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## CLUB MEETING

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

# *No December Meeting*

Tuesday, 14 December 2010, 6.00 pm BARBECUE  
By the lake next to the YMCA Sailing Club, Alexandrina Drive,  
Yarralumla

Sausages and bread provided, BYO everything else.

Bring a light if you have one and the Aeroguard.

See also page 22.

## CLUB EVENTS

Club runs are held each month, usually the Sunday after the general meeting. However, with the regular Sunday being close to Christmas, the December run is earlier on 12 December. See page 22.

## CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S VEHICLE TRAILER

Bob Alexander  
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Vehicle Trailer: To maintain the trailer in good condition, members using it are required to make a contribution to upkeep. From 1 January 2011, 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.

## NEXT COLONIAL

No January Colonial. Cut-off for February Colonial will be Friday 21 January for any last minute small notices. Anything big earlier please. I will be away 12-18 January so will miss Chicken & Champagne. Any gossip from that night gratefully received. Car stories appreciated.  
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.

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. Bob has quite a backlog of uncollected badges. We do not post them.

## SUPPER ROSTER

|           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| December  | No meeting                    |
| January   | Graham Moore and Clive Glover |
| February  | Phil Donoghoe and Jim Crane   |
| March     | Jan & Petra Wyatt             |
| April     | ?                             |
| May       | ?                             |
| June      | ?                             |
| July      | Ken Walker and Ray Gallagher  |
| August    | ?                             |
| September | Dick Rowe and Bob Garrett     |

Graham Moore is still the Supper Co-ordinator and Clive Glover will take over when Graham goes overseas. More volunteers are needed for suppers for next year and if you do nothing else for the club, perhaps you can spare a little time to provide the supper at a meeting. Funds are provided for this and Graham can give you a sheet setting out what needs to be done. The board will go around again at meetings until we have enough volunteers. Or you can phone Graham on 6254 2997.

## 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.

New supply of the large car badges for sale still at the old price of \$15. Joe is selling CACMC car banners to put across your windscreen on display days, for \$15 each. Don't leave it till just before Wheels or there will be none left.

## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who have provided items for this month's Colonial Stories to come: Boyce 1929 Buick Sports Coupe, 1941 Buick Coupe, another Mini and a Humber Vogue story from David Bennett; Notes from a Coachbuilders Workbook: Repairs and Renovations, Part 3.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 3 December and Friday 7 January 12 noon and each first Friday, Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden.

Friday 17 December at noon: Retreads picnic lunch at Black Mountain Peninsula. Fire up those oldish cars for an opportunity to chat before Santa comes.



Friday 21 January at noon —if you are not traveling in January you may like to join us at the Sea Scouts Boathouse picnic area of Lake Tuggeranong, Mortimer Lewis Drive for a BYO picnic lunch. Any enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046. All members welcome.

### Get Well

Advise Secretary Gerry Walker if you know of anyone who could use a cheer-up card, especially if they are in hospital. Hope Jim Clough is making good progress after hip replacement surgery. And hope Dennis Morris' surgery went well too.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy to Petra and Daniel. Petra's aunt and uncle were involved in a nasty motorcycle accident in Sydney. Her uncle was killed and the aunt has undergone surgery. So sad as the accident wasn't their fault.

Daniel will take some time out from the club while he and Petra are helping Petra's aunt. Graham will chair the next committee meeting and attend to anything else presidential in the meantime.

Our sympathy also to the family of Beb Fox who passed away recently. Beb was an active member of the club in his younger days.

### Colonial

Remember there will be no January Colonial, nor is there a general meeting in December but there is a general meeting in January so put 11 January 8 pm on your calendar and come along and hear about Brian McKay's experiences at the Hershey Swap.  
Cheers ... Helen



To all our Members and to our  
friends everywhere in the old car  
movement in Australia and  
overseas

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

*Safe Motoring.*

I will honour Christmas in my heart  
And will try to keep it all year.  
*Charles Dickens.*

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 9 NOVEMBER 2010**

**Present:** 51 members  
**Apologies** 4 recorded in the attendance book

### **Welcome**

The President, Daniel Wyatt, welcomed members to the November meeting.

**Visitor** Jennifer Collier who has a Sunbeam Alpine sports car.

### **Guest Speaker**

Graham Waite introduced club member Greg Beck who gave a presentation on Maritime Oil spills.

**Minutes** of the 12 October meeting were confirmed  
 Moved Waine Summerfield, Seconded Clive Castles, Carried.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the October Minutes

### **Correspondence In**

Graham Waite advised that the following had been received:

19 club newsletters  
 Certificate of Insurance  
 Three membership renewals  
 Shannons Auction flyer  
 Bank statements  
 Berrima rally invite  
 Request for Ford truck wish to enter Wheels

### **Correspondence Out**

Two sympathy cards  
 Mrs Beb Fox  
 Mrs Frank McMahon  
 Moved Graham Moore, Seconded Graham Bigg that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

### **President's report**

Daniel appealed for someone to take on the role of Minute Secretary or two or three members who would take the meeting Minutes on a rotation basis Anyone interested to see Daniel after the meeting.



Wheels - Everything is on track  
Shannons OK

Vietnam Veterans food van OK

Need marshals for the morning from 8.am to 9.30am see Daniel after the meeting to register

New seat belt rules - Daniel advised that the committee had decided to write to the Council of ACT Motor Clubs indicating that the club was not in favour of the new child seat belt rules coming into effect on 1 January 2011. He asked for someone to help in drafting the letter to the Council.

