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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, 10 August 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: Sue Walker, President of Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

## CLUB EVENTS

Club runs are held each month, usually the Sunday after the general meeting. The August event is the President's run, the day after Presentation Night and is titled a Poker Run. See details on page 19.

## 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 September Colonial will be Friday 27 August for any last minute small notices. Anything big earlier please. Stories of your restorations or restorations in progress please. Tell us about any rally attended or swap meet visited.  
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.

## SUPPER ROSTER

August	Wes McCulloch and Alan Martin
September	Dick Rowe and Bob Garrett
October	Alison and Bob Campbell-Stewart
November	Alec McKernan and George Sturgess.

Thank you to all who have volunteered. Graham Moore, phone 6254 2997 is the Supper Co-ordinator.

## SHOP MANAGER

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. New supply of the large car badges for sale still at the old price of \$15. Joe is taking orders for CACMC car banners at \$15 each.

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

## EXTRA FOR SALES

**1983 Toyota Crown Royal Saloon**, silver, full rego, goes well, tyres good, upholstery good. Overall condition is good. Parents are downsizing so one treasured car has to go. \$5,000. Please ring Ian at work on 6213 1386.

**1968 Mustang Hardtop**, 289 V8, meadowlark yellow with parchment interior. Matching numbers with factory fitted disc brakes, power steering, centre console and integrated A/C. AM/FM radio, new paint, chrome and interior. Rebuilt C4 transmission, Grant wood rim steering wheel and American Racing torque thrust wheels with WW tyres. Marti report. ACT historic registration. \$27,900 ONO. Phone: Dick Rowe on (02) 6166 2208 or 0415 819 381.

## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who have provided items for this month's Colonial Stories to come: Lee Gaynor's Chrysler Charger; Boyce 1929 Buick Sports Coupe, 1941 Buick Coupe, 1948 Chevrolet Fleetmaster; another Mini story from David Bennett; Battle of Waterloo photos; Notes from a Coachbuilders Workbook: Repairs and Renovations; Inventions & Firsts.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 6 August 12 noon Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden.



Friday 20 August Fire up those old cars for a run to the Murrumbateman Inn for lunch at 12 noon in the dining room with a roaring fire. All members welcome. Any enquiries to Vin Liston on 6241 1645 as Alec is away.

### 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. Advise Secretary Gerry if you know of anyone who could use a cheer-up card.

### Changes

Well last month's change to the new printer went reasonably smoothly. A few glitches to tidy up but I'll get there especially as Debbie will be home from working in Melbourne and able to sort me out.

### Holiday Tour

The Cootamundra Club magazine has just come and I notice they have a trip planned to Kangaroo Island Saturday 23 October to Saturday 6 November and would welcome people from other clubs. Further information from Paul Ballard Tel/Fax 02 6942 4694, Mob 0419 973 822 or Email: westkinloch@dragnet.com.au

### How can you help your Club?

Put your hand up to help out on the Management Committee, with Events, sealing, labelling and posting the magazine each month, suppers at meetings. A nomination/volunteer form is enclosed. Let's not have an exercise like extracting teeth at the AGM. My job especially is open for a volunteer.

Cheers ... Helen

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 13 JULY 2010**

**Present:** 56 members

**Apologies:** 4 members

**Opening:** The President opened the meeting at 8.08 pm and welcomed members and visitors, including the guest speaker, Terri Berenguer of Diabetes ACT.

**Visitors:** Clinton Harvey, who has a 1979 Mercedes.

**Guest Speaker:** Graham Waite introduced Terri, who is Manager, Health Programs, Diabetes ACT. Her presentation was associated with National Diabetes Week, which is highlighting “kidney health”.

Terri outlined the diabetes problems in our modern society, and the complications which can ensue, including heart, circulatory and kidney disease. While older people are more at risk, younger people are now developing Type 2 diabetes (which used to be regarded as the “age onset” type). One in seven people over 25 years of age now have kidney disease and the incidence of Type 1 diabetes (“insulin dependent” type) is increasing in children as well as adults.

Diabetes is generally symptomless, and can be related to factors such as diet and activity levels. As it is both manageable and preventable it is crucial for people to be aware of their individual situation and to seek assistance. Good medicines exist and information and advice are readily available. For example there is a National Diabetes Service Scheme.

