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1951 Morris "J" Van
Craig Richardson
Circa 1960s

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CLUB MEETING

Meetings of the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Next General Meeting Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 8.00 pm
 ACT Bridge Club (room to the right)
 Duff Place, Deakin

Wear your name badge as there will be a lucky badge draw. No supper this night unless things change in the meantime and Richard will send out a broadcast email. Speaker will be Brian O'Donnell about his latest imported car.

PLEASE CHECK IN TO THE BRIDGE CLUB CBR APP ON YOUR PHONE OR SOME ONE AT THE EVENTS COMMITTEE TABLE WILL CHECK YOU IN WHEN YOU SIGN OUR CLUB ATTENDANCE BOOK

EVENTS

Club runs are held each month, usually the Sunday after the general meeting. Our May run is on National Motoring Heritage Day, May 17 - see page 16.

CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S VEHICLE TRAILER

Bob Alexander rjacgs@hotmail.com
 0417 880 064 6235 5845 (H)

Vehicle Trailer: To maintain the trailer in good condition, members using it are required to make a contribution to upkeep.

The contribution is \$20 for each use plus \$10 per 100 km or part thereof. Any damage incurred during use MUST be paid for by the member. Please present proof of financial membership of this Club to the custodian when collecting the trailer. Members are responsible for compliance with all road regulations.

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It is still possible to get your Colonial by email and avoid paying the \$20 extra for a printed and posted copy. Just email Helen editor@cacmc.org.au and cc membership@cacmc.org.au and Richard will take you off the labels list.

Cut-off for June Colonial - 22nd May 2021.

EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles and photos for this month. I'll be chasing up various members to give me a story of their car. Anything else you think would be interesting to fellow members, happy to print. Also how about something for the FOR SALE page. Clean out those workshops.

Week Day Social Lunches

1st Friday of each month

Friday 7th May 12 noon Sandwich lunch at the Woden Southern Cross Club bistro. Graham away till 12th so Joe Micallef in charge. Graham has made a permanent booking and reserved Table 405.



Friday 21st May lunch run to meet at Raiders Weston Club, 1 Liardet Street Weston to arrive for lunch at noon. Please let Graham know by 6 pm 19th May if you are coming so he can get the booking reasonably correct. Graham will be away for two weeks but back in time for this lunch. Enquiries Graham Bigg 0407 199 019 .

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.

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our Club. I hope you are spoilt on the day - flowers, chocolates, wine, books —whatever you fancy!

Membership Renewals

Membership renewal forms need some work by Richard so they will be included next month but e-Colonial ones will be emailed out asap. Only gives you to the end of June to pay.

Events

With all events listed, check near the date whether it is still going ahead. You will have an idea if there are any problems with Covid-19 in our area. Let's make a big splash for National Heritage Motoring Day.

Did you see that Warren Brown is to lead a tour exploring some of the best plane, train, automobile and military museums in NSW in September? The tour begins in Sydney and spends 13 days travelling to Wollongong, Canberra, Temora, Cowra, Forbes, Bathurst and Newcastle. Running from September 12, the tour costs \$4,950. Travelrite International 1800 630343. travelrite.com.au

Cheers, Helen

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING 13 APRIL 2021

Attendance

Members	50
Visitors	2
Apologies	2

Welcome

President Graham Waite welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Guest speaker

Vice President Joe Micallef introduced Helen Stig a racing car driver who gave an entertaining address on her life as a racing car driver and answered many questions. Helen invited the Club to have a show'n'shine at Pitch'n'Putt in Narrabundah on a long weekend. Room for 138 cars.

Correspondence David Fox

IN (Via PO Box or mail)

Newsletters from Wollongong; Cowra; Central Coast; Deniliquin; Young; Milton/Ulladulla; Gundagai.

Shannon's Auction 13-20 Apr.

CBA Cheque Account Statement.

Bridge Club Hall Hire.

Invoice from JJ Waste for Wheels 2021 Bins.

Membership Applications

- Craig Richardson 1950 Morris JVan.
- Robyn and Jeremy Callaghan - 1962 VW Kombi & 1972 Holden HQ
- Paul and Therese Whitton - 1935 Plymouth
- Geoff Jenkins- 1962 Valiant, 1975 Triumph Dolomite Sprint, 1913 Ford Model T.

