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1944 Ford Jeep
Alan and Gail Boate
Taken at Wheels 2012

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This one from Harry Crawford tickled his fancy at the January run —Fancy and Utilitarian. 1974 series 3 Landrover belongs to Andrew Trousdell and its bonnet mounted spare tyre contrasts to the creation on the back of Brian O'Donnell's 1959 Ford Fairlane Skyliner.

FYI Andrew still processes colour film at his shop in Akuna Street.

DON'T FRET, I WILL PUBLISH MORE WHEELS 2020 PHOTOS NEXT ISSUE.

Twin cam ute



EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles and photos for this month. If you have attended a rally in your club car, how about bringing back a small report or at least some photos taken at the event, to include your car.

Perhaps new members could send me a photo of their car(s) preferably with them in it as a way of getting known in the club. I like photos in Jpeg format.

I hope to keep the monthly Colonial going with reduced pages, so please help me out by sending stories, jokes, pictures—just so we can keep in touch.

Week Day Social Lunches

1st and 3rd Fridays of the month
ALL WEEK DAY RUNS AND LUNCHES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Graham Bigg 6181 8982



A longer drive for lunch—last Thursday of the month
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
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.

Let the Secretary know if any of you contract the dreaded coronavirus

Are you getting stir crazy yet? I find I need to write out a plan for the day and most days am achieving most of it. It does include reading and doing puzzles! But I am also clearing paperwork and have a large box of papers for shredding. I even swept out the garage and did the ironing! And am spending time in the garden each day but how I miss all my exercise/social outings.

Easter Greetings

Sadly, no large family gatherings. But I hope you enjoy your Easter. Going to church online will be different. I guess people won't be travelling too far with borders closed into most States.

See you Tuesday whenever.... Cheers, Helen

DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING - 10TH MARCH 2020

Attendance

Members	50
Visitors	0
Apologies	2

Welcome

President John Senior welcomed members to the March 2020 meeting and invited Vice President Graham Waite to introduce Karen McKernan, daughter of club members Alec and Anne McKernan to make a presentation.

Guest speaker

Karen McKernan made a presentation on Operation Cleft aimed at improving the lives of underprivileged children in Bangladesh by providing free cleft lip and palate surgery. This is Rotary Club project.

Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the February general meeting were confirmed without amendment. Moved Gerry Walker Seconded Graham Bigg **Carried.**

There was no business arising.

Correspondence David Fox

IN

Invitation from Cootamundra Club - 2020 Get-Together SW Slopes of NSW car clubs - Sun 28 March
Shannon's Auction 2nd March,

PO Box renewal - \$134 if paid on and before 31 March

GIO Car trailer insurance \$117.25 due 13 Mar 2020

Receipt GIO Insurance - Trailer

Brian McKay Colonial returned (address was the Kingston PO Box)

ACT Government - Trailer Rego

Newsletters from Chrysler Restorer; Goulburn; Parkes; Gundagai; Wollongong; Central Coast, Cowra Yass; Country Motor.

Letter from John Hillier re advice of street address

Email

Magazines via Email:

Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Car Club, ACT Veteran & Vintage Car Club, MG Car Club, Cootamundra, Orange, Parkes, Wollongong, Dubbo

Membership Applications

John Tuckey - 1958 Rochdale

Matthew Houston - 1923 Alvis & 1977 Triumph Stag

Membership Enquiries

Rich & Jess Peil. – Morris.

Michael Hassett - 1967 HR Holden.

Other Emails

Coolalie Cruisers Motor Club in Gunning 22/02

Yass Valley Rotaract Club re Show and Shine event that will be held in Yass in late May

Historic Winton 29th to 31st May

2020 Seniors Week Forum on wills.

Devonport Motor Show 22nd March

Waikerie on Wheels 2020 Car Run

ACT Heritage Library. As part of the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival are hosting local conservator Andrew Pearce of Endangered Heritage.

British Classic Car Buy Swap Sell asking for support

RetroAutos March 2020 edition.

Nikki Avila support worker from the Youth Engagement Team at Belconnen Community Service requesting Mentors for Learner drivers program.

