

# THE COLONIAL



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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", Hand Signals, History of the Car Radio, Bullnose Morris story from John Tilbrook. More "My car" stories welcome.

### Week Day Social Lunches

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

Friday 15 March 12 noon lunch car run to be held at Black Mountain Peninsula at the far end. 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.

Good luck and speedy recovery to Norm Betts who went into hospital on 14 February for his heart operation.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Junia James and family on the death of Tony. Tony was President of our Club in 1994/95 after being Vice President for two years. He was a Club Inspector from 1993 until he had to give up three years ago due to illness. Junia was Secretary during part of this time too. We are sorry to lose a good club member.

See you Tuesday,  
Cheers ... Helen

## WHEELS 2013 DISPLAY DAY

**Parking** CACMC to enter via main gate, straight ahead towards the grandstand, then veer left to our parking area "B". I haven't put the parking plan in the Colonial as it won't print out for me.

### Charity



All clubs and sponsors are thanked in advance for providing this opportunity to assist a most worthy charity.

# **CANBERRA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB**

## **GENERAL MEETING 12 FEBRUARY 2013**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Attendance     57 members  
 Visitors         4  
 Apologies       4 members

#### **Welcome**

President David Wyatt welcomed members and guests to the February Meeting

#### **Guest speakers**

Dave Rogers introduced National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally Chairman Bill Lewis and National Trust ACT Executive Officer Chris Wain who both addressed the meeting about the National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally to be held on 19-20 October 2013.

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The January 2013 meeting Minutes were confirmed without amendment. Moved Ken Walker Seconded Phil Donoghue Carried

#### **Secretary's Report - Daniel Wyatt**

Correspondence In:

Gosford swap meet notice

Classic Yass part of Yass Show flyer

Registration for BBQ Trailer

17 Club Magazines

Wheels Flyer

Flyer about the 'Manuka walk through time' display

Letter from Shane Rattenbury advising contact name for building list

Letter from Daryl Pike seeking information about obtaining a Singer motor car engine

Invitation to attend the Braidwood Festival 4 May

Motion that the correspondence be accepted

Proposed Daniel Wyatt, Seconded Waine Summerfield Carried

#### **President's Report**

David welcomed two new members to the club.

Kenneth Woodcock and Justine Winelle

Canberra Show 22-24 February has offered the club a free site for car display each day - required names of people interested in attending  
 - Saturday full but other two days space still left.

Brindabella Gardens Nursing home, Curtin Fete 16 March - cars required 9.30am to 1.30pm. See David if interested in attending.

**Vice President Report**— Graham Waite

Speaker for March Russell Cameron of the ACT Fire Brigade - fire safety in the home.

April Brett McNamara on the Namadgi National Park.

21 March Seniors day at EPIC - the organisers have requested presence of the Canberra Pie cart - Alec McKernan to arrange.

**Lucky bridge draw**

#14 Daniel and Petra Wyatt (not wearing badge) redraw

#48 Peter Hoskin

**Last run**

#28 Helen Phillips

**Treasurer's Report**— Roger Phillips

Current Bank Balance \$8431.64. Copy on the table.

Moved Roger report be accepted, Seconded Graham Moore Carried

The Treasurer advised that he still had a large number of name badges which have not been collected.

**Editor**— Helen Phillips

OK for March story but need one for April otherwise it will be pictures of the Chiang Mai Flower festival!

**Events Director**— Jan Wyatt

Next run 16-17 February to Bunyan, Cooma and Adaminaby

Meet 9am Bunnings car park Tuggeranong. Chris Berry will be parked at entry to Tractor property. Visit to Snowy Hydro discovery centre in Cooma before travelling to Adaminaby. Sunday visit Snowy Scheme Museum Adaminaby.

Other Runs

Potato Festival Crookwell

Yass Show

17 March Wheels

14 April Alan Martin's property near Yass. Yass, Young, Queanbeyan and Goulburn car clubs have also been invited to attend.

