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1972 MGB T
Geoff & Joan Pritchard

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See page 26 for story relating to the 1970 Bi-Centenary International Veteran & Vintage Rally for cars and motorcycles.
This is a general view on display day at Northbourne Oval, Braddon.

EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles and photos for this month's Colonial. Thanks to Gerry for answering my call for a car story. Now I need another car story for next month please.

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 1 May 12 noon and every first Friday: Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. All CACMC members welcome.



Friday 15 May car run to Yass Soldiers Club, Meehan Street, Yass. Meet at the lay-by on the Barton Highway opposite Hall at 11 am to travel in convoy. All CACMC members welcome. Any enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046. Alec suggests if it is a very wet day we go instead to the Southern Cross Club at Woden.

Get Well

Please advise the Secretary Grahame if you know of anyone who could use a cheer-up card, especially if they are in hospital. Also let us know about any special anniversaries or the death of a member.

Hope Irene Berry is on the road to recovery with rehab after her knee op. Graham said Heather is coming along well after her operation and hopes to be able to travel in the old car this month.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Merv and Diane Robertson on the death of Merv's mother. Also Bob Garrett advised that Terry Lloyd died suddenly in Qld. Those who have been in the car movement for a long time will remember Terry. The last time I saw him and Bette was at a Retreads run to Kingsley Southwell's property some years ago.

Apology

My apologies to Peter Gifford saying he had passed away. In fact it was Frank Gifford who passed away.

Thanks

Thanks to Chris Berry for his organisation of the April run and to all who braved the threatening weather to come on it. We were okay till lunch time and then came the rain. Hope those in the open cars didn't get too wet going home. I bet Ann Toet was like the queen sitting in the back of the limousine going home.

See you Tuesday, Cheers, Helen

DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 14 APRIL 2015

Attendance:

Members: 48

Visitors: 2 Bbob Vasic and Nick Coetzee

Apologies: 9

Welcome:

President David Wyatt welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting and invited two club member to make a presentation.

Guest speakers;

Club members Gerry Walker and Graham Waite presented a slide show of vehicles on display at a Las Vegas showroom.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the March 2015 meeting were confirmed without amendment Moved Dave Rogers Seconded Ken Walker **Carried**

Correspondence – Grahame Crocket

IN

Car magazines = 17

Invitations

Invitation from the Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club to their annual rally 12 to 16 August 2015.

Invitation to the Collector Village Pumpkin Festival 3 May 2015

Letters

Australia Post Tax Invoice for post box (passed to Treasurer)

Canberra Bridge Club Invoice for room hire (passed to Treasurer)

Rare Spares loyalty club

Commonwealth Bank cheque account statement (passed to Treasurer)

Commonwealth Bank Merchant Statement (Tax Invoice) (passed to Treasurer)

OUT

Sympathy card to Maureen Donoghoe

Get well card to Irene Berry

Moved Grahame Crocket, Seconded Phil Donoghue. **Carried**

President Report David Wyatt

Appealed to members to pay their annual membership fee not later than 30 June. Non-payment by the due date could render CRS vehicle unregistered.

Welcomed new members to the club: Bruce and Maxine Ewens who have a 1957 Holden FE.

Vice President – Graham Waite

Next month's guest speaker will be Terry Rouse QIM

Lucky badge draw

Ticket:#44 Peter Hoskin.

Last Run

Ticket:#33 Phil Donoghoe

Treasurer – Gerry Walker

Current balance in cheque account \$9431:16

Gerry advised that while he is away Bob Judd will be acting treasurer.

Members paying by direct debit please advise either him or Bob, so that the amounts can be tracked and please put your name on the space provided on the transfer.

Moved Gerry Walker Seconded Graham Bigg **Carried**

Editor - Helen Phillips

Apologised to Peter Gifford. It was Frank Gifford who passed away. Needs car story for May edition of the Colonial.

