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CACMC LEGACY LUNCH

For more than a quarter of a century club member Alec McKernan has organised the annual BBQ lunch for the War Widows and Legacy Ladies.

This year's lunch was held on Tuesday 15 October at Legacy House in Deakin

Six club members attended and the ladies were taken for a drive around some of the newer suburbs of Canberra, before sitting down to a BBQ sausages, meat patties, corn on the cob and salad lunch.

A most enjoyable day was had by the ladies and the club members, Alec McKernan, Ray Gallagher, Graham Bigg, Vin Liston, Ian Hooley and Graham Gittins.

Thanks Graham



EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles for this month. Especially chasing those who have won an award in the last couple of years and still haven't told us about their car.

Apologies, I have had to hold over: Graham's report on the Brabham documentary; Historic and Classic Vehicle Log Book Trial becoming permanent in NSW; Digital licences being trialled in NSW. How not to repair body panels from Michael Catanzariti.



Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 1st November and 6th December.

Sandwich lunch 12 noon at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.

Friday 15th November a picnic on Lake Ginninderra at Diddams

Close Park off Ginninderra Drive. Turn off Ginninderra Drive in to Diddams Close and then turn RIGHT at the T Junction. The picnic area is about 600 m along and offers good parking, shade, new ramp accessible toilets, BBQs and limited seating. BYO food and drinks (and seating if possible).

Contact is Graham Bigg on 6181 8982

Friday 20 December—No lunch as it is too close to Christmas.

January dates TBA in the next Colonial. Third Friday lunch will most likely be indoors to avoid the heat and school holiday crowds.

A longer drive for lunch—last Thursday of the month. Meet at the McDonald car park in Queanbeyan at 10.00am for 10.30 am departure to travel along the Sutton Road to Sutton Bakery for morning tea or coffee. Thence to Gundaroo for a pizza lunch. Grahame Crocket 0439 732 107.

Keep Well

To all those members battling ill health, please get well soon. Please contact the Secretary and let him know of any member not well, or having a special birthday or about the death of any member.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of former member Peter "Flash" Flanagan who passed away on 18th October.

Next month we will run a tribute to the late Aileen Sturgess.

Canberra Swap Meet

The Club will again have a stall at the Canberra Swap on 3rd November.

Helpers will be needed to spend some time manning the stall. The CACMC stall is located in the Fitzroy Pavilion down the end near the kitchen and female toilets. Co-ordinator is Joe Micallef 0414 402 275.

THERE IS NO JANUARY Colonial so remember to get any advertising for January in the December-January issue.

See you Tuesday. Cheers, Helen

DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING - 8 OCTOBER 2019

Attendance

Members 45
Visitors Nil
Apologies 6

Welcome

President John senior welcomed members to the October meeting and requested all to stand for a minutes silence in memory of Aileen Sturgess.

Guest Speaker

Vice President Graham Waite introduced the guest speaker John Carberry who spoke about the Australian economy and aged care.

Presentation

The President asked John De La Torre to come forward to receive his OBE, over bloody eighty medal, certificate and label badge.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the September 2019 Minutes were confirmed without amendment. There was no business arising from the Minutes
Moved Graham Gittins Seconded John De La Torre Carried

Correspondence David Fox

Newsletters x 2

Milton, Ulladulla

CBA Letter re Term deposit - given to Gail Boate

Email

Magazines via email: Country Motor, Cootamundra, Model A, Tappet Chatter

Email from Janice Fordyce: Just advising that will be attending the Bay to Birdwood rally in their Prince Skyline rego 2115.

OUT

Helen P sent a Sympathy Card to George Sturgess

Moved David Fox Seconded Joe Micallef Carried

Reports - President

John Senior advised of a new member Nicholas Quinn.

That the President's run was a great success

David Wyatt is in hospital with pneumonia.

Vice President Graham Waite

Lauren McQueen from Volunteering ACT will be November guest speaker

Lucky Badge Draw Ticket #42 Sue Davis

Last Club Run #12 Malcolm Noad

Treasurers Report Gail Boate

The Treasurer presented her first report to the general meeting and advised that the bank account signatures needed to be changed following the election of office bearers. The printed report of Income and expenditure for the month was available on the table.

Moved Gail Boate Seconded Bob Judd Carried

Editor - Helen Phillips

Need a car story for November edition

Events Director

Richard Thwaites reported they are running the Events Committee as a collective rather than a dictatorship. The next three months are sorted and have sketched plans till October 2020. Would like to hear from members for ideas on runs for mid-year 2020. Richard will represent Events at Committee meetings as he will be there anyway.

October 12 Saturday run Ian Hooley is organising a visit to Scrivener Dam and Majura solar farm. Meet at the dam not later than 9.30am. 10.00am depart for solar farm. Lunch at Poppy's café Australian War Memorial

November 17 Marques in the Park - John Knight Park Belconnen. Brian Ely is the contact.

