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Deceased: Vin Liston, Anne Scattergood, Barry Boyce, Ollie Walker, Billy de Graaf, Albert Neuss, Alec McKernan.

## 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 12th September 2023 at 8.00 pm  
 ACT Bridge Club (room to the right)  
 Duff Place, Deakin

Wear your name badge as there will be a lucky door prize and prize based on the last run. Bring along \$2 for the raffle. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available after the meeting. Speaker will be Graham Waite from TADACT.

## EVENTS

Sunday 17th September the Club run is from Queanbeyan to Gundaroo via a scenic route. Full details are on page 18.

## CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S VEHICLE TRAILER

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**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.

## THE COLONIAL

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**Cut-off for  
 October Colonial - 22nd September 2023**

## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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 1972 MGB Mk2, Red, restored and registered MG 046  
 1986 Jaguar, XJ V12, Blue, restored and registered EPL 15W

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 1969 Fiat 850 Spider, Yellow, Original, HIS 2071  
 1984 Mercedes 280E, Gold, Original, HIS 1523

Sally Druitt and David Pierce No 1017  
 Mobile 0418 678 125  
 Email: sally.druitt@bigpond.com  
 1968 MGG 89A, White, restored and registered to go on ACT CRS

*The joining fee for new members includes the cost of name badges.  
 We look forward to new members attending a meeting to pick up their  
 name badges.*

***We look forward to meeting lots of the new members on our outings.***

## Australian Nationals Show and Shine Sunday 1st October Euroa Victoria

<https://www.australiannationalshowandshine.com.au/copy-of-stall-enquiries?fbclid=IwAR0Uxb3iQYiiJH6nBiCsALVO0sxhS8OMN0O-SBhMw8ryG4XSqvQnFFoQQp8>

The car show is an annual event attracting a large number of cars across Victoria. My interest in the event is because my daughter lives in Euroa and has been asking me to bring the Zephyr down to show it. As the theme this year is focused on the 60s, the Zephyr fits in perfectly. I hope to be able to trailer the car down to the show.

Mike Norman

## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles and photos for this month. Always after restoration stories or stories about recent cars you have acquired. Or trips you have done. Another good car story this month. Maybe yours isn't so involved and like the last two months you do not have such back history, but we would still love to hear it.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 1st September and every first Friday.  
Southern Cross Bistro, Woden Table 405 12 people @ 12 noon  
Wayne & Sandra Smith 0413 003 396



### 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.

Good to hear that Roger Amos is doing well.

FC Holden driver Jack Press had a stroke a couple of weeks ago and is recovering in the UC Rehab Hospital. We wish he and Carol well for a full recovery.

We were sorry also to hear that our Librarian Alan Boate had a heart attack. He is not allowed to drive for six months so a volunteer to look after the library would be very welcome. Take it easy Alan and does as your doctor says and we'll see you back again before long.

### Canberra Swap Meet

It is on again this year on 29th October at the Hall Showground. See notice on inside back cover. And the club has booked a stall. I guess it is Joe Micallef again looking after that so talk to him if you can help out or want to sell anything.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy to Wendy Burton (nee Boyce) on the death of her husband Danny.

### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is coming up in October so we look forward to some new representation on the Management Committee. Form is on the inside cover.

I have been Editor for some 20 years and I would like to retire. Can I hear from anyone who could take it on. I would be available to fill in briefly if you go away.

This month's issue is a bit of a jigsaw puzzle. Bits every where so read carefully or you might miss something!

Cheers, Helen

August speaker Harry Crawford with President Graham Waite.  
See page 31.



### **21st September**

The Seniors Expo brings together exhibitors who will showcase their goods, services and programs for older people. There is an exciting live music entertainment program and a range of activities and events to keep you busy.