In Via Email

Magazines via Email:

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway - April
retroAutos

Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicles Club (MPHVC Sidelights Apr 21).
Devonport Motor Show 19-21 March.

Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club.(Spoke)

MG Car Club ACT - Tappet Chatter

VMC Mar21

Hudson Hub Mar-Apr21

Wagga Wagga Vet & Vin

Sapphire Coast
 Country Motor Australia
 Orange
 Cootamundra
 Vintage Motor Club
 Motorlife Museum Magazine.

Other Emails

Treasurer - Monthly Financial Statement.
 Shoalhaven Motor Expo 11th April 20.
 Canberra Bridge Club with new rules including use of Canberra App.
 Wagging Tails Community Virtual Car Show
 Anne Greenaway re AEC Bus.

OUT

Secretary sent letter to Canberra Bridge Club re acceptance of COVID Plan
 Secretary sent sympathy card to John Liston.

Treasurer Gerry Walker

Current balance \$6692
 Moved Gerry Walker Seconded Bob Judd Carried

Reports

President

Graham Waite welcomed new members to the club.
 Displayed the Chief Ministers 50 years certificate presented to the club at a function on the 15 March 2021 at the Albert Hall.

Vice President Joe Micallef

Advised that the May guest speaker will be Brian O'Donnell to talk about his newly acquired Cadillac which he bought from USA.
 A new entry has been received for the black book of good service this one from Graham Gittins who added the Battery Terminal at Belconnen Auto electrical.

Badge Draw

Tonight #5 Alan Boate
 Last run #4 Malcolm Noad

Editor Helen Phillips

Bit grim on the car story side.

Events Director Ian Hooley

Sunday run is a top secret run, meet at the Spotlight car park in Queanbeyan, cheating is allowed. About 70kms all on sealed roads.
 Sunday 16 May National Motoring Heritage Day details to be confirmed.

May 2nd Goulburn Swap meet apparently not ticketed.

Raffle Ticket red # 45 - Scott Molloy

Registrar Bob Alexander

20 cars inspected of which Joe Micallef inspected nine vehicles.

1922 AC Speedster new car in the club.

Librarian Alan Boate

Usual books available

Shop Manager Norm Brennan

Usual merchandise available

Information officer Bob Garrett

Usual magazines available

Council delegate Roger Amos

Following a presentation by the MG Car Club on emission carbon offsets

Council asked affiliated clubs to consider adopting the idea.

A new affiliated club member has a close name – Classic Car Club Canberra to our club. It was advised that before affiliation to the Council the club had to be incorporated with the ACT Government which had accepted the name.

Club had no alternative but to accept the name.

Council has agreed to rename the Car of the Shannons Wheels display the Vin Liston Car of the Shannons Wheels display.

General Business

Bob Alexander

A hammer was handed in at Wheels. Andrew McLean advised that he had lent it to someone at the display and it had not been returned to him.

Graham Bigg

Requested number who intended attending the Retreads luncheon at the Gungahlin Lakes Club on Friday 16 April.

Advised that Graham Moore's chain drive Fraser Nash will soon be back on the road.

Helen Phillips

Renewal membership forms will not be in the May Colonial as there has to be some amendments made to them.

Helen advised that there have been a number of items belonging to the club stored in her daughter's garage for many years, which she wished to dispose of including a tent, fold-up table, rope and a large metal saucepan. The tin of soup can be thrown out!

Bob Alexander

Advised the meeting that he and a number of club members visited Scott Molloy office at Hume to have a look at the storage area Scott had offered to store a shipping container to store club equipment including the BBQ trailer. He then moved a motion to the effect that the club purchase a shipping container, shelving and a pad lock to the amount of \$6000. Seconded Waine Summerfield. The motion was carried.

Waine Summerfield

Asked how many vehicles were at Wheels. He was advised the official count was 671 including motor bikes.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Graham Gittins

Minute Secretary

Helen Stig who drives a Lotus racing car with President Graham.

**APRIL CLUB RUN**

The outcome of the “Upside-down” run was a tie between two members - Brian O’Donnell and Phil Cancillier tied and their prize will be given to them at the May meeting.

