Bunyan (not far from Cooma). The property contains many tractors and other farm machinery. Lunch in Cooma then visit the Discovery Centre (this closes at 2 pm.) Sunday 17th we will visit the Snowy Mountains Museum at Adaminaby. Opens at 10am so those coming for the day should leave Canberra by 8-8.30 am. Some members intend making a weekend trip to visit all three places. Please see page 20 for more details re accommodation etc.
Mar 17	Roger Amos	Shannons Wheels at Thoroughbred Park. See pages 16, 17 and 19.
Apr 14	Alan Martin 0406 377 258	Alan has again invited us to visit his property Drummoyne, just out of Yass. More details next month. Yass, Queanbeyan, Goulburn and Young clubs have also been invited to attend.
May 19		National Motor Heritage Day, Details to come.

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2013

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Feb 10		Wangaratta Swap and Show'n'Shine
Feb 9-10	Peter 4677 1265	Berrima Rally 2013 Coaches to Cruisers
Feb 16		Gundagai Show—free entry for historic vehicles, no tickets required.
Feb 17	0410 44 7927	Sydney Super Swap, Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon NSW opposite Richmond RAAF Base. Organised by V & V Chevrolet Assn of Aust. An invitation to attend with your collector car. Gates open 6 am. Website: <a href="http://www.vvcaa.com.au">www.vvcaa.com.au</a>

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2013

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Feb 22-24		Canberra Show—display of cars required and David Wyatt is co-ordinating
Feb 24	David Burnett	Centenary of Canberra Mustang Show
Mar 2	Sharon Thearle 02 4832 1988	Crookwell Potato Festival <a href="http://www.crookwellpotatofestival.com.au">www.crookwellpotatofestival.com.au</a>
Mar 10		Oberon Swap
Mar 10-15	Roger Gottlob	1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, Canberra <a href="mailto:rogerandgillian@grapevine.com.au">rogerandgillian@grapevine.com.au</a>
Mar 17	Roger Amos 02 6254 2546	Shannons Wheels 2013 at Thoroughbred Park See page 19
Mar 19		Belconnen Community Services would like about 6 cars for Seniors Week 10 am—7.00 pm
Mar 21	Graham Waite 6288 4675	Seniors Day Expo, Fitzroy Pavilion, EPIC 9.30 am—3.00 pm 100 organization providing information and advice on health, government and lifestyle issues in the Fitzroy Pavilion.
Mar 24	Chris Smith	American Car Classics, Queanbeyan
Mar 24		Goulburn Swap
Mar 28-Apr 1	Charles 02 6495 2441	Bush Council Easter Rally at Merimbula <a href="http://www.sapphirecoasthistoricvehicleclub">www.sapphirecoasthistoricvehicleclub</a> <b>No entries yet from Canberra and Sapphire Coast would welcome some entries from our club. Jan Wyatt has the entry forms.</b>
Mar 29-Apr 1		Austins over Australia 2013 in Bendigo
Apr 19-22	John Inshaw 0403 076 175	Morris 100 National Rally, Canberra. Morris Register of NSW
May 3-5	Peter Amos 02 6366 3152	Orange District Antique Motor Club Central Tablelands Autumn Tour 2013, Orange.
Jul 12-14	Roger Pearson 4471 2778 0428 267 846	Bay to Bermagui entry forms out late January. <a href="mailto:Romar49@bigpond.net.au">Romar49@bigpond.net.au</a> <a href="http://www.cvmce.org.au">www.cvmce.org.au</a> Benefit: Southcare

## 1968 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE

I bought this car after seeing photos of it on EBay in January 2010 and finally got it to Canberra in June. At the time of purchase it was owned by an elderly lady in Riverside in Los Angeles, however she was not the original owner. It was shipped from Long Beach to Melbourne and then trucked up to Canberra. There is always a *risk* associated with buying a vehicle based on photos and more so with a convertible, as apart from the possibility of rust from the salted roads in the USA, sometimes convertibles were parked with the top down and were rained in with the carpet soaking up the moisture, thus increasing the corrosion problem.

The original owner's manual and dealer's order form were included with the car. These documents show that this Mustang was ordered from Westside Ford in Seattle Washington on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1968 by a Helen Hauck and she traded-in a 1959 Chev convertible and was allowed \$600 on the Mustang, (the Chev still had its original top and paint). The total cost of the Mustang was \$3,680.73 plus she was charged \$165 tax and \$50 licence (registration). The price of the car included all standard equipment with the following accessories: 289 V8 engine, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, glass back lite, push button AM radio, wheel covers, white sidewall tyres, power steering, power top and undercoating on the body. The paint colour is diamond blue with two tone blue trim, bucket seats and black soft top.

