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



## 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.

Donald and Mabel McKay  
 43 Woollum Cres  
 RIVETT ACT 2611  
 Phone: 6287 1141  
 1970 Chrysler Valiant VG, on full rego YZB 797.

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

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

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

## SHOP MANAGER

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

## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who have provided items for this month's Colonial. Stories to come: Boyce 1930 Buick Sports Roadster, things people collect: number plates, clocks & watches; another Mini story from David Bennett, "Olive Drab" Mick O'Donnell's Jeep will take part in the Anzac march again. I'm still waiting on Beege and Charmaine, the last of 2009 award winners to give me a story.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 5 March 12 noon and 1st Friday of each month:  
Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden.



Friday 19 March, picnic lunch at noon at Molonglo Gorge picnic ground. From Fairbairn Ave, turn into Sutton Road, then right into Kowen Road then right into Molonglo picnic area. All club members welcome. If it is a wet day go instead to the Southern Cross Club Bistro at Woden. Enquiries to Alec McKernan on 6286 1046.

### Get Well

Here's hoping all members who have been on the sick list are recovering and we'll see you at meetings and events very soon. Good to see Jan Wyatt out on the February run.

### Vehicle Examiners

Alec McKernan is now doing well after his prostate op which found no cancer. Alec expects to be well enough to do inspections by the time you get this Colonial. But please continue to spread the load a bit. Dean Benedetti is well again and happy to do inspections.

A big thank you to Tony James for his 17 years of being an Examiner for the Club. Tony is finding writing difficult and has decided to retire from being an Examiner. Our Registrar has in hand having another in Belconnen appointed by Road User Services.

### Happy Easter

Easter will be upon us before your next Colonial so I hope you have a happy and holy Easter and if you are travelling, please return safely.

Cheers ... Helen

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

**Present:** 54 members

**Apologies:** 12 members.

**Visitors:** Ian Ruecroft (prospective member) who has a 1958 Vanguard utility.

The President opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed members and visitors, and invited Vice-President Graham Waite to introduce the guest speaker.

Graham introduced Tony Holland, CEO of Arthritis ACT, who had been invited to give a presentation on that organization's activities.

Tony first outlined the role of Arthritis ACT, a non-profit organization, which is to provide information services and advice to assist people to manage their condition, and lobbying on the significance of arthritis and the need for more research.

Approximately 57,000 people in the ACT suffer from arthritis and musculoskeletal disease, which arises in many forms and from differing causes.

Tony described the main forms of arthritis and options for management, including proper diagnosis, lifestyle modification and physical activity, therapeutics and pain management, physical therapies, healthy eating, etc.

A range of services including health education and seminars on various topics in combination with other groups was offered by Arthritis ACT.

Questions from members indicated a significant degree of interest, particularly related to water therapy programs.

Graham thanked Tony for his informative presentation, and members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

Minutes of January meeting: Acceptance proposed by Clive Castles, seconded by Ray Gallagher, carried

### **Correspondence**

In: 18 Newsletters

Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club Birthday Celebration Rally 6-7 November

Cootamundra Antique Motor Club 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Run

# Mitta Mitta Muster 7 March

Shannons Historic Rallye, Tasmania 25 April- 3 May

CHACA Swap Meet, Jindera 28 March

Gundagai Antique Motor Club, Tumut Festival Rally 24-25 April

Leeton Sun Rice Festival 3 April

Snowy Hydro SouthCare Open Day 21 February

ACT Heritage Week

# Several advertising brochures

Shannon's auction 15 February

Bank statements

St George Term Investment

Change of member's address

BBQ trailer registration sticker

Public liability insurance reminder

Letter from Cec Brown

Gerry read out the letter from Cec Brown which expressed appreciation for the sympathy card sent to him by the club following Naomi's death. He and Naomi had valued their earlier association with the club.

Out: Nil.

Moved Joe Micallef that the correspondence be accepted, seconded Bob Douglas, carried.

**President:** Daniel mentioned that cars were invited to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare open day on 21 Feb. Members interested to give names.

Another display of cars was requested during ACT Heritage Week at Elm Grove, Bonner - 0930 on Sunday 18 April. Names please.

Alec McKernan was due to be discharged from hospital on 10 Feb. He would not be doing rego. examinations until next month. Members should contact Dean Benedetti.