December 11 BBQ by the lake - Malcolm Noad coordinating

January 19 chicken and bubbly.

March 1 Wheels

Sue Davis - Grahame is in Brisbane - five cars enrolled for November 2019 South Coast tour. Monique Island to see the penguins \$110 per person.

Raffle

Ticket #15 Graham Waite

Supper Coordinator Virginia Paterson

All is well—handed round the sheet for members to volunteer for next year's suppers.

Registrar Bob Alexander

Eleven vehicles inspected.

Membership Secretary Richard Thwaites

248 members on the roll, including 15 life members and 96 single memberships and 138 family memberships - a total of 386 people with member entitlement.

Shop Manager – Norm Brennan

Usual merchandise for sale including club shirts, 50th Anniversary badges and Membership Register.

Information officer Bob Garrett

Magazines and for sales on table. John Flower organiser of Australia Day CARNivale has been in contact asking for more cars to attend in 2020. Bob had details of a Jaguar for sale.

Librarian Alan Boate

Nothing to report—doing the handover.

Council of ACT Motor Clubs Report – Graham Gittins

19 September 2019 Council Meeting

President Mark Saunders has had informal talks with National Museum of Australia about taking over control of the piecart. Some interest and further investigation to be undertaken with NMA and Canberra Museum And Gallery. Little activity on the Australian Historic Motoring Federation.

Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs were meeting in late September.

Marques in the Park planning is progressing. 17 November 19

Finances are healthy - \$8,173.45 in cheque Account.

AGM on 17 Oct 19

Several events were notified. All now over.

Publishing Committee—Dave Byers

All OK

Webmaster Richard Thwaites

CRS guidelines are on the website for members' reference. Preparing to update these to the latest version issued by ACT Council of Motor Clubs in 2018.

General Business**Graham Gittins**

National Museum of Australia premier screening of the film Brabham on Tuesday 22 October 6. 7.30pm Tickets available on line

Special Council of ACT Motor Clubs Communique published announcing the NSW 60 day scheme is now in operation from 1 October 2019.

Graham Moore

Needs 8" windscreen wiper blades

Mark Butterfield

Received an invitation from the Vintage Railway Society to provide cars for an open day – passed to events committee.

Joe Micallef

Canberra Swap Meet on 2 November Club will have a stall and donated goods from Alec McKernan and the late Phil Donoghoe

Alec McKernan

Informed the meeting he has onset dementia but will continue to inspect cars

George Sturgess

Thanked all those members who attended Aileen's funeral. Greatly appreciated.

John De La Torre

Who can re-gas his Honda car air conditioning? See Waine.

John Senior

Fourth weekend of November is the airing of the quilts display main street of Braidwood. John advised that his daughter has purchased the Braidwood quilt Shop.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Graham Gittins

Minute Secretary

October speaker John Carberry with President John Senior



John de la Torre received his OBE from John Senior.

OCTOBER CLUB RUN—SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019

Ian Hooley Organiser

A semi-technical treat was had by around 35 members of the Club when a trip organised by club member Ian Hooley, took place on Saturday 12 October.

Ian, who is still a practising engineer, assembled the group at the Scrivener Dam, which holds water from the Molonglo River to form Lake Burley Griffin. It was here that in 1979 Ian, a relatively young engineer, having recently graduated from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, and then working for the Department of Works in Canberra, was instructed to investigate unstable safety hand-railing around the Scrivener Dam lookout platform. Decades later, by which time he was running his own engineering consulting practice, he was commissioned by Sunwater Ltd, the maintenance group responsible for maintenance of Scrivener Dam and many other water management resources in Australia (mainly in Queensland where Ian has also undertaken some other innovative dam facility remedial design work), to design and carry out modifications to the rattling, defective and failing hatch covers on the road bridge over the dam which some of his superiors had unsuccessfully attempted to rectify decades earlier.

Over a number of years, Ian was also subsequently commissioned to carry out work related to various other aspects of the dam. These included significant and innovative remediation work *in* the ram pits, complete redesign for greatly improved grated covers *over* the ram pits, and a highly innovative 'sliding shield' system that prevents anyone from accidentally falling *into* the ram pits and requiring no manual intervention (as was previously necessary) when the flap gates are being operated. He also designed a convenient, light-weight access hatch cage to safely facilitate work within the roadway hatches when required, and has devised solutions to several other aspects of this iconic but often overlooked important piece of Canberra's engineering infrastructure.

About 20 booklets compiled by Ian, each showing large photographs, engineering drawings or tabulated data about one or two aspects of the work that has been done at the dam were circulated amongst those present as he gave a potted history of the various Workscopes that had been carried out at the dam over the decades. Someone even suggested that because of the extensive amounts of work Ian had carried out on the dam that it should be re-named the Scrivener-Hooley Dam!