David Rogers re link for our Website

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway March 2020

Council of ACT Motor Clubs Council Communique for March 2020

OUT

Graham Waite emailed Colonial to GIVIT

GIVIT responded with thanks

Secretary sent Sympathy Card to Ray and Anne Gallagher for DIL Fiona

Bob Garrett responded to Belconnen Community Service.

Bob Garrett responded to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway.

President John Senior

Five new members joined during the month as per the Colonial page 18.

Shannons Wheels fifty-five club vehicles attended, we should be able to do better.

Wheels at Wamboin April 18

Proposed change to membership bylaws to be discussed later in the evening.

Vice President Graham Waite

Guest speaker in April will be Brian ?

Seniors day 26 March change to parking arrangements, Graham will advise attendees by email.

Badge draw #47 Michael Crawford

Last run #14 Helen Phillips

Editor Helen Phillips

A pair of clip-on sun glasses found at Wheels Roger Amos advised he would take to next Council meeting.

Events director Richard Thwaites

Thanked members who helped set up site at Wheels, 59 vehicles in attend-

ance which included some moderns.

Sunday Trip to Goulburn railway round house and pumping station. Entrance fee for seniors to round house \$8

Meet Bungendore 9.15am. This run was suggested by Ray Gallagher.

April 19 run to Braidwood Araluen lunch at the Araluen Pub

May 17 National Motoring Heritage Day Start at Australian War Memorial slow tour around Canberra lunch at Old Parliament House café.

Brian McDonnell is organising a run to Rutherglen three night stay at a motel 5-8 May \$590 per couple includes accommodation meals and entry fees.

Australian Historic Motoring Federation rally Albury Wodonga 28 March 3

April four vehicles from Canberra entered—Richard and 3 from Riley Club.

Raffle #90 Colin Borg

Supper coordinator Virginia Paterson

Need volunteers for June and July. Virginia will not be available in June.

Registrar Bob Alexander

33 vehicles for the period 19 by Alec McKernan

Received a call from a lady who has some parts for 1928 Dodge see Bob.

Librarian Alan Boate

Seeking the background or information about a club Efficiency trophy in the form of a gear from a 1923 Citroen

Shop Manager Norm Brennan

Usual Merchandise for sale

Information officer Bob Garrett

Usual magazines and for sales

Council Delegate Roger Amos

Council Report from February Meeting for CACMC March Meeting

1.,The AHMF AGM will be held in Canberra in September. Volunteers are required so if you are interested please contact the President of The Council' Mark Saunders.

2. The Pie Cart was damaged by hail. It had not been returned to its safe garage in Googong; The Vice President survived a motion of no confidence as she was responsible for the preservation of the Pie Cart.

3. Robert Shannon Foundation supports young Car Club enthusiasts [under the age of 30 who are restoring an historic vehicle. Any nominations?

4. Report on the ANU Kambri Car Exhibition, (some details in The Colonial) It may become a 4 season's event.

5. Council has had no response to their efforts to have a 60 day scheme Introduced in the ACT for CRS Vehicles. Now a letter is to be sent to Attorney General with cc for Roads and Transport Minister and the Treasurer.

6, Questions were asked about the Charities to benefit from Wheels 2020.

As the Council Website had listed two charities, the Council agreed that both

would be sharing the charity effort. SHARC was unable to change from one Charity to two in the short time available
As a result, Council executive have announced that a contribution to the charity that missed out would be made

Publishing Committee Dave Byers

All is well

Webmaster Richard Thwaites

Greatest number of hits for the month was on Ray Gallagher's 3 litre Austin.

Treasurer Gail Boate

Current bank balance \$6250.87

Moved Gail Boate Seconded Roger Amos **Carried**

General Business

Roger Amos

Has a selection of Wheels and other badges for sale

Graham Gittins

Gave a description of the recent two day trip to Bombala 17 people took part. And drew members' attention to the ACT Heritage Librarians invitation to attend a presentation on preservation vs conservation on Saturday 18 April.

Richard Thwaites

Reviewing guidelines for membership categories and fees. Proposals will be circulated via email and next Colonial, with comments invited for Committee to review on April 7 before putting to GM on April 14 for approval. (See Appendix A)

Bob Alexander

Asked for the name of a reliable Rolls Royce service agent between here and Sydney.

And how much is a car trailer worth to buy new.

