

# THE COLONIAL



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Peter Withers

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## 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, Macedon Ranges Grand Tour by Barry Millar. My apologies to those whose story I have not published yet.

I just need members' "My Car" stories and photos for the front cover please.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 4 October 12 noon and every first Friday: Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.

Friday 18 October — the next car run is to the Raiders Club Weston at noon. Perhaps a little earlier to enjoy a drink before lunch. 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. Also let us know about a death of a member or special anniversaries.

### Editor

You are stuck with me. Michael said he would assist the Editor, not the other way around. I think I heard what I wanted to hear!

Thanks to Bob Judd who has assisted when I've been away for the last few years and is also still willing.

And a big thank you to the many members who submit articles for me, it would not have been possible to carry on this long without your help.

**BUT, SOMEONE NEEDS TO PUT THEIR HAND UP FOR EITHER SECRETARY OR EDITOR.**

### Name Badges

I have listed on page 33 the name badges the Treasurer is holding. Some are for people who have recently submitted an application but others have been around a while. Which begs the question, did you join the club and haven't attended either a meeting or event since. Please do come along and partake in activities (and collect your name badge). Come up to the front table and make yourself known.

See you Tuesday or at one of the many events coming up.

Cheers ... Helen

# CANBERRA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB

## GENERAL MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### Attendance

Members: 40

Apologies: 6

Visitors: 2

#### Welcome

President David Wyatt welcomed members and visitors to the September General Meeting

#### Confirmation of Minutes

Graham Bigg advised that his change of email address was recorded incorrectly in the August Minutes. The correct EMAIL address should read: [grahambigg46@tpg.com.au](mailto:grahambigg46@tpg.com.au)

The Minutes were confirmed as amended, moved Harry Crawford, seconded Graham Bigg

**Carried**

#### Correspondence Daniel Wyatt

**IN**

15 club magazines

3 letters from Commonwealth Bank

6 membership renewals

Invoice from the Bridge Club for June, July & August room hire

Invoice from DUO for printing of August & September magazines

2 new membership applications: Brett Minion and Glenn & Margaret Davidson

Invitation to attend Shannons Great Aussie Tour 9-21 March 2014

Letter from Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club

1 Post Vintage Tour entry

1 Colonial returned.

Moved acceptance of correspondence Daniel Wyatt, seconded Bob Judd. **Carried**

#### Presidents Report

David Wyatt welcomed new member Tim Dawson, 1969 Holden

David advised that all positions would be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Vice President Graham Waite

October guest speaker will be Roger Amos who will make a

presentation on a European vehicle museum he visited on a recent tour.

Badge draw: #5 Lily Carswell

Last run #9 Dave Byers

### **Treasurer Joe Micallef**

No monthly report as the books were with the auditor in preparation for the AGM.

### **Editor Helen Phillips**

All is well

### **Events Director Jan Wyatt**

15 October visit to Strathnairn Homestead. Assemble Law Courts car park Civic 11am for 11.15am departure. Order lunch on arrival, and then attend a talk on the property followed by lunch. Chris Berry would like an indication of numbers attending.

14 September Bonython Primary School fete - would like cars to attend.

13 October Three options:

-Short run to National Museum of Australia for brunch

-Binalong Motor Museum - open day

-Australian War Memorial annex at Mitchell- open day (*NO was Sept*)

November - Marques in the Park

### **Raffle #88 Alec McKernan**

### **Supper Coordinator Clive Glover**

Will pass the sheet around for volunteers to prepare supper.

### **Registrar Bob Alexander**

Eighteen vehicles inspected for period.

Bob advised that during a recent inspection he found hair line cracks on the inside walls of tyres and advised the owner to get them checked thoroughly. He held on to the authentication certificate until the owner had returned with a safety check certificate from motor registry.

### **Librarian Joe Micallef**

All is well

### **Membership Secretary Joe Vavra**

No report

### **Shop Manager Norm Brennan**

Not present

**Information Officer Mark Butterfield**

All good

**Council of ACT Motor Clubs Delegate Graham Bigg**

November Marques in the Park – John Knight Park Belconnen – all going well

Council AGM next week

Graham Bigg will stand for Treasurer. Sue Walker, Council President, is retiring and Mark Saunders will stand for the position. Dave Rogers will stand for Registrar.

Wheels will be organised by a consortium of clubs including the Mercedes Benz and MG Car Clubs and will be held on the lawns of Old Parliament House, or Kings Park as an alternative.

Dave Rogers advised that the meeting with Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) covered an number of issues including:

What modifications were allowable for CRS registered vehicles. All parties indicated that they were happy with the arrangements put into place in 2003.

Emphasis that any safety related modifications – eg brakes, would require an engineer's certification.

The problem of Graham Boyce's Marquette not being recognised has been fixed.

SIVS not a high priority for TAMS.

TAMS happy with operation of the joint management of CRS scheme.

It was agreed that the Council and TAMS would meet every six months.

**Publishing Committee**

All OK

**General Business****Alec McKernan**

Advised that Jim Clough was going home from hospital today.

