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Michael & Anne Toole

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you renew your membership online or go into the Commonwealth Bank to pay it, **MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ADDED TO THE TRANSACTION**. Please also return your membership renewal form.

We need the renewal form updated with any changes to your contact details and also importantly any changes to the vehicles you own which are on concessional registration. We especially need the colour and the registration number.

Cross out any you have disposed of and add any new ones in your collection.

We do not have credit card facilities any longer but cheques and money orders are acceptable posted to our PO Box 3427, MANUKA ACT 2603

Bank details are: Commonwealth Bank
BSB 062 900 Account 2802 2621

No cheque book or access to online banking: no worries. You do realise that Post Offices are agencies of the Commonwealth Bank. Take your Colonial in so you get the details of our account correct and pay your membership as per the correct figure relating to you. Make sure they put your name on the transaction.

EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles and photos for this month. I'm looking for a car story for the September issue. Maybe a revamped one that was published earlier or from a member who has won an award in recent years and not told us the story of their car.

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



Graham has been in touch with several clubs but they do not want to take bookings for large numbers. Are keeping table sizes small. This should change soon.

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.

Our sympathy

Our sympathy to Delma Tyrell and the family of Geoff who passed away in July. See page 28.

Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day for Sunday 6th September to all the fathers in our Club. Hope you are spoilt on this day.

New Club Inspector

Note that new Vehicle Inspector Joe Micallef has started in Woden.

Things may change

Please check our broadcast emails or the website in case changes have to be made to the September run. Those without email—do you have a friend who is a member who can let you know of any changes.

Your Club needs you

See next page re AGM. Badly need some younger members to step up to help with the management of the club.

Keep well,

Cheers, Helen

Financial Membership of CACMC

The Membership Secretary and Committee Members have been making a concerted effort to contact unfinancial members. Probably about a dozen unresolved. It's not like social clubs where it doesn't matter if your membership is late if you are not participating. Here your concessional registration depends on you being a financial member of a club affiliated with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. This will also be the last Colonial for those unfinancial at the next cut-off. Please note also if you usually get a posted copy of the Colonial, but you have an email address and didn't pay the extra \$20, you are being transferred to e-Colonial.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FROM 1 JULY 2020

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| Single membership with Colonial by email | \$40 |
| Single membership with printed Colonial | \$60 |
| Family membership with Colonial by email | \$45 |
| Family membership with printed Colonial | \$65 |
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

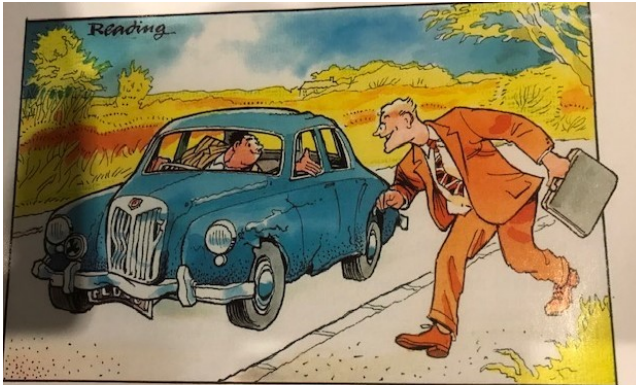
Just foreshadowing that we plan to have the Annual General Meeting before the end of November. This timing is allowed by our Constitution.

The Committee will meet in early October and plan for an AGM at the Bridge Club in whatever environment we have. The minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting will be published next month. The audited financial statement as at 30 June will be available at the AGM.

Most importantly we are looking for members to take an interest in the management of the club and stand for a position on the Committee.

We thank John Senior for his work over the years as President but he needs to stand down to look after family.

Please get in touch with the Vice President or Secretary if you would like to discuss what you could do on the Management Committee to help out.

