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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, 8 June 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: Brian McKay on being a volunteer at the Winter Olympics.

## CLUB EVENTS

Club runs are held each month, usually the Sunday after the general meeting. The June event is on Sunday 13th to Bywong. See centre pages.

## CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S VEHICLE TRAILER

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Vehicle Trailer: To maintain the trailer in good condition, members using it are required to make a contribution to upkeep. The contribution is \$20 for each use plus \$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 June Colonial will be Friday 25 June for any last minute small notices. Anything big earlier please. Stories of your restorations or restorations in progress please. I will be away 29 May to 7 June. .... 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.

Don Smith and Teresa Bungarda  
P O Box 4, HALL ACT 2618  
Phone: 6259 8712  
1974 Statesman Deville HIS 895

Ian and Sally Ruecroft  
42 Brinkley Circ, PALMERSTON ACT 2913  
Phone: 6242 9444  
1958 Vanguard Ute, status not given, but is going.

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

## SUPPER ROSTER

June	Joe and Liz Micallef
July	Ken Walker and Ray Gallagher
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

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

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

## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who have provided items for this month's Colonial. Stories to come: things people collect: clocks & watches, milk cans/cross cut saws/iron pots; another Mini story from David Bennett. I am all out of car stories so those members who had cars in the judging at Wheels, could you please put pen to paper for me. I need something by about 22 June.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 4 June 12 noon Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden.



Friday 18 June Fire up those old cars for a run to the Calwell Club., Were Street, Calwell. Arrive at about 11.30 am for pre-lunch drink before lunch at 12 noon. Please sign the list on the front counter as you arrive.

Any enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046.

### Get Well

Here's hoping all members who have been on the sick list are recovering and we'll see you at meetings and events very soon. Advise Secretary Gerry if you know of anyone who could use a cheer-up card.

### Thank you

Thank you for all the good wishes for my birthday. Like Alec and Clive, I too was 70.

### 2009 Trophies

Sorry your time is up. Time to return perpetual trophies to the Events Committee for engraving for this year's winners. You get to keep the small plaques.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Gerry Walker who was made a Life Member of the Morris Minor Club at their 30th birthday celebrations. Story to come next month.

Things to remember over the next two months: pay your subs, offer to help on the Events Committee, write a story for Helen, buy your ticket for Presentation Night, come to a meeting, come to an outing.

Cheers ... Helen

## DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 11 MAY 2010

**Present:** 63 members

**Apologies:** 4 members

**Opening:** The President opened the meeting at 8 pm, welcoming members and visitors.

**Visitors:** John Grant, who has a 1974 Cadillac Coupe de Ville (LHD) for sale.

Don Smith and Teresa Bungarda, who have a 1974 Holden Statesman.

**Minute of Previous Meeting:** As printed in the "Colonial" were moved for acceptance by Clive Castles, seconded by Vin Liston. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil.

### Correspondence:

Out: Nil.

In: 13 magazines

Shannon's auction 3 May

Email request from Snowy Hydro re participation by several cars at their Gala event at the Convention Centre on 15 May. Two cars going from our club, one more needed.

Grenfell- Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Parade on 12 June.

Membership renewals.

Bank statements.

Yass car Club - invitation to participate in Celebration of Heritage Motoring on 6 November.

Moved Graham Moore, seconded Dave Rogers that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

**President's Report:** Daniel passed on condolences from the club to Billy de Graaf and family on the recent death of Billy's mother.

Daniel congratulated three club members on recent or forthcoming birthdays - Alec McKernan and Clive Glover (both 70) and Helen Phillips (? 21).

Daniel put forward a proposal that club banners be procured which could be attached to individual cars at displays. These would be

attached across windscreens by tapes and would cost participating members about \$15 each. Daniel circulated a picture for comment at the meeting. The proposal was endorsed by members, who commented on the desirability of having a good quality product.

**Vice President:** Graham advised that a DVD provided by Alec would be screened at supper in lieu of an address by a guest speaker. This features British racing cars.

Next month Brian McKay would speak on his travel adventures. Terry from Diabetes Australia would talk in July.

Badge Draw won by Dick Stubbs.

Run Prize won by Phil Donoghoe.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Judd reported that the closing balance in the cheque account was \$1282.04. No problems envisaged as memberships would start to come in next month. However he and the committee were concerned at the increasing costs of printing and distributing the Colonial. This was a major cost to the budget. It would help greatly if more members agreed to accept the eColonial, saving the budget at least \$30 per member each year.