**Roger Amos**

Advised the Post Vintage Capital Tour was going ahead and encouraged members with vehicles in the 1931-1949 period to enter the event. See Roger for entry forms.

Meeting closed 8.35 pm

Graham Gittins

Minute secretary

## VISIT TO STRATHNAIRN HOMESTEAD GALLERY

### 15 September 2013

For our September run, we assembled in the carpark at the Law Courts then moved on to Strathnairn Homestead Gallery. It made quite a sight to see about 20 old cars strolling along the Tuggeranong Parkway one behind the other. In all 38 members participated in the run with some members going directly to the Homestead.

While we were waiting for our lunch to be served on the verandah, one of the volunteer staff told us a bit about the facility's history.

Strathnairn Homestead Gallery is set in a converted 1920s farm homestead on the north-western outskirts of Canberra near Holt. The facility has been used by artists for decades but still remains one of Canberra's best-kept secrets.

Strathnairn incorporates a number of artists' studios, an exhibition gallery, sculpture garden, a community access workshop, ceramic firing facilities (including specialised kilns) and an outlet for the sale of Strathnairn Artists Association members' work. Funding from the ACT Government has seen the completion of construction of two new artist studios, a caretaker's cottage, electrical improvements and landscaping to the Strathnairn Homestead. The new studios will allow for increased arts activity at the facility.

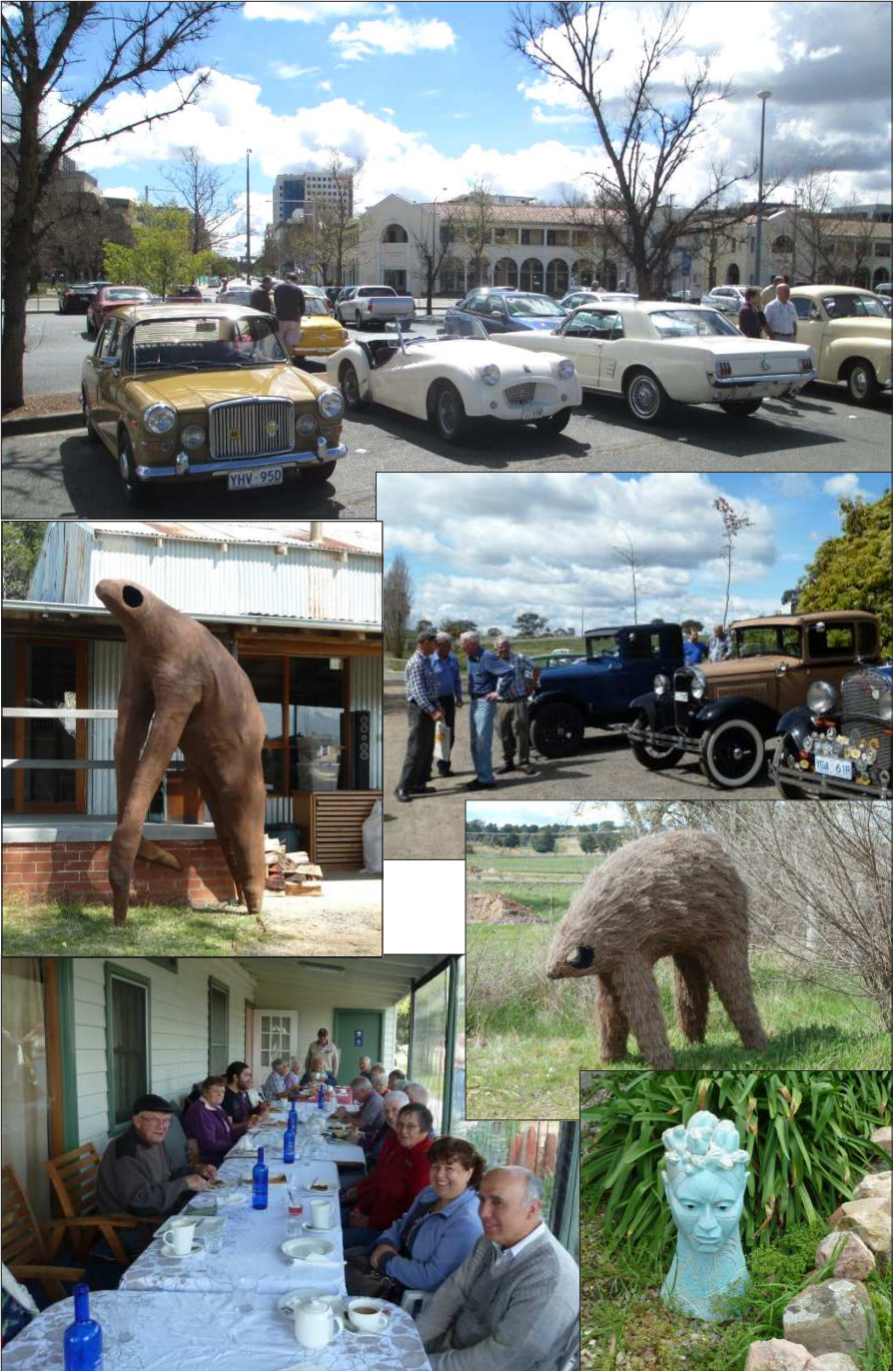
The kitchen facilities at Strathnairn are only small and with the number of members we had attend, I think we stretched the staff fairly well but they managed to get our meals out as well as serve other visitors as well. Some members had to wait a while but didn't seem to mind as the setting was pleasant and the weather good.

