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## EDITOR'S PAGE

THANK YOU to those who provided articles and photos for this month's Colonial. I still have the following: Part 2 of Anne Toole's story of their trip catching up with the Carvalhos in Portugal. Graham Gittins has reported on the Morris Registers 20th Biannual Rally; update on the National Museum Daimler. All I need now are a couple of car restoration stories or stories about cars bought restored and a picture for the cover. Thank you.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 6 May 12 noon and every first Friday: Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. All CACMC members welcome.

Friday 20 May Retreads car run lunch at noon at the Calwell Club in Were Street, Calwell. 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 Dana Garrett who has had a hip replacement.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy to Maire Cook on the death of Jack. They had not been active in the club for some time due to failing health and having to move out of a Mr Fluffy home in Chifley to Bellerive.

### Wheels 2016

Finally Wheels is on this month. This is one of the must attend events of the club and our Council Reps have asked for space for 70 vehicles so let's see if we can fulfil that.

### Membership

To keep our CRS registration legit, we are now required to pay our membership fees by 30 June each year. Your renewal form is in this Colonial or emailed to you. So DON'T LOSE IT! Please update any details which are out of date and bring in with your payment, or mail to the PO Box, or pay online and send the form in. Direct credit to BSB 062900 CBA Account 28022621, put in your name and "membership". Email Treasurer.

### Happy Mother's Day for 8th May

May all the mothers in our Club enjoy a wonderful day of being spoilt by family.

See you Tuesday, Cheers, Helen

## DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 12 APRIL 2016

### Attendance:

Members: 49

Visitors: 2

Apologies: 6

### Welcome

President John Senior welcomed members and visitors to the April General Meeting of the Club

### Guest speaker

Vice President Graham Waite introduced Terry Ruse from QIM Queanbeyan who gave a presentation on the work the company does in engine rebuilding.

### Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the March General Meeting were confirmed without amendment. Moved Clive Castles Seconded Ray Gallagher **Carried**

### Business Arising

There was no business arising from the Minutes

### Correspondence Grahame Crocket

#### IN

Car magazines - 16

#### Letters

Canberra Bridge Club: Tax Invoice for room hire

Commonwealth Bank: Merchant Statement

Commonwealth Bank: Term Deposit Reinvestment Notice

Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Goulburn: Advising of the lack of parking for display cars at the Collector Pumpkin Festival (May 1 2016)

Australia Post PO Box invoice overdue

Australia Post: Overpayment refund

Commonwealth Bank Merchant Statement

Commonwealth Bank: Cheque account statement

#### Invitation

Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club (South Australia): Invitation to attend the Loxton Mallee Run 1st, 2nd and 3rd October 2016.

#### Pamphlets

Australia Post

Wide Span Sheds

#### Brochures

Fox Car Loans offering finance for purchasing classic cars.

ACT Government Our Canberra

Emails

Draft Publicity Brochure

Invitation to participate in the Inaugural Camp Quality Classic Car Cruise  
11 Sept 2016

A Campaign to get a home/museum for the Council of ACT Motor Clubs

Valerie Carmody new security arrangements for the Bridge Club

Bob Judd: Apology and matters for committee meeting agenda

Council of ACT Motor Clubs: invitation to attend Big Boys Toys expo 20-21 August 2016.

OUT

Sympathy card to Helen Phillips for a recent family bereavement

Moved Grahame Crocket Seconded Graham Bigg **Carried**

**Presidents Report John Senior**

Pam and I, travelled to Boorowa with Ray and Anne Gallagher and Graham and Heather Gittins to attend the morning tea and civic welcome by the Mayor of Boorowa Wendy Tuckerman to the Taree Historic Motor Club rally members.

Regional clubs from Cowra, Yass and Cootamundra all attended. The reception was held in the Boorowa old Court House.

**Vice President Graham Waite**

Guest speaker in May will be club member Tony Stone on vehicle hoists  
July a representative from the NRMA.

Lucky badge draw: #23 Bob Judd

Last run #4 Jan and David Wyatt who asked for a redraw

Ticket #12 Alan Martin

**Treasurer Bob Judd**

Current Balance \$4265:28 Printed report available.