Upside Down Mystery run attendees: 18 April 2021

Persons 25

Malcolm & Wendy Noad
 Graham Bigg
 Richard Thwaites
 Charlie Adams
 Phil & Fay Cancellier
 Ian & Marion Hooley
 Roger Amos
 Michael & Anne Toole
 Bronwyn & Russell Graham
 John & Helen Furlan
 Gerry & Kay Walker
 Brian & Margaret Ely
 Graham & Ellen Waite
 Brian O'Donnell & Wilma
 Helen Phillips

Vehicles 15

56 Austin Healey 100/4
 75 BMW 521
 53 Daimler Conquest
 50 Studebaker Champion
 70 Buick le Sabre
 82 Toyota Cressida
 69 MGB
 35 Buick 8/40
 64 EH Holden
 60 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite
 Modern
 72 Triumph Spitfire
 Modern
 59 Ford Skyliner
 Modern

Cars at start at Spotlight, Queanbeyan





Club cars at the Arboretum

Michael & Anne Toole's
1935 Buick



Bronwyn Graham's 1964 EH
Holden



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EARLY MOTORING

When Michael and Anne Toole procured their latest caravan, they also got a lot of information from the builder. It seems that he wanted to travel to Alice Springs and Darwin from Melbourne and wrote to various motoring organisations asking for information. Here is one of the replies and I will use others as space permits. There is another letter on page 24.

3rd August 1954

Mr. J. Moyne,
Olinda Road,
MT. EVELYN. VIC.
Dear Sir,

Further to our letter of the 22nd July, we have forwarded under separate cover, itineraries received from the R.A.A.S.A. outlining the routes from Alice Springs to Broken Hill and Marree.

The R.A.A.S.A. has advised that there are no details available for the route from Henbury to Ayers Rock via Angas towns, but details of the route from Erldunda to Ayers Rock via Lindavale Well will be found in the itineraries mentioned above.

From reports received in Adelaide, both tracks can be travelled over without undue difficulty, but of course, after heavy rain both become impassable. In dry weather bull dust and sand are also definite problems.

Before leaving Alice Springs, you must be certain to have sufficient supplies of petrol, oil and other commodities in order that you may be able to complete the trip to the Rock and return to Kulgara, where you may replenish your stores.

Before attempting this trip, you should obtain information at Alice Springs through or one of the stations through which you will be passing, as weather conditions can affect the tracks to be traversed. Permission to visit Ayers Rock must be obtained from the Department of Native Affairs in Alice Springs, as the locality you intend visiting, is inside an Aborigine Reserve.

Yours faithfully

F. P. HTLL.

Tourist Officer.

It is not known whether the builder of the caravan actually took the van to the Northern Territory but it can be assumed, fairly confidently that he went, based on hand writer notes on the trip notes that were supplied the relevant motoring authorities. This is also supported by anecdotal evidence from a neighbour that Mr Mayne did travel to the Northern Territory.

Information supplied by the relevant Motoring organisations.

Itinerary: Motoring Heritage Day Meet the People Parade 16 May 2021

For National Motoring Heritage Day we have gentle cruise around the heritage sites of Canberra and areas with plenty of pedestrians. The aim is **VISIBILITY** for our historic vehicles.

10am Gather in carpark at OnRed restaurant, top of Red Hill at end of Red Hill Drive. The ground-floor coffee shop can provide coffee and snacks, indoor or outdoor depending on weather.

10:30-ish

- Coast down Red Hill. At the first roundabout TURN RIGHT into Mugga Way.
- Follow Mugga Way (past Calthorpes' House on the right) to Flinders Way.
- At Flinders Way TURN RIGHT. Follow Flinders Way down into Manuka.
- At Franklin St TURN LEFT and pass through the cafe strip.
- At Furneaux St TURN RIGHT in front of St Christopher's church.
- At Manuka Circle TURN LEFT to pass by Manuka Oval and follow Canberra Avenue.
- At State Circle TURN LEFT around State Circle.
- At Melbourne Avenue TURN RIGHT up to Parliament House.
- At Parliament Drive TURN RIGHT to follow Parliament Drive around to the front of Parliament House.
- In front of Parliament House take the dogleg to Federation Mall West. Turn RIGHT at Federation Mall and proceed down to the back of Old Parliament House (Museum of Australian Democracy).
- At Queen Victoria Terrace TURN RIGHT and follow around the 180degree curve till it becomes King George Terrace. Follow King George Terrace across the front of Old Parliament House.
- At Parkes Place West TURN RIGHT.