### **1st October**

Vintage motorcycle hill climb pre 1985 American and British bikes and car show, 84 McAuliffe Lane, Spring Range, between Canberra and Yass. Tickets \$30. Register to ride: [admin@kingofthehillaustralia.com.au](mailto:admin@kingofthehillaustralia.com.au)

### **2-8 October**

#### **Griffith National Veteran Vehicle Tour**

[vvccaact.org.au/Griffith-national-veteran-vehicle-tour-2023](http://vvccaact.org.au/Griffith-national-veteran-vehicle-tour-2023)

### **29th October**

Tarago Classic Car & Bike Show, 2124 Braidwood Rd, Tarago. \$20 entry in by 9 am. Spectators donation. More info: 0492 422 270

### **27-29 October**

Chromefest on the Central Coast. More info: [chromefest.org](http://chromefest.org)

### **AMHF Economic Value Study 2023**

If individual members would like to take part in this survey, the link is:

[Australian Motor Heritage Foundation \(AMHF\) Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AMHF)

Or Bob Garrett can send you more information.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club Inc**  
 Tuesday 10th October 2023  
 ACT Bridge Club, Duff Place, Deakin

The Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held directly after the November general meeting which starts at 8 pm. All elected positions will be declared vacant for the election of Club office bearers for 2023/2024. Members are reminded that this meeting is required under incorporation legislation. Only financial members can vote at the AGM.

**Annual General Meeting Agenda**

- \* Adopt minutes of year 2022 AGM
- \* Receive a report from the outgoing President
- \* Receive a Financial Statement and Reviewer's Report
- \* Declare all positions are now vacant
- \* Returning Officer to preside over and conduct elections
- \* Election of Office Bearers
- \* Returning Office to invite new committee to take up positions
- \* Vote of thanks to Returning Officer.
- \* Announcements

David Fox

Secretary

**To the Committee and members of CACMC**

Many thanks for the lovely club run last Sunday. It was a great tribute to Alec and I believe that there is enough money raised to purchase a Freedom-wheel bike for TADACT.

Declan O'Keefe won the raffle and in a random act of kindness he gave the quilt to Irene Berry. Irene had said during lunch that she hoped to win. Thank you, Declan and Ellen.

The Royalla crew and CACMC committee did a lot of work to organise the run. Thank you all for coming and organising the beautiful sunny day. Karen and I were able to travel in the Bean and it brought back many memories, thank you Peter and Denise.

With thanks, Anne and Karen McKernan



## Wattle Run by Uriarra and Mountain Creek Road to Bowning

A good turn out of 24 members with 15 vehicles (12 historics) made rendez-vous on the western edge of the Coolamon Court parking area, Weston Creek, at 10am on Sunday 13 August for our pre-Spring run along the Murrumbidgee Valley to Yass and Bowning. The route passed Uriarra Crossing, Fairlight Road, Mountain Creek Road and Wee Jasper Road to come into Yass township, then a few kilometres further down the Hume Highway to the historic Rollonin Cafe at Bowning.



There was a good sprinkling of wattle in bloom along Uriarra Road and other patches of the quiet country route, with mostly good weather and peaceful driving conditions. It was good to see a number of vehicles relatively new to the club.



John Jeffery's 1966 LHD Thunderbird set a benchmark for style.



Brett Robinson's 1977 Holden Premier and Richard Thwaites' 1953 Daimler Conquest attracted some curiosity.

After safely navigating the fairly steep pinches in and out of the Murrumbidgee Valley, first at Uriarra Crossing, and then at Taemus Bridge, the Thwaites Daimler lost all brakes on Wee Jasper Road approaching Yass. In drizzling rain, it was able to coast in low gear down the main street of Yass till, with engine switched off, we could bump fairly gently into the kerb outside the Public Toilets near the Yass Information Centre. Brett Robinson, Neil Buttriss and David Nielsen offered help and advice. A clevis pin had dropped out of the main brake control rod above the rear axle, leaving all brakes effectively disconnected. After consideration of options, Neil made a mercy dash to a local hardware shop and got a 1/4inch high tensile bolt that Brett then used to replace the missing clevis pin. Progress was resumed to catch up with the others at the Rollonin Cafe.