**Vice President** - Graham Waite

January 2011 guest speaker will be Brian MacKay on his visit to Hershey swap meet

Lucky badge draw - # 19 Ken Horne

Club run #12 - Lee Gaynor

Prize would be held for Lee until next meeting

**Treasurer** - Bob Judd

Bank Balance \$3823.11

Bridge club room and storage cupboards rental has increased to \$125 per month

Car trailer after a review of the running costs and revenue for the club trailer it was decided to keep the flag fall at \$20 but increase the per 100 kilometres or part thereof to \$10.

New rate would start from 1 January 2011

Moved Bob Judd, Seconded Alec McKernan the report be accepted. Carried.

**Editor** - Helen Phillips

All is well. Cut off date for February edition is 26 January

No Colonial in January.

**Events Director** - David Wyatt

21 November Marques in the Park Club space is near the Lake

14 November ACT Model Aircraft Club fly day

Location near Cuppacumbalong wool shed starts at 9.30am

12 December Orroral Valley - for catering purposes number attending required

Christmas meeting barbeque near YMCA Sailing club—numbers required for catering

16 Jan Chicken and champagne numbers required for catering.

The Events committee welcomed Jim Crane to their group.

**Raffle:** Won by Dennis Morris.

**Registrar** - Bob Alexander

Total of 19 vehicles inspected, with Alec McKernan doing 10.

**Information officer/Floor Member** - Mark Butterfield

List of for sales and wanted items on board.

Mark also advised that he was the club's floor member. Any member who wished to make a complaint about the club should talk to him and he will take it to the management committee

**Librarian** - Joe Micallef

Chris Berry donated a number of workshop manuals. Thank you Chris.

**Shop Manager** - Joe Micallef

Still has club banners for sale at \$15 each

Stubby holder and chamois \$1 for the two

Six volt bulbs \$1 each tonight

**Council Representative** - Graham Bigg

Graham said that there was not one automotive engineer in Australia who would be prepared to certify seat belts in a wooden bodied vehicle.

Reminded members that Marques in the Park was on 21 November at the John Knight Park Belconnen

National Museum of Australia open day at Mitchell repository Sunday 14 November 11am— 2pm

Graham Gittins

Summernats is on EPIC on 9 January 2011

See Graham Gittins to register

Terribly British Day Sunday 5 December

Dave Rogers

Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (SIVS) meeting to be held with Road User Services before Christmas hoped to have scheme in place for a 1 July 2011 start up.

**Supper coordinator** - Graham Moore

Alec McKernan and George Sturgess November

Still had number of empty spots to be filled for next year

Graham also advised that there were a number of Navy magazines available free to members.

**Publishing committee** - David/Phil all is good

**General business**

Daryl Cowley held up what appeared to be a vehicle window frame wanted to know what it was off (*Chev suggested*).

Bob Garrett wished to congratulate Retreads organisers Vin Liston and Alec McKernan for the Galong run in October.

John Senior has a 1928 Hillman Minx handbook.

Alec McKernan advised that the committee had endorsed the proposed rally to Bay to Birdwood then onto Broken Hill in 2011. 18 days in all. Maximum of 20 couples because of some motels. Would like to have a stand-by list in case of any cancellations.

Alec advised that Beb Fox's family wished to thank club members who attended Beb's funeral.

Keith Carswell attended Gippsland Gateway rally based at Warrigul

Bob Garrett — Jim Clough had double hip replacement at Calvary Hospital

Allan Martin The club windscreen banner commented on favourably at the Classic Yass display.

Michael Toole - Classic Yass was an excellent event spoilt by a CRS registered vehicle hogging the centre of the road along the Barton Highway coming home, could bring the car movement in to disrepute.

Bob Judd paid a visit to the Australia War Memorial and was impressed with the 12 minute film in the aircraft hall.

David Rogers advised members that if they see any discourtesy by CRS ACT registered cars to note the registration number and report it to Council Rep who will advise the Council Registrar who will take appropriate action with the owner's club.

Graham Gittins advised that the ACT Government was considering imposing a fee for the use of ACT parks for events. Wheels not included as this was on Commonwealth (NCA) land but Marques in the Park could be.

No news yet on whether the Bay to Bermagui 2011 was going to be organised.

Graham Bigg - On way to Yass at 10am spotted a speed camera at Murrumbateman was still there at 3.30pm when he returned to Canberra.

### **Close of meeting**

The President closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Graham Gittins  
Acting Minute Secretary.

# **SPRING RALLY**

## **BAY TO BIRDWOOD AND BROKEN HILL 20 September - 7 October 2011**

Alec and Anne McKernan are setting up a CACMC rally for members for Spring 2011. The draft plan is to leave Canberra on 20th September staying at Albury, Bendigo, Mt Gambier, Murray Bridge, then Adelaide on 24, 25 and 26 September. This was planned for those who wish to go to the Bay to Birdwood Run which in 2011 is for cars made after 1955 and up to 30 years of age, eg 1981.

The Bay to Birdwood Run is on 25 September. After Adelaide we move on, staying at Peterborough, then Broken Hill on 28, 29 and 30 September, then Mildura for 2 nights, Kerang, Echuca, Rutherglen, Beechworth then home.

We have set a limit of 20 couples as motels in some places cannot take more than that, as many motels like to keep a few rooms for others.

If you are interested, please email us on [alecannemck@grapevine.com.au](mailto:alecannemck@grapevine.com.au) or get a proposed itinerary from Alec at a meeting.

Also we will run a short list for use if there are any dropouts.

## London Taxi to be feature of Terribly British Day

A 1971 Austin London taxi will be a feature of the 2010 Terribly British Day on the Patrick White lawns on 5 December.

Terribly British Day chairman Paul Sutton, said he was delighted that the black taxi cab was being made available for the display day by Stuart Saunders owner of the Binalong Motor Museum.