- Cross King Edward Terrace and continue to TURN RIGHT at Queen Elizabeth Terrace (lakefront shared roadway with pedestrians). This becomes Parkes Place West and takes you up between the High Court and the National Gallery, back to King Edward Terrace.
 - At King Edward Terrace TURN LEFT and follow it to merge onto Kings Avenue, heading north.
 - After Kings Avenue Bridge, take first LEFT into Wendouree Drive (northern lakeside). Follow Wendouree drive past the Carillion and continue west. At Blundells Cottage follow the road RIGHT under Parkes Way to Constitution Avenue. ASIO Building is on the right.
 - At Constitution Avenue TURN LEFT and follow it past the National Convention Centre.
 - At Allara Street TURN RIGHT and follow it past the Casino and Glebe Park till it becomes Bunda Street. Proceed through the Bunda Street pedestrian shared zone,
 - At Genge Street turn RIGHT (end of Canbterra Centre building). Crossing Cooyong St this becomes Lonsdale Street, Braddon. Follow Lonsdale Street through Braddon.
 - At Girrahween Street (Haig Park) TURN RIGHT, follow to Limestone Ave.
 - At Limestone Avenue TURN RIGHT.
 - At Treloar Crescent (just before the War Memorial) TURN LEFT to pass round the back of the Australian War Memorial.
 - At the end of Treloar Crescent, TURN RIGHT at the roundabout onto Fairbairn Ave, to approach the front of the War Memorial.
 - At Anzac Parade, TURN LEFT and follow Anzac Parade down to Parkes Way.
- At Parkes Way (big roundabout) TURN RIGHT and follow Parkes Way under Commonwealth Avenue, then take the SLIP-ROAD LEFT towards the National Museum (Lawson Drive).

Our cruise terminates at the National Museum Carpark. Lunch will be available at the Museum cafe.

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2021

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
16 May	Richard Thwaites 0414 241 079	<p>National Motoring Heritage Day</p> <p>For National Motoring Heritage Day we will take a <i>slow</i> motorcade cruise through some of Canberra's key heritage areas, exposing our heritage vehicles to as many local pedestrians as possible.</p> <p>The route will begin at the restaurant carpark at top of Red Hill, then wind past:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mugga Way, • Manuka, • Parliament House, • Old Parliament House, • the National Library, High Court and National Gallery in Parkes, • the Carrillion, • Blundells' Cottage • Bunda Street shared zone, • Lonsdale St Braddon, • the Australian War Memorial, • Anzac Parade, and • terminate at the National Museum of Australia carpark. <p>10am Assembly in car park at OnRed restaurant (former Carousel) at the end of Red Hill Drive.</p> <p>Map will be provided.</p> <p>Contact: Richard Thwaites events@cacmc.org.au 0414 241 079</p> <p>See pages 15-16 for route instructions.</p>

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2021-22

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
2 May	0456 245 836	Goulburn Swap Meet . This is a ticketed event. www.eventbrite.com.au/e/goulburn-rotary-swap-meet-tickets-133280638979 No ticket or QR code or ID—no entry
22-23 May	Spectators can now attend	The Austin Seven Club in association with the HMRAV present 44th Historic Winton in Benalla Race only event—no vehicle display. www.ticketebo.com.au/historicwinton
22-23 May	Bob Callender 0428 220 896	Bathurst Historic Car Club's Annual Gold Country Rally for cars and motorcycles made prior to 1991.
11-13 June	Rob Matthews 0416 061 967	20th HD/HR Holden Nationals in Cowra NSW Show'n'Shine at Bryant Park on Saturday 12 June 9 am—3 pm. Itinerary on the website www.HDHRHoldenNSW.org.au/ HDHRNATIONALS 2021
31 Jul-1 Aug		NSW All Holden Day Weekend Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
11-12 Sept	4841 1422	All historic race meeting at Pheasant Wood Circuit, near Marulan NSW
16 Sept		Silver is Gold Expo (Seniors Expo). TBA
26 Sept		Pambula Motorfest postponed from 2020 www.pambulamotorfest.com
26 Sept		ACT Holden Day at Queanbeyan Showground
14 Nov		Marques in the Park at John Knight Park, Belconnen
20-27 Nov	0431 709 248	RACV Alpine Trial Centenary vntagedriversclub.com.au
6 March 2022	CACMC	Shannons Wheels display day at Queanbeyan Showground

