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Capricorn Birdie Deluxe Caravan
Joe and Maureen Vavra

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EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles for this month. Thanks to Joe for the effort he put into his story on restoring a caravan. I have had to hold over Grahame Crocket's story on MotorClassica in Melbourne. Also Michael Catanzariti's story about All Holden Day. Please keep the stories coming in as I like to have a reserve. Also the AGM minutes still to come.

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 6 October and every first Friday:

Sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.



The next Retreads car lunch run is booked for Friday November 17th at noon at the Murrumbateman Inn. Any inquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046. All Club members welcome, so if you have a day off, come join us.

Keep Well

I hope everyone who had health problems this last month is on the mend. Let Roger or I know if you think anyone needs a card from the Club. Perhaps there are some special birthdays coming up—let us know.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Boyd Jonas and family on the death of his mother Mona In Gundagai. Lew and Mona were with us on the Rock Rally in 1987 and we often ran into them on other runs around the area.

Also our sympathy to the family of Brian Carn who died on 30th September. Brian was President of this Club in 1986/87, 1988/89 and 1991/92. He and Jill were very active in the club in those years. He was also a member of the Chrysler Restorers Club and one of a group of 10 from Canberra who travelled to many of the Chrysler National Rallies. There are only three of us left now—Albert, Lee and me. Brian had moved to Batemans Bay in the later part of his life.

Paid advertisement

I have agreed to run a paid advertisement for our member Scott Molloy for units being built in Hume as I thought they might be of interest to you our members.

Remember

There is no January Colonial. The next one is combined December/January so anything that needs advertising for January needs to be in it.

November 11th—Remembrance Day - Lest we Forget.

Cheers Helen

DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 10TH OCTOBER 2017

Attendance

Members 51
 Visitors 2
 Michael Hunter 1978 Holden One Tonne
 Jon Ely 1954 Holden FJ
 Apologies 3

Welcome

President John Senior welcomed members and visitors to the October 2017 meeting and requested that those present stand for one minutes' silence in memory of Jan Wyatt.

Guest speaker

Vice President Graham Waite introduced club member Joe Micallef who gave a presentation on the museums he visited on the recent Rock Rally tour.

New members joined in September:

Philip Jacey with a Daimler 15
 Janice Seevinck with a 1984 Toyota Station Wagon

Confirmation of the Minutes of the September General meeting

Moved Joe Micallef Seconded: Graham Bigg **Carried**

There was no business arising from the Minutes

Correspondence Roger Amos

IN

CBA Bank Fees
 CBA Term Deposit Details
 Arthur J Gallagher Club Insurance Renewal Reminder
 Membership Renewals x 2
 Goulburn Car & Motor Show at Poidevin Oval Saturday, 25th Nov \$20 entry.
 Shannons Melbourne Spring Auction 25th Sept 2017
 Email re survey on How Car Restorers acquire their skills
 Magazines x 8
 Triumph Torque, Illawarra Vintage Club, Central Coast, Gundagai Crank Handle, Eurobodalla, Yass and Cowra
 By Email Orange, Wagga Wagga V & V, Canberra MG Club.

OUT

Sympathy Cards to Vin and John Liston and David, Daniel & Petra Wyatt and Boyd Jonas

Moved acceptance Roger Amos Seconded Helen Phillips **Carried**

Reports**President**

John Senior advised that he had spent a delightful time on the Murray River.

Vice President

Graham Waite

November guest speaker will be club member Michael Toole on the topic of restoring vintage caravans.

Lucky door prize - #6 Jack Press

Last Run #12 Darron Kavanagh

Treasurer—Bob Judd

Current Balance \$7201:63

Has a large number of name badges for collection

21 people had not renewed their membership for year – their vehicles if on CRS are now considered unregistered and should not be used on public roads.

Bob expressed concern about the premium of the Clubs PLI \$1500+ , and asked members to see him if they had information on what other car clubs pay for their PLI.

Moved acceptance Bob Judd Seconded; Bob alexander **Carried**

Editor - Helen Phillips

Thanked Bob Judd for preparing last month's The Colonial while she was away. Asked if anyone could answer the Where Am I? on page 15. Only Brett got the "car" at Mona Gallery in Hobart. Reported Mona Jonas had died—mother of our member Boyd. Also Brian Carn former member died and service will be on Thursday in Queanbeyan. Caravan restoration story next month. Needs a car story for December edition.

Chris Berry

The club hosted the Riverland Car Club from South Australia to a BBQ at the Cotter. Chris thanked members who collected the visitors from Eagle Hawk and gave them a tour of Canberra before arriving at the Cotter for lunch. Thanked Joe Micallef and Graham Gittins for cooking and the ladies who prepared salads and slices and for Joe for looking after the BBQ trailer.

Chris then presented the President with the plaque given to him by the Riverland Club for hosting the event.

Bob Garratt thanked Chris Berry for organising the hosting of the South Australian Club.

Events Director— Brett Coyne

Thanked the outgoing events committee and introduced the new committee members.

Sunday 16 October Run to Yass via back road Meet Coolamon Court Weston. 9.30am for 10am departure Visit railway museum \$6 entry fee Heritage Museum

Lunch at Yass Soldiers Club 12.15pm

November 12 Marques in the Park. The BBQ trailer will not be attendance.