Badges for some new members were available. Membership renewal forms would be in next month's Colonial.

Moved Graham Moore, seconded Joe Micallef that the report be accepted. Carried.

**Editor:** Helen reported that no new car stories had been submitted to date, and that she was chasing stories about cars judged at Wheels.

**Events Director:** John mentioned the forthcoming National Motoring Heritage Day run. (Club run on Sun.16 May). At Federation Square a café would be open for breakfast at 0800, for early birds. Departure for the run would be after 1000.

June 13 – Koonaburra Vineyard - the restaurant would be open for lunch, but no pizzas.

July 18 – weekend to Cowra - Val had well in hand and was circulating a list for those interested. Val was also taking money for the Presentation Night on Aug.14.

Also, those with trophies from last year were requested to return them promptly for engraving.

Thirlmere on Oct 17 - this would probably include an overnight stay in Picton.

Marques in the Park - the holding of the event this year was under discussion.



Raffles: won by Bob Alexander and Chris Berry.

Supper Co-ordinator: Graham reported that all slots had been filled.

Registrar: Bob reported that 12 cars had been examined.

Librarian: Jack reported all was well

Membership Secretary: No report as Joe was absent.

Shop Manager: Joe reported that new metal car badges were available at the old price of \$15.

Information Officer: Norm had the magazines and extracts available for those interested.

Council Delegate: Graham Bigg reported that there had been a meeting with RTA about proposals for a Special Interest Registration Scheme, but there was no further progress.

There was a possibility of the Railway Historical Society and car clubs sharing accommodation, but nothing decided.

91 RON Unleaded was being removed from sale next year.

Marques in the Park- An event may take place, but decisions on who would run it – Council or volunteer club - needed to be taken.

Dave Rogers raised the issue of storage and upkeep of the Pie Cart. It appeared likely that a contribution would be required from users. Space was also required for it's storage.

#### General Business:

Tumut/Bright Rally - Ray Gallagher mentioned that the recent rally was very successful, despite rain on the Tumut Falling Leaf Festival parade and fair day. Overall, a variety of lovely alpine scenery was travelled through in beautiful weather. An average of 13 cars attended.

Graham Gittins was compiling a report on the rally.

Graham then announced at the meeting, that a special award was to be made for exceptional navigational skill on the rally. On the suggestion of Bob and Carole Douglas, he presented a navigational aid kit (map, magnifying glass, compass) to Alec and Anne McKernan for getting lost on the last leg from Corryong to Canberra. This despite a person from that duo earlier proffering advice to others on how to get home!

(Giving out this award, Graham was resplendent in his official Rally Spokesman's hat, which had been presented to him during the rally by Bob and Dana Garrett.)

Roger Amos reported that he was putting his MG back onto full registration, and that Historic plate 196 would become available.

Daniel reported on the recent Collector Pumpkin Festival. About 50 cars with 5 from our club attended. It was a good event, and Daniel suggested we try for more cars next year

Alec reported on the previous day's War Widow's car run and barbeque at Black Mountain Peninsula. Retired club members participate in this enjoyable annual event. Barry Boyce recounted an amusing situation on this run, where an elderly lady wanted to sit in the dicky seat of Barry's Buick roadster. Getting her in and out required a fair bit of lifting and pushing by several members. When he took her to her destination after the barbeque it turned out she was the mother-in-law of a well-known political figure!

Ken Walker mentioned the historic car races at Winton on the last weekend in May, which some Club members are planning to attend. This event needed to be entered into the Minutes to fulfill the CRS requirements.

Tony James mentioned that his 1937 Buick was on sale at the reduced price of \$10,000.

