

# THE COLONIAL



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John and Patricia Howard  
1974 Toyota Crown 2600 Super Saloon July 2015

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## EDITOR'S PAGE

THANK YOU to those who provided articles and photos for this month's Colonial. I have two articles yet to publish—one on ethanol and one on "Under your Car—hoist options".

Please remind me if I have missed printing something of yours. Have asked a couple of members for car stories so wait those with anticipation.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 3 July 12 noon and every first Friday: Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. All CACMC members welcome.



Friday 17 July at noon car run for lunch at George Harcourt Inn, Gold Creek Road, Nichols. Retreads takes in those Club members who are retired but all members are welcome. As an official run you are invited to bring old cars. Phone enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046.

### Get Well

Please advise 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.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Joe and Maureen Vavra on the death of Joe's mother.

### Presentation Night

Don't forget to get your ticket for presentation night. Always a great get-together and with the club subsidy, not an expensive evening.

See you Tuesday, Cheers, Helen

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Members with vehicles on the CRS through 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.

## DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 9 JUNE 2015

### Attendance

Members 41  
Apologies 11  
Visitor: Tom Sutton

### Welcome

In the absence of the President David Wyatt, Vice President Graham Waite took the chair and welcomed members to the June meeting. He welcomed and introduced the guest speaker.

### Guest Speaker

Ms Libby Steeper Vice President of the Friends of Brain Injured Children. At the conclusion of the presentation Graham Waite presented a CACMC cheque in the amount of \$1000 to Ms Steeper.

### Confirmation of Minutes

The May general meeting Minutes were confirmed with the addition of the words 'their names' be added to Mr Keith Carswell's general question on the Rock Rally.

Moved Graham Bigg seconded Dave Rogers. **Carried**

### Correspondence

Helen Phillips in the absence of Grahame Crocket  
In

49 renewals to Treasurer

1 Membership form returned saying will direct debit by 1 July.

2 Membership forms previously paid

1 resignation to Treasurer - sold vehicle

Application for membership Tom Sutton

1 Membership Renewal returned to sender - not at that address for 2 years  
- resent

Magazines - 18

Notices from:

Goulburn Heritage Tours

Galong Swap Meet and Craft Fair 8 November

Cootamundra Swap Meet 6 September

Letter from Bridge Club asking that our members not smoke near the entrance to the Bridge Club

Email with details for Battle of Waterloo

Invitations from:

Cootamundra Rule Britannia Day 5 September

Red Centre NATS Father's Day weekend 3-6 Sept 2015 in Alice Springs

V & V & Classic Club of Wangaratta Spring Rally 26-27 Sept 2015, Vine Hotel North Wang

Email - Cooma Monaro Historic Auto Club Motorfest Saturday 7 November,

Cooma Classic Yass Classic 7 November  
Email re 2015 Veteran Tour in Canberra/Goulburn 1-6 Nov 2015

OUT

Get well card to Anne Scattergood

Sympathy card to Joe and Maureen Vavra

Email to committee members about Joe's mother dying - funeral Thursday  
11 June 10.30 am Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pearce.

Acceptance of report moved Helen Phillips, seconded Dave Roger. **Carried**

### **President's Report**

Announced that two new memberships had been admitted to the club: Bob Vasic, and Nick Coetzee & Nicky Ford.

### **Vice President Report** Graham Waite

Lucky badge draw ticket # 4 Ray Gallagher

Last Run #25 Graham Gittins

### **Acting Treasurer** Bob Judd

Current account balance \$13691.66 He has received 100 (40 percent) of membership renewals. Printed report available.

Acceptance of report moved Bob Judd, seconded Phil Donoghoe. **Carried**

### **Editor** Helen Phillips

Need a car story for July Colonial.

### **Events Director**

In the absence of Jan Wyatt, Chris Berry advised:

Bob Garratt had presentation dinner tickets for sale \$30 per head.

Sunday 14 June Lunch run to Lake George Bistro Bungendore 12 noon.

Meet in Spotlight car park at 10.15 am.

