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CLUB MEETING

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

Next General Meeting Tuesday, 13 April 2010 at 8.00 pm
ACT Bridge Club (room to the right)
Duff Place, DEAKIN

Please bring a plate for supper OR put a gold coin donation in the tin on the front table near the sign-in book. A raffle is conducted at meetings. There are also lucky door and run attendance prizes. You must be wearing your name badge to win these.

Speaker will be Mick Richardson of the ACT Police on “driving skills”.

CLUB EVENTS

Club runs are held each month, usually the Sunday after the general meeting. The April event is on Sunday 18 April to Honeysuckle Creek. See centre pages.

CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S VEHICLE TRAILER

Bob Alexander
94 Redbox Place
ROYALLA

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 \$5 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.

NEXT COLONIAL

Cut-off for May Colonial will be Friday 23 April for any last minute small notices. Anything big earlier please.
Helen.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with clauses 8.1 and 8.2 of the CACMC Constitution, any member who objects to those below becoming members, should state their reasons, in writing, to the Secretary, within two weeks of the receipt of this Colonial. Hence the people whose names are printed below will formally become members on the first Tuesday of next month if no objections are received.

No new members this month.

The joining fee for new members includes the cost of name badges, so new members please collect yours from the Treasurer at a general meeting.

SUPPER ROSTER

April	Carole and Bob Douglas
May	Ron and Marjorie Cooper
June	Joe and Liz Micallef
July	Ken Walker and Ray Gallagher
August	Wes McCulloch and Alan Martin
September	Dick Rowe and Bob Garrett
October	????
November	Alec McKernan and George Sturgess.

Just October to fill for the rest of this year. Thank you to all who have volunteered. Graham Moore, phone 6254 2997 is the Supper Co-ordinator. More offers of help please to fill in the blank. Instruction sheet can be provided.

SHOP MANAGER

For the information of new members, Joe Micallef sits up front and to the side with his suitcase of club merchandise at meetings. Check out Club badges and sew-on patches. Joe can order Club polo shirts, long sleeve cotton shirts and polar fleece vests/jackets or bucket hats with the Club logo. The Register of Members is available at \$5 a copy. Let Joe know if you are interested in any of these. New supply of the large car badges still at the old price of \$15.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Single \$45; Family \$50. Joining fee \$15.

Bad News about ordinary unleaded petrol being discontinued as at 1 July 2011. We will have the option of unleaded with E10 or Premium unleaded. I'm sure there will be lots of discussion on this as to how it will affect our cars.

EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who have provided items for this month's Colonial. Stories to come: Boyce 1930 Buick Sports Roadster, things people collect: number plates, clocks & watches, milk cans/cross cut saws/iron pots; another Mini story from David Bennett; report and photos from Seniors Day; more photos from Wheels.

Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 2 April is Good Friday. **No retreads meeting.** Next month back to the Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden, on the first Friday of May.



Friday 16 April at noon to Point Hut picnic area just near the Murrumbidgee River. All club members welcome. If it is a wet day go instead to the Southern Cross Club Bistro at Woden. Enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046.

Get Well

Here's hoping all members who have been on the sick list are recovering and we'll see you at meetings and events very soon.

Vehicle Examiners

Alec McKernan is now doing well but please continue to spread the load a bit. Dean Benedetti is well again and happy to do inspections. Also for Belconnen, Daniel is the new vehicle Examiner.

February run

Apologies, we had lunch at the hotel at Collector, not the Loaded Dog. Page 10 of March Colonial.

Wheels 2010

Thanks to everyone who participated - 68 vehicles in our display plus some members had vehicles in other club displays as well. Val says some people drove off with the "People's Choice numbered cards" and she would like them back. Please return to the Events Committee at the next meeting or event.

Cheers ... Helen

DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 9 MARCH 2010

Present: 58 members
Apologies: 4 members

Opening: The President opened the meeting at 8:02 pm and welcomed all members and visitors.

Visitors: John Jeffery a previous member some 20 years ago. John has a '56 Buick hard -top.

Guest Speaker: Greg Beck spoke about the Albany Classic in WA. He used a Powerpoint Presentation with many interesting photos of the Hill Climb and Street Races as well as details on his adventures travelling with Landcruiser and caravan to WA.

Greg was thanked for his talk and given a round of applause.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Printed in "The Colonial". Moved Dave Rogers. Seconded Jim Clough. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Out: Nil
In: 16 Magazines
 Renewal car trailer insurance
 Invoice Council of the Ageing
 Cheque book
 Membership application
 Alec McKernan thank you letter
 Jan Wyatt thank you letter
 Bridge Club invoice
 PO Box renewal
 Reminder IC Frith re PLI
 6 Promotions
 Wagga Rod and Custom Show & Shine
 Maryborough Club 2011 Custodians Rally
 Aspen Parks accommodation
 Easy Holidays Lithgow
 Retroautos - a new car magazine
 Shannon's Auction 15 March

Moved Vin Liston, seconded Joe Micallef that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

President's Report: Daniel talked about Wheels 2010 and encouraged all members to turn up and display their cars. He asked members to assist with a display of cars at the Brindabella Gardens Fete.