19 May National Motoring Heritage Day.

5 May Pumpkin Festival Collector.

14 May Braidwood festival.

**Raffle**

#99 Michael Toole

**Supper Coordinator— Clive Glover**

All is well

**Club Registrar— Bob Alexander**

Total 31 cars for the Month

Daniel Wyatt had an interesting Ford Model A and Ford Mustang to inspect.

Car trailer now has new tyres donated by Daniel Wyatt of Jax Tyres Belconnen. Thanks to Daniel.

**Librarian— Joe Micellef**

Roger Amos donated the book My Dad Had One of Those, and a caravan book.

Also donated was a Volvo Manual and box of Vintage Magazines from 1969.

**Membership Secretary— Joe Vavra**

No report

**Shop Manager - Norm Brennan**

Shirts and badges for sale. Banners \$15 each, get one for Wheels.

**Information Officer— Mark Butterfield**

Various club magazines available.

Norm Betts in Hospital.

**Council Delegate— Roger Amos**

Wheels 2013. All Council delegates who attended the last meeting received a Wheels information package. Need volunteers to help place signs week before Wheels, to help set up on Saturday 16 March, help marshal on Sunday morning and to pack up after show finishes. Dick Rowe has volunteered to help Club members park their vehicles. Council paid \$500 for the Wheels flyers.

NRMA Rally from Parramatta to Canberra with indications that they may attend Wheels.

One and Two Cylinder Rally some entrants may stay on and attend Wheels.

SIVS

The Jaguar Club objected to Council pursuing the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (SIVS). However, Council now endeavouring to get scheme introduced under existing legislation and have sent a letter

to ACT Government along these lines.

Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF)

Annual General Meeting to be held in Canberra 9-11 August 2012 - need volunteers to help organise the event: book accommodation, venue, entertainment and transport.

Marques in the Park

Council received a report on 2012 Marques in the Park and the problem with a traffic policeman. There will be no Marques event in 2014 unless a club volunteers to organise it.

National Trust Rally

About 12 people indicated they would be attending.

Post Vintage Capital Tour Roger Amos

Will start to crank up arrangements after Wheels.

**Publishing committee** Phil Donoghoe

No problems with distribution of February *The Colonial*.

Thanked the club for the use of the club trailer.

The ACT Fire Bridge Society looking for volunteers to help at the Society's Museum.

Durant blew another engine on way to CARnival in Sydney.

### **General Business**

Graham Bigg. Wheels badges for sale \$10 each. Get tonight, March meeting or at Wheels.

Alan Martin. Kevin McKay is now home from hospital. His Austin Nomad is still available free to a good home.

Brian McKay. He will be putting his three cars on display at a show in Kingston 12 March

Michael Toole. Proposed that the club post the members name badges. Proposal passed by show of hands. ACTION: Roger Phillips to arrange postage. Helen suggested perhaps only the recent ones.

Club Member. Received a fine for non-payment of toll fees in Sydney. Contacted the company who referred him to their web site where he explained that it was not his car, and the fine was cancelled five days later.

Graham Boyce. Thanked Joe Micallef for making a part for the Marquette.

Club Member. Asked if it was possible to keep personal number plates on CRS registered cars. The answer was a resounding no.

Vin Liston. Purchased five bottles of the rubber softener mentioned in The Colonial. ACTION: John Liston to send details to Editor.

Graham Gittins. Asked how many members intended to enter Bay to Bermagui run—about six members.

Roger Amos

Seeking Club Bunting - believed to be with John Senior who is travelling in Queensland. Bob Alexander offered some Para Webbing.

Bob Alexander

Queensland lady contacted him with details of a Mercedes 220 Cabriolet for Sale.

Graham Boyce

Advised that the chromeplating business in Fyshwick does not carry out work on premises.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Graham Gittins

Minutes Secretary.

Guest Speakers Bill Lewis and Chris Wain with President David Wyatt and Vice President Graham Waite.





## **MONTHLY CLUB RUN - 16-17 February 2013**

The club's weekend away to the Snowy Mountains was a great two day event.

Members assembled at Bunnings Tuggeranong car park for a 9.00am departure. Chris Berry started earlier accompanied by Alan Martin on his BMW Motor Cycle to act as guides into Bill Shanley's property HomeLea at Bunyan.