This vehicle was actually built at the Ford plant in Dearborn on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1968. Of the 25,376 Mustang convertibles built in 1968, 961 had this paint code, 697 had this paint/trim codes, 12,236 had these engine/transmission combinations and 16,139 were ordered with power steering.

Since I have owned this car I have repainted it, there were three different shades of blue as a result of repairs from previous accident damage. The only rust repair needed was a small section on the lower part of the left rear quarter panel. I replaced the trim on the back seat and a lot of the exterior bright metal. To upgrade and improve the safety of driving I have added LED taillight lenses, electronic ignition and after-market head rests, replaced the front drum brakes with power assisted discs. I have installed a dual exhaust system to improve the power output and fuel economy, it also sounds a lot better than the single system. I changed the factory wheels to the optional styled steel wheels for 1968 which are known here as *12 slotters*.



Should any member of CACMC be considering buying a Musty Tang to restore, almost every part is available as a direct replacement and the costs are relatively low.

These "Classic" Mustangs are comfortable to drive and are easily able to keep up with modern traffic. However, I'd still like to own another Packard.

Dick Rowe



## **MORRIS OWNERS GROUP WEEKEND AWAY BETHUNGRA SPIRAL**

The Morris Owners Group travelled to Bethungra, between Cootamundra and Junee, staying at the Shirley Bed and Breakfast property overnight on its annual weekend away.

First stop was the Harden Honey Shop where morning tea was served and local fresh honey purchased. Next stop was the Cootamundra RSL for lunch then onto Bethungra for happy hour and dinner served in the dining room of the 1880 former hotel.

Next morning was taken up trying to locate the viewing point for the Bethungra Spiral. The spiral is a method of assisting locomotives to ascend the steep slope on the way up to Sydney.

Travelling on a dirt road, the viewing point was finally located and members walked gingerly to the edge of the 90 foot cutting – the deepest railway cutting in Australia, to view part of the spiral.

The spiral is listed on the New South Wales Heritage register and is an impressive engineering feat which includes three tunnels and deep cuttings that involved the drilling and removal of very hard rock.

It is the only 360 degree spiral in Australia and trains travelling to Sydney still use it. Construction commenced in 1941 and was completed in 1946 (after World War II ended).

It is a pity that such a great engineering project, the biggest undertaken in Australia, prior to the Snowy Mountain Scheme which commenced in 1949, is not available to the public to view. The Junee Shire Council has been trying, without success, to obtain grants to build a proper viewing platform with decent public access.

From the spiral the group travelled to Junee with visits to the Junee Liquorice and Chocolate factory, the Broadway town museum and lunch at the Junee RSL club before heading for home.

The Gittins in the MG Magnetite stopped at the Bowring Rollin Café for a cold drink before completing the journey to Canberra. After the refreshing drink back to car, turned the key to hear click, click, click but no motor turning over. Looked under the bonnet and smoke began to rise, it was quickly hit with a squirt from the fire extinguisher.

NRMA patrol called and suggested that the regulator has stuck causing the battery to overheat. The patrol called a tow truck and we travelled back home in the tow truck. Dropped the Magnetite off at Melba Motors and home about 8 pm.

Following a more thorough inspection the apparent failure was in the starter motor.

Malcolm Nomad in his MGB also had problems on the way home when the water pump played up. He got home and ordered a replacement water pump on eBay.

Attending from the club were:

David and Jan Wyatt

Denis and Val Harding

Joe and Liz Micallef

Vin and Eileen Liston

Graham and Heather Gittins

*Thanks Graham.*

Morris Owners Group  
outside The Shirley Bed  
and Breakfast, Bethungra



*The photo of the spiral  
would need a whole page  
to do it justice. I can  
email to anyone  
interested. Ed.*

## Canberra to host inaugural Post Vintage Capital Tour

It was a time of slower cars, a time when drivers were more courteous, a time when Australia's roads in many places were single lane dirt. A time when garage attendants filled the petrol tank, checked the radiator water, engine oil, tyre pressure and cleaned your windscreen. It was the time of Rolls Royce, Bentley, Chevrolet, Ford, Packard, Dodge, Cord, Vauxhall, Austin and Morris cars and trucks.

