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#### **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 again.

#### **Week Day Social Lunches**

Friday 6th December and Friday 3rd January 2020
Sandwich lunch 12 noon at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.
December 20th—no lunch run. Have a Happy Christmas.
Friday 17th January lunch run to the Ginninderra Labor Club at 12 noon. The club is in Charnwood Place at the intersection of Lhotsku Street, Charnwood close to Woolworths Supermarket and Shell Servo. There are disabled car spaces close to the door and a low ramped entry. Recommended by one of our regular Retreads members.
Contact is Graham Bigg on 6181 8982

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. None now till the 30th January. 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. Hopefully President John will be back to full health to celebrate Christmas.

#### January Speaker

Safe Home is an ACT Government initiative giving helpful information about keeping your home safe. The speaker brings lots of items which are useful for making your home secure, tells you approx. price and where they may be obtained.

#### Summernats

Information was only received on 27th November— see page 18. Your entry needs to be in by 6th December.

#### Help Wanted

The Committee would like to hear from any member who has Librarian experience. The aim is to catalogue our Library at the Bridge Club and put the record on our website so members can more easily see what we have.

See you Tuesday. Cheers, Helen

### DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 12TH NOVEMBER 2019

#### Attendance

Members 42 Visitors 3 Apologies 5

#### Welcome

Acting President Graham Waite welcomed members and guests to the November 2019 meeting and advised that the President John Senior had recently been in hospital.

Three visitors were welcomed John and Pat with a 1962 Mk 10 Jaguar and Michael with a ZE Fairlane

#### **Guest Speaker**

Lauren McQueen from Volunteering ACT gave a presentation on the work that Volunteering ACT does in Canberra.

#### Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the October 2019 Minutes were confirmed without amendment. Moved Dave Byers Seconded Vin Liston Carried There was no business arising from the Minutes

#### **Correspondence Dave Fox**

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Thank you card from Ron Scattergood Invitation to the Festival of Braidwood Newsletters

Cowra, The Spoke, Crank Torque, the Klaxon, The Chrysler Restorer, 2x Dubbo, 2x Central Coast, 2x Gundagai, Yass, Cowra, Deniliquin Cheque from Insurance broker Arthur J Gallagher (\$60.02)

3x CBA Letters: Cheque Acc and 2 x Term Deposit given to Acting Treasurer Information on Shannons Auctions 18/11 Sydney

Email

Magazines via Email: Cootamundra, Wagga Wagga V & V, Country Motor Letter from Qld Police re  $1957\ \text{NSU}$  Prinz.

Out Nil.

Moved Graham Bigg Seconded Bob Judd Carried

#### **Presidents Report**

John Senior's report was read by Graham Waite.

John advised that he had recently had a pacemaker installed and that Daniel Wyatt advised that David's condition was unchanged. Still in hospital.

#### Vice President Report Graham Waite

No guest speaker in December 2019

January Guest speaker will be a representative from Safe Home.

Lucky Badge draw: #30 George Sturgess

Last Run #4 Graham Bigg.

#### Acting Treasurers report Gerry Walker

Current bank balance \$6512.56

Biggest item was proceeds from the Canberra Swap meet

#### **Editor Helen Phillips**

Need article/photos on Classic Yass

Death notice for Peter Flannigan - Apologies this was not our former club member.

#### **Events Ian Hooley**

Thirty-six members attended the Scrivener Dam Solar Farm event 25 of whom stayed for lunch at Poppy's café at the Australian War Memorial.

Brian Ely

Marques in the Park 17 November 2019 John Knight Park Belconnen gates open 7.30pm, cars to be in position by 9.am. Gold coin entry fee. Club trailer will be attendance but only for tea and coffee.

Raffle #68 Scott Molloy

#### Supper coordinator Virginia Paterson

All is well. Still some months vacant in 2020

#### Registrar

Bob Alexander was an apology. Twenty-two vehicles inspected in the month.

#### **Membership Richard Thwaites**

Register will be brought up to date when the handover is complete. Committee discussed methods of speeding up membership applications.

#### **Shop Manager Norm Brennan**

Usual merchandise for sale

#### **Information Officer Bob Garratt**

Magazines on the table

Note from John Flower advising of the CARnivale event in Parramatta Park 26 January 2020. Entries close 29 November 2019

#### Acting Librarian Joe Micallef

Graham Waite advised that a small engineering Business in Queanbeyan contacted him offering a set of 100 workshop manuals dating from the 1950s and suggested that when these manuals had been integrated into our library that other clubs be advised and that the manuals were available for loan.

He asked if anyone in the club had librarian skills.