July 18/19 weekend away in Parkes/Forbes.

August 22 Presentation Dinner at the Irish Club

August 23 President's Run

September to Yass

October to Riversdale Goulburn

November 8 Marques in the Park

Raffle ticket winner #9 Dave Rogers

### **Registrar:** Bob Alexander

Eleven vehicles inspected for month.

Had contact with former member Bert Hauptman 93 years old who gave Bob his collection of early copies of Restored Cars to give free to members.

**Librarian Joe Micallef**

Sold four more books and there are still some still for sale.

**Membership Secretary Joe Vavra**

No Report

**Shop Manager Norm Brennan**

Shirts, Jackets, Banners and Register of Members all for sale.

**Information officer Graham Bigg**

For Sales on board.

Graham reminded members that the Battle of Waterloo was at Rond Terrace on 21 June.

**Council delegate Roger Amos**

The Council had successfully lobbied the ACT Government to reduce the \$34 levy for CRS vehicles to \$7 from 1 July 2015.

NSW Council trialling a 60 day logbook scheme. No age on vehicles, but must be road worthy certificate before going on to scheme.

Club registrars to fill in correct form for Council. Wrong forms sent out by Secretary. List of CRS vehicles required with Registration number, make and model year colour all required.

Several issues with CRS vehicles in wrong place at wrong time.

Council disapproves of trade in VIN and HIS CRS plates for profit.

Bush Council representatives to give talk to STHARC club Queanbeyan on Saturday 13 June at 10.30am. Club members with NSW Registered vehicles welcome to attend.

Marques in the Park 8 November John Knight Park Belconnen.

Battle of Waterloo 21 June Rond Terrace. Parking stickers to be given out on day. Drip trays required.

Big Boys Toys have spaces for club displays at EPIC during the last weekend of August. Contact via their website.

**Publishing committee Dave Byers**

All is well.

**Webmaster Phillip Smith - No report.****Supper Coordinator Clive Glover**

All is well.

**General Business**

**Dave Rogers** - New service station opened in Fyshwick between Mobil and Caltex depots 20 cents cheaper than other fuel stations.

**Brian McKay**— Has his Chevrolet number plate's 033 to give to anyone who wants it otherwise the plates will be handed in on Wednesday 10 June.



**Graham Bigg** - Some members attended Ann Scattergood's 75 birthday party at Burra.

**Vin Liston** - Presented a bound copy of the Colonial Vol. 47 to the club. Thanked by acclamation.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Graham Gittins  
Minute secretary

Speaker at June meeting. Libby Steeper of Friends of Brain Injured Children being presented with a cheque by Vice President Graham Waite

Website: [www.fbic.org.au](http://www.fbic.org.au)  
Phone: 6290 1984



Graham Waite's vehicles: 2005 Bolwell Scooter, 1967 Bolwell, 1970 Triumph. 1926 Chevrolet. Graham's list of vehicles was in June Colonial.



## CLUB RUN TO BUNGENDORE SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2015

The day started cool and cloudy as club members and friends gathered at the Spotlight/Supercheap carpark at Queanbeyan for the customary yarning, inspections or shopping prior to departure on yet another exciting adventure.

While all club members' pride and joys are noteworthy, mention must be made of a new thoroughbred in the paddock, namely Rob Swain's 1957 Bentley Continental coupe, which drew an admiring throng.

At 1045 the cavalcade moved off to Bungendore, arriving just as the sun parted the Lake George mist, heralding a lovely day ahead.

Alighting from their barely-tested conveyances, members began to promenade, taking a first taste of the many delights preparatory to gathering at noon for lunch in the Lake George Hotel. It must be said that several members chose to dine at alternative establishments.

An impressive throng managed to find seating in the dining room and outdoor area of the nicely refurbished venue. Pleasantries were exchanged while diners waited for their repast, which afterwards was judged to be of good quality.

After the meal, promenading resumed in earnest. It was pleasing to see members disporting themselves creditably, by observing the required formalities of hat-doffing curtsying and exchanging calling-cards. Artisan establishments, antique emporiums and coffee houses appeared to be well-attended by these genteel folk.