Finally, Daniel mentioned that the Committee was inviting thoughts from members on the desirability of having a member who was qualified in First Aid, attending Club outings.

**Vice President:** Graham informed members that next month's guest speaker would be member Greg Beck who will talk about motoring activities in WA.

In April the speaker will be Sgt. Mick Richardson of the ACT Police who will do a presentation on driving skills.

Graham drew the numbers for the attendance prize which was won by



Bruce Carswell, and the last club run won by Graham Bigg and Gael Walton.

**Treasurer:** Bob Judd informed members that due to 'the dreaded blue screen of death' manifesting itself on his computer system, he had not been able to compile a report. However, there were no extraordinary expenditures occurring during the period.

Bob said he has a number of name badges for new members to collect.

**Editor:** Helen reported all is well.

**Events:** John Senior outlined forthcoming events

14 February Bungendore/Tarago, etc. Names for lunch at Fedra Grove please.

6 March. Crookwell Country Festival (not a club run). Meet at Hall 0900.

20 March Brindabella Gardens Fete. Names to Dave Wyatt.

21 March Wheels.

18 April Honeysuckle Creek.

2 May Pumpkin Festival, Collector.

16 May National Motoring Heritage Day

13 June Lake Bathurst a possibility.

**Raffle:** Won by Roger Phillips.

**Supper Co-ordinator:** Graham still needs volunteers for August and October.

**Registrar:** In Bob's absence, Waine reported that a total of 18 cars had been examined.

**Librarian:** Nothing to report.

**Membership Secretary:** Nothing to report

**Shop Manager:** Joe has shirts available. Be ready for Wheels!

**Information Officer:** Norm has various newsletters and extracts for perusal.

**Council delegate:** Graham Bigg said that a map of the parking arrangements at Wheels had been passed to Helen. Mainly the same places as last year.

People reminded to bring drip trays. Badges will be on sale on the day for \$10.

Also, cars were needed for Smith Family Open Day on 14 March.

**Publications Committee:** All is well.

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

**Rallies:** Ray Gallagher said that 11 cars were currently going on the Tumut and Bright run in late April-early May. Accommodation was tight but one withdrawal had occurred. Anyone interested in going please see him tonight.

**General Business:** Graham Gittins mentioned the ACT Heritage Week display (see President's Report above) and the activities - walks, shearing, attendance by Chief Minister, etc. Graham would confirm the date and advise.

Graham also referred to the car photos taken by Richard Dunn at the British Day and their appearance in the Classic Car Weekly.

Graham was also after more stories for the series "Things that People Collect".

Keith Carswell reported on a good turnout of cars (100 plus) from a number of clubs to the Michael Livingstone Memorial Run last weekend. This was a feature of the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the Cootamundra Car Club. Michael had been a dedicated and enthusiastic worker in the car movement and had helped establish other clubs in Young, Gundagai, Yass and Temora.

Keith reminded members of the forthcoming Berrima Rally and the Gundagai Show.

Tony James advised that he was selling his 1937 Buick.

Jim Clough said that two books (Ford, Rolls-Royce & Bentley) from Alan Sugden's collection had been presented to our library.

Helen mentioned the Yass Show on 28 March, and that she was awaiting advice re entry.

Brian Elliott advised that he was selling his 1950 Chev., unrestored but going.

The President closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

Bob Garrett  
Minutes Secretary.

## FEBRUARY MONTHLY RUN

Twenty-one members braved the weather for this event but some of us took the short route! Because the set lunch at Fedra Olive Grove was going to cost \$42 a head, we went to the Loaded Dog Hotel and enjoyed lunch there. Saw water in Lake George on the way home.



Dave & Tora Bennett, Ron & Marjorie Cooper, Bob & Carole Douglas, Graham & Heather Gittins and Kay Walker.

Pam and John Senior (Pam with the knitting out), Graham Bigg and Gael and Gerry Walker.



John de la Torre and Lucy, Daniel and Petra Wyatt and Jan and Dave Wyatt with Helen down the end.

## SOME MORE EVENTS WHICH DIDN'T FIT IN THE CENTRE PAGES

### **Saturday 17 April 10.30 am—3.00 pm**

National Trust open day at Elm Grove, Canberra's last historic working station, in Bonner. Possible activities: sheep shearing, historical dance performance, tour of cottage plus garden tour by Mark Carmody, Devonshire tea and sausage sizzle, historic fire engines, choir, petting zoo and vintage vehicles. As my latest street directory has Bonner as a blank canvas, I will find out directions and publish them next month. I do know it is off Mabo Boulevard and there are two kilometres of unsealed road. Theme is "Hunters & Collectors". To register to take part in this event, please contact Graham Gittins on 0419 249 109.

