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1928 Austin 7 Roadster
Harry Crawford

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Club member wins at Tarago Show

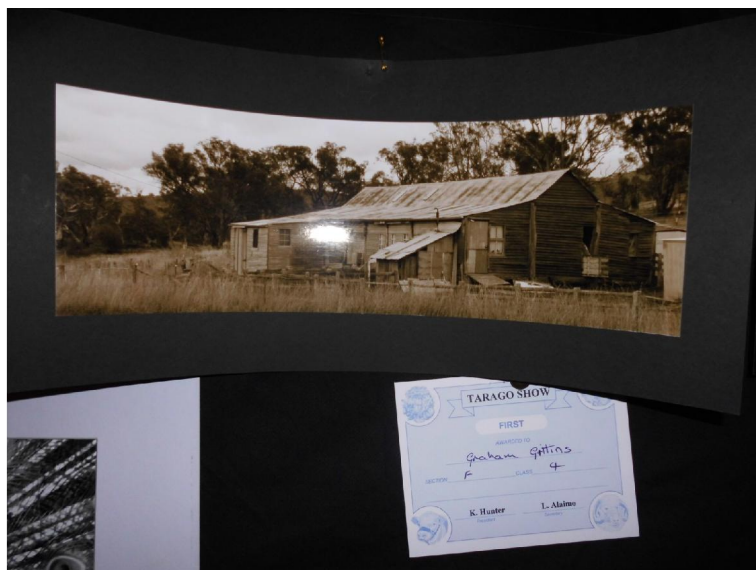
Club member Graham Gittins took out the first prize in the photographic competition conducted by the Tarago Show on Sunday 13 March 2016.

He with three other former work colleagues entered the show photographic competition. Graham's entry of three colour prints and one black and white print of a corrugated iron shed along the Monaro Highway between Canberra and Cooma, were submitted along with three images from one colleague and one image from another and five entries from a third colleague.

Greg Davies took out two thirds and one second prize in the competition. While the other two Terry Walls and Kate Hickey missed out.

Graham said after the win, "I have been travelling the Monaro Highway since 1963 and have wanted to photograph the three sheds for many years. When the opportunity to enter the Tarago Show photographic competition came up this was the incentive for me to stop and take the images."

"It paid off with the first prize of one of the sheds. I am very pleased," he said.



EDITOR'S PAGE

THANK YOU to those who provided articles and photos for this month's Colonial. I still have the following: Geoff Pritchard has written about the Porsche Pre A Coupe. Graham Gittins has done a list of tools that MG Magnette owners should carry when travelling distances. All I need now are a couple of car restoration stories or stories about cars bought restored. Thank you.

Week Day Social Lunches

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



Friday 15 April Retreads car run lunch at noon at the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club at corner of Gungahlin and Gundaroo Drives, Nicholls. All club members welcome. Any enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046.

Please Get Well

Please advise Grahame Crocket 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.

Best wishes to Ollie Walker who had a stroke early February and is not too good.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of Joan Learmont who dies on 29 February. Her husband Don died some time ago. They had a stable of beautiful cars all of which were sold except for a 1957 Chev which their daughter kept.

Plate left behind

White plate left behind at February meeting. Ring Helen.

Wheels 2016

What a saga there has been trying to set a date or firstly getting a suitable venue for Wheels. Back to our old stamping ground on lawns of OPH. So put the date of 15 May in your diaries as this is a must attend for members.

Membership

To keep our CRS registration legit, we are now required to pay our membership fees by 30 June each year. Your renewal form will be in the May Colonial or emailed to you. So DON'T LOSE IT!

See you Tuesday,
Cheers, Helen

DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 8 MARCH 2016

Attendance:

Members: 44

Apologies: 6

Visitors: 1 - Nathan Thompson, 1967 Buick Riviera.

Welcome

President John Senior welcomed members and visitor to the March 2016 general meeting.

There was no guest speaker for the night's meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the February general meeting were confirmed without amendment. Moved Dave Rogers Seconded: Ken Walker **Carried**

Correspondence: Grahame Crocket

Magazines

WWVVMC: Email see below

VVCCA ACT: Email see below

Cowra Antique Vehicle Club: *The Cowra Crankhandle*: (passed to Editor)

Central Coast Antique and Classic Motor Club (passed to Editor)

Cootamundra Antique Motor Club: *Coota Hoota* (passed to Editor)

Orange District Antique Motor Club (passed to Editor)

Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club: *Wheels of Yesteryear* (passed to Editor)

South Coast Vintage Car Club: *The Klaxon* (passed to Editor)

Parkes Antique Motor Club: *Crank Torque* (passed to Editor)

Letters

Australia Post: Renewal invoice for PO Box 3427 Manuka ACT 2603 (passed to Treasurer)

RTA: Registration renewal for Trailer (passed to Treasurer)

GIO: Insurance renewals for Trailers (passed to Treasurer)

TADACT invoice for printing the Colonial (passed to Treasurer)

Membership

Peter Bruce completed application: (passed to Treasurer)

Pamphlets

Australia Post

Hello Fresh

Getaway lifestyle

Brochures

Shannons 2016 Late Summer Classic Auction Melbourne, 22 Feb 2016

Shannons 2016 Sydney Autumn Classic Auction, 14 March 2016

Emails

WWVVMC: *Reflections* (emailed to Editor)

VVCCA ACT: *The Edwardian* (emailed to Editor)

Veteran Car Club WA: online version of *Early Auto*.