November 12 ANU Modern Market day need six to 12 vehicles for display.

November 19 John Senior advised the Tarago Farm Machinery Show is on meet Bungendore Road 8.30am .

Lee Gaynor would like some vehicles to attend the St Francis of Assisi Calwell, school fete Sat 28 Oct 11am to 3pm. See Lee for further details.

Raffle

Ticket #B49 Michael Toole

Registrar - Bob Alexander

Fourteen CRS registrations

Bob advised that the car trailer is back on the road. Charlie Adams advised that trailer winch was only a single reduction one and was no good. It was suggested that the existing winch be replaced with an electric winch - Matter referred to the committee.

Shop Manager - Norm Brennan

Usual merchandise for sale.

Information Officer - David Wyatt

No report but magazines are on back table.

Librarian— Joe Micallef

All good.

Needs volunteers to staff the club's stall at the Canberra Swap meet 5 November.

From November the club is introducing a swap/ trading table where members can sell their excess parts and equipment etc at general meetings. Ten per cent of each sale goes to the Club.

Council Delegate - Roger Amos

Still waiting for the Review of Council activities final report to be presented.

Grahame Rossiter called to a meeting with National Capital Authority to discuss car displays on NCA grass lands. Positive meeting waiting on NCA letter to Council setting out terms and conditions of use of land.

My Car Club programme up and running

Sixty day log book ongoing.

Council's PLI policy now changed to an Associations not Club policy premium \$1500.

Council AGM

Results of election of Officer Bearers for 2017-18

President: Mark Saunders (ASRF)

Vice President: Shiela Rasanen (Chrysler Car Club)

Secretary: No nominations - vacant

Treasurer: Ian Constantine (FX/FJ Club)

Registrar: Dave Rogers (Triumph Car Club)

Events Director: Vacant

Committee Members:

Public Relations: Graham Gittins (Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club)

Committee Member: Ray Arbon (Ford Performance Club)

Committee Member: Dave Barbaret (Meteors Car Club)

Appointment of Honorary Auditor and Public Officer:

Auditor: John McMaster

Public Officer: Alec McKernan

Supper Coordinator - Darron Kavanagh

All Good. Thanked Brett Coyne for his work as supper coordinator

Thanked Joe Micallef and Jim Crane for providing supper this month

Has some months to be filled in 2018.

50th Anniversary events

Graham Gittins

1. As many of you know 2018 is the 50th anniversary of the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club

2. Your committee has been busy discussing and coming up with ideas on ways and means of marking the occasion

3. The following are the suggestions from the committee on ways and means of celebrating the year.

4. The committee and the September General meeting agreed that the club host the 2018 Shannons Wheels vehicle display on Sunday 4 March 2018. Venue to be determined.

5. Two and possibly three weekends away throughout the year
A To Bermagui for whale watching - Grahame Crocket

B To Cowra and hub to Forbes and Parkes motor Museums - Joe Micallef

C To Gosford for the visit to the Gosford Motor Museum and a trip on the Hawkesbury River with the Mailman - Chris Berry

6. A Three week trip to Tasmania you choose whether you fly drive or catch the ferry across. Twelve members have expressed an interested in going - Gerry Walker and Graham Waite.

7. That an anniversary edition of The Colonial be published online - in November 2018, A4 size. Work has already started on this project with two

articles from members already received but more are needed.

8. Merchandise

A mug with the 50th Anniversary logo on it

A shirt short and long sleeve with the 50th Anniversary logo

A quality hat offering protection from the sun with the 50th logo on it

All merchandise to be prepaid before order goes in. We need to have an idea of the number interested in purchasing the items so that we can get quotes.

9. Celebration dinner

A joint presentation and 50th Celebration dinner be held at the usual time August – Events Committee to organise.

Calendar

That a calendar be produced for calendar year 2018 featuring members' cars against Canberra iconic buildings.

Up to four cars be photographed and four images per calendar page be printed – this will be a chargeable item. The first images were taken this morning featuring Morris Minor Vin Liston, Citroen 2CV Charlie Adams, Fiat Bambino Barbara and Roger Phillips.

The location was Floriade and we had to be out of the area by 9am – so it was a relatively early start for some people. The people concerned may show you the rush images they have of the shoot.

Quite a few of you have received an expression of interest to have your vehicle photographed for the calendar. Those that have not, please collect one from the table and return it to me asap as we only have a short window – from now until the end of November to take the images.

The calendar will be distributed at the January 2018 Chicken and Champaign event.

Working groups:

None of the above items are going to happen without help from the club members. There are five working groups needed

1. Wheels working group

2. Merchandise Norm Brennan could do with some help in locating suppliers and getting quotes

3. Celebration/ Presentation dinner Events Committee see Brett Coyne

4. 50th Anniversary book Graham Gittins but needs help

5. Wheels vehicle display

If you think you can, or would like to help please complete the expression of interest forms at the table during the break.

Questions? See Graham Gittins.

General Business

Alan Martin

September 24 All Holden Day held at Hall Showground – could be possible Wheels location. Commended Michael Catanzariti for his three Holden Monaros on display.

Alan has a hand operated winch for use by members.
Has name of a good auto electrician see Alan at break for name and address
All British Day at King's School well attended. Ten people went from club in 12 seater bus organised by Joe Micallef.