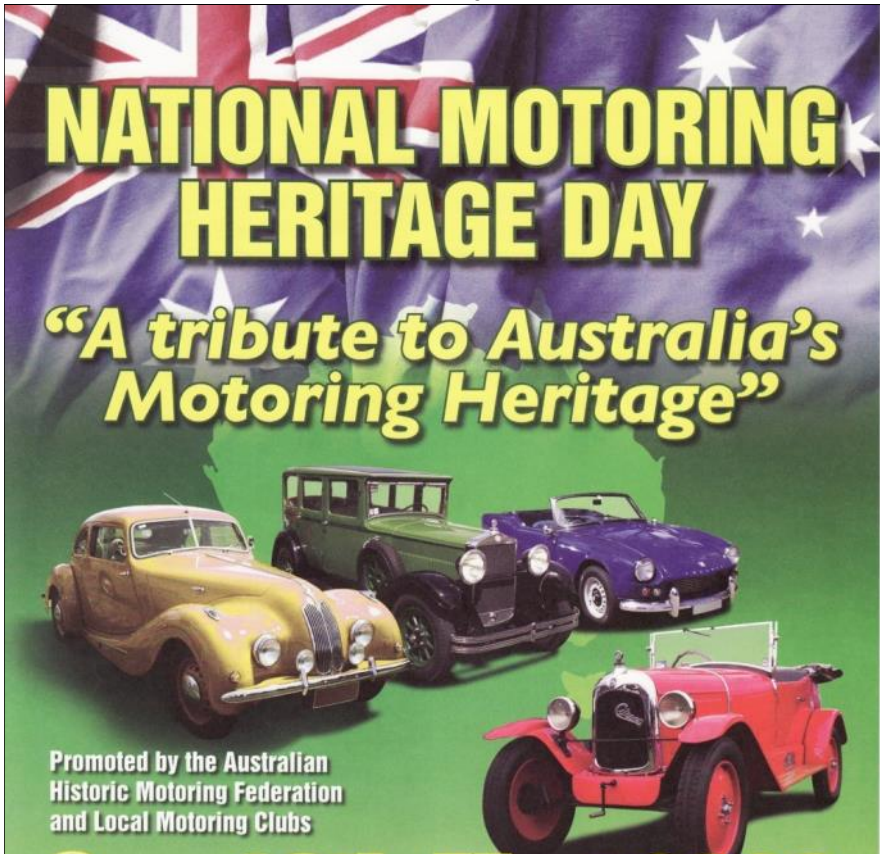
Barry Boyce mentioned the help that Brian McKay (who works as a volunteer in the research area of the Australian War Memorial) had given to a woman who had initially approached Barry concerning her brother's war records. He had been a prisoner of war at Changi.

Keith Carswell mentioned he and Lilly also got lost on the recent rally. In Bright they couldn't find the pub to which others had gone for an evening meal. It was a fairly short distance by foot, but they found that their route kept returning them to the place whence they set forth!

Jim Clough reminded members that he still had several copies of Dyke's for sale from the late Alan Sugden's collection.

Closure: The President closed the meeting at 8.52pm for supper.

Bob Garrett  
Minutes Secretary



## **MONTHLY RUN - SUNDAY 16 MAY 2010**

National Motoring Heritage Day was a beautiful Autumn day in Canberra and 45 members in 34 cars turned out for a drive. We were joined by 11 people in 6 cars from other clubs. John handed out directions at Federation Square and members set off as they were ready. Some lingered longer over coffee and for a look around the shops in that area and then of course cut corners to arrive at Acton Park where the barbecue trailer was waiting for lunch. The parking areas around there were rather full as the Million Paws walk was on as well and they started from Commonwealth Park.

Thanks to John for the arrangements and to Dave for towing the barbecue trailer. I only got a few photos so if anyone has some of the cars in convoy, perhaps I could run them next month.



Coffee time at Federation Square

A few of the cars including the Tooles 1927 Buick



The Boyce cars at Acton Park.

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## THANK YOU

The National Trust have written to Graham Gittins through the Council of ACT Motor Clubs:

"On behalf of the National Trust (ACT) Council and Tours Committee, I would like to thank you, and all those who participated, very much for your contribution to the Elm Grove Open Day on Saturday 17 April as part of the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. Your cars added interest to the day and enthusiasts would have enjoyed having a close up look at the various models that were there on the day.

Thank you very much again for your time and effort in helping make the day such a success. We hope your members enjoyed the day.'

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Your membership is now due for renewal. A renewal form will be enclosed with the June Colonial. Please be sure to 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 unfinancial will be missing out on the Colonial from September. Not to mention your registration will be invalid.

Those receiving their Colonial by email will be sent theirs separately.

Please be sure to keep your email details up to date too so if something important arises between meetings, we can do a broadcast email to you.

Take all the showy motor cars that hoot and vaunt their power  
By racing on the bitumen at forty miles an hour;  
Poor flimsy things with cushion tyres, self-starters, cranky gears,  
Give me the honest bullock dray I knew in former years.

*From a 1927 school journal.*

## **PARTICIPATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS 2010**

Members, your assistance is required in recommending nominees for the awards below. Please give us your suggestions with a reason for the recommendation. The Management Committee will be discussing the awards at our June and July meetings. Please give your recommendations to Daniel, Graham Waite, Gerry or myself.