Belconnen Community Service calling for volunteer/mentors to help learner drivers get their 100 hours behind the wheels practice. Cars supplied

Ray Gallagher

On behalf of Anne and himself wished to thank members who attended the funeral service of their daughter-in-law Fiona and for the cards received.

Richard Thwaites

Requested those members who had not already done so, to check their vehicles details before the next club register is printed

Howard Taylor

Questioned why it was necessary to inform the club registrar when using a CRS plated vehicles for non-home club events. Discussion took place and Bob Alexander suggested that the matter be put in writing.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Graham Gittins

Minute secretary

Appendix 'A' for details of the proposed amended by-law for membership and fees, following:

CACMC Membership Fees

Recommendation for CACMC General Meeting 10 March 2020.

REASONS FOR CHANGES

The Club's income from the current membership fee structure is more than adequate for the Club's current level of activity. However, we could more fairly distribute the costs of membership across the different classes of membership.

The Management Committee is also considering some revisions to the By-Laws to clarify rights and entitlement of each class of membership.

The largest per-member cost item in the annual Club budget is the printing and posting of hard-copy Colonials.

On this year's figures so far, it will cost the Club approx. \$5200 to print and post 132 subscriptions, at a cost to the Club of around \$40 per posted subscription per year. The cost per member for delivering e-Colonials is close to zero.

About half the posted Colonials go to about 70 club members who also have email addresses. Some of these members will have reasons why they need to receive posted Colonials fully funded by the Club, but for others it is an optional preference. If the number of fully-subsidised posted Colonial subscriptions is reduced, we can reduce the annual membership fees for members generally.

This fee adjustment recommendation will reduce the basic membership fees for all members, and also allow for members to receive the posted Colonial either on the basis of need, or if they choose to pay a small extra optional subscription towards the extra costs of production and postage.

The proposed extra subscription cost of \$20 per year (net \$15 increase) is well below the actual unit costs incurred in production, without taking into account the work put in by the Publications Committee to print, label and post each copy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Membership Fees and Colonial Subscriptions be amended as follows:
See next page.

Richard Thwaites,
Membership Officer.

Comments should be sent to the Committee. This matter to be voted on at the April meeting.

Single membership	\$40 pa	Reduced from \$45 pa
Family membership	\$45 pa	Reduced from \$50 pa
Colonial subscription for non members	\$25 pa	No change
Printed Colonial option for Single and Family memberships	\$20 pa	New
Optional		

The Committee may waive the Printed Colonial subscription fee on a case by case on either the Member's needs or a decision that it is in the overall interest of the Club.

EFFECT ON BUDGET:

The proposal would continue to deliver printed Colonials at a subsidised rate in all cases, but would provide a reduced subsidy for those printed Colonials that are an optional choice by Single and Family members.

The effect of these proposed fees on the Club's income would depend on how many members opted to pay extra for printed Colonials. If the outcome were that 20 were assessed by the Committee as requiring printed Colonials, another 20 decided to pay the extra \$20 per year, and 30 decided to receive only e-Colonials in future, the effect on the budget would be minor and the great majority of members would pay slightly reduced membership fees.

CURRENT SYSTEM

150 Single	@ \$45 = \$ 6,750
234Family	@ \$50 = \$11,700
8 Colonial only subs	@ \$25 = \$ 200
20 optional postal subs	
Production cost saved (30 less)	

