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POST VINTAGE CAPITAL TOUR 2014

To recreate a slower life style the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club is hosting a Post Vintage Capital Tour for vehicles built between 1930 and 1949.

The Tour will take in a trip around the Tidbinbilla loop, a static display and a dinner with a special guest speaker scheduled for 14, 15 & 16 March 2014.

All vehicles manufactured in the Post Vintage era and up to 1950 are eligible to enter. Owners must be Car Club Members and Vehicles must be road registered either on full or concessional registration.

Planning is well advanced with the draft itinerary as follows:

Friday, 14 March, 2pm to 4.00pm registration at the Gold Creek Tourist Resort.

Saturday, 15 March, assemble at the Australia War Memorial car park by 9.00am before departing for a tour to the summit of Mount Ainslie, to get a bird's eye view of the Parliamentary Triangle, then past Old Parliament House and around New Parliament House before heading to the Cotter to view the newly extended Cotter Dam. This will be the morning tea stop.

After morning tea journey to the Tidbinbilla Deep Space Tracking station for a guided tour and lunch.

After lunch free time to continue around the Tidbinbilla loop, visit National Attractions return to accommodation or attend a private tour of the ACT Historic Fire Brigade Station.

Saturday evening Presentation Dinner will be held at the Burns Club.

Sunday, 16 March, entrants will join with 1000 other vehicles at the annual Council of ACT Motor Clubs Wheels display and charity day. This will complete the Tour.

Entry forms are will be available when all financial details are finalised.

Further information from Roger Amos, tel: 02 6254 2546

Email: amosr@grapevine.com.au

EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided items for this month's Colonial. Coming up: "20 greatest car movies and their stars", Hand Signals, History of the Car Radio, Bullnose Morris story from John Tilbrook who is returning to Canberra, P76 celebrates 40 years, History of the Retreads group, Engine Management. My apologies to those whose story I have not published yet.

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 2 August 12 noon and every first Friday: Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.

Friday 16 August fire up your oldish cars and head to the George Harcourt Inn, Gold Creek Road, Nichols for lunch at noon. A roaring fire will be going. Enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046. All CACMC 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.

Sympathy

Those members who have been in the CACMC for many a year will remember Barry and Judy Kemp. Barry died on 21 July. He was a Registrar with the club for a number of years but they dropped out about 1997/98. Albert Neuss attended the funeral and I have sent a sympathy card on behalf of those of us who knew Barry.

Committee 2013/14

Time to start thinking about whether you can serve your car club by taking on a committee position. Our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 10 September. On the inside page of the wrapper of this month's Colonial there is a nomination form and we look forward to lots of these being filled in.

The Colonial

Our magazine is prepared using a Publisher package which works very well and I am willing to share my knowledge with someone willing to take over.

It was disappointing at the last meeting to hear a new member saying he didn't feel welcomed at meetings. We are all responsible for this, not just the committee.

See you Tuesday, Cheers ... Helen

CANBERRA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB DRAFT MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 9 JULY 2013

Attendance

Members 56 Apologies 11

Guest Speaker

President David Wyatt introduced Jacinta Cummins who gave a talk on Epilepsy. Daniel acted as dummy for positioning person in recovery position and Jacinta showed how the chin should be positioned. Judging by the questions from the floor it seems a number of members know or have had contact with someone with epilepsy.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the June 2013 general meeting were confirmed without amendment Moved Dave Rogers Seconded Ray Gallagher

Correspondence Daniel Wyatt

In

16 Club Magazines

Two letter from Capital Insurance Finance and Brokers

Advertising Renewal from Quickeze Towing. Electroplating Technology and Battery World. Balance owing from advertising from Terry Byrne.

Sixty-three membership renewals

One new membership application

Letter from Belconnen Community service - looking for volunteers to provide transport for disabled or elderly people attending appointments Letter to Public Officer from ACT Government advising the Annual Return is due by 30 December 2013

Letter from Phil Cancillier requesting spare parts from a 1938 Desoto be advertised for sale in *The Colonial*

Out

Sympathy card to Morris Family

Moved correspondence be accepted Daniel wyatt, Seconded Ken Walker Carried

Presidents Report David Wyatt

 Need new Treasurer for next year's committee and a new Webmaster and publishing committee members

- * AGM September 2013 all committee positions declared vacant think about joining the committee
- * Koomari have guoted 40 cents to seal and label *The Colonial*.
- Postage now \$179
- * David and Jan Had an enjoyable day out with the Chevrolet Bow Tie club at Henry's Winter Warmer run
- David welcomed new member Tamsin Sanderson who has a red and white Isetta

Vice President Graham Waite

In the absence of the Vice President, Daniel Wyatt drew the lucky badge draws

Meeting # 32 John Beagle Last run #17 Graham Boyce

Treasurer Roger Phillips

Bank Balance \$8300 Printed report in on the table at entry for members to read. Roger moved Treasurers Report be accepted

Seconded Waine Summerfield Carried

Roger reminded members that it was important that members return the completed membership renewal form to him for processing.

Editor Helen Phillips

Printer was backed up this month due to an amalgamation but *The Colonial* got out in time for tonight's meeting. Otherwise all is well.

Events Director Jan Wyatt

- * Coming weekend Bay to Bermagui 14 to 16 club members attending
- * 21 July lunch at Lake George Hotel Bistro Bungendore at 12 noon Assemble Spotlight car park 10 am for a 10.30 departure
- * 17 August Presentation dinner Burns Club Kambah Chris Berry has tickets
- * 18 August President's run assemble Australian War Memorial outside café 10 am directions will be handed out before departure.
- 15 September Strathnairn Homestead for Lunch
 200 to 300 metres of dirt road. Lunch menu available
- * 12 October Manuka Festival
- * 13 October Short run to National Museum of Australia 9 .30 am for 10am Morning tea and/or Binalong Motor Museum open day
- * 19-20 October National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally

Additional Run Alan Martin - Trip to Gooda Creek off the Barton Highway to view a private museum start up day at 11am Alan advised that he had handed a sympathy card to Kevin McKay's family on behalf of the the Club. The family will contact CACMC about selling his Austin ute.