### **12.2.2 Bill Southwell Encouragement Trophy**

To be awarded to a young, inexperienced or keen member who has achieved a high standard of restoration so far and deserves recognition for his or her efforts. It should take into account setbacks in restoration, and difficult conditions with which to work, such as moving house, additions to the family, and work or family responsibilities.

### **12.2.4 Henry Le Grande Club Participation Award**

To go to a member who helps other members, gives assistance with meetings and outings. Someone who freely gives advice, service or time, lends tools and equipment to other members of the Club. Someone who welcomes new members and introduces them around. One who furthers the work of the entire vehicle movement.

### **12.2.5 Bill Phillips Roaming Ambassador Award**

Presented to a Club member who promotes goodwill within the antique vehicle movement in the Canberra region, who spreads goodwill when touring or goes out of his/her way to welcome members of visiting vehicle clubs.

### **12.2.6 Hard Luck Trophy**

Awarded to someone who has just had plain bad luck resulting in setback of restoration or use of an old car. To include bad luck on a personal side such as a house burgled, motor accident, health problems or even divorce.

### **12.2.7 Fossicker's Award**

A person always attending swap meetings, trading parts, etc. Perhaps the lengths that a person goes to in order to obtain parts or a complete car. One who passes on information to other members.

## Vin Liston - number plate collector

For more than 40 years Vin Liston has been collecting vehicle number plates, specialising in Australian plates. His collection now numbers in excess of 240 displayed on his garage wall as well as a few used as swaps.

'I began collecting number plates when I was searching wrecking yards for car parts and started picking a few interesting plates,' Vin said.

'As the collection grew the word got around and people would come to home or work with plates they had in their garages or had found along the road. Swap meets were a good source of plates,' he added. 'Although I specialise in collecting Australian plates, I do have a plate from every province in Canada sent to me by a Canadian police officer.'

Vin's number plate on his first Canberra car was 502. That was when Canberra plates were all numbers - no letters. 'Since then I have tried to collect plates which end in 502. My modern car is ACT 502, my caravan is T502 and my Holden is historic 502.'

He has a few plates which are rare, and one with a story behind it which came from criminal and master jail escapee Darcy Dugan's car. Vin insists that his number plate collecting is 'just a hobby' and 'not an obsession' - 'if I pick one up now and again that's good.'

He has collected a set of Bi-centenary plates from various motor registries.

'I recently got my hands on an ACT plate *Feel the power*' to add to my collection, but I'm still looking for a Canberra Centenary plate.'

'Number plates are bit like stamp collecting, there are always new ones being issued by the registering authorities,' Vin said.

*Thanks to Graham*



**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 will be available at the June and July meetings. Please contact Val Bland of the Events Committee.**



## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2010-2011

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Jun 13	Val.	Meet at Dickson car park at 10 am for a 10.15 am departure to Nico's Restaurant @ Koonaburra Vineyard, 44 Summerhill Road, Bywong for lunch. Café has changed hands so no pizzas. (Location: Page 108 of Gregory's)
Jul 18	Val	Weekend visit to Cowra. See pages 22 and 23. Full details were in May Colonial.
Aug 14	Val	Annual Presentation Dinner at Southern Cross Club (West's), Jamison. Cost for members \$30 per head. Tickets available from May meeting. See page 15.
Aug 15	Daniel	President's Run
Sep 19	Ken Walker	Googong—London Bridge
Oct 17	John	Thirlmere Railway Museum
Nov 21		TBA
Dec 19		TBA
Jan 16		Twilight run.

### EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010

June 20	Cecily 4341 8088	Gosford Swap
Jul 18		Liverpool Super Swap, Fairfield Showground
Jul 18		Wagga Wagga Swap at Showground
Jul 31 - Aug 1	Lyn 4456 4660 Roger 4454 5032	Milton Ulladulla Vintage and Classic Car Club Ulladulla Harbour Classic.
Jul 31 - Aug 1		All Holden Swap Meet at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.
Aug 8	Adrian Bennett 03 5873 4267	4th Swap Meet and All Wheels Show & Shine at Cobram Showground. Run by Rotary Club of Cobram.