Keith Carswell

Advised he and Lily were attending a rally with a south coast Club

Graham Bigg

Visited Scattergoods on weekend Anne not travelling so well.
Ron OK would appreciate a call from members
Graham advised he was not available for any club activities in November.

Roger Amos

Reminded members that entries for Classic Yass close on Friday.

John senior

Goulburn speedway on this weekend. Jason Doyle leading in points score.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm
Graham Gittins, Minute Secretary

**RIVERLAND CAR CLUB VISIT AND BARBEQUE - FRIDAY
29TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

I would like to thank those members who used their club cars to transport our visitors on a scenic tour and out to the Cotter for lunch and then back to Eaglehawk. That was really appreciated—thank you.

I would like to thank Joe Micallef and Graham Gittins who performed a marathon effort and cooked the steak and sausages. Well done.

A special thank you to the women who came and helped in setting up and serving the food—Irene Berry, Heather Gittins and Elizabeth Micallef. Also thank you to the ladies for the slices and cakes that you provided.

A thank you to Joe Micallef who prepared the BBQ trailer—towed it out to the Cotter and back and then cleaned it ready for the next outing.

Thank you to all of you and those who just turned up—you all made our visitors feel welcome. You have done the club proud. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

And thank you Chris Berry for being the organiser.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another year has passed and we have seen another AGM dealt with. It has been an honour for me to have had the privilege of representing this club as its President over the past twelve months and over that time I have been assisted by a knowledgeable and energetic committee. Without the effort put in by the committee we would not have had the successes throughout the year which we have all benefited from.



Sadly there have been losses during the year and it is at these times when the comradeship of our members comes to the fore. On a happier side of things there have been many new faces taking up membership and it is to be hoped during the next twelve months will see a renewed interest not only in the social activity of the club but an increased input into the more mundane functions which all clubs must face.

With the support of the committee for the forthcoming year which includes new faces and old I look forward to a year of motoring pleasure and fellowship of likeminded people.

Pam & John Senior

Story pages 30-31—these were the drivers.



OCTOBER MONTHLY RUN - 15th October to Yass

Brett tells me he counted 24 cars at Coleman Court at the start of the run. So I must have made 25 as I left later and headed down the Barton Highway. So about 37 at lunch at the Soldiers Club. What a good turnout.



It was a bit hard to get pictures of the cars at Yass as they were scattered about. Here are the rear ends of the Garrett Hudson, Thwaites' 1954 Daimler and my HR Holden

Charlie Adams' Studebaker and President John and Pam Senior's Humber Super Snipe



One of the lunch tables with Graham and Ellen Waite nearest the camera.



New Events Committee Member Richard Thwaites and his wife Dilber.

Another view of that table with Graham Gittins nearest the camera.



Another table, below, with another new Events Committee member Ian Hooley on the left.



If anyone took photos of the cars at Coleman Court, can you send me some please. I'll put them on file for showing at Presentation Night.

VALE EILEEN LISTON AND JAN WYATT

Our club has lost 2 lovely ladies and I would like to share some of my memories of Eileen Liston and Jan Wyatt.

Eileen has been a support to Vin for many years hosting meetings at their house. When Alec was new in the club he talked about the lovely host that she was and her home cooking. Eileen and Vin also had the Colonial Committee working at their place over many years. She always made the men a lovely supper or afternoon tea. Eileen took a keen interest in all club members and their families and she loved to chat at the events. She asked about and took an interest in the various grandchildren and enjoyed looking at the photos we brought for her to admire.

One of my first memories of Eileen was her taking her aunts shopping and looking after them. Eileen loved her church family and as the priest said during her funeral, she would chat in the aisle on her way out after mass. Eileen talked about the lovely roasts that John cooked for her for Sunday lunch after church. John also cooked some meals for her when she was in Calvary, bringing them in via the esky to keep them hot. He would set up and serve them for her. She was really proud of John.

Eileen struggled with bad health for the last few years of her life and her care from Vin and John is to be admired.

Jan and David joined the club and took on roles with the various committees. Jan was a great support to David when he was president. She took on and loved her role with the events committee. I am sure this is what kept her going so long.

Alec and I would sometimes meet Jan and David in Woollies at Southlands. Jan would have goodies in the trolley ready for the next events. Irene Berry told me that on some of the trips Jan would be shopping around looking for special things for raffles. Her events role was always at the front of her mind.

Even when Jan was just out of hospital she would come to meetings and would struggle with events reports. She was always there at the table selling raffle tickets. The raffles that she put together for the Christmas by the Lake and the Chicken and Champagne were very popular. She was a strong and gutsy lady who fought her illness with dignity. I have lovely memories of her sitting at the card table by the lake welcoming people as they arrived

Jan was supported and cared for by David, Daniel, Petra and Simone so lovingly.

We will all miss these two lovely ladies.
Anne McKernan

From the Editor

Eileen and Vin Liston might not have been foundation members but they joined the CACMC soon after. My earliest memories of Eileen were being spoken to at events when we first joined the club. Eileen and Ursula Edmonds were always welcoming which was wonderful because Bill would wander off to talk about cars!

Then when I became Editor, the prepared Colonial was delivered to Vin at home and there was always a cup of tea, piece of cake and chat before the drive home again.

Here are a few pictures I found from the digital days.