Raffle ticket # Red 33 Jan Wyatt

Registrar Bob Alexander

No report - Believed four inspections for the month

Librarian Joe Micallef

All is well

Membership Secretary Joe Vavra

Reinforced Treasurer's request to return membership renewal forms, otherwise you will slip off the database and *The Colonial* will not be posted to you.

Shop Manager Norm Brennan

Shirts, Banners and Badges all for sale

Information Officer Mark Butterfield All good

Council Delegate Roger Amos

- Megashed is a dead duck was to be organised in parallel with new home for Railway Museum
- * With no registration labels being issued a check may be carried via TAMS Website, however, there is a problem with HIS number plates under 1000
- * Volunteers are being sought from car clubs for National Trust centenary of Canberra Rally. Call Nick Arnett 0400 470 100 or email: valiat410@bigpond.com.au
- * Terribly British Day 1 December 2013 Patrick White Lawns
- * Australian Historic Motoring Federation AGM in Canberra 9-11 August based at the Tradesman's Club Dickson. Clubs are invited to become involved on Sunday to transport interstate delegates around a sightseeing tour of Canberra.
- Council seeking items for agenda from affiliated clubs
- * There have been some issues with Tech Standards refusing to allow CRS for some modified vehicles. Council is negotiating with RTA on matter.

- * Wheels 2014 will be organised by a group of volunteers. Location and date are under consideration.
- * Marques in the Park will be on 17 November. American Car Club organising.
- * French car clubs won the 2013 Battle of Waterloo 40 to British 34
- * Council AGM in August. Nominations for committee positions are being sought.

David Wyatt advised that the Council had requested a list of CRS vehicles last inspection date. Waine said Inspectors kept a diary and David will liaise with Inspectors.

Publishing Committee Phil Donoghoe

The President congratulated the committee on getting *The Colonial* out despite delay from printer. Postage increase.

General Business

Waine Summerfield - Advised that additional Compulsory Third Party insurers were advertised as being available from 1 July 2013 - however, the operational date is 15 July. All the new CTP providers seem to be subsidiaries of Suncorp.

Dave Rogers - Suggest the club purchase a Bore scope from Total Tools Fyshwick for around \$200. The tool allows an inspection of hard to get at places in motor vehicles

Clive Castles - Asked for a show of hands of members who did not have a computer - six members identified themselves. He suggested that the rest should receive their copy of **The Colonial** by email and those without an email facility collect their copy on the night of the meeting, this would cut the printing and postage costs down considerably.

Bruce Carswell - More on the Registration labels issue what about dealers test driving trade-in vehicles, are they expected to contact TAMS every time they take a vehicle for a test run or will they put dealer plates on the vehicle?

Daniel Wyatt said that his company is already fitting dealer plates when they take out vehicles on test.

Chris Berry - When he asked about the scrapping of registration labels he was advised by the counter staff that they 'had not thought it through'.

Joe Vavra - If in doubt best to ask to see the actual vehicle's registration paper.

Michael Toole - Advised that the aftermarket oil cooler he purchased recently dropped the vehicle engine temperature by 60 degrees to 160 degrees when towing.

John Beagle - Asked could the start time for meetings be brought back because 8pm is too late. Jan Wyatt advised that the Club room was not open until 7.00pm and the room needed to be set up.

The idea of an earlier start referred to the Management committee.

New member John Barry - Could a contact liaison person be appointed to assist new members settle into the club. He felt totally at sea with some of the terminology used and not knowing who to ask about things. Daniel suggested John talk to him after the meeting.

Management Committee to discuss the suggestion.

Norm Brennan - Advised the new Registrar of Members booklet is now available at \$2 per copy.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Graham Gittins, Minute Secretary

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

You should have receive with your June Colonial or in the mail, a Renewal Sheet for 2013/14. Please make corrections to it, add new vehicles, include colour of your CRS vehicle if it is not on the sheet.

Please include this Renewal Sheet when you are making payment as the Treasurer receipts money and passes these to the Membership Secretary to update the database. If you are paying by credit card, please write the number clearly.

If you wish to pay by direct deposit the account details are:

Bank CBA BSB 062 900 Account 28022621
It is your responsibility to put in your name and reason, eg Fees.

Thank you to those who have already renewed.

The Falcon GT Nationals - Bathurst NSW 24-29 April 2013

The Falcon GT Nationals is a bi-annual event that promotes the preservation, maintenance, restoration, and enjoyment of Ford Falcon GT's, from their inception in 1967 to current models. The hosting of the event is shared by state Falcon GT Clubs and is attended by Falcon GT owners and enthusiasts from all states in Australia as well as international enthusiasts.

This year, the 15th Falcon GT Nationals were hosted by the Falcon GT Owners Club of NSW and were held in Bathurst at the famous Mount Panorama race track, between 24 and 29 April which included the Anzac Day Long Weekend.

As a long time Falcon GT enthusiast, having previously owned two XB GTs and currently owning two XW GTs, the decision to take both GTs to the Nationals was not difficult, especially when they were going to be held at Mount Panorama (the home of the Falcon GT according to some). The details of both of my GTs are:

An unrestored 1969 XW GT, diamond white in colour, 351 Windsor motor with 4 speed manual, which I purchased from the original owner.

The second car is a restored 1970 XW GT with a Cleveland 351 motor and automatic gearbox. It can be considered a little unique in the GT world as it has a number of unusual options including - polar white in colour (not a standard XW colour), sunroof, delete side stripes and delete black bonnet, 16 gallon fuel tank (XW GTs came standard with a 36 gallon tank) and air conditioning. According to Falcon GT records, it is a 1 of 1 with the same build specifications.