Joe Micallef held up some earlier club T shirts size 22 and 28 for sale Joe advised that the swap meet was very successful with sales of \$474:35 mostly from donated goods by Alec McKernan and the late Phil Donoghoe. There was a box of goods left over from the swap meet which were free to members.

Bob Garrett thanked Joe for organizing the swap meet each year.

#### Report on October Council Meeting Roger Amos.

Canberra will be hosting the next AHMF AGM on 4/6 September 2020. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this task

NSW 60 day Scheme is now permanent and a new logbook is being produced to be used for a period of 3 years.

Road Marine Services (RMS) staff in NSW have been checking Historic Vehicle Scheme Vehicles at display days and any modified vehicle are being moved on to the new Modified Classic Vehicle Scheme.

AFP will be attending Marques in the Park checking if CRS Vehicles comply with permissible modifications.

The Pie Cart will be at Marques.

A request from TADACT has been received requesting its nomination as a Wheels Charity.

Two Clubs have recently joined or re-joined the Council. The Mazda MX5 Club and The Bow Tie Club respectively.

Letters to ACT Government regarding changes to CRS have not generated a positive response and a meeting with the relevant Minister, Gordon Ramsey has been requested.

CAMS (Confederation of Motor Sport) has changed its name to Motor Sport Australia (MSA).

German Auto held a successful day at The Canberra Greyhound Club facilities. Room for 350 cars and Club Facilities available for \$400. No NCA or ACT Government restrictions on traffic management or Risk Assessments required.

#### **AGM Report**

All went well with a full Committee elected.

Dave Rogers stood down from the Registrar's Position after 10 years but has remained on the Committee as an Ordinary Member.

Graham Gittins is once again The Public Relations Officer.

**Coming Events** 

November 17 Marques in the Park
December 1 Terribly British Day
March 1 2020 Wheels 2020

Roger mentioned that there was a good representation of members at Mary De Graafs funeral.

Classic Yass was well orgnaised as each vehicle registered was allocated a specific parking spot in vehicle year order

Roger was asked about attendance at Summernats in 2020. Details to Editor.

#### **Publishing Committee Dave Byers**

All is well

#### **Webmaster Richard Thwaites**

Data base being amended to allow better access from mobile phones During October 2019 an article written in 2012 by Alec and Anne about their Lagonda attracted 191 hits

The e-Colonial received several hundred hits the events calendar came in 3<sup>rd</sup> and membership details 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### General Business Graham Waite

Queensland Police contacted the club seeking information about the location of a Queensland NSU Prinz vehicle. Graham contacted them and was advised that the vehicle had been located in NSW. No further details were given.

#### **Graham Bigg**

Retreads event 15 November moved to Cotter Reserve because Webers Circus will be at Diddams Close.

#### Anne McKernan

Advised that she and Alec were moving house and that there were several of Alec's hats from various events available for members to take.

#### Alec McKernan

Although he and Anne are moving to Goodwin Village he will still be available to inspect CRS vehicles but unable to take their telephone number with them new telephone number is: 5109 2108.

#### **Graham Gittins**

Advised that if there was enough interest arrangements would be made to hire a mini bus to go to CARnivale in Parramatta on 26 January 2020. Cost about \$50 per person.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Graham Gittins Minute Secretary

November speaker Lauren McQueen from Volunteering ACT with Vice President Graham Waite.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MANNED THE CACMC STALL AT THE CANBERRA SWAP MEET. AND THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE DONATIONS TO THE STALL.





### NOVEMBER MONTHLY RUN—17TH NOVEMBER 2019 MARQUES IN THE PARK



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Only one caravan this year. Joe was still away. Paul said too ahrd to get out! And I guess Michael is busy on his next vintage caravan.

Peter and Ann Toet's Packard



Caleb and Stephanie Baker's Studebaker Pick Up. Nice to see Stephanie and the girls come for lunch. On either side is Lee Gaynor's De Soto and the Cancillier Buick

I'll just squeeze in Geoff Halls' Fiat





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MARQUES IN THE PARK ORGANISE BY THE AMERICAN CAR CLUB ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF ACT MOTOR CLUBS AND SPONSORED BY SHANNONS INSURANCE.



Richard called this Trailer Types but I prefer to call it the chat circle (well line). Members came by and stopped for a chat at all times during the day some staying longer than others.

By the afternoon getting very relaxed as seen below.