PROPOSED SYSTEM

@ \$40 = \$ 6,000
@ \$45 = \$10,530
@ \$25 = \$ 200
@ \$20 = \$ 400
\$ 1,200

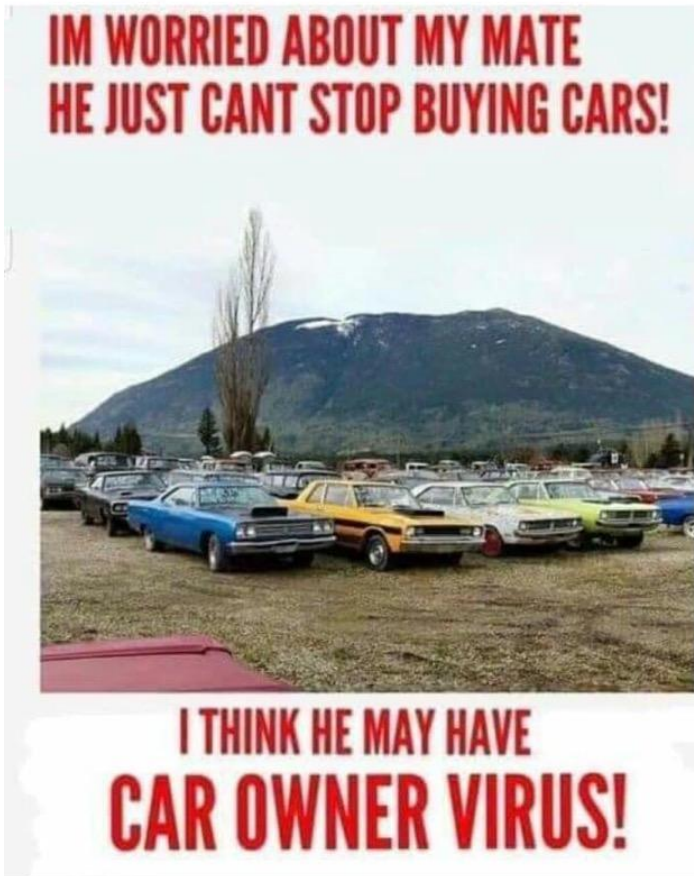
TOTALS

\$18,650

\$18,330

March speaker Karen McKernan with President John Senior





Thanks to Graham Gittins for this.

THE ROBERT SHANNON FOUNDATION

The purpose of establishing the Foundation is to encourage people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage and classic motor vehicles.

The Foundation may

- 1 Help with the purchase of specialist tools or equipment,
- 2 Assist with the actual cost of restoration work,
- 3 Contribute toward TAFE or tertiary fees or
- 4 Contribute toward any project considered worthwhile by the Trustees.

An application form can be downloaded from www.motoring.org.au

Club Steam run to Goulburn – Sunday 15 March 2020

On a rather chilly Sunday morning, a small group of members met at Bungendore for the trip up to Goulburn via Tarago. They were: Graham Bigg (BMW) and passenger Bob Garrett, David Brand and his newly-acquired Ford Capri, Brian Ely (Triumph Spitfire), Richard & Dilber Thwaites (Daimler Conquest), Neil and Garry Buttriss in Neil's blue Humber Vogue, and me in my Vanden Plas 1300.

Awesome! CACMC cars and members look up to the majestic rolling-stock



Unfortunately, Richard's Daimler had a 'failed to proceed' moment at Bungendore. Brian did the noble thing and stayed with Richard to help him get back home. The rest of us left for Goulburn, enjoying a relaxed drive along quiet roads, through unusually green countryside. At the Goulburn Locomotive Roundhouse, we were joined by Grahame Crocket & Susan Davis in their Alfetta, and Hilary Sorrell & Peter in Hilary's Honda Concerto.

No need to spoil a good patina of historic rust with a paint-job.



The Roundhouse complex originally had room for 42 engines, with a 90-foot turntable in the middle. Part of the circle of sheds was demolished in the 1970s, but about half remain. It is still a fascinating place, full of a wide range of engines and other types of rolling stock. The separate, original workshop survives, and contains such things as lathes big enough to machine

railway wheels, and an old Austin truck that was used in the workshop.

Restored Austin truck at home in the Roundhouse workshop



After that visit, everyone did their own thing for lunch, with some of us meeting up later at the Goulburn Historic Waterworks Museum on the northern edge of town. It contains one of four steam-powered beam engines built in the 1880s around NSW to pump water into reservoirs for town water. When electrical pumps took over, the other towns demolished their steam pumps. The Goulburn one, though, was coated in tallow and preserved: according to an old boilerman I talked to at the museum, this was done in case the new-fangled electric pumps failed!

Also on display is an 1866 horizontal engine used in a gold mine near Araluen, and then in a tannery in Sydney.

After that, everyone made their own way home. All in all, a very enjoyable day.

David Byers

See Richard's PS over the page.



PS. The Thwaites Daimler (Serena) restarted after about 3 hours, when the coil was replaced. This followed a dash back to Canberra in Brian Ely's Spitfire to find and buy a new coil, leaving Dilber and Margaret to while away the time and nibble at our picnic in the Bungendore Recreation Park – well-appointed with shade and facilities.