Supper Coordinator- Clive Glover

No volunteer for supper duty for May

Morrie Lonnie advised he would volunteer for the task.

Events Director Jan Wyatt

Chris Berry provided information about the Sunday 19 April run to the Southwell-Stephens property near Hall. Meet Hall Layby 10.30am for 10.45am departure. BBQ trailer will be in attendance but BYO food and drink

Jan Wyatt

17 May is National Motoring Heritage Day meet Australian War Memorial Café 10.30. Itinerary and instruction will be handed out at the start. BBQ trailer will be in attendance but BYO food and drink.

14 June Lake George Hotel Bungendore for lunch 12 noon

18/9 July Weekend Away. Details to be provided

22 August Presentation dinner to be held at the Irish Club

\$30 member's \$35 non members

Please let the events committee if you want to go up market for future presentation dinners.

3 May Collector Pumpkin Festival—if notify before 26 April Club members free

12-16 August Northern Rivers at Lismore rally

Raffle Ticket Blue # 003 – Jan Wyatt

Registrar Bob Alexander absent. No report but 11 vehicles known to have been inspected for the month.

Librarian Joe Micallef

Sorted books from stock and excess will be offered for sale at May meeting. Thanked those who helped him.

Thanked Grahame Crocket for the donation of two books to the Club library.

Membership Sectary Joe Vavra is away -- No report

Shop Manager – Norm Brennan

Register of Members booklet 2015 now in stock \$2 per copy

Usual shirts, banners and badges for sale

Information officer Graham Bigg For Sales on board

Council Delegate Roger Amos

Affiliation with Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs

Council president Mark Saunders, produced a business case for affiliating which was sent to club delegates electronically. The document provides details of those affiliated and its links to the NSW Government bodies and other motoring groups.

Council Treasurer indicated that there was around \$18 000 in the account .

The events director provided a list of events which again will be sent electronically to club delegates.

The Council Registrar, Dave Rogers, brought up the matter of the 'grace period' which clubs allow members to pay their renewal fees before their membership is considered lapsed. The issue of which would be allowed under the law which is not contestable by insurers and lawyers. A month was floated but others believed 15 days is more appropriate.

Dave Rogers made the point the safest way is if you haven't renewed don't drive your CRS vehicle. Dave will research the issue and provide feedback.

Modified vehicles was raised in reference to one case seen at Wheels 2015 where its wheels were questionable as to whether they fell within the allowed modifications. The more general topic of allowable modifications was raised with the Morris Minor Club and the Model A modifications policy mentioned. Although these were never formally approved, the RTA indicated it was the type of policy which would be acceptable. All is in abeyance since.

Wheels 2015 – 816 stickers were handed out at Wheels but this included trailers and support vehicles. TADACT is thought to have made about \$3600. Wheels badges are still available. Out of the 100 ordered about 30 are left if any one missed out on getting one \$10 each. See Roger Amos.

Timing of the event was discussed and given accessibility to the site it was considered best to keep it the week before Skyfire. Access to King's Park on the Saturday before Skyfire is restricted when organisers are trying to set-up.

Reports are being prepared by various organisations for the Governments review of the motoring industry by a Senate Enquiry. The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) had a submission prepared by Ernst and Young, which has a lot of data relating to the financial and employment assets of motor sport. A copy will come via the Council Secretary. The Australian Historic Motoring Federation, and the Council of ACT Motor Club will probably be making submissions to the enquiry.

Publishing Committee Dave Byers - Fine.

Web Master : Phillip Smith - Updating club web page

General Business

Roger Amos - Offered a large plastic tube to members. Phil Donoghoe accepted it for use at the Fire Brigade Museum.

Alan Martin purchased a Chevrolet 110 with NSW Registration.

NSW RTA advised him that for the vehicle to be registered in NSW the owner must have a NSW Drivers licence, Alan has an ACT licence. After discussion with the CRS people the NSW officer advised that that only applied to fully registered vehicle, CRS type vehicles could be registered in NSW.