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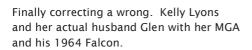
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Paul Jamieson's Jaguar Catanzariti unrestored Hupmobile

Bob Garrett's Hudson
Alan Martin's Studebaker







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#### MARQUES IN THE PARK ATTENDANCE - 17TH NOVEMBER 2019

Brian Ely Triumph Spitfire
 Caleb Baker Studebaker M5 Pick Up
 Alex Elliott Armstrong Siddeley Typhoon
 Dave Rogers TR4

Ray Hounsell Austin Sheerline
 Ray Hounsell EH Holden
 Bob Garrett 1929 Hudson

8. Richard Thwaites 1954 Daimler Conquest

9. Ian Hooley 1982 Cressida and BBQ Trailer

10. Phil Cancillier
11. Leey Gaynor
12. Ken Herne
1939 Buick Coupe
1934 De Soto
1964 Wayfarer Caravan

12. Ken Herne 1964 Wayfarer Carava
13. Michael Catanzariti 1930 Hupmobile
14. Joe Micallef 1980 Honda Prelude
15. Gerry Walker 1957 Morris Minor

16. Shawn O'Brien 1955 Armstrong Siddeley

17. Glen Lyons1964 Falcon18. Kelly Lyons1959 MGA

19. Charlie Adams 1972 2CV Citroen

20. Roger Amos 1969 MGB

21. Alan Martin
22. Graham Bigg
23. Brian O'Donnell
1928 Studebaker
1975 BMW 520
1959 Ford Skyliner

24. Rob Swain Bentley Mulliner Continental

25. Ray Gallagher Austin 3 Litre
26. Peter and Ann Toet 1927 Packard 533
27. Helen Phillips 1967 HR Holden Premier

28. Vin Liston 1967 HR Holden

29. Graham Waite Modern

30. Paul Jamieson 1951 Mk5 Jaguar

31. David Brand Rover 416
32. Geoff Fiddian Rover 416
33. Helen Brown MGB V8
34. Ken Carratt HR Holden Ute

35. Geoff Hall Fiat 500

Thanks to Brian Ely for providing this.

#### Heritage numerical number plates in demand at Shannons Sydney Spring Auction

Black and white NSW numerical number plates again produced strong results at Shannons Sydney Spring Auction on November 18, contributing to the overall \$3.9 -plus million result.

The standout result was the auction record \$905,000 paid for the NSW Heritage plate '22', one of two prized double-digit black and white plates in the auction, eclipsing the \$745,000 paid for '29' at Shannons Sydney Autumn Auction in 2017.

The other double digit plate, '42', sold strongly on the result of '22', also beating the previous record when selling for \$755,000, after further competitive bidding.

Adding to the collectible attraction of '22' was its unique status as one of only nine double digit, double number NSW plates ever issued. These plates rarely come to auction, either remaining in the same family for generations, or traded privately.

Upcoming Auctions Monday 9 December Melbourne Monday 17 February Sydney

Thanks to Graham Gittins

#### Message from Peter Flanagan

Thank you everyone for your concerns but to quote Mark Twain ".....news of my death is greatly exaggerated...." Carolyn and I are reasonably well and living in Bungendore. Who knows I might see some of you at an event somewhere at some time. We will be in a 'Wedgwood blue' 203 (surprise, surprise). FI ASH

PS Eddie Abrahams, who read of my demise in the 'Colonial' rang and needed a bit of convincing from me that it was really me and after a bit of a natter asked to be remembered to anyone I saw from the Club. So "Hello" from Eddie.

#### Historic and Classic Vehicle Log Book

From 1 October 2019, the Log Book became a permanent feature of the Historic and Classic Vehicles Schemes. Transport for NSW will deliver a number of improvements to the schemes over the next 12 months based on the feedback received during the review.

### SUMMERNATS 33 SUNDAY CLUB ENTRANTS

The Sunday participation offers are only for Car Clubs that are affiliated with the ACT Council of Motor Clubs. All vehicles need to be road registered and all drivers need a valid driver's licence (Learners NOT accepted). This offer is only valid until **December 6 2019.** 

Below are the two options available for club members.

#### Option 1 - A Taste Of Summernats

- · Show 'n' Shine on the Main Arena (trophies awarded)
- · Freestyle fun driving events on the Main Arena (trophies awarded)
- · All day cruising
- · Skid Row
- . Special entrant sticker and other giveaways

#### Pricing for option 1:

- · \$80 for driver + car entry
- · \$50 for drivers who already have any Summernats ticket (simply show wristband)
- · Passengers pay regular Sunday ticket prices

#### Option 2 - Sunday Show 'n' Shine

- · Sunday Show 'n' Shine only
- · Park on Canna Main Arena in Show 'n' Shine area (no cruising, no awards)
- · No award categories

#### Pricing for option 2:

- · Driver and car FREE OF CHARGE
- · Passengers pay regular Sunday ticket prices

#### Access

All vehicles will be scrutineered and stickered on Sunday morning between 8am and 11am at the Race Course.