When Brian and I returned with a new coil, a passer-by of our vintage began to take a keen interest, and politely offer suggestions. As these things happen, he slowly revealed that he had worked several years as a road service call-out mechanic with the RACQ. A range of other possible no-start problems were checked and eliminated, and the coil installed. We had near-flattened the battery and had to jump-start, and the ignition fix was temporarily held together with gaffer tape and cable ties, so we abandoned plans to catch up with the run. We returned smoothly to Canberra by about 2:30pm. Sorry to have missed the museums, and thanks to Dave Byers for keeping me in touch and providing a report and the photos – Richard T.

A very different Anzac Day this year Lest we Forget.



Shannons Wheels charity display

The 44th annual Shannons Wheels vehicle display at Queanbeyan Showground attracted around 600 veteran, vintage and heritage cars, commercial vehicles, motor bikes and caravans, on Sunday 1 March 2020.

Racing legend Jim Richards with his Shannons sponsored racing car signed autographs and posed for photographs throughout the day.

Shannons and ElectroPlating Technology (EPT) sponsored the event.

The Canberra Pie Car was also on display near the Shannons tent.

Queanbeyan and Palerang Regional Council Mayor Tim Overall selected the car he would most like to take home a 1929 Dodge Six owned by Rod Greschke from the CACMC and the best club display was awarded to Mercedes Benz.

Car club members and members of the public were well catered by local organisations in the food and drink department with the Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary providing bacon and egg rolls and sausage sandwiches, the Vietnam Veterans food caravan offering the usual BBQ fare, the Tuggeranong Men's Shed providing Tornado Potatoes (half their takings to go to ACT Cancer Council) and the Queanbeyan CWA offering Devonshire tea and scones. For people wanting a coffee - Ton Up Coffee, Pearl Coffee and CWA, were in attendance.

Two traders including ElectroPlating Technology and their colleague selling rubber items for old cars were present to offer advice and sell their goods.

Gold coin donations received went to the ACT Cancer Council.

The display was organised by the Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club (STHARC) on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

Graham Gittins



SHANNONS WHEELS - 1 MARCH 2020



New car in the Club
Matthew Houston's
1923 Alvis 12/50
Ducksback

I had to chase the blokes
from under the hood of
Karl Maftoum's 1950
Lanchester so I could get a
photo. His car got an
"Honourable Mention" from
the Mayor.



Another new car in the
Club Bron Graham's EH
Holden Premier

SHANNONS WHEELS - 1 MARCH 2020

The judges at work on
new car in the Club

John Tuckey's 1958 Roch-
dale Mustard GT Coupe



Mayor's pick on the
day was Rod
Greschke's 1929 DA
Dodge.

Showing up for the Hold-
ens -

The Catanzariti's 1968
Holden HK Monaro GTS



CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2020

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS

ALL CACMC EVENTS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Regretfully, the Events Committee has decided that we have no choice but to suspend all CACMC organized events until the virus situation is officially resolved. We had events in various stages of planning right through to October, and hope to revive some of those events once we are able to get on the road again.

In addition to our monthly runs, other suspensions or cancellations are:

- Maitland Steam Festival - Grahame Crocket—cancelled.
- Wheels of Wamboin - postponed to spring
- Rutherglen Winery Tour - Brian O'Donnell (deferred to a later date)
- Monthly Pizza run to Gundaroo - Grahame Crocket—suspended until further notice.

When events become possible again, we will inform members through The Colonial, the club website, and by email via the events distribution list.

In the mean time, members are welcome to post notices on the club website noticeboard.

Send notices by email to webmaster@cacmc.org.au.

Thank you to all who have contributed to developing the events programme so far.

Richard Thwaites (for Events Committee)

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2020

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
CANCELLED		Australian Historic Motoring Federation National Motoring Tour to Albury-Wodonga. See back over. Visit: ahmf.org.au/2020Tour
CANCELLED	Sarah Ruberto 0419 491 280	Goulburn Mulwaree Rotary Club 32nd Goulburn Swap Meet, Showground, Braidwood Road from 6 am.
POSTPONED		Fiat Nationals 2020 at Wakefield Park and Sutton Driver Training Centre.
??????	Les Buckley 0417 296 865	Temora Antique Motor Club Rally “I don’t want to go home” rally
POSTPONED		Wheels of Wamboin in conjunction with Saturday markets, Bingley Road
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
CANCELLED		44th Historic Winton at the Winton Motor Raceway near Benalla run by the Austin 7 Club. www.historicwinton.org
POSTPONED	OR CANCELLED	Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club June long weekend rally
16 August		Eastern Creek
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.