'The taxi is a runner and will travel under its own power to the Display area,' Mr Sutton said.

The 2.3 litre diesel powered vehicle was manufactured in Birmingham. The design was popular with taxi drivers because of its very tight steering lock, its spacious rear seat compartment with fold-down seats for extra passengers and a sliding screen divider which separates passengers from the driver.

Brought to Australia in the mid 1970s the taxi was used privately until it was donated to the Binalong Motor Museum.

Mr Sutton said this years Terribly British Day is expected to be the biggest ever with more than 350 vehicles on display including three fire appliances from the Fire Brigade Historical Society of the ACT fleet and most British made vehicles from Austin to Zephyr on display.

Terribly British Day is organised by the Jaguar Drivers Club in association with the British car and motor cycle clubs in the Canberra Region and is supported by the NRMA Veteran, Vintage and Classic Insurance.

The display is open to the public from 10am to 3pm. Entry is free. Further information contact Graham Gittins 0419 249 109 email: [gittins@iinet.net.au](mailto:gittins@iinet.net.au)

## MARQUES IN THE PARK, 21 NOVEMBER 2010



29 Members attended the Marques in the Park display. It was a lovely sunny day but a bit hot, hence the groups set up under the shady trees.

Below: Ollie Walker wasn't sharing his chips.



Some of our cars on display.

Brian McKay's 1930 Ford was wearing the CACMC banner.





## Council of ACT Motor Clubs

Invites your club members to participate in the 2011

# SUMMERNATS<sup>24</sup>

on

**Sunday 9 January 2011**

Assemble Dickson College car park from 8.00 am for 8.45am departure sharp for parade to EPIC main arena through gate 4 behind the former service station off the Federal Highway.

Entry wrist bands for driver and one passenger will be distributed at the car park.

**Closing date for entries is Friday 17 December 2010.**

**Late entries cannot be accepted.**

Contact Graham Gittins email: [gittins@iinet.net.au](mailto:gittins@iinet.net.au) with following information;

Name:.....

Vehicle:.....

Registration number:.....

One or two people (Max two people including the driver.. one.[.]... two [ ]

Club:.....

Contact details:

Telephone.....

Email:.....

You can download this from the Council of ACT Motor Clubs website. Don't have internet access—ask and I will give you a copy at the BBQ on 14 December and you can fill it in and pass to Graham. Or contact Graham on 02 6198 7489 or mobile 0419 249 109.

***Thank you Graham for taking on this co-ordination task.***

## MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

It is important to keep your personal and CRS vehicle details up to date on our database and Joe Vavra is the person to contact to update these. A new Register of Members will be coming out soon.

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

## SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

The English in Australia (TEA) Club are holding a celebration of Saint George's Day on Easter Saturday 23 April 2011 at Magna Carta Place and the Senate Rose Gardens near Old Parliament House.

A display of English vehicles would be appreciated at the Fair. Please contact Peter Linstead for details. Telephone 6288 1061 or email: [pnnp@actewagl.net.au](mailto:pnnp@actewagl.net.au)

## *CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM PORTUGAL*

The Carvalho Family from Portugal wishes all CACMC members Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011.

Alexandre, Manuela, Little Alex and Ana.

Qt de Calvilhe n.3  
S. Martinho do Souto  
5100—038 LAMEGO  
PORTUGAL





## SHANNONS WHEELS 2011 - SUNDAY 27 MARCH

Information about Wheels will be in the February Colonial. As this club is hosting the event this year, we need a super effort from members.

Further offers of marshals to Graham Waite until Daniel is back on board. Make sure you have a notice for on your car. I'm sure Roger Amos will help you out with a simple laminated one (please reimburse him for cost). Phone 6254 2546.

To have your car judged at Wheels you need to fill in a request form. See the next Colonial for this and for the awards which are judged at Wheels.

The charity for 2011 is Rotary Club Shelter Box.

### Minutes Secretary

How about some new year resolutions to help out with the running of your club. We need one or two people to do the minutes at the general meetings. And you will see a lot of blank spots for the supper roster. Maybe you can spare a couple of hours occasionally to help out.

### Morris Owners Group cars in the street in Boorowa



## BINALONG MOTOR MUSEUM OPEN DAY

The annual Binalong Motor Museum open day attracted quite a number of CACMC members.

The 90 minute journey to the village of Binalong is an easy drive and with the recent rain the countryside was looking splendid.

Also attending were members of the EJ-EH Car Club and a number of museum owner Stuart Saunders' friends from Sydney.

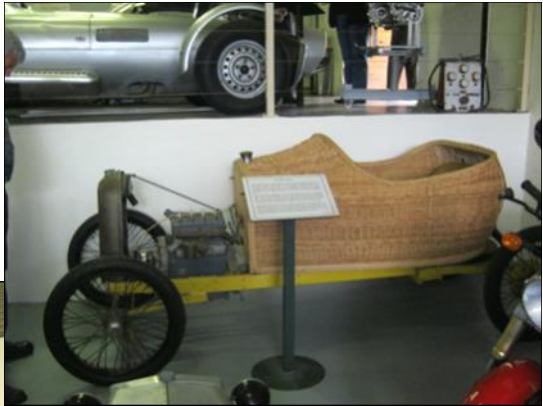
Vehicles in the museum include Stuart's Jaguar Special, a 1971 Austin London Taxi, a basket weave bodied Amil car, a Ferrari and late model Jaguar—all well worth a look.

Members of CACMC who visited the museum included:

Alec and Anne McKernan, Bob and Carol Douglas, Daniel and Petra Wyatt, David and Jan Wyatt, Chris and Irene Berry, Ron and Marjorie Cooper, Alan Martin and Charlie Adams and Graham Gittins.