Vice President: Graham thanked the guest speaker, Greg Beck and announced that the speaker next month would be covering "Driving Themes". He mentioned the Seniors Expo on 25 March and the need for 10 cars. Drivers to contact him.

Badge Draw: Ken Herne - no badge. Dave Rogers received the wine.

Run Prize: John de la Torre.

Treasurer's Report: Bob made statements available to members. Major expense for the month was \$700 for merchandise. Balance \$2448.68. Moved Bob Judd, seconded Phil Donoghoe, Carried.

Editor: Helen said she had plenty of material for April. She gave details of a new advertiser - Michael Deane of Deane Fencing. She had many photos of the 3 Mountains Challenge that she will put on the web site.

Events Director: John mentioned the following events. Collector Run—wet but a good day for the 5 cars that attended.

Brindabella Gardens.

Wheels -bring a drip tray.

Honeysuckle Creek - April 18.

Pumpkin Festival - May 2.

Heritage Day Run - May 16. Meet at Federation Square for coffee, drive to Kuttatubul Place via a scenic route.

Presentation Dinner August 14.

President's Run August 15.

Googong Dam & London Bridge - September 19.

Thirlmere Railway Museum - October Run.

Val reported on the Presentation Dinner to be at a new venue.

July 17 - 18 to be run to landra Castle with lunch and a Colonial Show.

A package price. Sunday with the Cowra Club involving a run via Wyangala Dam to the Log Cabin then home. Val is hoping for a minimum of 30 people.

Only two members, Keith & Lilly Carswell indicated that they would be attending the Bush Council Rally over Easter at Wagga.

Raffle: Winner of two bottles of wine - Charlie Adams.

Supper Co-ordinator: Graham thanked volunteers and asked for one more name for each of August and October. If you can assist please see Graham.

Registrar: Bob welcomed Alec back on deck. 18 cars checked for the month. Bob made special mention of Tony James who was standing down from being a club examiner. He talked about Tony's contribution to our club over many years and made a special presentation to Tony, recognising his great effort. This was greeted with applause from the members.

Librarian: Jack congratulated Tony and said all was well.

Membership Secretary: Joe absent

Shop Manager: Joe reported that car badges were once again available for \$15.

Information Officer: Norm had many ads and magazines for members to view.

Council Delegate: Graham Bigg reported on Wheels, Motoring Heritage Day, Display at Elm Grove, Special Interest Vehicle Scheme first draft availability, Wheels Badges.

Publishing Committee: Phil reported no problems with many spare copies this month.

General Business:

Waine Summerfield reported that the Road Services would visit your place to do a first time registration check if you have a vehicle like a tractor that cannot be driven over the pits at Dickson. He also talked about a display of stationary engines at Tuggeranong Homestead on 21 March.

Dave Rogers reported on some changes to Road Rules regarding bicycles gathering at traffic lights, new rules for child restraints for 7 years and under, new rules for battery powered wheel chairs.

Also Unleaded petrol to be done away with on 1st July 2011. Questions were asked about the possible problems that E10 may cause to older car fuel systems.

Alan Martin talked about the Yass Show on the 28th March.

Graham Gittins reported on the 3 Mountains Challenge and thanked Vin for his catering skills and cooking. He also mentioned the Heritage Day, April 17, with a display of cars at Elm Grove in Bonner. Numbers required. His Austin is under repair and will soon be back on the road. He is continuing to report on things that club members collect.

Keith Carswell reported on the Berrima Rally where Chris Berry's Hillman Husky won a prize for Peoples Choice 1950-59.

Barry Boyce had some oil filters free to good homes.

Alec McKernan reported on the Legacy Run and passed on thanks from all the ladies involved to the members who participated on the day.

Brian McKay reported on his six weeks in Canada and displayed some of the uniforms that he wore while being a volunteer at the Winter Olympics.

Closure: The President closed the meeting at 9.24 pm. Everyone was invited to supper.

Roger Amos, Minute Secretary

Brian McKay wearing the jacket issued to volunteers at the Winter Olympics in Canada.



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Registrar Bob Alexander presenting Tony James with Certificate of Appreciation.

WHEELS 2010 report is on page 28.

Ollie Walker's 1917 Model T Ford drew much attention especially when he had it running.



Joe Micallef next project—MG TD which he believes it will take him five years to restore.

Another new car in the Club, Lee Gaynor's Valiant Charger which he has restored.



Harry Crawford working on the brakes of his Austin Seven roadster



What running boards were made for! Harry, Brian McKay and Graham Waite near Brian's 1929 Chev Tourer.

Michael Toole has remade his caravanette by making it wider and painted to match either his CRS Buick or his modified Buick pictured which is on full rego.



Rod Small's 1928 Moon isn't seen out very often but he makes the effort to get it to Wheels.



Daniel Wyatt's 1973 Rover 3500 was another attractive car at Wheels 2010.

Jim and Rhonda Clough's 1936 Chrysler has recently undergone another restoration.



David and Tora Bennett's 1963 Humber Vogue at its first Wheels display.