Veteran Car Club WA: *Early Auto* advertisements

Veteran Car Club Qld: commenting on the FCC WA newsletter.

WWVVMC: 4 attachments on the June Rally (emailed to Events coordinator)

Geoff Dorward via Phillip Smith: Car Parts (emailed to Editor)

Council of Motor Clubs ACT: information about RTA inspections

Bob Alexander concerning Whippet and other cars for rebuilding

OUT

Get well cards for Ollie Walker, Lee Gaynor, Neredah Crane and Pam Senior
Committee Meeting draft minutes to Norm Brennan

Emails

Email to Geoff Dorward concerning car parts available.

Email to Editor forwarding an electronic car magazine *Early Auto* Veteran Car Club WA.

Moved acceptance: Grahame Crocket, Seconded Alan Martin, **Carried**

Presidents Report John Senior

Thanks for get well card for wife Pam.

John thanked Jan Wyatt, Helen Phillips and all the wives for the work they do for the club – particularly as today is International Women's Day.

Thanked Mark Butterfield for his report reviewing members' attendance at runs. The committee will look at it in detail and report back.

Met an owner of an Austin A30 but had no information to give him about the club meeting dates, times etc. (*Editor promised to give him some cards.*)

Vice President – Graham Waite

No guest speaker tonight. The scheduled speaker from One M Engineering is so busy he even asked if there were any members looking for a job.

Next month the speaker hopefully will be Terry Ruse.

Lucky Badge Draw #34 Phil Donoghue

Last Club Run #1 Jan and David Wyatt

Reminder that the Seniors Expo is on at Thoroughbred Park on 17 March.

Vehicles to arrive between 9 and 9.30am

Treasurer Bob Judd

Current balance \$5496.05 after transfer of \$5000 to 13 month term

deposit @2.5% with Commonwealth Bank. Moved acceptance of report
Bob Judd. Seconded Graham Moore **Carried**

Editor: Helen Phillips

All is well. Just need My Car stories with photo for front cover.

Events Director: Jan Wyatt

Sunday Botanic Gardens brunch, meet Governor-Generals lookout 9am for 9.15am start.

3 April National Trust open day Forestry School Yarralumla

15 May Wheels lawns of Old Parliament House

19 June Gundaroo/ Gunning. Meet Eagle Hawk 9.30am

16 April Wheels over Wamboin

20 May Marist Bros school National Arboretum need 1920s vehicles as theme is the Great Gatsby

Other events are listed in the *Colonial*

Had a good run and turn out to Captains Flat Hotel for lunch.

Raffle Ticket #11 Norm Brennan

Supper Coordinator: Clive Glover

All is well

Registrar: Bob Alexander

35 cars for the month - 14 by Alec McKernan, 13 by Charlie Adams.

Armstrong Siddley Sapphire 1957 up from the south coast inspected by Charlie.

Bob received a phone call advising a Volvo 144 for sale, smashed in front \$400.

Bruce TAFE want to run a car restoration course and would like to hear from a retired mechanic to help with the course. See Bob for details.

Library Joe Micallef

Three books received from CIT. Still has books for sale.

Membership Secretary Joe Vavra - No Report

Information officer: David Wyatt

"For sales" on board.

Advised members to question quote for NRMA Car Insurance - will often receive a reduced price.

Council Delegate Roger Amos

January meeting cancelled.

February 18 Meeting Heavy Vehicles 4.5 tonnes and over cannot carry passengers or loads.

RTA Policy have advised that it is OK for buses to carry non-paying

passengers. Council Registrar now in discussions with RTA on matter of trucks.

Council has received a request from the MG Car Club Canberra to review the Council's Strategic and Business plans. Dave advised this has been done and passed.

Wheels date 15 May 2016 on the lawns of Old Parliament House.
Need three qualified Traffic marshals.

Publishing committee: Dave Byers - All Good

Webmaster: Phil Smith - All Good

Shop Manager: Norm Brennan - Usual regalia, banners, Register of Members for sale.

General Business

Roger Amos - Free magazines available on table.

Alan Martin

Recently registered two vehicles at Queanbeyan RTA - quick and easy to do. As Michael Toole advised last meeting, NRMA Insurance has advised number of days per month CRS registered vehicles can be used - 10 days. Shannons no change to their policy.

Graham Waite

Please if you are bringing your vehicle to the Seniors Expo advise him at the meeting tonight.

Sold two 1926 Chevrolet chassis and many parts to a man who restores cars and sells the vehicles as garden sculptures.

Peter Haskin

Has sold his AC, which he had owned for 40 years and it is now in Victoria. Now looking for a replacement Alvis, Bristol or Jensen.