*Thanks Graham.*

*Amil car.*



*Stuart in the London taxi.*

## CLASSIC YASS

The 5th annual Yass Classic car display was very much expanded event this year with the Yass Arts Trail and open garden organisations partnering with the Yass Antique Car Club to present a two day Classic Yass event on 6-7 November.

The car display was staged in Banjo Patterson Park opposite the Yass Soldiers Club, with vehicles parked in chronological order. The oldest vehicle was a 1909 Renault.

The quality of the display vehicles was very high, with a good representation of English, American and Australian marques on show.

A highlight of the event was the running of a billy-cart derby on the road behind the park. Some very fancy billy-carts were made for the event including a Thomas the Tank engine, a cup and a ladies stiletto shoe.. Top speed was checked by radar at 44 kilometres per hour.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club members spotted included: Michael and Ann Toole, Mark and Sandy Butterfield, Ray and Anne Gallagher, Ken and Jeanette Walker, Joe and Liz Micallef, Graham and Heather Gittins, David and Tora Bennett, Vin and Eileen Liston, John Liston, Brian MacKay, Graham Bigg, Allan Martin and Charlie Adams.



Graham Bigg relaxing beside his TR2 at Classic Yass

The 1909 Renault won car of the show.

*Thanks to Graham Gittins*



## **SNOWY MOUNTAINS TOURING CLASSIC 20-21 NOVEMBER 2010**

The magic of the Snowy Mountains was bought alive when a number of Club members participated in the Cooma Monaro Historic Automobile Club's Surf to Summit rally in late November.

The two day event is limited to 112 30 year old plus vehicles and is organised every two years by the club.

Starting with a drivers' briefing in the club's newly acquired Cooma premises entrants were on their 360 kilometres route to Bombala for morning tea provided by the Bombala Public School P and C and teaching staff, before travelling to Eden and Pambula for a delicious fish and chips lunch at the surf club.

Following lunch it was up the Mount Darragh road through Bemboka and up the Brown Mountain and back to Cooma via Nimmitabel.

The rally dinner was held in the Cooma's club own club house.

Day two saw entrants travel to Berridale and on to Dalgety for morning tea and display on the showground, then it was across the Snowy River and along one of the most continually steep roads many had ever travelled on. To Jindabyne and into the Kosciuszko National Park for a barbecue lunch at Charlotte Pass chalet.

Participants could not have asked for more delightful spring weather and all agreed the countryside was looking splendid after recent rain.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Cub members who were spotted at the rally were:

Alec McKernan, Gerry Walker, Grahame and Dee Crocket, Ray and Anne Gallagher, Chris and Irene Berry, Graham and Heather Gittins, Stef and Sue van der Plaat and David Wignall.

*Thanks to Graham Gittins*

*A couple of photos of some of the CACMC attendees. Weren't you lucky it wasn't the next weekend when it was wet and cold. Ed.*





# CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2010-2011

| DATE   | CONTACT                                                                            | DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 12 | <b>NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b><br><br>David and Jan Wyatt<br>6286 1782<br>0417 262 209 | Meet at Bunnings car park, Tuggeranong to leave at 10.30 am for Orroral Valley, site of old tracking station for BBQ or picnic lunch, a quiet location. BBQ trailer will be there for a sausage sizzle provided by the club but bring anything else you would like. About one hour drive from Tuggeranong, some of the older vehicles may find Fitz's Hill a bit of a challenge but an enjoyable drive.                                                                                                                                     |
| Dec 14 | David & Jan Wyatt<br>6286 1782<br>0417 262 209                                     | BBQ by the lake in place of usual monthly meeting—picnic area off Alexandrina Drive, Yarralumla near the YMCA Sailing Club. Club trailer will be there. Tea, coffee, sausages and bread will be provided but bring everything else. Trailer will be there between 5pm-5.15pm, sausages will be ready about 6.00 pm onwards. An indication of numbers to David by 8 Dec would be helpful for catering purposes.                                                                                                                              |
| Jan 16 | David & Jan<br>6286 1782<br>Val 6288 9691<br>0419 461 712                          | Chicken and Champagne twilight run to Black Mountain Peninsula (right to the end of Garryowen Drive). Numbers required by 11 January 2011 meeting at the latest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Feb 13 |                                                                                    | Araluen—meet at the Spotlight Car Park in Queanbeyan to leave at 9 am. We will stop at Braidwood for morning tea. There are various venues to choose from. Leave Braidwood at 11 am and proceed to Araluen (some instructions will be provided in Queanbeyan). Option of take a picnic lunch or counter lunches are available at the Araluen Valley Hotel between 12-2 pm. Counter lunches consist of burgers, schnitzels, fish & chips, T-Bone steaks and are priced from \$8.00 to \$20.00. Return home when you wish. Perhaps get fruit. |
| Mar 27 |                                                                                    | Shannons Wheels display day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Apr 17 | Phil Donoghoe<br>6258 4608                                                         | Water Wheel—Tallaganda State Forest. Further details and directions to come.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| May 15 |                                                                                    | National Motoring Heritage Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Jun 19 |                                                                                    | Collector Pie Shop—details to come.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010-2011