The duo complete with sign and flashing light waved us through the gate and down a rough dirt road to the area in front of four sheds, each full of tractors.

Bill Shanley is a passionate tractor collector with, at last count, 120 and two on their way to his property. Bill is a wealth of knowledge about tractors - particularly his personal collection and regaled members with stories of a selection of the collection which included big, small, green, orange, blue and red tractors: Chamberlain, Oliver, White and John Deere. It was startling to hear a big V8 John Deere start, it caused a lot of members to cover their ears.

Bill said he thought he would give up collecting when he reached 100 tractors, but "I have exceeded that, so I might as well keep going." The story goes for each tractor purchased, he had to buy a rose for his wife, now that has become a diamond for each tractor!

Following the inspection of the tractors it was off to the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre in Cooma for a tour of the facility and to learn about the construction and value of the power and water the scheme produces.

Lunch - some members chose to go into Cooma for lunch, others elected to sit under a shady tree and have a picnic.

The day trippers of the group headed back to Canberra and the rest travelled the 51 kilometres to Adaminaby for a rest prior to happy hour and dinner at the Adaminaby Bowling and Sports Cub.

Sunday morning was a leisurely continental breakfast at the Snowy Mountains Motel before travelling the 500 metres along the Snowy Mountains highway to the Adaminaby Snowy Scheme Museum. The museum houses a collection of heavy machinery, memorabilia and vehicles used during the construction stage of the Scheme from 1949 to 1974.



The collection is housed in three large corrugated iron sheds and was developed when the Adaminaby Kennedy Brothers decided to auction the ex-Snowy plant and equipment they used in the contracting business. The local community raised \$40,000 in three weeks to purchase the items that they thought should be preserved.

Governor-General Quentin Bryce officially opened the building in March 2011 and since then ex Snowy people have donated heaps of equipment, photographs and stories of their time working on the Scheme. If you haven't paid a visit to the museum, staffed by volunteers, put it on your bucket list. It is a must for anyone associated with the scheme or has an interest in the scheme and its history in Australia.

It was agreed by all those present that the club should make a donation to the Museum of \$45, this entitles the donor to a paver stone inscribed with the clubs name and date of donation. The funds raised assist with the operational costs of the Museum.

After the compulsory photo session under the 'Grand Arch' which used to straddle Mittagong Road, which runs parallel to the Monaro Highway, it was time to return to Canberra. Some were talking about returning via Tumut, but a weather front coming across the mountains put paid to that idea.

Others lunched at The Lot café in Cooma and others at the Snow Goose Hotel Adaminaby.

Thanks to Jan and David, Chris Berry and Alan Martin for organising a splendid weekend away.

Those who attended for the whole weekend were:

Jan and David Wyatt  
 Daniel and Petra Wyatt  
 Albert Neuss and daughter Gail  
 Phillip and Margaret Smith  
 Chris and Irene Berry  
 Gerry and Kay Walker  
 Clive Castles and friend Alan  
 Graham and Heather Gittins

Those who attended Saturday only were:

Vin and John Liston  
 Ken and Jeanette Walker  
 Alan Martin

Peter Hoskin  
Jim and Neredah Crane  
Joe and Liz Micallef  
Peter Brooker  
Dick Rowe  
Graham Bigg and Gael

Those who attended Sunday only:  
Roger and Barbara Philips

*Thanks to Graham Gittins for this report and photos.*

Alan Martin presents Bill  
Shanley with a thank you  
gift.



Group photo at Bill  
Shanley's farm.





Viewing the coupling of two large tractors.  
Vin Liston, friend of Clive Castles and Alan Martin.

Members pose for a group shot under the Grand Arch at the Adminaby Snowy Scheme Collection Museum



## The sad demise of a Baby Austin and an A model

I recently took time to catch up with a couple of older friends in Sydney who have done some extraordinary things in their lives. I took my little Austin 7 and gave them rides and thus collected these two remarkable stories of the end of two old cars.

