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1978 TR7 Triumph 2 seater
Dick Stubbs

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Acquit bus which Gerry Walker saw in the medieval village of Rotenberg.
One of wonderful garden photos Gerry Walker sent. Taken at the Chi Lin Nunnery Gardens in Hong Kong.



EDITOR'S PAGE

THANK YOU to those who provided articles and photos for this month's Colonial. Thanks to Graham Bigg who has done a follow-up on his TR2. Graham Gittins has compiled a list of tools that should be carried by MG Magnette owners when travelling long distances. I had to hold these over due to lack of space.

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 4 December 12 noon and every first Friday: Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. All CACMC members welcome. **But none on Friday 1 January 2016.**



Friday 18 December Retreads car run will be special Christmas lunch at noon at the West Belconnen Leagues Club, Hardwick Cres, Holt.

Friday 15 January car run lunch at noon will be at The Mawson Club, Heard Street, Mawson. There is parking behind the club. All welcome and invited to bring old cars. Phone enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046.

Please 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.

Remember

Be considerate and let the Events Committee know if you are coming to the December and/or January events and then turn up. Nothing worse than having a lot of chicken left over. Or being short caused by those who do not notify they are coming.

Haven't been to an event lately, these two held at twilight are easy runs and one way to get you back into mixing with fellow members.

See you Tuesday, Cheers, Helen

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It is still possible to get your Colonial by email: just email Helen hphillips@iimetro.com.au, so that she gets your details correct, cc: Joe Vavra joseph.vavra@bigpond.com and Joe will take you off the labels list.

Cut-off for February Colonial will be Friday 22nd January.

DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2015

Attendance:

Members: 44

Apologies: 7

Welcome

The President, John Senior, welcomed members to the November 2015 general meeting.

Guest speaker

David Wyatt introduced Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) representative Bill Fraser, who gave a talk about the services offered by the RFDS Australia wide.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the October 2015 meeting were confirmed without amendment. There was no Business Arising from the Minutes

Moved: Waine Summerfield Seconded: Phil Donoghoe **Carried**

Correspondence

In the absence of Grahame Crocket, Tony Stone took the Secretary's chair

IN

Magazines - 14 - to Editor and then Information Officer

Arthur J Gallagher insurance renewal receipts and certificate

Shannons Spring Auction catalogue

Flyer for Sydney Super Swap 21 Feb 2016

Bridge Club Account for Jul-Sep \$501

Westlink M7 toll notice number plate car trailer Q75183 (NSW) north and south tolls

Account for printing to Treasurer

Rare Spares re their loyalty program – for discussion at next committee meeting

OUT

Sympathy card to Steve Stefanovic

Moved: Roger Amos Seconded: Alec McKernan **Carried**

Presidents Report - John Senior advised:

- Braidwood Quilts and car display 28 November 2015 from 9.30 am \$5 donation for vehicles, money going to a student to undergo an Advanced Driver Training Course
- Attended the Speedway Grand Prix in Melbourne at Ethiad Stadium. Great night's entertainment.

- Watched on Foxtel classic car show which featured Humber motor cars King George VI had 40 Humbers. After WW11 the British Government purchased Humbers and sent them to all British Embassies and High Commissions around the world.
- The club run to Riversdale in Goulburn was a wonderful event
- The first Australian Road Train was built in the 1930s

Vice president Report

In the absence of Graham Waite, David Wyatt took the vice presidents chair and advised;

No guest speaker in December

January 2016 Ron Collins on Australia's fuel reserves.

February Joe Micallef manufacturing a crank shaft for a 1920s Salmson motor vehicle

Badge Draw: #2 – Chris Berry

Last run #17 David and Jan Wyatt

Treasurer - Bob Judd advised

- The books balance
- Current bank balance \$12 086:08

Peter Hoskin asked whether the cheque account was interest bearing.

Bob advised that a small amount of interest was credited to the account.

Moved Bob Judd Seconded Graham Bigg **Carried**

Editor - Helen Phillips

All is well but does not have any car stories. Bob Judd said he would supply one.