Right: On a Morris Owners Group run in Nov 2008



Below right: at lunch at Koonaburra Winery in 2010



Left: Probably the only award Eileen ever got. Special Commendation in 2009: Eileen Liston, support to the Publishing Committee for over 35 years.

VALE JAN WYATT Cont

The Wyatts joined the Cub in December 2006. Daniel became President in September 2007 and the whole family was involved after that. Daniel was Events Director in 2009 and then President again in 2010 which is when Jan and David became Events Directors.

Right: Lunch at Koonaburra Winery in 2010.

The Wyatts were completely taken by surprise by their Special Commendation which had been kept secret by a small part of the committee. August 2012



Jan presenting Vin with the Events award in 2012.



Below: On the Snowy Rally in 2012.



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Please see note on page 33 about this research project.



INFORMATION SHEET

The Information Practices of Enthusiast Car Restorers

WHO IS DOING THE RESEARCH?

My name is Dr Michael Olsson and I am an academic at UTS.

WHAT IS THIS RESEARCH ABOUT?

This research is to explore the information practices of car enthusiasts engaged in the restoration of their classic car. It will examine how they acquire the knowledge and the practical skills needed to restore their vehicle.

IF I SAY YES, WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE?

I will invite you to:

- *participate in a 60-90 minute semi-structured interview that will be audio-recorded and transcribed*
- *in some cases, be the subject of participant observation during the course of an already planned session of working on your car (1-3 hours)*

ARE THERE ANY RISKS/INCONVENIENCE?

There are very few if any risks because the research has been carefully designed. However, it is possible that that were it to become known you possess a valuable collection of classic cars, that this might slightly increase the risk of damage or theft. For this reason all material relating to the research will identify you only by a pseudonym.

WHY HAVE I BEEN ASKED?

You are able to give me the information I need to find out about as you have identified yourself as a car enthusiast with experience of undertaking the mechanical or cosmetic restoration of your classic car/s.

DO I HAVE TO SAY YES?

You don't have to say yes.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I SAY NO?

Nothing. I will thank you for your time so far and won't contact you about this research again.

IF I SAY YES, CAN I CHANGE MY MIND LATER?

You can change your mind at any time and you don't have to say why. I will thank you for your time so far and won't contact you about this research again.

WHAT IF I HAVE CONCERNS OR A COMPLAINT?

If you have concerns about the research that you think I can help you with, please feel free to contact me on 0403 951 072 or via email at Michael.Olsson@uts.edu.au

If you would like to talk to someone who is not connected with the research, you may contact the Research Ethics Officer via Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au, and quote this number ETH16-0417

ACT MOTOR CLUBS EVENT—SUNDAY 12 NOV 2017

Marques in the Park is Canberra's spring time motoring display run by the American Car Club in conjunction with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. After its inception in 2003, the event has grown from 200 to nearly 800 vehicles.

Marques in the Park will be held on Sunday the 12th of November, 2017.

Marques in the Park is a community based family event bringing motoring enthusiasts together for a fun day out.

The event is all encompassing:

All makes and models of cars · Young and Old · People and Cars · Street Cars to Street Machines · Motorcycles to Scooters · Rusty to Restored · Street Hacks to Show Cars · Push Bikes to Drag Cars · Bog Stock to Hot Rod · Primers to Candies · Vintage Caravans to Transporters.

Event Details: Sunday the 12th of November, 2017

- The display commences at 9.00am and runs until 3.00pm
- John Knight Memorial Park beside Lake Ginninderra, Belconnen
- Access is from Aikman Drive, 150m north of Emu Bank
- Entry is FREE for participants and spectators (Gold coin donation to charity)
- Hundreds of exhibits
- Vehicles from every continent and motoring nation
- Most ACT motoring clubs will be in attendance
- Food and drink stalls
- Trade stalls for motoring enthusiasts
- Event sponsor: Shannons Insurance



CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2017-18

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Nov 12	 Steve 0418624599	Marques in the Park, John Knight Park Belconnen This is a Council of ACT Motor Clubs display day for all Clubs. See pages 20-21. Our display area is down near the lake so when you come in turn left. Our BBQ trailer will not be there, please support the food and coffee outlets on site.
Nov 12	Brett Goyne 0423089429	Modernist Market Day, ANU 10 am—4 pm. Brett needs 6-12 late 40s, 50s, 60s and early 70s cars for a CACMC-only car display. This is because the Modernist theme focuses on mid-20th Century. Location: front lawns University House, Balmain Cres, ANU. Stalls: vintage clothing, jewellery, books, homewares, food vendors, vintage hair and makeup and more.
Tuesday Dec 12	Jack Press 0400028058 6286 3424	At the lake (LBG) on Alexandrina Drive near car park for YMCA Sailing Club. Free BBQ—the Club will provide sausages, fried onions, bread, sauces. Tea and Coffee and Christmas cake. Christmas raffle. This is in place of the monthly meeting. RSVP please by Sunday 10 December to Jack Press or Brett Goyne. Or put your name down at the November meeting.

JUST A FEW MORE EXTRA EVENTS

24-26 November Classic Car event at Young
www.classiccars.org.au

26 Nov Lions Club swap meet at Wangaratta Showground, Evans St, 6 am to 4 pm.

2 Dec Cherry Festival at Young. Display your vehicle in the Town Hall car park (9 am to 2.30 pm) and participate in the parade.