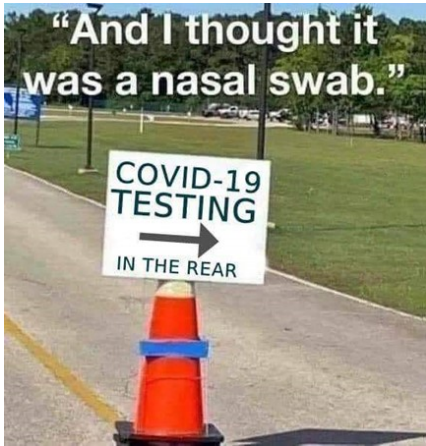


This one from Graham Gittins—thanks.

If any member takes pictures of our cars on a run, I would appreciate single pictures in Jpeg format. Ed.

"NO THANKS FRED, I'M IN A BIT OF A HURRY"





Not saying who sent this one in!

Thanks to Geoff Hall for this collage of cars on the August run. See next page re You Tube link.



Monthly Run—Sunday 16th August 2020

YASS VIA MOUNTAIN CREEK ROAD

| | | |
|----|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Graham & Heather Gittins | Modern |
| 2 | Ian Hooley | Toyota Cressida 1982 |
| 3 | Helen Phillips | Modern |
| 4 | Vin Liston | Modern |
| 5 | Brian & Margaret Ely | Triumph Spitfire 1972 |
| 6 | David Brand | Ford Capri |
| 7 | John de la Torre | Mercedes Benz 190 1986 |
| 8 | Neale Buttriss | Humber Vogue Sports 1963 |
| 9 | David & Jenny Fox | Leyland P76 1973 |
| 10 | Roger Amos | MGB 1969 |
| 11 | Howard & Margaret Taylor | MGB 1970 |
| 12 | Brian O'Donnell & Wilma Cole | Ford Lincoln 1978 |
| 13 | Michael & Anne Toole | Holden Commodore 1979 |
| 14 | Phil & Margaret Smith | Buick Super 8 1947 |
| 15 | Graham Bigg | BMW 520 1975 |
| 16 | Richard & Dilber Thwaites | Modern |
| 17 | Gerry Walker & Graham Waite | Modern |
| 18 | Geoff Hall | Fiat 1500 1963 |
| 19 | Charlie Adams | Studebaker Champion 1950 |

Persons Total: 29 people

Vehicles Total: 19 cars

Please add this link to the pictures about the Yass drive:

<https://youtu.be/Pn-AFH-pe00>

Cheers

Geoff Hall

This one is mine
in the street in
Yass.

You can work out
the owners from
the above!!



Thank you to the Events Committee and this time Brian Ely, for organizing the August run. Nice roll-up again and some doing all or part of the run, some cheating and going down the Barton Highway. Not everyone dined at the Soldiers Club as there was a limit of 20. Some met up for a light lunch at one of the cafes.



MICHELAGO RUN – SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

This run is a visit to Googong Dam, then a drive to Michelago for lunch at the old Railway Station.

Bring picnic tables or chairs to use while having lunch at Michelago Railway Station.

The Michelago General Store produces a delicious range of toasted sandwiches and hamburgers. **See the menu on page 13.**

If you wish to buy lunch from the Michelago Store, make your selections and pay cash to the organisers when we meet at at Spotlight Queanbeyan carpark. Orders will be conveyed to the store so that food will be ready for collection upon our arrival.

- 10:00 Meet at Spotlight carpark, Queanbeyan for a brief catch-up chat and place lunch orders if so desired and pay (cash only) to run organisers (see menu attached).
- 10:30 Depart via Ellerton Drive (5 km)
 Turn left into Old Cooma Road (4.6 km)
 Turn left into Googong Road, follow (4.7 km) to Googong Fore-shore carpark for a look at the dam, spillway, etc.
- 11:15 Backtrack along Googong Road to Old Cooma Road (4.7 km)
 Turn left into Old Cooma Road (6.6 km)
 Turn left into Cooke Drive and continue onwards (2.0 km) into Royalla Drive

 Follow Royalla Drive (7.3 km via 5 roundabouts) to Monaro Highway
 Turn left into Monaro Highway and follow to Ryrie Street (25 km)
- 12:00 Turn left at petrol station into Ryrie Street and follow (800 m) to Michelago General Store for lunch orders then continue Michelago Station (150 m) for lunch and a chin wag, or (if feeling athletic and adventurous) take a short walk to the railway bridge over Michelago Creek and back to the station along the disused railway line.