See also page 32 for more events

MY JEEP - ALAN BOATE

The Jeep was purchased in January 1987. I had been looking for one for about five years. The reason it took five years for me to find one was that I wanted one that was unrestored for the right price. During the search for one I followed main leads to wrecking yards, back paddocks and properties out west. All these leads turned out to be:

"Sold it last year / month / week for \$50."

Or

"No, I'm going to do it up myself One day."

There were also many stories of hundreds of Jeeps being bulldozed into the ground around the country, dumped overboard off ships or left on Pacific Islands during or immediately after the War.

There were also stories about the fabled 'Jeep in a crate'.

Anyway, one Saturday morning a Jeep was advertised for sale in the local paper at Shannon's Flat. After a quick drive up there I paid \$450 for it. This jeep had been used on the property from when it was bought at a disposal sale in 1955 till 1963. The owner then dismantled it for restoration and stored it in, around and under the woolshed. It was still in this condition when I bought it. Fortunately it was still all there except that it was all covered in sheep manure. The whole lot was loaded on a box trailer and towed home. The wife saw the trailer and asked when I was going to take it to the tip.

Restoration commenced.

Restoration took two and a half years. Almost every seal and bearing had to be replaced and the engine, gearbox and transfer case totally reconditioned. The body needed straightening and new floors made and welded in. Items had to be made from scratch, eg bumper bar, fuel tank, front brake line guards and some small body panels.

There were no real problems with the restoration except scraping the thirty year of oil, grease, sheep manure mixture off the mechanicals. Parts were comparatively cheap and readily available, either as old WW2 stock or from France, Indonesia, Philippines, India or Japan where Jeeps are still produced to the original 1942 pattern (*this was written in 1990 Ed.*) There are several places in Australia where you can buy just about any part for a Jeep, even a new galvanised body for about \$3,500.

Restoration was to original standard or better. The only modifications I made to the original were:

- Free wheeling hubs on the front to stop problems with the transfer case from driving on sealed roads
- Modern 4WD shocks in an attempt to improve the ride
- 12 volt electrics instead of the original 6 to improve lights and starting.

The paint colour is Deep Brunswick Green, the colour army vehicles were painted between the Second World War and the Korean War. The number on the bonnet is its Army Registration number that it was given when it first arrived in Australia in December 1944. The unit signs belong to the 9th Division Australian Army in WW2.

Why restore a Jeep? Well the Jeep is a little more robust than some of the cars of the era. Parts are easily available and fairly cheap. Mechanicals are very simple and the body is all straight panels and again fairly simple. The cost of chrome work is a good point—there isn't any. As for the upholstery and hood, an old tent will do.

The biggest drawback with the Jeep is it's level of comfort. The driving position seems to have been designed for a person of 4 foot 10 with armoured kneecaps and left side. The seats were made out of inch thick horse hair with a canvas cover and the ride of the vehicle could be described as shattering. There is little protection from the weather, only the windscreen and hood, few side curtains were ever made.

The Jeep has few safety items that amaze today's generation. No seat belts, no airbags, no rollover protection, no doors, no collapsible steering column etc and the driver sits on the fuel tank. However after 30 years I still cherish the Jeep.

Alan now tows his Jeep behind his 1990 Military Landrover. This was taken at Wheels 2017.

This article first appeared in January 1990 and has been slightly updated.



COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

Heritage Library invitation to car club members

The ACT Heritage Library and Libraries ACT invite you to an event with a difference.

As part of the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival we are hosting local conservator Andrew Pearce of Endangered Heritage. Andrew has extensive experience with large technology and mechanical items having worked at the Australian War Memorial and the National Museum.

Andrew will be discussing restoration versus conservation and the ways the two are blended to ensure historical integrity and provenance or to completely tell a new story.