BUILD ME UP – BUTTERCUP

New CACMC member and Canberra resident, Craig Richardson remembers his first spin in a Morris J Van as a seven year old in the 1960's; it was in Sydney and the driver was his dad (Murray), a delivery driver for Buttercup Bread. Those early Saturday mornings riding 'shotgun' with his dad, with freshly baked bread smelling like heaven are fondly remembered and have left an indelible mark.

Following his dad's passing, Craig looked for a retirement project and settled on finding an old 'J Van' to restore. This task wasn't going to be easy as less than 400 Morris J Vans were known to be remaining worldwide. Craig subsequently joined the Aussie' Morris J Van Register and through its 'bush telegraph' uncovered a suitable van ripe for restoration by a dedicated enthusiast.

The 1950/51 run down model (chassis no. JR 6005) was located under an apple tree by local ABC radio presenter Chris Wisbey, who hauled it out and transferred it to his dry shed at his cherry farm in Richmond (near Hobart) Tasmania. His efforts in rebuilding the engine and early panel restoration works saved further rust deterioration.



Given Chris was also busy with his ABC radio work, farming and other vehicle restoration projects Craig convinced Chris that he would take up the challenge. The first of which was to get Chris to move the van the 1400 kilometres north to Canberra, from the Apple Isle. The second was to find a suitable place to store the van for commencement of the restoration project...

Craig's brother-in-law had a large backyard at his home in Gilmore ACT (a suburb near Craig's home in Gowrie), and it wasn't hard to convince him of the merits of building a double garage there.

Once the garage was approved and built (and filled to the brim with 'imperial' sized tools ready for the project), Craig began the busy task on taking apart 70 years old rusted steel parts. When this is completed, Craig's next tasks will be to get the body of the van off, disassembling the chassis, and cleaning (before repainting and re-fitting all those parts which became unusable after decades minding an orchard.

With purchased customised number plates 'BTRCUP', Craig's happy memories of riding shotgun with his dad in the Buttercup Bread delivery van have now become a working reality. See more at ['buildingbuttercup.com.au'](http://buildingbuttercup.com.au)



Above: Identity Plate

Van arrives in Canberra

Work starts on restoration

Number plate awaits.



Council Communique March 2021

Canberra Car Club scores Australian first

The MG Car Club Canberra is believed to be the first car club in Australia to introduce a net-zero carbon emissions scheme to offset CO2 emissions from the club's MGs. Three club representatives, Brian Calder, Malcolm Robertson and Kent Brown, made a presentation to the Council of ACT Motor Clubs at the Council's March general meeting on the MG Car Club's new policy.

A key point in the new policy is the calculation that showed the club's vehicles travelled approximately 2000 kilometres a year on club events producing some 33 tonnes of carbon. This can be offset through an annual program to plant 46 trees.

The implementation of a voluntary donation of \$2.50 per car, per year, paid when members paid their annual membership fee, would raise sufficient funds for the club to partner with an environmental organisation to plant trees and reduce the CO2 footprint.

"It is time for car clubs to get onto the front foot environmentally and be seen to acting responsibly to help the environment," one of the speakers said.

The Council endorsed the MG Car Club's initiative and recommended other clubs consider following the MG Car Club's approach.

Interested car clubs can contact the MG Car Club's environmental coordinator, Malcolm Robertson, on 0408 627 685 or on his email musgrovemedia@netspeed.com.au to discuss the detail of the new policy.

Shannons Wheels 2022

The Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club has agreed to organise the Shannons Wheels display at the Queanbeyan Showground on 6 March 2022.