Questions from the audience indicated a high level of interest in the topic.

Graham Waite thanked Terri for her informative presentation and members showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Accepted as per the Colonial. Moved Phil Donoghoe, seconded Jim Clough. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence:**

Out: Nil

In: 27 newsletters

ATO advice re refund and tax bill

3 bank statements

Letter from Lumley Insurance

Rallies – Snowy Mountains Touring Classic (20-21 Nov.)

Shoalhaven 40th Anniversary Rally (6-7 Nov.)

Bedgerabong Show (21 Aug.)

Cootamundra Swap (4 Sept.)

34 membership renewals

Email from Canberra Torque

4 merchant voucher queries.

Moved Gerry Walker, seconded Roger Amos that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**President's Report:** Daniel asked for comment on the once-off, new look Colonial, which featured colour photos for demonstration purposes. Of course, the eColonial was always in colour and members should consider transferring over to this medium.. It was agreed this was a great improvement, with several members asking if this could be done for special situations. Graham Waite replied that costs were an important consideration - an edition in colour was about nine times the cost of a black and white edition.

Daniel thanked all those who had carried out the refurbishment of the barbeque trailer. The result was very spectacular. He called for members to show their appreciation.

Daniel reminded members about the Presentation Night and also the need for nominations for positions at the forthcoming AGM.

The President's Run on August 15 would be a "poker run".

**Vice President:** Graham announced that next month's guest speaker would be Sue Walker, President of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

Badge Draw: David Bennett.

Run Prize: Ray and Anne Gallagher.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Bob Judd's absence, Gerry Walker tabled the report. The bank balance at 30 June was \$5,347, and with about \$2,500 coming in as membership subscriptions since then, the position was fairly good.

Moved Joe Micallef, seconded Waine Summerfield that the report be accepted. Carried.

**Editor:** Helen was looking for more articles on cars and rallies.



**Events Director:** David Wyatt summarized forthcoming events-Cowra this weekend; President's Run 15 August; run to Googong & London Bridge September; Thirlmere Railway Museum in October. Val mentioned the arrangements for the Cowra run. Also, the Presentation Night where an excellent meal would be available at the subsidized price of \$30.00.

Raffle: Won by Beege Givens.

**Supper Co-ordinator:** Graham was away but everything was under control

**Registrar:** Bob reported 10 vehicles had been examined.

**Librarian:** Jack reported everything was hunky-dory.

**Membership Secretary:** Joe Vavra was pleased with the return of membership forms and was planning to re-vamp the Register of Members to make it more concise. This should be available about November.

**Shop Manager:** Joe reported that the windscreen banners had been ordered, and these would be on sale for \$15.00. He suggested people act quickly to avoid disappointment.

**Information Officer:** Norm said the usual magazines and extracts were available for perusal. He also had some details on the Liverpool Swap.

**Council Delegate:** In Graham Bigg's absence, Graham Gittins outlined recent developments - In the absence of a club volunteering, Council will organise the next Marques in the Park event. It will be on 21 November on the Patrick White Lawns. *[Advice received later—definitely not on.]*

No further movement had occurred regarding the relocated accommodation of the Railway Historical Society. Apparently, the Fyshwick site is not level enough. There is no time-frame for relocation, but the ACT Government has given an undertaking to finance the removal.

The Council has invited submissions on new seatbelt and modified vehicle requirements.

**Publishing Committee:** Phil reported all was well

**Webmaster** No report as Tony was away.

**General Business:** Graham Gittins advised the following - the

forthcoming Morris Owner's Club rally was now arranging to overnight in Boorowa; the Retro Auto magazine was going online; the Pie Cart is going to Eastern Creek on 22 August; it will be garaged at Malcolm Noad's property at Royalla; the magnificent building which has been recently acquired by the Cooma Car Club; he and Alec have photos of the Olympic Volunteers reunion.

Bruce Carswell presented Graham with a DVD of Graham's, Alec's and Vin's appearance on the recent ABC "Insiders" program. It is available for any members to view.

Joe Vavra reported that the British had done it again at the Battle of Waterloo on 20 June, if car numbers were any guide. (Of course, there was no dispute about quality.)

Ray Gallagher said that he had some old photos of the Bicentennial Rally if anyone was interested.