Thanks to the rescue team from Richard and Dilber!

The Rollonin Cafe is a rebuilt slab hut on the old Hume Highway (now Bowning Road) at Bowning, with history going back to at least the 1840s to an adjacent Cobb & Co coaching station. Everyone enjoyed their visit and the run with a good range of cars from oldish to pretty new (by CACMC standards).



The Rollonin's resident peacock likes to show off its funky tail feathers when there are visitors to impress

*Thanks for the photos contributed by Neil Buttriss, Brett Robinson, Geoff Fisher and David Nielsen, and to Brian Ely for surveying and coordinating this run.*

*Richard Thwaites*



### **Attendance:**

Richard & Dilber Thwaites - '53 Daimler Conquest, Neil Buttriss - '63 Humber Vogue Sports, John & Isabel Jeffrey - '66 Ford Thunderbird, Phil & Fay Canciller - '70 Buick Le Sabre, Howard Taylor - '70 MGB, Brett Robinson - '77 Holden HZ Premier, Joe & Liz Micallef - '80 Honda Prelude, Richard & Judith Taber - '85 Mercedes 380, Hilary Sorrell + 2 - '89 Honda Concerto, Geoff Fisher - '92 Toyota Soarer, Boyd Jonas - '93 Holden Barina, David Nielsen - '94 Ford Capri, Brian & Margaret Ely - Modern, Gerry Walker - Modern, Bob & Dana Garrett - Toyota Camry.



This vehicle was at the rendezvous before any of us arrived. Have any CACMC members been reported missing?



These two photos contributed by Hilary Sorrell.

Thanks also to Fay Cancellier for the photos she sent to me.



# 2023 BIG 3 Car Show

**Sunday 10 September 2023,  
Queanbeyan Showground**

**The Big 3 Car Show is run in conjunction with the American Car Nationals**

- **Open to all makes and models of Ford, General Motors and Chrysler vehicles.**
- **Entrant's cars can enter the showground display area from 8:00am.**
- **Car show entry \$5 per person. No additional cost to enter your car in the show.**
- **Pre entry not required, just enter on the day**
- **Judging commences at 10:30am**
- **General Public entry each day is \$5 per person. Children under 14 free.**

**Based on previous shows we expect to draw a large number of vehicles for an excellent representation of Ford, GM and Chrysler motor vehicles. There will be plenty of action all weekend at the Queanbeyan Showground with the Queanbeyan Swap Meet running all weekend at the same venue.**

**For more info: email [qbnsnap@bigpond.com](mailto:qbnsnap@bigpond.com)**

## **Final call—bus trip to All British Day**

All British Day display at King's School, Parramatta, on Sunday 17 September, is one of the biggest shows of historic British vehicles in the annual calendar. It is always an enjoyable event for those who attend.

We need to know urgently if you wish to join an excursion that Joe Micallef is organising for CACMC members. A minibus will take participants there and back on the day, but the trip can only go ahead if we have at least ten participants to share the cost (about \$50 per head depending on numbers).

If interested, please email Joe ASAP at [jvpe@iinet.net.au](mailto:jvpe@iinet.net.au) or phone 0414 402 275. We need to move quickly to book the minibus.

## Invitation to Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club St John's Community Fair 2023 Sat 14 Oct 2023 9am - 2.00pm

### What was provided in 2022

Ten classic cars were provided by the Antique and Classic Motor Club (CACMC) for the Fair in 2022, with access via the 45 Constitution Avenue entrance at the start of the Fair. The cars were in the western car park, with all cars angled to provide good viewing.