| DATE      | CONTACT                                                       | DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 5     | Mike Arnold<br>6288 5238                                      | All British Day, Patrick White Lawns , near National Library, Canberra 10 am to 3 pm. Best of British vehicles from Austin to Zephyr. Trophies for the car "I would most like to take home", ladies choice and best club display. |
| Jan 9     |                                                               | Summernats - see page 15                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Jan 26    |                                                               | NRMA Motorfest in Sydney.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Feb 6     | Gwen Livingstone<br>0428 421 039<br>Ken Smith<br>02 6942 1197 | The Cootamundra Wattle Time Rally is in recess for 2011, instead there is a 31st birthday run to Jugiong Park near swimming pool from 10 am                                                                                       |
| Feb 6     | 02 6331 1995                                                  | Bathurst Swap Meet at showground.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Feb 11-12 |                                                               | Gnoo Blas Classic, Orange                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Feb 12-13 | Jenny Harkness<br>02 4677 3404                                | 30th Berrima Historic Vehicle Club's 30th Berrima Rally at Mittagong                                                                                                                                                              |
| Feb 20    | 0410 447927                                                   | Sydney Super Swap Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mar 13    | Debbie Sibbick<br>0402 129 682                                | National Trust Vintage Fair at Riversdale, 1 Maud Street, Goulburn to be held in conjunction with Goulburn's Celebration of Heritage & Roses. Display of antique cars.                                                            |
| Mar 19-20 |                                                               | Chryslers on the Murray, Wodonga                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Apr 3     |                                                               | Shannons American Car Classics at Qbn                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Apr 3-11  | 03 6234 4666                                                  | Shannons Historic Rallye in Tasmania. Also Longford Revival Festival.<br>Website: <a href="http://www.tasvacations.com">www.tasvacations.com</a>                                                                                  |
| Apr 8-10  | Lawrie Nock                                                   | Rolls Royce Nationals 6230 3320                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Apr 22-25 | Harvey Miles                                                  | 16th EH All State run, Canberra<br><a href="mailto:ejehwhiz@hotmail.com">ejehwhiz@hotmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                 |
| Apr 22-25 |                                                               | National Rally of Jaguar Car Clubs, Patrick White Lawns. <a href="mailto:pjsutton@bigpond.net.au">pjsutton@bigpond.net.au</a>                                                                                                     |

## NOTES FROM A COACHBUILDERS WORKBOOK

### REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS

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*Continued from November 2010*

Where plywood may have been originally used in this area, instead of loose boards, unless it is near perfect condition (very unlikely) it is best to replace it entirely. Usually by this stage some moisture will have inevitably found its way along and into the edges of the layers, and they will have begun to delaminate. Replace with marine grade plywood as a matter of course. The 'exterior' and 'water resistant' grades, though cheaper, are not an option, in my opinion.

Doors are nearly always an item needing repair, being subjected to considerable wear and tear in simply being opened and closed, if nothing else. However the bottom rail is particularly vulnerable as any moisture or rain inevitably finds its way down inside the door, to lay on top of the rail there at the bottom, with disastrous results. In a full height saloon with opening windows in the doors it is also highly likely that the window mechanism has also been attacked by moisture, so completely dismantling the doors is always recommended.

As well, if all that were not enough, in most cases the hinge screws, in both the door and frame, are likely to be loose. So there are lots of opportunities for repair work on and around doors. But... never make a start on any door until *all* the main framework is fully completed to your entire satisfaction, and the car is sitting on its own wheels and suspension. To successfully work on car doors the floor on which the car is standing should be as near flat and level as possible. Trying to fit doors into bodywork that may be slightly twisted is an exercise in frustration.

Because it is so easy to become confused with the four doors all having very similarly shaped bits and pieces, always take off the hardware – hinges, locks, catches, handles etc – from just one door at a time and keep each set completely separate. Although they may all look identical, this is actually highly unlikely. Then carefully remove the



inner lining, which will probably be a section of fabric or perhaps leather glued or pinned to a board, and lastly very carefully remove the outer metal panelling.

The best way to remove all of the tiny tacks holding the metal on is with an upholsterers nail lifter, sometimes called a 'cats paw'. Slip it under the metal (not the nail head) and lift the metal up a fraction, together with the nail, of course. Then ease the metal back down slightly which will leave the nail head standing a bit proud and easy to remove. It is a painstaking job. Once all the nails are out the metal panelling can then be carefully eased off the timberwork. Very often this metal panel itself will be rusty around or at the bottom and will also need repair – but that is well beyond the scope of this article..

This will expose the wooden door framework, which is not always a pretty sight. Now remove any door window winder mechanism and place this with the other parts from this door. If you work on one door at a time you will always have the opposite paired door to refer to when replacing the original parts and mechanisms. If not, do be sure to take plenty of good, close up, photographs during dismantling, for these will be more than useful later.

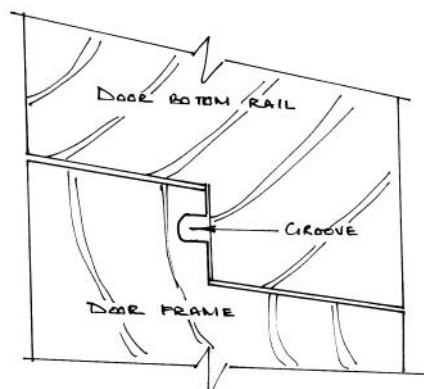
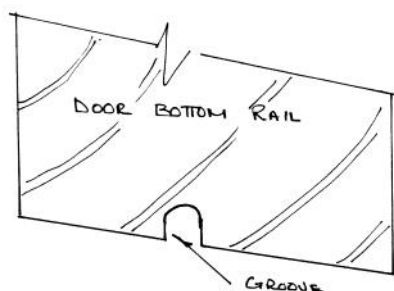
As the old glue and screws will probably be loose, allowing the door framework to flex and move, easily proven by picking it up and gently twisting it in your hands, all the joints will need taking apart and cleaning. Again careful removal of all the screws should allow the joints to be separated, though they may need some careful easing.