Renewal of memberships starts in May

Moved Bob Judd Seconded Alec McKernan **Carried**

**Editor Helen Phillips**

Short on car restoration stories

Thank you for card.

Need help with September Colonial as I will be away.

**Events Director Jan Wyatt**

15 May National Motoring heritage Day and Wheels. The BBQ trailer will not be attendance. Location maps will be distributed at the May Meeting

19 June Gundaroo for morning tea - Gunning for lunch

July TBA

August 13 Presentation dinner at the Irish Club. Details in the Colonial

August 14 President's run

17 April Wheels at Wamboin 9am start at Community Hall details in the Colonial.

**Raffle #07 John Borg****Supper Coordinator Clive Glover**

All is well

**Registrar Bob Alexander**

In the absence of Bob, Alec McKernan advised that 24 vehicles were inspected for the month.

**Librarian Joe Micallef**

Copies of books for sale

**Membership Secretary Joe Vavra**

No report.

**Shop manager Norm Brennan**

Long and short sleeve shirts for sale

T Shirts for sale, Car sashes for sale

**Information officer David Wyatt**

For sales on the board. Notification of the Collector Pumpkin Festival - nowhere to have a display of club cars.

**Council delegate Roger Amos**

Council requires responses from affiliated clubs to MG Car Clubs request to review the Strategic and Business plans by April general meeting.

Shannons Car Coffee meeting at Tuggeranong 22 May

Home/ Museum for Council request for expression of interest in Council conducting a campaign during the ACT election period.

Wheels 15 May lawns Old Parliament House. Entry will be NCA provided sticker at the gate entrances. Up to six parking inspectors will be on duty booking vehicles without a sticker Council list of names of volunteers to help with gate duty.

30 October Marques in the Park Belconnen John Knight Park  
Australian Historic Motoring Federation intend to run a rally in 2020 possibly to Bendigo to tie in with Bendigo swap meet. More details as they come to hand.

11 September Camp Quality Run

20/21 August Big boys Toys at EPIC - Need cars for display

### **Publishing Committee David Byers**

In the absence of David, Helen Phillips advised that the magazine was posted on Wednesday last week.

### **General Business**

#### **Mr Thompson**

Asked what the next step in obtaining club membership was and was advised that his application will be considered at the club committee meeting and confirmation expected at May meeting.

#### **Alec McKernan**

Asked whether the Hill Station at Hume was being considered as a home for the council

#### **Helen Phillips**

1940 Austin Devon for sale if sale effected owner John Tilbrook will make a donation to the club

#### **Keith Carswell**

Lilly and Keith travelled to Lismore for the Sapphire 16 day rally. The Galaxy motor car was hit by a P Plater making the Galaxy probably a write-off due to the damage to the front bumper bar replacement cost \$9000 car insured for \$10 000. Anyone interested in restoring the otherwise straight vehicle see Keith.

#### **Bob Garrett**

Article in Colonial incorrectly identified a Hudson for a Studebaker.

#### **Jan Wyatt**

Thank you card received from National Trust for cars attending the Forestry House at Yarralumla

### **Graham Crocket**

Members entering the Beechworth Run 16-21 May will receive their sample bags at May meeting.

**Keith Carswell** commented that he was having difficulty booking accommodation at Beechworth, no one answers the other end.

### **Roger Amos**

Restored Cars Magazine back page published an image of a Valiant towing a Rolls Royce. On closer inspection the driver of the Rolls Royce was (former) club member St John Herbert

### **Phil Donoghoe**

Article in Chronicle and Canberra Times of a centenarian Mrs Baker's visit to the Forest Fire Station. Mrs Baker is the widow of John Baker a former fireman. Mrs Baker was asked to identify who lived in the houses around the fire station years ago which she was able to do.

### **Graham Gittins**

Advised of the Morris Registers Rally in Warrnambool Victoria. He travelled with Malcolm and Wendy Noad, and Denis and Val Harding great event.