On page 18 is the story of Beege Givens' 1936 model Cadillac and here is another of his. What a monster. This is a 1963 75 Series Fleetwood Limousine.



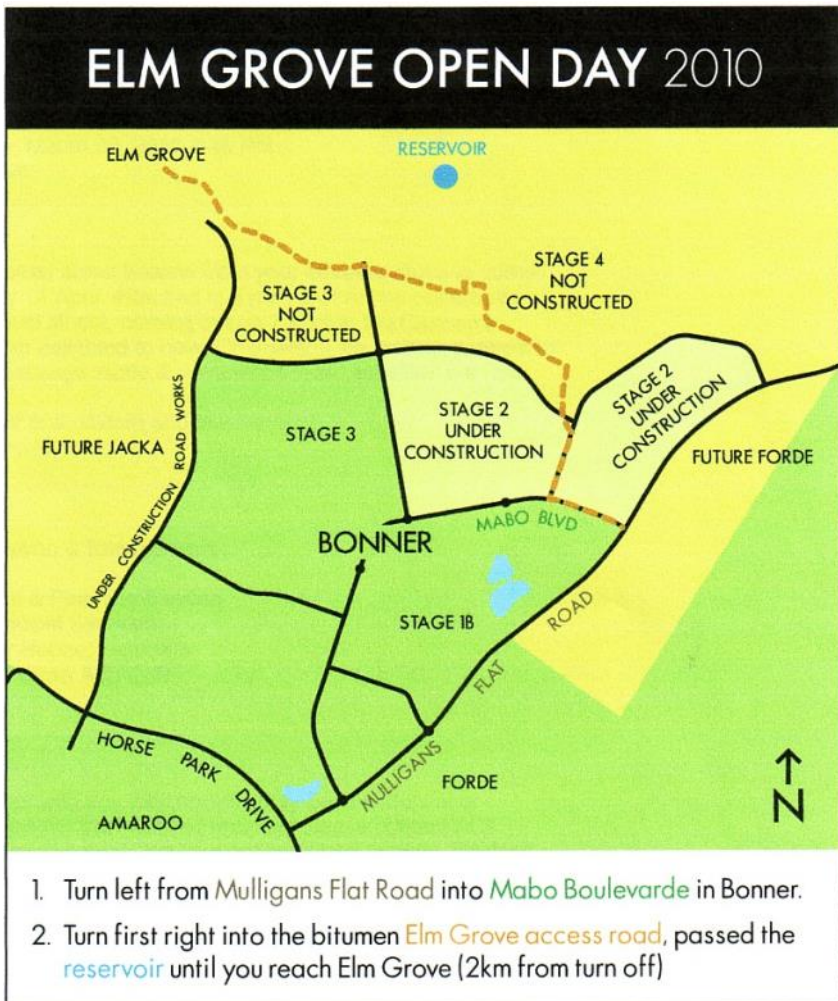
Rod Greschke's 1929 DA Dodge at its first Wheels display. Very interesting box on the back with bread and wine and music! I thought that box was for tools and parts.

Barbara Phillips' 1971 Fiat Bambino parked here beside Roger Amos' MG and the Phillips' 1959 Cadillac Coupe. Barbara pointed out the display made the colours of the Italian flag.



HERITAGE FESTIVAL Saturday 17 April 10.30 am—3.00 pm

National Trust open day at Elm Grove, Canberra's last historic working station, in Bonner. Activities to include: sheep shearing, indigenous dance performance, tour of cottage plus garden tour by Mark Carmody, Devonshire tea and sausage sizzle, historic fire engines, choir, scavenger hunt for children and vintage vehicles. There are two kilometres of unsealed road. Theme is "Hunters & Collectors". To register to take part in this event, please contact Graham Gittins on 0419 249 109, email: gittins@iimet.net.au the year, make, model and rego number of vehicle attending. Map is below. Park in front of woolshed.



JULY MONTHLY RUN

Saturday 17 July and Sunday 18 July 2010 - Cowra

Saturday a special package to include: lunch, visit to landra Castle with a fully personalised guided tour, afternoon tea, and dinner in Cowra with a live Colonial Australiana Show especially for us. Stay overnight at Cowra.

Sunday tour of Wyangala Dam and very scenic surrounds before it is closed for wall extensions. Morning tea with the Cowra car club. Bring a plate of food to share. They will provide tea and coffee facilities. Then Christmas Dinner at the Log Cabin in Gooloogong with all the Christmas trimmings and cheer.

More details TBA. Please keep the weekend free as special prices depend on a minimum number of attendees.

Contact: Val

HOLIDAY TOUR

"The Cootamundra Antique Motor Club is arranging to tour parts of South Australia for a fortnight during late October and early November this year. The Tour is planned to start and finish at Loxton, and will visit the Murray River, Yorke Peninsula, a couple of winegrowing areas and Kangaroo Island.