Events Director - Jan Wyatt advised:

- Marques in the Park was a good day, weather not so good.
- 8 December Club BBQ in YMAC Yacht Club car park. No formal meeting. BYO chairs, tables, salads etc.
- 17 January Chicken and Champagne Black Mountain Peninsula from 5.30pm
- Marques in the Park was a good day, weather not so good.

Events Director - Jan Wyatt advised:

- 14 February Bob Garrett is organising a run to Captain's Flat. Meet Spotlight car park 10.00 am. Lunch at the Hotel.
- March and April still to be confirmed
- 30 October 2016 Chrysler Restorers Club coming to Canberra and club will host their visit.
- 14 February Tony Stone advised of the Gnool Classic in Orange.

Raffle Draw

Ticket # Green 20 Peter Hoskin declined the prize and offered for it to be redrawn and the redraw ticket #50 – George Sturgess

Supper Coordinator - Clive Glover

Need volunteers for February 2016 otherwise all good.

Registrar - Bob Alexander

Nineteen inspections for the month - Alec McKernan 11 for the month over the past 12 months Alec has inspected 100 vehicles

Librarian - Joe Micallef

Sold books and magazines at the recent Canberra Swap meet to the value of \$154. Some books still for sale

Two club members Brian McKay and Eddie Grima have donated workshop manuals.

Membership Secretary - Joe Vavra

No report

Shop Manager - Norm Brennan

Usual regalia for sale at good prices

Information Officer - David Wyatt

For Sales and other club magazines on table. Some concerns expressed in a number of club journals of possible abuse in NSW of the introduction of the 60 day trail

John De la Torre advised that the system in Victoria was working well.

Dave Rogers advised that Council of ACT Motor Clubs had discussed the introduction of the 60 day log book scheme in NSW. Canberra Antique and Classic has registered with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) interest in participating and is only one of seven ACT clubs to have done so.

Dave believes the system is open to abuse—sighted a CRS plated Victorian ute delivering concrete to an ACT building site. Insurance problems may arise if log book is not completed and the vehicle is involved in a crash or other incident. NSW Police not interested in policing the system.

Council Delegate - Roger Amos

- Clarification CRS Cars in NSW do not need a pink slip (road worthy certificate) to effect registration
- Council website has a good listing of coming events
- Wheels in 2016 may move to the Canberra airport and join with the Canberra Aero Club to present a Wings and Wheels event in September/October or November. Marques in the Park may move to the March timeslot.
- Council books have been audited and presented
- The Council's Business plan (2015-2018) and Strategic Plan (2015-2020) have been updated thanks to by Dave Rogers
- Submission to ACT Government to allow historic caravans and trailers to only be towed by CRS registered vehicle. Currently there is no CRS scheme for caravans and trailers in the ACT. This comment prompted further discussed by Graham Moore and Michael Toole who believed that CRS caravans should be allowed to be towed by modern car. Dave Rogers advised that the idea was his and was a first step in getting caravans and trailers on to a CRS scheme.
- Light rail may mean Dickson Motor Registry will move to Hume – Inspection station to remain at Dickson.
- A guest speaker at a recent Council meeting wants to get car clubs involved with visit to retirement villages. (Has been advised our Club already do this.)
- Auto Italia date now 3 April 2016

- Roger has volunteered to update the Council's CRS Register and has discovered a number of the same vehicles with the same CRS number. He requested that members who sell or purchase CRS registered vehicle to advise Membership Secretary Joe Vavra of the change so that the club's register can be kept up to date.

Publishing Committee - Dave Byers

All is well.

Webmaster - Phil Smith

In the absence of the webmaster Helen Phillips advised:

Two items loaded on to the website

- Supercheap Auto, Gungahlin, would like heritage cars on Saturday 28 November for an event at the store. Brian McKay and Alan Martin volunteered to attend.
- Received a request to advertise 15 year old tyres in *The Colonial*, believed they were too old and there may be safety issues so declined. But may be of use for on a restoration.

General Business

Alec McKernan - A survey of his inspections revealed that 33 percent do not attend meetings or events. All had very low kilometres recorded in their log book.