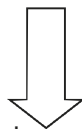
Ken was a student at Adelaide Uni after the war and was in a theatre production there. On this memorable Saturday night they had a good shindig planned for after the performance. Being lucky enough to have wheels they had all the grog in the back of the Austin. They headed out for party past the army barracks. Unknown to them a hole had been dug in the middle of the road for some utilitarian purpose. This unmarked hole was sufficiently big to swallow the baby Austin with disastrous results for the lubricant of the car and for the party. Passengers were OK but he sold the Austin "as is, where is" for a fiver.

The Ford A model was also of 1930 vintage but in a much wilder location and had seen even wilder use. Two of Ralph's friends were using it to get into the far south of NZ for work offering in Invercargill. There is an extraordinary tunnel there, the 1.2km Homer tunnel which is still single lane and was gravel all the way down its 1 in 10 slope. There are now lights at each end to control traffic but it is dangerous to wait at them because of avalanches!

The A model was about to head down at the agreed time of day but had a problem. No lights! So they waited till another vehicle came along and followed it in. Great, they could see using their lights and there was no strain on the motor. But the worn brakes had their work cut out the gradient. Even with the passenger operating the transmission hand brake and the driver hard on the pedal they were gradually catching their benefactor, who had no way of knowing what was about to impact from behind. Much yelling and banging on the doors eventually got their attention or frightened them so much that they took off. However, there is one slight bend in the tunnel and our friends found themselves flying blind for a while till they saw the light at the end of the tunnel! After that experience the car was sold to a chap in an Invercargill bar sight unseen. Well it did still run!

Harry Crawford

**URGENT SALE** Robyn Hopgood of Kaleen urgently needs to sell her late husband's 1956 Chrysler Newport before 20 March as she is moving interstate. Phone: 0423 292 560 or email: [andrew.pvs@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.pvs@gmail.com)



## **APRIL CLUB RUN - 14 April 2013—Drummoyne Homestead**

To the five car clubs (CACMC-Canberra, YAMC-Yass, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, and Young):

Following the success and huge attendance at last years social gathering and BBQ (90 cars) at the above Yass address, it has been decided to have another similar event on the above date. Last year Canberra, Yass and Goulburn clubs attended with 90 historic and vintage cars and requests have been received for another event to promote the historic car movement.

Access is by a bitumen road with no gravel, plenty of parking, shade if hot weather, some seating provided under the shade trees, toilet facilities and a relaxing atmosphere for car club members. It is considered that Yass is a relatively central location for an event of this type and to provide some variety to last years event, two extra local car clubs have been invited, they being Queanbeyan and Young. All five car clubs have accepted the invitation.

The planned start time is 10.30am for 11am and with the BBQ should run until say 2pm. Last year I anticipated the CACMC large trailered BBQ would be adequate and I did not anticipate the huge interest and attendance. Accordingly I have arranged for additional gas BBQ's for this event to supplement the CACMC trailered BBQ.

Fire protection measures have been considered. The car clubs will manage there own catering. Hopefully there will be intermingling of the five car club members, to renew friendships, meet new members and to inspect the vintage and historic cars on display.

The Yass Farm Machinery club will again have their ex army Field Kitchens, Blitz trucks and Bren Carrier on display and operational. The Yass Machinery Clubs intends to cook scones.

Hopefully we will have a great Autumn sunny day like last year and that all attending will enjoy the gathering of the five car clubs members and cars and the Machinery club members with their items on display.

Directions: Take Pollux Street, 4th turn to the right after the bridge over the Yass River on main road through Yass. This changes to Coolalie Road after the give way sign. There are a few sharp narrow turns on this road. Drummoyne Homestead is visible from the road.

Cheers, Alan Martin.