My XW GTs at Mount Panorama

Prior to attending the GT Nationals a lot of time, effort and money was spent preparing both cars and included rebuilding and gassing the air conditioning unit, replacing and painting bent and buckled rims, a set of new tyres, suspension repairs and general mechanical servicing of both GTs. A number of hours were also spent cleaning engine bays, door hinges, chrome and everything else that improves a cars appearance.

The reward was that both vehicles performed beautifully without any problems and a Silver Certificate for a 'high standard of presentation' was received for the unrestored GT.

On the morning of Wednesday 24 April, both GTs were filled with over \$400 of petrol and they were ready for the drive to Bathurst. The manual GT was driven by me and a very good friend happily drove the automatic GT (there was no shortage of offers to drive!). The plan was to drive to Bathurst, via Boorowa, Cowra and Blayney, stopping wherever and whenever along the way. With no radio and just the sound of the V8, it was a slow but pleasant and relaxing drive.

On arrival into Bathurst, the invitation to follow the signs to Mount Panorama was accepted, leading to the long awaited opportunity to drive both GTs around the famous race track for their first time.

The Falcon GT Owners Club of NSW had organised the use of a number of facilities at Mount Panorama for the running of the event. Registration for the entrants was located in a well set out administration building behind the pit area. Already parked outside were a number of GTs of all models, creating an impromptu display with enthusiasts walking around in admiration. In the background the power of Falcon GTs could be heard emanating from all locations of the race track.

Over 400 entrants registered for the event. Once the vehicles were registered, the goodies bag checked out and catching up with interstate friends, it was time to check into the accommodation. The event organisers had facilitated a number of local businesses to host the large number of GT enthusiasts. Our accommodation was the Rydges Hotel, which is strategically placed at Mount Panorama, so that all rooms can capture the sight and sound of cars as they travel down Conrod Straight, through The Chase and into Murray's Corner. A great location for the racing enthusiast!

The Thursday and Friday were set aside for entrant registration and vehicle scrutineering. The location for the scrutineering of the vehicles was in a number of the garages in the pit area – the ones used by the big race teams on race days. Each garage was assigned to a specific GT model, with a team of judges from all clubs who are conversant with that particular model's identifiers and traits.

Prior to scrutineering, all vehicles wait in a marshalling area until directed to the respective garage for their model. It was the marshalling area where I and a number of other volunteers assisted. Helping with the marshalling over the two day period provided the opportunity to look at the cars and talk to the drivers as they waited. Although admiring all models as they waited, my main interest is the XW model and the opportunity to focus on them close up was not missed!

After speaking to a number of owners about their GTs, I believe the following story relays the love of the Falcon GT. One older gentleman arrived in a very nice original and unrestored XW GT. Catching my interest, a conversation was soon started with the owner, who had travelled from nearby Lithgow. He explained that his parents purchased the car new in December 1969. After his father passed away at an early age, the car was driven by his mother on a regular basis, well serviced and maintained until it was parked in the garage after she could not drive anymore.

He went on to explain that the trip to Bathurst was possibly the longest trip it had travelled in the last 30 years. He then finished the conversation by explaining that his mother was concerned the car was not returning to Lithgow overnight and if it was going to be garaged! On the day of the show the elderly lady (over 80) was present, sitting proudly beside her car answering guestions to all who enquired.

Saturday morning was show day! Most entrants had an early start to give their pride and joy a final vacuum, polish and check to ensure everything was as it should be. Falcon GTs then descended on mass to the Mount Panorama race track - the sight and sound of so many V8 Falcon GTs was amazing!

In total, 351 (coincidentally a very synonymous number with GTs) Falcon GTs and 41 associate vehicles were displayed. Also, a large number of GTs and other unique vehicles were present outside the display area.

The display area was located behind the pit garages. All Falcon GTs were assembled in their respective models, starting with the GT Gold coloured XR GTs, then the XTs, XWs, XYs, XAs, XBs through to the current models. The largest number of models entered were the XW GTs (over 70), followed by the XA GTs. Among the XW GTs displayed, there were four which were still owned by the original owners!

It is difficult to find words that fully describe in detail the Falcon GTs that were on display. Vehicles were restored to such high standards, they were better than when they left the show room floor. Some of the unrestored vehicles were just as good as the day they left the show room floor –

virtual time warps! However, the majority of GTs were neither - but loved just as much by their owners.



Show day – current models from left through to XWs (XYs to XRs further right out of shot)

Also on display were a number of unique Falcon GTs including one of the three racing prototype XA GTHO Phase 4s and a restored XY GTHO Phase 3 (used for drag racing by Larry Ormsby). Of the 300 XY GTHO Phase 3s built, there were 18 on display.

Other unique vehicles also on display were: a promotional XW utility built by Ford, called the Surferoo; a beautifully restored XW GS utility with a 351 motor, 4 speed and many options of the period; and a current Ford GT40. In addition to the wonderful cars on display were some famous racing identities, whose names are reminiscent of the early Falcon GT era including Fred Gibson, Larry Ormsby, Leo Geoaghan and Will Hagan, who was the MC for the official presentation dinner.

On Sunday, the Bathurst Light Car Club facilitated a 'super sprint' and offered enthusiasts the opportunity to drive their GTs on the famous race track where Falcon GTs have raced since 1967. Many enthusiasts accepted, not wishing to miss the chance to legally exceed the 60KPH speed limit, testing their own ability coupled with the power and performance of a motor vehicle famous for racing.

To participate, the vehicles underwent scrutineering, drivers had to wear helmets and non flammable clothing and attend a safety briefing. The track was closed and the drivers were escorted under the control of safety vehicles to the start of Conrod Straight.