Mark Butterfield

His suggestion at the October meeting of carrying out a survey of the Minute and event Attendance books to ascertain which members do not attend either meeting and events has caused a stir among members, but he will continue with the survey despite the adverse comments he has received.

John De La Torre

Commented that when he joined the club six years ago he was under the impression that members were required to attend three meetings and three events each year.

Alan Martin Advised that his Yass property had been sold so not possible to hold a club event there.
 Advised that NSW 60 day log book trial fee does include third party insurance.

Morrie Lonnie Needs a starter motor for his F20 1983 vehicle

Brian McKay Has been cleaning up at home and has a number of poster to give away to members.

Michael Toole asked Alec McKernan what sort of distance had the members' vehicles travelled during the year. Alec replied generally pretty low.

Waine Summerfield Understood that the Annette and Garry Scorgie had been ill. Chris Berry advised they were both on the mend now.

Peter Hoskin In need of a Lucas screw for the fuse box. Can anyone help?

Andrew McLean Wanted to know if any one knew best way of importing goods from the USA. Advised to talk to Bob Alexander.

Helen Phillips

Wished to move a motion of thanks to Albert Neuss for his more than 30 years' service as a club inspector.

Moved Helen Phillips Seconded Graham Bigg Carried with acclamation.

Alec McKernan Advised that all of Don Lamont's vehicles have been sold except one his daughter has kept.

Keith Carswell Advised that when he was club president he tried to bring in the three attendance rule, but not enough support at the time.

Graham Gittins

- Terribly British Day 6 December at Weston Park, Yarralumla
- Australia Day 26 January 2016 CARnivalle will be held on Parramatta Park, Anyone interested in sharing the cost of a mini bus to take member's to the event talk to Graham.
- Oberon Vintage steam and car show on in February 2016

- Motorclassica Great week away no major incidents – George Sturgess lost a hubcap off the Volvo. This is a 'must go to' event.
- Yass Classic also a great event more than 250 vehicles on display from around the region Club members Wayne and Sandra Smith (Austin-Healey) were awarded Best British Sports Car trophy and Graham Bigg Best British car (Triumph TR2)
- Ray Gallagher lost a hubcap when he suffered a flat tyre on the way to Yass in the Austin Three litre. Charlie Adams did not get very far along the Barton Highway when his vehicle failed to proceed.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Graham Gittins
Minute Secretary



Speaker at November meeting

Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) representative Bill Fraser with
President John Senior.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY RUN MARQUES IN THE PARK 8 NOVEMBER 2016

Thank you to the Events Committee who helped out with the organisation of this day. Special thanks to Vin who brought the BBQ trailer out and collected in the afternoon. There were 29 of our cars shown on the day. Thanks to you all. Thanks to Harry for some of these photos. Helen.



The Carnovale Goggomobil Dart was there.



John and Betty McDonald brought their 1972 2CV Citroën

Claude Favretto brought his 1961 Cadillac formal limousine and I just had to try out the back seat.





Graham Bigg's TR2 which won Best British Car at Classic Yass

With Phil Donoghoe's 1929 Durant next to it

Peter and Ann Toet brought their 1934 Rolls Royce with limousine de ville body and a whole 3500 miles on the

clock. Peter did the T model trick of having the engine start without using the starter. Swing the advance lever on the steering wheel so the points would open and the resulting spark would ignite in those 7 litres. (10 mpg was mentioned)



It was nice to see Chris Bunt and Le-Ann Hodgins again and this is the Valiant which replaced their FC Holden



Rob Swain brought his 57 Bentley. Phil, Ken and Brian are checking out the \$1.50 heater control valve sourced at Bunnings to augment the original Story of this car is coming.



Not one of ours but something unusual parked with us. An Evante.

Dave Rogers brought his 1972 TR6 Sports.

Brian McKay's 1930 Ford A Roadster on the left.



Club members win at Classic Yass

Two club members won trophies at the Classic Yass Motor Show on Saturday 7 November 2015.

Graham Bigg with his Triumph TR2 won best British car and Wayne and Sandra Smith with their Austin- Healey won best sports car.

There was some tough competition with more than 250 vehicles on display in Banjo Patterson Park, opposite the Yass Soldiers Club.