When working with any door – either an old one, as here, or a brand new one being built – the first piece to be fitted is always the bottom rail. If the existing piece is in good enough to re-use, which in fact is somewhat unlikely, there are a few tricks which can be incorporated to improve this piece. The starting point is not the door rail itself, but the bottom rail of the door frame. The following drawings should illustrate the various requirements and techniques. The top face of this rail should always slope downwards towards the outside, to allow any water to drain down outside the car. This is true whether it is rebated or not. See Dwg. 4. In addition, due to capillarity (the ability of water to climb up through small spaces), there should be a small groove worked into the rebated section – Dwg 5. This effectively stops water finding its way inside the car at this point. So the first steps should be to provide this angled top face to the rail, and where rebated, to provide the groove.

INSIDEOUTSIDEDWG 4.DOOR BOTTOM RAIL

It was quite common not to fit a rebate on the bottom rail - cheaper, easier, faster, for a start - but it was also found that the 'step' became somewhat inconvenient at times, causing people to trip as they entered the car. As a sort of bonus, bodybuilders also often used this flat surface to fix their company's trade name plate too. In this situation the capillary groove should be cut into the underside of the door bottom rail - see drawing 5. Now for the door bottom rail itself.

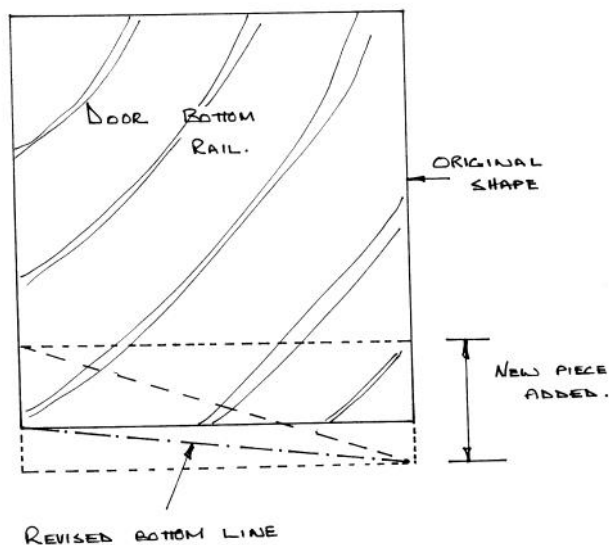
To accommodate the revised angled top of the door frame it will be necessary to firstly plane off a small section from the bottom face of this rail, then glue a slightly larger new section back on. Dwg. 6. It should go without saying that here it is essential to use first class



Dwg. 5. CAPILLARY GROOVES.

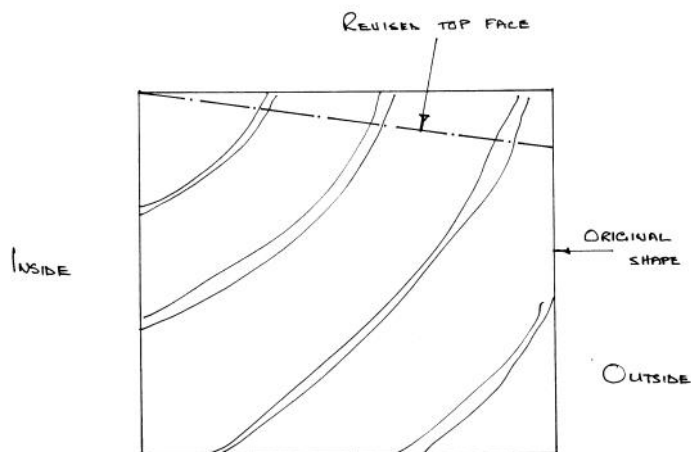
quality marine grade glue. Once the glue has dried the bottom face will need to be fitted to the revised bottom door rail, of course. Once all that has been accomplished satisfactorily, then stainless steel screws can be fitted to securely hold the new timber in place. Or a completely new bottom door rail may need to be fabricated if the original is too poor to re-use.

The next step is to also slope or angle the top face of this rail, again to allow any rainwater finding its way inside the door to leak down and outside. Dwg. 7. Copyright © 2010 Peter Rhys-Davies.



DWG 6.

MODIFIED DOOR BOTTOM RAIL.



DWG 7.

MODIFIED DOOR BOTTOM RAIL

## ABC TV seeks real road stories

Australians love their cars and to help celebrate ABC TV is making a documentary series – Wide Open Road – about our obsession with automobiles. Cars have changed everything since their arrival a century ago and ABC TV wants your assistance to tell the story of how our humble Holdens, Fords and Hyundais helped shape a nation.

Researchers for the documentary series are seeking stories, photos and footage of key eras and experiences that framed our social history and drove popular culture. People with interesting stories about their car and fascinating images to boot are encouraged to contact the ABC website [abc.net.au/tv/wideopenroad](http://abc.net.au/tv/wideopenroad)

Wide Open Road will be directed by Paul Clarke – (Long Way To The Top, Love Is In The Air, Bombora) – and the series will tell the story of how cars transformed life in Australia, how they altered our relationship with the wide brown land and changed the way our cities operate.

“After an initial wariness, Australians fell in love with the automobile,” Paul says. “The car arrived just as we were building the idea of Australia being a different, independent country. Cars got caught up in building Australia and became a vision for what Australia could become.”

“It’s impossible to imagine our popular culture without cars. Most of us remember the cars of the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s Australia very fondly. We’re looking for people with great stories, footage or photos of their cars – the kind of people who lived for their cars, and treated it as a family member, or a shrine for dad to worship at. Whether you were a sharpie, a bodgie, a surfie or a ‘New Australian’, cars were key to all the youth subcultures. We would love to make your story part of this series.”

The Wide Open Road documentary series will be accompanied by a website to further educate and entertain audiences and extend their understanding of the evolution of popular culture and the car in Australia.