From Scrivener Dam we journeyed to the Majura Solar farm where we were met by Ben Murphy (an electrician, teacher and proprietor of Global Energy Training Solutions) who walked us through all of the key aspects of the farm, clearly describing how things worked and enthusiastically extolling the benefits of solar power?

The farm is one of the smaller facilities in the ACT, and is capable of powering around 600 average homes.

We were fascinated to see how the solar panels, in sets of 16, track the sun in one degree increments about every five minutes.

Ben explained how the installation was financed, commissioned and constructed, how shadows and accretions such as bird droppings affect the efficiency of the system, how the photovoltaic panels are cleaned, how the power generated is managed and how the entire system functions. He also answered many questions from members of the group on a vast range of aspects of solar and wind power generation and related matters.

From Majura Solar Farm, almost all participants travelled to the Australian War Memorial for lunch at Poppy's café, where further discussion took place on the mornings events and some of the group further perused the booklets that Ian had circulated earlier.

This activity proved to be very successful, and attracted one of the largest contingents of new and long serving club members to attend such an outing in recent times. The consensus was that all participants enjoyed the event and look forward to other such interesting runs being organised by the newly expanded events committee.

Thanks to Graham Gittins and Ian Hooley

Just a few of the cars present



Members at Scrivener Dam



Gathered at the gate of Majura solar farm for induction. Not enough hi vis vests to go round.



Ben explaining the inverters

View of the many panels



PRESIDENT'S RUN—SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

Twenty members participated in the annual President's Run event in beautiful weather on Sunday 22 September. Despite competition from the Big 3 American Car show taking place at the Queanbeyan Showgrounds, a couple of our club's Big American beauties joined the group who assembled at the car park on the Kings Highway for a comfortable start at 10:30am.

Star attraction in the car park was Jen and Trudy Fordyce's Prince Skyline GT – a nippy Japanese GT that had an impressive record in touring car racing, before the company was taken over by Nissan and became the basis of the diverse Nissan Skyline range. The Fordyce's have recently re-joined the club and this was the car's first sighting at a CACMC event.

The Prince Skyline and companions by the Riverbank Cafe



Our re-elected President, John Senior, handed out maps listing more than twenty historic and/or picturesque destinations around Queanbeyan. This turned out to be more like a menu than an itinerary, with the only fixed point being our destination at the Riverbank Cafe.

CACMC cars headed out bravely using every kind of navigation from GPS to semaphore. Soon we were scattered across the metropolis of Queanbeyan, travelling in every legal direction, often crossing paths and exchanging gestures of mixed joy and bewilderment.

Eventually most of us found our way to the Riverbank Cafe, hidden in plain sight in the shadow of the main King's Highway bridge beside the river (the name "Riverbank" was a pretty good clue).

No questions were asked about how many of the waypoints we had actually ticked off, except by Ian Hooley. Ian had earnestly endeavoured to visit them all, and consequently was last to arrive at the lunch venue.



Cheerful lunch at the Riverbank Cafe

The only non-complete were the Garretts, who had bravely set out in their big 1929 Hudson, but were ultimately defeated by an unresolved conflict between large size of (new) shoes and small size of (antique) control pedals. The Hudson still performed impressively in a straight line – as when last seen beetling homeward across the bridge.

Lunch was leisurely and sunny, occasionally ruffled by a brisk breeze off the river. Consensus of diners was that the Riverbank Cafe is a great little destination, where re-purposed shipping containers nestle under a magnificent pair of pepper trees (we tasted the peppercorns still bearing their sweet rinds).

Thanks to John and Pam for introducing us to parts of their town many of us had never experienced.

John & Pam Senior	Modern
Malcolm Noad	MGB
Anne & Ray Gallagher	Austin 3 litre
Chris & Irene Berry	Humber Vogue
Phil & Margaret Smith	'47 Buick + modern
Phil & Fay Cancillier	1970 Buick Le Sabre
Bob & Dana Garrett	'29 Hudson
Jen & Trudy Fordyce	Prince Skyline GT
Howard Taylor	MGB
Graham Bigg	Modern
Richard & Dilber Thwaites	'54 Daimler Conquest
Ian Hooley	'82 Toyota Cressida
Helen Phillips	Modern

Thanks Richard



MARQUES IN THE PARK SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2019

Marques in the Park is a Springtime motoring display sponsored by the ACT Council of Motor Clubs, and run this year by the American Car Club.

Marques in the Park will be held on Sunday 17 November, 2019. It is a community-based family event bringing motoring enthusiasts together for a fun day out. The event encompasses all makes and models of cars — street cars to street machines, motor cycles and scooters, street hacks to show cars, push bikes to drag cars, hot rods and vintage caravans to transporters.

CACMC usually provides one of the most diverse and popular displays of old and interesting cars, some of which don't get out to our more mobile events. Our club trailer will be there to offer coffee and tea to our members and to promote our Club. Bring your own picnic or support the event food stalls.