Classic Yass, now in its tenth year, just gets bigger each year with people traveling from Canberra, the South Coast, Orange, Berrima and Bathurst, to display their vehicles and watch the Bill Cart Derby racing.

Added attractions include a book sale at the Yass Library, and St Augustine's Church monster book fair, Farmers Market, an art exhibition and model display of cars, trucks and farm machinery.

While on the outdoor stage there is virtually nonstop entertainment with rock and roll bands and dance demonstrations.

The NRMA bought down three of their historic road service vehicles a Morris J Van, a Morris Minor and a Harley Davidson, the vehicles are now housed in the MotorLife Museum at Kembla Grange near Wollongong.

A new feature this year was the 'Gentlemen Start your engines' when those present were invited to start their vehicles to create a loud exhaust noise – the timing of this even- 12.50pm- was not good, as many people were at lunch.

Classic Yass attracted 25 local businesses to sponsor the event, which is now firmly established on the 'must go to' display.

Club members spotted during the day included:

Barbara and Roger Phillips

Anne and Ray Gallagher

Irene and Chris Berry

Alan Martin

John Liston

Vin Liston

Thanks to Graham Gittins

Graham Bigg

Joe Micallef

Sandra and Wayne Smith

Graham Gittins

Pictures are on page 32

SUMMERNATS Classic and Vintage Car Display Sunday 10 January 2016 EPIC Main Arena

The Council of ACT Motor Clubs will again be hosting the Summernats Sunday Classic Car Display.

Details

Meet at Dickson College car park no later than 8.45 am
Corner Antill Street and Phillip Avenue, DICKSON.

You will receive **one free Entry Pass Arm Band and Window Sticker** for each vehicle. Please Note: Accompanying adults will need to purchase a Day Pass online or at the Ticket Office at the Main gate.

Vehicles can only enter via **Gate 4** (which is beside the Shell Service Station). Follow the directions of the security and Summernats staff to the main arena (the same as last year).

You must send Graeme Rossiter an email, advising what vehicle you will be bringing:

1. Owners Name.
2. Vehicle type and year.
3. Vehicle Rego.
4. Number of people attending, Adults and Children.
5. Email address.
6. Name of Club

All vehicles must be registered or on valid permit.

Graeme Rossiter
Vice President and Event Coordinator
Council of ACT Motor Clubs

Phone: 6288 2477, mobile 0431 930 10

Email: saturday8@iinet.net.au



Event: **Terribly British Day 2015**

40th anniversary of Canberra's first British car show

Venue: **Weston Park**

Date: Sunday **6th December 2015**

Time: **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

The **TBD** display area is located off **Weston Park Road**, just past the Yarralumla Nursery.

Participant entry to the display area is via a manned gate which will be sign-posted. Vehicles that do not bring an oil drip tray, or Non-display vehicles, will not be permitted entry to the display area.

Awards for "**Best Club Display**" and "**Most Desirable Car**" will be made by classic car enthusiast, Professor Stephen Parker, Vice Chancellor of University of Canberra

Spectator parking is provided in the Mini-Train car park, enter via **Prescott Lane**.

"**Terribly British Day**" is organised jointly by:

- Jaguar Drivers' Club
- TBD Committee of ACT Clubs for British Cars

The event is sponsored by:

[Shannons Insurance](#)

[NRMA Veteran, Vintage and Classic Insurance](#)

[Lennox Jaguar](#)

[Council of ACT Motor Clubs](#)

Exhibitors please note, display vehicles

- should arrive before 9:00 am
- must be road registered or on a legitimate permit
- use an oil drip tray while on display
- be parked outside the "drip line" of any trees

Parking under trees is not permitted.