# 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



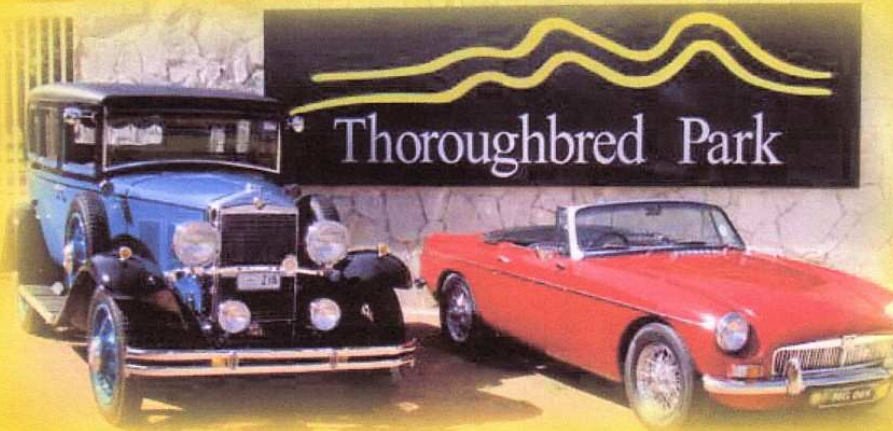
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# WHEELS

## 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  
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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
Mar 17	Roger Amos	Shannons Wheels at Thoroughbred Park. See pages 18 and 19.
Apr 14	Alan Martin 0406 377 258	Visit Drummoyne Homestead, property of club member Alan Martin, 6 kms from Yass Post Office. Meet at the Hall Truck stop at 10 am to leave at 10.30 am. More details on page 17.
May 19	Chris Berry 6254 7145  Vin Liston 6241 1645	National Motor Heritage Day. Meet in Bunnings Tuggeranong car park at 10 am to leave at 10.30 am. Instructions will be given out on the day. Other clubs most welcome to join us. The BBQ trailer will be at the end point for tea/coffee or for cooking if you wish.
Jun 16		TBA
Jul 14		TBA

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2013

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Mar 10-15	Roger Gottlob	1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, Canberra rogerandgillian@grapevine.com.au
Mar 16	David Wyatt	Cars required for Brindabella Cardens fete in Curtin. 9.30 am—1.30 pm
Mar 16-17	Brett Goyne 0423 089 429	Chryslers on the Murray 21st Annual Show. Spotlight on VE-VF-VG Valiant. Gateway Lakes, Wodonga, Vic. <a href="http://www.chryslersonthemurray.com">www.chryslersonthemurray.com</a>
Mar 17		Yass Show
Mar 19		Belconnen Community Services would like about 6 cars for Seniors Week 10 am—7 pm
Mar 21	Graham Waite 6288 4675	Seniors Day Expo, Fitzroy Pavilion, EPIC 9.30 am—3.00 pm 100 organizations providing information and advice on health, government and lifestyle issues in the Fitzroy Pavilion. New venue for extra large display this year for Canberra Centenary. Cars required please for display.

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2013

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Mar 24	Chris Smith	American Car Classics, Queanbeyan
Mar 24		Snowy Hydro Southcare open day
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.
May 4		Braidwood Heritage Festival 9.30 am to 3.00 pm Incl parade from 1 to 2 pm
May 5	0466 110 826	2nd Annual Pambula Motorfest, Pambula Showgrounds. Jan has entry forms. <a href="http://www.pambula-motorfest.com">www.pambula-motorfest.com</a>
May 4-5		Cowra Antique Vehicle Club 20th birthday rally meeting at Cowra Railway Station, ending in South West Get-together
Jun 16	4392 2270	Swap meet, Showground Rd, Gosford
Jul 7		Blacktown Swap Meet
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
Jul 21		Wagga Wagga Swap Meet
Jul 21		Liverpool Super Swap Meet
Jul 21-27	Peter 03 5032 0035	Swan Hill Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club Heart of the Murray 40th year Ruby Rally

## **FRED, a BMW 2002 1973**

The car was a Demonstrator vehicle for Lennox Motors, 150 Melrose Drive Phillip ACT during 1973. It was purchased by the previous owner in 1974 at a cost of \$6210.00 on the road. (Could have bought a GTHO Ford for less). It was christened Fred as the previous owners received an inheritance from a relative called Fred.

Previous owner used the vehicle on a property on top of the Tinderry Mountains almost equidistant between Michelago (on the Cooma Road) and Captains Flat, an old mining town to the east of Queanbeyan. Because of the very ordinary roads the little car had to traverse every time it was used the owner kept it regularly serviced by qualified mechanics in Canberra and Queanbeyan.