These happy and well-fed patrons eventually said their farewells and departed for our own metropolis in little clusters.

In summing up attendances, it is pleasing to report that some 31 carriages made the journey, conveying 51 day-trippers on this most memorable outing.

Credit is due to the staff of the Lake George Hotel for serving our large group so expeditiously with such delicious fare.

*Thanks to Bob Garrett  
And thanks for organizing this event Bob.*



Cancellier 1939  
Buick and  
Brian McKay's  
1948 Plymouth

1957 Bentley Continental of  
Rob Swain and Dawn  
Delaney



Alec, Joe and Bob  
at lunch.





Garrett's 1929  
Hudson and  
Gallagher's  
1972 Austin

Tony and Sue  
Roberts and  
Graham and  
Heather Gittins  
having coffee after  
lunch.



Roger Amos had  
the top up on his  
1969 MGB as  
Coralie came with  
him.

## **RETREADS RUN**

Nothing much is ever said about Alec McKernan's Retreads runs - his baby number two. Therefore, I am writing this in recognition of his dedication.

The run on June 11 was a car display at the Leslie Morshead Homes in Lyneham followed by a thirty minute reminiscent drive for the oldies. By early afternoon nine club vehicles were parked outside the entrance in preparation for the arrival of our guests. I chose to use the Dodge and in doing so I had to ensure the oil drip tray was of the highest capacity.

It did not take long for the group of residents in their wheel chairs or behind their walking frames or skipping along with their walking sticks to engulf the cars. Some were showing genuine interest by asking numerous questions about them. A very elderly gent asked me what type of V8 engine the Dodge had (he had earlier spotted Roger Amos' Vauxhall's emblem and rightly believed the V related to the engine configuration). A small handful of drivers and some female staff and residents were dressed in period costumes for the event which soon erupted into nothing short of a floor show. Anyone would be forgiven for thinking this had been rehearsed.

Following the comical entertainment the inmates were given their choice of car to ride in. By sheer coincidence my passenger, who was one of the three stars, was an old acquaintance of two of my brothers and he had also been a taxi passenger of mine in the 1980's. This he remembered quite vividly and we spoke about those times non stop during our ride. He was thoroughly enjoying himself being bounced about while smiling and waving back at passing motorists. At one stage he was affixed to the dashboard revealing the reason when he asked where the taxi meter was.

We returned to Morshead after having driven around neighbouring suburbs hoping that my initial parking spot on the workmen's gravel patch was still available.

This had been a delightful and enjoyable afternoon for all particularly those who had chosen to go for the drive. They just loved it and would not stop talking about it once their weary bones had settled back into position.

Good work Alec.  
MICHAEL CATANZARITI



Cars and drivers: Vauxhall—Roger Amos; Hudson—Bob Garrett; Dodge—Michael Catanzariti; Model A Ford—Brian McKay; Lagonda—Alec McKernan; Austin A40 Sports—Ken Walker; Austin 3 litre—Ray Gallagher; Dodge—Eddie Grima; Studebaker—Alan Martin.

Below: Alec organising the cars—with Bob, Ken and Brian.



## AFFORDABLE CLASSICS – CAR STORAGE, SALES AND ACCESSORIES

As a newcomer to Australia and Canberra in particular, it quickly dawned on me that there seemed to be a lack of support industry for Classic Car enthusiasts like myself. With two cars purchased here and another two on the water, I struggled to find a parking solution that would suit my pocket.

I previously ran a company (part-time) in South Africa called Affordable Classics, and after 20 years in the Corporate world, decided that the move to Australia would be an ideal opportunity to follow my passion. So, Affordable Classics is being reborn in Canberra.

I have secured a 450sqm warehouse at 143 Gladstone Street in Fyshwick from 1 August 2015. We offer executive car storage for classic / historic / sports cars for owners with parking space problems. Each car will be covered with a high quality fleece-lined car cover and connected to a C-Tek battery management system. Tyre pressures will be maintained on a weekly basis. We are agents for Auto-Pyjama car covers from Europe, C-Tek battery management systems and Auto-Glym car care products. These will be available for sale to car owners and the general public. In addition, there will be a communal hoist available for customers to use to service or repair their cars within the facility.