To play a role in researching and supplying footage of your real road stories contact: [abc.net.au/tv/wideopenroad](http://abc.net.au/tv/wideopenroad)

## EUROA 'SHOW AND SHINE' - SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2010

About mid September Anne asked me what we were doing for the long weekend in October, and I said "What do you want to do?" The answer was "Let's get away". I looked through a few car magazines and there was a "Show and Shine" in Euroa in Victoria.

I emailed the organisers and said I'd like to bring down my modified 34 Buick and an era-specific teardrop caravan. They said no worries.

Anne and I packed up the Buick, hooked up the van and headed to Victoria under an overcast sky. We stopped at Gundagai for fuel for the car, and a packet of chips for us. The next stop down the highway was for more fuel at a little town called Barnawatha, then on to Wangaratta for lunch. We dined at the Café Martini and had a very relaxing alfresco meal under the shade of the trees in the main street. After lunch we spent about 20 minutes talking to interested locals as the teardrop attracted attention.

We then departed and headed for Euroa and found the Euroa Caravan Park and set up the van. Apparently the week earlier all had been under water when the floods went through.

There were several other cars in the caravan park and we ended up chatting to most of the owners.

S u n d a y  
m o r n i n g  
arrived earlier  
than expected  
(daylight  
saving) so we  
packed up the  
van and  
headed out to  
the Euroa  
Secondary  
College where  
the show was  
being held.  
Last year it was  
held along the  
banks of the  
"Seven Creeks",



but this year with the floods the council arborist declared the park unsafe, so it was moved to the Euroa Secondary College sports grounds.

We arrived at the appointed opening time and there were already about 200 cars on display. We were directed to the far side, under the shade of a nice big gum tree and set up the Buick and Van display. It also meant that we were far enough away from the concert stage to hear the music without it being distracting.

During the next hour the balance of the 1200 cars, and 600 bikes turned up, and what we thought was a quiet, out of the way place on the far side of the sports ground was now surrounded by Mustangs, Fords, Peugeots, Holdens, Chevs and even one brand new Aston Martin DB9. There was (almost) every make and model on display. Cars dating from Vintage to brand new. Including a Walkinshaw supercharged VE Commodore (nice)

There were displays from a number of car clubs but most of the cars just parked in rows across the sports ground. There were cars that showed their age, and cars that had been lovingly restored. There were cars that were original and cars that were modified.



There were cars that still had their original paint, cracks, scrapes and all, and cars that had the most magnificent paint jobs

The catering was excellent and Anne and I had strawberry pancakes for morning tea with our coffee. The prices were not exorbitant as you normally find at these types of shows.

There were several dozen market stalls selling bric-a-brac as well as t-shirts and auto-memorabilia etc.

Out the front of the school there was a display of special vehicles, including an Abrahams tank and several stretched vehicles. There was very nice stretched late 20s Chev, a stretched Hummer and a stretched Ford Territory 4wd that was nearly as long as a bus.

Anne and I settled in to what we were hoping to be a quite day with time to read the papers and eventually a stroll up the main street. However there was so much interest in the van that we spent most of the time talking with people who were interested in the van.

It appeared that the entire population of Euroa and surrounding districts had turned out, plus all the owners of the vehicles made for a large number of people. I spoke to people who had driven up from Melbourne in their modern car for the day. According to the organisers, a rough head count, based on receipts came up with 10,000 people.

The show concluded about 3:30 and we eventual made our way back to the caravan park where we re-setup the van and settled down for a well earned cup of coffee. I then checked with the park owners as to where the nearest pub was and I walked across to see if they had a TV (yes) and was the rugby league on at 5:00 (yes) and did they do evening meals (yes). "Good" I said, "I'll be back at 5:00".

At 5:00 Anne and I walked to the pub. Anne got her drink and settled into the beer garden with her book, and I settled into the main bar with the TV and regulars. Since I was one of the few who knew the rules and was able to explain them to the locals (remember we were in Victoria) I became a favoured son of the town.

After the footy Anne and I had an excellent pub cooked meal and Anne was able to order her favourite – lamb shanks.

After tea we wandered back to the van park. Had an early night and woke up late Monday morning. We left the park at about 10 am and headed home. Fuel at Albury, lunch and fuel Gundagai and a leisurely cruise up the Hume highway.

My thoughts – An excellent car show worth going to. It's a long drive so it would have to be a long weekend, or part of a rally. It's certainly too far for a day trip.



I would recommend that this is a car show worth going to. There was an amazing range of cars and the facilities were excellent. Not bad for a town with a population of 2700. Because of the range of cars that were at the show this makes it rather a unique display. Summernats has lots of horsepower, NRMA Motorfest has Veteran, Vintage and Classic, Wheels has club specific, Euroa has everything old and new.

Travelling reporter  
Michael Toole

## FOR SALE – OTHER CLUBS PLEASE COPY

**Alfa Romeo Spider 1973.** 2 + 2 soft top coupe, 2000 cc, 5 speed manual. Last registered 1992. Red, paintwork reasonable but needs touching up & cut & polish as a minimum. Apparently it was re-sprayed some years ago and rust repairs carried out, including a new floor welded in.

Upholstery quite good, but the hood is a bit tatty, It has one patch, and could do with a couple more small ones. It would be OK for a while but it really needs a new one. Rear window plastic is partially yellowed & clouded over. Tyres good tread, no discernible sidewall cracks.

The front engine bearer chassis rails are rusted out. There is also some localised body rust, eg boot hinge mounts, bottom of LH rear guard, but no other major rust areas visible.