CA&CMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2015-16

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
8 Dec	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782 0400 603686 Or any committee member	A barbeque next to the YMCA Sailing Club, Alexandrina Drive, Yarralumla will replace the usual monthly meeting. Sausages, onions, bread, tea and coffee will be provided by the club. Please bring anything else you require such as chairs, plates, Aeroguard. Food will be ready by 6 pm, BBQ trailer will be there by about 5.15 pm for those who wish to come a bit earlier. Raffle tickets will be on sale to win a Christmas hamper. Numbers would be appreciated for catering purposes and names were taken at the November meeting or phone to any committee member until Thursday 3 December.
17 Jan 2016	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782 0400 603686 Or any committee member	Twilight run—Chicken and Bubbly. Meet at the end of Black Mountain Peninsula, turn off Lady Denman Drive on to Garryowen Drive and follow around until you come o the last picnic area. Chicken, bubbly, orange juice will be provided by the club. Food will be served by 6 pm but members are welcome to arrive earlier to gather for a chat. Please bring anything else you require to eat/drink plus tables, chairs and Aeroguard. Visitors welcome, \$5 per head. BBQ trailer will be there for tea/coffee. Raffle tickets will be on sale. NAMES ARE REQUIRED FOR CATERING PURPOSES. Names will be taken at the January meeting or by phone to any Events Committee member by Wednesday 13 January 2016 please.
14 Feb	Bob Garrett 6286 3168	An outing to Captains Flat is being organized. Meet at the Spotlight carpark at 10 am to leave at 10.30 am. We have a table reserved at the Captains Flat Hotel for lunch at 12 noon but members can have a look around the village prior to that.
March		To be advised
17 Apr		To be advised

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2015-16

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
6 Dec	Paul Sutton 0401 756 445	40th anniversary Terribly British Day, Weston Park. See page 19
10 Jan 2016		Summernats Classic and Vintage Car Display at Exhibition Park in Canberra. Please see page 18.
26 Jan 2016	Graham Gittins 0419 249 109	CARnivale in Sydney—Parramatta Park Entries closed 13 Nov. But a group of CACMC members usually travel down by Murrays bus www.australiaday.com.au/get-involved/carnivale/
7 Feb		Cootamundra Antique Motor Club Michael Livingstone Memorial Run and CAMC 36th birthday—Jugiong Recreation Park and Swimming Pool 10 am for picnic in the park
12-13 Feb		Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair hosted by the Oberon Heritage and Collectors Club www.oberonsteamfair.com.au
13-14 Feb	Tony Stone 0404 362 062	2016 Gnoo Blas Classic. Car show on 13th, dinner in the evening, Sunday local drive
21 Feb	0410 447 927	Sydney Super Swap, Hawkesbury Showground from 6 am
5 Mar	Bev Hatch 4832 0999	Crookwell Potato Festival Email: woodbarn@iinet.net.au
6 March	0467 286 464	Wellington Vintage Fair and Swap Meet at the showground
		Wheels display day—was set for March. Date now uncertain. Problem is getting a venue with NCA imposing so many restrictions
Thursday 17 Mar		Seniors Expo
20 March		Harden Historic Truck & Tractor Club 3rd Annual Truck and Tractor Show at Harden Murrumburrah Showgrounds, Woolrych St.

My Triumph TR7 Restoration

Dick Stubbs

There comes a time in everyone's life when they say "enough is enough", and your body tells you that you're not up to the physical challenges anymore, or you're getting too old to take on another restoration project, especially if it is to be an old car.

And at the time when I made this pledge, I actually meant it, and we all know that you can't go back on a promise that you've made to yourself! Although I've noticed that doesn't always apply to some smokers and alcoholics!

It's well over 60 years since I passed my driving test for cars and motorcycles, and for 50 of those years, I've been involved in back to life (restoring) 15 old cars and even more old motorbikes, 3 of the old cars and 10 of the old bikes still remain parked in my garage today.

And so for the last two years, I lived like a reformed alcoholic, having nice clean hands and nails, and my workshop was reasonably tidy, that was before I fell under the spell of bringing back to life, a 1978 TR7 Triumph 2-seater. The car had been languishing away in a garage since the late 1990's with a seized motor. Add to that, badly crazed paintwork, and everything else on the car needed to be dismantled, each part checked and replaced where necessary.

Over the years in this crazy hobby of ours, I've discovered that there's a very thin hairline between enthusiasm and madness, which becomes so fine that sometimes we cross over it, and never notice it was even there. Instead all we can see are the images of the white silk scarf blowing, and the black open backed driving gloves, with the Webasto Sun Roof fully open, and the wind blowing our dandruff all over the cars dashboard.