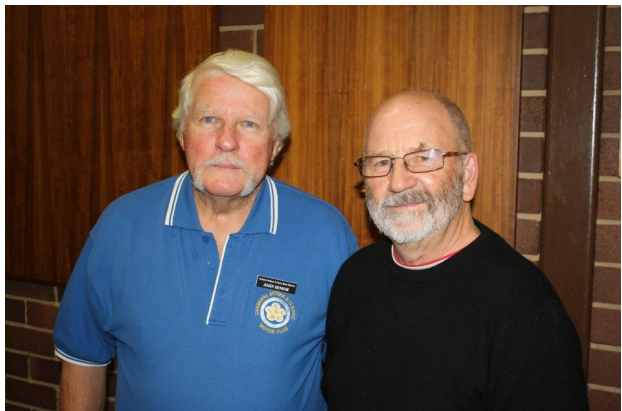
National Trust NSW wish to find a club willing to conduct a tour of the Old Hume Highway in October to celebrate the listing of the highway on the Heritage register. More details when they come to hand.

Meeting closed at 9.21 pm

Graham Gittins

Minute Secretary.

Speaker at April meeting Terry Ruse of QIM Engine Reconditioners, Queanbeyan with President John





## Heritage Council Open Day Display at Forestry School Yarralumla - 3 April 2016

As part of the 2106 National Trust Heritage Festival Open Day, Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club (CACMC), along with other clubs including STHARC were invited to display some vehicles at the Forestry School buildings at Yarralumla. For those of you not familiar with the area, the Forestry Precinct comprises about 11 hectares of land that includes the former Australian Forestry School, Forestry House (residential accommodation), an oval, plant nursery and arboretum. Buildings in the precinct are now tenanted by CSIRO and other tenants. The Forestry School building is a fine example of the inter-War Stripped Classical style of architecture and has a magnificent central domed hall. The timbers used in the building are examples from every Australian state and an effort has been made in the design to use otherwise common timbers in a decorative way.

Nearby in Banks St, Westridge House (also known as the Tudor House) was built in 1927 as the residence of the Principal of the Australian Forestry School. The house is a unique blend of Tudor Revival style and radical functionalism. It is now a private residence.

Fifteen CACMC vehicles attended the display, members answered questions from visitors about their vehicles and strolled around the various stalls and enjoyed morning tea together. Our cars were well received by the other visitors.

We received a thank you from the Heritage Council for attending, they appreciated the effort. We are receiving quite a few invitations to attend community functions, it is a good way to get our name out there and makes an enjoyable outing. Many thanks to those members who attended. *Thanks Jan*





Phillip Smith explaining changes he has made to his Buick.



Beautiful timber on the ceiling and on the floor opposite page.

Original flag on display just for the day.



## MORNING TEA WITH TOURING CAR CLUBS

Clubs from around the region, including Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club, were invited by the Taree Historic Motor Club to join them for morning tea at the Boorowa Court House.

The Taree club members were nearing the end of their eight day mystery rally, in which entrants were only told on the morning of each day, where they were going and what accommodation had been arranged for the night. The rally had taken them from Taree, Mudgee, Foster, and Cootamundra and were staying at Bathurst before heading home. The club has been organising similar rallies for around 20 years.

Boorowa, around an hour and a half drive from Canberra, is a delightful town, noted for the annual running of the sheep up the main street during the Woolfest and the home of the superb parrot.

Boorowa Council Mayor, Wendy Tuckerman, welcomed the rally entrants and regional car club members from Young, Cootamundra, Yass, Cowra and Canberra to the town and then circulated and chatted to members, thoroughly enjoying the morning event. Tea, coffee, and scones were served at the Boorowa Court House.

Wendy and her husband moved to Boorowa, about twenty years ago from Canberra, where they were both detectives in the AFP.

Now they run a fine wool merino sheep property. Wendy has been on the council for 12 years, the past nine years as mayor.

Rally Director Brian Kelleher said the rally had attracted 28 vehicles and 56 people. Their cars lined the main street which gave the local population a chance to see the cars close up.

Brian, also a former a Canberra resident, operated a Motor Bike Museum at Mitchell, before moving to Nabiach north of Newcastle to much bigger premises to house the collection of more than 800 motor cycles.

Canberra Antique was represented by President John and wife Pam Senior, Ray and Anne Gallagher and Graham and Heather Gittins.

*Thanks to Graham Gittins*



Morning tea—I asked Graham why everyone was looking so serious—apparently they were listening to the Mayor’s welcome.

This was on the February run to Captains Flat—when Charlie and Alec get together they can fix anything.