Several members queried whether, in future, subscriptions could be paid by Direct Credit to the Club's bank account. Gerry Walker replied that certain complications existed but the Committee would consider the issue.

**Closure:** The President closed the meeting at 9.15 pm for supper.

Bob Garrett, Minutes Secretary.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Your membership is now due for renewal. A renewal form was enclosed with the June Colonial. Please UPDATE your details on the form and bring/send it in with your payment.

WHY? After doing receipts, the Treasurer passes these on to the Membership Secretary who then updates the membership data base. The Membership Secretary produces the labels for the Colonial each month. Those not financial will be missing out on the Colonial from September. Not to mention your registration will be invalid.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The CACMC Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 September. A nomination form is included with your Colonial or pick one up at the August meeting. You can have another member nominate you for a position or volunteer your services. Come on, have a go - forms to the Secretary please.

## **MONTHLY RUN - 17 AND 18 JULY 2010**

### **WEEKEND TRIP TO COWRA AND REGION**

An enjoyable weekend was had by 31 people from Canberra, including 4 people from the Canberra Morris Minor Club. There were 15 cars that set off on a crisp white frosty morning from Dickson. We were soon at Boorowa lining up with many other people for some nice hot coffee and a tasty morsel from the very popular Bakery. On arrival in Cowra we were joined by 6 people from the Cootamundra car club and several from the Cowra Car Club, adding to 40 in total. We made our way to the Lachlan Valley Railway museum where John Mackie and other volunteers showed us through the museum. Many of the volunteers are also in the Cowra Car Club. Russell & Kathy Denning of the Cowra Car Club organised our delicious home baked afternoon tea under the trees. We donated an envelope of donations towards the restoration and maintenance of the Railway museum.

The Bowling Club meal was enjoyed by everyone and afterwards we were entertained by Samuel, the Town Crier, his drummer and his wench in the Australian Show. It was so funny. Samuel tricked Lord Daniel Wyatt and Shaun McGrath, and restrained Barbara Phillips before their deportation to Australia.

On the Sunday morning, once we defrosted our cars, the Canberra contingent gathered at the Aero Club where the Cowra Car Club currently meets for their meetings, to obtain instructions prior to departing for the Wyangala Dam. The countryside is beautiful and green and very pretty as we approached the hills where the near empty dam is located. Russell and his son had departed at 6.30am to heat the urn up for our morning tea at the dam wall.

The Christmas in July dinner was enjoyed by 104 people for a wholesome country style three course meal in one hour. We were entertained twice by some exceptionally talented Cowra dancers. We all departed in our own time for Canberra although several people were making a longer trip of the weekend. As we pulled up at the favourite Boorowa Bakery again for a very welcome coffee, Graham and Ellen Waite arrived. We enjoyed some more fellowship before departing once again for Canberra after a very enjoyable weekend.

*Many thanks to Val for this report and pictures.*

*And I'm sure those who enjoyed this weekend away would like me to thank Val for the organisation.*



Grahame and Dee Crocket  
and their Alfa Romeo

Daniel Wyatt handing  
over an envelope of  
donations to John  
Mackie of the Lachlan  
Valley Railway Museum  
in Cowra.



Enjoying the beautiful  
homemade slices for  
afternoon tea and some  
fellowship with Cowra &  
Cootamundra members.

## JUNE MONTHLY RUN - SOME MORE PICTURES



Jack and Mary  
Houston



Truck in need of  
restoration

## BATTLE OF WATERLOO - 20 June 2010

*We won - (written by a British car owner}*

The annual Battle of Waterloo was played out on the Patrick White Lawns, when the British and French marques faced-off in a contest to see who could muster the largest number of makes.

In the past few years the French car clubs have won the 'battle' but in 2010 the British clubs carried the day with 64 against 39 French.

There was a good selection of Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club members' cars including: MGs, Rovers, Austins and Morrisies, and one lonely Bean under the trees, on the British side, while Citroen, Renault and Peugeot took the high ground of the lawns .

The Canberra winter weather was kind on the day with a top temperature of 14°C and a cloudless sky.

The Battle had its genesis five years ago when on a particularly frosty day in July the French car clubs held a car display to commemorate Bastille Day.

Someone suggested that it would be a good idea to hold the display in better weather conditions and suggested the Battle of Waterloo anniversary may be more appropriate, forgetting that Europeans tried to fight their wars in the summer months, which are the opposite months to down under.