From a standing start, two vehicles at a time raced down Conrod Straight, through The Chase, round Murray's Corner, slowing down and stopping at the end of Pitt Straight.



New versus old during the super sprint on track day

Drivers had a total of six runs. Modern GTs raced against older GTs, purpose built race GTs revved their engines to the limit and drivers pitted their skills against one another. The large crowd watching were in awe as the vehicles sped past. Unfortunately three vehicles were damaged when the drivers lost control, but no injuries were sustained. The beautiful weather complimented the entertainment.

To conclude the Sunday entertainment was an auction, a mini swap meet and in the evening the formal Nationals Presentation Dinner. The MC for the occasion was Will Hagan with awards presented to the well deserving winners by Leo Geaghan and Larry Ormsby.

On Monday morning, the Mount Panorama Museum was the venue for the farewell brunch prior to enthusiasts departing for home.

Overall, the 15^{th} Falcon GT Nationals were a success with a record number of cars, an excellent venue and fantastic weather. Well worth the trip, and enjoyed by all ages!

In 2015 the 16th Falcon GT Nationals will be hosted by the Falcon GT Club of Australia based in Victoria, and held at Calder Park Raceway.

John Nielsen *Homeward bound*



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Club Run to Bungendore - 21st July 2103

Despite a bad weather forecast for Sunday, 22 members and two visitors braved the very cold wind sliding down Bungendore Hill and met in the Spotlight carpark or drove directly to Bungendore for our run. Some members made purchases at Spotlight and Supercheap Auto Parts and then proceeded to Bungendore.

Members filled in the time before lunch by having a coffee, went to the Bungendore Markets, which happened to be on, and went to other shops of interest. Most members, along with many other people out for the day visited the magnificent Hannah Cabinet, made by Geoff Hannah, on display at the Bungendore Woodworks Gallery until 20 November 2013. One of our club members was heard to observe that the cabinet would sit well in his mechanical workshop in Queanbeyan where he felt it could be put to good use for storing used mechanical parts!

The cabinet was made over a six year period using 34 different Australian and international timbers, 4 species of shell and 17 varieties of precious stone with extensive marquetry inlays on18 doors and on, and in, 140 drawers. Well worth a look at and if you have about \$1.5m (the reported purchase price) to spare. There are of course other treasures for sale perhaps more realistically priced.

We then proceeded to the Lake George Hotel Bistro for lunch and enjoyed the lovely fire to warm ourselves up a bit. As we joined the queue to order lunch, the large Bistro continued to fill up with all tables booked and people still waiting for tables to become free. It is certainly a popular place, or was last Sunday, with good food and a cosy atmosphere.

Thanks to all who attended and 'birthday boy' David, enjoyed celebrating his birthday with friends from the club as well as driving both his club cars, one to Bungendore and the other back home.

Thanks Ian.



CACMC and club members winners in Bay to Bermagui Run

Canberra car clubs, and in particular Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club did extremely well at the 5th Bay to Bermagui Run.

The Canberra Mercedes Benz Club took out the runner up in the concours d'elegance with a beautiful SE 220 convertible owned by Ken Edwards. The Jaguar Drivers Club took out the judge's award with Paul Sutton's recently restored Jaguar XK 140.

But Canberra Antique did rather well with three prizes. First was Petra and Daniel Wyatt's win in the observation run with 18 correct answers out of 20 questions, second was Joe Micallef who won the name badge draw and the cream on the cake was the club winning the most number of entrants from one club.

We recorded nine entries and a very nice trophy to add to the clubs collection.

Roger Phillips put on his auctioneers hat and helped with the auction of donated prizes with the money raised going to the Snowy Hydro South Care Helicopter Service.

The dinner speaker was the Chief Executive Officer of Snowy Hydro South Care Helicopter, Owen Finnegan who was also a Brumbies and World Cup Rugby Union star.

His address was a mixture of humour and facts about playing Rugby Union, at both the amateur and the elite professional levels and now helping keep the essential helicopter service going. He said it costs around \$6.5 million a year to keep the helicopter in the air.

Total money raised from the auction and raffles was around \$3000 for the service.

The number of vehicles in this year's event were down on previous years, with around 70 participating in the run from Bateman's Bay to Bermagui.

The Bay to Bermagui is oraganised every two years by the Eurobodella Car Club who put a great deal of effort in to making sure everything runs smoothly.

The event started on the Friday evening with registration, drinks and finger food. Saturday morning starts with a display of the entrants vehicles at the Coachhouse Marina Report, before being flagged away by Euobodella Shire Mayor Mayor Lindsay Brown. A stop is made at the

Moruya Surf Club for morning tea before completing the journey following the coast road to Bermagui for a boxed fish and chip lunch.

The route of the return journey is left to individuals – either follow the coast road, or travel straight up the Princes Highway back to Bateman's Bay for the dinner in the resort marquee. Sunday morning breakfast of sausages, egg and bacon, tea and coffee completes the weekend.

The Gittins did a total of 269 miles (430 Kms) Canberra to Canberra

Club participants included:

David and Jan Wyatt
Daniel and Petra Wyatt
Wayne and Sandra Smith
Roger and Barbara Phillips
Bob and Carole Douglas
Chris and Irene Berry
Joe and Liz Micallef
Brian McKay
BMW
Fairlane
Austin Healey
Chevrolet
Datsun 240 Z/
Hillman Husky
Honda
Plymouth

Brian McKay Plymouth
Graham and Heather Gittins MG Magnette

Thank you to Jan Wyatt and Chris Berry for arranging for the club to participate in this excellent event.

It is my sad duty to advise members that on the Monday following the Bay to Bermagui, the Event Director and a prime mover and shaker of the B2B, Roger Pearson, unexpectedly and suddenly died.