8:00 am to 10:00 am Meet for scrutineering and sticker collection

9:00 am to 11:00 am Freestyle Fun Driving Event (Option 1 only)

9:00 am to 12:00 pm Show 'n' Shine on the Main Arena (option 1 and 2)

9:00 am to 3:00 pm Cruising and Tuff St Skid Row (Option 1 only)

#### **RSVP**

Please confirm attendance before the close of business December 6th by email admin@summernats.com.au and

payments will be sorted with the Club direct. Call Nat 02 6241 8111 with any inquiries.

#### NO ON THE DAY ENTRIES AVAILABLE.

#### HOW NOT TO REPAIR CAR PANELS

The following is an experience I would like to share with club members which should not be repeated without a merciful excuse.

I am continually being taunted due to a sloppy car repair work I did some years ago at the TAFE college. This is where I became closely acquainted with well known clowns Bob Wroe, Peter Barges and Ross Everett - a happy and friendly set. Sadly both Peter and Ross have since passed away. Ross, incidentally, was the ring leader in establishing Canberra's CRS initiative while he and his MP drinking pal were enjoying cold beers.

In 1976 I bought a HR Holden station wagon which had been totalled. The only reason was to salvage the 186 X2 engine to replace the smaller 149 in my EH. The 149 was serving me well but something with more grunt appealed to me.

Having second thoughts about scrapping the HR I decided to repair it as locating spares was not a big deal. On our visits to the future in-laws in Narrabundah for the weekly Sunday roast I ventured into the Sims Metal car dump in Fyshwick. This holding yard was a spectacle for car buffs and as expected I soon found what I was looking for – the bolt-on sub frame complete with the added bonus of having panels and bright ware.

Damage to the HR was the result of a frontal impact destroying the entire section. Repairing this area was the easy part as there was no repair work as such to be done. Simply remove and replace. The real headache was the damage to the driver's side quarter panel. A replacement from a HD was located but unfortunately the tail light assembly between the two models is not interchangeable. Removing the unit as a whole was pointless therefore cuts to separate it from the outer edges having unstitched factory welds was a breeze. As my intention was not to keep the car, a rough cover up was done while at the same time being mindful to a blending finish. Rather than waste meticulous time, welded joins and unsightly patches were smothered with layers of body filler far exceeding the recommendation. Despite the hideous hideaway the end result wasn't bad.

Under their watchful eyes the classmates trio took an interest in the repair method and "offered their assistance". Peter wanted to buy me a twenty litre drum of body filler while Ross and Bob volunteered their time and shovels to mix it. This hasty bush-mechanic remedy was dismissed by others but not by them. All three would hound me for years to come, christening me "Michelangelo the sculptor - the only person to mix bog using a cement mixer". From then on every time we met I would be engulfed with their smart criticism and sarcasm. They made certain I would not forget it.

In the absence of Peter and Ross, Bob is carrying the tradition by always tormenting me. His latest eruptions were at the Wakefield Park ANM car display and at a regular coastal garage sale. After forty years Bob and I still have the same sense of humour to reminisce and laugh about it.

MICHAEL CATANZARITI

#### **Terribly British Day**



The very best of British vehicles will be on display at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Terribly British Day event on Sunday 1 December 2019 on the lawns of Queanbeyan Park.

Home in Queanbeyan, will be the beneficiary of the gold coin entry fee. Home provides long-term supported accommodation for twenty men and women with enduring mental illness. It features twenty self-contained residential apartments in a safe, loving non-institutional setting.

Queanbeyan Mayor, Tim Overall, and other representatives from the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council will be presenting trophies for Gentleman's choice, Ladies choice, Riders choice, People's Choice and the best club display.

Terribly British day brings together the best of British motor cars, motor bikes and commercial vehicles. Vehicles from A to Z - Austin to Zephyr will be open to the public from 10am to 2pm.

Organised by the Triumph Car Club ACT and supported by the Council of ACT Motor Clubs and British vehicle clubs in the ACT and region and is generously supported by Shannons Insurance, Rolfe Classic Mini, celebrating 60 years of the mini, Joes Motorcycles Fyshwick and Auto One ACT.

Queanbeyan Park is located behind the Queanbeyan Police Station and Court house.

For further information contact Horst Kitchner

email: horstkitchner@grapevine.com au.