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DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Aug 15-21 www.nrvvcc.com.au	Robert & Meryl Lovell 6621 9682 nrvvcc.com.au	Lismore's Nothern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club 50th anniversary 5 day hub rally. Limit of 150 entrants.
Aug 21-22		Shannons Eastern Creek Classic
Sep 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 display of vintage & classic
Sep 12		Shepparton Swap
Sep 19		German Auto Day
Sep 26		Bay to Birdwood
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 10	1300 229 961	Concours d'Elegance Australia at St Patrick's Manly <a href="http://www.101010.com.au">www.101010.com.au</a>
Oct 17	Hedley 6862 3656	Parkes Swap
Oct 31	0428 697105 (AH)	Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC.
Nov 6		Yass Antique Motor Club 5th Celebration of Heritage Motoring. Entry forms
Nov 6-7	Karl 0427213960	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 19-21		Snowy Mountains Touring Classic.
Dec 5		All British Day, Canberra

## **Mighty Mini Makes Magical Mark Manifesting Many Motoring Modes**

What does the heading mean? It means that considering I was brought up on a motoring diet of Chevrolets, Vauxhalls, Peugeots and Holdens I am still trying to work out how I became passionately involved with British cars especially of the Mini persuasion.

Back in 1997 when my son was 10, I decided that it would be the ideal time to set up a father/son project by purchasing an unregistered car to restore as my son grew up. One could say the intention was to have the Mini Make a Man out of a Mite.

Anyway, in the fullness of time it was obvious that the Mini K body was too far gone for my limited front wheel drive resurrection expertise, so I went to my first meeting of the ACT Mini Car Club.

The Club President at the time, mentioned that a Mini K was for sale in Queanbeyan with under 100,000 miles with an asking price of approximately \$4,000 dollars. After many derisive comments such as, "It's not a Cooper S so why bother", I decided to have a look at the advertised vehicle. There it sat, under a tarp, under a carport gathering dust with the odd dent and wheels sporting horrible retreads.

After a closer inspection, I ascertained that the total mileage was 42,000, the paint was original Tamarisk Green with a green interior including rubber floors and no tears whatsoever in the upholstery. The engine bay was so original, it still had an engine number tag attached with wire from the factory, original glass fuses with paper slips marked 'Lucas' inside the tubes. It even had the original clutch.

After some negotiations I purchased "Ken" for \$2,000.00 and drove him home. I found out later that he had been purchased new in Bombala by the last owners' Dad who only used Ken for shopping trips once or twice a week. The BMC Dealer in Bombala even told the owner to stop bringing it in for servicing as the mileage was so low.

The trouble being that Ken was so original, I couldn't drive him like a normal car so kept up the search for another useable Mini.

Guess what happened next? The proverbial 'barn find' came my way. In 1998, a work colleague mentioned a Mini in a friend's garage. A quick visit revealed a 1970 Mini-Matic with 25,000 original miles. The car had been originally sold new to the owner's mother in Northern

Queensland so she could visit all her friends in the area without being dependant on family members for transport. When the original owner passed away at the age of 81, the family drove the vehicle down to the ACT where they settled and after hardly using the Mini in the ACT, simply let registration lapse and tucked it away at the back of the family garage where I discovered it. After passing the family test for ownership (those who have experienced this know exactly what I mean), the Mini was trailered to my home for closer examination.

With Ken already under my foster care, the Mini-matic just had to be named Barbie and they became almost inseparable at car shows. They developed such a fan club that people would approach me enquiring as to their respective health if only one was on show at any time. Barbie was original Old English White with a maroon interior including rubber floor with an external sold steel sun visor. The engine was only 998cc but with a factory fitted Cooper head with a larger 1.5" SU carbide. This was done to compensate for the supposed power drag of the auto box but Barbie went like a rocket for the first 50 metres or so by simply moving the clutchless T bar back in a straight line. Surprisingly, there was no 'Park' setting for the gear lever.

I could go on for ages about my two favourite Minis but suffice to say they were eventually sold to pay for a worthy cause, my children's education. Ken was sold to a real estate developer in Queensland and eventually was sold to an English car dealer in California. Years later, I received an email from the new owner who has just won a prize with Ken at a display in Monterey, California. Just goes to show how good cars meander throughout the world. Just think, a Mini K peculiar to Australia is now strutting his stuff in the USA. Ken's experiences would be a story in itself.

Barbie was sold to the Mayor of Kingaroy late one December and she was driven back to Kingaroy from Gunning without missing a beat and only 27,000 miles on the clock when she left.

Over the next few years, I collected many Minis till my wife asked how many I actually had and I had to confess that the total was at least in the high teens (actually, the figure was 21). After an ultimatum, I culled the number down to a present respectable level of 5 Minis.