Alan advised that Charlie Adams becomes an OBE on Sunday (Over Bloody Eighty)

Chris Berry Thanked the club for the get well card sent to Irene following her knee surgery

Phil Donoghoe Thanked the club on behalf of Maureen for the card sent to her.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Graham Gittins
Minute Secretary

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the Club. Hope you have a very relaxing day and are spoilt with lots of help, flowers, chocolates.

Reminder gents: it is Sunday 10th May.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year again when memberships fall due. I will be away for the period 7 May to 6 July and Bob Judd is taking over the Treasurer's role for that period.

Members with vehicles on the CRS under the Club need to renew before the 30 June to ensure compliance with the CRS guidelines. If you fail to renew by that time **don't** drive your CRS vehicle until you have renewed your membership. If you do it is **your** responsibility and it may have insurance and registration implications.

Fees are single \$45 and family \$50, payment can be made in a number of ways:

- Cash/cheque/ money order/credit card at the meeting
- Cheque/money order/credit card (name on card, type of card, card number, amount to be paid and card holder signature) by mail to the PO Box
- Direct credit to the Clubs Commonwealth Bank account with name and membership # used to identify the transaction. Please also advise Bob Judd at bricetandbob@bigpond.com

BSB: 062 900
Ac count 28022621

**NOTE IN ALL CASES PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY CHANGES TO THE
VEHICLES OR YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS.**

Gerry Walker
Treasurer

Membership renewal forms are in your May Colonial. It is important you make any changes required to keep the Register up to date and if you have already paid mark date paid and Receipt No.

19TH APRIL MONTHLY RUN

The 88 hectares (250 acre) fine Merino wool property of Glen Lynne, owned by Sandra Southwell-Stephens was the Club's destination for the April run.

Located off the Barton Highway on Spring Range Road, the run attracted 25 vehicles, one motor bike and around 30 people.

The property boasts a small museum of memorabilia of military equipment, farm machinery, and household goods.

A collection of 1000 thimbles and dolls house crockery attracted the attention of the ladies.

Sandra runs the property, which carries 500 fine Merino wool sheep, almost single handed, and has a busy life apart from the farm. She has been foster caring, mainly babies, for 37 years and was awarded an OAM in 2007 for her dedication to this important work. Sandra confesses that she has lost count of the number of babies she has fostered over the years.

Sandra is also chief steward for the sewing section at the annual Royal Canberra Show. Her association with the show goes back more than 43 years.

She is a descendant of Thomas and Mary Southwell of Sussex England who arrived in Australia in 1838 and took up 7000 acres of land in the district. Over the years the large property has been subdivided and handed to children and grandchildren.

The property once had a gold mine which has not been worked since the turn of the 19th century. Sandra recalled that a large number of Chinese worked the mine and her grandfather gave them an acre of land to grow their vegetables on.

The run was also the celebration of two member's birthdays – Brian McKay (86) and Charlie Adams (80) which was cause for the Club's choir to give a shaky rendition of Happy Birthday.

The run was organised by event committee member Chris Berry who met Sandra at a church fete, where she volunteered that there was a small museum on her property and would welcome a visit from the club.

Chris presented her with a certificate of appreciation for opening up her house and property for club members.

Thanks to Graham Gittins



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May 2015

APRIL MONTHLY RUN

The birthday boys
Brian and Charlie



Cars at Hall lay-by



Anne and Jan having a chat.

RALLY

These resurrected wrecks that tow
a glimpse of history down the road
tell only half their tale and show
their brighter side. If you see
the scores of traumas that surround them
you would cart your parts and heave
those vintage tip-bits back again
and leave them as you found them
lying in the rain.

Think of all the hours spent seeking -
remedies for overheating,
bits at vintage cheating-meetings,
peace from fellow members' bragging
and from selfish neighbours nagging
on about your panel beating
or un-muffled engines roaring
in the early hours of the morning.