The actual Battle of Waterloo was fought on 18 June 1815.

The car display has grown over the years and last year was moved to a new site overlooking Lake Burley Griffin.

The display is organised by the three French car clubs and bottles of 'Arrogant Frog' red wine were given as raffle prizes.

It is all in good fun and the British and French vehicles will face each other again next year to continue the Battle of Waterloo.

Thanks to Graham Gittins.

*(Unfortunately the photos GG sent were too big for me to receive. We may try again next month. Ed.)*

## WHAT GENDER IS A COMPUTER?

A SPANISH Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa.'

'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?'

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora' ), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
- 2 The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay check on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador' ), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

*Thanks to the McKernans.*

## COLLECTORS

Club member Alan Martin who was one of 10 children and spent 50 years on the family near Yass, where cross cut saws, camp ovens and milk cans were part of his everyday life.

'It worried me in later years as I watched as a lot of the items that I grew-up with were being discarded and thrown on to rubbish tips,' Alan said.

'I met Wagga Wagga artist Kerry Gilard at the Hall markets and she asked me if I could find her, good condition old milk cans, so that she could paint Australian scenes on them and sell them at her stall. The cans and iron posts were duly collected around the district and from Parkes in the central west of New South Wales.

Kerry painted beautiful rural scenes on to them, many of them featuring horses and cattle. I asked her to paint my Yass family home and out-buildings and they feature on iron pots, tea pots, caddies and cross-cut saws in my collection.

Alan's collection does not stop with iron pots and saws, he also has collected old farm machinery wheels and chained them together under a tree near the farm home. 'My mother who is in her 90<sup>th</sup> year didn't like them just lying around, she said they made the place look untidy, so I collected them up and chained them around the tree,' he said.

Both his garden in Evatt in Canberra and on the Yass farm *Drummonye* have pieces neatly on display, the Evatt garden features split rail fencing and old cart wheels, while in the atrium there are a number iron pots, wood stove doors and milk cans all painted with Kerry's vivid farm scenes.

On the walls throughout the house are cross cut saws painted with farm scenes, two featuring his late father milking a cow. 'I think it is important to preserve the every day items of yesteryear, and in my own way I am doing my bit,' Alan said

Tucked away in one of the farm sheds on the property is a 1952 grey Ferguson tractor purchased from a Murrumbateman farmer. 'It still runs, but needs a complete restoration, which I intend to do when I retire in about year's time,' he said. he added.

The collection has got out of hand a bit,' he admitted, 'I must stop collecting pieces to add to it,'

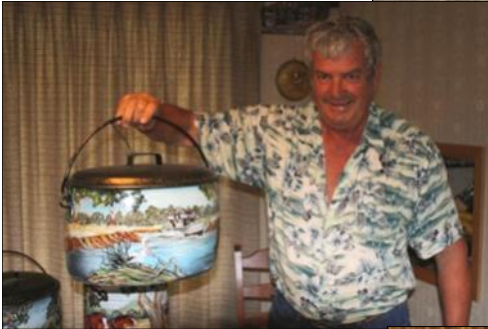


Alan's wife, Rhonda, agrees - I'm the one who has to dust them all,' she said.

Alan is also the proud owner of a 1938 Chevrolet and a 1925 Oldsmobile.

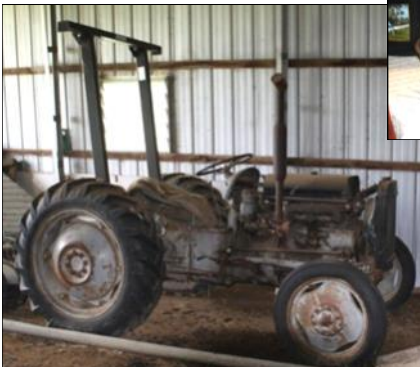
*Thanks to Graham Gittins.*

Farm machinery wheels chained under a tree.



Alan holding one of the painted pots.

More examples of painted pots, etc



The Ferguson tractor

**ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT**  
**Saturday 14 August 2010**  
**Southern Cross Club (West) Jamison**  
 Corner Catchpole and Bowman Streets, Macquarie

**6.30pm for 7pm**  
**\$30 per person for members**

The Club is subsidizing the dinner. This is the first time at this venue, therefore, our goal is 100 attendees. Please support your annual presentation of trophies dinner. There will be a lucky door prize and plenty of lucky draw prizes on the night.