This is an open invitation to all comers (whether from our Club or any other) who might wish to join the Tour to obtain further information by contacting Paul Ballard, Tel/Fax 02 6942 4694, Mob. 0419 973 822 Email: westkinloch@dragnet.com.au

Your cooperation in helping us to achieve the following timeframe will be appreciated:

- Draft Outline available from Paul, until April 10th
- Responses to Draft considered up to April 26th
- Final proposals circulated late May
- Accommodation bookings (some of which will depend on final numbers) commenced in June and completed (including any necessary exchanges of money) by late July. "

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2010

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Apr 18	Jim Crane 6231 0745 0417 233 821	Meet in Bunnings, Tuggeranong car park at 10 am. Travel to Tharwa; after crossing the Tharwa Bridge, turn left to Namadgi National Park Headquarters where we will have a stop. Proceed on towards Shannons Flat until you see the sign for Honeysuckle Creek. The road runs off to the right. The road climbs and twists but is fully sealed. The club BBQ trailer will be there. BYO food. Tea and coffee supplied.
May 16	John	National Motoring Heritage Day. Meet at Federation Square for coffee at 9.45 am. Depart at 11 am along Barton Highway to Dickson, Limestone Ave to Fyshwick, then Canberra Avenue, Flinders Way, Mugga Way, Hopetoun Circuit, Alexandrina Drive, Coronation Avenue, Commonwealth Ave to Kuttabul Place near the ferry terminal and boat hire. The BBQ trailer will be there if you want to cook your own food. Tea and coffee available. BYO picnic supplies, tables and chairs etc.
Jun 13	John	Lake Bathurst
Jul 18	Val	Weekend visit to Cowra. See page 15
Aug 14		Annual Presentation Dinner
Aug 15		President's Run
Sep 19	Ken Walker	Googong—London Bridge
Oct 17		Thirlmere Railway Museum
Nov 21		Marques in the Park

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010

Apr 18		Auto Italia, Patrick White Lawns.
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DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Apr 24 Saturday	Peter 6947 1929 Mick 6947 3213	Gundagai Antique Motor Club Tumut Festival Rally. Register at Bull Paddock on the Snowy Mountains Hwy. Book by 16 April. Cost \$10. Adelong Fair on Sunday
May 1		Wings Wheels & Wine at Mudgee Airport Aircraft, motor vehicles and wine & food. www.wingswheelsandwine.com.au
May 2		Pumpkin Festival at Collector.
June 20	Cecily 4341 8088	Gosford Swap
Jul 18		Liverpool Super Swap, Fairfield Sh'ground.
Jul 18		Wagga Wagga Swap at Showground
Aug 15-21 www.nrvvcc.com.au	Robert & Meryl Lovell 6621 9682	Lismore's Nothern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club 50th anniversary 5 day hub rally. Limit of 150 entrants.
Aug 21-22		Shannons Eastern Creek Classic
Sep 12		Shepparton Swap
Sep 19		German Auto Day
Oct 1-3	Brian Calder 0434 307 742	MG TYme in Canberra over October long weekend. Registration and more information is through the MG Car Club at: www.mgccc Canberra.org.au
Oct 17	Hedley 6862 3656	Parkes Swap
Oct 31		Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC.
Nov 6-7	Karl 0427213960 Lesley 4421 2140	Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club 40th birthday in Novra area.
Nov 12-14		Bendigo Swap Meet
Nov 14		Ute, Van and Truck Muster at Canberra Country Music Festival at EPIC. Other vehicles invited.
Dec 5		Terribly British Day

CADILLAC – ‘STANDARD OF THE WORLD’

‘Honey, I’ve found (another) car I want to look at...’

‘What about that Holden that’s all pulled apart in the shed?’ came the reply.

‘This one’s not...’ I said.

Sound familiar?

So, I take my lovely wife who is 9 months pregnant (and overdue) out to check out a car that the vendor says is an older restoration, doesn’t run and has various mechanical issues. Yep, brave man...

The vendor rolls up the garage door, we move some boxes of junk and a cover off to reveal a very dusty yet magnificent Cadillac in need of some love. The vendor says ‘I’ve had a lot of calls about this car... I’ve got no interest in getting it going... Hasn’t been started for 3 or 4 years... I’ll leave you to it...’ I instantly realise that this car has to come home with me. Bugger...

Some 30 minutes later and the guy returns and we discuss the car some more...

‘Older restoration you say?’

‘Yep, my grandfather restored the car and put it back on the road in 1980 and it has been continuously registered ever since. It’s been passed down through the family and it’s time for it to go’.

After about two hours of looking over the car the boss indicates ‘you know what you’re doing, I want to go home...’ We leave the Cadillac behind knowing that there are more important issues at hand...

‘It’s a gorgeous girl!’ Mum and bub are both healthy. A couple of days pass as we attempt to settle into our new life as ‘mum and dad’. The opportunity arises to perform a stealth mission and sneak out of the hospital and secure the purchase of the Cadillac, albeit with some keen local interest. I’m on top of the world - within a week we have a brand new bub, a grand ‘old’ Cadillac, and I’m still married - Happy Days!

A few weeks after arriving home from hospital with our gorgeous ‘new girl’, I’m also anxious to get the ‘old girl’ home as well. The Cadillac is dragged onto a Tilt Tray and transported home. Some six months pass very quickly juggling our gorgeous new bub, work, life, and something I vaguely recall named sleep. However, I manage to

sneak in some time in the shed to get the Cadillac back on the road with a bit of help. With most of the immediate repair items fixed and various maintenance tasks performed, we all climb in to the Cadillac and head out for our maiden voyage – a truly superb vehicle to ride in and a very special moment all round.