Many thanks to Chris Berry for organising the outing and making several trips to Strathnairn to make all the arrangements to ensure our visit went well. It was very pleasing to see so many members, both new and some who we haven't seen for a while attend. I hope you all enjoyed the outing to somewhere we have not been before.

Unfortunately for Ray and Anne Gallagher their day did not end too well. Not very far from Strathnairn and on the sealed road, a stone from a passing vehicle hit and shattered the windscreen of their Austin 3 litre. Another setback for two very supportive members, at least they were not injured.

*Thanks to Jan Wyatt*





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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2013 DRAFT MINUTES**

### **Attendance**

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|-----------|----|
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### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2012 were confirmed without amendment. Moved Phil Donoghoe, seconded Bob Garrett. Carried

### **President Report – David Wyatt**

Good evening everyone and thanks for attending the meeting tonight. Although this has been my second year as President I rely on the rest of the Management Committee for guidance and therefore would like to thank those members for your help and support.

Following the elected Treasurer deciding he could no longer continue in the role, I would like to thank Joe Micallef and Gerry Walker for taking on the responsibility of the Treasurer's role at a critical time.

We have had some good achievements this year with the most notable again being Wheels. Thanks to Roger Amos and his team for making that event another resounding success.

Attendance at meetings and events have been good, we try to put on events that please most people. Our Presentation dinner held recently was well attended and I thank those who made it a successful night particularly to our MC Graham Gittins.

Unfortunately a few of our noble members have passed away during the year and I would like to acknowledge their commitment and contribution to the Club over the years.

I joined the Club so that I could enjoy my classic cars and meet others with a similar passion. I have made many friends while doing something I enjoy and have travelled to other regional events during the year such as the great Lakes Tour, the Snowy Mountains Classic and the Bay to Bermagui. I and other Club members have also attended many local events associated with the Centenary of Canberra celebrations. These have all been very enjoyable events and it is interesting to observe how these are conducted and the work that goes into them.

We participated in the Royal Canberra Show and about 15 members took part over the three days of the show, some participating in the Grand Parade on the Saturday.



Events and opportunities to use our vehicles are expanding at a great rate – some may think too fast but our vehicles are good, interesting and very diverse and I make a plea to those who can to get their cars out of storage and put them in view of the public to enhance the image of responsible motoring.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Roger Phillips' written report was tabled.

Presentation of the audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013.

Joe Micallef tabled the annual accounts and auditors report and advised the meeting of balances in accounts. Cheque account \$8,767.53.

Joe thanked Gerry Walker for his help in preparing the accounts for the Auditor. He also thanked the auditor Gail Boate for auditing the accounts.

Moved Joe Micallef that the annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013 be accepted, seconded John de la Torre. Carried

### **Election of office bearers for the 2013-2014 year.**

The President declared all positions open and invited Dave Rogers to conduct the election of office bearers:

### **The election results were as follows:**

| <b>Position</b>                      | <b>Nominee</b>   | <b>Proposer</b>  | <b>Seconder</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| President                            | David Wyatt      | Graham Waite     | Helen Phillips  |
| Vice President                       | Graham Waite     | David Wyatt      | Alec McKernan   |
| Treasurer                            | Gerry Walker     | David Wyatt      | Roger Amos      |
| Secretary                            | Helen Phillips   | Bob Alexander    | Tony Fry        |
| Editor                               | Michael Toole    | Helen Phillips   | Ray Gallagher   |
| Librarian                            | Joe Micallef     | Graham Bigg      | Roger Amos      |
| Information Officer/<br>Floor Member | Mark Butterfield | Jan Wyatt        | Vin Liston      |
| Shop Manager                         | Norm Brennan     | John de la Torre | Phil Donoghoe   |
| Council Delegate                     | Graham Bigg      | Helen Phillips   | David Wyatt     |
| Council Delegate                     | Roger Amos       | Phil Donoghoe    | Alec McKernan   |
| Events Committee                     | Jan Wyatt        | Joe Micallef     | Bob Alexander   |
| Events Committee                     | Vin Liston       | Clive Castles    | David Wyatt     |
| Events Committee                     | Chris Berry      | Jan Wyatt        | David Wyatt     |
| Events Committee                     | Clive Castles    | Chris Berry      | Gerry Walker    |
| Events Committee                     | Bob Garrett      | Vin Liston       | Chris Berry     |
| Registrar                            | Bob Alexander    | David Wyatt      | Graham Waite    |

Examiners stay as appointed by RUS

Bob Alexander, Waine Summerfield, Daniel Wyatt, Dean Benedetti, Charlie Adams, Albert Neuss, Alec McKernan.