**Menu**  
 (served alternately)

**Entrée**

Caesar salad / traditional with bacon, egg, anchovies, shaved pecorino cheese and a creamy garlic aioli **OR**  
 Garlic prawn skewers served on Jasmine rice with sweet chilli sauce.

**Mains**

Pan seared Atlantic salmon served on a creamy pesto mash topped with a garlic cream sauce, **OR**  
 Chargrilled eye fillet served on seeded mustard mashed potato with a bacon and mushroom jus.

**Dessert**

Chocolate brownie with a rich ganache & vanilla bean ice cream,  
**OR**  
 Individual pavlova topped with seasonal fruit and cream.

Freshly brewed coffee and tea with after dinner mints.  
 Orange juice and water will be supplied on the tables. Alcoholic drinks are purchased at your own expense.

**Tickets: please contact Dave Wyatt of the Events Committee on 6286 1782.**

## **EXTRA EVENT—BINALONG MOTOR MUSEUM Sunday 24 October 2010**

Stuart Saunders owner of Binalong Motor Museum rang me recently to invite our Club to the Museum Open Day on Sunday 24 October. There is no charge for us to look through the premises, the museum workshop, car display and gardens. Stuart will have his BBQ operating if people wish to use it.

Come along from 10 am to 3 pm. Features include a small traction engine steam operated which will be driven around for all to see.

No need for advice on numbers going, just turn up with BYO eats and drinks.

Thanks Alec McKernan.

## **PRESIDENT'S POKER RUN SUNDAY 15 August 2010**

It is that time of the year where I get to organize a run. This year we are having something a little different, a Poker Run.

There will be checkpoints at various places around town and finish with a Sausage sizzle at the end. The Sausage Sizzle will be by Gold coin donation to the club. Bread, onion, sauces, tea and coffee will be provided.

Starting point will be the top of Mount Ainslie car park 10.00 for 10.30 head off. This is Checkpoint 1. There will be 5 checkpoints in total so as we can all get 5 Playing Cards for our hand of Poker. Best hand wins the major prize at the end of the run!!!

I hope to see all of you there and don't forget to bring plenty of change for the raffles I have organized and also the Officials that are going to be at the checkpoints may show a kind regard to donations along the way!!!

All right that is enough from me hope to see you all at the Presentation Dinner and then the next day at The President's Poker Run.

Daniel Wyatt

## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2010-2011

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Aug 14	Dave Wyatt	Annual Presentation Dinner at Southern Cross Club (West), Jamison. Cost for members \$30 per head. See page 16.
Aug 15	Daniel	Meet on Mt Ainslie at 10 am for the President's Run see page 18.
Sep 19	Ken Walker	Googong—London Bridge Meet at Spotlight Queanbeyan car park at 10.00 am for 10.30 am departure. A tourist brochure and map will be provided. The BBQ trailer will be there with its usual services. BYO picnic lunch or meat to cook. Toilets are available at the picnic site.
Oct 17	John	Thirlmere Railway Museum
Nov		TBA [definitely no Marques in the Park]
Dec 19		TBA
Jan 16		Twilight run.
Feb 13		TBA
Mar 21		Shannons Wheels display day.

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010

Sat Aug 21	Penny Carlisle 6857 1052	Bedgerabong Show (35 kms west of Forbes) has theme of "Cars in the Country". Free entry for car, driver and one passenger. Additional \$12 per head. Display from 11 am to 3.30 pm and participate in the grand parade at 3 pm. Jp.carlisle@bigpond.com
Aug 22		Shannons Eastern Creek Classic display.
Sep 5		Cootamundra Father's Day Swap
Sep 11-12	Graeme & Sandra 02 6076 1182 (H)	Corryong Historic Machinery Club 4th Annual Upper Murray Historic Machinery Rally, incl vintage & classic cars display.

**EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010-2011**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Sep 12		Shepparton Swap
Sep 19		German Auto Day
Sep 25-26  Sun Sep 26	0427 267 927 Email: qbnswap@ hotmail.com	Queanbeyan Swap Meet at Showground. Sites \$15 per day. Book and send payment to Queanbeyan Swap-Meet, PO Box 66, Calwell ACT 2905 American Car Nationals. Car entry \$5 Email: acn2010@live.com.au
Sep 26		Bay to Birdwood
Sat Sep 25 -Sat Oct 2	Betty or Denis 4261 5087	Sapphire Coast Vintage Car Club Spring Holiday 2010
Sep 27 - Oct 2		Chrysler Restorers National Tour 2010 in the South Australian Riverland.
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: <a href="http://www.mgccc Canberra.org.au">www.mgccc Canberra.org.au</a>
Oct 17	Hedley 6862 3656	Parkes Swap
Oct 24	Alec McKernan	Binalong Motor Museum (see page 17)
Oct 31	0428 697105 (AH)	Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC.
Nov 6		Yass Antique Motor Club 5th Celebration of Heritage Motoring. Entry forms coming
Nov 6-7	Karl 0427 23960 Lesley 44212140	Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club 40th birthday in Nowra area.
Nov 13-14		Bendigo Swap Meet
Nov 14		Ute, Van and Truck Muster at Canberra Country Music Festival at EPIC.
Nov 20-21	Chris Reeks 0407 299 008	Snowy Mountains Touring Classic. <a href="http://www.coomacarclub.com.au">www.coomacarclub.com.au</a>
Dec 5	Mike Arnold 6288 5238	All British Day, Canberra, Patrick White Lawns

## **PHOTOGRAPH AND REPORT ON CLUB MEMBER KEVIN MCKAY'S 1931 AUSTIN 7 UTILITY**

I have Kevin's authority to prepare this interesting story about his 1931 Austin 7 utility.

During recent car displays at Elm Grove via Bonner, the National Heritage Motoring day, the Hall showground ute display and Kingsley Southwell's Retreads run to which Kevin drove his 1931 Austin, he advised me that he parked the Austin in a garden shed.

Noting that a standard single garage or carport is around 6 metres long by 3 metres wide, I thought that this would be an interesting story for our Colonial especially the photographs.

Kevin advised he found this car under a mango tree in Gympie, Queensland in 1970 and he purchased the Austin soon after. The Austin was in bad shape with a lot of timber rotted and metal badly rusted from the windscreen to the rear. Kevin restored this car over a period of 35 years.

I visited Kevin recently and took some photographs of the housed Austin in his garden shed which is 3 metres long by 1.5 metres wide and 1.8 metres high.

The Austin has a 750cc motor as against my 1150cc BMW motorbike engine, has motor bike tyres, is converted to 12 volts and has a fabric roof. The Austin 7 has a 3 speed transmission with no synchromesh and has a side valve water cooled four stroke engine. The head is cast iron and the vehicle weight is around 747lb.

These Austins were the most popular pre-war car made, covering two decades. The Austins survived the depression years and remained an affordable alternative to the large expensive cars of the day.

On the National Heritage day rally, I followed immediately behind Kevin in his Austin and at the Newcastle intersection with Canberra Avenue, the Austin was first to the traffic lights and we waited for about 4 changes of the lights, before we realised that the Austin did not have enough mass/metal to trigger the lights,

so I moved the 38 Chev closer and “bingo” the lights changed.

I also noticed that at the various traffic lights when Kevin proceeded, the back of the Austin jumped up and then settled down.

At the Hall showground recent ute display, Kevin advised he was awarded the prize for the oldest ute, probably the oldest by about 20 years

There are seven Austin 7 vehicles listed in the CACMC 2008 vehicle register.

I hope you find the attached photograph of Kevin’s Austin garaged in the small garden shed of interest.

Cheers, Alan Martin

Tucked safely away in a garden shed.



*At the June outing, I asked Kevin about the sign on his vehicle which shows “Carriers”. He said it was a joke because what possible load could this little van carry.  
Ed.*

At a recent Wheels display day.



## THE MORRIS REGISTERS OF AUSTRALIA

The 17<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual Rally took place at Goondiwindi Qld over the Easter period this year 2010, the home of the Goondiwindi Grey racehorse Gunsynd (who won the hearts of racegoers in the 60s and early 70s). Each rally is held in a different State and members from the Morris Owners Group with a history of being CACMC members have taken part for most of these 17 National Rallies in varying numbers. This year, Denis and Val Harding and Wendy and Malcolm Noad attended, Wendy and Malcolm trailering their Morris Cowley (Bullnose) to Queensland.