Thankfully the previous owner was a meticulous record keeper and all repair/service documentation came with the vehicle including the receipt for the original purchase and the owner's manual.

In May 1992 the vehicle was involved in an accident in that it left the Tinderry Road and nosedived into a gully (large washout). According to the accident report the driver was attempting to remove a large Huntsman spider from their personage and in the course of this action lost control of the vehicle thereby causing the car to crash into the gully. There was no injury to the driver but the damage to the vehicle was such that the insurance company at the time wanted to write the car off. After much discussion with the owner the insurance people finally relented and the car was repaired. Evidence of the repairs is still visible mainly on the underside left hand front.

Miles travelled are unknown as the odometer functions for the first couple of hundred yards only then retires hurt. Methinks it is full of good mountain dust probably mixed with some fine wool fibres. This is in the bucket list of things to fix at a later date.

By the time we purchased the car it had been sitting idle in a carport under a cover for some 7 years, it had been started and the engine run on a regular basis during that time so the engine seals were in good condition (no leaks). The brakes were another story. They required a complete rebuild including new drums on the rear, new lines, pads, linings and a recondition of both booster units. As BMW parts are notoriously expensive, the budget for the little car took a fair pounding at this time. On the positive side the thing now stops as it should.

The car has been on numerous club runs, the first long run was the Boorigal Rally at Albury Wodonga along with many shorter runs such as the Ulladulla Classic and the Snowy Mountains Rally. All runs so far have been completed without mechanical problems.

There is evidence that all is not 100% in the engine compartment though, smoke on the overrun and what seems to be Gudgeon pin rattle are a few pointers that an engine rebuild is close to the top of the bucket list.

For those interested:

Engine 4 cyl 1990cc slanted to allow for lower bonnet line

BHP 100

Redline RPM 6200

Trans. 4 speed gearbox, rear wheel drive

Suspension Independent all wheels on coil springs with Bilstein dampers

Top Speed according to the makers manual 113mph (I don't believe this).

Dave and Jan Wyatt



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## A FAILURE TO PROCEED

There are many versions of the story surrounding the Rolls Royce factory responding to a customer who contacted them saying their Rolls Royce had broken down. The answer in all versions runs as "A Rolls Royce does not 'break down', it 'fails to proceed'. I suspect the factory were just being pedantic about the correct use of language as breaking a car down is what we call wrecking in Australia and the English have breaking yards.

However, a certain red and yellow Austin 7 also 'failed to proceed' (as Graham Gittins correctly put it) when it was flying around City Hill at 80ks trying to effect an early arrival at the December gathering of this august club down by the lake. Loud banging noises were evident and continued even when pulled up on the approach to Commonwealth Ave Bridge. And they were not very musical in nature.

Loose flywheel? It's not a dropped valve being side valve. Big end? Certainly its the end of this journey under its own steam. So, it was pushed down one of the special Austin 7 tracks that the authorities so kindly install in Canberra (many people refer to them as bike paths or footpaths) and onto a grass verge. Whereupon said Austin and your current scribe is joined by a bright red Rover piloted by Alan Martin. He offers to convey said scribe to the lakeside gathering. We manage to get out into the peak hour traffic but what's this? Heat pouring up from the footwells and Alan trying all sorts of knobs to turn it off. Will this car get us there, or is the driver just incompetent?

We admit defeat and proceed with the windows down and Alan confesses that he does not know how to operate this lovely V8 as he has just bought it off Daniel!

At the gathering Vin says he saw me but could not stop. His excuses run to being in the far lane, having the BBQ trailer on and something about peak hour traffic. More people spot the car there and I get quite a few phone calls from other friends. So thanks to you all, and especially Vin for even considering stopping. And I did get to ride in yet another interesting club car. However, I must say that the air-con in my open Austin is far better than the Rover.

I had another meeting to attend after our lake soiree (hence my attempting to arrive early) and so I finally get back to Commonwealth

Ave in the failing light and start setting up ramps to the trailer. But what's this? The boys in blue coming to help??