26 Jan 2018 Wombat Australia Day celebration—Stalls, street parade, car and tractor display. 11 am to 2 pm at Wombat Sportsground.

25-27 May 42nd Historic Winton Raceway at Winton Raceway, near Benalla.

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2017-18

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
4 Nov	Geoff Hall 0408 382 538	Radford College Twilight Fete classic and sports car show 2.30pm—7.00pm Register at radfordcarshow@gmail.com
4-10 Nov		The Tasmania Classic for sporting and classic cars. Grahame Crocket is attending in his Alfa Romeo.
10-11 Nov		The Ford Coupe Club of Australia Hardtop Anniversary 2017 in Bathurst Website: www.fordcoupeclub.org
18-19 Nov		Bendigo Swap Meet
19 Nov	John Senior 0417 381 856 	Taralga Vintage farm Machinery Rally. The Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery 13'th Annual Rally is being held at the Taralga Showground on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November 2017. If you're interested in this extra run, contact (President) John Senior, who is planning to leave for a run around 8.30 am for a quick run up the highway to Taralga.
25-26 Nov		3 Big car events Queanbeyan Swap Meet Big 3 Car Show 10 am—2.30 pm American Car Nationals See page 37.
25 Nov		
26 Nov		
25 Nov	Ian McMurdo 0419 147 099	2017 Goulburn Car and Motor Show at Poidevin Oval, Addison Street. Entry fee \$20 per vehicle. Lots of trophies. Proceeds to Can Assist and the Goulburn Rugby Club.
3 Dec		Terribly British Day at Queanbeyan Park See page 32.
7 Jan 2018		Summernats will be held at EPIC 4-7 January
26 Jan 2018	03 9890 0524	Shannons Aussie Classic Car Show at Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Avenue, Yarra Glen. Entry fee \$15. www.aomc.asn.au/aussiecarshow2018

Our Capricorn Birdie Deluxe Caravan—Saved from the Grave

A Brief History. Capricorn Caravans, East Bentleigh Victoria.

In 1950 Joe Postner decided that he had enough of living conditions in the Communist controlled Czechoslovakia and chose Australia for his new home. He arrived here with nothing but the princely sum of 5 pound in his pocket and the knowledge of his trade as a cabinet maker.

Joe's first job in Australia was with Dick Thickers at Highway Caravans. After gaining valuable experience and knowledge of the caravan industry, in 1962 he and 3 of his Italian friends, Messrs. Piccioni, Palmarini and Kansi got together and founded the Capricorn Caravan. The business flourished and a move to bigger premises in Dandenong became necessary. When Mr Kansi decided to return to Europe, the other partners decided to go their separate ways and Mr Piccioni retained the firm's name of Capricorn. Joe Postner later opened another factory at Moorabbin and manufactured Cambridge and Islander Caravans.

Joe & Maureen's Restoration story

Maureen saw the Capricorn on Gumtree and liked it because it resembled the van we used on our Honeymoon. From the photos and description the van appeared fine for the \$1500. So we purchased it. We collected it from Warrnambool (not exactly across the road!!). The seller lived in Portland and said he would deliver the van to his mate's caravan park in Warrnambool to save us a few kilometres. We took 2 days to get there because we travelled along the Great Ocean Road to take in the sights and arrived in Warrnambool in the afternoon. The Proprietor of the caravan park knew nothing about the caravan nor the person who "dumped" it there, so he reported it to the Police as a dumped abandoned van (a very apt description).

We convinced the proprietor we had paid for the van (he had a "WHY" look on his face. Mind you, Maureen and I asked ourselves the same question when we looked inside the van. The Gumtree add said "**12'6" Capricorn Caravan**, 3 Berth with one Queen size bed and one single, Small kitchen with Fridge, Stove and Sink, Very Clean Condition for age, Roof has been sealed, does not leak, New Wheel Bearings and Light Truck Tyres, New Towing Lights, newly registered with 12 months Rego. Tows very well, Nice and light. Well you can't let the truth get in the way of a good story, Hey!!

The van smelt putrid. We intended to sleep in it on the way home. Having parted with our money and the vendor having taken off, we had no option but to take it home.

We hooked up and after rewiring the lights we were homeward bound. We were both furious and felt so stupid that we had trusted the honesty of the vendor. Well yes we were dumb to do it, and were upset we had been duped. Needless to say - it will not happen again.

The road homeward. The van was very light (only because all the original cupboards had been removed. Much to be said about creative photography in the ad).

We travelled along the highway and nearing Ballarat, I happened to look at the left mirror. Oh gosh! (cleaned up for the readers), the left side of the van appeared to be moving in and out. I immediately stopped to inspect what was going on. The bottom of the wall had detached itself from the chassis. What to do now? We decided to slowly drive on to Ballarat where we checked into a cabin at the caravan park. I went to Bunnings and purchased some angle brackets and tek-screws. Lucky I had my tools with me. I screwed the brackets to the floor and wall. Next morning we headed off and had an uneventful trip home. Unbeknown to us bits of timber from the lower van walls were leaving a trail along the highway. We arrived home and we parked the van in our backyard. I did not go near the damn thing for a month.