Event Details

- Display commences at 9 am and runs until 3 pm.
- Held at John Knight Memorial Park beside Lake Ginninderra, Belconnen.
- Access for display vehicles is from University of Canberra Park on Aikman Drive. Gates open at 7:30 am. Visitor Parking is outside display areas
- Entry is free for participants and spectators, however gold coin donations are welcome.
- Most ACT Motoring Clubs will be in attendance.
- Food and Drink stalls will be operating.

There will be Trade Stalls for motoring enthusiasts.

Organiser American Car Club Steve Dascarolis Phone 0418 624 599

Marques in the Park 2019

John Knight Park

Off Aikman Drive, Belconnen Way

Sunday 17th November 2019

Gold coin entry

Council of ACT Motor Clubs Inc. www.actmotorclubs.org.au

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Marques in the Park – Canberra

Enquiries call Stavro Dascarolis 0418 624 599 – email sd@hamelin.net.au

TARALGA FESTIVAL

A Taste of Taralga Festival celebrates the towns 200th anniversary on the October long weekend (Saturday 5 October 2019) saw four club members make the journey to the town which lies 98 kms from Oberon and 45 kms from Goulburn on an all sealed road.

A classic car muster from the Goulburn Veteran and Vintage Car Club lined the main street with some interesting vehicles on display, including a grey ZA MG Midget, a small Amilcar, a model T Ford and an early Holden 48/215. Attracting a lot of interest from visitors was a mid-1920s Chevrolet, towing a trailer containing a stationary engine.

When invited to attend the annual Wheels show the vehicle owner replied 'No thanks, it would take too long to get there!'

The Taralga Historic Museum located in the former Methodist Church contains memorabilia of the early settlement of the town with images of early pioneer families adorning the museum walls.

Within the museum grounds is an early settlers hut and machinery shed containing farm, dairy and mechanical machinery.

The town population 467 (2016 census), has two pubs out of an original five pubs. The town also has a number of 18th century fine local stone buildings, many of them private residences.

The exact origin of the name Taralga is disputed. The two most widely supported theories are that the village was originally known as "Trial Gang" as within the early colonial boundaries of Argyle County, it was a location for the trials of convicts and bushrangers before the Crown. The second theory is that Taralga means "native companion" in the language of the Burra Aboriginal people.

Whatever the origins are of the town's name, it was an interesting place to visit for the four club members – Charlie Adams, Vin Liston, Joe Micallef and Graham Gittins.

Thanks to Graham Gittins



Expression of Interest Day Trip to Parramatta for CARnivale Australia Day 2020

Some years ago the Club hired a small 12 seater commuter bus from Hertz to take members to Parramatta to look at the CARnivale in Parramatta Park. The event replaced the NRMA Motorfest in Macquarie Street in the city.

It has been suggested that the trip be reinstated on January 26 2020.

It is an early start, departing Dickson College car park at 6.00am to arrive in Parramatta around 10.00am.

CARNIVALE VEHICLE SHOWCASE

Australia Day Parramatta | 10am-4pm

Don't miss this annual showcase of classic vehicles including cars and motorbikes, fire engines, trucks, coaches and vintage speedway cars and bikes.

Talk to the experts and get an inside view into the world of classic restoration as this eclectic collection of vehicles returns to Parramatta Park, a former racing circuit.

The showcase includes more than 400 classic vehicles with cars, motorbikes, speedway cars, trucks and fire engines all on display.

Visit the dedicated car club tents where you can learn about vehicle history and engineering from car club members.

All vehicles are built before 1987.

View the vehicles on display and then lunch before heading back to Canberra arriving back to Dickson around 6.30pm.

It is a great day out looking at the cars and talking to their owners.


Cost of the commuter bus is approximately \$140 per day which when divided by 10 people make it \$14 per head, plus fuel and motorway fees. Say \$50 per person make it a cheap day out.

Members who are interested, please contact Graham Gittins on 6251 5645, Email gittins@iinet.net.au or Joe Micallef 0414 402 275 [Email: jvpe@iinet.net.au](mailto:jvpe@iinet.net.au) as soon as possible.

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2019-20

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
17 Nov	Brian Ely 0420 534 631	Marques in the Park, John Knight Park Belconnen An all Canberra Clubs event hosted by the American Car Club for the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. Again we are down by the edge of the lake. Ideal for club cars that deserve a public outing but don't want to travel far. Gates open 7.30 am please be in place by 9 am. Our BBQ trailer will be there for free tea/coffee for members. Support the food vendors for lunch or BYO. Bring your chair and gather under the trees to catch up with fellow members. Gold coin donation on entry. See pages 16-17.
Tuesday 10 Dec	Malcolm Noad 0408 441 587	Twilight Christmas Picnic by the Lake - Yarralumla NOTE THIS IS NOT A SUNDAY! From 6:00pm at the shady picnic area next to the rowing sheds on Alexandrina Drive near Hopetoun Circuit. This event replaces the usual monthly General Meeting of CACMC. The Club provides our barbecue trailer, sausage sizzle, tea/coffee and soft drinks for members. There will be a raffle, and some Christmas fare may be on sale for charity. Members' guests are welcome, for a \$10 donation. We will need numbers in advance for catering purposes. Names at November meeting or phone through to Malcolm.
19 Jan 2020		Twilight run. Chicken and bubbly
16 Feb		TBA
1 March		Shannons Wheels display day at Queanbeyan Showground.