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Appointments         |                |
| Public Officer       | Bob Judd       |
| Membership Secretary | Joe Vavra      |
| Minute Secretary     | Graham Gittins |
| Webmaster            | Phil Smith     |
| Publishing Committee | David Byers    |
| Supper Co-ordinator  | Clive Glover   |
| Auditor              | Gail Boate     |

There being no further business the President closed the Annual General Meeting at 9.00pm

Graham Gittins, Minute secretary

*Since the meeting, Michael Toole has declined the position of Editor, but has agreed to assist. Helen Phillips will carry on for the present.*

*Keith and Lilly Carswell have offered to assist on the Publishing Committee.*



*Aston Martins doing a parade lap*

If you have not attended the Shannons Sydney Classic, make a point of putting it on to your bucket list, you will not be disappointed.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club members who make the trip were:

Alec McKernan  
Peter Sturgess  
Joe Micallef  
Vin Liston  
Graham Gittins

*Thanks to Graham Gittins*

## SHANNONS SYDNEY CLASSIC - 18 AUGUST 2013

It just gets bigger and bigger every year – the Shannons Sydney Classic held at the Sydney Motor Sport Park at Eastern Creek.

Five club members travelled up for the day and were exhausted at the end of the day after walking around the nearly 2000 historic, classic, vintage, veteran, commercial, military vehicles and motor cycles, on display by the members of the 160 affiliated clubs to the Council of Motor Clubs, Sydney (CMC).

A veritable army of volunteers, many from the Volvo club, made sure that all vehicles were directed to their correct site as quickly and as smoothly as possible.

This year's display was the 49<sup>th</sup> organised by the CMC, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.

A unique part of the display is the opportunity for club members to drive their vehicles around the race circuit. A spectacular display of three abreast Aston Martins was put on by 80 vehicles of the Aston Martin car club. The Aston Martin marque celebrates its centenary this year.

The ever popular Sydney Bus and Truck Museum offered trips around the circuit in a variety of double deck Atlantain, Leyland and British Road Master buses, the trip around the circuit gives top deck passengers a bird's eye view of the display.

Many of the pit lane garages are leased for the day to a variety of traders selling books, model cars, car care polishes, and automotive services. A four volume set of the James Flood books was on sale for \$400.

The CMC as part of its half century celebrations announced its first ever patron as motoring author and journalist Pedr Davis.

*More than 30 vehicles entered the Concours D'elegance*



## **P76 celebrates 40 years in Canberra**

It was rather fitting that the winner of the 5<sup>th</sup> Peking to Paris challenge was announced to the guests at the 40th Anniversary dinner of the P76 vehicles in Canberra.

The outright winner of the rally was 81 year-old Gerry Crown and Matt Bryson in a 1973 P76. Matt is the son of the John Bryson, who with the late Even Green won the World Cup Rally in 1974 in a P76 which gave birth to a the Targa Florio model P76.

More than 65 P76s in its various guises – six cylinder, V8, Targa Florio, Force 7 and station wagon mustered in Canberra to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Leyland Australia designed and manufactured vehicle.

Often ridiculed and called a lemon by Australian politicians, around 18 000 units were built and what were not sold were sent to the crusher after the British Leyland company closed the Sydney Zetland factory down. But 40 years later there is a still a hard core of owners who swear by the vehicle.

It was a bit of shock for one Canberra resident, Brian Wells, who worked at the Leyland factory between 1974 and 1976 to see the sole remaining of the three prototype station wagons built on display.

Brian exclaimed that is the vehicle allocated to me when I worked at for the company, 'The exact same vehicle,' he said.

The 2013 three day event, re-created the press release of the car in June 1973 – staying at the same hotel, the Lakeside, and enjoying the event dinner in the same function room.

Guest speakers regaled the 150 member audience with stories and antidotes of the design and building the vehicle. Among the speakers were Will Hagen who was Leyland Australia's Public Relations Manager at the time of the release and Alan Nicolson who was the chief project engineer on the project.

The Saturday morning run replicated the press run from the hotel around the hinterland of Canberra taking in the Honeysuckle Creek site of the space tracking station which received the first words and images of the moon landing in 1969. The antennas have long gone and the site is now a picnic ground.

The press run in 1973 finished at the Gundaroo pub, the 2013 re-creation also finished in the village of Gundaroo to a very welcome sausage sizzle provide by the local State Emergency Service volunteers.

Sunday was the massed display on the lawns of Old Parliament House which attracted a large number of the public to see the car which boasted that it could fit a 44 gallon drum in its boot, and to prove it could be done,

a P76 was fitted with a 44 gallon drum in its boot.

Club member Col Gardner edited a book of memories from various people who worked on the project and had his P76 Targa Florio on display. The car was bought new by his father-in-law and passed down to Col and his wife Bernice. Col and the P76 were featured in two articles that appeared in the Canberra Times in the lead-up to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.

All-in all It was a wonderful trip down memory lane and a weekend of nostalgia for many people, and went on to prove that 40 years after its introduction the P76 is still going strong.

*Thanks to Graham Gittins*

Below: Club members Col and Bernice Gardner with their P76 Targa Florio



Above: Brian Wells spotted the actual car allocated to him when he worked for Leyland Australia in the 1970s, the sole surviving P76 station wagon prototype.