The offer has been accepted by the Council of ACT Motor Clubs, Council also congratulated the Club on the organisation of the 2021 event which saw 671 vehicles from Canberra based vehicle clubs on display, the most for quite a few years. Technology for the Ageing and Disabled (TADACT) benefited from the fund raising to the tune of \$5429 also a record.

60 days usage

Discussions with the Road Traffic Authority (RTA) on the introduction of a 60 usage for CRS vehicles are progressing very well and the start date of 1 July 2021 appears, at this time, to be achievable.

How to judge vehicles on display

Council has been advised of a special one off course on how to judge vehicles at car shows. The training session will be run by the Auto Italia committee and will held on Saturday 10 April. There will be no cost for participants. People interested in attending the course should forward their details to secretary@CACTMC.org.au

Chief Minister's 50 Year Gold Award

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club were presented with the Chief Minister's 50 Year Gold Award for long standing service to the community at the Albert Hall on Thursday 18 March 2021.

ACT Greens' Emma Davidson presented the Chief Minister's 50 Year Gold Award to Club President Graham Waite and Treasurer Gerry Walker.



WHAT NEXT!!!!

At 7.00 am Easter Monday Vanda (the wife) rang me grossly upset and in tears. The left rear wheel of her car came adrift while driving back from Bathurst not far from Cowra. I told her to call the NRMA while I made my way there. On arrival I saw the car's left rear corner slumped to the ground. While waiting she searched and found the wheel.

The only visible damage was to the disc brake rotor and a sheared wheel stud while the wheel's stud openings had worn out of shape. On fitting the spare using borrowed wheel nuts from each of the other wheels the intention was to cautiously drive the car home. That was until the towie acting on instructions from the NRMA warned me not to.

As usual I give each car a check-over including wheels and tyres before a long drive, therefore, the breakdown mystified me as wheel nuts do not generally come loose. Curiosity alerted me when I saw the only broken wheel stud was the one the anti-theft lock nut had been fastened on to making me think that perhaps this may have been a theft attempt gone wrong. I am guessing that after having removed or loosened the removable wheel nuts then realising a lock nut was in place the would-be thief/s relented. This meant that while the car was being driven the weight on that corner was taken wholly by one stud eventually breaking away due to the constant hammering. The consequences may have been far worse if it was a front wheel instead.

Vanda received numerous comments and support from Facebook well-wishers including one from a colleague living in Bathurst who informed her that it is not unusual for filthy scumbags to go around undoing wheel nuts on cars parked outside motels. This could explain my suspicions. Should this be the case it may be an eye-opener to other drivers.

Having to follow the tow truck to the company's holding yard in Cowra I was astonished to see the entire precinct of the depot littered with a variety of old and rusting farm relics, tow trucks and towing equipment neatly and randomly positioned in their final resting place. Everything appeared to be 1940 - 1950's era. The elderly collector has owned some of these since new. Naturally the overwhelmed Cowra Antique Vehicle Club's kingpin and long-time friend Russell would have had a dutifully sniff of it. While on the subject of club loyalty, our Helen Phillips and Russell should, in addition to life membership, be further recognised and possibly rewarded by the respective clubs for their continued support. Among other committee positions they have held over the years both are the longest serving magazine Editors.

The situation I now faced was to either organise my own car retrieval and repairs or lodge an insurance claim. Replacing rotors and studs is not a big deal and far less expensive than the insurance excess. Reluctantly, having taken

into account the prospect of other possible damage and additional towing fees, a claim was lodged.

Trying to get answers from the repairer on the progress of the car was futile taking ten days to inspect the damage. My last contact with them was the following day in which I was told photos of the damage had been posted to the NRMA assessor.

At the time of submitting this there was no other news.

MICHAEL CATANZARITI

MODEL T JOKES ETC.

First published by St John Herbert in the Colonial of September 1979

Truth is the Ford T is the best family car invented. It has a tank for father, a hood for mother and a rattle for baby.

The man who owns a Model T may not have a quarrelsome disposition, but he's always trying to start something.

"I've just named my Ford after my wife."

"Why?"

"After I got it, I found I couldn't control it."

A visitor was being shown round a mental hospital and visited a ward reserved for Model T owners.

"But the ward is empty", said the visitor.