The Restoration. I removed the lower aluminium wall panel to reveal timber leprosy in its most advanced form. I will now let the photos tell the rest of the story. Did we do the right thing restoring it? Yes and No! Yes because we saved a bit of caravanning history and are very pleased with the result and now can tow it behind one of our cars. No because it cost a good deal to do it.



Looks ok as we purchased it but close inspection shows many dents.



Wood leprosy



Ah! The Queen Size bed – you have to be kidding!!

That bit of rusted metal is welded to the chassis and originally held up the wall



I wonder why the wall bowed out? I guess the holes drilled through the frame for wiring had something to do with it!!

Chassis was in reasonable condition



Kitchen cabinet carcass was reused

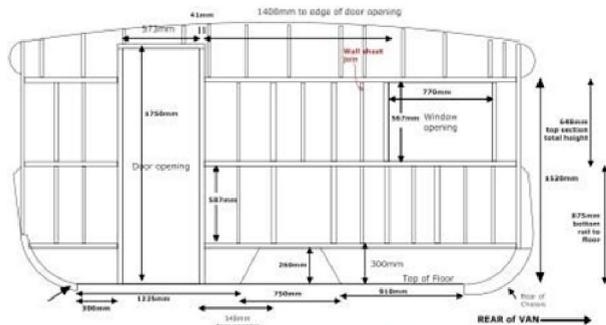


Hmmm! Decal says Insulated BUT No insulation found!!

The Restoration Begins

First thing I did was measure everything and draw up plans.

CAPRICORN CARAVAN
LH SIDE WALL





Chassis cleaned and painted and new wall supports made and fitted.

Electric brakes fitted



New floor and repaired mud guards.



New frame built using Meranti timber



New walls lined with 3mm ply.



Now it is fully insulated!!
By Maureen



Cupboards rebuilt as original and seats made.



New decals add the finishing touch.



Roof and wall cladding fitted.



The lady's touch by Maureen

Soft furnishing and cross stitch by Maureen



Awning by Max Deoliver

Weight of finished caravan with gas bottle 820 kg

Elapsed restoration duration 3 years. Cost—too much!!

Front cover all finished and our first outing behind our Austin 1800 utility.

THE END....Joe & Maureen Vavra



Riverland Car Club treated to a tour and lunch

The Riverland Car Club advised the Club they would be visiting Canberra late in September and would like to meet club members and see their cars.

Events Committee member, Chris Berry was tasked with making the necessary arrangements to show the visitors the Canberra sites and treat them to a club BBQ at the Cotter.

The Riverland club had eighteen people on their tour. The club does not have one central location but is spread around an area taking in Renmark, Loxton, Waikerie and other towns in the area.

Nine Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club members and their club vehicles volunteered to meet the visitors at Eagle Hawk Caravan Park, and take them for a trip around some of Canberra's sites before arriving at the Cotter recreational reserve where another group of club members were busy preparing a BBQ lunch.

The visitors were welcomed with a cup of tea, coffee or soft drink and homemade slice.

Salads, knives and forks, serviettes were laid out ready for the drivers and visitors.

The club BBQ trailer hot plate was readied to cook pieces of steak and 100 sausages. While Liz Micallef, Irene Berry and Heather Gittins were busy buttering bread and setting plates on the picnic tables. Vin Liston (*overseer*) was also kept busy locating the various implements stored in the trailer for the volunteers.

Lunch was eagerly awaited by the visitors and the master cooks Joe Micallef and Graham Gittins were kept busy at the BBQ hot plate.

After lunch Chris formally welcomed the Riverland club members and was presented with a commemorative plaque by President Warren May. Our club's nine drivers were presented with small packs of fruits from the Riverland.

The visiting club members were very appreciative of our hospitality having not experienced anything like it during their travels. It was soon for the visitors to be taken back to their accommodation via a scenic route.

Well-done club members, particularly Chris and Irene Berry who did the hard yards to make the day a great success.

Club members who were involved in the event were:

- Chris Irene Berry
- Joe and Liz Micallef
- Graham and Heather Gittins
- Vin Liston
- Helen Phillips
- Bob Alexander
- Ray and Anne Gallagher #
- Bob and Dana Garrett #
- George and Aileen Sturgess #
- Charlie Adams #
- Phillip Smith #
- Michael Toole #
- Lee Gaynor and Pat #
- Eddie & Jo Grima #
- Graham Bigg & Dulcie Berry #



Thanks to Graham Gittins

Members who provided transport for the visiting Club.



Maybe I'll fit some more pictures in next month. Ed.

SEEKING INFORMATION ON MY OLD MODEL A FORD. I sold my 1928 Model A Phaeton many years ago. (late seventies/ early eighties) It was painted Arabian Sand with black guards. It had what I think was a Calormeter Brand motormeter, with pivotal pointer. Engine Number was CA17527. It had whitewall tyres back then. I would love to know where it is now, and that it is still going strong. Please call Albert Neuss on 0417 176225 or Ian Irwin on 0413 582687 or email eleanor.11@bigpond.com



Photo of car taken in 1978 is attached.

NEW BOOKS IN CACMC LIBRARY

See page 44.

Survey on how car restorers acquire their skills

Dear Editor,

I've been asked to pass on an invitation for CACMC members to participate in a research project about how classic car restorers acquire the necessary skills.