Apologies to Bob (and Alan) for calling Alan Martin’s Studebaker a Hudson last month. Here is Bob Garrett’s Hudson.

Also apologies to Charlie for calling his 1964 Plymouth Signet at the Botanic Gardens a Valiant.

## **WHEELS 2016 DISPLAY DAY**

### **So you are new to the Club and wonder what this is all about.**

It is a day when all car clubs in the ACT and region combine to put on a great display for the public to see our heritage vehicles. It is fitting to have it on National Motoring Heritage Day this year.

Donations are collected for a charity and this year it is Technical Aid for the Disabled. They will have a display tent so if you have never heard of them, call in and have a talk to Graham or one of his helpers. All exhibitors and visitors are asked to donate to this charity.

As well as having a (hopefully) huge display, this day is the occasion on which our Club Inspectors can judge any new restorations done by members of our Club. You will see this at items 1 and 2 on the next page.

The Car of the Year is at item 3 and we look forward to a number of entries in this section this year with the appearance of new cars, already restored, in the Club.

The other awards judged on the day are mentioned as well on the next page. It is most important to have something on your car with details of make, model, owners. This can be something handwritten or typed, perhaps laminated. You will see some great display boards which some members have prepared for their cars—perhaps ask them about getting one. Information about your vehicle and talking to the Inspectors will help with the judging.

Full details of the awards can be found on our website in the ByLaws, starting at 12. Awards are presented in August.

### **IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**Get an NCA sticker on entry via Gate 2 or 4 to the North Lawns**

**Use a drip tray—a large piece of cardboard will suffice**

**Get in place by 9.15 am. And stay there till at least 2 pm.**

**Please don't park under trees.**

If you are trailering a car please let Graeme Rossiter know so you can get a permit for the car, trailer and car on the trailer. 0431 930 710

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER A VEHICLE FOR JUDGING AT SHANNONS WHEELS Sunday 15 May 2016

1. Restoration of the year  
for cars manufactured before the end of 1945
2. Restoration of the year  
for cars manufactured after the end of 1945.
3. Mal Mason Car of the Year – for a vehicle purchased in a  
restored or roadworthy or original condition.
4. Bill Amies Mechanical Excellence Trophy - judged on  
mechanical condition, restoration and maintenance  
alone. Mileage driven during the year should be taken into  
account.

You may enter for Category 4 as well as one of the other 3.

Please note that to be eligible, the vehicle must attend three official Club events in the 12 months prior to the Presentation Night at which the awards are to be presented (usually in early August).

The other two Vehicle Quality Awards – Best American Marque and Best English Marque – will be judged from the whole field and no entry form is necessary.

It is helpful to the judging panel if you have information on display about your restoration. You should also be with your vehicle to supply information to the judging panel while your vehicle is being judged.

Enquiries to Bob Alexander on 6235 5845 or 0417 880 064.

### **These are the details we require from you:**

Make of Vehicle  
Year and Model  
Place of Manufacture  
Name of Owners  
For which Award you would like to be judged.

Please email to Bob at [rjacgs@hotmail.com](mailto:rjacgs@hotmail.com)  
Or post to our P O Box or hand in at the May meeting or hand to your closest Vehicle Inspector.



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CLUB** **Wheels 2016, Sunday 15 May, Old Parliament House Lawns**

Clubs must enter via the appropriate Gate (see [below](#) and see [map](#)) no later than 9.15am where participants will be given an **NCA Permit**.

The **NCA Permit must be shown** on the dashboard or window of your car

Only participants with an **NCA Permit** are permitted on the display area. NCA parking inspectors will book cars not displaying an **NCA Permit**.

There is ample parking within 100 metres of the site for visitors. No visitor's cars are permitted on the Old Parliament House lawns, if they do, they will be booked.

Once you enter, look for your club marshals, they will position your car in the correct orientation for the display. **Drip trays must be used.**

**Please arrive no later than 9.15 am.** Anyone arriving after 9.15 am may not be accommodated in your allocated area. Cars will not be permitted to leave until 2pm.