"Oh, no" said Matron, "they're all under their beds fixing the springs!"

On his 50th birthday, Henry Ford was asked his formula for a successful marriage. He replied that it was the same formula that made his Model T successful "Stick to one model."

Also at the AGM that year the total club funds were \$912.90.

A pessimist is a lady who's afraid she won't be able to squeeze her car into a very small parking place. An optimist is a man who thinks she won't try.

Dear Aunt Edna,

I am having trouble with spots on my face. What should I do?

Dear Worried of Watson,

If it's oil from the engine, wipe with a petrol rag. If it's acne, you've got the wrong magazine - try Ita Buttrose.

Extract of Letter from Mr Ziebell, Alice Springs, 29/5/52.

I have just had a run out to Ayers Rock, 320 miles from here, and I want to get this to you as soon as possible, in case you get some enquiries about the track etc. Well here it is.

From Alice Springs proceed down the "main road" to Menners Rock then on to Henbury, cross the Finke, a good stony bottom, then after some very heavy sand, cross the Palmer, good sandy bottom, to Erldunda. About .1/4 mile before you reach Erldunda, take track leading off to the right - not the track a mile further on where there is a signpost marked Ayres Rock 220 miles. That is by far the longest way. The route I have given you is the one used by people up here and they know after entering this track, you immediately strike sand hills, but the going is very good, in fact much better than the main road. I was able to maintain 35 M.P.H. from Erldunda to Curtain Springs. This track takes you direct to Angus Downs Homestead where, I suggest it is advisable to check your bearings. There are no turn offs. From Angus Downs the track leads straight on to Curtin Springs Homestead, and again the track is very good, although you strike quite a bit of heavy sand which should present no difficulties. The track from to Curtin Springs to Ayres Rock, although very twisty is not quite so good, but again should present no difficulty, it is extremely sandy in most parts, but quiet within the bounds of a good vehicle. The distance from to Curtin Springs - checked both ways - is 70 miles. This track is crossed almost every 200 yards by a hard patch of ant earth about 2 to 4 feet wide and it can shake your vehicle to pieces if not taken carefully. The trip of 70 miles took us 4 hours. The sight of the rock was well worth it, so much so that I am going again in about a fortnight. I averaged with Land Rover only 21 - 22 M.P.H and it took 1 ½ days to return, the last day I left Angus Downs at 8.30 and arrived back here in Alice at 7.pm , so that should give you a very clear indication of thee condition of the track. But here let me add a word of warning - If your patrons have not rot a first class vehicle, advise then very strongly to stay home because the last lap is decidedly tough. The ant beds make the driving: very tiring and will certainly smash- something if -the utmost care is not taken.

I forgot to mention, we carried 2 water bags full and also a kero tin full although ample water may be obtained at stations on route, and it is advisable to carry a fair supply.

Petrol. Do not reckon on supplies a stations, they may not be able to oblige. They only carry what they need and have to bring their supplies over great list-races for their own use.

I would suggest that you stress that point on any of these trips. I have seen quite a few disappointments with overlanders not carrying enough and expecting stations to supply them. They just can't.. Well I think I have given you all the information I can remember in reference to the trip, and, and honestly the water and petrol supplies refer to all trips up here. Please stress that Ayres Rock is within the native reservation and a permit from native Affairs

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.)

1930 Ford Model-A Roadster. A nicely restored model of this fine little motor car. Mostly all original Ford parts. Brakes need attention. Selling because of my age \$33,000. CACMC club rego.
Brian McKay, Canberra,
Phone 02 6260 8279.



Humber Super Snipe

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
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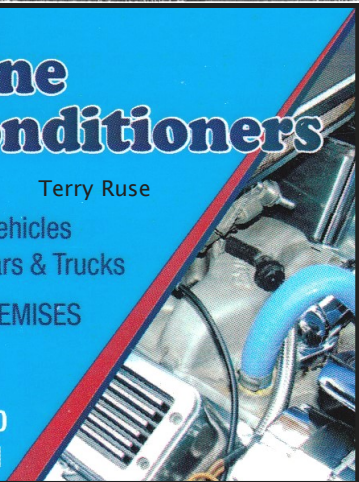
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