This is a time to meet old friends and make new ones. Around 150 Morris cars were entered and it was interesting to note that many of the cars were driven from their various States. Adelaide or Melbourne to Goondiwindi seems a long way to drive some of those early Morris cars. It was satisfying to see those 1927 and similar age cars showing they can still do those long distances and that their owners believed in their reliability to make it there and back.

One car that stands out is a Morris 8 series E tourer that has been driven to all 17 rallies in all four States.

Some of the highlights of this rally featured a tour of a cotton growing farm, sheep shed farming a lot like caged chicken farming with the exception that the sheep prefer the shed. A parade through the town's centre and on to a display area where the various Morris cars were displayed in their model groups.

Surprisingly the Ecumenical Easter Day church service run by members of the rally including a choir is a definite highlight of these rallies. This year we were surrounded by beautiful stained glass windows of the Anglican Church, with a full church of rally members.

Rally headquarters, dinners and entertainment was held at the very impressive Community Cultural Centre. And done well for such a large group.

However the presentation dinner was of considerable note for us as Wendy and Malcolm Noad were presented with Winner's Trophy for best in their class. (Cowleys & Oxfords - Bullnose, Flatnose and 30's) Even more excitement when they were also awarded the Perpetual Trophy by the SA register as Rally Champion for 2010. Congratulations to Wendy and Malcolm.



The 18<sup>th</sup> National Rally of the Morris Registers of Australia will be held at Port Pirie South Australia  
5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Expressions of interest now being excepted

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18<sup>th</sup> National Rally Entries

C/o 431 Wright Road,

Valley View SA 5093.

Denis Harding

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED YOUR CAR?

Mr Allen Swift of Springfield, MA, received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly P1 Roadster from his father, brand new, as a graduation gift in 1928. He drove it up until his death last year at age 102. He was the oldest living owner of a car from new. He donated it to a Springfield museum after his death. It has 170,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, is dead silent at any speed, and is in perfect cosmetic condition.



*Thanks to Dick Rowe.*

## **Morris Owners Group's weekend away to Boorowa and Binalong**

The Morris Owners Group's annual weekend away will be to Boorowa and Binalong on Saturday and Sunday 6 and 7 November.

Assembly will be 9:00am at the Hall lay-by, Barton Highway, for the journey to Yass to join the Yass Car Club heritage vehicle display.

Lunch will be at the Yass Soldiers Club, where a booking in the bistro has been made for 12.30pm. After lunch participants will travel to Boorowa and book in to the Boorowa Blue Metal Motel, before exploring the main street of Boorowa.

At 5pm we will reassemble for happy hour in the motel grounds, prior to walking to Kel's Gourmet Café located in the Boorowa Hotel, which is adjacent to the motel.

Day two will start with breakfast at Kel's Gourmet Café. After breakfast there will be time to finish exploring the main street before enjoying morning tea at the Court House Art and Craft centre.

The journey from Boorowa to Binalong will take approximately 40 minutes along a sealed road travelling through rich grazing country.

At Binalong participants will have the opportunity of enjoying a demonstration of glass blowing by master glass craftsman Peter Minton.

It will then be time to make the short trip to the Binalong Motor Museum and inspect the display of veteran, vintage and special vehicle collection, during the visit to the museum, a sausage sizzle will be prepared and enjoyed before we set-off for Yass for afternoon tea in one of the many cafes in the main street. Then it will be time to travel back to Canberra and home.

Entry fee, accommodation, meal costs and entry fees to attractions will cost around \$230 per couple.

To reserve a place on the weekend away contact Denis Harding on 6281 4497.

Accommodation at Boorowa Blue Metal Motel is limited so intending participants should book early. The motels telephone number is: 6285 3186 and mention the Morris Owners Group when booking.

## THE RESTORER'S TOOLS

(Thanks to Dave Rogers)

### DRILL PRESS:

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

### WIRE WHEEL:

Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Oh, shit!"

### SKILL SAW:

A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

### PLIERS:

Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood- blisters.

### BELT SANDER:

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

### HACKSAW:

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

### WISE-GRIPS:

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

### OXYACETYLENE TORCH:

Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

### TABLE SAW:

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:**

Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:**

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminium sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:**

A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:**

Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:**

A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:**

A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:**

A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:**

Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE:**

Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**Son of a b\*tch TOOL:**

Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "Son of a bitch" at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.