A researcher at the University of Technology (Sydney) intends to visit Canberra to interview a range of classic car restorers, at some point. I don't know the researcher personally, but it seems the project might be relevant to decisions about what kinds of training courses should be available in future.

An information sheet about the research project is attached, with phone and email contacts for any CACMC members who might be interested in participating.

Richard Thwaites (Events Committee Member)

THE 1928-1931 FORD ASSEMBLY PLANTS AND THEIR PRODUCTION OF THE MODEL A FORD "PASSENGER CARS" ... PART 1. By Steve Charles Plucker

Part 1, of a 3-part series of books about the Model A/AA Ford Assembly Plants and their production numbers is now available. Part 1 will be about the Model A Passenger Cars; Part 2 will be about the Model A Ford Commercial vehicles; and Part 3 will be about the Model AA Ford Trucks.

You can purchase Part 1 for just \$25.00 by cheque (USA only). Foreign \$30.00. Steve C Plucker, 9020 Lyons Ferry Road, Prescott, WA 99348.

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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.)

I'm in the process of restoring a **DA Dodge sedan** 4 door, I am desperately chasing a cab/shell. Doors are probably not the concern, however would be nice. Within your club, is there anyone who would have a contact or item. Year 1929-30 cab/shell, I have the rest. Im located in Brisbane but travelling is not the issue, and condition/rust doesn't worry me. Thanks for your time, cheers Jason 0478786116

For Sale - 1980 Leyland Moke Californian

4 seater convertible, beautifully cared for, new canopy, new upholstery front seats, original leather backseats, paint restored in original colour (excluding interior and engine bay), 1275CC engine, around 51,500 km. Only a handful in Canberra. Bought from Melbourne mini lover in 2005, this standard Californian Moke, has original motor, wing mirrors, radio, highly effective heater, full service by NRMA in December 2016 including brakes overhaul, 2 new tyres, new drive belt, rocker cover gasket replaced, 40 point safety check, since driven about 400km to keep her running, owner passed away. \$24,300. All proceeds to The New Literacy Programme to support volunteer workers. Contacts :- Kate 0419485289 (Anytime) or Michael 0499324776 (A H or Weekend)



Information wanted—Starter motor

Hi. I have an 1950 International BTD 6 bulldozer. It has been starting recently but now will not turn over. I want to take off the starter motor and get someone to look at it or test it. Do you know anyone who does this for old starter motors like this one. Miles Pearson Mobile 0437 280 982

4 German Borbet mag wheels. Suit an Alfa Romeo Alfetta GTV 2.0 and might suit other cars. They are four stud, five spoke 7x15 rims with no scratches or kerb rash. \$900 negotiable. Contact Grahame Crocket on 0439 732 107 or email: grahame.crocket@outlook.com



The demise of Holden

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/video/2017/oct/20/holden-a-look-back-at-seven-decades-of-making-australias-own-car-video>

Thanks to Graham Gittins

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I have an **EK Holden** for sale (YMP 976) that was pensioned off with timing gear problem about 17 years ago. Since then it has been garaged in Numeralla pending restoration. Life got in the way and the restoration did not go ahead. I can be contacted by phone on 62549476 or email: ge538704@bigpond.net.au Graeme Evans.

Hillman parts - My name is Peter McGrath I have been building a 1956 Hillman ute. Wondering if you can put me in touch with anyone who has parts. Thank you kindly for your help. Peter 0478 717 886
Email: peterandmelinda@netspace.net.au

1934 CA Chrysler, older restoration, 6 wheel equipment, 6 cylinder flat top engine, highway diff, 12 volt, radial tyres, great touring car, tidy interior, \$26,000 ono. Please email Mark for photos
Email: jems.fam@bigpond.net.au

1977 MGB Roadster, Midnight Blue, Club rego, Rover 3.5 litre, 5 speed gearbox, soft top and tonneau cover. Manual, American Convertible by MG Workshops, Melbourne.
Please contact Helen Brown on mobile
0411 527 254.



WANTED

Wanted to purchase 1/12 inch twin SU carbs to suit 1955 MG ZA Magnette 1622cc engine. Graham Gittins Email: gittins@iinet.net.au

WANTED

Desperately needed for 1930 Series "S" Hupmobile Sedan: Front brakes assembly. These are the Midland Steeldraulic type, actuated by cables and rods. A number of 1920s and 30s cars had similar braking systems. Any assistance with locating a set, hints, loans, etc would be very much appreciated as this is the only outstanding registration inspection failure. Please phone Michael on 0402 756 454 or 0420 485 622.

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EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2018		
DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
26 Jan 2018		Australia Day Carnivale 2017 in Parramatta Park.
4 March		Wheels car show. Venue to be advised.
15 March		ACT Seniors Week Expo
8 April		Auto Italia Black Mountain Peninsula
30 Mar- 2 Apr 2018	Laraine 6949 1786	Council of Heritage Motor Clubs Easter Rally 2018 at Narrabri hosted by Namoi Valley Antique Vehicle Club open to pre 1988 vehicles. Entry \$120. Entries close 31 January

Details of the 2020 AHMF National Motoring Tour announced

The Australian Historic Motoring Federation has announced details of the 2020 AHMF National Tour. Tour headquarters will be centred on the Albury/Wodonga area from Saturday 28 March to 4 April 2020.

The Tour will be the first national tour since the successful Canberra based tour held in 2001. Venues have been selected and daily tours are well into the planning stage.