### **Your gate**

**Gate 1:** VW, All Japanese makes, French cars, Motor Bikes

**Gate 2:** Porsche, Audi, Mercedes, BMW, **Canberra Antique and Classic**

**Gate 3:** Hot Rods, Racing, specials, trailered (including any caravans), Torana, Holden, GMH, Ford, miscellaneous and other visiting clubs.

**Gate 4:** STARC, Queanbeyan Veteran and Vintage, Braidwood, American, and Street Machine, and **Canberra Antique and Classic**.

**Gate 5:** MG, Healey, Lotus, Morris, Mini, Armstrong Sidley, Rover, Land Rover, Austin and other Rootes Group cars.

**Gate 6:** Vintage and Veteran Car Club, Jaguar, Rolls Royce and Bentley, Humber, Aston Martin, Jensen and Morgan.

### **Volunteers are needed from each club**

Each participating club is asked to provide at least 2 volunteers (clubs of less than 20), 4 volunteers for clubs with 20-50 members, and 6 or more for clubs greater than 50 members.

### **Walk through – Sunday 8 May**

As with previous years we are conducting a walk through the site on **Sunday 8 May at 9.30am**. All clubs are asked to attend that 40 minute briefing so that clubs are fully informed of your club display area.

Graeme Rossiter  
 Events Coordinator, Council of ACT Motor Clubs  
 0431 930 710







## CA&CMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2016

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
15 May		Wheels 2016 display day to be held on lawns of Old Parliament House. BMW Car Club will organize on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. See pages 16-19 <b>Please note:</b> We will <b>NOT</b> 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.
July		TBC
13 Aug		Please set this date aside for the Annual Presentation Dinner to be held at the Irish Club. Names will be taken at the May meeting and tickets will be on sale at June, July and August meetings. More information next month.
14 Aug	John Senior	President's run.
30 Oct		Marques in the Park, John Knight Park Belconnen

Just writing to let your members know that I repair worn teeth on ring gears. Over the years I have repaired hundreds for vintage cars, however I repair all makes and models from Outboard motors to Bentleys and everything in between. I have been building up the worn teeth on ring gears and recutting them back to their original profiles for over thirty years. Generally the repaired teeth are harder than they were originally. We also make up heavy duty drive plates. I have been repairing automotive components since the mid sixties. Please give me a call if further information is required. Also if any of your members own Holdens, Vauxhals or Oldsmobiles with Hydramatic transmissions I also recondition the Damper plates as well as the input shaft that the damper mate to, I also supply parts for the Hydramatic transmissions.

Gordon Pendlebury Phone 0411 391 677

Email: [gpendlebury@pnc.com.au](mailto:gpendlebury@pnc.com.au)

19 Purvines Road, Yellow Rock NSW 2777

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2016

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
16-21 May	Graeme or Sue	CACMC tour to Beechworth grahame.crocket@outlook.com
20 May		Great Gatsby event at Marist College 1920s cars and attire.
21-22 May		Auction Sale at Cowra War, Railway and Rural Museum at 10291 Mid Western Highway, Cowra. www.burnsandco.com.au
22 May	Steven Farmer	Shannons Canberra Cars, Bikes n Coffee 9.00 am—3.00 pm at the Alpha Hotel, 46 Rowland Rees Cres, Greenway. The Alpha Hotel has offered up their facilities to host the next event.
28-29 May		40th Historic Winton conducted by the Austin 7 Club with assistance from Historic Motorcycle Assn Vic.
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.wwwvmcinc.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. www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au
Sat 3 Sep Sun 4 Sep	Malcolm Chaplin 6942 4406	Gathering of Landrovers 9.30 am Cootamundra Swap Meet Email: emlin@live.com.au
11 Sep	Anna Slavich 0403 363 353	Motoring event organised on behalf of Camp Quality—Classic Car & Bike Cruise 4 Camp Quality. \$50 registration anna.slavich@tridentcorp.com.au

## **MG MAGNETTE ZB VARITONE**

### **GRAHAM WAITE**

After enjoying Ford Populars as my first two cars I became interested in something that was a little more luxurious and with better performance. I was living in Kent at the time (1965) and regularly read the Exchange and Mart with my mate Martin to see what was around. One week we saw this Left Hand Drive 1959 Midgette Varitone (two colours with wrap around rear window) advertised for 95 GBP and decided to follow it up. It turned out to be being sold by a small car yard in a mews up in London run by "Dodgy Bros". The place was like Arfur Daley's yard in the TV show called "Minder"! The car was genuine, but they admitted that they had just given it a "blow over" – a light spray of paint to freshen up the car for sale.