Michael Toole

Attended the Crookwell Potato Festival 70 vehicles on display.

Advised that if you have an alarmed car that you familiarise yourself with the instruction manual.

Charlie Adams

Has purchased a 1964 Plymouth and Citroen 2CV. Austin and Studebaker now for sale.

Graham Gittins

Rock Rally meeting next Wednesday Raiders Club Weston 6.30pm for dinner. Meeting 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Graham Gittins, Minute secretary

MARCH MONTHLY RUN National Botanic Gardens 13 March 2016

About 24 members came on the trip to the Botanic Gardens. Some were still having brunch when I got there, some were around the cars talking, some heading home and some walking round the gardens. These are just a few pictures I managed to take. Tell me if I have the makes wrong. *Ed*



On the run we saw two new acquisitions to the club—here beside John Liston's MG, a Valiant which Charlie has acquired.

Garrett's Hudson, Bigg's TR2 and Walker's Austin A40 Sports.



The other new car in the club—Chennupati Jagadish's Armstrong Siddley next to Grahame Crocket's Ferrari.



ACT SENIORS WEEK EXPO THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2016

Fifteen members of CACMC attended the Expo in their cars and provided an interesting display. The variety of cars showed the diverse nature of our club cars. The oldest cars present were from 1929 and the youngest from 1984.

The Seniors Expo was most popular with hundreds of Seniors attending and gathering information from a multitude of stall holders. The busiest stalls were the ones with free items such as pens, note pads, lollies, piggy banks and water bottles. There were lots of handouts on holidays, health providers, home help organisations, mobility aids, banks, community services, funeral directors and florists just to name a few.

Keith Podger of The Seekers provided great entertainment for hundreds of Seniors.

Members attending and their cars are listed below.

Phil Donoghoe	1929	Durant
John de la Torre	1981	Mercedes Benz 280 E
Dave Byers	1972	Vanden Plass Princess 1300
Charlie Adams	1972	Citroen 2CV
Paul Flint	1963	Datsun Bluebird
Ken Walker	1952	A40 Jensen Sports
Roger Amos	1937	Vauxhall
Graham Bigg	1954	Triumph TR2
Michael & Anne Toole	1935	Buick 8/40 Sedan
Joe Micallef	1980	Honda Prelude
Clive & Joan Glover	1984	VK SS Holden Commodore
Bob Garrett	1929	Hudson Super Six Landau Sedan
Alan Martin	1954	Chevrolet 210

There was one car from the Armstrong Siddeley Club, a 1948 Hurricane Roadster that joined our display.

If you have not attended a Seniors Expo, put it on your bucket list for 2017.

Roger Amos

Thanks Roger for report and photos. Unfortunately I was away this year so missed this event which I always enjoy.





A number of the 'younger' members of the Club took time off from their busy work schedules to visit the Seniors' Expo at Thoroughbred Park, to find out what they could look forward to when they eventually retired! About 14 cars were on display, mainly from our club, although there was a very nice dark red Armstrong Siddeley convertible, the owner of which is a member of the Armstrong Siddeley Owners' Club.

It was a pleasant, sunny day, and there were plenty of places to sit under the trees near where our cars were displayed. There was also a coffee shop nearby in an old caravan, so we didn't have to walk too far for our coffee and cakes. In the main pavilion there were lots of stalls & displays, covering a wide range of topics and activities. There were plenty of 'show bags' and giveaways. The most interesting giveaway of the day was given to Charlie: please ask him about it at the next meeting.

Thanks also to Dave Byers who wrote this report and sent pictures.

Morris Owners Group Three Mountain Challenge 2016

It is more than ten years since the first Three Mountains Challenge was held in memory of club member the late Jim Bruce.

Eighteen Morris Owners Group and guests started the challenge with the traditional morning coffee/breakfast at Poppy's café at the Australian War Memorial on Sunday 6 March 2016.

Mount Ainslie was the first 'mountain' to be challenged and a challenge it was, with the new road rules governing vehicles overtaking push bike riders.

Some the entrants were held up for a considerable time when they caught up with a very slow push bike rider, also tackling the Mountain road. The new rules say you must give a bike rider 1.5 metre clearance when overtaking and it is permissible to cross double lines without penalty to do so.

Only trouble was that most of the Mount Ainslie Road is double lined and there was a good deal of traffic descending, while we were ascending. However, we all finally made it to the top without incident.

The other two mountains Black Mountain and Red Hill were also challenged without incident and all arrived at La Trobe Park for the traditional sausage sizzle.

It was disappointing to see that the public toilets at the park were closed and locked up making it necessary to travel to the Deakin shops.

The Jim Bruce Memorial Trophy was awarded to Ian Mackenzie the owner of a Bullnose Morris and a great supporter of the Three Mountains Challenge. The Trophy was presented to Ian by Morris Owners Group Convenor, Malcolm Noad.

Charlie Adams bought along his latest acquisition a Citroen 2CV on its first outing. The red and white French car was a major attraction for passers-by on the road and at the park.