At present, I have two Clubman panel vans, a roundnose panel van, two roundnose sedans (an 850 and a Deluxe), two 1800 utes (both Mk1s within a few of hundred of each other on the 1968 production line), an 1800 Mk11 sedan (about to be stripped) two Triumph 2500 TCs, a 2500S and a Mk11 2000. Almost forgot, my '63 Mk 11 Humber Vogue

in mid blue with a white roof and maroon interior purchased last March. Regarding car numbers, that is excellent for me I can assure you. I have promised my wife I will cull further by the end of summer. That's my intention anyway.

Naturally, I have also accumulated many NOS, reconditioned and second hand parts including a genuine BMC hydrolastic suspension pump, NOS hydrolastic units, a NOS 1800 head and too many other parts to list.

I am back to full time work again so the word 'retirement' is not really applicable. A more apt description is that workwise, I change direction from time to time. Since formally retiring in 2000, I have had 4 fulltime and two casual positions. Suffice to say, the extra money helps to support my car habit.

My cars await, so must be off.

David (saviour of wayward BMC, Leyland and Rootes souls) Bennett  
January 2010

PS Anyone out there with hydrolastic pump technical knowledge or can direct me to someone who can assist? My genuine BMC one was supposedly completely refurbished but the pump/pressure circuit does not operate. The vacuum side appears to be OK. I have a Deluxe and two 1800 utes in need of a fully operational pump.

'Ken' with foster Dad Dave Bennett.



'Barbie' in front of 'Ken' in the centre, outside the National Film and Sound Archives.

## RETREADS OUTING MAY 2010

The week day outing to Kingsley and Cynthia Southwell's property at Hall turned out to be a special day. Our hosts were just wonderful. We had morning tea in a railway carriage fitted out with lounges and a wood heater. Then there was time to look over Kingsley's cars and other machinery. He is another member who is quite a collector. See below his tractor seats. Also posters/flyers from events all over the country and overseas, most of which they have attended.

Come lunch time the barbie was started for those who wanted to cook and Kingsley had fired up the pizza oven during the morning and I took the opportunity to cook a pizza.



*Some of the cars on the outing*

To our surprise Terry Lloyd was there collecting parts of a 1914 Daimler which he had stored at Brooklands. Terry was the founder of the Retreads outings and he and Bette were visiting from the Gold Coast hinterland where they now live. If any of their old friends from our Club are in the area and want to look them up, their phone number is 07 5574 7437

Many thanks to Kingsley and Cynthia for their hospitality.



## **Weekend trip to COWRA**

### **Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July 2010**

#### **Saturday 17 July**

8.15am assemble at Dickson Woollies Car Park.

8.30am - leave Canberra.

10.00am - morning tea at the Boorowa Bakery.

10.45am - leave for Cowra.

11.45am - arrive at The Townhouse Hotel Motel, 15/19 Kendal St, Cowra. Those staying there the night may book in.

12.00 midday - The Townhouse for lunch.

1.30pm - depart for the Lachlan Valley Railway tour. Watch out for the resident ghost.

4.00pm - Afternoon tea will be provided in the railway park by a charity from Cowra.

5.00pm - return to accommodation to prepare for the dinner and show.

6.00pm - meet at Bowling Club for dinner. During dinner, the Australiana Show will be performed especially for us.

#### **Sunday 18 July**

8.15am - meet at the Airport Club rooms, the address is "Airport Road Cowra". It is signposted well and is the last street on left on Grenfell Rd heading out of town towards Grenfell.

8.30am - depart with the Cowra Club for scenic tour to Wyangala Dam before they close it for wall extensions.

9.45am - morning tea at the sealed park at the bottom of the dam wall. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share and the Cowra Club will provide tea and coffee. There are toilets there.

10.30am - leave for a very scenic route with some glorious scenery (about 1.5 hours) via Woodstock, Binni Creek Road (north Cowra), River Road to Billamari, then across to Gooloogong.

12.30pm - Christmas in July at the Log Cabin.

#### **Pre-paid costs:**

Saturday: \$45.00 (plus a donation for the railway), which includes lunch \$10, tour - donation, afternoon tea \$5, dinner and the Australiana Show \$30.

Sunday: \$18.50 for Christmas in July.

### Own expenses

Morning tea at Boorowa

Drinks

Motel costs. There are 35 rooms. It is recommended you book as soon as possible.

Town House Hotel Motel

**Address:** 15-19 Kendal Street Cowra NSW 2794

**Phone:** (02) 6342 1055

**Fax:** (02) 6341 2930

**Email:** [townhousecowra@bigpond.com.au](mailto:townhousecowra@bigpond.com.au)



### Gooloogong Log Cabin



The Colonial

June 2010



# From the Mountains to the Sea and back again

The recent Tumut Bright tour took members through some of the most spectacular, interesting and historic country in Australia.