We will be setting up a small showroom as well to buy and sell classic cars, as well as sell on consignment for owners. We look forward to your support and visits once established.

Contact Nick Coetzee

Email: [nickcoetzee1969@gmail.com](mailto:nickcoetzee1969@gmail.com)

Telephone: 0414 214 776

## LIBRARY NEWS

Some of the books that are for still for sale:

Scooters & Mopeds	S30
Sears Rob back	S23
One for the Road	O06
Crown of the Road	R43
Classic Corvette	C64
Great Marques Cadillac	C63
Classic Porsche	P23
Classic Sports Cars	388-342
Porsche	-

Joe Micallef  
Librarian

## CAR TRIVIA

Q. What autos were the first to use a standardized key-start system?

A. 1949 Chryslers.



### **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.



# ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER 2015

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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. 14 rooms booked at motel with 8 left \$100 per couple per night. Breakfast and dinner at own cost.

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
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 18
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. Meet in the carpark next to the Weston Park Miniature Railway to leave at 10.30am, directions for the run will be given out before we leave. The Kiosk is open from 9.30am for those who would like to have a coffee/ something to eat or even enjoy a train ride before we leave! The President has advised that a Sausage Sizzle will be provided at the end point.
13 Sep	Chris Berry 6254 7145	Back road to Yass, lunch at Yass then to the chocolate factory for afternoon tea, home via the Highway or any way you please.
Oct 18	Brett Goyne	Riversdale, Goulburn
8 Nov	Nick Arnott 0400470100	Marques in the Park, John Knight Memorial Park

### Morris Owners Group Canberra Region

## Winter Warmer

All Welcome

Gungahlin Raiders Club

For lunch at 12.30

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2015

Enquiries to Denis Harding 62814497  
Malcolm Noad 0408441587

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2015

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
19 July		Wagga Wagga Swap Meet
19 July	Colin Murphy 4729 0482	Liverpool Super Swap, Fairfield Showground
8-9 August		Newcastle Swap Meet at Cessnock
12-16 Aug	Robert 02 66219682 0427 257190	Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club 55th anniversary rally based in Lismore EM: rallysecretary@nrivcc.com.au
16 August		Council of Motor Clubs present the Shannons Sydney Classic, gates open to public 10 am, general admission \$20
22-23 August	Google Big Boys Toys	Big Boys Toys Canberra at Exhibition Park in Canberra. Shannons are bringing their Super Rig interactive display and a number of their other vehicles; recreational vehicles, boats, all terrain vehicles, 4WD and caravan accessories, vinyl vehicle wraps. For those not on the internet, I will take details to the meeting.
29 & 30 Aug	Susie Robson 0401 531534	Coffs Harbour Centenary of Rail Steam train, historic ships, vintage aircraft, model train display, motorfest at the jetty foreshores Email: centenarymotorfest@gmail.com
6 September	Ken & Betsy Harrison	Cootamundra Father's Day Swap Meet. 6942 2309 or 0408 603364
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
25-27 Sept	Martin 03 5727 6090	Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Cub of Wangaratta 45th Annual Spring Rally.
26-28 Sept		39th National Chevrolet Rally in Mudgee
2-5 Oct	0427 953 399	Model T Rally at Condoblin. Calling all Model T Ford owners especially 1915 models.

## BATTLE OF WATERLOO

### The legend lives on

On the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, history repeated itself at the Canberra Battle of Waterloo car display when the British Marques outnumbered the French by nearly two to one.

The annual face-off between the British and French manufactured cars was held on Rond Terrace on the shore Lake Burley Griffin.

The victory of The Duke of Wellington over Napoleon in Belgium is remembered each year when the French and British car clubs display their vehicles with the country of origin declared the winner by the greatest number of marques on display.