Morris Owners Group next event will be the winter warmer at the Tourist Hotel Queanbeyan - date to be advised.

Graham Gittins





WHEELS 2016 NEW DATE AND LOCATION

The Council of ACT Motor Clubs together with the BMW Car Club Canberra has announced that the Shannons Wheels 2016 vehicle display will be held on the lawns of Old Parliament House on **Sunday 15 May 2016**.

Council Events Director, Graeme Rossiter, said the change of date from March and the new location were made following discussions with the National Capital Authority (NCA).

"The new location around in front of Old Parliament House is a great location for a vehicle display and can accommodate easily up to 800 vehicles," Mr Rossiter said.

"The change of date has been necessary because other events being held in venues controlled by the NCA," he added.

The annual Wheels display is the Council of ACT Motor Club's major charity fundraiser and the 2016 charity is the Technical Aid for the Disabled (TADACT) who repair, adapt and design equipment for people with disabilities, using a volunteer work force.

The BMW Car Club which celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2016 will organise this year's Wheels event on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

Wheels 2016 is expected to attract vehicles from all of the 75 clubs affiliated to the Council as well as vehicles from interstate.

For further information contact Council Publicity Officer

Graham Gittins 0419 249 109 email: [gittins @iinet.net.au](mailto:gittins@iinet.net.au)

A FEW CARS WANTED PLEASE

"Good Afternoon Jan and Members of the Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club

My name is Sandra Marron and I am the Events Officer here at Marist College Canberra. I have been chatting this afternoon with Bob Alexander who has kindly given me your email addresses to make contact and extend an invitation to display some vintage cars at an upcoming event I am organising.

Each year, we host a fundraising event for the College and this year the theme is "The Great Gatsby". This is where you all come in. I am hoping that some of you may be interested in displaying yourselves in period clothing and your beautiful cars at the entrance of our venue for approximately 1 hour.

Interestingly enough, the venue has requested me to advise them the weight of each car (in the event that they are displayed in a location other than the driveway or carpark)."

Date is Friday 20 May 2016 at the National Arboretum. Cars required by 5.15 pm and can leave at 7.30 pm. Vintage American cars of course for Gatsby and theme clothing required. However I'm sure very early 30's cars would be acceptable.

Don't make me have to ring around to get a promise of 3-5 cars for this event. Let Jan know if you are willing to help out.

Helen.

ODDS AND ENDS

Richard at Belconnen TAFE (CIT) is looking for a retired mechanic to run a course or two for budding restorers = nights and/or Saturday—2-3 hours. Phone 0405 769 960

Martin has a Volvo 144 smashed—good engine and gearbox, some panels. \$400. Phone 0406 186 159

These two came via Bob Alexander.

Hi Helen
 An alternate run for the Club. Last year it was a good event.
 Cheers
 Ray Gallagher

From: Peter Evans [mailto:civildesign@bigpond.com]
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 10:29 PM
To: civildesign@bigpond.com.au
Subject: Wheels of Wamboin 2016

Wheels of Wamboin 2016

Just a note to inform you that the 2016 Wheels of Wamboin will be held on Saturday April 16th - from 9.00am to 1.00pm. The event will be held at the Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way Wamboin (off Norton Road via Sutton Road).

Last year we had about 85 cars and hope to build on these numbers to break 100. The beauty of the Wheels of Wamboin is the huge variety from all marques in a truly country atmosphere. All sorts of automotive machines including old, new and interesting cars, motor bikes, trucks and even tractors are welcome.

It would be great for you or your club to join us for a true automotive day out in the country. It's not far and a great little drive to stretch some legs and a good chance to talk all things automotive.

A bonus on the day is the opportunity to pick up some healthy bargains at the monthly home produce markets. There will also be freshly brewed coffee and the local Wamboin RFS will also be running a BBQ. If you are interested in displaying your automotive masterpiece please email peter.evans@wamboincommunity.asn.au to confirm your attendance.

Display entry is a gold coin donation and swap tables (provided) are \$5 (remember to bring your cash as there is no EFTPOS). There is only one trophy for the day "People's Choice".

Please spread the word and start the polishing.

Regards
 Peter Evans
 T: 0427 699 118
 E: civildesign@bigpond.com

BEECHWORTH TOUR

16 to 21 May 2016

A week long run to Beechworth and surrounds in NE Victoria has been arranged in May to catch the autumn colours.

The stop on the first night is at Tumbarumba, on 16 May thence via Corryong to Beechworth for four nights. Ten ground floor rooms have been reserved at the **Club Motel** Winton Street opposite the bowling club. Meals at the bowling club can be charged to the room. Double room cost \$110.00.

In Beechworth ten ground floor rooms have been reserved staying at the **George Kerford Hotel** at Mayday Hills at a cost of \$110.00 per night per room including a continental breakfast. Those wishing to take part must book directly with the hotel by 24 March 2016. Please speak to Laura or Julie when booking.

Mayday Hills is the site of the former Beechworth Lunatic Asylum (1867) originally set in 106 hectares of farmland. It is now owned by La Trobe Beechworth Pty Ltd and managed by La Trobe University.