A line-up of P76s in the main street of Gundaroo

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## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 was down on previous years, with around 70 participating in the run from Bateman's Bay to Bermagui.

The Bay to Bermagui is organised every two years by the Eurobodalla 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 started with a display of the entrants vehicles at the Coachhouse Marina Report, before being flagged away by Euobodalla Shire Mayor Lindsay Brown. A stop was 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 completed the weekend.

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

Club participants included:

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

*Thanks to Graham.*

## SHOP MANAGER

Check out Club badges and sew-on patches. Norm Brennan can order Club polo shirts, long sleeve chambray shirts and polar fleece vests/ jackets or bucket hats with the Club logo. Large car badges for sale still \$15.

Get a club banner for on your car at displays — \$15.

Register of Members @ 31May 2013 available for \$2.

## CA&CMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2013

| DATE              | CONTACT                | DETAILS  |
|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| Oct 13            | Jan Wyatt<br>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.<br>AND/OR<br>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. Details to be advised.   |
| Tuesday<br>Dec 10 |                        | Instead of our December general meeting at the Bridge Club, gather under the trees near the YMCA Sailing Club, Alexandria Drive, Yarralumla. Club will provide sausage sizzle and tea and coffee. Please bring everything else you wish to eat/drink, plus tables and chairs.  |

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2013

| DATE      | CONTACT                     | DETAILS  |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--|
| Oct 12    | David Wyatt<br>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 were called for at our last few monthly meetings. Get details by contacting David. It is hoped to have a selection of vehicles from different periods. |
| Oct 13    |                             | Open Day at Binalong Motor Museum.   |
| Oct 12-13 | Phil Donoghoe<br>0419466602 | Boorigal Rally, Albury Wodonga.  |
| Oct 20    |                             | Twin City Albury Wodonga Swap Meet, Jindera  |

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2013

| DATE      | CONTACT                      | DETAILS   |
|-----------|------------------------------|---|
| Oct 18-20 |                              | Museum of the Long Weekend—vintage caravan display, Grevillea Park, Russell<br><a href="http://www.longweekend.bighart.org/">http://www.longweekend.bighart.org/</a>  |
| OCT 26-27 | Nick Nowak<br>6282 4090      | The Veteran & Vintage Car Club ACT is turning 50. Vehicle display and chat/coffee Saturday afternoon, dinner at the Hellenic Club, club run Sunday. Email: <a href="mailto:nowak@netspeed.com.au">nowak@netspeed.com.au</a><br>Past members please get in touch.  |
| Oct 19    | Bruce Perry<br>0408 652 107  | Spin Saturday - Cars/Dance/Music<br>255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick<br><a href="mailto:bruceperry@grapevine.com.au">bruceperry@grapevine.com.au</a>   |
| Oct 19-20 | Bill Lewis<br>0414 923 753   | SPIN rally to Canberra run by National Trust and Council of ACT Motor Clubs<br><a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/Rally">www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/Rally</a>   |
| Oct 20    | Karen<br>0407 318340         | 27th Annual All Chrysler Day Show & Swap.<br>Fairfield Showground, Smithfield Rd, Prairewood.<br>Swap sites \$20.   |
| Oct 26    | Jan Wyatt<br>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<br>6227 1111          | Classic Yass—display in Banjo Paterson Park   |
| Nov 2     | Kel Goodman<br>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 <a href="http://www.coomacarclub.com.au">www.coomacarclub.com.au</a> |
| Nov 2     | Peter Harper<br>02 6977 1088 | 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 3     |                              | Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC - see page 28  |

## MY 1967 HR HOLDEN - PETER WITHERS

My interests in HR Holden's go back some four decades when I was just a lad. I owned a HR many years ago which had an original 24,000 miles on the clock. From then to now I had regrets having sold it and when my now HR Holden Premier came up I jumped at the chance. Now 10 years have passed from when I purchased it moving through the restoration process and now enjoying all the rally aspects with the CACMC.

When I purchased the Premier the car was a mess, though complete. The paint had cracked up with rust resting in the cracks. Rust and dints all round but I had the vision to see past what was before me through to restoration. Insight and vision is the easy part as restorers know, so as a chestnut, all I had to do was to get on with it.

So the long haul commenced where by I stripped the paint back and began the repairs, this was a slow process I undertook as I did all myself. I changed the colour from its original bronze to white which was a preferred colour to me and still stay an original colour concept.

I did some upholstery work (Tan in colour) still keeping it in original concepts with original materials. Areas I had trouble with were the premier mouldings around the wheel arches with a help of a mate they were restored which enhance the Premier nostalgia. I was lucky when I found and purchased a set of chrome wheels which I like.

The two speed powerglide transmission and 186 Engine had previously been re-conditioned and with the help of that good mate the universals were also replaced. I found this much easier than doing the body work as you seem to be able to get things done quicker and I would like to say easier come higher productivity seemed to be more evident though I seemed to have more skin off.