State and Territory Councils affiliated with AHMF are developing routes and itineraries to get entrants to Albury/Wodonga.

On arrival at the tour headquarters entrants will be invited to attend a cocktail welcome evening and open day, vehicle displays and a week of touring days around the region, concluding with a gala farewell dinner will form part of the program.

The tour is being promoted internationally and is open to all historic vehicles who are welcome and encouraged to attend.

There will be routes to suit vehicles of all eras - veteran, vintage, classic, motorcycles, tractors, steamrollers, stationery machinery, lady drivers and historic caravans. Further information as it comes to hand.

The Council of ACT Motor Clubs is seeking **Expressions of Interest** from affiliated clubs interested in participating in the 2020 AHMF National Motoring Tour.

Please advise Council's publicity officer by email at gittins@iinet.net.au of your clubs intention to participate in the event.

Guidelines for the use of ACT Concessionally Registered Vehicles

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

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

Bob Alexander phone 0417 880 064
or by email: rjacgs@hotmail.com

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 it 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.

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

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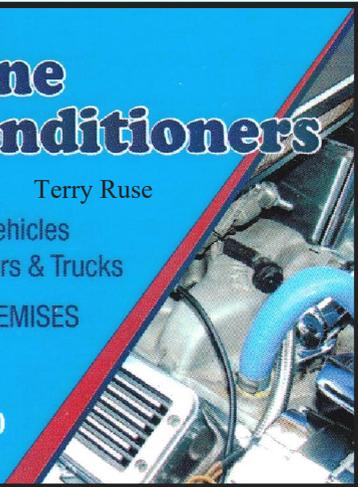
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3 Big Car Events - 25 & 26 November 2017 Queanbeyan Showground

The BIG 3 Car Show, Saturday 25 November 2017

The Big 3 Car Show is open to ALL makes and models of Ford, GM and Chrysler vehicles. Owners are invited to come and display their cars in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Based on previous events we expect to draw a large number of vehicles for an excellent representation of Ford, GM and Chrysler motor vehicle.

There will be plenty of action all weekend at the Queanbeyan Showground. Sunday will feature the American Car Nationals and the Queanbeyan Swap Meet will run on both Saturday and Sunday.

American Car Nationals, Sunday 26 November 2017

The American Car Nationals is a celebration of American automobiles. Established in 1991 the event brings together a huge variety of American Cars from all over Eastern Australia and draws a large number of spectators. We encourage all people with an American automobile to come to the Queanbeyan Showground on 26 November and enjoy this family friendly event. Over 20 trophies will be on offer.

Both days

Entrant's cars can enter the showground display area from 8:00am. Judging commences at 10:30am. Car show entry \$4 per person. No additional cost to enter your car in the show. **Pre entry not required, just enter on the day.**

General Public entry to all events is \$4 per person per day. Children under 14 free.

For more info: Phone: 0413 447 855

Email: gbn@hotmail.com.au

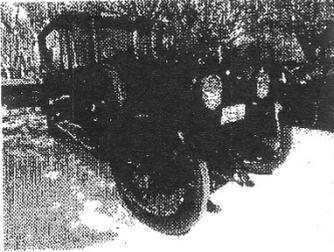
Postal Address: **American Car Nationals, PO Box 460, Queanbeyan NSW 2620**

Queanbeyan Swap Meet Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 November 17

Swap Meet sites (6 x 6 metres) \$20 per day. Site set-up is from midday Friday, Gates open to buyers 6.00 am Saturday and 8.00 am Sunday. To book your site(s) download and complete the booking form and send with your payment to: Queanbeyan Swap-Meet, PO Box 460, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or ring with your credit card details.

For more info please phone **0427 267 927 (042QBNSWAP)**

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Here is the list of books that Norm Brennan donated to the library.

1. Jaguar XJ6 & Sovereign Workshop Manual 1986 to 1994
2. Morris Minor Series MM & II Workshop Manual
3. Kimberly Tasman X6 Mk1 &II Workshop Manual
4. Rover 2000 TC 1963 Workshop Manual
5. Morris/Austin 1800 Mk I & Mk II Workshop Manual
6. Triumph TR7 Workshop Manual
7. Magna TN Series 1987 - 1989 service & repair manual
8. Fiat 125 and 125S from 1967 workshop Manual
9. Saab 99 1969 to 1976 Owners Workshop Manual
10. Renault 12 Workshop Manual
11. Renault R8 and R10 Workshop Manual
12. Datsun 160B - 180B 1972 to 1976 Workshop Manual
13. Datsun 160B - 180B 1972 to 1977 Service Repair Manual

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TERRIBLY BRITISH DAY

When: Sunday 3 December 2017

Where: Queanbeyan Park

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm

Entry: Gold Coin to Cancer Support Group
Eden/ Monaro

2017 celebrates the 42th anniversary of Terribly British Day which makes it one of the oldest car events in the ACT.

Terribly British Day is co-organised by the Triumph Car Club of the ACT, Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club (STHARC), the Rolls Royce Club Australia (ACT Branch) and the British Marque clubs in Canberra and region and is supported by NRMA Veteran, Vintage and Classic Insurance, and Shannons Insurance.

For further information contact Horst Kirchner
at:

horstkirchner@grapevine.com.au