To my amazement, I later discovered that this Cadillac was tucked away in a shed only a couple of streets away from Joe and Maureen Vavra's place. This is a small world.

Cadillac has long been a leader in both luxury and innovation. Cadillac introduced the concept of interchangeable parts to the automotive industry in 1908. This was the beginning of the phrase 'Standard of the World'.

Our Cadillac is a 1936 Series 75 V8 Fleetwood Imperial 7 passenger Sedan. Now that's a mouthful. It was built by the Cadillac Motor Car Company in Detroit Michigan as a RHD vehicle for export. It is fitted with a Fleetwood body type which was considered 'top of the line'. The term 'Imperial' is used to describe the division window between driver and passenger compartments and the '36' is fitted with a factory intercom system so that the passengers in the rear are able to communicate with the chauffeur when the divider glass is up. It is 6 wheel equipped as standard and has a luggage rack on the rear. It was considered to be a limousine in its day.

In 1936 the new price for one of these Cadillacs was US \$2995. Weighing 5045 lbs, it has a 138 in (3505 mm) wheelbase and 213.5 in (5423 mm) overall length. Cadillac introduced hydraulic brakes to their cars in 1936 (hydraulic brakes were on LaSalles 2 years earlier) and a complete engine replacement design.

The 1936 all new 90° L-Head V8 engine has a displacement of 346 cu. in (5.7 litre). Cadillac used this engine type until 1948, and was commonly used in WW2 tanks as twin engine configuration. The engine produces 135 HP (101KW) @ 3400 rpm with a 3.5" (88.9 mm) x 4.5" (114.3 mm) bore and stroke, with a compression Ratio of 6.25:1. The Monobloc cylinders and crankcase are cast using iron as a single unit, and it uses hydraulic valve lifters for durability. The water jacket is the full length of the cylinder bore.

The crankshaft is more rigid than the previous engine, using six counterweights and three main bearings. New connecting rods were introduced with large ends split at an angle to allow for removal from top of engine. New manifolding and a downdraft Stromberg EE-25

carburettor was fitted. Crankcase ventilation is suction type with fumes taken out through exhaust system. The lubrication system was simplified with piping only to hydraulic lifters. A combination fuel and vacuum pump is fitted on the front left of the engine cover. The starter is on the right hand side, in front of bell housing. A pressure cap is fitted to the radiator.

New chassis features for the '36' included: two mufflers in series, battery under left side of front seat, double universal joint in steering shaft, single plate clutch, ride control discontinued, but ride stabilizer added at front.

Some other technical features include: selective synchromesh transmission with 3 forward and 1 reverse gear, single disc clutch, shaft drive, Hotchkiss, semifloating rear axle, spiral bevel drive, overall ratio for 36-75: 4.60:1 std.; 4.3:1 optional and hydraulic brakes on four 16 inch disc wheels. Anyone bored yet?

The '36' Cadillac was judged by the Club's Registration Officer and Vehicle Examiners at Wheels 2009 and kindly awarded the Bill Amies Mechanical Excellence Trophy at the Club Awards presentation evening. I am extremely grateful and humbled that the club has acknowledged this vehicle with such a prestigious award.

The '36' is often exercised as a Restricted Hire Car, performing wedding duties.

We recently acquired a correct set of covers for the fender mounted spare wheels that require restoration; this is underway and will be a nice addition.

We are currently researching any available history for this vehicle through the General Motors Heritage Centre in the States. If you know anything about this vehicle we would love to hear from you.

You know life is good when you are asked 'Daddy, do you want to go round the block in the Caddy?' To which I reply 'You bet darling, let's go!' Hopefully this Cadillac is passed down through our family for a very long time.

Thank you to my extremely understanding wife.

Very proud owners,
Beege & Cham & Mia Givens

NEW AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES—VETERAN, VINTAGE & HISTORIC VEHICLES

Thanks to Dave Rogers for forwarding on this message from Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

"I have had a number of people contact me regarding the changes to carrying unrestrained passengers in V V H vehicles. After discussing this with some people at length, it may be prudent to look into whether our clubs feel we should apply for an exemption for V V H vehicles. Asking clubs to submit their ideas to be included in a submission and if they agree with the Council applying for an exemption. Most people I have spoken to said they will either not use their car/s very much, as they can't take the family, or they will be up for significant costs to fit a suitable seat belt system that will not ruin the car, if that is possible.

Below is a copy of an e-mail that outlines that we have 12 months before the new rules will take effect in the ACT.

Happy motoring,

Jim McDonald
Registrar
Council of ACT Motor Clubs."

Email of 10 March from Steve Crofts to Jim McDonald:

"Thanks, Jim

I am updating the website today to make it clear that there is currently an exemption for unrestrained passengers in Veteran, Vintage and Historic vehicles that are not required to have seatbelts fitted, and from 15 March 2011 this exemption will no longer apply to children under 7 years.