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2019-20

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
3 Nov	0428697105 AH	Canberra Swap at EPIC.
Thursday 14 Nov	James Barlow	The Fiat Car Club of ACT is organising a film night at the Manuka cinema. Tickets \$9 per person payable at the door. 8 pm for 8.30 pm. All ACT car Clubs welcome. FORD v FERRARI film night Email if you are keen to go to James jfbpolicy@gmail.com
16-17 Nov	Robert 0406 151 692	Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Club 15th Annual Rally at Taralga Showground. Vintage trucks, tractors, farm machinery classic & vintage cars \$10 entry.
16-17 Nov		Bendigo Swap Meet
23 Nov 23-24 Nov	David Rouse 0428 991 239	Braidwood Motor Club 6th Auto Display to be held on the grounds of St Bedes School as part of the Festival of Braidwood. Airing of the Quilts www.bradiwoodquiltevent.org.au
25-28 Nov	Grahame 0439 732 107	South Coast run. Narooma and Merimbula See page 28.
Sun Dec 1		Terribly British Day at Queanbeyan Park, Lowe Street. Triumph Club is hosting. 10 am to 2 pm. Admission by gold coin donation.
26 Jan 2020	John Flower	Australia Day CARnivale at Parramatta Park. Register by 29th November. Display time 9 am to 3 pm. More shade areas will be provided. Clubs allowed tents. Email: jflower@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

See also page 32 for more events

STORY OF MY CAR—1988 NA FAIRLANE

I remember the release of the NA Fairlane back in 1988 and recall that I quite liked the new look. Not that I could afford to buy one for I was still a student. My meagre means meant that I could only acquire the solid steel classics from the 60s and 70s that sold for mere hundreds of dollars.

Things change over time. I still work on old cars but where once I used to scour the classifieds for that cheap Torana, Kingswood or Falcon 500, today the bargain buys are the plastic-bumper cars that I couldn't afford when I left school. Last year I happened across an example of the same NA Fairlane I admired 30 years ago selling for a paltry \$300.

It had been parked up for over 3 years, the clear coat was shot and it didn't run. Its only two good points was that the body was straight and the original interior was not torn. It was a couple of weeks away from the scrap yard so my heart made the decision to purchase it. That can often be a recipe for disaster, but one I'm sure many a member has made before me.

We cut a miserly budget to purchase and make the car roadworthy for \$1,000. My five year old son, Kynan, and I were waiting eagerly in the drive way on the day it was delivered. It was barely off the truck before he was inside it checking out the appointments. A neighbour came out to see the show and Kynan announced that he had just bought his first car. I might just have to take out a family membership in a few years time.

The upholstery was untorn but the interior of my dog's kennel was a more appealing environment to sit in. There were old lollies and chocolate bars crushed into the carpet plus a scary brown stain on the rear seat that turned out to be spilt Cola drink. This is where a good hot shampoo system like the Bissell All-rounder comes into its own. We stripped the seats out and gave every square inch of carpet and fabric the once over - and then two more passes after that because it was so bad. Kynan assisted with reinstalling the seats and clipping all those modern, plastic interior trim pieces back in. It now looked and smelt almost brand new inside the car.

The engine had oil in it at least but the water pump was only capable of making noise and a wet mess of the engine bay. It had been friends with the engine for a long time and didn't want to move on without persuasion from a hammer and blow torch. After a new water pump we installed, a new battery, new high tension leads, oil and filter, cleaned and adjusted the spark plugs, and bled the brakes. I thought the old beast would fire up at this point.

Except it didn't. The car turned over but wouldn't fire. I figured from the lack of noise coming from the trunk that the electric fuel pump wasn't functional. The smell upon opening the tank and the heavily rusted fuel sender showed all the signs of being parked up with half a tank of E10. E10 is great and I run it in my daily drive. However it's hygroscopic, corrosive and should

never be left standing for long periods. We removed the tank, disassembled all the metal components and cleaned them thoroughly before putting it all back together and adding some premium 95 fuel.

The car then started perfectly within a few seconds and gave all the signs that the restoration gods were smiling on us this day. So too the next day when it passed a roadworthy inspection and was registered. Then it started to surge, stall and even slip into neutral when taking off. All of this would settle when it reached normal operating temperatures but made the car diabolical when cold.