For me, the hardest part of the restoration was telling my bride of then 54 years, that in a moment of weakness, I'd broken my promise, and that there was again another restoration project waiting to arrive in my garage shortly. It's funny how after a few months of plain bland meals, one can eventually get to like them, after a while.

At first, the restoration progress was slow, when I was shocked to discover, that the aluminium cylinder head had completely fused itself to the cast-iron block over two decades of standing idle. This I was to learn often becomes a problem with TR7's, because five of the ten head bolts go into the block at an angle, thereby refusing to budge over time, and so they become chemically fused into the aluminium head.

When this happens, there's only one drastic method to remove the head, and that is to slice the head with an aluminium cutting disc on your angle grinder. First you cut slots length ways, and then across at about 40 mills deep, you then take a cold chisel and a 'lump' hammer to it, so that you can carefully chisel off the aluminium cubes of the first layer.

Having enjoyed that so much, you then repeat the whole process a second time, cutting the next layer down in a similar manner, and then finally the third layer...being very careful not to damage the block.

The early TR7's that were built in Speke UK, should never have left the factory with some of the problems the early models had. Luckily mine was made somewhere in Birmingham, at one of the Rover plants, and I'm hopeful that I've managed to correct/sort out, all the annoying inherent faults the original TR7's had.

When the car first came out, I loved the look of the wedged shaped body design with its pop-up headlights, etc, and having owned 3 Citroen ID's during the sixties and seventies, I thought I was well qualified to tackle the well documented mechanical idiosyncrasies of the Triumph.

Once the mechanical side was finally completed and I'd sprayed the car a different non-metallic colour, I knew I only had about six hours left, before the TR7 could be presented for its road worthiness test. The final task of rinsing through and replenishing the brake and clutch fluids, needed a second person on the peddles to help bleed the brake and clutch lines.

Now here comes the funny bit, which wasn't very funny at the time of course, because I needed to get the car back into the garage, knowing it had no brakes or clutch.

In my wisdom, I manually pushed it into 1st gear and quickly switched the ignition key, to let the starter motor pull the TR7 back into the garage again. Sadly it stopped some 3 metres short of where I wanted to park it, and so I repeated the same process a second time, by tweaking the ignition key, to pull it the extra 3 metres forward.

Can you believe the second time I tried this, the engine burst into life and in just two seconds flat, the Triumph had slammed straight into the back of my solidly built 1958 Holden FC. Possibly because my reflexes pulling the hand brake on, weren't as good as the last time I successfully did a similar manoeuvre, twenty years previous and guess what, the TR7 came off the worst.

When surveying the damage, I calmly uttered words like, "oh that's a jolly thing to happen", and "oh golly gosh where am I going to get a brand-new front bumper bar, for the Triumph, in these modern times?"

Shortly I don't know what's going to be my biggest headache. (1) Removing what's left of the damaged bar and fitting the new bumper bar, that's recently arrived from the UK. (2) Trying to work out the logic of the Lucas wiring system, for the indicators and the side lights, etc.

This is definitely, most positively, absolutely never again, totally guaranteed to be my last car restoration, scouts honour, dib dib dib!

Stubbie.

WHAT IS IT?

This one was from Gerry Walker by the canal in Amsterdam.

Can members identify please?





Dick Stubbs' TR7 restoration





MOTORCLASSICA

The Australian International Concours d'Elegance & Classic Motor Show

23-25 OCTOBER > 2015 ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING MELBOURNE



Motorclassica 2015

For the second year in a row the club organised a trip to the Motorclassica vehicle extravaganza in the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne.

Ten couples, some of whom went to the 2014 display signed on for the 2015 event.

Departure was staggered with only five couples departing from the Hall lay-by, the remainder travelled on different days and from places, however, we met up at Wangaratta for dinner at the Motel.

Travel in Victoria from Wangaratta to Ballarat was a non-event – good roads, little traffic and fine but cloudy weather, somewhere along the road George Sturgess lost a hub cap off the Volvo.

The motel we booked into was a little way out of the city but easy to find.