Tours to include Yackandandah, Mt Beauty, Myrtleford, Bright, Milawa, Wangaratta and other sites will be arranged. There is much to see in Beechworth and the surrounding area and participants can choose to visit whatever interests them.

Return to Canberra on 21 May via Chiltern, Wodonga, Albury and Gundagai. Depending on the extent of each individual's tour interests approximately 1200 to 1400kms might be travelled.

The tour itinerary with possible stops for morning teas and lunches will be provided together with tourist information for those interested. Five couples have already expressed interest.

Contacts: Grahame Crocket: grahame.crocket@outlook.com
Sue Davis: suedee1@bigpond.com

CA&CMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2016

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
15 May		This date (National Motoring Heritage Day) has just been confirmed as the new date for Wheels 2016 to be held on lawns of Old Parliament House. BMW Car Club will organize on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. See page 16. As we receive more information we will advertise it. Please note: We will NOT take the BBQ trailer this year as we encourage members to support the charity operators selling food/coffee.
19 Jun	Jan Wyatt 6286 1782 0400 603686	Meet at Eaglehawk Resort, Federal Highway at 9 am to leave at 9.30 am and drive to Gundaroo for morning tea and/or a stroll along the main street. At 11 am we will proceed to Gunning for lunch at one of the eating places, either the pub or one of the cafes of your choice.
16-17 July		Weekend away to Temora being arranged by Brett
Aug		Presentation Night
Aug		President's run
30 Oct		Marques in the Park, John Knight Park Belconnen

PARTS FOR SALE

I am de-cluttering and disposing of some "old good gear" e.g vehicle parts. Some are brand new and still in the box they came in. These are from old Holdens, Ford and Morris cars and mainly engine parts. I was wondering if any of your members would be interested in them before the harsh decision is made for them to go to the dump.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter
 Geoff Dorward
 5 Bingley Crescent
 Fraser ACT 2615
 02 62581428
 0400 783 360

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2016

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
10 April	Bob 0417 043 940	Robertson Heritage Railway Station Classic Car Day 9 am to 3.30 pm, gold coin car entry.
16 April	Peter Evans 0427 699 118	Wheels of Wamboin, Wamboin Hall, Bingley Way Wamboin (off Norton Road via Sutton Road). 9 am—1 pm
17 April	Jim 02 6944 1495	South West Clubs Get-together at Gundagai Showgrounds. BBQ lunch \$10 RSVP by 3 April
6-8 May	0428 846 316 Virginia Mather	Dubbo Antique Motor Club Autumn Tour 2016 for pre-1931 vehicles
20 May		Great Gatsby event at Marist College 1920s cars and attire. Let Jan know if you can help, please members.
28-29 May		40th Historic Winton conducted by the Austin 7 Club with assistance from Historic Motorcycle Assn Vic. See inside front cover.
11-12 Jun	Marty 0412 162089	Wombat Swap Meet at the Sports Ground Show'n'Shine on Saturday
10-13 June	0407 145 525	Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club 2016 June Rally www.wvmcinc.wordpress.com
10-13 June	Lisa Petrikas 0417 215 530	40th National Sunbeam Rally, Forbes Entries by 30 April Email: lisa@tractorworx.com.au
14 Aug		Council of Motor Clubs presents The Shannons Sydney Classic at Sydney Motorsport Park at Eastern Creek. General admission \$20.
Sat 3 Sep Sun 4 Sep	Malcolm Chaplin 6942 4406	Gathering of Landrovers 9.30 am Cootamundra Swap Meet Email: emlin@live.com.au

Cars I have owned and loved - Harry Crawford

Yes I started with Austin 7s in the 60s while going to uni in Canberra but from reading the motoring mags, I picked up on the awe that the testers had for the Citroen Goddess and I bought a second hand one when I finally started earning. Someone had replaced worn tie rods with Austin A40 ones that fitted but had the wrong angles. Hence driving around Melbourne I found myself wondering where the magic was. I sure found out when I first got onto the Hume Hwy and had an overtaking manoeuvre become very tight. When the go pedal was flattened at 70mph the Citroen hit its torque band. Very quickly we were doing 90 in complete stability, quietness and smoothness!

One faithful hack I had was a '62 Holden wagon. It had belonged to a family friend till it was in a chain accident coming back from the coast. Insurance wrote it off and left it up to the owner to dispose of. I paid \$40 (the value of the remaining 3 months rego), visited the Queanbeyan tip and got a straight bonnet (but it had bullet holes in it so we picked up some bathroom tiles also and glued them over the holes) and then my canoe maker friend fibre-glassed the holes left after I sledge hammered out the tail light area. A couple of trailer lights for the tail lights etc and some fencing wire to pull the bumper into line. None of this was colour coordinated to the original 2 tone pink and so it was quite a sight but it gave yeoman's service out in the bush for 4 years. We taped the rego papers to the dash because the police couldn't believe it was registered. I regularly carried hay and fire wood in it. One day I noticed I had a crop sprouting across the back bumper!