Roger had been involved in organising the event from its beginning, 10 years ago, and will be sadly missed by the Classic and Vintage Motor Club of Eurobodalla and the organising B2B committee.

Graham Gittins

Daniel and Petra won the observation run.



ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER 2013

Saturday 17th August 2013 6.30 for 7pm

Canberra Highland Society Burns Club 8 Kett Street KAMBAH ACT

\$25 per person for members non-members welcome \$30 per person

Please support your club by joining us at the Annual Presentation of Trophies Dinner this year. The club is subsidising the dinner. There will be a lucky door prize and other prizes on the night.

The menu will be a Carvery Buffet dinner containing the following choices of dishes:

Bread display
3 salads
2 carvery meats
1 hot dish with rice

1 hot dish with rice

Choice of 4 desserts

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please, anyone with special dietary requirements, notify Chris or Jan when purchasing your tickets or by phone on numbers below.

Soft Drink/Orange juice (alternate tables) and water will be provided on the tables. All other drinks will be at your own expense.

Tickets now available from Chris Berry, 6254 7145 or Jan Wyatt 6286 1782 until Wednesday 7 August as final numbers are required by the club before the August meetina.

The Colonial August 2013

Wanted: Volunteer to maintain our club website

Is it hard to do?

Not these days with the website template that we are using. If can use a word processor, and know how to load pictures onto a computer then you are qualified.

How often do I need to update the website and how long does it take?

At least once a month to update the website, and depending on what is required to put on the website. It takes between 1 and 3 hours per month

I am not a propeller head so how can I do it?

A petrol head is preferred to a propeller head, as keeping it simple for other petrol heads is important.

So if you always wanted to help with the promotion of the club, inform the general public and the world wide web of what the Canberra classic car movement is, then here is your chance.

Happy to help train the volunteer(s) with a website for petrol heads lesson.

John Jeffery john@jeffery.com

Wanted a volunteer to take over as Editor

There must be someone in the Club who has computing experience and more up-to-date knowledge than me and could prepare *The Colonial*.

The amount of material that is provided to me is amazing and I am not scratching my head wondering what will go in the next issue.

But after some many years I would like to take a break. I don't mind being the back-up if you want to take holidays. The Publishing Committees in the past have been wonderful and it is hoped we can get some more members to carry on with sealing, labelling and posting the Colonial.

Please talk to me about what needs to be done. Helen.

CA&CMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2013

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Aug 17	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782 Chris Berry 6254 7145	Annual Presentation Dinner to be held at the Burns Club again this year, format similar to last year. Tickets are available by phoning Chris Berry or Jan Wyatt by 7 August (as final monies have to be paid before the General Meeting in August) \$25 members, non-members most welcome at \$30 each. More details on page 20.
Aug 18	David Wyatt 6286 1782 0417 262 209	President's Run. Meet at the Terrace Café outside the War Memorial about 9.30 am for a coffee or whatever you choose, for a 10.30 am departure. The run will be a short one looking at some items of interest and a BBQ will be provided at the finish point.
Sep 15	Chris Berry 6254 7145	A visit to Strathnairn Homestead and Gallery with lunch at the café at 12 noon. A brief history of the homestead will be given to us and members are welcome to watch the artists present working in the studios. There is also a shop with various items for sale. Strathnairn is located at 90 Stockdill Drive, Holt. A menu will be available at the next few meetings if members wish to make a prior selection for lunch to cut the waiting time on the day. Sunday is also pizza day for those who would like a wood fired pizza. Meet at London Circuit carpark nearest to the Law Courts at 11 am to leave at 11.15 am.
Oct 13	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782	Two options for October 13. Both will be counted as club runs. As Manuka celebrates is on Saturday 12th and the next weekend the National Trust Rally, we have decided to do a short run option for breakfast/brunch at the National Museum Café. The new café overlooks the lake and makes a pleasant setting. Meet in Museum parking area at 9.30 am for a 10 am meal/coffee and cake or whatever takes your fancy. AND/OR Longer run (or you could do both) to the annual open day at the Binalong Motor Museum. Take a picnic lunch.
Nov 10		Marques in the Park organized by the American Car Club of Australia, John Knight Park, Belconnen

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2013

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Aug 11	Phone 0800 535 635	Classic Driver Indian-Pacific Perth to Sydney Rally 2013 19 July to 13 August. Arriving Canberra 11 Aug and departing 12 Aug.
Sep 1		Cootamundra Father's Day Swap Meet
Sep 14	Jan Wyatt	Cars wanted for fundraising events at Mount Rogers Primary School Fete, Melba. ALSO same day Bonython Primary School is holding a fair. Please contact Jan if you can help so we can reply to these requests.
Sep 14- 21		National Veteran Tour, Shepparton Vic. Email: <u>dwright@bigpond.com</u>
Sep 28		Queanbeyan 175th birthday cars will be required. 10 am set up 11-11-30 parade. Static display till 5.00 pm. Various entertainment and food stalls. Fireworks at sunset.
Sep 29	Shirley Tonkin 08 8258 6547	Bay to Birdwood Classic 2013 for non-modified vehicles manufactured between 1 January 1956 and 31 December 1977.
Oct 6	John Mason 03 5795 3662	Euroa Show and Shine, Clifton Street, Euroa. Classic, vintage, veteran and muscle cars and bikes. 8 am - 3.30 pm.
Oct 12	David Wyatt 6286 1782	Manuka Celebrates. Manuka Business Assn has invited us to participate in their Centenary of Canberra event by displaying some of our vehicles in Franklin Street. Space allocated is limited, expressions of interest and more details will be called for at our next few monthly meetings or can be obtained by contacting David. It is hoped to get a selection of vehicles from different periods.
Oct 13		Open Day at Binalong Motor Museum.
Oct 12- 13	Phil Donoghoe	Boorigal Rally, Albury Wodonga, see page 33.
Sep 20- 22	lan Morley 03 5775 2917	Vet, Vin & Classic Vehicle Club, Wangaratta "Stand and Deliver" Spring Rally based in Benalla. Email: ian.morley4@gmail.com

THE STORY OF MY 1929 HUDSON SUPER SIX. BOB GARRETT

It's a fairly long story, so I'll try to keep it as short as possible. I purchased the sad remains of this once beautiful car in 1997 from a scrap-metal dealer in Canberra. He had purchased it at auction in1996, with a view to restoring it (I hope so anyway!), but seeing the magnitude of the task, decided against it. I had always been interested in the big American vintage cars, so here was my chance... Ha! Ha!