Regards

Steve Crofts
Transport Regulation and Planning
ACT Dept of Territory & Municipal Services."

Canberra's Government House venue for vintage car display

Once a year, about the ides of March time, The Queen's representative in Australia, Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce AC, opens up her official residence and the 54 hectares of parkland surrounding Government House at Yarralumla, to raise funds for The Smith Family charity.

The Smith Family is a unique Australian organisation, founded 50 years ago this year, by a group of business men who did not wish to be individually identified. It mainly helps distressed young people reach their potential by unlocking opportunities through education and learning.

During the open day more than 16,000 people visited the property to inspect the public rooms inside the house and enjoy the balmy autumn weather with a stroll around the lawns, taking in the range of activities and displays, including medieval sword fights, folk dancing, tethered balloon rides, watching the Red Berets army parachute team skydive on to the lawns in front of the house, passing an opinion on paintings by local artists or just sitting on the lawns listening to various musical and singing recitals.

An added attraction this year was the visit by the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia the majority of whom made the 320 kilometres trip from Sydney to put their vehicles on display. They were joined by a small contingent of vehicles from the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club and the Triumph Car Club.

The line up of more than 40 cars included Alvis, Bugatti, Jaguar, Lancia, MG, Bentley, Hotchkiss and Fraser-Nash.

Also on display was the last of Australia's Vice-Regal Rolls Royces. The state governments, preferring to use Australian built Fords and Holden vehicles for official duties, auctioned their fleet of Rolls Royces some years ago.

The Governor-General's 1970 Phantom VI is still used for official duties, about once a month it carries ambassadors and high commissioners, when they visit Yarralumla to present their credentials.

Mr Colin Shearwood the Rolls Royce's driver for the past 24 years, recently announced his retirement as official chauffeur.

The day was very successful, raising more than \$42,000 for the Smith Family.

CACMC members who attended included:

Graham Moore—Frazer-Nash, Graham Biggs—1966 Mustang, Jim Clough—1936 Chrysler Airstream, Brian McKay—1930 Model A Ford and Graham Gittins—1955 MG Midget.

Graham Gittins
0419 249 109.



Top: Brian McKay and his A Model, Graham Gittins Midget, Graham Biggs and his Mustang and Jim Clough and his Chrysler.

Bottom: Graham Moore and his Frazer-Nash and trailer.

OLIVE DRAB BY MICK O'DONNELL

Betty is 65 on ANZAC day this year but she is not showing any signs of her age. She has a strong, sturdy body and carries no battle scars, although her original destiny was conceived by WW2. In fact, the war ended the year she was 'born' in the US of A and by some twist of fate she ended up serving in the Australian Army for close to 20 years. Declared surplus to needs, she lived a charmed life for over 10 years at the back of a showroom of a Sydney dealership, before being confined to a shed on a property in southern NSW belonging to the family of the dealer.

The drought caused hard times a few years ago, and Betty was for sale. I fell in love with her at first sight – tufts of straw occupied the canvas back seat, chook droppings fouled the solid metal floor, and her original ribbed rubber tyres were perished. But once we'd found some leaded petrol, hooked up a six volt battery, her motor purred like a cat approving of this long-awaited attention. The brass plate on the plain khaki dashboard proudly confirmed her credentials. 'She scrubbed up pretty good for an old gal,' my mate said after a couple of months undertaking minor restoration that included matching her up with a unique trailer and radio unit from the era, and with a .303 mounted on the dashboard, she had regained much of her military presence. Magazines published articles and pictures and soon she had automotive pin-up gal status.

Many of the WW2 diggers are now finding it hard to march on ANZAC day - they are at least Betty's age plus twenty. For the past five years Betty hasn't missed a march - she musters with the contingents of diggers on ANZAC parade. Last year the Prime Minister took the salute as hundreds of proud men and women filed smartly past. On this occasion, with her canvas canopy rolled back, she hosted Roland from Queensland, who joined the AIF at 16 and served in Africa, then Malaya. Roland had to be lifted into the back seat where the straw and chooks once resided – somehow he stood, and clutching onto the hood spar, a chest full of medals rattling and glistening in the sunlight. He turned his head smartly to the right to acknowledge the PM – who actually waved to him - then I saw tears running down the tired wrinkled face to his almost toothless mouth that sported the biggest smile you could ever imagine. The last time Roland had been in a military jeep was in Penang in 1943 - one of Betty's relatives no doubt.

Later in the year I received a letter from Roland's wife to say 'thank you.' She said that her husband had never forgotten those few minutes in front of the War Memorial, surrounded by his mates, conveyed by Betty, and now she regretted to tell me that he had gone to his last parade - a very happy man.

Happy birthday Betty - you still look good in your camouflage olive drab make-up.

Betty at another Anzac Day march



Mick and Cora at this year's Wheels with Betty on display as well the trophy for Best American exhibit from last year.



EIGHTH THREE MOUNTAINS CHALLENGE

Iffy weather did not deter 19 vehicles from attending the eighth Morris Owners Group, Three Mountains Challenge on Sunday March 7. The forty plus participants many from Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club, kicked off with a free cup of tea, coffee and biscuits in the Russell Hill car park before the challenge mountains of Mount Ainslie, Black Mountain and Red Hill were attempted.