 Disperse at leisure, and make your way home via the Monaro Highway.

Contact: Ian Hooley – email: hooley@grapevine.com.au, mobile: 0438 466 539

Burgers

BLT Roll \$8
bacon, lettuce, tomato

BLAT Roll \$10
bacon, lettuce, avocado, tomato

Cheeseburger \$7
beef patty, double cheese, onion, pickle

Tinderry Burger \$10
Bacon, double egg, double cheese, onion, tomato and relish

Plain Burger \$8
beef patty, cheese, onion, tomato, beetroot, lettuce

Hamburger w/lot \$11
beef patty, cheese, onion, bacon, egg, pineapple, tomato, beetroot, lettuce

Chicken Burger \$11
schnitzel breast, cheese, tomato, lettuce, mayo

Avocado \$3

+avocado \$2

Vegan Burger \$11
patty, mushroom, avocado, tomato, lettuce

Bowls of Goodness

Chorizo Beans \$11
Homemade chorizo beans with sourdough & egg

Vegan Beans \$10
Mixed beans with mushroom spinach & sourdough

Chips
Kids serve/side \$3.50
Cup/small bowl \$5.00
Box/large bowl \$8.00
Xlarge Box \$12.00
Hash Brown \$2.00

Sandwiches/Wraps

Made to order - range of fresh or toasted
Ham | Chicken | Cheese | Avocado | Salads

COFFEE – ONA Coffee The Hitman

Piccolo \$3.00
Macchiato \$3.00
Small Cup \$3.50
Large Cup \$4.00
lat white, latte, cappuccino, long black

Espresso – 1 shot \$2.50

Espresso – 2 shots 3.50

CHOCOLATE – Hot Chocolate

Small \$3.50
Large \$4.00
Deluxe-whipped cream \$5.50
All served with marshmallows

TEA – Zee Tea

Organic loose-leaf tea.

Tea for One \$3.00

Pot for Two \$4.50

English Breakfast

Earl Grey *black tea & bergamot*

Peppermint

Peppermint Lux *peppermint, lavender & rose petals*

Field of Dreams *chamomile, lemonbalm, lavender,*

spearmint & passionflower

Chai Mix *cinnamon, ginger, cloves, star anise, liquorice, cardamom, fennel*

MILKSHAKES

Small \$3
Large \$5

Milk, ice cream choice of 1 or 2 flavourings – chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, caramel, banana, and lime

THICKSHAKES

Small \$6
Large \$8

Milk, loads of ice cream choice of 1 or 2 flavourings – chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, caramel, banana, and lime

Breakfast Menu is available all day too. Which means that the Breakfast Wrap of soft wrap, bacon, egg, hash brown and free range egg \$9 and Bacon & Egg roll \$7 are also available.

Council Communique**August 2020****Council meeting notes**

The Council of ACT Motor Clubs held its first face-to-face meeting since February 2020. The meeting was held at the Spanish Club Narrabundah.

Around 32 delegates attended the meeting

Items of interest from the meeting included:

Spanish Club is a good venue for club meetings contact is Chris Lauder 0418 886 344 who will be able to advise floor loadings and availability of space.

Peugeot and Renault Car Clubs are merging to form the French Car Club.

Italian Car Club is changing its name to Auto Italia from September 2020.

The Australian Historic Motoring Federation AGM in Canberra has been postponed to 2021. The 2020 AGM will be a virtual meeting. Council of ACT Motor Clubs be hosting the 2021 event.

Council AGM will be held on October 15 2020.

Marques in the Park is still scheduled for John Knight Park Belconnen on November 15. The event is being organised by the American Car Club.

Wheels 2019 and 2020 badges are available for sale contact Council President Mark Saunders.