This year British 73 French 38 was a resounding victory for the British. Held in glorious, windless June winter weather on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin the display of vehicles was nothing short of spectacular. The oldest of the French vehicles was a Citroen 2CV and a rare Peugeot motor bike. On the English side a Rolls Royce pre-war Phantom 11 was a great crowd puller as was a later model Rolls Royce with a handmade gun turret to look like an armoured car.

To round off the display a dozen bottles of Arrogant Frog wine were presented to lucky ticket holders.

For next year's contest, the German automobile clubs will be invited to display their vehicles as part of the Prussian army was involved in the original Battle of Waterloo.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club members spotted included:

Alan Martin  
Ken Walker  
John Liston  
Roger and Barbara Phillips  
Dave Byers  
Alec McKernan  
Graham Bigg  
Graham Waite  
Graham Gittins

*Thanks Graham.*



Dave Byers' 1972 Vanden Plas Princess in foreground.



Barbara Phillips' 1963 Ford Anglia near the lake



Ken Walker's 1951 A40 Sports Austin with its back to us.



## OUR CAR

Written by John Howard and checked by Patricia.

### **What:**

Our car is growing old gracefully. What it lacks in some of the features of older cars in the club is more than compensated by its sheer beauty and style. Over 40 years ago the Japanese were turning out cars with power steering and brakes, tinted glass, electric windows, automatic central locking upon acceleration, radio antenna set into the windscreen and a set of chimes that alerted the driver when the speed exceeded 115 km/hr. I am talking about our 1974 Toyota Crown, 2600 Super Saloon, with seating for six and dressed in black.

### **Where:**

In 1973, we were offered teaching positions at an International School in Kobe, Japan. One of our sacrifices was to sell our excellently maintained EJ Holden Station wagon for \$600. Our combined income in Japan was to be less than half of what I was paid in Australia. With three children in tow, we needed every cent for survival in a country where inflation was just below 30% [and no, you did not mistake the percentage], that was about to be slugged by the oil crisis and shortages of many commodities including the essential toilet paper! Part way through our term of service, we began to think about the car we did not have waiting for us back in Oz. Some money had been accumulated thanks for a bonus in our pay every six months and a guarantee of extra income by teaching English to Japanese, many of whom would never succeed or for that matter, even need to use English.

### **To buy, or not to by, that is the question:**

I discussed the matter of wheels with Aussie friends. No, we should not buy a vehicle that would be our second car back home. Rather buy the family car to bring home, if any. When listening to Radio Australia, I discovered that steel prices had soured at home, so concluded that local car prices would follow suit. We could bring a car into Australia provided it complied and would be free of duty and any other charges if we owned and used the car while OS for a minimum of 15 months.

### **So...what to buy?:**

So...what to buy? Friends owned various models of Nissan and Hondas but an Aussie had a Toyota Crown, which he was bringing back one year before we planned to, so we began to think seriously about a Crown, especially as the Toyota Sales Manager was fluent in English, a most important consideration.

Negotiations began and we settled on a Toyota Crown, automatic with a bench seat to replace the buckets seats in the front. We could not afford the extra \$200 for aircon. Time was running out. The Toyota people tracked down a vehicle, but it was a Super Saloon and *black*. There was no time to wait, so we agreed to purchase the car. As an act of generosity our friendly salesman knocked \$200 off the price. Ironically the money would have covered the aircon. But too late.

### **A brush with Japanese bureaucracy:**

Next we had to face Japanese bureaucracy. You cannot purchase a car in Japan without a permanent parking space. Parking spaces come and go. Once after a drive of an hour or so for sight-seeing, the parking area on a previous visit had become a hole in the ground for a building lot. There was no choice but to drive home again. Where could I park in Kobe? It had to provide permanency, perhaps one of those parking towers with an elevator to take us to our spot? Our parking space had to be within 500 metres of our home. Where to park? We were getting close to the 15 month limit and Toyota had a car taking up space in their showroom.