The car was put in temporary storage for about a year during which I obtained a double carport to house it. The Hudson arrived in May 1998 looking pretty forlorn on its trailer. I am grateful to Mike Catanzariti, Jack Houston and Gerry Hampson for helping me get it home.

Soon afterwards the fun started. Everything was dismantled. I tried to be methodical, making notes, photographing and sketching, labeling and packaging up smaller items, etc. This process took place as rusty bits were removed or "jewels' discovered. Most nuts had to be cut off, and my molasses tank was used to de-rust any salvageable bits that would fit in. Overall, the car was about 85% complete, which was a bonus.

Apart from the rust, almost all of the wood was rotten or missing. Wood was an important feature, as the body of this model (Landau Sedan) was a coach-built job, by Biddle and Smart, USA. Everything was filthy, the motor was thickly encrusted, the roof was open to the elements, and the upholstery was a big pile of rat's nests. Sound familiar?

While this process was going on, and also at later stages, a number of fellow club members showed interest, and some intrepid ones stepped up to the plate. I think they felt sorry for me and the huge task I had taken on! I will mention them later. As work progressed, I could see this becoming an epic, so I coined the term "The Hudson Project" to describe the overall effort. Be reminded that this project took about 14 years, whilst I have heard that the Empire State Building took only 13 months to build and fit out!

Not necessarily in order, here are some of the thing that were done:

Straightening out the chassis, sandblasting and painting it,

Removing panel rust, and mending big holes particularly around the tub, panel beating, sandblasting, and painting panels,

Manufacturing new wooden body, door frames and floor. I bought a band saw for this.

Replacing all window glass,

Refurbishing engine, gearbox and water pump,

Replacing clutch material and front brake linings,

Fabricating fuel tank and installing new sender, gauge and fuel pump, Fabricating tail shaft (courtesy of Land cruiser, with modification).

Building wooden-framed seat bases to replace the rusted-away steel ones, Replacing king pins, tie rod (Toyota again), steering ball, chassis and spring eye bushes,

Fabricating running boards and tool trays, straightening bumper bars and luggage rack,

Obtaining a better radiator and surround (luckily with black triangle emblem),

Obtaining and repairing head light buckets, reflectors and glass,

Finding sidelights (at Goulburn Swap),

Improving the non-original carby arrangement and making a new inlet and controls,

Obtaining door handles and window winders (cast and plated in NZ),

Getting a lot of chrome and nickel plating done locally,

Rewiring to 12 volts and fitting alternator. I wired it up to incorporate turn indicators,

Fitting vinyl hood, head lining, fabric upholstery and carpet,

Mounting gas shockers at the front,

Painting with acrylic lacquer......That's certainly not all, but it gives the drift.

The body work was a challenge. I used rotten bits of timber as templates, and with a lot of guesswork, gradually erected the structure. In the case of the main bearers, I had only a short fragment from which to guess eventual size and shape. Getting the doors and centre pillar lined up with the tub and cowl was a major test. The massive steel B pillar hangs both doors (suicide front door), so juggling the gaps and levels at one end affected those at the other.

I used reclaimed Mountain Ash for the frame, which involved cutting plenty of curves. I bought some large planks for the main bearers from a demolition firm, and was told that they had come from roof repair work on Old Parliament House. So, in addition to incorporating timber from house door and window frames, the Hudson contains an even more famous Canberra heritage. Perhaps it will be purchased by the National Museum one day and become a national treasure!

The original method of building the body was interesting. The metal panels were nailed to the frame with one inch nails. There were a lot of panels in various sizes, some with intricate shapes, like rear door arches. These panels were usually separated from the wood beneath with strips of canvas, I suppose to minimize squeaks and rattles. I tried to replicate this whenever metal came into contact with wood. As per original, the body incorporates large angle brackets and numerous bolts and screws to fasten joints. (Magnet Mart must have valued me as a customer!) The only time I used glue was to laminate some beams to build up their thickness. I had to use the chassis as the jig to set things up and then to erect the

frame, but I suppose that's par for the course.

Now to name some of the participants, who I thank wholeheartedly:

Dick Rowe and Gerry Hampson came on board at an early stage, and we had working bees, usually on a Wednesday. Great progress was made between cups of tea and bikkies on jobs such as painting the chassis, running wires and pipes, drilling, preparing panels, making bushes, nailing etc. Dick did a magnificent job on the final spray painting. He always admonished me to use Prepsol liberally before priming and final coating. And I mean liberally. Dick, to this day I can't touch a can of the stuff without looking over my shoulder! The colours selected were Permanent Red for the body and Midnight Black for the mudguards and valance panels.

Mike Catanzariti worked his magic on repairing numerous panels, and welding. Mike, I quickly appreciated why you are titled the "Michelangelo of Metal"!

Ken Herne did wonderful things to the engine and gearbox and set up the alternator. By the way, Ken, I think you missed working on trucks and this was a good therapy! Together with other work, new rings, several valves and two new pushrod guides were fitted, and adjustments made to a main bearing. The gear box was a write off, but luckily a spare box was available for Ken to attack. Engine installation took place in August 2002.