This event is free and open to the whole community. To make the day even more special we would love to invite car club members to attend, and to bring along items they may have already restored or are restoring, or items that have yet to be worked on. We will have an area in the carpark at the front of the ACT Heritage Library building for your motorcycles, cars, engines, machines and other items to be displayed. All groups are welcome to bring along your own brochures to circulate to other attendees.

To come along please visit [our event page](#) and book as many places as you like.

If you would like to bring along a motorcycle, car, machine, engine or other large mechanical object, please email Jessica at act.heritage.library@act.gov.au so that we can take your details and space requirements.

Where? ACT Heritage Library, 255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick.

When? Saturday 18th April as part of the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival.

What time? The program will run from 10.30am to 12 noon. All cars, motorcycles and other objects must be in place by 10.20am.

This is a great opportunity to get together with other enthusiasts and interested people without any cost. We hope that your attendance will help make this inaugural event a success.

Kind regards,

Jessica Begley AALIA | Programs Librarian | ACT Heritage Library

Phone: 02 6207 5163 | Email: act.heritage.library@act.gov.au

Libraries ACT | Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate | ACT Government

255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick ACT 2609 | GPO Box 158 Canberra ACT 2601 | www.act.gov.au

This sounded very interesting but unfortunately according to the website it has been suspended. So we hope they can run it some time later in the year.
Ed.



Jeep
Warehouse

Jeep in a crate

The original GP vehicle (Jeep) was made by the Willys company. As they could not produce enough of them for the services, Ford were given the OK to produce the same vehicle using their mass production methods. Ford reputedly made 10 times the quantity that Willys produced. At the end of the war Ford had to return to Willys the plans of the vehicle and a guarantee not to produce any more.

Thanks to Dave Rogers



Bombala trip away 6-7 March 2020

"I really would like to go to Bombala and see the platypus in the river," Heather said.

"OK" I replied, "why don't we invite members of the car club to come along too?" I said.

That was agreed, and the expressions of interest were called for when the event was advertised in the Colonial.

A recce trip to Bombala to meet the Visitors Centre staff and visits to several attractions were made.

The main attraction we wanted to visit was the Bombala Burnima Homestead (Burnima is indigenous for Kookaburra).

Visits to the Lavender Distillery and the Early Settlers Hut at Delegate 41 kilometres from Bombala were also arranged.

The latter was dependent on whether the Delegate show was on that day or postponed due to the bushfires raging through the region. It went ahead so the visit to the Early Settlers Hut was cancelled.

On these trips away, particularly to small towns, dining can be a problem so arrangements were made with the Cooma Car club to have a light lunch at their club house with the added benefit of enjoying their company and facility. In Bombala dinner was arranged at Club Bombala (the RSL Club) and at the Burnima Homestead lunch was to be provided by the Rotary Club of Bombala.

Rain fell the two days prior to departing for the trip, dampened the enthusiasm somewhat, but on Friday 6 March 2020, 17 mainly members of the club, including Eddie Abrahams who travelled down from his home in Queensland, assembled at Williamsdale for the trip down the Monaro Highway to Cooma for a tour of the Cooma Car Club's motor museum followed by a splendid light lunch of wraps, fresh fruit, cakes and slices, tea and coffee.

Cooma Car Club member, Peter Quadling, gave a presentation on the history of the club and how it obtained the former sports centre, and how it was transformed into the wonderful premises that it is today.

We then set off for Bombala arriving around 2.30pm, booked into the Maneroo Motel and had a short rest before heading to the Platypus Reserve around five kilometres from town.

Here in a serene setting by the Bombala River, the local council have built a viewing platform overlooking the river and near where the platypus play.

Whatever the reason - too much wind, wrong time of day, or the platypus were too shy - they did not show up, which was very disappointing for us all.

Never mind, there was always tomorrow morning early start to see them. According to the locals the best time to see these animals is late afternoon, or early morning.

Back to the motel before undertaking the short walk to Club Bombala for dinner. We were seated in the auditorium and enjoyed a restricted menu of a choice of four dishes and two desserts, tea and coffee. A relatively early night was had by all.

Most but not all participants were ready to travel back to the platypus reserve at 7.30am next morning. After a short wait two or more platypus were sighted, their trade mark v-shaped wave signifying their presence as they made their way down the river.

Breakfast, for those who did not bring their own, was the next port of call. The café was doing a great business, and as we arrived, a group of motor bike riders, were just leaving.