Think of weeks and months spent dragging -
leads from distant Vintage Clubs,
out to Parkes for disc-wheel hubs
whinging wives through Murray Mallee,
cockies' dams for sunken chassis,
partners out of country pubs,
frozen bolts from engine mounts,
money out of bank accounts.

You can't see flat tyres and flies,
mud-packed tracks and soaking skies,
dollar signs in dealer's eyes.
You see only sunlight blending
glass and brass in rainbow-bands where
you shall hear heart-rending endings
to the farmyard-sagas spun
by the owners as they stand there
lieing in the sun.

Frank McMahon

When I published the news last month that Wanda McMahon had passed away it made me think of the poems that Frank had written during his days in the Club. So I had a search and found this one.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER 2015

Saturday 22nd August 2015

**Canberra Irish Club
6 Parkinson Street WESTON ACT
6.30 for 7pm**

**\$30 per person for members
non-members welcome \$35 per person**

Please support your club by joining us at the Annual Presentation of Trophies Dinner this year. The club is subsidising the cost of dinner tickets. 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 (the Irish Club now uses the same caterers as were at the Burns Club):

- Gourmet Bread selection
- 3 salads
- 2 carvery meats
- Baby chat potatoes
- Steamed broccolini with almond butter and sesame glazed carrot batons
- 1 hot dish with rice
- Choice of 4 desserts

If anyone has special dietary requirements, please notify Chris or Jan when purchasing your tickets or by phone on numbers below.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

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

Tickets available at the June, July and August meetings or from
Chris Berry, 6254 7145, or Jan Wyatt, 6286 1782 until
Wednesday 12 August 2015.

LIBRARY NEWS

At the April meeting Grahame Crocket gave the club 2 beautiful coffee table books in mint condition.

The first one is about the history of Porsche cars – it is written in three languages, English, German and Spanish. The book was published in 2007.

The second book is called ‘The Golden age Of British Motoring Classic cars from 1900 to 1940’. The book is full of beautiful black and white photographs of cars in daily use, rallies, races and hill climbs.

These two books will be for sale together with a considerable number of coffee table books and others at the next club meeting. Because of the condition and rarity of some of the books they are priced accordingly.

Another addition to library this month is a Mini service and repair manual from 1971 – 1978. The book is in good condition and was donated by Trish O’Connor.

Thanks to Grahame and Trish for your donations.

Joe Micallef
Librarian

Guidelines for the use of ACT Concessionally Registered Vehicles

The By-Laws are available on our club website for members to check if they are unsure of the rules.

Please, if your car is registered through our Club, advise the Registrar if you are going to use your vehicle for an event not advertised in the Colonial.

OR

Think ahead and get your event listed in the Colonial. Attendance at charity events is not exempt from the rules.

Carry your Colonial with you or at least the relevant pages.

LEST WE FORGET



I am spending the afternoon of Anzac Day doing your next issue of the Colonial but I don't mind when the weather is not nice outside. This morning I watched various Anzac services on TV both in Australia and overseas. Big commemorations this year for the 100 years since Gallipoli.

TROPHY WINNERS 2014

Sorry folks, your time is nearly up. Can you please return perpetual trophies (not the small plaques) at either the June or July meeting. If that is not possible, please contact Jan or David Wyatt on 6286 1782 to arrange their return.



You don't often hear the words "obsessively correct restoration" and Morris Minor in the same sentence. But not every Morris Minor is quite like the lilac-hued Million, a commemorative edition sold in very limited quantities to mark Britain's first car to clear the seven-figure production barrier. (Sorry folks, the auction was in January so you have missed out.) Thanks to Dick Rowe

JULY MONTHLY RUN

WEEKEND AWAY 18 July to 19 July

Saturday

Leave Canberra travel to COWRA for morning tea then through CANOWINDRA to PARKES for overnight stay. Accommodation options will be suggested once people have indicated their intention to participate.