I was given permission to park in the grounds of St Michael's Cathedral [Our school was St Michael's International School] so picked up application forms from the City Hall. One page was to contain the land owner's permission to park and the others two sets of squares, like grids on which I had to draw the parking place and the route from home to the parking place. The details of the parking place were presented to the Archdeacon, who put his chop [most Japanese sign with a stamped character of their name] and I filled in the scale drawings with the parking spot marked with a cross under one of the trees.

Off I went to the Ward Office, where I had left my thumb print and photo for my Foreign Citizen's I.D. book many months ago, armed with my pieces of extremely thin paper. Aha! Not so easy. The Archdeacon had smudged one of his chop marks. This was unacceptable in spite of my protest that it could be read in another place. Buy another form. Next, my drawings were on the wrong pieces of squared paper. The drawing of the parking spot should have been on the page with the little squares...buy two new forms. Harder still. When the new forms were presented at the Ward Office they produced large, local maps to see whether our house and the Cathedral grounds existed. Well, our home was on the map but St Michael's Cathedral did not exist. I pointed out the window of the Ward Office and showed that it really did exist, just on the diagonal corner of the intersection. "Oh, no! That property belongs to The Society for the Promulgation of the

Gospel, London. It is not marked on the map.” “Do you mean that there isn’t a parking place for my car?” “Yes. The site belongs to the London group and you will need to contact them to seek permission to park your car.”

So, it became harder still. Meanwhile, back in the Toyota Office the Sales Manager was waiting for me pick up a 1974 Toyota Crown Super Saloon. How fortunate that I held a teaching position at an international school and more fortunate that one of the families had a father who was part of the British Consulate? I told him of my plight and he had the solution to my problem in a flash. “Oh, all they want is a letter appropriately stamped by our Consulate that we can account for the missing Cathedral. I’ll write a letter on behalf of the organisation in London.” Problem solved, so I picked up the car for about \$4100 and prepared to take to the road in Japan.

### **I become a motorist in Japan.**

I have driven in many countries but this was to be a test of endurance. Surviving on a road in Japan deserves recognition for some sort of award. In those days to obtain a licence in Japan, there were three tests, a theory test, a mechanical test and a practical test costing thousands of yen. Invariably the would-be motorist failed in all or some of the tests the first time round – small wonder that many unlicensed drivers took to the road. In all my time, I have never seen a Japanese motorist look under the bonnet, so the mechanical test was a waste. The driving test was over a set testing ground comprising all the possible features a motorist would experience on the road. There were set routes, so Test A involved, say, taking the third turn to the left, stop on the hill before the intersection, after the intersection, park just beyond the bus stop and so on. The driver had to memorise all of the routes, so if the examiner said that Test C would be done, the driver had to know all of the turns and stops to make, otherwise fail. After all of this, did I discover that Japanese were good drivers? I guess that some of them were. Fortunately, I had an International License, although after a year it had to be renewed when I had to demonstrate that I was sound in mind and body to drive in addition to being fluent in the language. I failed in one of these.

It was difficult not to panic when driving but there were many close shaves on overcrowded roads and one had to forget the cost and pay to drive on the expressway. At least you got to your destination poor, but in less time and alive. Drink driving was not a factor on the road. Don’t drink and drive!

### The Service Station.

Buying “gas” was quite an experience. At the service station, I was directed to a vacant pump and half a dozen uniformed staff came from everywhere. I requested, “Man tanku, kudasai.” [fill ‘er up, please]. Somebody else removed all mats and cleaned them, while another checked that the ashtrays were clean. All glass was cleaned, tyres checked and one asked me to open the bonnet. This always caused a gasp as most cars were four cylinder and my six caused a few sets of head to have a look. All done and money paid but no tips, please. At considerable risk, a number of staff would run out onto the road and stop the traffic. With cap doffing, loud thank yous and salutes I was waved on my way. Now that’s what I call service!

*Continued next month: Going on holiday in Japan and Coming home.  
Ed.*

Basic instruments on dash, electric window controls.



Rear seat comforts including lighter and independent radio control.