Thursday was a free day to explore the area, The Gittins visited the Museum of Australian Democracy – Eureka and the Creswick Woollen Mill. Chris and Irene Berry found an inland lighthouse and paid a visit to the Creswick Woollen Mill as did some of the group.

On Friday it was up early to catch the 8.04am train from Lake Wendouree to Southern Cross (Spencer Street Station) one and half hour travel time. On alighting off the train, there was a bit of chaos outside where two trams had collided on a curve, which meant that Spencer Street was closed to all traffic until the damaged trams had been cleared away.

A short walk to Bourke Street to catch the free tram to Royal Exhibition Building. For many of us it was our first time visit to the building which is a grand building and ideal for holding car shows.

Motorclassica, now in its 6th year was better than our expectations. A

fully restored Hartnett was in some of the group's opinion the car of the show. Built by Bill Hartnett who was General Motors General Manager in Australia, but was sacked by the company before the first Holden rolled off the Assembly line.

He then went into his own manufacturing business the Harnett being the product, but it was a not a success.

A good selection of trade stands were visited and interviews with stall holders was a good spot to sit for a while and listen to them talk about early days of racing and rallying and one topic was 'Old cars as an investment' drew quite a crowd. The advice being don't do it - buy cars you like, but not with the expectation to make your fortune from!

Meals

We dined in a variety of restaurants. At Wangaratta at Pincent Hotel for the Tuesday night special - two meals for the price of one, very good value. Wednesday night was at the Bell Tower Motel restaurant. Not the best dining experience we have had.

Two nights at the Ballarat Golf Club - just a short walk across the road from the motel. Thursday night was Chicken Parmi (Parmigiano) night and Sunday night for the Roast. Delicious on both occasions.

Friday and Sunday nights we ate at Lazy Moes right next door to the motel. Good food and inexpensive.

The Gittins had to leave on Saturday morning to be back in Canberra on Sunday night. We stayed in Albury on Saturday night and walked to the Commercial Club for dinner- Buffet all you can eat for \$20 a head.

All in all a great week the weather was cool and cloudy which did not lend itself to holding happy hour.

No major breakdowns reported, however, Barbara and Roger Phillips apparently caught the wrong train from Southern Cross Station to Ballarat and finished up at Creswick, which meant a bus ride back to Ballarat. The train they boarded was split along the way and they were in the carriage that passed Lake Wendouree. They made it back in time for dinner at Moes, although a little late.

Thank you to Ray and Anne Gallagher for arranging the
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accommodation and suggesting staying in Ballarat and catching the train.

Those who made the journey were:

Chris and Irene Berry
 Clive and Marilyn Castles
 Grahame Crocket and Susan Davis
 Graham and Heather Gittins
 Ray and Anne Gallagher
 Joe and Liz Micallef
 Barbara and Roger Phillips
 Tony and Chris Stone
 George and Aileen Sturgess
 Ken and Jeanette Walker

Thanks to Graham Gittins and Ray Gallagher



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

I will honour Christmas in my heart
 And will try to keep it all year.

Charles Dickens

***Merry Christmas to all our club
members and to old car folk
everywhere***

Safe Motoring

MotorClassica Melbourne 2015

Royal Exhibition
Building

Overview of the
display from either
end.



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.)

1962 VW deluxe Beetle - full body off restoration – all panels removed & hand finished to better than new condition. Tray has been grit blasted & powder coated black. Body & all panels stripped to bare metal & finished in Dulux 2 pack Porsche Guards red paint. Every bolt & nut has been refurbished by grit blasting & powder coated black or replaced with new item where necessary.



The interior of the car has been professionally reupholstered. The roof lining & door panels are black – fully carpeted in dark grey including the front luggage compartment – seats are a lighter grey. The car is exact as made in 1962 except for conversion to 12 volt. Asking price \$24,000 or near offer. Located in Wollongong. For enquiries please contact our member Clive Glover on 0415 155290 Or Brian on 0438 713192.

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.



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DUBAI TRAFFIC JAM Thanks to Dick Rowe.
Thinking of overseas, haven't heard from our overseas members this year. I hope they are well and have a lovely Christmas.