The death of Peter Bray Queanbeyan Councillor and great supporter of Terribly British Day and Wheels in Queanbeyan was noted.

NSW had banned all motor sport in the State for six weeks.

The Pie Cart will shortly be going in for hail damage repairs.

There are still a number of clubs who have either not paid their annual affiliation fee or returned correct paper work. If these clubs have vehicles on CRS they are warned that their members should not use their vehicles until Council receives the necessary paper work and fee.

Clubs should refuse membership to a person endeavouring to join their club with an Red Suzuki Hatch with expired CRS plates HIS-2070. The owner is continuing to drive the vehicle unregistered despite warnings. Clubs and all members beware and please report any sightings and if possible get photo. Report of a red 81 Ford Bronco number plate, HIS-1500, being driven erratically in traffic and also with an alleged non CRS compliant configuration. Again please report any relevant issues.

60 Day scheme

Council has been advised that the ACT Liberal party will support the Council

request to introduce a 60 day usage of Concessionally Registered vehicles if they win the ACT Government election in October 2020.

Council is urging affiliated clubs and individual members, to write to candidates standing for election pointing out that Council has been advocating to the ACT Government since June 2018 for the introduction of the 60 day usage scheme to fall into line with all other justifications, and has not had the courtesy of a reply.

Council president, Mark Saunders will send three dot points to be included in the letters.

Pie Cart on display

Council of ACT Motor clubs endorsed unanimously, the use of the Canberra Pie Cart at a Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG) event on Wednesday 2 December in Civic Square. The event will feature the Pie Cart as a centre piece and speakers will detail the history and restoration of the 1939 Chevrolet van. Pies and soft drinks will also be for sale close by.

Council is appealing to members to support the event by attending at lunchtime between 1.pm and 2.00pm and by contacting Council publicity officer Graham Gittins at: gittins@iinet.net.au with any Images or stories about the pie cart.

Shannons Wheels

The Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club (STHARC) had advised Council that it will not be able to organise Shannons Wheels in 2021. Council would like to hear from any affiliated club willing to organise the event.

Coming Events

October 17 – General Meeting and AGM

Venue: Raiders Club, Weston (unless otherwise advised due to COVID)

Commences: 7:30 pm

November 17 Marques in the Park John Knight Park Belconnen

December 1 Terribly British Day, Queanbeyan Park

Admission by gold coin donation

March 1 2021 Shannons Wheels Queanbeyan Showground

Thanks to Graham Gittins

End of an era for Motor Museum

The closing of the Binalong Motor Museum marks the end of an era.

The museum was first opened by its curator, retired Canberra Eye Surgeon, Dr Stuart Saunders, in 1990 to house his growing collection of up-market vehicles, in particular Stuart's type 35 Bugatti, several Jaguars, a Daimler, London Austin Taxi, two Ferraris and a World War 1 Harley Davison motor bike outfit.

The museum became a popular stopping off place for car club members travelling from Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra and Stuart and his wife Christine used to invite car club members to an open day once a year to inspect the vehicle collection and sit on the lawns of the Binalong property for a picnic .

Along with the vehicles, Stuart's eclectic collection of automotive memorabilia, including many automotive books, posters, old signs, lamps, oil tins, tin number plates and catalogues went under the on-line auction hammer on Sunday 26 July.

Organised by Donington's Auctions of Melbourne, the auction attracted interest from buyers from around the world as well as Australia and New Zealand.

Not all of the collection went under the hammer, the Belgium 27 litre Liberty Aero engine MAB, Bugatti and Delage are remaining with Stuart to tinker with, when he is not in his garden.