Among the club vehicles who took part at this challenge were:

Phil Donoghoe in his 1929 Durant, Charlie Adams in his 1934 Austin. Jim Clough - 1927 Austin Seven, Denis and Val Harding -1934 Morris Minor, Gerry and Kay Walker - 1957 Morris Minor, President Daniel Wyatt and wife Petra in her 1961 Humber Vogue, Joe and Liz Micallef 1972 MGB, John de la Torre and Lucy 1964 Morris Major Elite, Clive and Marilyn Castle - 1954 Wolsey 4/44, Vin Liston 1964 Morris Major Elite, David and Jan Wyatt - Ford Fairlane and Graham and Heather Gittins 1974 Austin 1300 GT.

No one failed the challenge, but all had some sympathy for the Queensland registered Subaru which was lodged precariously against a tree on a very steep slope of Mount Ainslie, keys still in it, and looking decidedly second hand.

Gerry Walker said he asked the lone Clean Up Australia volunteer, struggling up the side of the mountain if she would collect the car in her back pack, but she said it would not fit and moved on. Looks like it will be a rescue exercise for a four-wheel-drive club to remove the eyesore.

The ascent and decent of Black Mountain and Red Hill went without incident and no one got lost, thanks to the excellent instruction sheet supplied. By midday participants were heading to La Trobe park at the bottom of Red Hill, where the smell of freshly cooked bacon, onions and sausages greeted them and Vin Liston had the billy boiling,

During the lunch break the Jim Bruce Memorial shield was awarded to a very surprised club member John de la Torre and presented by Jim's widow Judith. Morris Owners Group convener Malcolm Noad, reminded participants of the how the event came into being and said the Three Mountains Challenge commemorates a remark made by club member the late Jim Bruce who said "it was always a great challenge to get his Morris (Bullnose) Cowley with its two wheel

brakes - up and down any of the mountains around Canberra safely."

All non-Morris vehicles were made honorary Morris's for the day.

The next Morris Owners Group event will be held in the second half of the year with a weekend end away to the Galong Pub. Details will be published in *The Colonial* when they are finalized.

Graham Gittins



John de la Torre and his 1964 Morris Major Elite

Denis Harding with his grandchildren and his 1934 Morris Minor



Clive Castles and Gerry Walker descending Mt Ainslie

Judith Bruce made the presentation to John.



WHEELS DISPLAY ATTRACTS 1250 VEHICLES

While people waited in the hot sun for hours to view the *Masterpieces from Paris* travelling art exhibition at the Australian National Gallery, across the road, 1250 proud owners of vintage, veteran, historic and modern vehicles were enjoying a picnic at the Council of ACT Motor Clubs charity Shannons Wheels Expo display, on the lawns in front of Old Parliament House.

Wheels is the one day of the year when most car clubs affiliated with the Council make an extra effort to display their vehicles and help raise money for charity. The charity again this year was the Prostate Cancer Support Group ACT Region. Around \$2000 was raised. The Wheels annual event is now in its 28th year and has provided more than \$350,000 to local Canberra charities during that time.

CACMC had 68 vehicles on display and used the day to judge members' vehicles for a number of trophies to be presented at the annual dinner later in the year.

Joe Micallef brought along the remains of his recently acquired MG TD which he intends spending the next five years restoring. The car was found down the south coast and Joe believes it is in restorable condition. Harry Crawford brought his 1928 Austin Seven and was keen to show anyone who was interested how he had adapted the brakes to give the car real stopping power. Ken Walker has his Austin A40 Sports making its first appearance after an engine rebuild and George Sturgess had his Austin A60, which looks ready for the Club's Tumut-Bright Tour.

Always a popular Wheels attraction is the Canberra Pie Cart which the Council of ACT Motor Clubs rescued and with the help of a volunteer band of motoring enthusiasts and students from Copland College, restored the 1939 Chevrolet back to running condition. It is now used to screen motoring DVDs and tourist promotion videos.

The day is billed as a family-friendly picnic day and attracts vehicles from Sydney, the Southern Highlands, the south coast of NSW, the Snowy Mountains and the central west of the state. The organisers were pleased with the turnout of vehicles, 1250 vehicles exceeding their expectations and a record number for the event.

And while the club members were picnicking under the shady trees, the people queuing to see the art exhibition across the road, had the opportunity of glimpsing some of the vehicles which make up Australia's rich motoring heritage.

Graham Gittins, 0419 249 109.

TURBO CHARGED

It's an ongoing, never-ending process, it could even be called fine-tuning.

Time spent on the various car restoration activities should probably be calculated in years. That is appropriate, having been requested from time to time to "Please come and hold this a sec". This is usually a spanner whilst the restorer disappears under the car for three or so minutes. So the "holding" takes 180+ secs. Therefore it's more realistic to time projects in months.

In the past I've found gearboxes in the oven, various clapped out rusty bits and pieces neatly arranged in the backyard as creative sculptures, but the latest discovery took me by surprise.