#### **MEMBERSHIP STATS**

From the membership information he has been able to pull together, Richard has come up with the following statistics:

Total financial memberships = 260

Family = 152

Single = 94

= 14

Life

Total voting entitlements = 419



# Queanbeyan Showground Sunday 1st March 10am—3pm YOU ARE INVITED.

On behalf of Council of ACT Motor Clubs (CACTMC) and Shannons, Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club (STHARC) of Queanbeyan have taken on the task of presenting Shannons Wheels 2020

STHARC would like to invite all CACTMC affiliated clubs and members to participate in WHEELS 2020, at the QUEANBEYAN SHOW GROUNDS, **Sunday the 1st March 2020.** 

**The event** will include Cars, Trucks, Motor Bikes and Caravans, with a trophy for best club display.

#### Trade stands and food vans will be on site.

**ALL DONATIONS** to the Cancer Council ACT for cancer research. **MAIN GATE ENTRY** is on GLEBE AVE. This gate will be open to participants from 7.00am on Sunday Morning to facilitate an early start to have ALL VEHICLES on display by 9.30am MAP

**EVENT** open to the public from 10.00am till 3,00pm. We would like ALL vehicles to remain on display till 1.00pm, as per our public liability insurance cover

**AWARDS.** Club trophy winner will be announced at 12.45 at the Shannons tent. Please advise STHARC of your clubs' attendance and the number of car spaces required **BY THE 14th February 2020** for allocation of the area required.

ENTRY is a GOLD COIN DONATION payable at the gate.

Gates open 7:00 AM for Car Club entry to arrange vehicle display

More information available on the STHARC WEB SITE.

STHARC Contact: Joe Vavra 0407 331 048

STHARC Secretary: Lawrie Nock. Email: secretary@stharc.org.au

Organised by Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club Inc. on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs (CACTMC) and Shannons Insurance

#### **CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2019-20**

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Tuesday 10 Dec	Malcolm Noad	Twilight Christmas Picnic by the Lake - Yarralumla NOTE THIS IS NOT A SUNDAY!
	0408 441 587	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. Please phone names through to Malcolm if you didn't put our name down at the November meeting.
19 Jan 2020	Richard Thwaites 0414 241 079	From 5.30 pm—annual Chicken and Bubbly Twilight picnic at Black Mountain Peninsula. Free chicken, champagne, bread and chocolates for members—BYO additional food and picnic furniture. \$10 donation for guests (including family of single members). Location is at the end of the access road on Black Mountain Peninsula, Garryowen Drive, off Lady Denman Drive.
16 Feb	Malcolm Noad 0408 441 587	Members are invited to bring cars along to the Model Railway Club at Symonston, next to the Monaro Highway. Morning visit and demonstration—details to be advised.
1 March		Shannons Wheels display day at Queanbeyan Showground. Invitation on page 21.
19 April		ТВА

#### **EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2019-20**

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Sun Dec 1	TERRIBLY BRITISHS	Terribly British Day at Queanbeyan Park, Lowe Street. Triumph Club is hosting. 10 am to 2 pm. Admission by gold coin donation.
9-12 Jan 2020		Elvis Festival, Parkes. Car show in Clarinda Street on Friday 10th, Cars of the Era Show on 11th.
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
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.
13-15 March	Craig 0437 159 680	Chryslers on the Murray. Craig Keogh is going. www.chryslersonthemurray.com
26 March	6282 3777	Seniors Expo at EPIC
26-28 March		Alpine Alfisti Autumn Tour

#### A Retractable Journey to Australia By Brian O'Donnell

In the early 1980s, I restored a 1960 Australian built Ford Fairlane 500 - right hand drive of course. Fairlanes were built in Australia in 1959, '60 and '61. They were produced in four door Custom 300 and Fairlane 500 sedans as well as a four door Ranch Wagon. The '59 models were identical to the models in the US, while the '60 and '61 models used the Canadian Meteor grille with square rather than star inserts.

I took my Fairlane to an All Ford Day in Sydney in 1983 and was awestruck at the sight of an immaculate red and white '59 Skyliner on display with its roof half erected, and surrounded by an admiring crowd. I did not know such cars existed and thought of how wonderful it would be to own one! However, they were valued at five to ten times the cost of my sedan. I thought they would always be beyond my reach.

Twenty five years on and retired, I still dreamed of owning a Retractable and had it as number one on my bucket list. Eventually, I decided to be brave and start the search for a '59 Skyliner. There are very few Retractables in Australia, and one rarely came up for sale. When I started my search, the only one for sale needed major restoration. I was after a car that had been restored and did not need major work. After searching the internet for some time, I came across a car on EBay that could possibly suit my needs. I placed a bid (which did not meet the reserve) and eventually bought it for the "Buy it now" price. The seller was a car dealer in Boise, Idaho.