I paid the money and drove it home. Shortly after, Martin decided that he would upgrade as well and sold his Austin A35 to a mate, and bought a 1961 Wolseley 1500 which had a similar engine. When I checked the identification codes I discovered that the Midgette had been built for the USA market but instead had been sold to someone in France, and then imported back into England

After a couple of months the reason for the paint job started to show. At some stage the car had been taken for a swim – the paint was covering rust in the sills, lower areas of the doors, and the guards. I steadily worked away at dealing with the rust during ownership of the car. Where possible I cleaned up the rust from the inside, used a rust converter and then strengthened the affected area with a sheet of perforated zinc held in place with resin. The repair was then finished off from the outside with filler and paint. I also replaced all of the carpet which had rotted after the car had taken a swim. This was an era when rust in cars was quite common.

One evening a number of friends piled into three cars and we visited a pub in the country. There were four in a friend Bob's mid 1950's Hillman Minx (known as the "Jinx"). They had to take it in turns getting in to the car as it was not possible to have all the doors open at the same time as the body sagged too much! On the way home Bob had a puncture – that was the final straw, the car was abandoned then and there and the passengers were rescued.

Anyway back to the Midgette, soon after buying the car I started collecting second hand parts in readiness to convert the car to right hand drive, as

driving from the left was a novelty but I felt that it confused some of the other road users.

Stage one was replacing the rack and pinion steering and moving the steering column to the right side of the car. It was quite easy to do as the car had been built with holes in the firewall to take both left and right drive arrangements. To test the steering and for a bit of fun Martin and I drove the car round the block. I steered, and he operated the pedals – a real team effort! The next day I moved the pedals so I could drive to work the following day. I used to give a workmate Dave a lift to work and he had been used to walking round the car and getting in the right front door. On the Monday morning I stopped at the normal collection point and Dave started walking round the car and then realised something had changed!

The conversion was finished off the next month when I swapped the glove box and the instrument cluster to the right of the car, and fitted a replacement wooden dashboard top. In the meantime I had relied on front seat passengers to keep a watch on the instruments! The complete conversion only cost around 6 GBP.

With normal maintenance the car was very reliable and was in everyday use plus some long trips – the longest was to Paris for Easter with four people and a tent on board. I sold the Magnette to my cousin when I migrated to Australia in Jan 1969. He had good use of it for a year or two but eventually abandoned it when the gearbox seized – he had not been topping it up with oil to compensate for a slow leak from the cracked casing!

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*Daryl Meek and Fiona had their 1910 Delage and Tilta-trailer stolen from Tullamarine on Saturday night / Sunday morning (9-10 April). The car was recovered but not the trailer pictured here.*



## WHEELS AT WAMBOIN - 16 APRIL 2016

The organisers of the Wheels at Wamboin hoped to attract 100 vehicles to their charity vehicle display and market day. This number was far exceeded with around 115 vehicles turning up at the Wamboin community hall.

The range of vehicles was staggering with everything from a Citroen 2CV to late model BMWs on display.

Inside the community hall was an array of handcrafts, jewellery, slices, cakes, sausage rolls, pies, tea and coffee all for sale.

Immediately outside the hall the Wamboin Rural Bush Fire Brigade, had a fire truck on display and firefighters explaining the dangers of bush fires and how to protect property in the event of fire.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club was well represented with the following members attending:

John Senior  
 Graham Bigg  
 Alan Martin  
 Charlie Adams  
 Graham Moore  
 Ray and Anne Gallagher  
 Joe and Liz Micallef  
 Clive and Marilyn Castles  
 Roger and Barbara Phillips  
 Ken and Jeanette Walker  
 David and Jan Wyatt  
 Graham and Heather Gittins  
*Thanks Graham*

*Charlie Adams' Citroen*





The Gallagher Austin

Dave, Graham, Ray and Charlie and of course Lucky.