A time when every drive was an adventure—not because the vehicle might let you down, for vehicles were properly looked after, and astonishingly reliable—but because you might be going somewhere no motor vehicle had been before.

It was a time before mobile phones, sound systems, satnav screens, a time when, as the song goes, you would 'keep your mind on your driving, keep your hands on the wheel, keep your shifty eyes on the road ahead'.

It was the Golden Age of Motoring.

In March 2014, a time warp will envelope Canberra when the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club presents the inaugural Post Vintage Capital Tour. It will be the time when car and motor cycle enthusiasts get the chance to go back to that Golden Age of Motoring. But the tour is not just a nostalgic trip down memory lane; it is also a reminder of a time when automotive excellence was a goal in itself.

Post Vintage Capital Tour Director, Roger Amos, says that the organising committee has already received more than 30 expressions of interest to attend the event.

'The weekend program will involve a pleasant morning drive through the Canberra countryside with a lunch stop at the Tidbinbilla deep space tracking station and a presentation dinner on Saturday evening. Sunday entrants will join with approximately 1200 other vehicle owners at the annual Council of ACT Motor Clubs Wheels display and charity day before heading home,' he said.

The Post Vintage Capital Tour 2014 will be conducted from Friday 14 March to Sunday 16 March 2014 and is open to all cars, commercials and motor cycles built or sold between 1 January 1931 to 31 December 1949.

Further information and expression of interest forms are available from Post Vintage Capital Tour Director Roger Amos. Telephone: 02 6254 2546. Email: [amosr@grapevine.com.au](mailto:amosr@grapevine.com.au)

## SUMMERNATS 2013

It was loud, it was noisy, and it was smoky, it was hot. Boy was it hot – the temperature gauge topping nearly 40 ° C.

Summernats 2013 made its annual January pilgrimage to Canberra with Canberra car club members invited to attend on the final day, family day Sunday 6 January.

After a short delay in the distribution of arm band entry tickets the cars departed the Dickson College car park for the short trip to the EPIC arena. A conservative estimate of around 200 vehicles made the effort this year.

Once parked it was time to visit the various pavilions in which the trade stalls were situated with other attractions including air brushing using live models, sound equipment which would fill the boot of the average family sedan and chrome plating samples. Shannons Insurance, the Army recruiting display are all regulars to the four day car festival.

By 11am the road circuit around EPIC was crowded with Summernats entrants vehicles doing laps to show off how much noise their motors can make when revved up, much to the great annoyance of the local residents who have to put up with din for four days and nights.

Police, security and parking marshalls were in high visibility, ready to pounce on any one who even looked like they were about to step out of line. No one while I was there did step out of line, they just wanted to look and admire the cars.

While the Summernats cars are not everyone's 'cup of tea' you have to admire the workmanship that goes into preparing the vehicles.

Biggest seller on the day were large straw hats and bottled water.

If you haven't visited Summernats you should go in 2014. The Council of ACT Motor clubs have a standing invitation to display members' vehicles, free of charge. In all the years I have been attending I have never once felt unsafe or feared any damage to my MG Mquette.

Yes it is loud, yes it is noisy, yes it is smokey and yes it was hot but that is Summernats.

The event owners have just announced that they have signed a six year sponsorship deal to keep the event in Canberra.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club spotted included:

Alan Martin's 1929 Studebaker and Graham Gittins' 1955 MG ZA Mquette.

*Thanks Graham*

*Photos on page 33.*



## Terribly British Day in Canberra terribly successful

A beautifully presented green and cream 1939 Bentley Derby DHC was awarded the Car “***I would most like to take home***” by Terribly British Day Honoured Guest Professor Stephen Parker at the TBD vehicle display in Canberra in early December. (*Picture 1*)

The owner, John Milverton of Bowral in the southern highlands of New South Wales, is a member of the Country Gents Classic Car Club.

The Bentley was one of nearly 300 British cars on display at the annual Terribly British Day event, ranging from 1920s MG, Rolls Royce and Bentley, to modern Jaguar sedans and sports cars.

The “**Best Club Display**” was awarded to the MG Car Club of Canberra that, while conducting their annual Concours d'Elegance, also highlighted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MGB .

Of special interest as part of the MG Club's display was Sydney-based Julie Craig's 1923 Bullnose MG, believed to be the earliest model MG in the world. (*Picture 2*)

A 1912 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost was also a special feature at the display day.