The HR Holden was manufactured between 1966 and 1968 with 252,352 cars made. Optional extras included Power Steering, Power Assisted Disk Brakes, Whitewall Tyres and a Vinyl Roof for the Premier. The 186 Premier Powerglide had a top Speed of 88 miles per hour and would do standing quarter in 19.2 seconds how amazing is that.

In all I am happy with my HR Premier driving and attending rallies and going down memory lane.

See you on events  
Regards Peter.

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## MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2013/14

Your concessional registration is now invalid if you are unfinancial.

If you have missed out on your renewal notice and have only just realized this, please contact the Membership Secretary as listed on page 2.

Also your Colonial will be cut off once committee positions have settled down and the Treasurer and Membership Secretary can do a double check on who is unfinancial.

## Canberra 100 Rally

Hello All

Some discussion took place at last night's general meeting in regard to club members joining in on the Canberra Centenary event at various points along the way eg Tarago then following the cars to Canberra. These could be car club members from across the country not just within the ACT.

This cannot be permitted because anyone who joins the event should have paid their fee to be a part of the event.

There are also implications for NSW and ACT Police traffic management. If non payers join the event then there may be additional costs to pay. Traffic management does not come cheap.

Further you also disadvantage those who have paid their money to attend the event.

Please advise your car club members that this is the situation.

If you would like to join the event, Entry forms and further details can be obtained from the National Trust (ACT) office or website at: [www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/rally](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/rally)

Regards Paul Burke  
Council Secretary

## HISTORY OF ENGINE MANAGEMENT

### (and my travails in managing to catch up)

Engine management started (well for most of us in CACMC with vintage cars anyway) with a choke and steering wheel levers for spark advance and throttle opening. The fuel-air mix was controlled for the first hundred years by the air flowing past the jets in the carburetor and sucking in the juice according to their size. The SU with its needle giving variable jet size was probably the only significant step forward in these devices.

A couple of years ago I needed a little van and put in a less than half price internet bid on a 2007 Citroen at GraysonLine. To my surprise I won it but then found out why only when I picked it up. It started fine but had zilch response from the accelerator!!

I had to get it out down the path they had cleared through the shed full of cars. But would it get up the incline leading to the carpark outside with idle only? I held my breath and got another surprise when the engine revved up of its own accord to handle the increased load!

That was my introduction to 'fly by wire'. No accelerator cable, a bloody computer controlling how much juice the injectors squirted and how much air was admitted!

The next year I spotted an old Merc 190E parked in a street and not being used. It had some very unusual NSW plates on it that I knew my wife would appreciate.

I bought it over the phone for \$400 for the plates. I then found that it started AND that the heater worked and so I put it on the road. However, it was occasionally a bugger to start. This was another learning curve for me as I struggled with this first generation computer controlled engine.

This 1984 car marks the changeover from carburetors and from mechanical setting of engine inputs over to settings stored in a computer chip. Its Jetronic system had a vane in the air intake that moved with the amount of air being sucked into the engine. An electrical signal went to the computer that put this info together with revs, temp etc and then determined how much fuel went through to pipes leading to the injectors. This system of engine management started generally in 1981 and rapidly evolved to where the settings were actually calculated by the electronics in true computer fashion.

The injector on the Merc were simple valves held closed by a spring till fuel pressure overcame the spring. Even the oldest systems are a marked advance in efficiency on the little lead weights whirring around in the distributor or the reliance on the driver setting the steering wheel lever. It also overrides the lead foot driver who plants the foot further than the available engine response.



It also helped overcome a problem with carby engines where the different contortions of the inlet manifold could result in different cylinders receiving slightly different mixtures. On this Merc I had to go over many of the sensors but was rather embarrassed when I found that the biggest problem was rotor button breaking down in damp weather!

During the 80s the Japs refined all this and my Celica has each injector electrically controlled and the volume of air going in is measured by the MAP (Manifold Absolute Pressure) sensor just after the air cleaner. It also has an oxygen sensor in the exhaust that the computer uses to get the combustion spot on. It also has what is now the standard practice of a high pressure petrol pump buried in the tank that supplies the injector rail and then each injector is electrically controlled via the computer. These pumps are beautiful examples of fine tolerances and materials that were not possible till recently. They are a little susceptible to dirt in the petrol and also use the fuel in the tank to keep themselves cool. (best not to run on empty)

That is a bit different to my Austin 7 from 1928 where the fuel gravity feeds from the tank under the scuttle and you have to use the choke to help it accelerate till it warms right up. But at least it still has a real accelerator with metal rods and not just a pedal with an electrical connector!

Mind you most of these electronic systems are pretty robust. The Hyundai Excels and others give problems from dirty connectors to the cam and crankshaft sensors. Yes, TDC marks on the flywheel don't exist anymore but there are generally alignment holes that accept pins passing into the crankcase to get things right when changing timing belts!

However, that said the little Citroen with no accelerator response was a real challenge! I eventually drove it to Rick Damelian on Parramatta Rd. That in itself was an adventure. I picked a quiet time of day, planned the route and then worked the gears with an idling engine only. They then said 'well we think it might be the computer, we can order one from France and try it. Only \$3800!'