Mass display of vehicles



The Colonial

May 2016



## THE PORSCHE Pre A COUPE

During a recent visit to Melbourne I had the opportunity to visit two very interesting car displays. I was completely unaware of these until I saw cars assembling on the ovals of Wesley College & The School for the Deaf opposite where I was staying.

I waited until the ovals were crowded with cars and then wandered across to look at the candy. Among the display on the School for the Deaf was the Pre A Coupe. Chassis # 10770, Engine # 20264. It had a 1300cc motor producing 44bhp @ 4200 rpm and was capable of a top speed of 90 mph.



This particular model was very special indeed. The Porsche 356 Pre A was produced from 1951 to 1956 preceding the 356A. This Pre A was the first right hand drive coupe produced by Porsche and the first Porsche Coupe to come to Australia.

After obtaining the Porsche franchise for Australia in 1951, pump manufacturer Norman Hamilton, ordered two right hand drive cars – this coupe and a cabriolet – for the Australian market. This coupe was manufactured in July 1951 and arrived in Australia in October 1951 and was registered WG 325.

WG 325 was the first Porsche to race in Australia making its debut at the Templestowe Hill Climb in June 1952 driven by Ken Harper. The car was campaigned by Norman Hamilton and Ken Harper in many events including the legendary 1953 Around Australia Redex Trial.





The car was last road registered in 1974 and was subsequently put into storage for some 31 years. WG 325 was purchased by its current owner in 2005 and was restored to original specifications over a three year period. It is a truly unique piece of Porsche history in Australia and a very unique vehicle.

*Thanks to Geoff Pritchard for this article.*

### SIX LITTLE STORIES

- # All villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's FAITH
- # When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's TRUST
- # Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but we still set the alarm to wake us. That's HOPE
- # We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's CONFIDENCE
- # We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE
- # On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old ... I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience". That's ATTITUDE.

Have a happy day.

*From Central Coast magazine*

## LIST OF TOOLS CARRIED BY MAGNETTE OWNERS BUT APPLICABLE TO ALL OLD CAR OWNERS

When travelling in a Magnette over long distances it is important to carry a range of tools and materials to get you out of trouble should it arise. Understandably not every contingency can be covered but after some recent experiences we put our heads together to come up with a suggested list about what to take. Items marked with an asterisk would not be necessary if the items on the car are relatively new.

### SPARES

Coil\*

Distributor Cap and Leads\*

Points and rotor button (not needed for electronic distributors)

Top and Bottom radiator hoses

Fan belt

Electrical tape

Hose clips (large and small)

Electrical Wire Connectors

1 metre fuel hose

1 metre x 1.5mm bare wire

100mm X 12mm copper tube

Spark plugs

Fuel Pump and filter\*

Generator\*

Water Pump\*

Small collection of various nuts and bolts

Engine Oil

Water

Emery paper

Cable ties

Hand cleaner and rags

It sounds a lot but several of us

Bought an old leather briefcase

To store most of these spare items

In the boot. See picture.



**TOOLS**

Items below marked with an \* can be replaced with a Multi-tool

Small engineer's hammer

Phillip and Straight screwdriver\*

Open end and ring spanners

8"adjustable spanner

Socket set

Hacksaw blade and handle

Stanley knife\*

Vice grips

Feeler gauge

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Jumper leads

Pliers and long nose pliers

WD 40 or equivalent

*Thanks to Graham Gittins*

**FOR SALE - 1949 Austin A40 Devon Sedan**

John Tilbrook, former member and Editor of the Club has sent a long email with details of his 1949 Austin A40 Devon Sedan which is for sale. The car is presently on full NSW registration until 3 June 2016 but if he still have the car in June he will put it on car club plates using the new 60 days per annum log book system.

The Austin was completely rebuilt during major restoration work and is totally reliable. Asking price is a bargain basement figure of \$8,500. If the car is sold through CACMC, John will make a donation to the Club. I can forward the email on to anyone interested or contact John direct in Tuross Head on 02 4473 9390, Mobile 0409 925 458 or email: [writewayresearch@gmail.com](mailto:writewayresearch@gmail.com)

**LEST WE FORGET**

I am finishing this issue on Anzac Day in between going to the small service we have here and watching the commemorations at overseas locations. Not to mention getting a bit of sunshine from time to time. Let's hope there aren't too many mistakes. As mentioned at the last meeting I will need help to finish the September Colonial.