When I first drove it though, I took it straight into the suspension people and asked them to fix it. When I came to collect it they said they couldn't find anything wrong. I said 'but it wanders all over the road, you are constantly twitching the wheel!' They had to explain that Holdens did that, you could not compare it to the Citroen. A big part of this would have been the radial tyres that were standard on Cits and that so many classic and pre-war car owners are now fitting if possible.

Being out in the bush at Tidbinbilla and coming in every week day over forestry tracks, I decided I needed an additional faster car and got an ageing Peugeot 404. That cut the 45min in the Holden down to 35min.

A bit later in life I also had a Pug wagon. I was at the parts shop one Sat morn and chatted to another customer. He pointed to his pristine Peugeot outside and mentioned he was trading it in on a new one. I rang the dealer next week and got onto the salesman involved. I guessed the amounts correctly and he duly delivered it to me and took 500 back to his

dealership and kept the other 100. I sold it for 1800 and that started a whole business getting cars from the salesman, getting them right and selling at a profit. I probably have had a dozen Pugs.

One morning in '86 he rings me after he had moved to another dealership. Harry, he says, there is a diesel Peugeot just been traded here and they don't know how desirable they are. There is also a crap Commodore. If you get here by lunchtime I reckon you will get them for 6500 (i.e. 500 would be his take). I pulled it off and went back later to see what I had. (these deals were generally goods unseen with time and definite decisions being the essence!) The crap Commodore was exactly that and I just got rid of it straightaway for 3K. The Pug was lovely and had had a turbo added. After a month it went to a local cocky for 8K

I did specialise in European cars that were not so sought after in the wholesale market and had 4 Volvos, some 7 or 8 Peugeot 504s and lots of Reno 12s. I used to advertise at the ANU and one day a visiting Danish professor said that the Ford XA wagon was just what he needed while in Canberra and for the trip he would do before flying home. But how am I going to sell it quick before I hop on the plane back home? Would you rent it to me? We spent an hour nutting out a contract that was used for the next 10 years in my Rent-A-Dent car rental business.

The Reno 12s were great. The second generation Corollas of the 70s were exceptionally reliable and I also had a Statesman, a Brabham Torana, Corona, 2 Mercs, and Audi, Reno 20 etc etc

I got to experience a lot of cars and to see the characteristics of the nations that built them. Without exception the Fiat 500, 125 and 132 were the most fun to drive. Italian cars just invite you to race them! The Volvos were Sweden's Holden, solid conservative vehicles. The Mercs were stolid but beautifully made in those German assembled days and I have a 190E currently that is about to go on club rego. They seem to be coming collectable.

The first Audi was a finely balanced 5E and I also currently have a 20 year old V6 that goes very hard. However, if you wanted comfort on secondary to atrocious roads you took any French car. The Citroens were too unusual for a rental but the Reno 16s (they were the first hatchback) were a favourite of mine for fast motoring prior to the monotonous motorways. You could set it up with bedding in the back for camping and other dalliance.

I had 3 Valiants and the engines and boxes were beautifully engineered in these traffic light racers. I still have a 72 CH that was engineered to a 6 seat convertible and shown at Summernats in 1990. That is about the extent of my exposure to the American idiom - plenty of power,

ponderous handling and generally insensitive. At one stage my son and I had 7 Minis between us and I loved the Morris 1100 that I still have. However, these all came from that era when the Japanese had perfected the motor car into a somewhat uninspiring consumer item that did its job perfectly. They did not leak oil and just provided sensible, effective transport.

I got a call one day from Barry Boyce asking if I owned a gold Corona. Yes, Barry, why do you ask? 'Well, he says, its here in the pond at Parliament House'. A guy who had previously rammed the entrance with his 4WD had hired it to have another go! No damage this time but he did not get his deposit back.

I have never owned a BMW but have driven a couple. I was surprised to learn recently that the aim of that company is to make a driver's delight. I presume they mean from the point of view of a careful German driver but I doubt that the Italians would take that view of a BMW. The German cars are exactly that, Germanic, solid, work very well but without that inspirational spark.

I liked the Saab I had with its heated seats but my 1928 Austin 7 is just plain exciting. The extractors, close ratio box and different diff ratio all help change it to a fairly sporty wind-in-the hair car. I also enjoy the Austin 1800 auto with its dash mounted auto shifter. However, the Japanese took all this general English stodgy-ness and made it work exactly as it should.

In the commercial area I have had a 2 ton Bedford and still have the 30cwt Morris Commercial that helped build Commonwealth Ave bridge. I also have a delightful 50 Dodge Panel Van that was the Narrabundah milk truck for many years. The 4ton Oldsmobile that my son Syd and I fixed in a Wellington paddock and then drove to Canberra is my favourite to drive but awaits work. The Morris J van that a uni mate and i took to Surfers in '66 eventually blew up because we never completely changed the oil, we just topped it up a lot.

I looked thru the photo album and found an entirely forgettable Gemini, Datsun 200B, Sunny, Centura, several Honda Civics and Sigmas and even a little Subaru

I have had half a dozen motorbikes and a lovely little grey Fergie tractor. The backyard currently has a gaggle of late 80s FWD Celicas that I am trying to make a good one out of.