### What Worked

A good summary of what worked for the Classic Cars was provided by the club event organiser Bob Garrett in an e-mail extract below:

*We enjoyed displaying our vehicles and seeing or participating in the variety of attractions at the Fair. The weather was certainly on it's best behaviour! Quite a lot of spectators walked along our section and many were enthusiastic and some stopped to chat with us. We might have gained a few new members as a result!*

### Challenges

The view of the classic cars was disrupted by the several unauthorized cars parked between the plant stall and the classic cars. This will be solved in 2023 by improved traffic control.

Bill Sutherland – Convenor St John's Community Fair 2023

E-Mail: [bill.sutherland@bigpond.com](mailto:bill.sutherland@bigpond.com)



# St John's Community Fair

## Saturday 14 October 2023

### 9am to 2pm

Join in the fun 

**Kids' Zone**



**Things to Buy**

**Things to See**

45 Constitution Avenue, Reid (Cnr Anzac Park)

## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2023

### Sunday 17 September 2023 – President's Run from Queanbeyan to Gundaroo via Sutton Road, Weereewa Lookout & Shingle Hill Way

Each year, around the time of the Annual general Meeting, CACMC does a run organised in consultation with the Club President (this year, Graham Waite). We will travel by well-sealed country roads while avoiding freeway traffic. Two options are available for lunch in Gundaroo.

**10am:** Assemble in Spotlight car park Kings Highway/Yass Road junction (access from King's Highway).

**10:30** Depart Westward along Yass Road to Sutton Road.

Turn **RIGHT** and follow Sutton Road till it crosses the Federal Highway.

Take the **LEFT** cloverleaf where signs point toward Goulburn, joining the Federal Highway.

Approaching Tulip Top before the Yass River crossing, turn **LEFT** onto Old Federal Highway. Follow Old Federal Highway, crossing over Shingle Hill Way. At this point the Old Federal Highway changes its name to Hadlow Drive (WHY??) but we still follow it all the way to Weereewa Lookout, overlooking Lake George.

**TAKE CARE crossing Federal Highway (both lanes) to reach Weereewa Lookout.**

Picnic Morning Tea break at Weereewa, **BRING YOUR OWN HOT/COLD DRINKS and/or SNACKS.**

Whenever ready, depart Weereewa back along Hadlow Drive.

At Shingle Hill Way crossroad turn **RIGHT** into Sutton Road and follow it all the way to Gunning.

**LUNCH OPTIONS** in the main street

Cork Street Cafe (pizzas and focaccia – see menu <https://www.corkstreetcafe.com/>)

Telegraph Hotel ( standard pub food – see menu <https://gunningpub.com/>)

**Contact:** Richard Thwaites; 0414 241 079 or email: [events@cacmc.org.au](mailto:events@cacmc.org.au)

**10th October - Annual General Meeting at the Bridge Club, Deakin**



## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2023-24

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
3 Sept		Fathers Day Swap Meet at Cootamundra
9-10 Sept	0427 267 927	Queanbeyan Swap at Showground <a href="http://www.qbnswap.com">www.qbnswap.com</a> See page 30
10 Sept		American Car Nationals Show'n'Shine
10 Sept	Anna Slavich 0403 363 353	Super Heroes Classic Cruise raising funds for Camp Quality Details: Super Heroes Cruise
17 Sept	Pre entry \$30	ACT Holden Day at Queanbeyan Showground. Pre-entry is open. All funds to Rise Above— Capital Region Cancer Relief
21 Sept		Seniors Expo at EPIC Some cars needed
14 Oct	Bob Garrett	St John's Community Fair 8-10 cars needed
15 Oct		All Chrysler Day, Museum of Fire, Penrith
20-23 Oct	Craig Keogh	To attend the Bay to Birdwood on 22 October
29 Oct	Robert Hush 0419 233 138 (BH)	The Veteran Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club ACT 33rd Canberra Swap Meet at the Hall Showgrounds 7 am to 2 pm. Adults \$5. Indoor, undercover and outdoor sites available. Email: <a href="mailto:2023swapmeet@vvcmmc.org">2023swapmeet@vvcmmc.org</a>
11-12 Nov		Bendigo Swap Meet
12 Nov	TBC	Marques in the Park, Deakin Soccer Fields.
3 Dec	TBC	Terribly British Day (organiser required)
25 Feb 24		Wheels display day at Qbn Showground
7-11 March		Austins over Australia 2024 in Orange NSW
29 Mar-1 April 2024	Barry Garment 0408 025 712 OR Joyce Mann 0428 626 669	Council of Heritage Motor Clubs Annual Rally and Parkes Antique Motor Club Golden Anniversary Rally headquarters at Parkes Racecourse, Eugowra Road, Parkes <a href="mailto:parkesantiquemotorclub@gmail.com">parkesantiquemotorclub@gmail.com</a>