A selection of the results of the auction of the more than 300 lots included:

Three MG books - Winning bid \$100
 Jaguar original XJ220 sales brochure - Winning bid \$180
 Three books relating to legendary Australian Phil Irving and Lex Davidson
 Estimate \$100 -\$200 - Winning bid \$50
 2001 Ferrari 550 Maranello
 Estimate \$280 000 -\$320 000 - Winning bid \$270 000
 1966 Vespa 125cc scooter
 Estimate \$7000 -\$9000 - Winning bid \$8000
 1972 Ferraro 365GTC/4
 By Pinninfarina one of 41 examples produced in RHD
 Estimate \$500000 -\$550 000 - Unsold
 1934 Harley Davidson Model R 750cc
 Estimate \$30 000 -\$38 000 - Winning bid \$47 000
 1925 Bentley 3 litre Vanden Plas style tourer
 Estimate \$320 000 -\$370 000 - Unsold
 1971 Austin London Black Taxi
 Estimate \$10 000-\$15000 - Winning bid \$12000

1961 Jaguar 3.8 Mk2 Saloon (Manual)
 Estimate \$33 000 - \$39 000 - Winning Bid \$58 000
 MG N type Magnette
 Estimate \$190 000 - \$230 000 - Unsold
 Set of two Victorian number plates 210
 Estimate \$220 000 - \$260 000 - Winning Bid \$235 000
 Bugatti Type 52 powered child's car
 Estimate \$8 000 - \$12 000 - Winning bid \$16 000
 1967 FIAT 500 Bambino
 Estimate \$11 000 - \$15 000 - Winning bid \$14 000
 1966 Daimler Majestic Major
 Estimate \$31 000 - \$35 000 - Unsold

Thanks to Graham Gittins

Stuart Saunders with
 his collection of cars
 etc.



Stuart with the Lon-
 don taxi.



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September 2020

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2020

| DATE | CONTACT | DETAILS |
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Sunday 20th September - Googong and Michelago

Meet Spotlight carpark, Queanbeyan 10 am

See page 13 for details of run and page 14 for what you can order for lunch. Bring cash (and no \$50 notes thank you).

Or you can take your own lunch and perhaps a thermos for a hot drink.

Contact: Ian Hooley: 0438 466 539

October event planned has been thwarted by the closure of the venue. More news via broadcast email or in next month's Colonial

November outing will be Marques in the Park if that is able to go ahead.

15th November - John Knight Park, Belconnen

9th December - Barbecue meeting by the Lake (TBC)

I think it is time to take the proposed Rutherglen trip off the calendar, no prospect of it being possible this year and maybe the Motel involved will no longer be operating. We can look at the trip or a similar one when life gets back to normal.

Regards Brian O'Donnell

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2020-21

| DATE | CONTACT | DETAILS |
|-------------------|---|--|
| 4-5 Sept | POSTPONED To 2021 | The Annual Conference of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) will be hosted by the Council of ACT Motor Clubs. 2020 AGM will be a virtual meeting. |
| 6 Sept | CANCELLED | Cootamundra Father's Day swap meet |
| 27 Sept | | Bay to Birdwood for all decades of motoring history—40th anniversary. Still listed as going ahead but unless the SA border reopens, ACT residents will be unable to go. <i>Further questions or concerns, please contact directly via email: baytobirdwood@history.sa.gov.au or phone the Museum on 08 8568 4000.</i> |
| 17 Oct Sat | Provisional Allen Curteis 6862 5848 | Parkes Antique Motor Club 27th Annual Swap Meet, Pioneer Oval, Alexandrina Street. 6 am \$5 entry in conjunction with Central West Car Club ShowNShine |
| 4-11 Nov | G Crocket | Alfisti Spring Tour 2000 Ballarat to Adelaide |
| 7-13 Nov | John Hamilton | 2020 Tasmania Classic jchamilton@tassienet.au |
| 14-15 Nov | CANCELLED | Bendigo Swap Meet |
| 1 Dec | | Terribly British Day, Queanbeyan Park. Gold coin donation on admission. |
| 11-15 Feb 2021 | | The Mansfield Classic Holden Nationals is open to all Holden models built from 1948 to 1980 including stock, unrestored originals and modified vehicles. Mansfield, Vic www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/news/mansfield-host-classic-holden-nationals-in-2021 |
| 26 Sept 2021 | | Pambula Motorfest postponed from 2020 www.pambulamotorfest.com |

Restoring a 1979 VB SLE Commodore

Michel and Anne Toole

In 2017 I noted, as did many car enthusiasts, an advertisement for a clearing sale of an extensive and iconic collection of Motor Vehicles, dealership signage; workshop; NOS spares; spare parts; manuals and numerous sundries.