According to the dealer, the car came from Oregon where the previous owner had it for 40 years and had completed a "body off" restoration. The engine had been rebuilt by a retired Ford mechanic. The colour was Geranium and White and was a Fairlane rather than a Galaxie. I arranged an independent inspection of the vehicle, asking the inspector to pay particular attention to the bodywork and quality of restoration as well as the operation of the roof. The report was reasonably positive and included many photos and a video of the roof operation. The report indicated a minor oil leak from the rear main bearing and "looseness" in the steering. I discussed these issues with the seller who denied there was an oil leak. He said he had been driving the car to work each day and the steering was perfect. As I was more concerned with issues with the bodywork and operation of the roof rather than mechanical problems, I decided to go ahead with the purchase.

The process of importing a car to Australia can be daunting. An Australian government permit must be obtained before the car can be shipped, but the permit cannot be applied for until the car has been purchased and receipts submitted with the application. In my case, the import approval took a frustratingly long five weeks! I arranged with a shipper to send the car via container from their base in Orange, California to Australia. The dealer in Boise arranged to have the car shipped to Orange, California, a journey of five days door-to-door.

After seven days, the car had not arrived and I was a little worried that my car might have been hijacked! To my relief, it finally arrived.

After three weeks "on the water" my car arrived. My shipper had a small problem with the customs/quarantine people who could not work out how to open the trunk. Eventually the problem was solved and the vehicle cleared. I was very happy when I first saw the car, gleaming paintwork and chrome with original interior in good condition. The shipper told me he had noticed oil dripping from the rear main bearing, the power steering not working and the steering very sloppy. It is very easy to tell people what they want to hear when they are on the other side of the world. The drive of over 400 kilometres (240 miles) to my home in Canberra was rather stressful with free-play in the steering and the steering wheel being on the wrong side of the car for Australia, otherwise the car seemed to be in good mechanical condition.

The car had 1500 miles on the speedometer, I was told that was the distance it had travelled since the restoration. My car is a 332 with 4 barrel carby and 3 speed auto, does not have air conditioning or power windows. I believe it had been restored some time ago. The brake wheel cylinders were leaking, even though they appeared to have been replaced and the brake linings were as new. The leak from in the main bearing is minor and is not a problem. The steering was my biggest problem; the fluid from the power steering had leaked out through the control valve and caused serious damage to the pump. The pump was repaired but several attempts by "experts" to fix the control valve failed. After a long search, I found a new one from the US. The body and frame are in good condition, but it has never had a body off restoration. I would be interested to know if anybody in the club knew of the car or its history. It had an Oregon licence plate THE-59R.

The Skyliner is quite a contrast to my other classic car, a 1962 Morris Minor pickup, and I am very happy with it. The car is fully road registered and I use it regularly, having travelled over 6,000 trouble-free miles in the eighteen months it has been on the road. As these vehicles are rare in Australia, it creates a lot of interest at car shows. I have also fitted a Continental kit and

wheel covers, and I am now quite comfortable driving with the steering wheel on the "wrong" side!

Taken from "The Skyliner" December 2015 a US Publication

I have now covered 20,000 trouble free miles including a trip to Adelaide for the Bay to Birdwood Rally and to Queensland for the Coolie Rocks On festival. Brian.



#### **Cooma Motorfest**

held on Saturday 1 November 2019 attracted 400 Vehicles.

Among the many and varied types of vehicles was Scott McLaughlin's promotional Mustang, similar to the one Scott won the 2019 Mount Panorama Bathurst 1000 in October in. (*Picture 1*)

A very peculiar looking vehicle was the New South Wales Police over snow transport used in the Ski resorts. (*Picture 5*)

There was quite a number of Holden, Fords and Valiant on display mainly from the 70s and 80s era.

Apart from the vehicles there were a number of traders and a fine demonstration of Gymnastics by the Cooma girls Gymnastics Club. Cooma country singer, Jay Podger, entertained with his exceptional country singing.

Cooma Car Club member Tony Nassar owns the beautiful Amiphcar, he has now obtained a second amiphcar which by the looks of it needs a lot of tender loving care. (*Pictures 2 and 3*)

There is always a good display of heavy trucks, Kenworths mainly, used in the logging transport in the region. (*Pictures 4*)

CWA, Lions and Rotary clubs all put on great food and soft drink outlets. No alcohol, smoking or drugs are allowed on the main arena of the Cooma showground.

The Snowy Mountains Historic Society were present with a trailer loaded with photographs and memorabilia showcasing the construction stage of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Stationary engines were also present, as were the Snow Ride motor bikes.

Money raised from the day is donated to the Cooma Community Chest a local charity organisation which distributes funds to worthy local Cooma causes.

All in all a great day out organised every two years by the Cooma Car Club.

Thanks to Graham Gittins

Picture 1.