Ford implemented a rudimentary OBD1 diagnostic system for fault finding in these models. So rudimentary that the ECU gave a clean bill of health for a car who's public behaviour was simply embarrassing. Online forums indicated the problem could be either the throttle position sensor, the manifold absolute pressure (MAP) sensor, the profile ignition pick-up (PIP) sensor in the distributor, the engine temperature sensor or the O2 sensor. I ached for the simplicity of an old Kingswood. The MAP and throttle position sensors tested OK and my third guess, the O2 sensor, turned out to be the culprit. I was happy but still a little chagrined that a \$30 part that screws into the exhaust manifold was causing such grief.

"Misty" (as she was named by my wife Erinnora during repairs) is now a good reliable car after being neglected for so long. Did we achieve the \$1,000 budget? Yes, just barely. She attended her first car club run in April to Gunning and Yass and performed perfectly giving me that sense of satisfaction in saving another piece of motoring history.

Even though the NA Fairlane isn't the most glorious icon of Australian motoring and had plenty of critics in the day, it is a fairly well built car. Misty was one of the first of the fourth generation Australian Fairlanes with the 3.9 litre, overhead camshaft, multi-point fuel injected motor. A first for Ford Australia and the biggest and most advanced of Ford's sixes at the time. Ford's \$700 million development program is most evident in this engine, the wind tunnel testing of the body and the revamp of the front suspension. Then all these improvements were mated to the ageing Borg Warner M51 3-speed automatic. You can feel it trying to take away all the advancements in this car as it clunks it's way into second and then third gear. That said, Ford did introduce a 4-speed the next year that was prone to vibration noise and loss of drive, so I'll stay content with my 3-speed.

What impresses me most are the differences between this model and its predecessor, the XF Falcon (which I have also owned). While the engine is slightly smaller at 3.9 litres it produces far more power and greater economy. The suspension and handling also surpasses that of my XF. I only wish that Misty had the T5 manual gearbox that my XF was running.

What's next for Misty? If I can find the time between my other restoration work I would like to respray her and replace the old suspension so she would be more like she was when new. I'm happy at this stage that we saved her and gave her a new life. I'm also pleased we kept our budget because I wanted to show to friends and family who have previously said that they couldn't afford to be part of a historic motor club that it can be done inexpensively. Historic motoring comes in all shapes, sizes, budgets and clubs like ours are very welcoming of all.

Declan Morgan

ALEC'S GARAGE



Alec keeping an eagleeye on Gerry and Brian.
George dropped in for a cuppa with the clean up boys.



Alec's Garage:

Everyone knows about Alec's garage. It has been talked about for years and it is a place that I don't visit unless I have to. Here is the BUT, and the big but is that Alec loved his garage and he knew where everything was. It amazed the men who came to borrow something that he could put his hand on whatever they wanted. David Marsh called it the 8th wonder of the world. When Alec retired I was asked how he filled his day. I said that he put his briefcase in the cupboard and went to the garage. There he has lovingly put two cars together from bits he purchased that arrived in trailers and were spread around. He also made parts on his lathe and welder. Putting those cars together to me was like putting together the worst jigsaw puzzle.

Many years ago we went to a movie with our friends and back here for coffee. One of the wives had been asking her husband to clean his garage. I said it could not be as cluttered as ours, I bet it is came the response. Alec opened the door and she squealed OMG. Alec's garage has featured in the Colonial from time to time photographed by his friend G2. Now it is my turn to tell a lovely story about our garage. Yes it is now our garage as I can park my car inside. Over the last 12 months we have also stored some friend's old cars. I said to one couple that some people mind their grandchildren but we mind cars. (Our grandchildren are in Sydney and we do get to mind them when we go there).

Many of you know that we are selling our home of 49 years and moving to Goodwin in Farrer. Well we didn't have 2 men and a truck for the garage, we had 3 skips and 3 wonderful car club members who came and helped. Alec and I had filled one of these 3 skips a few months ago and when the next skip was ordered word got around and Gerry Walker, Joe Micallef and Brian O'Donnell arrived and set to work. Another skip was ordered and back the 3 men came and helped fill that as well. Bob Garret came and helped on the off days. Our two boys live in Sydney and were planning to come down. 'Too late' I said and sent them a photo.

Our first house inspection was 2 weeks ago and with 11 groups through all the men loved that garage. I am sure that whoever buys the house the garage will be as important as the house.

Many of you also know that Alec is not allowed to drive any more. His health problems have caught up with him. He has taken it on the chin and sits quietly beside me as I do the driving. These car club boys also take him out for coffee and Bob Garrett takes him to TADACT. We are very blessed to have such wonderful friends through CACMC. Thank you all. Anne McKernan

VALE LIFE MEMBER ANNE SCATTERGOOD

Annette Scattergood was born in Yass on the 11th June, 1940 and died recently at Queanbeyan on the 7th September, 2019

With Anne's passing, the CACMC not only loses a life member, also one of its original members as well as one of the main institutors of the CACMC becoming a family club.