# MOTORCLASSICA

The Australian International Concours d'Elegance & Classic Motor Show

23-25 OCTOBER > 2015 ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING MELBOURNE



Leaving Canberra 20 October, returning 27 October, staying in Ballarat and taking the train to Melbourne.

Twenty-four members have signed up for this tour. Graham has put out a newsletter but owing to lack of space, I cannot print it in the Colonial. I'm sure all of you interested have received it. Arrangements are well advanced so any other members interested need to say so quickly..

Contact Ray Gallagher email: [raynanne@bigpond.net.au](mailto:raynanne@bigpond.net.au)

Graham Gittins email: [gittins@iinet.net.au](mailto:gittins@iinet.net.au)

## ROCK RALLY Mark 2 2017

Twenty one expressions of interest have been received for the club's Rock Rally Tour 2017. To get things under way a meeting is to be held on Monday 27 July at the Raiders Club Weston.

Items to be discussed include:

- Route to be taken
- Accommodation style
- Time of year
- How long should we be away from Canberra
- Break down provisions
- Should a charity be involved

A table has been booked in the dining room at the Raiders Club for 6.30pm with the planned meeting to take place at 7.30pm also in the dining room.

Please advise Graham Gittins on 0419 1249 109 or email : [gittins@iinet.net.au](mailto:gittins@iinet.net.au) whether you will or will not be attending this important rally meeting.

An expression of interest form is on the inside of the front cover.

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DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
10 Oct	Scott 0411 251 710	Gundaroo Music Festival. \$15 entry to display your vehicle.
18 Oct		Parkes Swap Meet
25 Oct		Crookwell Swap Meet
25 October	President@ FalconGTClub ACT.com.au	5th Annual Canberra 2 Crookwell Charity Cruise. Meet Dickson College car park, Phillip Avenue, Dickson from 7.30 am. \$10 per car. Briefing 8 am. Depart 8.10. Arrive Crookwell approx 10 am. Crookwell Rotary Clubs will try to park in club groups.
1 Nov		Canberra Swap Meet—flyer on back of Colonial.
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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21-22 Nov		Queanbeyan Swap Meet
28 Nov		Braidwood Quilt and Car Show
6 Dec	Paul Sutton 0401 756 445	Terribly British Day, Patrick White Lawns
26 Jan 2016		CARNivale in Sydney—probably in a new location
6 Mar		Wheels display day



## HISTORY

Bob Alexander brought magazines to the June meeting from former member Bert Hauptmann and sent me the following. "I had a very interesting chat with Bert Hauptmann about his life and I found out that he worked at Canberra Grammar School from 1948 as a woodwork/metalwork teacher. The school was broke and it almost folded until it was bailed out by the Goulburn Diocese. One little gem was when he told me about walking a cow from his place at Pialligo through Manuka to the school so that the boys could have fresh milk. This would have been over the low level Molonglo Creek crossing. Imagine taking a cow through Manuka today!

Bert is a fitter and turner by trade and has a workshop that any car restorer would want. He was keen to give me a guided tour. He bought the block at Pialligo in 1951 and built his house and sheds, then after a while created one of the first apple orchids in the area. The next generation runs the orchid now and Bert tinkers away in the workshop.

At 93 he has had a very productive life and I reckon it would be worth keeping in contact with a view to having a Club run out there. Suggest when the apples are in season!"

Bob brought me a Colonial from October 1974. Bert's 1926 Chrysler "50" was on the front cover and a small article inside about it. "Some people travel many miles to find their vintage cars; others have a different technique that costs only 8c - they read the newspaper, and this is the method Bert used to locate his car - he found his car in the *Canberra Times*. When it came to restoring the Chrysler no shortcuts were used and the finished product is one the club can be proud of and Bert can use with full confidence." Editor. [In 1974 Vin Liston was the Editor]

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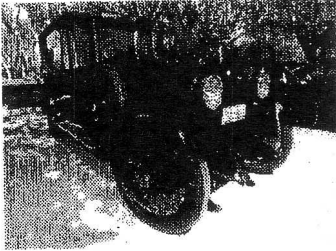
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