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# **SWAP MEET**

**SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2010**

**7am to 3pm**

<b>WHAT</b>	Parts and accessories for old & new cars, motorbikes & engines, automobilia, books, tools, models, toys, antiques & collectables 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.
<b>WHERE</b>	Exhibition Park (EPIC), Northbourne Ave. Canberra (in buildings F & M at north entrance, behind servo site).
<b>SITES</b>	150 indoor sites 3M x 3M (many with power). \$15 per site (includes entry for 1) - bookings essential. Set up from 12.30pm to 8.30pm <b>Saturday 30 October</b> . (Fitzroy Pavilion not available for set-up till 4pm.)  200+ outdoor sites 5M x 5M, \$10 per site (entry for 1) - no bookings. Set up from 12.30pm Saturday or 6am Sunday.
<b>ADMISSION</b>	Adults \$3, children U12 free.
<b>PARKING</b>	Ample free parking available.
<b>FOOD</b>	Hot food and refreshments available all day on site.
<b>BOOKINGS</b>	For bookings and additional information Email: <a href="mailto:committee@vvcmmc.org">committee@vvcmmc.org</a> Phone: <b>0428 697105 (ah)</b> or write to: <b>The Swap Meet Organiser</b> <b>VV&amp;C MCC ACT Inc</b> <b>PO Box 3127 Manuka ACT 2603</b>
<b>ORGANISED BY</b>	The Veteran Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club ACT Inc

## PARTS FOR SALE OR WANTEDS

**BUICK 1947** Front door spats with some chrome strips.  
 Rear chrome window strips  
 Rear 1/4 glass and slides (runners)  
 Assortment of glass windows to suit. \$250 ono  
 Austin Wasp dash 80% complete \$80 ono  
 Call Mark Butterfield on 02 6291 0908

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

**WANTED** sand-blasting cabinet. Please phone Terry Byrne on 6290 0360. Email: [terryb@homemail.com.au](mailto:terryb@homemail.com.au)

**ENCYCLOPEDIA** of Super Cars Classics-Performance-Racing. From 1920 to 1970. Issue 32 to 120. Total \$90. Please phone Colin McMillan on 02 6226 2102 and leave a message if no one home.

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

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1941-47 Parts Book reprint \$50  
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 1951-54 Ultramatic Parts & Service Manual \$60  
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 1938-39 Service Manual original \$60  
 1952 Easamatic Brake Service Book original \$20  
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 Packard by Adler soft bound \$30  
 Packard by Adler hard bound \$40  
 Packard 1942-62 by Dawes \$25  
 Original Paint Chips 1938,39,40,41,54 \$10 each

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 Phone (02) 6166 2208 or 0415 819381

## 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.)*

**Datsun 1600**, manufactured 10/1970, white, one owner and garaged all its life. Rego ACT HIS 386 to July 2011 under CACM Club endorsement. A delight to drive (one of the original rally cars of the 1970s), good mechanical condition with all original parts but now with a Stanza SSS 5-speed gearbox and mag wheels on board. Our first car and only selling for health and other reasons. \$4,000 ono but really seeking a new owner who can look after and enjoy it (as much as we have) for another 40 years. Contact Bill McKay on 0419 993 024

**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 David on 0429 122 194.

**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. \$10,000 ono. Please contact Tony or Junia on 6258 0753 or email [junia.james@gotalk.net.au](mailto: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](mailto:ddennis@grapevine.com.au)

Helen, I have received a phone call from a chap at Bawley Point who has for sale a 1926 Hillman which sounds interesting. Although he is not a club member, perhaps you could publish the details in the next Colonial as someone in the club could be interested. I think the following ad will do. Vic Hughes

**1926 Hillman 14**, featured in the 1966 movie "The Sand Pebbles" (Steve McQueen, Candice Bergen). Car is located in Bawley Point and is basically complete and running but will need some work. Provenance for its history available. Please call Michael Truter on 02 4475 1190.

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## VIEWS FROM PORTUGAL

This is one of about 20 views from Portugal which Alex Carvalho has sent to me. He is in the Douro River region and it is a wine growing area and there are hills and hills covered with vines. I could email on to anyone interested. Helen.



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