Charlie McCarron of Canowindra Motors were selling up and everything that you would find in a Holden dealership was up for grabs. Charlie also collected some classic cars after he closed the dealership and these cars were being auctioned as well.

I decided that since I had a VF Commodore (number 989 of the last 1200 Holdens to come out of HSV) it would be nice to have a VB Commodore, the first manufactured in Australia – A bookend set.

Anne and I decided to drive up with our caravan on Friday morning and stay at the Showground. If I was lucky enough to score a car then we would return to Canberra on Sunday afternoon, pack away the van, and hook up the car trailer first thing Monday, and drive back to Canowindra, load the car and wander home.

So we departed a wet and windy Canberra on the Friday and had rain most of the way. We arrived in Canowindra about 11:30 and proceeded to the Showground. We set up the van in the arena and then walked across to the pavilion that had the cars for auction for an initial inspection. At the same time I registered as a bidder (there were over 2,000 registered bidders).

Sunday morning Anne and I went back to the cars to have a real good look with a critical eye and marked off any that we thought were not up to specs. There were 10 VB Commodores for Auction and we settled on two as our preferred choices. A nice red SLE 4.2 and standard (L) 4.2. All others were disregarded for a number of reasons – poor interior, not running, exterior needing a repaint.

We then returned to the van for lunch and at 12:45 (1:00 sharp start) took our chairs across and joined the other 2000 people at the Auction site.

The cheaper cars came up first but some were bought after a strong bidding war, others were bought cheaply as only a few people were interested. My Commodore came up and I stepped up in front of the auctioneer, I got the car for the same amount that you could have bought it new in 1978. I then returned to my seat beside Anne and said “that red one is now ours”.

Anne and I then headed back to the caravan, rang Shannon’s and insured the car, walked back to the auction and paid up. We watched the last of the auction and then hooked up the van and headed home satisfied.

Next day we rose bright and early, hooked up the car trailer, drove to Canowindra, loaded the car and made our way home.



So, how do you restore a VB commodore? Compared to the challenge of restoring my 1927 Buick - it is easy. Most stuff you want for a VB is either available through Rare Spares or eBay, or elsewhere on the internet. Unfortunately many car wreckers said they had crushed their early commodore stuff years ago as no one was interested.

The first thing was to check out the body. I took it to the Robinson Brothers to get the cracked chassis welded up, a common fault in the early VBs, and a small amount of rust removed and brought it home. I had planned to restore it in stages because I wanted to use the car, so the first thing was to get it registered.

The original advertising stated that the car "Runs and drives". Well it may have 15 years ago when it was traded in, but it certainly didn't stop now, so I needed to fix the brakes. I replaced everything with new. New master cylinder, reconditioned brake booster, new brake hoses, new brake pads, new callipers for 4 wheel disk, front and rear disks replaced, front wheel bearings replaced, and 4 new tyres. While I was under the car and the car was up on blocks I also replaced the rear trailing arms in the suspension. I replaced all suspension bushes, new rear shock absorbers, new front struts. After one eventful test run I also replaced the starter motor.

I had the gearbox rebuilt, radiator flushed and cleaned. New power steering rack, new power steering pump, new battery and it was ready for registration. Which it duly passed.

The engine in the car was a 4.2 Engine which I had checked out and it was all OK - It was not the original engine so it must have been replaced at some stage during the life of the car.

I found on eBay for \$100 a heavy duty tow bar and bolted it up to the car.

I cleaned out the car, replaced the carpet and Anne and I took our first trip away with our caravan.

Unfortunately this proved two things. One that the VB was a great touring car, and secondly, the 4.2 just did not have what it takes to tow a caravan up hills. Unfortunately, after the introduction of pollution gear on engines in the late 70's, the Holden 4.2 was the lowest rated (horsepower wise) V8 that Holden ever produced.