## 1973 Landau Article - John Neilsen

My first exposure to the Ford Landau was in 1973 when I was working in the spare parts section of a Ford dealership. They received a brand-new Landau, white in colour, a black vinyl roof and black interior. I was most taken with the console, with three aeroplane style levers - they only turned out to be the controls for the heater and air-conditioning!

It wasn't until 2008 that I was reintroduced to the Landaus. I sold a Falcon GT Hardtop and was looking for an XA, XB or XC Hardtop Falcon to replace it. Unfortunately, prices for these models were outside my budget. Searching the internet, I came across a Landau located in Canberra. It was a complete car and had not been started for a number of years. It also came with many spares and included a reconditioned engine and gearbox. It was not long before the Landau was made roadworthy and registered.

During the following years my Landau collection grew to three. At the 2012 Wheels show, all three Landau's were displayed (photo below). I was approached by a man who had been showing interest in my Landaus. He informed me that his father (Glen) owned a Landau which had been in the family since the mid-70s and he was thinking of selling it. Names and contact details were exchanged.



Having not heard anything for months I decided to contact the owner's son. He explained the family had just finished moving house and the Landau was now for sale and available for viewing. The Landau (photos below) was located in Forbes NSW and arrangements were made with Glen to inspect the vehicle.

On arrival the Landau was parked outside the house and looked very nice with a rural backdrop of rolling hills and grazing sheep. We were welcomed by the owners who provided country hospitality with freshly made tea, cakes and biscuits. Glen explained the Landau was purchased in Sydney by his mother and had been in the family ever since.



Upon initial inspection, the Landau displayed a number of unique and interesting features including; an early build date, an electric sunroof, hounds tooth interior (photos below) and alloy mag wheels. Glen explained this was the way the vehicle was purchased. Unfortunately, the price was outside of my budget and I declined the offer to buy the Landau.



However, armed with all the VIN details of the Landau, I commenced researching the history of the Landau. This information was forwarded to the owner to assist with the sale.

During the following months, I was always curious if the Landau had sold. Late in 2013, I was contacted by the owner's son, who advised that the Landau was still for sale and I was to have first offer. However, I mentioned that if the price was the same, I would decline. The son stated that Glen wanted to sell and the price was negotiable. Another phone call was made to Glen to discuss the Landau, with the intention of buying it.

In March 2014, we drove to Forbes to collect the Landau. On arrival, the Landau was sitting outside, shining in the sunshine. Glen informed me that he had washed the Landau, checked the oil and water and it had plenty of fuel. Laughing, he said that for years, he was going to straighten the aerial but never got around to it! The return drive to Canberra was uneventful, the Landau cruising with the comfort of a lounge chair. The only negative being the bonnet badge. It was off another Ford which was replaced as soon as we got home.

As the Landau spent the majority of its time in country NSW one thing was apparent – it was very dirty. Due to the Landau travelling on country dirt roads for most of its life, the amount of red dust, dirt, oil and grass seeds certainly added to its character! (photos below)



Having decided to take my time and approach the Landau in an orderly manner, the next few months consisted of researching the history, looking at what needed fixing or replacing and where best to start. Fortunately, the Landau was very original, complete, driveable and without rust. Based on this, I made the decision to start at the rear of the Landau and work my way forward, ensuring I finished the task at hand before moving on.