Traveling over the New South Wales Snowy Mountains through to the Gippsland Lakes areas and valley country around Bright in Victoria, just about every turn, and there were lots of turns, the scenery changed.

Sometimes steep rugged mountain sides, where it was impossible to see the valley floor below, to beautiful autumn colours of the trees as they lost their leaves to winter's advance, to the wide expanse of water around Lakes Entrance.

The tour began with a three night stay in Tumut. The cars were invited by the Gundagai Antique Motor Club to participate in the town's Festival of the Falling Leaf street parade and while rain did dent the enthusiasm somewhat, the locals crammed into the main street to see the parade pass by, their umbrellas brightening the day..

After the parade some of the group took the opportunity to visit the self proclaimed Chicks With Attitude, otherwise known as the CWA rooms for a hot bowl of corn and chicken soup, bread roll, tea or coffee.

As guests of the Gundagai Antique Motor Club, we attended a dinner at the RSL and Jim Clough's and Graham Gittins' tables each won a bottle of wine as prizes for the most number of correct answers in a cryptic car names quiz.

Next morning, ANZAC Day, George and Aileen Sturgess, Gerry and Kay Walker, Graham and Ellen Waite, Ray and Anne Gallagher and Graham Gittins attended the very moving, but short dawn service held around the war memorial in Richardson Park followed by a casserole breakfast back at the RSL Club.

The group then travelled to Adelong about 21 kms from Tumut for the Adelong Annual Gold and Antique Fair Auction to take part in the Antique Car Fair display in the main street which had been closed for



the ANZAC Day march and street market.

Judging by the number of bags members were holding the economy of Adelong would have risen substantially during the visit.

Jim Clough and Heather Gittins both received trophies as a result of the display.



A group then travelled to Tumbarumba to visit the Pioneer Women's Hut and old machinery shed. The Pioneer Women's hut documents the lives of rural working class families with particular emphasis on the lives of women with displays which contains a range of lace, embroidery, clothes and household items used and worn by the women pioneers in the 19th century.



*Can you identify this piece of machinery at the Pioneer Women's Hut?*



Next day it was over the top via the Snowy Mountains Highway to Cooma for morning tea and an inspection of the Cooma Monaro Car Club's new club premises. The club has purchased a former sports and indoor cricket centre and are in the middle of converting it into club rooms, a car museum and multi-function centre.



Then on to Bombala, being the ANZAC Day holiday most of the shops were closed for the public holiday. It was while entering the town that George Sturgess in his Austin A60 dropped the exhaust, but it was fixed next morning by the friendly Toyota dealer while the rest travelled to Lakes Entrance.

At Lakes Entrance the weather was windy and cool but most took the opportunity to take a cruise around the huge expanse of water known as the Gippsland Lakes. A highlight was observing a pod of dolphins breaching and following then leading the cruise ship.



Nyerimilang homestead is a house in a delightful garden setting on a cliff top over looking the beautiful East Gippsland lakes. The property was purchased by the Victorian Government in 1976 and a display featuring the history of the house and district is located within the house.



From Lakes Entrance to Bright along the Great Alpine Road was sheer delight with magnificent mountain scenery most of the way. A short stop at Omeo to visit the Cuckoo Clock shop and a picnic lunch on top of Mount Hotham, using a crate turned upside down by Ray Gallagher made a perfect picnic table.

The Bright festival a fortnight long affair started with a street parade and band recitals in the central business district and market.

*Helpers who pushed Jim Clough's car into the sun when it wouldn't start one cold morning in Bright.*



Trips to Rutherglen wine country and the Milawa cheese factory were a must do for many in the group. The area was formerly tobacco growing country. The last tobacco farm closed only three years ago. The farmers have now turned their properties into chestnuts and walnuts farms. Hops are still grown in the valley.

The Bright Hotel was a popular eating place for the group.

Bob Garrett rescued a parrot, which had stunned itself flying against a window in the motel, and took it the office for safe keeping. Alec McKernan went to check on the bird, which had fully recovered and it escaped from the box into a nearby tree, when Alec walked outside with it.

Bright to Corryong was the shortest day's travel along mainly straight and flat roads. In Corryong the last night of the tour was celebrated at the Court House Hotel where Graham Gittins as MC presented Ray and Anne Gallagher with gifts of appreciation for co-ordinating the trip.



On the lighter side he then called participants up one at a time receive a special present to remember the tour by.