I did not take them up on that and bought a second hand one for \$250 from a wreck. Then I really started to find out about fly-by-wire! It seems that surrounding the ignition switch there is a reader like that on the new credit card readers where you just wave the card at the machine. It picks up the code embedded in the chip in the key and sends this to the computer which then says "that don't match what I have been given, you can turn the key all you like but I ain't authorising any spark or starter, go jump".

One solution would have been to get the ignition switch (and all the locks) from the wreck also.

Fortunately, I found Anthony who works from home in Parramatta. He unsoldered a little chip (from the myriad hidden under tough silicon rubber), put it on his equipment and extracted not only the security code but also the mileage data etc and put it in the new one.

“Send me a \$100 if that works OK”

So I sent him a \$100. I hope you don't need his services but I gave his 0423 399 286 number to the mechanics who look after me in Canberra. After my one and only visit to a car dealer in 40 years, that Citroen dealer went bankrupt a few weeks later.

Currently the Merc is doing great work for a friend in Sydney but just think, it and its computer will be eligible for club registration next year!

Carburettors finally became extinct in America in 1990 on a Buick engined Cadillac. Will that make it a collector's item?

In checking my facts for all this I found that Alfa Romeo in 2009 eliminated the camshaft and just have the valves operated by hydraulics, which are of course, computer controlled!

Harry Crawford

## From Gearhead to Ambassador and back again

When he was a sixteen year old youth, the former US Ambassador to Australia, Jeffrey Bleich was, in his own words a 'gearhead' and enjoyed nothing more than driving his mates around Connecticut in his Ford Thunderbird, and his Mustang.

After his marriage and children, his taste in automobiles had to change from muscle cars to a more sedate BMW.

Mr Bleich has just completed his posting to Australia, but while he was in Australia he attended a number of car displays, mainly ones with muscle cars in them and was made the Patron of the American car club.

Now that his children are heading for college, he intends getting back to his rev head days by purchasing a new Tesla and for old times sake a Ford Mustang.

Club member Graham Bigg with his Mustang, caught up with Jeffrey at the US Ambassador's residence in Canberra, where this photograph was taken.

*Thanks to Graham Gittins*



**THE MORRIS OWNERS GROUP 2013 WEEKEND AWAY  
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**Saturday 16 November**

We will travel via Bungendore, Tarago, then to Nerriga and on to Nowra. About three half hours travel time around 200 kilometres. ( byo morning tea Tarago).

Assembly will be at Dickson College car park Antill Street - 8.00am for 8.15am departure. There is an entry fee of \$20 which includes medallion.

A block booking of accommodation has been made at the Archer Resort, Cnr Princess Hwy and Kalandar St, Nowra for Dinner Bed and Breakfast, \$183 per double.

Lunch Archer Bistro (Fish, Chips and a drink \$10)

Afternoon free or sightseeing eg Navy Air Museum, Illawarra Sky Walk.

**Sunday 17 November**

Breakfast then onto Berry for morning tea. Then travel via Kangaroo Valley (steep winding and narrow road in places) to Moss Vale (lunch) stopping at either the Sutton Forest or Marulan Service Centre for afternoon tea then back to Canberra

**Please reserve your accommodation before Friday 8th November 02 4421 5222.**

Information

Survey Vin, Graham, Joe. With Thanks.  
Malcolm Noad [mnoad@tycoint.com](mailto:mnoad@tycoint.com) or 62350545  
Denis Harding 62814497

**CENTENARY OF CANBERRA WEBSITE**

Joe Vavra has recommended we have a look at this website. At the bottom of the home page there are some photos of nice cars.

<http://apscentenaryofcanberra.gov.au/>

# THE TWENTY-SIXTH GREAT CANBERRA SWAP MEET

**SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2013**

**7am to 3pm**

**WHAT**

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

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Saturday 2 November or 6am Sunday 3 November.  
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## **YASS PHOTO COMPETITION 2013**

Just a reminder that the Yass Antique Motor Club is running a photo competition again in conjunction with Classic Yass which is on 2 November. Entries close on 10 October. Details can be found on [www.facebook.com/ClassicYassPhotoCompetition](http://www.facebook.com/ClassicYassPhotoCompetition)

Recreate a Heritage Scene which reflects history in Australia.

Entries to be sent to [yassantiquemotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:yassantiquemotorclub@gmail.com)  
Or hard copies to YAMC Photo Competition, PO Box 3207, YASS 2582

## **TERRIBLY BRITISH DAY**

Terribly British Day in 2013 will be celebrated at the Patrick White lawns behind the National Library of Australia on Sunday 1 December. Owners and admirers of all British vehicles are welcome to attend the event which will be open to the public from 10am to 2pm.

More than 350 cars, commercials and motor cycles are expected to be displayed.

Food and drinks will be available and the car I would most like to take home and best club display will be judged by the honoured guest.

Terribly British Day is organised by Jaguar Driver Club and representatives from British car clubs in the ACT.

For further information please contact Graham Gittins 0419 249 109  
email: [gittins@iinet.net.au](mailto:gittins@iinet.net.au)

## **BERRIMA DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB**

An invitation has been received to this club's 39th Berrima Rally on 8-9 February 2014. See Jan Wyatt.