## FOR SALE – OTHER CLUBS PLEASE COPY

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### **Metal Cutting Lathe.** Fisher brand Chinese made.

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Contact Alec McKernan phone 6286 1046

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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.

Geoff Dorward, 5 Bingley Crescent, Fraser ACT 2615

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**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 \$1,000 ono.



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## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2016-17

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
1-3 Oct	Warren May 0428 839 335 08 8583 9335 (after hours)	Riverland Vintage & Classic Car Club Loxton Mallee Run 2016. Application forms download from <a href="http://www.rvcc.com.au">www.rvcc.com.au</a> Email: <a href="mailto:wrmay@kurlana.com">wrmay@kurlana.com</a>
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 <b>2017</b>		Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW annual rally—Albury/Wodonga
<b>2020</b>		The Australian Historic Motoring Federation is planning a national rally

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.

## ROCK RALLY Mark 2 2017

A meeting of entrants in the Rock Rally Mk2 was held on 27 April 2016 at the Raiders Club, Weston.

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](mailto:gittins@iinet.net.au)

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**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 and you must get the event listed in the Colonial. Remember this also applies if you are going to an event with a one make club you belong to, but your car is registered through CACMC.**

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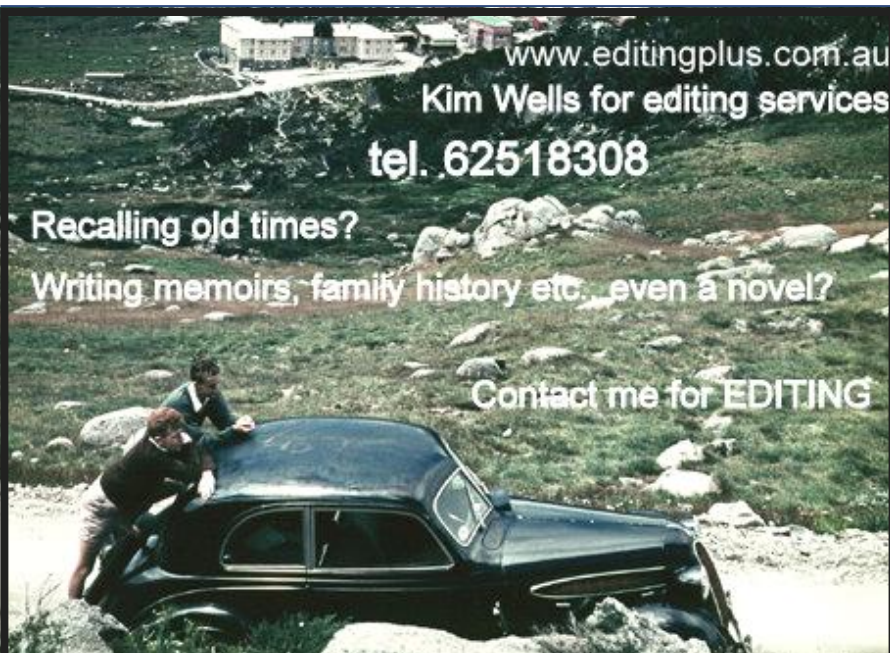


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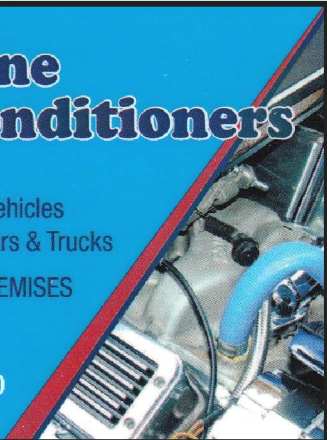
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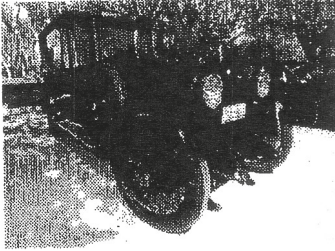
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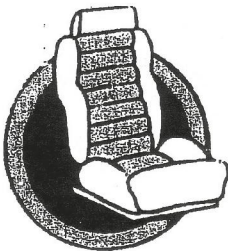
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