For the first time the organisers of the day introduced a fun-theme of bowler hats and encouraged as many exhibitors – both men and women to wear the traditional bowler hat. The display area was decorated with Union Jack flags and bunting, along with comic WWII themed poster of the “Keep Calm, Drink Tea” variety.

With British pop and military bands and some classical music, entrants and members of the public were treated to a great variety of British music over the PA system, while they wandered around the cars on display, or sat under the shade trees.

Principal organiser of the display, Paul Sutton, of the Jaguar Drivers' Club, said overall numbers were down slightly this year, but the quality has certainly increased.

“The display attracted entrants from Sydney, the Blue Mountains, the south coast of New South Wales and a large number of Canberra and region car clubs supported the event.

Sponsorship for the event was provided by NRMA Veteran, Vintage

and Classic Insurance, Shannons Insurance and Peter Blackshaw Belconnen Real Estate. The event was held in a large, well treed car park, near Parliament House.

Graham Gittins



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*Apparently there were cars listed in December but now seems to be only livestock.*

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**1929 DA Dodge Tourer** – Located in Canberra, partly restored with wooden body frame almost complete and most panels fitted. Rolling steerable chassis with new wheel bearings fitted and wooden wheel spokes fully restored. Five new white wall tyres, and re-cored honeycomb radiator included (combined value well over \$2,000), as well as most chrome work complete. Engine internals refurbished and resting in chassis for ease of transport but not run, gearbox rebuilt with new bearings, and most remaining parts included have been either restored or replacements are included. Original (unrestored) instruments and hood bows are included, along with box trailer full of a wide range of spare parts.

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## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2013

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Jul 21-27	Peter 03 5032 0035	Swan Hill Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club Heart of the Murray 40th year Ruby Rally
Sep 14-21		National Veteran Tour, Shepparton Vic. Email: <a href="mailto:dwright@bigpond.com">dwright@bigpond.com</a>
Sep 28		Queanbeyan 175th birthday cars will be required.
Oct 19	Bruce Perry 0408 652 107	Spin Cars/Dance/Music 255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick <a href="mailto:marques@aqctmotorclubs.org.au">marques@aqctmotorclubs.org.au</a>
Oct 19-20	Bill Lewis 0414 923 753	Spin rally to Canberra run by National Trust and Council of ACT Motor Clubs <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/Rally">www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/Rally</a>
Nov 2	Peter Harper 02 6977 1088	Expressions of interest are sought from clubs interested in being involved in Warbirds Downunder 2013. Event will be similar to the Museum Showcase Days and will include club vehicle displays. Jan Wyatt has the letter and an expression of interest form.
2014 Mar 16		Wheels display day

### Thanks to fellow Club Member – Chris Berry

From time to time Club members interact socially and to achieve restoration targets. This is one such example of the latter.

Due to an unavailability of parts required to complete restoration of upholstery components on my Humber Vogue saloon, I contacted Chris knowing he had a Humber Vogue Estate in the hope he may have been able to assist.

Not only did he supply the required parts, he also gave advice re the manufacture of special tools to make assembly and disassembly quite easy. The parts provided are now installed and were installed with ease thanks to my new home made installation tools.

Many, many thanks for all your help Chris.

Dave Bennett



## AMERICAN CAR NATIONALS - 2 DECEMBER 2012

CACMC had at least nine members I am aware of presenting their club cars at this show. As the car show is for American cars there was a huge number of USA modern cars presented with the majority being Ford Mustangs, Chevrolets and Buicks. Unlike at last years American Nationals where from memory five of the CACMC members were awarded awards, only one CACMC member received an award. (Yours truly, two awards for the 1929 Studebaker Commander and this is again testament to the high quality of the restoration completed by the Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club, Pambula):

Best Veteran/Vintage vehicle and  
Best Luxury vehicle

PS. There were only a handful of vintage vehicles presented but I am at a loss to understand why the Studebaker received the "Best Luxury vehicle" when compared to the huge number of fantastic Ford Mustangs, Chevrolets and Buicks on display.

Cheers, Alan Martin



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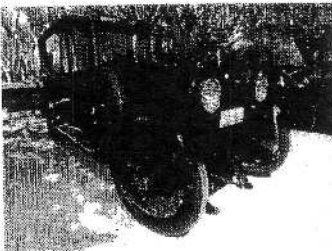


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