By the time breakfast was finished, it was almost time to head to the heritage railway yards, the Cooma-Bombala railway was closed in 1986.

The Lavender Distillery is situated in the rail complex, distiller Rob Cash gave an entertaining presentation on the distilling of lavender. He informed us that no lavender had been distilled this year due mainly to the drought. For the demonstration he was distilling Eucalyptus oil from gum leaves.

Next was a visit to the visitors centre and the museum, which among other memorabilia, housed the place where Saint Mary Mackillop stayed on her two visits to Bombala.

The 80 per cent chance of rain forecast for the day did not eventuate and we drove the few kilometres out of town to Burnima Homestead to be entertained by the owner/host Steve Rickett, dressed in the period of the 1890s - top hat, long tail coat, pin stripped trousers and walking cane, who enthralled us with the quirky ways of the class conscious Victorian ladies and gentlemen.

The Burnima House was once mooted as the future Government House, if Bombala was selected as the site for the capital of Australia.

The thirty-eight room architect-designed house has all the traits of a high Victorian homestead, with separate entrances for staff and residents/visitors. During his research of the house and Victorian times, Steve located a down-stairs maid in Melbourne, who had worked at the house but had never been allowed up to the bedrooms, until he brought her to the house, some 70 years after she worked there.

It was a great tour and Steve really knows his stuff about the Victorian era in Australia.

After the tour, Chris Berry presented Steve with a washstand bowl and jug set, which he and Irene had decided to find a suitable home for.

A sandwich and slice, tea and coffee lunch provided by the Rotary Club of Bombala was a fitting end to two great days.

It was time to head back to Canberra.

Participants were:

Chris and Irene Berry
Graham and Heather Gittins
Denis and Val Harding
Ian and Marion Hooley
Phil and Margaret Smith
Gerry and Kay Walker
Darrell and Penny Walker
Graham and Ellen Waite
And Eddie Abrahams who travelled down from Queensland



Thanks to Graham Gittins.





The touring group at Cooma Club clubhouse



Steve Rickett

Burnima taken when Helen's garden club visited.



The Colonial

April 2020

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DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Helen,

I would like to thank club members for making me feel welcome at the recent Wheels Day, when I and my car turned up “out of the blue”.

A few people asked me where the Alvis suddenly sprang from, so I thought I would give you a potted history, if you feel like publishing it in the Colonial at some stage.

My Triumph Stag (which I’ve had since 2004) was also at the Wheels Day, but that was parked with the Triumph Club of the ACT.

I’m looking for a reliable mechanic in the Queanbeyan / Canberra region who will be able to service, and do other works if / when required, on the Alvis, so I’m hoping that some of your members may be able to provide some recommendations for such age-ed cars.

I look forward to getting out and about with both cars at Club events in the future.

Yours faithfully,
Matthew Houston

Thank you Matthew. I will certainly use your story but not for April magazine as I have already made a decision about that issue. Those of us who deal with applications for membership did know you were a member and chief judge Bob Alexander checked on your membership. Your application was too late to be printed in our March issue but will be in April. I look forward to seeing the Stag also in the future. It was great to see some new cars in the Club at Wheels and they, and others we don’t see too often, caused a lot of interest. Helen Phillips

Guidelines for the use of ACT Concessionally Registered Vehicles

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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.

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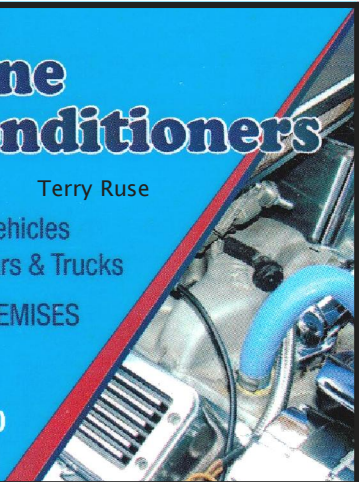
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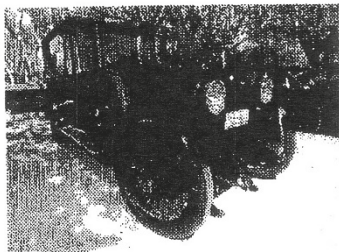
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