So almost a 100 cars.

What do I drive now? Mainly the work Hi-Ace van (reliable and with a lovely driver view) and a Renault Scenic (my only car from this century).

My pet hates? Fancy black SUVs and the proliferation of different plastic electrical connectors that are a real IQ test to undo.

The future? Apartment blocks in the Canberra CBD are now facing the problem of having a charging station in the carpark for electric vehicles! The favourite? The Reno 16.



This is Harry in his well known Austin 7 in its first days back on the road in 1992. His son Syd is driving. In the background is one of his favourite Reno 16s, a Reno 20 and a Merc. All are parked on Limestone Ave where he first ran his Rent a Dent car business.

Previous ad for Wanted

I had a couple of calls from people telling me about 1920's cars for sale following the ad in 'Colonial'.

On talking to the prospective buyer he seemed keen on finding a Whippet because he had restored one previously. This reminded me of a car that I own but has been on a friends property since 1974 in a shed. I contacted friend and asked if the car was still there and yes it was. The car was a 1929 Whippet Roadster.

When I told said buyer and sent him a photo taken in 1974 he was very keen and subsequently bought it.

I had told him about Graham's cars too and I believe he recently collected them.

Nice to see younger people wanting these old cars. Regards Bob A.

Visiting Lisbon and the Carvalhos. September 2015

Michael and I spent a delightful six weeks overseas late last year and were fortunate to spend a few days with Alex and Manuela Carvalho in Lisbon. It was 2005 last time we saw them in Lamego. Alex Jr was in primary school then and young Ana about to start. Now, Ana is in high school and Alex a young man of 15. Doesn't seem that long ago that they were here in Australia and we enjoyed many car runs with them. Alex took a couple of Australian cars back to Portugal.

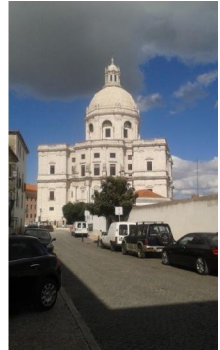
I kept a diary while we were away and what follows are some extracts from that diary.

Thursday 17 Sept 2015

We arrived in Lisbon after a looong and tedious flight from Australia and it was great to see Manuela and Alex waiting at the gate as we exited customs. They are currently living in a small military flat and had organised a room for us around the corner from their place in the Officers Mess of the local military command.

When I say around the corner, this is what is at the end of the street where we were, Alex and Manuela's place is behind this building – the Panteao National. They are only about 15 mins walk from the middle of the old part of the city.

Alex is a Captain in the Portuguese army. He is also doing his master's degree in museum history, specifically the military museum.



Alex took us for a drive around the city and we met his brother who is in the military police, Portugal's version of the AFP. He showed us one of the best views of the city from the roof of the police headquarters Michael being kept in check. Alex is on his left, and his brother is on his right. We then had a drink in the officer's mess downstairs.



By the time we had looked at all of this, we were struggling to keep awake and after a late dinner at Alex and Manuela's we were off to bed.

Friday 18 Sept. 2015

Alex called for us at 0900 and took us to breakfast around the corner from where we were staying. The dining room was up two floors and we marvelled at the walls which are tiled with scenes of hunting, picnics etc. These tiles are over two hundred years old.

After breakfast Manuela joined us and we visited Alex's work place (only two minutes' walk away.) This was in a beautiful building. It used to belong to the brother of one of the kings of Portugal until he blotted his copy book and had to go to Brazil. It, like so many buildings in Lisbon is now a military one. An officer who is a director there was giving a talk to a group who was visiting on the history of the place and we were invited to join it. Manuela and Alex translated for us.



Most of Lisbon was destroyed by an earthquake on 1 November (all Saints Day) 1755. What buildings hadn't been destroyed in the actual quake were either destroyed by the tsunami that followed and by fires started as people had lit candles for All Saints day when the quake hit. As a result of this disaster, many of these buildings in this area were built after that date, this one survived because of its construction. The building was then used by the military as a court (military).



This tiled piece of furniture is where they left their guns when visiting.

There is incredible plasterwork on the ceiling. I didn't realise that the metal "rose"

that the gas lit chandelier hung from was an open grille until we went up into the roof.

The grille was open through the ceiling and above it was a type of wooden chimney that drew the hot air and gases upwards and vented it through the roof.



I particularly liked the way all the paths are paved with stone cubes about 4 cms cubed, and the roads are just larger stone cubes, about twice the size. Just laid in sand and then sand brushed down to fill the cracks. They were doing some work at the end of our street and I found it interesting to watch.

We headed down to the main city area for lunch, winding our way down through these little streets that of course a car could not go through. Unfortunately you also had to go up as well. Like Rome, Lisbon is built on 7 hills.

The washing is hung on lines strung on brackets.

I was eyeing some hanging about 4 floors up and thought you'd want to peg it on well or your underwear could go anywhere. Manuela does the same and said she did have to go down a few times to pick up pegs she had dropped.