'Can you prove this is your vehicle Sir? it has been here quite a while!' So a license is produced and a call to base verifies that Harry Crawford is the registered owner of a yellow Austin roadster. They did not ask to inspect my log book.

By this time I was pushing the said non-proceeding Austin onto the ramps and the policemen happily helped push it up onto the trailer.

There must be something about this part of Commonwealth Ave as in 1962 I had the chain on my bicycle flip and lock the back wheel at speed on the very narrow approach to the old bridge. I also modified the grill on my Dad's FC there in 1966 and in 2006 the bonnet on my DS Citroen flew up in my face, all in this 500m stretch!

It seems Royces are not the only vehicles that fail to proceed!

Harry Crawford



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The National Trust (ACT)

in association with Centenary of Canberra, Council of ACT Motor Clubs and  
the Australian Historic Motoring Federation

presents the

## **National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally**

**Come and join as an entrant, volunteer or spectator  
this once in one hundred years event from the coast to the capital  
on**

**19 and 20 October 2013**

Rally entrants will depart Jervis Bay on the New South Wales south coast and Tarago, and  
travel to Canberra via Nerriga, Bungendore and Queanbeyan

On the Sunday entrants will cruise down Northbourne Ave to the lawns of Old Parliament  
House for a static display, followed by a gala dinner on Sunday night.

Vehicles of any age, from the pioneering days of the automobile, to the latest electric  
vehicles are eligible to enter providing the vehicle  
is road registered and the owner is a member of a car club affiliated with the AHMF.



For further information and entry forms go to the rally website at :

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/rally>

or telephoning Chris Wain on 02 6230 0533.



Morris Owners Group Canberra Region  
Invites you to mark  
100 years of Morris cars 1913-2013 at the

## **THREE MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**

(Canberra day long weekend)  
**SUNDAY 10th of March 2013**

**Assemble from 9.00 am at “The Terrace Café”**  
(War Memorial. Park in underground car park)  
**For Morning Tea (own cost)**

**Leave for Mt Ainslie-Black Mountain-Red Hill 10.00 am**

Late BBQ lunch supplied (a \$5.00pp cost will apply) and  
Perpetual trophy award at La Trobe Park Deakin  
(Suggest bring own table and chairs.)

Entry fee \$15 per vehicle, includes medallion.

### **Contacts.**

Denis Harding (02) 62814497 or  
Malcolm Noad [mnoad@tycoint.com](mailto:mnoad@tycoint.com) 0408441587

### **All Makes Welcome**

The challenge is an annual event in memory of the late Jim Bruce the owner of a Morris (Bullnose) Cowley who said it was a challenge for the two wheel brake Bullnose to climb and descend Canberra's mountains.

Entrants to this event take part solely and absolutely at their own discretion and risk  
and expressly acknowledge and agree that no member of the  
Morris Owners group Canberra Region  
whether jointly or severally shall be in any way liable for any  
happening or incident by omission or commission before during or  
after the event.

## Change of sponsorship has small effect on major vehicle display in Australia

After more than 20 years as the sole sponsor of the biggest car show in a city street in Sydney, the NRMA advised that it would not be sponsoring the 2013 Motorfest event.

The show regularly attracted up to 2000 vehicles and trucks along one of the oldest street in the city – Macquarie Street and a joining College Street which wraps around Hyde Park. Vehicle club members travelled from around the state of New South Wales to be part of the city's Australia Day celebrations on the 26 January each year.

The event is not the cheapest to stage with some estimates of \$150 000 being eaten up by police and council charges, insurance and providing breakfast for up to 4000 people.

The event sponsorship was taken up by Supercar d'Elegance a motoring sport event promoter and changed the name to CARnival. While the number of vehicles attending the 2013 event was around one third (650 vehicles) it was much easier for the general public to move around the displays. Australia Day in the city regularly attracts half a million people to the Macquarie Street precinct.

While numbers were down, quality was certainly up with quite a number of vehicles not seen at previous events including a group Morris J vans. Innovation from previous years was the introduction of Concour d'Elegance and a Best of the Best displays.