Starting at the rear, the bumper, lights and bright work were removed, cleaned, painted if necessary and replaced. The boot itself was full of dust, which was ingrained into the paint. The interior was removed, floors cleaned, carpet shampooed, and seats vacuumed and cleaned. The engine bay was next, but I had developed a system which was working well. The engine was cleaned with brushes and kerosine and some parts were replaced including water pump, reconditioned carburettor and radiator. The front grille, headlights and bumper were the last to be completed. The amount of dust is hard to describe, but it was consistent throughout the car.



During the cleaning of the Landau, I was referencing the January 1974 Wheels Magazine, which had done a road test on a Landau. There was a colour picture of a Landau, similar in colour to mine and an aerial with an angle similar to mine – Glen's words came to mind! It raised a question – could my Landau be the one in the Wheels magazine? I had to follow this thought.

In Victoria, there is a group called, 'The Association of Motoring Clubs' (AOMC). Due to privacy laws, VicRoads, provided AOMC, with all records of every vehicle registered in Victoria since 1900's to early 1980's. However, no ownership details are available. For a fee, AOMC need the engine number of the car and if it is in their records, they can provide the make of the vehicle, registration number, when it was first registered and if the registration was changed.

This was an opportunity not to be missed, so I sent my request to AOMC. Shortly after, I received written confirmation that my Landau was indeed the Landau used for the Wheels magazine road test car. AOMC confirmed my engine number matched the registration number, LMP622, which was in the Wheels magazine.

My research of the Landau is as follows:



Newspaper advertisements from March - May 1974, show that the Landau was for sale at Geoghegans Recreational Vehicles, Haberfield, NSW. The advertisements (photos below) clearly indicate the electric sunroof, houndstooth interior and alloy spoked wheels (ROH Pro Sprints), which appear to have been dealer fitted.

<p><b>FORD LANDAU Hardtop, 1973.</b> Walnut glow with chocolate brown vinyl top. This tremendous car is fitted with an electric sunroof, multi spoked alloy wheels, special Houndstooth seats, air conditioning, concealed headlights, radio, stereo tape player, power windows. Grand Rally tyres, etc. Condition, naturally is superb. Terms, trade.</p> <p><b>GEOGHEGANS RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.</b> <b>HABERFIELD. 798 0000.</b> SMH: 2/3/74</p>	<p><b>FORD LANDAU, 1973.</b> walnut glow with brown interior featuring special seat inserts, this as new vehicle is fitted with an electric sun roof, vinyl top, air-conditioning, radio, stereo, multi spoked wheels, tinted glass, etc., etc. A beautiful example of this hard to get model. Terms from 10 p.c. deposit.</p> <p><b>GEOGHEGAN'S RECREATIONAL VEHICLES,</b> <b>HABERFIELD, 798 0000.</b></p>
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The NSW family purchased the Landau in 1974 and it remained in the family to 2014.

Since purchasing the Landau in March 2014, it has undergone a refurbishment, as opposed to a restoration. Many hours have been spent cleaning, repairing and replacing parts as required. The objective is to present the Landau as an original and well-maintained vehicle.

In July 2016, the refurbishment was completed and the Landau was driven and shown to the original owner. Except for the alloy wheels, the Landau was as she remembered it.





## **Motoring Carnivale** **A celebration of the motor car in Canberra** **September 2026**

### **Introduction**

The Council of ACT Motor Clubs has given in principle support for the organisation of a major motoring event in Canberra .

2026 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federation rally in the ACT.

More than 1300 vehicles from across Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Canada, UK travelled to Canberra for four days of motoring fun and exploring all that the National Capital has to offer, culminating in a display of the vehicles in front of Old Parliament House and a Gala Dinner.