In PARKES visit :

The Henry Parkes Centre open 10.00 am—4.00 pm, incorporating :

- Parkes Visitor Information Centre
- The Kings Castle Elvis Exhibit
- Parkes Motor Museum
- Pioneer Park Antiques Machinery Collection

Visit: The Dish

Newell Highway 20 k north open 8.30 am – 4.15 pm daily

Visit: Big Fish Fossil Hut Peak Hill Caravan Park – Peak Hill
Open 8.00 am – 9.00 pm daily

Sunday

Leave PARKES to CONDOBOLIN for approx. 70 km

Visit UTES IN THE Paddock

Travel along to FORBES

Visit : McFeeters Motor Museum – open 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
Bushranger Ben Hall grave

Make your way home along Lachlan Valley Way.

Enquiries to Chris Berry 62547145
Jan Wyatt 62861782

CA&CMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2015

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
17 May	Chris Berry 6254 7145 Jan Wyatt 6286 1782	National Motoring Heritage Day. Other clubs are most welcome to join us. The run will be around Canberra through popular shopping centres and places where our cars can be seen by the public to show our support for the heritage motoring movement. Assemble at the War Memorial café by 10.30am. Perhaps have a coffee and a bite to eat before we leave. Bar-b-Que trailer will be at the end point for tea/coffee and for cooking lunch if you wish.
14 Jun	Bob Garrett 6286 3168	For a winter warmer we will go to the Lake George Hotel Motel Bistro in Bungendore. Meet in the Spotlight Queanbeyan carpark at 10.15 am if you want to go in a group and wander around the various attractions in Bungendore before lunch or be at the Hotel by 12 noon for lunch. Bob has reserved a table for us.
18-19 Jul	Chris Berry 6254 7145 Jan Wyatt 6286 1782	We are planning a weekend away to the Parkes/Forbes region. Some details of what attractions there are to see are on page 19. It would help us plan accommodation if interested people would please let Chris or Jan know they intend to come.
22 Aug		Club Presentation Night at the Irish Club, Weston See page
23 Aug	David Wyatt 6286 1782 Mob: 0417 262 209	Presidents Run. Please come and join us, it will just be a short run around Canberra. More details next month.
13 Sep		TBA

MISSING
**WOULD THE BORROWER PLEASE LET ONE OF THE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE KNOW ASAP
OF THE LOCATION OF THE CLUBS GANTRY AND CHAIN**

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2015

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
22-24 May	Norm Rutherford 02 63371770	Bathurst Gold Country Rally Mobile 0499 847 801
30-31 May	Noel Wilcox 03 5428 2689	38th Historic Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla. Conducted by the Austin 7 Club with assistance from the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Assn, Vic. Featuring 400 historic racing cars and motorbikes from the 1920s to the 1980s. noelwilcox@rocketmail.com
30-31 May	Norine 6882 7287 Ian 6882 8327	Dubbo Antique Automobile Club 50th anniversary celebration. Registration at Dubbo City Bowling Club, Wingewarra St. Entries close 8 May.
6-7 June	Marty 0458 329 961	Wombat Swap Meet and vehicle display on Saturday at the sportsground.
19 July		Wagga Wagga Swap Meet
8-9 August		Newcastle Swap Meet at Cessnock
16 August		Council of Motor Clubs present the Shannons Sydney Classic, gates open to public 10 am, general admission \$20
6 September		Cootamundra Father's Day Swap Meet.
20 September	0474 456 164	ACT Holden Day, West Lawns, King Edward Terrace, Canberra. Entries close 14 August. Judged entry fee \$50; non-judged \$40. www.actholdenday.com
2-5 Oct	0427 953 399	Model T Rally at Condoblin. Calling all Model T Ford owners especially 1915 models.
18 Oct		Parkes Swap Meet
25 Oct		Crookwell Swap Meet

CRAFTSMEN AT WORK

Those of you who have seen Geoff Pritchard's 1972 MGB GT will know that it's distinctive and a "looker". Those who have driven it know it feels like a new car, tight and responsive. Geoff purchased the car from the third owner in Bathurst. The original owner purchased it in Australia but took delivery in England where she drove it around. Returning to Canberra it was later purchased by a Jerrabomberra resident. The car was serviced at times by the now defunct Morwood Motors.