The event was also put to good use by the Morris Register of New South Wales, who used it to promote the Morris 100 rally in April in Canberra, the National Capital, to celebrate the centenary of the National Capital and Morris cars.

Club members who travelled by coach to Sydney and back included:

Joe Micallef	Clive Castles
Vin Liston	Charlie Adams
Alan Martin	John De La Torre
Graham Gittins	

Phil Donoghoe set off in the Durant on the Friday 25 January but due to overheating problems returned to Canberra and took the coach.

Unless we missed them, this was first year that the Club has not had vehicles in the display.

*Thanks to Graham Gittins*

*See pictures on page 33*

## ROYAL DAIMLER APPEAL

If you didn't get along to see the Big objects display over the summer at the National Museum of Australia, you missed a great event. The ground floor of the museum has now been remodeled to allow for the display of more of the museum's extensive collection.

The Big Objects display consisted of the 1925 Citroen driven from Perth to Sydney, a saw doctor's trailer and tractor, and an old stage coach. Inside the conservators area was the 1946 Royal Daimler Landaulette, used by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their first Royal Tour of Australia in 1954.

After the tour the Federal Government sold the Daimler to the South Australia Government for use by the state governor. By the early 1960s the vehicle had fallen in to disrepair and passed through a succession of owners before the museum purchased in 2009.

The Daimler is undergoing restoration with the aim of getting it finished in time for the 2014 60th anniversary of the Royal Tour.

The museum need \$60 000 from the community to help with the \$300 000 expected cost of the full conservation, to ensure the project is completed on time.

Club members interested in making a donation should check the Museums website at [www.nma.gov.au/support\\_us](http://www.nma.gov.au/support_us). Donations are tax deductible.

Graham Gittins

Royal Daimler under conservation.



## FOR SALE – OTHER CLUBS PLEASE COPY

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**1935 Austin 10** fully restored, leather seats, new tyres, tinted glass and mechanically excellent. A great buy for somebody new to old cars. \$15,000. Please contact Charlie Adams on 0402 087 754 or email: [charlead193@grapevine.com.au](mailto:charlead193@grapevine.com.au)



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From 73 Rover sedan. **Four steel wheels with 5 studs and tyres** in good condition. The Sumitomo tyres are as new with a small white wall marking and the tyre size is P185 / 75 / R14. \$180 ONO  
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### WANTED

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This Tourer version of the DA Dodge is quite unusual and there are believed to be less than 10 remaining in Australia. To recoup most of the expenditure to date (full records held) asking \$8,500 but will consider reasonable offers. Please contact Jim on 0413 612 305 or 02 6281 3102.

**1956 ZB Magnette 1500**, dark green, interior tan. In good mechanical order, on club rego, and owned since January 2001. Engine rebuild (BERCO), gearbox overhauled, new clutch/pressure plate and thrust bearing, carbys rebuilt (Midel), steering/suspension bushes replaced, new shock absorbers front/rear, new radiator core, new vacuum brake booster/brake shoes, new exhaust system. Body in good general condition, paint and carpets in fair condition, seats, dash are in very good condition. Refurbished Varitone chrome trim has also been fitted. \$8,000 ono. Contact Paul 02 6134 6386



## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2013-14

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
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> See page 26
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

## RUBBER CONDITIONING PRODUCT

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*If this is the price per stick, it means that Dave's buy of three for \$33.50 including postage is cheaper from overseas.*



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**1954 Mercedes 220A Cabriolet** located on the Gold Coast. Asking price \$105,000. Check it out at [www.carsales.com.au](http://www.carsales.com.au) - cars, Mercedes, Cabriolet 1950-60. Contact Elizabeth Marshall and Jeremy Hewett, phone 07 5529 5553 Email: [ejmarshallhewett@gmail.com](mailto:ejmarshallhewett@gmail.com)

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Top: Morris J vans

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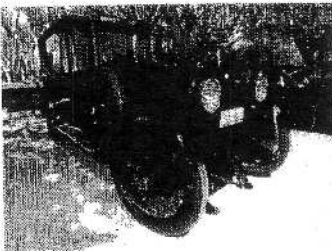


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