So, a new engine was required. I checked out all the rules. The ACT Motor Registry does not like you putting in a “pre-pollution” engine in a “post pollution gear” car. If you put in a later motor that has a 20% increase in capacity, or a horsepower then you need engineering certificates. BUT, because the 5 litre engine was an option in this car I could put in an era-specific 5 litre. I found one in Victoria out of a WB statesman and had Genteck at Mitchell rebuild the engine and boosted the horsepower a bit from standard.

At this stage, because the engine had to come out of the car I decided to do a complete repaint as well. The car was stripped down and I found more rust under the front window sill. The painter and panel beater fixed that and returned me a nicely painted car.

The engine bay was detailed and the 5 litre put in. A new set of extractors and a new exhaust system was added. I rebuilt the headlight wipers and replaced passenger light lens and replaced the wireless aerial.

With the nicely rebuilt engine I also added electronic ignition. The air-conditioner pump was replaced with a modern version and the air-conditioner hoses replaced and re-gassed.

In the inside of the car I replaced the odometer as the old odometer was not working. All other instruments worked. I was able to source new original old stock upholstery material, and reupholstered front and rear seats in velour. I put in new windscreen rubbers, new rear window rubber, new door rubbers, and new carpet and replaced driver’s side window winder.

I removed, cleaned and repaired the heater and air-conditioner unit.

The dash panel, binnacle and centre console were repaired and recovered by Dash Instruments in Melbourne, and the door cards replaced and reupholstered by Dash Repair in Adelaide. I found an original radio and upgraded speakers. I was even able to find era specific equaliser/booster. I added CB radio, as people did in the 70’s and added rear venetian blinds and recovered the parcel shelf.

Interestingly enough the only place I could source the original double pin-stripe tape was from the UK through eBay.

So, in summary, I did all the work in restoring this car except for panel beating, painting and engine rebuilding which I left to the experts. After all this work was done I now had a new car in many aspects. Many of the components are new and it is now a delight to drive and tows our 1957 caravan with ease along the highways and byways of Australia.

To my delight, and my great surprise I won the 2019 Bill Amie’s award for mechanical excellence.

After Covid I shall be driving both my Commodores more. As I noted on a Facebook page someone said "This Covid makes me feel like a teenager again – fuel is cheap but I am grounded."

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The NEW Holden station wagon reaches Canberra!

This photo was taken in Commonwealth Motors in Mort Street presumably in 1957 and probably by the Canberra Times.



As an 11 year old I can remember the announcement in the Canberra Times and I went and looked at the first Holden wagon. I remember thinking that the curved rear window was very clever! This is evidently the 'Special' model with a lock on both front doors and a radio (I guess still a bulky valve job with noisy vibrator cartridge to change the 12V DC up to 200V AC for the valves).

This photo is taken looking out to Coggan's Bakery but I don't know who the gents are. I bought the framed photo at the clearing auction in about 1991 My thinking is that it is the very Canberra Times photo that was published and a copy was bought by the business. Photo sales was a standard extra for newspapers then. The site then became a Mitsubishi dealer. Nowadays there are takeaways with units above.

The other corner behind the gents was always a car yard till the end of 2017 when Chris moved to Fyshwick. That was the end of car businesses on Mort St.

Lonsdale St still hangs on with 2 repair shops, Beaurepaires and the car wash. I pulled petrol at BP in the 60s and I estimate that 100 cars a day got GOC (Grease and Oil Changes) at the approx 10 servos on these 2 streets.

Harry Crawford

For Sale

These 3 cars were purchased with the intention to create a wedding fleet, will sell them as a package or individually. Vehicles are located near Sutton NSW. Contact John mobile: 0418641908 email: remrod48@gmail.com for further details and to make an offer.