Geoff has made considerable improvements to the vehicle to improve its usefulness and drivability. He seems to have a new improvement or maybe "bling" added every month if not weekly.

A huge step in the car's refurbishment came with a holiday in Crookwell at Sydney Restorations. What a skilled professional company they are. Tim (the owner's son) took charge of the restoration work and was meticulous in his attention to detail.

Initially the job was to replace some rusted front wing portions and rear doglegs, with any other rust to be removed. Some minor cosmetics were also undertaken but as we all know once you start something else always crops up.



An example of what is hidden away, other problems were more evident as some of the later photos show.

Geoff, Joe Micallef and myself visited Sydney Vintage Restorations to take some parts there during the refurbishment. What would normally be a simple hand over the counter the parts ended up as a pleasurable hour or so looking at the projects in the workshop and inspecting progress on Geoff's car. Tim showed us the parts cut out of the car and some of the finished panels. The main body of the car was in the paint shop where it was being hand rubbed in preparation for the final paint job.

Sometime later Geoff received a call to say the car was painted but they weren't happy with it and the paint supplier agreed so it was redone. It's good to meet a professional who has pride in their work.





The car is now back home and is awaiting the paint to fully harden (about a month) before it gets on the road again. Just a glimpse of the finished car but it's better seen in the flesh.

Congratulations Geoff
Thanks to Gerry Walker

Joe Micallef having a drive last
 December.



Geoff and Joan in the rain at
 Araluen in 2014.

WHEELS OF WAMBOIN

Saturday 18th April 2015

Two cars from the CACMC helped make up an eclectic mix of 81 vehicles which were on display at the 3rd Wheels of Wamboin display on Saturday 18th April. John Senior had his 1956 Humber Super Snipe whilst I had my 1972 Austin 3 Litre there. As well, Liz and Joe Micallef were part of the crowd that viewed the cars. Although there was some threat of rain the weather for the display was fine.

The vehicles ranged from a Rolls Royce Corniche convertible to an A Model Ford. A Jennison Bondwood caravan attached to a period correct Chrysler Royal V8 and a Malvern Star Dragster bicycle were indicative of the range of vehicles people had brought along.

Some were immaculately restored whilst others were in dire need of restoration, at least one of which was available for sale.

Meanwhile, the local Wamboin markets were in full swing with everything from locally grown fruit and vegetables, handcrafts, jams and preserves, books and tempting cakes and biscuits for sale. Morning tea and coffee with homemade scones and other delicacies was being served in the Community Hall.

The local Rural Fire Brigade also were selling more substantial food for those needing more sustenance.

The organisers are to be complimented on arranging an enjoyable event. The area available for the display could easily accommodate twice the number of cars attending, and the event is one which could be included in your "things to do" next year.

Ray Gallagher

Ray and Anne's 1972
Austin



1970 BI-CENTENARY RALLY

Hi Helen

I have been reading the handbook for the 1970 Rally and found these Stories of Good Luck very interesting.

The rally was "The 1970 Bi-Centenary International Veteran & Vintage Rally for cars and motor cycles". It started in Sydney, came to Canberra for 3 days and ended in Melbourne.

It was the tenth annual international rally of veteran and vintage vehicles and coincided with the Bi-Centenary of Captain Cook's Voyage of discovery of Eastern Australia.

There were 292 Vintage cars, 209 Veteran cars and 38 motorbikes. There were 120 different makes of cars, including 46 Ford Model "T" and "A's", 28 Rolls Royces and 24 Vauxhalls.

Coralie and I were living in Owens Flats in Lyneham at the time and I can remember the old cars driving up and down Northbourne Avenue making lots of noises from engines and horns.