Anne attended the inaugural meeting in the 1960's with husband Ron and was the only female present at that first meeting of about 19 men and 1 lady. At the time, it was proposed that the club was to be a "blokes only" club, women (*associate members*) considered to be useful to bring the tea and cake to the shed.

This idea did not go too well with Anne as she had intended to become a full member. At the foundation meeting, Anne's membership money was refused but she decided to do something about it as she was aware the success of the club would depend on family involvement. So Anne decided to buy her own car, a 1927 Studebaker Director sedan that was still a daily driver but the rego renewal had been knocked back because of the kingpins. The owner agreed to drive it down from Sydney and Anne proudly bought the car under the street light at Charles Street, Queanbeyan about 10.30pm on a Sunday night. Annette's father soon fixed it, the car was registered and Anne proudly drove the car as her everyday driver for years.

Indeed, she became the first lady member of the CACMC, and to show the blokes who wouldn't let her in the club, Anne won the Events shield for the first 6 years, the Studebaker was missing from only one outing.

Anne also held or assisted Ron with a number of positions on the Committee including President, Treasurer, Events Director and assisting with editing the Colonial for many years. Indeed, the early day "Colonials" were typed by Anne on her trusty manual typewriter with pink nail polish correcting any mistakes. The original copy then being placed on the Gestetner printer, being rolled around and around by hand, churning out one sheet at a time. Ron and Anne (and kids) then collating the magazine on the kitchen table every month for years.

Over time, Anne drove several more Studebakers as well as Ron's 1926 Hudson and "Polly" the 1927 International Truck. Anne loved driving the historic cars and would often attend rallies every month or so for years. On one memorable occasion on a rally at Forbes, Anne drove the 1926 Hudson. Built of Aluminium, the car had velvet seats, weighed 2 tonnes, could cruise at 75 miles per hour, but only had brakes on the 2 back wheels, so you needed 10 minutes notice for an emergency stop.

At the rally, they had a time trial. The speedo was whited out in the car, and the

driver had to give an average speed for the day. Anne duly did so but had no interest in the competition.

Well, Anne in the 1926 Hudson got a bit bored at the slow speed of the cars in front of her and gunned the powerful old car. She blew off a GT Falcon, and then overtook 13 other motor vehicles before she came back on her side of the road. She later screamed to a halt locking the brakes on the 2 back wheels, scattering a huge mob of sheep being driven on the road. Much to everyone's amazement, especially Anne's, she won the time trial, having completed the course with the most accurate average speed of all the 100 odd cars.

The driver of the GT later came over to the Hudson and quietly complimented Anne that he "*now had the deepest of respect for 1926 Hudsons and lady drivers*". Anne lived on that compliment for years!

Failing health over the last few years resulted in the club outings being missed, so in later years she purchased a 1968 Humber Super Snipe. Anne loved driving the Humber too, however, lack of power steering eventually meant that this car became too much for her to drive also.

Ron and Anne celebrated 60 years of marriage in March this year. Anne was thrilled with receiving messages from the Queen, Governor General and Prime Minister. A diamond jubilee is certainly an event to be proud of.

Christ Church in Queanbeyan was overflowing to farewell Anne. Daughter Maureen presented the Eulogy, celebrating the story of Anne's life with the warmth and humour that Anne was renowned for and was rewarded with applause (which is most unusual at a funeral), however Annette filled up her 79 years with many great adventures and much laughter. Annette Scattergood certainly achieved a lot and it was fitting that she was saluted for her life well lived.

It was lovely that there were a large number of club cars present from both CACMC and STHARC, who formed a guard of honour both at the church and also at the Guide hall where the hearse gave Anne one last lap of honour.

Rest in peace gracious lady!!

Thanks to Maureen Scattergood

Anne taken at their diamond wedding anniversary in March 2019.



CACMC CLUB TRIP AWAY

25-28 November South Coast run. Narooma and Merimbula

Contact: Grahame Crocket 0439 732 107

More information on the CACMC South Coast Run to Narooma and Merimbula on 25-28 November 2019.

Accommodation has been reserved in Narooma at the **Top of the Town Motel**, 126 Princes Highway NSW 2546, for Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 2019 at a cost of \$100 per night. Please contact the motel directly to book, mentioning the CACMC reservation: **4476 2099**.

Accommodation has been reserved in Merimbula at the **Sapphire Waters Motor Inn**, 32-34 Merimbula Drive NSW 2548, for Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 2019 at a cost of \$99 per night. Please contact the motel directly to book, mentioning the CACMC reservation: **6495 1999**.

The tour will drive from Canberra (meet at Spotlight car park Queanbeyan at 9am for 9.30am departure) to drive to Tuross Heads for lunch at the Tuross Wharf.

At Narooma there is the option to organise a visit to Montague Island to see the lighthouse and seals, or a tour of the Wagonga Inlet on the *Wagonga Princess*.

When I return in October 2019, I will try to find out final numbers, where we might eat and what we might do in Merimbula. (Five cars booked as at October meeting).