Mechanicals claimed to be in good condition. Engine was started and run for a short time (but not sufficient to warm up). It sounded quite good, no rattles or unusual noises, no smoke. Clutch master cylinder needs a seal kit at least, but brake pedal seemed to hold pressure. The condition of the drive train could not be checked but is claimed to be OK.

This car would be a good restoration project, but it would need a major stripdown to find all the rust and do the repairs. Price subject to offer/negotiation.

Car is located in Kaleen, ACT. Initial contact Bob Douglas 0408 620 377, or Alec McKernan 02 6286 1046.



## THAT'S ALL FROM ME IN 2010

I got the okay to do a larger magazine this month but still haven't managed to fit everything in. No car story as too many good tales of rallies. But what to put on the cover? So I thought I would put Ollie Walker looking like Santa. Now I get nearly seven weeks off from having to work on the Colonial. Bye from Helen.

## AUTO BELLS

(Sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells")

Dashing through the snow in my rusty Chevrolet,  
Down the road I go, sliding all the way.  
I need new piston rings, I need some new snow tires,  
My car is held together by pieces of baling wire.

Oh, rust and smoke, the heater's broke. The door just blew away,  
I light a match to see the dash, and then I start to pray-ay.  
The frame is bent, the muffler went, the radio's okay.  
Oh, what fun it is to drive this rusty Chevrolet.

I went to Country Mart to get some Christmas cheer,  
I just passed my left front tire, and it's getting hard to steer.  
Speeding down the road, right past the county cops,  
I have to drag my swampers just to get the car to stop.

Bouncing through the drifts in a big blue cloud of smoke,  
People laugh as I drive by, I wonder what's the joke?  
I have to get to Wal-mart to get a layaway,  
'Cause Santa's coming soon in his big old Cabriolet.

Oh, rust and smoke, the heater's broke. The door just blew away,  
I light a match to see the dash, and then I start to pray-ay.  
The frame is bent, the muffler went, the radio's okay.  
Oh, what fun it is to drive this  
Russssstyyy Chevroooooooooolaaaaaay.

## What your Christmas tree says about you

WHITE LIGHTS: You ask houseguests to remove their shoes.

MULTICOLORED LIGHTS: You're an extrovert.

BLINKING LIGHTS: You have attention deficit disorder.

HOMEMADE ORNAMENTS: You have lots of children.

STRUNG POPCORN: You have too much time on your hands.

RED BALLS ONLY: You wish you lived in a department store.

YELLOW STAR ON TOP: You're traditional.

GLOWING SANTA ON TOP: You shop at KITSCH'R'US.

CUT OFF TOP: You didn't measure the tree.

VAGUE EVERGREEN SMELL: You bought a healthy tree.

STRONG EVERGREEN SMELL: You sprayed your tree with Pine-Sol.

JUST PLAIN SMELLY: There's a dead bird in your tree.

*Thanks to Jim Hill for these two.*

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### **1954 Wolseley 4/44 Sedan.**

Vehicle in excellent mechanical condition, 4 new radials, gear box over hauled with new bearings fitted, brake system completely overhauled, engine in top condition. The interior renewed completely, instruments working and a stereo player fitted. Paint good, now on club registration, car is reliable and in go anywhere condition. Some spares, hand



book, genuine workshop manual and lot of papers from previous owner. Asking \$7,500 ono Please phone 0404 208 333.

**1948 Hillman**, good condition nice to drive, on club plates not transferable. One owner last 17 years. \$9,000.

Please contact Robert, Penrith N.S.W. Phone 02 4736 3213



**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.

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**WANTED** 4.3 diff centre for my MG Magnette. I am advised that the Riley 4/68, Morris Oxford Series 6, Wolseley 16/60, Austin A60, Riley 4/72 and MGA 1500 & 1600 diff centres will fit the Magnette. Please call Paul Bray on 6134 6386

**WANTED** 1954 Hillman Minx Mark 7 side trims. Please phone Tony on 0417 990 929

**WANTED** 1971-73 Chrysler Valiant—good condition—going and able to be registered. Please phone Michael Toole on 6289 4245 (W) or 0402 616 829. Photos and price to michael.toole@health.gov.au

### PARTS ETC FOR SALE

1 x ZD Fairlane hubcap  
 1 x early Falcon hubcap  
 2 x '54 Customline hubcaps  
 1 x '54 Customline headlamp surround  
 1 x unopened 20 litre drum of Ampol AP Gearlube 80W/90  
 Offers invited.

### Surplus to requirements:

1 x 2 ton Chain Block (Australian made) \$450  
 1 x Compak Welder 130 amp \$250  
 1 x Compressor \$200  
 Terry Byrne 02 6290 0360 Email: terryb@homemail.com.au

**Classic and Sports Car magazines**—over 40 issues in good condition from March 1985 to September 2004, cleaning out these magazines at \$2 each. Please phone John on 0471 528 983.

**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.

**Singer Industrial sewing machine**, ex govt. \$350. Charlie Adams 0402 087 754 or home 02 6248 7895

**LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS ARE RUN FOR THREE MONTHS UNLESS YOU NOTIFY THE EDITOR TO CEASE BECAUSE OF SALE, ETC. PLEASE ASK IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE LONGER.**

## HOW TO STAY YOUNG

- Throw out non essential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height. Let the doctors worry about them, after all that is why you pay them.
- Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
- Keep learning. Learn more about computers, crafts, gardening, etc. Never let the brain be idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer.
- Enjoy the simple things.
- Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
- The tears happen. Endure, grieve and then move on.
- The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.
- Be ALIVE while you are alive.
- Surround yourself with what you love. Whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies etc. Your home is your refuge.
- Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
- Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the shops, the next state, to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
- Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

Always remember—Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away.

*[I'm off to Bunnings to get some more plants}* Thanks Dick.

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