They have also advised they are changing to a bi-monthly newsletter and no longer having their newsletter printed for other clubs.

The newsletter will however be on BDHVC website  
<http://www.BerrimaDistrictHistoricVehicleClub.org.au>

## 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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Front and rear seats, front and rear bumpers, front axle and springs, rear axle and springs, brake pedal and linkage, throttle linkage. 4 x 16" wheels. Contact Carlton on 0413 804 813 or email: [demonspeed@nerdshack.com](mailto:demonspeed@nerdshack.com) All going cheap.

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



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**FREE FJ Holden parts:** bonnet with badge, boot lid, 2 rear guards with chrome fins. Contact Vin Liston on 02 6241 1645.

**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)*



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## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2013-14

| DATE                          | CONTACT                                      | DETAILS  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Nov 6-15                      | Paul Ballard<br>0419 973 822                 | Cootamundra Antique Motor Club is having a tour of the Central West Highlands and are inviting members of other clubs — Canowindra, Hill End, Kandos, Oberon, Jenolan. westkinloch@dragnet.com.au                      |
| Nov 10                        | Michael Russell<br>0407 231 244              | Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia 40th anniversary, Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, 1 Bartley Street, Canley Vale NSW<br>Members past and present welcome.   |
| Nov 16-17                     |  | Bendigo Swap   |
| Nov 16-17                     | Kevin Fahey<br>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.<br>www.canberramuster.com |
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| Nov 23                        | Michael Lindfield<br>6286 4747               | Tuggeranong Community Festival Classic and Vintage Car Display. Celebrating their 25th Silver anniversary.<br>www.tuggeranongfestival.org.au   |
| Nov 23<br>Nov 24<br>Nov 23-24 | 0400 394 645<br>0400 394 645<br>0427 267 927 | All Ford & GM Day car show<br>American Car Nationals<br>Queanbeyan Swap Meet<br>All of above at Queanbeyan Showground<br>www.qbnswnet<br>www.americancarnationals.com.au   |
| Nov 30                        | Jan Wyatt<br>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.  |
| Dec 1                         | Graham Gittins<br>0419 249109                | Terribly British Day, Patrick White Lawns Jaguar Drivers Club.   |

| DATE              | CONTACT    | DETAILS  |
|-------------------|------------|--|
| 2014<br>Mar 14-16 | Roger Amos | Post Vintage Capital Tour for vehicles built between 1930 and 1949 |
| Mar 16            |            | Wheels display day at Kings Park, Russell                          |

### UNCOLLECTED NAME BADGES

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Adrian Nash        | Bill Kourelakos    |
| Bruce Green        | Damien Dal Cortivo |
| Darren Clarke      | David Ruston       |
| Doug Leach         | Frank Gifford      |
| Geoff Best         | Haydn Clear        |
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| Lance Emerson      | Megan McCarthy     |
| Michael Stevenson  | Neville Miller     |
| Owen Hrabanek      | Phil Hopkins       |
| Robyn Green        | Roslyn Clear       |
| Sean Yazici        | Stephen Kelo       |
| Susan Kelo         | Terri Miller       |
| Tim Dawson         | Trish O'Connor     |

### WOULD THESE MEMBERS PLEASE COLLECT THEIR NAME BADGES AT THE NEXT MEETING OR THE NEXT EVENT.

The names are in alpha order starting with your first name so partners' names may not be together. Helen.

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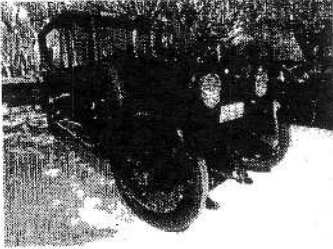
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## **NATIONAL TRUST CENTENARY OF CANBERRA RALLY 19-20 October 2013**

Early bird entries for the National Trust Centenary of Canberra Rally closed on 31 August 2013. Entries received after that date will incur a late entry fee.

The rally from Jervis Bay Territory to Canberra via Nerriga, Tarago, Bungendore and Queanbeyan will depart from the HMAS Albatross Naval Air Museum, Nowra on Saturday 19 October, stopping at Tarago where they will be met by a steam train with rally spectators.

Saturday afternoon will be free to visit some of Canberra's icons such as the Carillion, Australian War Memorial, Canberra Museum and Gallery, National Film and Sound Archives or the National Museum of Australia.

Or just put your feet up and rest ready for the Sunday 20 October cruise down Northbourne Avenue to the lawns of Old Parliament House where the vehicles will be displayed in decade order.

There will be plenty of time to visit the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, the National Portrait Gallery, New Parliament House, Questacon, National Library, National Gallery or National Archives which are all within easy walking distance of the display area.

As well as the display of vehicles, there will be the Royal Military College Concert Band, the Pipes and Drums of the Burns Club Band, dancing displays and other entertainment for adults and children.

Sunday evening is the Rally gala dinner with a very special guest speaker.

The rally is not a race and there are no timed sections, just a leisurely drive from the coast to the capital along some of the best scenery in New South Wales.

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

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