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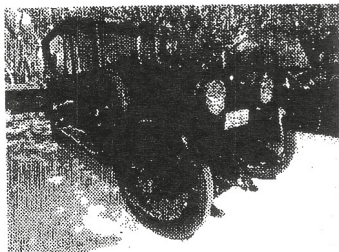
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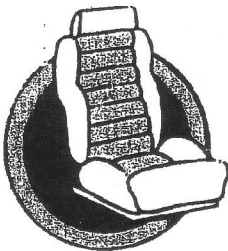
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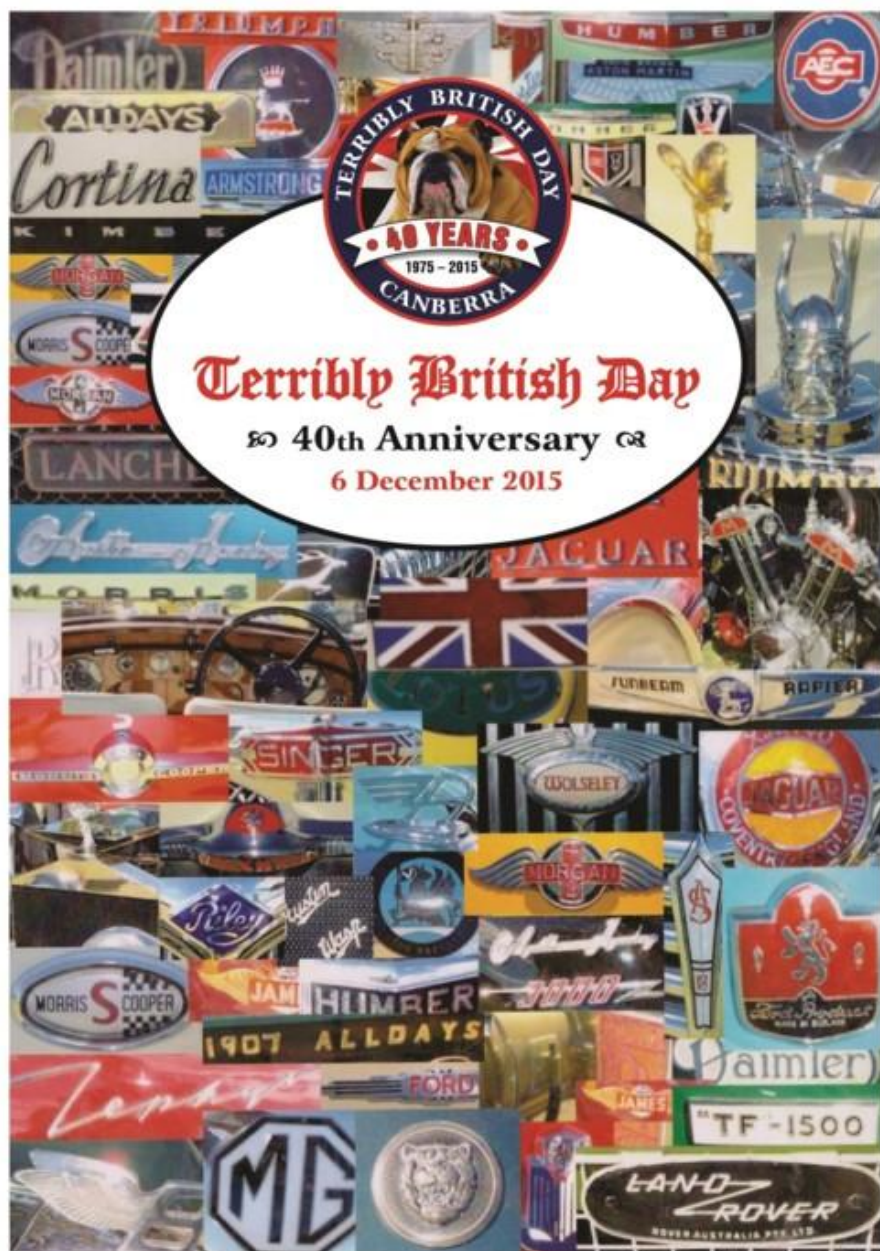
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