The spanner award was presented to Chris and Irene Berry who loaned their Humber Vogue to Kay and Gerry Walker, as Gerry's Vauxhall was not ready in time.

The final days' travel took the vehicles either over the top via Thredbo and Jindabyne or via Cabramurra, either route involved much wheel turning as the roads twisted and turned their way up to 1500 metres and over the Snowy Mountains, but all made it safely home.

Ken and Jeanette Walker had to remove a screw from a tyre of their Austin Healey Sprite at Adaminaby, fortunately the tyre did not deflate. Alec and Anne McKernan took the scenic route and at one stage passed the same long-load vehicle twice on a dirt road.

A happy hour was held each evening to catch up with what people had done during the day and what they intended to do the following day.

Two important events were celebrated during happy hour - George and Aileen Sturgess' 55th wedding Anniversary and Gerry Walker's significant birthday



Ray and Anne Gallagher deserved the praise that they were given for organising and coordinating such a great relaxing tour.

Participants:

Graham and Ellen Waite - Modern part of the way

Ray and Anne Gallagher - Austin A 60

Ken and Jeanette Walker - Austin Healey Sprite

Alec and Anne McKernan - Volvo

George and Aileen Sturgess -Austin A 60

Keith and Lilly Carswell - Oldsmobile 98  
 Roger and Barbara Phillips - Chevrolet  
 Jim and Rhonda Clough - Chrysler  
 Chris and Irene Berry - Hillman Husky  
 Gerry and Kay Walker - Humber Vogue  
 Grahame and Dee Crockett - Porsche  
 Bob and Dana Garrett - Modern  
 Bob and Carole Douglas - Modern  
 Graham and Heather Gittins - MG Magnette

*Thanks to Graham Gittins and helpers for this report and to Graham, Anne McKernan, Bob Garrett and Bob Douglas for photos.*

## TITANIC

There has been some discussion lately about the sinking of the Titanic and I have received this gem from Jim Hill.

“Most people don’t know that back in 1912, Hellmann’s mayonnaise was manufactured in England. In fact, the Titanic was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico, which was to be the next port of call for the great ship after its stop in New York. This would have been the largest single shipment of mayonnaise ever delivered to Mexico. But as we know, the great ship did not make it to New York. The ship hit an iceberg and sank, and the cargo was forever lost.

The people of Mexico, who were crazy about mayonnaise, and were eagerly awaiting its delivery, were disconsolate at the loss. Their anguish was so great, that they declared a National Day of Mourning, which they still observe to this day. The National Day of Mourning occurs each year on May 5th and is known, of course, as Sinko de Mayo.”

### Events Committee

A number of members on the Events Committee, as you know, only signed on to do one event for the year. Now with John away too for three months, they are light on the ground for personnel.

Could we please have two or three volunteers to join the Events Committee now and carry on for the next year. Names to Daniel please.

## **PACKARD BOOKS FOR SALE**

1941-47 Parts Book reprint \$50  
 1948-54 Service Manual original \$100  
 1948-54 Service Manual reprint \$70  
 1948-54 Parts Book reprint \$70  
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 1950-56 Service Counselors \$30  
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 Packard by Adler hard bound \$40  
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 Richard Rowe  
 Phone (02) 6166 2208 or 0415 819381

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES**

On the Department of Territory and Municipal Services website the amendments which came into force on 15 March 2010 are found. The link is [ACT's new Road Rules—15 March 2010](#)

There are pages to do with child restraint rules. Of interest: "Do the new child restraint laws apply to Veteran, Vintage and Historic motor vehicles? Yes. From 15 March 2011, the new child restraint laws for children under 7 years will apply to all motor vehicles, regardless of when the vehicle is built."

Children under 8 years of age are not allowed to ride on motorcycles as a pillion passenger. Motorcycle riders are not permitted to ride with an animal on the petrol tank but you can carry them on the back in a suitable device.

## 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.)*

**WANTED** Early to mid 70's model RA23LT or TA22LT Celica. Original condition preferred. Contact Bianca on 02 6238 1856.

**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.

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

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

**1937 Buick 40 Sedan**, not completely restored but all there. Motor and gearbox reconditioned, upholstery under way, paintwork nearly complete, stainless steel exhaust system, blinkers, full set of spares. Chassis No 3080252. \$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)

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

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## PARTS FOR SALE OR WANTEDS

**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)

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

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

**Badge repair and restoration:** Dave Rogers advised he found this site on the net for badge restoration. Bit expensive but the skills are still around. Some might be interested.

<http://heywoodenamels.com>

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