Pictures 4



Picture 5

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#### CLASSIC YASS COMMITTEE TAKES A BOW

After one of the most successful events in the 14 year history of Classic Yass, the small Yass Antique Motor Club committee take a bow! The many hours over many years of dedication to growing the original 2005 'Celebration of Heritage Motoring' to the Classic Yass of today has now been put on hold for 2020 until we can find a new enthusiastic committee who will continue the fine traditions of Classic Yass.

The decision has had to be made quickly so the many visitors that have already booked for 2020 can change their accommodation arrangements and make other plans for the first weekend in November.

There will be many disappointed entrants in all fields including the cars, fashion, markets and the community groups who have so greatly benefited from the successful influx of people to the region for Classic Yass.

Classic Yass committee would like to sincerely thank all our local (of which there are many) and corporate sponsors, our local community groups, entertainers, fellow club members and family members for having faith, many from the beginning, in our dreams and plans for the event.

The 'Classic Yass' concept was originally to promote the recreational aspect of owning a heritage car and the benefits of becoming a member of the Yass Antique Motor Club. It has achieved this goal incredibly well, with the starting up of at least four new car clubs in and around the Yass Valley area and the membership of the YAMC alone having quadrupled since the first event in 2005.

With a few new hurdles presenting themselves this year, it was decided at the Yass Antique Motor Club Inc monthly meeting on November 18 to take a break and later re-access the situation so the event may return in the future. The cancellation of the Rotary Billy Cart Derby has had no bearing on the YAMC's vote. Classic Yass, with strong support, could go much further, but alas, at this stage, it has outgrown the time and resources available from our small, but very dedicated, group of volunteers who feel they need to take a breath.

Classic Yass is an event that will be sadly missed by car clubs and visitors from all around NSW, ACT and beyond. The reputation of Classic Yass is now held in high esteem and is one of the top Motoring Enthusiast Events in the Country.

Thanks to Roger Amos for forwarding this on from the Yass Antique Motor Club.

Thanks to Richard Thwaites and Roger for pictures on next page.

#### CLASSIC YASS 2019 - SOME OF OUR MEMBERS CARS.



Neil Buttriss and partner with his 1963 Humber Vogue

Well done.

Roger Amos' 1937 Vauxhall

Darron & Janelle Kavanagh's 1957 Ford Thunderbird convertible

#### VALE AILEEN STURGESS 22/3/1931—20/9/2019

Dear Aileen,

You really wanted to reach 90 but that was not to be, but you put up a good fight, you were brave never complaining. We all admired your dignity and courage.

You would have loved your funeral, you wanted it to be happy and it was. Your family spoke so lovingly about you. David Marsh talked about the early days meeting you through George when they worked together in Melbourne. Gary your youngest son spoke for the family and Kimberly spoke on behalf of the grandchildren. They talked about the beach house, your love of cooking and all the wonderful things you did for them all. Your Aileenisms were famous with us all. Calling Whoopie Goldberg, Goldi Whoopberg. Will we never forget the night you told us that the kids had popped in with their own dinner of Kentucky Cried Chicken. It brought the house down. We all had many a laugh over the years. After a movie one night we came back here for supper and you were saying that George needed to clean out the garage. I said it could not be as bad as ours but you insisted it would be. Alec opened the door so that you could see his garage and at that point you woke the neighbours with your scream.

Alec and I met you through Verna and David Marsh at South Woden Uniting Church. We all enjoyed family times together and a lovely friendship grew over the years. David and George joined the car club and with your Austin car we all went on many rallies. Tasmania and Broken Hill stand out. At happy hour you were there with goodies to share. There was also the Bean Rally to Adelaide where you helped host the three couples from England and Ireland.

You and George joined Austins over Australia with many trips and rallies there as well. You always joined in the fun and your laugh was infectious.

You always went on the supper roster for the car club and helped out at other occasions. You worked with me in my shop as your background was the rag trade. You modelled at the fashion parades. George would come and pick you up and one afternoon we were watching him come across the square in Southlands and you said "I told George not to wear his slippers, and at that point you turned around to Vera who was new and said that is my George, he is an ugly bugger but he has a heart of gold" Vera was lost for words.

You loved your Georgie and he always came first in your life. Family was important to you.

There are many people in the car club who say thank you for all you did and all the fun we had on the many trips and rallies.

Thank you Aileen, From Anne and Alec



George and Aileen

Taken with close CACMC friend Anne Gallagher

On boat to Montague Island. Alec and Anne, Carole Douglas, George and Aileen having a nap.

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# Expressions 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 motor-bikes, 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 <u>gittins@iinet.net.au</u> or Joe Micallef 0414 402 275 <u>Email: jvpe@iinet.net.au</u> as soon as possible.