It therefore seems fitting that a similar week of motoring pleasure be organised for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026. While nothing has been set in concrete yet, certain infrastructure has been started.

Early in the piece is funding and an approach has been made to the ACT Government, who at this stage, seem enthusiastic about the event.

### **Sponsorship**

We will be formally approaching Shannon's Insurance for naming rights sponsorship for the event,

In return we offer naming rights to the event with the prominent display of the Shannons logo on the event logo, media release, posters, letterhead, advertising material, corflute boards and a prominent position at the display day.

Some of the items thought to be appropriate for the event include:

A golf day at one of Canberra's premier golf courses, a motorkhana, a trip to Cooma Car Clubs Museum and onto the Snowy Collection Museum at Adamaby, a trip around the national institutions—National Museum of Australia, National Archives, Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House), National Library, National Portrait Gallery, National Film and Sound Archive, Canberra Gallery and Museum, and of course free time to go shopping.

Accommodation Canberra is well catered for accommodation, from B&B, motels, caravan parks and five star hotels. Special arrangements have been made with Tourism Canberra to book accommodation at great rates.

### **Gala dinner**

A gala dinner will be held with a very special guest speaker the up market dinner will allow the ladies to frock up for the evening.

## Display day

No Motoring event would be complete without a display of the entrants' vehicles and arrangements for this take place are being made.

## Welcome here.

A feature of the event is that retail outlets, motoring businesses are being approached to offer special discounts to entrants. Any Canberra Business displaying the event logo and Welcome here sign can be assured that entrants will be very welcome.

## Costs

Costs to entrants are being kept to a minimum and will ensure that they are value for money.

## How to enter

Contact your car club or State/Territory motoring council who will provide you with details of entry although the event is still some years away it will not take line for the event be on our doorstep- September 2026 the week before Floriade .

Come and join one of the great motoring events to be held in Canberra- your national capital.

Graham Gittins     [gittins@inet.net.au](mailto:gittins@inet.net.au)



This is Charlie Adams driving his Nash up to City Hill. He had just picked me up and I wanted to get this sort of shot and so rode in the back initially. It strikes me that this car would probably get the award for longest participation in club runs and after a very enjoyable run past Royalla I will do an article on it. If anyone else can better its record on runs ( since 85 I think) do please advise. Harry Crawford, Foundation Member.     *It was on the Rock Rally in 1987. Ed*

## ANOTHER FOR SALE

**1993 Suzuki Sierra.** One owner deceased estate. White, mint condition, 4 seater, 4WD, 2 piece fiberglass roof, stereo, mags, 250,000 kms. Could go on club rego. Worth \$7-8,000. Asking \$6,000 ONO. Phone or text Joe on 0416 662 973. Norm Brennan has some photos. Norm 0432 993 366

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## FOR SALE—passed on from another Club

1926 Standard Six Buick two door Coach 90% restored. \$30,000. Photos available on request. Contact Ruth Foster. Phone 02 6948 8218  
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If you are interested I can email you the five pages and you can contact Ruth Foster for photos of any items you are interested in.  
*Editor Helen 0409 035 685*

### 1925 Cleveland 6 Tourer Car

Richard Woodley, a member of the Dubbo Antique Auto Club would like to make contact with any who has knowledge of, or has restored the same type of vehicle. Can any of our members put him in touch with someone he could talk to?

Richard Woodley Mob 0456 878 210  
Email daughter Jenny Hall hallyfamily@bigpond.com

## WANTED

Front crank shaft seal for 1946 Buick. Can anyone help please?  
Wendy Burton 0414 363 796

## 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.)*

### 1926 Chevrolet Superior V Tourer Project

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## OLD COLONIAL MAGAZINES WANTED.....1967 to 1989 Call Jim Orman 0412241636 for pickup

Our magazine beginning from 2011 is already available in digitised format that can be searched on both the Club Site and the Heritage Library site. We are now looking at digitising the earlier magazines and we need a set of magazines for the earlier dates. It is not an option to break up the bound copies we have in our library, or the bound copies in the Heritage Library. To scan from the bound copies is a much more difficult task, so this is a request for earlier unbound copies.