After lunch we walked around many places of interest including climbing to the top of the building that looks like the French Arch de T. The view was worth it. Michael with Alex and Manuela.



I think we finally got back to Alex and Manuela's for tea around 8.30pm.

Saturday 19 September 2015

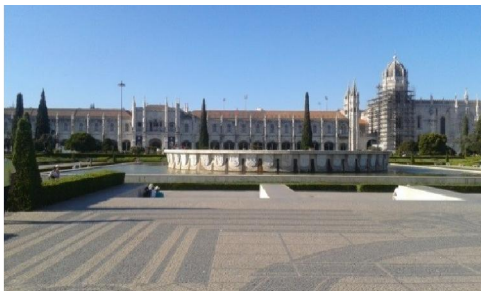
The markets were on this morning at the end of our street so after breakfast with Alex, we wandered around there until Manuela joined us. We then set off on the wooden trams to a market on the other side of the city and enjoyed tapas and BBQ'd meats for lunch.

Sometimes the trams would go through little streets and you would lose your arm if you had it outside the window. There is no way you could be walking down the street as the tram came through.

I'm hanging out the window taking this photo on the right, the side of the tram is on the left and at the end of the street we went around the corner and I nearly lost the camera and my nose on the corner of the building!!



After lunch we went back and picked up the children and went off to visit the church where Vasco da Gama is buried at Belem.



We enjoyed a famous Portuguese tart from a famous restaurant that has been making them since the late 1800s.

We then drove west out of the city past Caicais where all the heads of Europe and the royalty hid out in WW2. It was also the place where the idea for James Bond was born as it was full of spies as well. Portugal was neutral in this war.

We arrived at the most western tip of the European continent as the sun was setting and gazed across towards US. We have a certificate to prove it.

On the right is Manuela and Michael is behind her.

Back home about 9.00pm where we sat talking until midnight and enjoyed the time honoured car club ritual of Tim Tams (that we had brought over with us) and port.

Or in the case of Ana, Tim Tams and milk!

Thanks to Anne Toole with help from Michael. Part 2 next month.



AUCTION SALE - 21 & 22 May 2016, Cowra

I have received an email about this auction at the Cowra War, Railway and Rural Museum at 10291 Mid Western Highway, Cowra. They are relinquishing their rural, petrol, garage, motor vehicle, fire, tractors, steam engine and general collections to concentrate on War and Rail.

I can forward the email on to any member interested or you can go online at www.burnsandco.com.au to get a catalogue or view photos.

Helen.

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Metal Cutting Lathe. Fisher brand Chinese made.

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Comes with 3 and 4 jaw chucks which have quick release cam locks which makes removal easy. Also face plates, magnetic dial gauge, and various other tools. Lathe sits on tool box base. Lathe is like new having been used for about 200 hours in all. Age and ill health forces the sale.

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Contact Alec McKernan phone 6286 1046

EpcO trolley jack circa late 1950s estimate capacity 1 ton, orange colour, original condition. Contact Bryan Harris-Mayes 02 6294 4552
harrismayes@bigpond.com

This is Jack's son Tim, I just wanted to let the club know that Dad's **BMW 525e** is for sale for the best offer. The car is out of rego, but runs well, has a good automatic gearbox and drips no oil. A few cosmetic details require attention, all panels straight with no dents or dings.

You can email me or phone 62862412 or 0432 312163.

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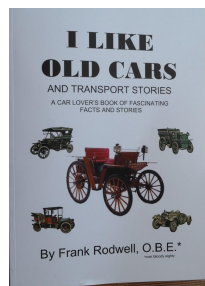
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15 Oct	Bob Morton 6862 6658	Parkes Antique Motor Club 22nd Annual Swap Meet
30 October		Marques in the Park, John Knight Park, Belconnen
18-29 Nov	Jacqui Corby 02 4840 2139	Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Club rally at Taralga Showground
18-22 May 2017		Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW annual rally—Albury/Wodonga

Graham Gittins has advised that Frank Rodwell's book "I Like Old Cars and Transport Stories" is available direct from him for bulk orders @ \$20 per copy with a RRP of \$30.



ROCK RALLY Mark 2 2017

The next meeting of entrants in the Rock Rally Mk2 will be held on Wednesday 27 April 2016 at the Raiders Club, Weston.

Dinner 6.30 pm Meeting 7.30 pm

Purpose of meeting is to finalise the route for the rally and assign tasks to working groups.

Graham Gittins, Convenor

0419 249 109 or email: gittins@iinet.net.au

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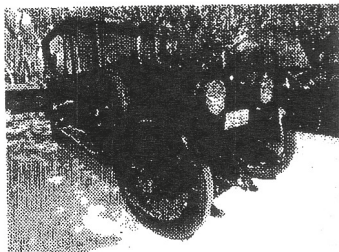
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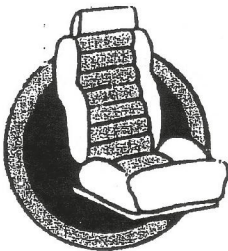
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