'Holden' Buick Series 40 Special 8 1937 6 wheeler. Chassis No. 3031749



Buick Series 40 Special 8 1937 Chassis No. 3146433



Studebaker Commander 1939 TJ Richards built. Chassis No. 4156338



Expression of interest

The Gittins are planning a trip to the New South Wales Gold Fields centred on Bathurst and Forbes /Grenfell in March/April 2021 for around five to seven days and invite members to complete the following expression of interest.

It is envisaged that the tour will take in gold field's heritage sites, and bushranger activities during the trip.

Accommodation will be in the 3 to 3.5 star range and where possible will include breakfast.

Travel will be on all sealed roads.

We will stay in Bathurst for three days and Forbes/ Grenfell for two or three days. When completed an accurate as possible costing will be provided including accommodation costs and entry fees to museums and attractions.

Yes I/we are interested in joining the trip to the gold fields of NSW trip in March/ April 2021.

Name:

Email Address.....

Graham and Heather Gittins
gittins@inet.net.au

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.)

1937 Nash Ambassador, 6 cylinder dual ignition, 7 main bearing crank shaft, proven rally car. No rust, Bedford cord upholstery wool. Recent work, new clutch, pressure plate, Radiator, tyres, brakes. Trailer load spares \$25000 firm. Charlie 0402 087 754



I have lost so much of my eyesight that I have to concede that I cannot continue with the restoration of my **Humber Super Snipe M12**. It is a 1949 four headlight model chassis No. 8810065. it is rolling, rust-free and dismantled ready for bead/sand blasting. The seat leather is sound and pliable. There are many spares....panels and parts. Instruments have been serviced, timber dash and door panels re-furbished, brakes serviced by ACT Brakes some time ago, jewellery is complete and there is a new wiring harness. It has always been stored under cover.

I would hope that it will go to someone who appreciates the Marque and vintage.....FOR THE BEST OFFER.

Thank you. Regards, Terry Byrne Queanbeyan
Email: terryb70@bigpond.com

Retroautos August 2020 mid-month story online features the very rare 1966 Skoda 100 MBX coupe. It's a cold war classic.

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.)

Trunk as pictured. It is in good condition, lockable, and of vinyl covered wood construction, internally lined with carpet. Dimensions are approx. 1 metre wide by 0.5metre high by 0.5 metre deep. Asking price is \$250 or nearest offer.

If interested, please contact Bill Hopkins
02 62974612 (H) or 0439786210(M)
Email: billhopkins@homemail.com.au



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

Phone Roger Amos 02 662542546 Car located in Millthorpe NSW.



Tyres x 2 Dunlop (6.00.19) Good tread, ideal for spares. \$40.00 the pair. Ring Roger—02 6254 2546

Chrysler 65 Tourer (1929) \$18,000

Metastatically maintained

Pride and joy for over 20 years

May need work adjusting the fly wheel

Spare parts included.

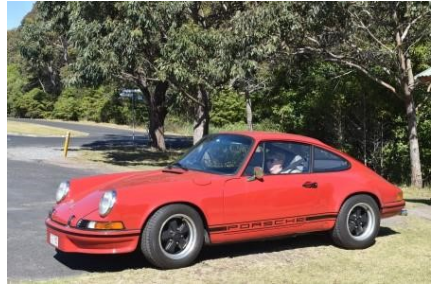
Contact Anthony 0409 831 075

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FOR SALE

I have decided to sell some of my cars.

1969 Porsche 911E



1985 Jaguar XJ-SC



The cars have matching numbers. I will keep the Ferrari. If anyone is interested they could contact me at +61439 732 107 or 6239 4379.

I will also be selling my 2005 Subaru Liberty wagon 2.0 turbo, one of 300 tuned by STi.

Email: grahame.crocket@outlook.com

VALE Geoff Tyrrell

6 May 1939-24 July2020

Another of our former members passed away in July. He and Delma joined CACMC in about 1990. Geoff was an active member of the club in past years. You could always rely on Geoff, Scott Appleyard and Ken Walker to display their Austins at car shows.

Geoff was our Membership Secretary for a couple of years. Our sympathy to Delma and family.



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

OR

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