Billy De Graaf cleverly repaired or made a number of items, including a fuel tank.

Greg Spackman did final preparation work on the mudguards and a dented headlight.

Joe Micallef made impossible-to-obtain replacement parts in his amazing Aladdin's Cave.

Alec McKernan designed and fitted struts for the front gas shockers.

To complete the project, John Senior did a great job on the hood, headlining, seats, door trim and carpets.

Other people gave advice or assisted as the project progressed. I value your contributions.

Last but not least, thank you Dana for being so patient during this lengthy process. Do you reckon it was worth it? Of course it was!Eh? The car was registered last August, and as to be expected, some running repairs and adjustments are in progress. Things like fiddling with carby jets and venturi sizes, and trying to adjust the pernickety momentum retarding apparatus.

I haven't decided on a name for the car yet (I have considered and discarded "Rock", by the way). Any suggestions? On the road it has heavy steering, but doesn't wander, and the suspension is surprisingly firm. First

gear lets you know it's there. The car tootles along and pulls in top gear quite well, as would be expected. I haven't taken it past 60 mph, and don't think I should because at that pace the fuel gauge needle unwinds rapidly.

Some technical (and in some instances, archaic - but effective) features of the car are:

Six cylinder 288 cubic inch (4 ¾ litres) F Head (overhead inlet, side exhaust) engine,

Compression ratio 5.0 to 1, developing 92 BHP @ 3200 RPM,

Single clutch plate running in oil,

Splash lubricated bottom end, oil pumping at 3-4 PSI,

Inlet rockers individually lubricated by drip feed from external oil reservoirs,

Mechanical brakes (bless them), with 14inch drums.

My other car, Hector the 1928 Dodge, is feeling a bit sad and neglected these days. Hector only moves to make way for the Hudson proceeding on it's grand promenades. Perhaps some pampering will be in order soon.

I enquired about the car's background before the restoration gathered pace. Barbara, widow of former Club member, Bill Amies, who owned a collection of vehicles and parts which were auctioned with the Hudson, recalled that this vehicle was salvaged at Frogmore, NSW, by Bill, and Henri Le Grande, probably in the late 1960's. It seems that it belonged to a local identity and languished for a long time at the back of the garage due to non-payment for something or other. She thought Bill paid \$5 for it.

The obtaining of the headlights was a story in itself. Some years ago at a Retreads Group lunch a fellow Retread asked me "Are you interested in a pair of 1929 Hudson headlights"? I replied "Is the Pope a Catholic?" Well, I purchased them, noting an affixed auction tag. They must have been off my car, but sold as a separate lot. Anyway, I got them one way or another.

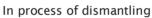
I said I would keep this fairly short, but I don't think I have succeeded. Wait, there's more. I heard that Michael Toole attended said auction and wanted the Hudson for Anne and nearly obtained it, but something stayed his hand. It was meant to be mine, Michael.

I hope readers found this article interesting. Believe it or not this was my first major restoration apart from resurrecting derelict stationary engines. Never again one so big, thank you!

Maybe the description of the types of activities and experiences will resonate with some other intrepid (? dotty) restorers. Jokes aside, it must be worth it or we wouldn't do it! And isn't it great that we have good friends in the Club to help us get these rusty relics back on the road. again?



Arriving home in a decrepit state. Bob with helpers Gerry Hampson, Michael Catanzariti and Jack Houston.





The Colonial August 2013

Sandblasted chassis being unloaded





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NATIONAL TRUST CENTENARY OF CANBERRA RALLY 19-20 October 2013

Rally entry forms now available

Entry forms to participate in the once in a 100 years National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally are now available and entry will remain open until 31 August 2013.

The rally vehicles will start at Jervis Bay on the morning of Saturday 19 October 2013 and travel via Nowra, Nerriga, Tarago, Bungendore and Queanbeyan in to Canberra. For those unable to start from Jervis Bay, options are available for starting at Tarago, Bungendore or Queanbeyan.

On Sunday 20 October the vehicles will muster at Exhibition Park in Canberra for a cruise down Northbourne Ave to the lawns of Old Parliament House for a static display of cars, commercials and motor cycles from the motoring pioneering days to the latest electric vehicles.

Entry is open to any vehicle whose owner is a member of a car club or the National Trust and the vehicle must be road registered.

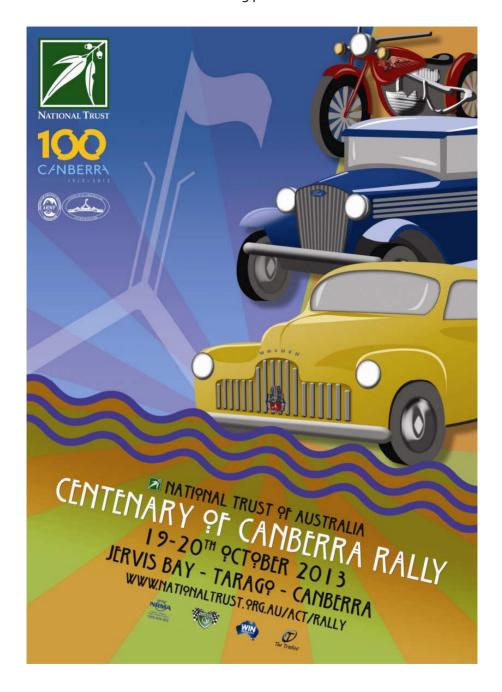
'For people who wish to be involved but do not qualify, they will be most welcome to become a volunteer on either or both days of the event', rally organising chairman, Mr Scot McAlister said.

'This is a departure from the normal activities of the National Trust (ACT) but the Trust is as interested in Australia's moving heritage as much as historic buildings.'