**December edition of Retroautos** is now online at Shannons Club. Two feature stories in this edition. The 1965 Chevrolet which outsold the Mustang by 3:1. The bygone British brand, Armstrong Siddley which celebrates its centenary this year.

#### 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@iinet.net.au Phone 0419 249 109

Yes	I/We are interested in participating in the Bombala trip
Nam	eNo of people
Cont	act detail Email:MobileMobile
	Please return to Graham Gittins gittins@iinet.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.)

1970 MG BL. BRG. - Sold



Any takers? Make me an offer. 1983 Super Brava 131. Was my daily driver and then on historic plates HIS1434 (VRN 1192198). A long history FCACT club vehicle but parked the past 3 or 4 years. Strong 2 litre engine, running well with good oil pressure etc., but some oil leaks when parked. Good 5 speed and 4 wheel disc conversion. A great restoration project -body is all straight and apparently no appreciable rust; way too good to scrap or part out but paint and interior tatty. Many spares –panels, doors, glass, some trim, lighting, electrical, mechanical, steering and suspension; even a headliner! All spares (and any redbacks) must go with the car! Contact John on 0402 100 382.

#### 1983 Jaguar XJS HE Auto

View details at the link below

https://www.carsales.com.au/cars/details/1983-Jaguar-XJS-HE-Auto/SSE-AD-6092033/

This stylish 1983 Jaguar XJS showcases full luxury features. Runs like a dream and is in near perfect condition. Always kept in the garage, safe and sound. Older female owner looking for more practical car even though this has been her pride and joy. It's been serviced and well maintained on a regular basis. This car is priced to sell quickly at \$15,000. Registration expires in February 2020.

Further information and photos, please contact lan Ford

M: 0418 223 202

Email: info@fordearthmoving.com.au

I have decided that I am unable to continue with the restoration of my **1949 Humber Super Snipe.** My eye-sight is now not good enough to do the work I wanted to do. It is "rolling" and rust-free and dismantled. It was driveable when I purchased it some years ago. It comes with some spare panels and parts. The upholstery is in better than average condition for its age and is stored with Roger Gregerson, who unfortunately, is no longer able to work.

If you know of someone who can complete the job, I would like to see it go to a good home and would be happy to accept any reasonable offer.

Terry Byrne <a href="mailto:terryb70@bigpond.com">terryb70@bigpond.com</a>
Phone: 02 6284 4170

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1937 DX Vauxhall Engine Number 482244, Chassis Number 675556, Body Number 675. A complete car with most parts restored. New tyres, wheels sandblasted and painted, chassis sandblasted and painted, hubs honed, all new bonded brake linings, lights and badges, diff restored with new bearings and oil seals, four spare doors with all original internal fittings, plus much more. Bargain Price - \$3,800.00



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#### **EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2020**

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
29 March		Auto Italia Canberra 2020, EPIC Arena www.AutoItaliaCanberra.com
2020 28 Mar-4 Apr		Australian Historic Motoring Federation National Motoring Tour to Albury- Wodonga. See inside front cover. Visit: ahmf.org.au/2020Tour
3-5 April		Fiat Nationals 2020 at Wakefield Park and Sutton Driver Training Centre.
4-7 April	Les Buckley 0417 296 865	Temora Antique Motor Club Rally "I don't want to go home" rally
10-13 April Easter Weekend	Director David Stellini 0488 511 753 08 8088 5787	Broken Hill Veteran & Vintage Car Club 50th anniversary Bushman's Rally. Entries close 28 Feb 2020
29-31 May		44th Historic Winton at the Winton Motor Raceway near Benalla run by the Austin 7 Club. www.historicwinton.org
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
27 Sept		Bay to Birdwood for all decades of motoring history—40th anniversary. Event capacity 1750. 800 places to 1944; 800 places 1956-1980; 100 places 1980-1990; 50 places for special interest vehicles. Entries open from early January.
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# 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: <u>rjacqs@hotmail.com</u>

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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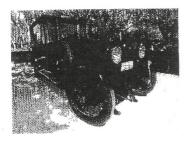
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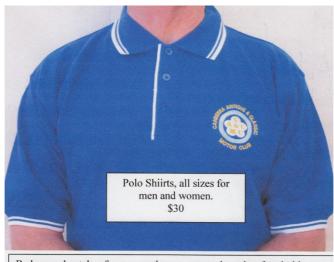




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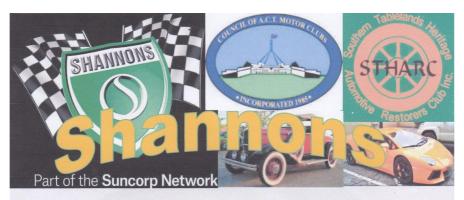


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