The Heritage Library have kindly offered the use of their equipment and software to do the digitisation, on the basis that the club donate the labour to get the job done. If you are interested in helping please contact Jim Orman by email at jimorman1234@gmail.com or on 0412 241 636. The Heritage library will supply the club with a copy of any digitisation.

Digitisation of the magazines will give our current members, future members and the public an excellent reference source. Your grandchildren's grandchildren will be able to research grandpa's cars, articles and club activities.

Thanks to Dino Benedetti and Brian McKay for their donations.

If you have any of the earlier magazines (1967 to 1989) we would be glad to hear about them. If they are valuable to you they could be loaned (for scanning and return), but if donated they will be used to fill gaps in the clubs collection or disposed of by sale or otherwise once they have been digitised and the digitised copies backed up off site.

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## AUGUST SPEAKER SUMMARY

At last month's meeting I talked about the formation of this club back in 1968 and showed photos of car enthusiast activity in the 60s. I went over the trigger event for the formation of this club as told to me by Ollie Walker some 15 years ago. This is him pictured with his veteran T model.

In 1968 he had a vintage T and had booked the trailer of the veteran car club here in Canberra to take it to a rally in Albury I think. Later another club member tried to book the same trailer for their veteran T. When they found it had been booked to transport a mere vintage car they kicked up a big fuss and Ollie's booking was cancelled. When Ollie's friend Mal Mason found out he decided that this was not on and called a meeting at the Wesley Uniting Church and the Canberra Antique and Classic Car Club was formed. Many thanks to Mal for his contribution to what we now enjoy.

I particularly enjoyed talking with a few new (and younger) members after the meeting. They continue the huge diversity of vehicles in this club with an 82 rotary which is quite a restoration challenge and a 1992 Ford commercial.



Harry Crawford, foundation member.



I was invited to David Brand's 85th birthday and coincidentally my Austin 7 was also a newborn in 1938. We took the opportunity to take a photo of the pair together.

David asked if the car looked in better condition than him, and although the car is shiny now, it has undergone some major surgery to get this way, so I think he wins the survivor class.

Cheers Geoff Hall





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


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# THE THIRTY THIRD GREAT CANBERRA SWAP MEET

At the Hall Showgrounds  
SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 2023  
7am to 2pm

WHAT	Parts and accessories for old & new cars, motorbikes & engines, automobilia, books, tools, models, antiques & collectables, toys and crafts etc. Spring clean the garage and set up a stall, be early for the bargains or just bring along the family for a day out. Club and trade displays welcome.
WHERE	Hall Showground, Gladstone St Hall ACT
SITES	<p><u>14 indoor sites</u> (3m x 3m) (some with power). \$50 per site (includes entry for 1) - bookings essential.</p> <p><u>10 Undercover sites</u> \$30 per site (includes entry for 1) - bookings essential.</p> <p><u>200+ outdoor sites</u> (6m x 6m), \$15 per site (includes entry for 1) - no bookings required.</p> <p>Set up from 12:00noon to 7:00pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, or 6:00am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. (Set-up is strictly Saturday &amp; Sunday only)</p>
ADMISSION	Adults \$5, children under 12 free.
PARKING	Ample free parking available.
FOOD	Hot food and refreshments available Sunday on site.
BOOKINGS	<p><i>For bookings and additional information</i></p> <p><u>Email: <a href="mailto:2023swapmeet@vvcmmc.org">2023swapmeet@vvcmmc.org</a></u> Phone: 0419 233 138 (bh) or write to: The Swap Meet Organiser, VVCMMC ACT Inc PO Box 3127 Manuka ACT 2603</p>
ORGANISER	The Veteran Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club ACT Inc

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10 OCTOBER 2023**

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