The National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally is one of 51 community-based projects funded through the Community Centenary Initiatives Fund. The fund has allocated over \$1m to community projects after receiving a wide range of ideas from the community and assessment by an independent panel. The community projects span the arts, sport, craft, culture, youth, disability and community sectors.

Entry forms and further details can be obtained from the National Trust (ACT) office or website at: www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/rally

Further information contact Graham Gittins 0419 249 109 Email: gittins@iinet.net.au



THE TWENTY-SIXTH GREAT CANBERRA SWAP MEET

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2013

7am to 3pm

WHAT Parts and accessories for old & new cars, motorbikes &

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WHERE Exhibition Park In Canberra (EPIC), Northbourne Ave

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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

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ADMISSION Adults \$3, children U12 free

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BOOKINGS For bookings and additional information

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The Swap Meet Organiser Or write to:

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Boorigal Rally, Albury-Wodonga 12-13 October 2013

2013 Boorigal Rally Sat. 12th & Sunday 13th. October, Hosted by the Antique Car Club of Albury Wodonga. Phil Donoghoe will be contact for our club and he now has entry forms and will take them to the August meeting or you can contact him on 6258 4608 or 0419 466602 or email donoghoe 38@bigpond.com.au

For those who would like to go, Phil could organise a tour the week before the rally if enough are interested.

The Veteran & Vintage Car Club - ACT is turning 50

Canberra's <u>first</u> car club turns 50 later this year. To celebrate this important milestone we are arranging a "birthday" weekend on Saturday & Sunday the 26^{th} & 27^{th} October 2013.

The weekend will include a Club vehicle display and chat/coffee on Saturday afternoon, dinner at the Canberra Hellenic Club on Saturday evening and a Club run on Sunday (10am to 3pm) including a stop for lunch. The Club is also preparing a book detailing information about the Clubs' Foundation Members, early history, photos and how it all came about.

We are searching for, and hoping to contact, as many of the Clubs' former members as possible. If you have belonged to our Club in the past and would be interested in attending all or part of the weekend would you please contact:

Nick Nowak

Email: nowakn@netspeed.com.au

Phone: 02-6282 4090

Details of costs for the dinner and book have yet to be finalised and will be sent to those people who contact us shortly. We are also considering having a 50^{th} year Club badge made.

FOR SALE - OTHER CLUBS PLEASE COPY

(N.B. To enable vehicle for sale notices to be copied by clubs in other states, rego or chassis numbers may need to be included.)

1928 Nash 6 cylinder, disk wheels, near complete needs restoration, (carby and fan assembly missing). \$1,500. Contact Russ Davies, 30A Rosler Pde, Henty NSW 2658. Phone 0427 004 228 or 02 6929 3408. Phil Donoghoe might be able to tell you something of this car.

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Email: pvkshaw@yahoo.com.au

Items are in Bohle, Qld. Photos available via email.

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WANTED the following parts to help finish off my restoration. Please contact Geoff Hall 0408 382 538.

Austin 7 Ruby front bumper centre bracket that bolts to the chassis. (*Pictures used from the web as examples*) 1930s Lucas side light to suit Austin



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WANTED

Shed space to hire for about 12 months to store a 1929 Plymouth. Please contact Geoff Davidson on 6262 7786.

Email: gsdavidson@grapevine.net.au

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DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Oct 19- 20	Bill Lewis 0414 923 753	SPIN rally to Canberra run by National Trust and Council of ACT Motor Clubs www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/Rally See page 30
Oct 20	Karen 0407 318340	27th Annual All Chrysler Day Show & Swap. Fairfield Showground, Smithfield Rd, Prairewood. Swap sites \$20.
Oct 20		Twin City Albury Wodonga Swap Meet, Jindera
Oct 26	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782	Cars wanted! Canberra Uniting Church, Melba wants cars for their Fete. Contact Jan if you can help so we can reply to the request.
Oct 27		Crookwell Swap Meet
Nov 2	Glenda 62271111	Classic Yass—display in Banjo Paterson Park
Nov 2	Kel Goodman 02 6452 2172	Cooma Motorfest at the Cooma Showgrounds with proceeds going to Snowy Hydro Southcare. Entertainment and display of old and new competition vehicles plus a display of construction machinery from the historic Snowy Mountains Scheme. Entry form and all information www.coomacarclub.com.au
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.
Nov 10	Michael Russell 0407 231 244	Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia 40th anniversary, Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, 1 Bartley Street, Canley Vale NSW Members past and present welcome.
Nov 23	Michael Lindfield 6286 4747	Tuggeranong Community Festival Classic and Vintage Car Display. Celebrating their 25th Silver anniversary. www.tuggeranongfestival.org.au
Nov 30	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782	Cars wanted! St Edmund's College, Griffith has asked for cars for their Fete. Contact Jan if you can help so we can reply to the request.

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Sep 7	Colin Tierney 0428 299 626	ACT Holden Day, Canberra
Sep 8	Chev Bow Tie Club	John Grannall Charity day, Grevillea Park, Russell
Sep 22		German Autofest, lawns of OPH
Oct 19	Bruce Perry 0408 652 107	Spin Saturday - Cars/Dance/Music 255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick bruceperry@grapevine.com.au
Oct 18-20		Museum of the Long Weekend—vintage caravan display, Grevillea Park, Russell http://www.longweekend.bighart.org/
Nov 3		Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC - see page 32.
Nov 16-17		Bendigo Swap
Nov 16-17	Kevin Fahey 0466 240 085	Canberra Ute Car Truck Muster 2 day show & shine at Hall Polocrosse Ground, Victoria St, Hall. Entry of \$20 per vehicle also includes entry to the Canberra Country Blues & Roots Festival. www.canberramuster.com
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Dec 1		Terribly British Day, Patrick White Lawns

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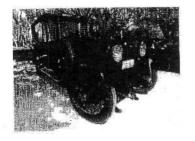
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