Grahame Crocket
0439 732 107

Optional: Monique Island to see the penguins \$110 per person.

CACMC MEMBERSHIP FEES

Our financial year is 1 July to 30 June.

Membership fees are payable by 30 June.

Joining fee: \$40. Annual fee: Single \$45; Family \$50.

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Platypus Country-Bombala NSW 6-7 March 2020

Join Heather and Graham Gittins on a two day trip to the southern Monaro, to Bombala with a visit to a historic Victorian homestead, to watch platypus play in the Bombala River, to see how lavender essential oil is distilled, visit the historic engine display and inspect an early settlers hut.

Day 1—Friday 6th March travel to Bombala
In the afternoon stop at the Platypus Reserve to view the platypus
5 pm to accommodation.

Accommodation Maneroo Motel \$160
Bookings Tel: 02 6458 3500
Dinner at Club Bombala

Day 2—Saturday 7th March
Rise early and go back to see the platypus. Railway Park Lavender House, Historic Engine and Machinery Society guided tour.
12 noon inspection of historic homestead
Burnima is an 1880 Victorian homestead just five kilometres north of Bombala. Owner Steve Rickett delights in taking people around the 32 room house.

Lunch Bombala
Return to Canberra at own pace.
Costs

Accommodation Maneroo Motel \$160
Bookingw Telephone: 026458 3500
Tours and Guides \$30 per person

This is an abbreviated version of the proposed itinerary. See Graham Gittins at a meeting or email him for full details gittins@inet.net.au
Phone 0419 249 109

Yes I/We are interested in participating in the Bombala trip

Name.....No of people.....

Contact detail Email:.....Mobile.....

Please return to Graham Gittins gittins@inet.net.au
Or at a monthly meeting before January 2020

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.)

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Contact: Tony Roberts 6156 5101



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November edition of Retroautos is now online at Shannons Club. Follow the 1970 Opel Manta from design to driveway, GM's hurried response to Ford's 1969 Capri. See also Ford's forgotten yet very influential dream cars of their 1930s and 1940s.

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Maggie

Email address: maggiemay58@hotmail.com

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British Classic Car Buy Swap Sell (www.bccbss.com.au) - a dedicated website for owners and fellow enthusiasts within the Australian British classic car community. Andrew McCurdy

October edition of Retroautos classic cars is now online at Shannons Club, featuring the HQ Holden. Plis a great story about a rare, own owner, HQ four speed 253 V8 Kingswood Sedan.

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EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2020

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
2020 31 Jan-2 Feb	Paul Ballard 0419 973 822 westkinloch@ dragnet.com.au	Cootamundra Antique Motor Club is turning 40. Meet and greet Friday afternoon, shed crawls and BBQ Saturday, dinner in the evening, drive from Cootamundra to Jugiong for Michael Livingstone memorial run Sunday.
16-17 Feb		Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club 2 day rally. Sat: vehicle display and lunch, afternoon drive around the Southern Highlands. Dinner. Sun: Morning tea Scenic drive, lunch and awards.
1 March 2020		Shannons Wheels display day, Queanbeyan Showground.
26 March	6282 3777	Seniors Expo at EPIC
29 March		Auto Italia Canberra 2020, EPIC Arena
2020 28 Mar-4 Apr		Australian Historic Motoring Federation National Motoring Tour to Albury-Wodonga. See back cover. Visit: ahmf.org.au/2020Tour
4-7 April	Les Buckley 0417 296 865	Temora Antique Motor Club Rally
4-5 Sept		The Annual Conference of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) will be hosted by the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. Affiliated club members will be called on to assist in organising the meeting.
27 Sept		Pambula Motorfest

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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 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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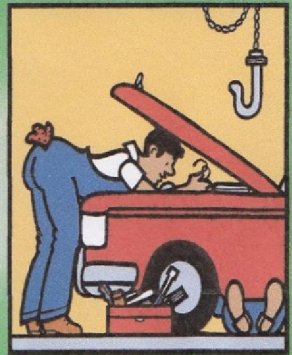
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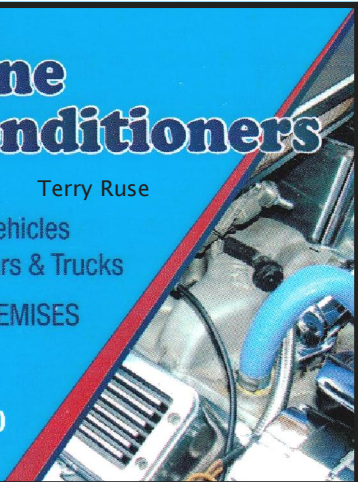
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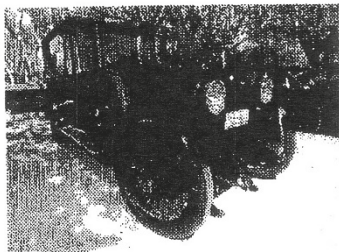
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