Roger Amos

Roger included several pictures. Two of these are on the inside of the front wrapper.

A young Lord Montague driving a 1907 Napier owned by the Montague Motor Museum (England)

Two of the Stories of Good Luck are on the opposite page.



THE LUCK OF THE VETERAN GAME

A chance call at a Queensland country home in 1957 meant the difference between finishing a veteran run and the end of the road for a 1911 Metz.

Competing in the 1957 Gold Coast Rally from Brisbane to Surfers Paradise, 60 veteran cars were approaching Southport with the Metz at the tail-end of the field.

Keeping to the edge of the bitumen, the Metz struck disaster when it hit a large hole and the near-side wheel was smashed. The wooden artillery-type wheel was wrecked beyond repair and the driver seeking assistance, ran to a house 100 yards away.

After the driver explained the accident, the lady who opened the door enquired if the car was a Metz.

The somewhat astounded driver assured the woman it was and told her it was the only one of its marquee in Australia.

But another surprise was to come. The woman told the driver not to telephone. "I'll give you a spare wheel." She produced a Metz wheel from under her house and also offered a spare engine.

The driver and the Metz arrived in Surfers Paradise just before sunset, the car sporting three grey wheels and a black one.

The owner of a rare French veteran car found a treasure chest in a disused tumbledown shed standing beside the road in outback Australia.

The veteran, a 1909 12 horsepower, one cylinder Sizaire et Naudin, needed a radiator to complete its restoration. Laying in the open for many years, the French model had had its timbers ravaged by bushfire before the restorer stumbled across it.

The radiator was constructed of cast iron and was not easily obtainable. A friend of the owner-restorer, touring the countryside with a caravan, was asked to look out for the elusive item.

Stopping beside the road one night, the caravanner could not sleep and decided in pre-dawn hours to investigate the disused shed near his camping ground.

Shining a torch around the shed, he was jolted when he saw, reposing against a crumbling wall, a radiator and engine for a Sizaire et Naudin. Both were loaded into the caravan and the little French roadster once again became an automobile in reality.

This information came via the Club website from someone who I will only refer to as Steve as he does not want his name mentioned. I would be interested to know if any member looked at these and decided to acquire. Ed.

I am aware of the location of three vehicles, all of which currently reside in paddocks within the local area.

They are:

- A. An unrestored truck with a wooden tray of approx four metres in length. I estimate that the truck is from the 1940s. The truck has a trailer attached to it, with the trailer including a sign which advertises a business. The truck is located 18.2 kms from the Queanbeyan Leagues Club towards Bungendore, on the Kings Highway. It is on the left as you travel to Bungendore. Phone 62380077 and 0409 326 648.
- B. A similar truck abandoned in a paddock beside the Barton Highway. The vehicle is located 5.5 kms from the Murrumbateman service station, on the right as you travel towards Yass. The nearest cross street is Gounyan Rd.
- C. A mid-sized vehicle which appears to be an early Ford Cortina sitting for sale in a paddock beside the Hume Highway, around 5.5 kms from the Big Merino, Goulburn. The car is on the left as you travel to Canberra. There is no phone number visible on the car, however the word Garanga and the number 19397 are on the gate to the property. An internet search for "garanga goulburn" resulted in a death notice in the Sydney Morning Herald of 17 February 2014 for Walter Brown of Garanga, Yarra. (Yarra is the area which includes the Garanga property). The notice states that Mr Brown's wife was named Kerrie. There is a K Brown listed in the white pages at 19397 Hume Highway, Yarra, phone 0427 297 822. Given that: 1. The property numbers in the white pages and on the gate are identical, 2. The deceased and the holder of the phone listing have the same surname, 3. The phone listing is under K Brown (the wife's name is Kerrie) and 4. The reference to Yarra in the death notice and the phone listing, I believe that I have correctly identified the holder of the phone number for 19397 Garanga as Kerrie Brown.