Replace an engine with yourself, is this expecting too much of a recently implanted pacemaker? He's turbo charged and obviously happy with it.



Jeanette.

See report opposite—Ken Walker's Austin A40 Sport was at Wheels after an engine rebuild.

Seniors Day report will be in next month but here is a scoop for this month: Governor-General Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC with our own Phil Donoghoe in front of his Durant.



FOR SALE – OTHER CLUBS PLEASE COPY

(N.B. To enable vehicle for sale notices to be copied by clubs in other states, rego or chassis numbers may need to be included.)

1970 302 Ford Fairmont, 4 speed top loader gearbox as factory built complete car and spare engine, matching numbers, needs TLC, on club plates. \$11,500 or ono. Call Davud on 0429 122 194.

HOUSE EXCHANGE Anyone interested in house swap with someone in Vancouver, Canada please contact Brian McKay on 6260 8279.

1950 Chevrolet as original, good straight body, good driver, runs well, easy restorer. Rego to Dec 2010 on CACMC Club plates HIS 302 non transferable unless to a member. Lots of spares and accessories. \$8,000 ono. Please phone Brian on 02 6254 3298 or 0416 254 323.

1937 Buick 40 Sedan, not completely restored but all there. Motor and gearbox reconditioned, upholstery under way, paintwork nearly complete, stainless steel exhaust system, blinkers, full set of spares. Chassis No 3080252. \$12,000 ono. Please contact Tony or Junia on 6258 0753 or email junia.james@gotalk.net.au

1965 Holden Premier Station Wagon, auto, white over green. Family vehicle since 1968. Partly restored. Everything there. Genuine offers considered. Please contact Daniel on 02 6281 0827 or email ddennis@grapevine.com.au

1954 Rover 90 P4 approx. Driven into shed about 20 years ago and unused since. Good aluminium panels, interior complete but leather is hard. Wood around windows needs refinishing. All jewellery and carpets, tools, jack and unused spare are still in car. A Handbook, some service records and a Factory Manual and a complete spare car come as a package. Phone Graham on 02 6166 0485 for more information and photos. Price negotiable but it would be a shame to scrap them.

Fiat X1/9 1980, Chassis No 0111779, currently unregistered. Excellent mechanical condition with lots of work by Graham Smith at Fiatorque in Sydney. Some spares and service manuals. One too many projects and taking up space. \$2,950 Phone Derek Lark on Mob 0417 662 274 or email Derek@derekclark.com

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1975 BMW, 520 carbie, silver, 124,000 km, Reg HIS 252 till 15 Oct 2010—was family car for 20 years before club rego.

1975 BMW, 520i carbie, white, 200,000 km? Reg HIS 929 till 15 Oct 2010. Purchased in 2005 as a twin to HIS 252, both car bodies similar and original with mag rims and as new tyres, only selling to make space for another investment. \$1,650 each ono or \$3,000 the pair. Contact Brian Bush on 02 6281 6866 or email brianbush@netspeed.com.au

XM Falcon bumper bars front and rear light weight composite ready to paint \$500 per pair plus delivery charges, or, advise the paint colour and we can deliver ready to fit. Painting is an extra \$300. Colour coded to the vehicle is strongly recommended. Fitting is with Allen Key head 1" bolts with fibre washers to reduce friction between the bumper and the steel mounting bracket. The result is outstanding. Phone Ross on 0427 003 407

1966 VW Beetle, 1300 Deluxe, light blue, good condition, runs well, some paintwork needed if wanting to restore to prime condition. Rego to April 2010. Call Boyd on 0408 627 923

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TUMUT and BRIGHT RUN 2010

A number of CACMC members intend to go to Tumut for the Festival of the Falling Leaf 23-25 April 2010. Then to Lakes Entrance for 3 nights over-nighting in Bombala on the way. From Lakes Entrance we will travel to Bright via the Great Alpine Road and stay 3 nights in Bright during it's Festival (30 April to 3 May). We intend to return to Canberra with an overnight stop in Corryong. 11 cars currently going on this rally. Accommodation in some towns is very tight.

Ray Gallagher

Tel: 6241 9823

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PARTS FOR SALE OR WANTEDS

WANTED Bumper bar jack for Falcon/Z Series Fairlane. Please contact Terry Byrne on 6290 0360 or email: terryb@homemail.com.au

To suit 1995 LR Discovery—folding rear seat, grey leather; sun protector for dashboard; roll cover for luggage compartment; Haynes Service & Repair Manual; CD listing Discovery, Freelander & Range Rover Tech Data. Phone Peter Hoskin 6286 4022.

Car safety stands, large square base, pin type, safe working load 1200 kg per stand. 2 pairs for \$20. Phone Helen 6281 5209.

WANTED 1934 Buick rim needed to finish a project. Please contact Michael Toole phone 0402 616 829

Fiat 500B/C Topolino gearbox complete and various surplus motor parts. Offers to Ken Derbyshire Phone (AH) 6281 6627 or Mobile 0412 630 399.

FREE 4 Michelin steel belt radials 155R 14 80S (old size 540 x 14). Good but old, very suitable for a restoration in progress. Contact Vin Liston on 6241 1645.

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