There is also a faded blue Morris Minor sedan standing in the yard of a house at Murrumbateman. The house is the last on the left as you travel to Yass. The property on which the house stands is named Woodside.

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.)

1970 Mercedes-Benz 280S Saloon, automatic, was on ACT club rego until a month ago, needs cylinder head gasket replaced. A sound club car for a mechanically minded member. Please contact Juan de la Torre on 0427 480 671. Asking \$1,200 ono.



1937 DX Vauxhall

Engine Number 482244, Chassis Number 2578556, Body Number 675. A complete car with most parts restored. New tyres, wheels sandblasted and painted, chassis sandblasted and painted (best one in Australia) hubs honed, all new bonded brake linings, lights all restored, badges restored and complete, diff restored with new bearings and oil seals, four spare doors with all original internal fittings, plus much more. Bargain Price - \$5,000.00



Contact Roger Amos 6254 2546 Email: amos@grapevine.com.au

1949 Triumph Roadster 2000 (2ltr). It is in immaculate condition throughout & currently on club rego. I have decided to sell as I am not using it much due to my age. I am asking \$53,000 or nearest offer. For enquiries please phone Ian on 6342 1699.



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1956 AR 110 International utility, 4 speed manual, dual fuel, Inter motor, country cream, timber tray, straight body. A highly reluctant sale but I am ready to see her go to a good home. I know, it's a car for Peter's sake! Fergie needs work but definitely not a ground-up job. What I know needs work: rear window needs re-sealing, passenger side of bench seat needs stuffing and upholstery. Steering gear had seized when left at mechanics which is why it was there. All was operating well until this happened except for electrical issues due to amateur wiring to starter and lights. Still worked but had annoying issues. Rust has worsened but I can't see structural. Mainly at usual corner spots on panels. Some surface rust spots too. Given she's been sitting for a few years obvious servicing would be needed too. Fergie is at a mechanics near Sutton, NSW so please let me know if you would like to view and I'll let the mechanic know. Contact Dane on 0422 082 580. Email: mojos@grapevine.com.au



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1-6 Nov 2015	Roger Gottlob 6241 3169 (AH) 0418 962 312	2015 Shannons National All Veteran Tour. Headquarters Goulburn Workers Arena. Entries are going well and a number of overseas entrants will be part of the tour without their vehicles and are looking to "hitch a ride". canberrarally2015@gmail.com
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26 Jan 2016		CARNivale in Sydney—probably in a new location
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CAR TRIVIA

A number of members have sent me articles on car trivia, see this example, so I will run these over a number of issues. *Thanks to Dave, Jim, Peter and Dick.*

What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?

The 1925 Ford T Runabout Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.



ROCK RALLY 2017

2017 is the 30th anniversary of the original club Rock Rally and it seems appropriate to mark this anniversary with another rally to Uluru (Ayers) Rock.

The management committee have approved the rally as an official club event and six couples have already indicated an interest in the proposed Rock Rally in 2017.

No decisions have been made with regard to the best time of year, routes, accommodation, these and the hundred and one other issues will be discussed early in 2015, when a committee will be formed to work through them. But don't let that stop you from making your suggestions on any of the matters which may be of interest to you.

All suggestions will be discussed and majority vote will prevail. If members are interested in putting in an expression of interest please email to Graham Gittins @ gittins@iinet.net.au

your name, contact details, telephone and email address.

PLEA FOR REPORTS OF RALLIES YOU ATTEND

Did you go on an Easter Rally? Or a one-make rally for your car? How about a short report? Perhaps, if you are not good with words, just a few filled out with pictures.

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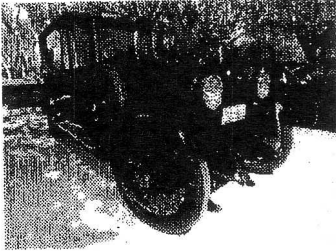
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