**18-21 March 2010** - Festival of International Understanding at Cowra. Saturday at 12.15 pm street parade for classic cars, assemble Darling Street. Val 6288 9691.

**25 April-3 May 2010** - Shannons Historic Rallye in Tasmania. Registration fee \$350. Base tour price \$2,250. Secretary has a flyer.

### **1—3 October**

MG TYme in Canberra over October long weekend. Registration and more information is through the MG Car Club Canberra website at: [www.mgccc Canberra.org.au](http://www.mgccc Canberra.org.au) or phone Brian Calder on 0434 307 742.

**October** - waiting on Canberra Swap meet date.

**November** - Snowy Mountains Touring Classic

**12-14 November** - Bendigo Swap

**14 November** - Ute, Van and Truck Muster at Canberra Country Music Festival at EPIC. Other vehicles invited.

**December 5** - All British Day.

## **CORRECTION**

Page 18 of February 2010 Colonial, 5th para should read: The Chev is Holden bodied, has original Chev motor but with carbie off a Holden 202, Holden water pump and a 12 volt alternator.

Apologies Charlie, hope that is right now.

## MOTORING TRIVIA

Some cars sit and mope all day  
Their owners keep them locked away  
It's not their wish to stay at home  
While other cars go out to roam.

Think of cars who never rally  
How sad they never see a valley  
Nor motor up the distant hills  
Or joust in traffic for their thrills.

Tis sad to see them left in sheds  
How would you like to be kept in beds?  
Let them out to have some fun  
Bring them along to our next run.

This is from *The Colonial* of October 1990 when John Tilbrook was Editor.

### ***TUMUT and BRIGHT RUN 2010***

A number of CACMC members intend to go to Tumut for the Festival of the Falling Leaf 23-25 April next year. Then to Lakes Entrance for 3 nights over-nighting in Bombala on the way. From Lakes Entrance we will travel to Bright via the Great Alpine Road and stay 3 nights in Bright during it's Festival (30 April to 3 May). We intend to return to Canberra with an overnight stop in Corryong.

If you are interested in joining the trip, please ring me and I can give you more details, particularly accommodation details.

Ray Gallagher  
Tel: 6241 9823  
Email: [rayanne@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rayanne@bigpond.net.au)

11 cars currently going on this rally. Accommodation in some towns is very tight.

## SHANNONS WHEELS 2010 INFORMATION FOR CACMC MEMBERS

Our Club has been allocated the same space as last year on the lawns of Old Parliament House on the eastern side.

For the information of new members, the most convenient way to enter our site is to travel along King George Terrace to Parkes Place EAST, before you get to the John Gorton Offices on the right, turn left onto the gravel path and then Club marshals will direct you. The area is marked on maps as the National Rose Garden. King Edward Terrace is usually closed to traffic and some displays are located there.

Our BBQ trailer will be present for tea or coffee for our members. There will be outlets to buy lunch if you do not want to bring your own picnic lunch. Bring your tables and chairs and set up under the trees.

Some members have very informative boards for when they have their cars on display. **Everyone should have a notice of some sort, with the very least: year and make of your vehicle, owner and club.** Events Committee members will put a number on your vehicle for the People's Choice judging process.

Drip trays are required but a large piece of cardboard will be sufficient. Please remember to pick it up afterwards.

The beneficiary charity this year is the Prostate Council of the ACT. They will go around with buckets collecting, so please be generous.

Those members who wish to have their vehicle judged for one of the Club awards, must fill in a notification form and get it to Bob Alexander before Wheels. You should also be available to supply information to the judging panel while your vehicle is being judged.

The display is advertised as being open to the public from 9 am to 3 pm so please stay till 3 pm.

*Any updates on the above will be given to members at the March meeting. If you are new to the club and unsure of anything, PLEASE ring one of the committee. We would love to see you there.*

*Every CACMC member with a car on concessional registration should try to get one vehicle to this display.*

Graham Bigg will be selling Wheels badges for \$10 each.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER A VEHICLE FOR  
JUDGING AT SHANNONS WHEELS  
Sunday 21 March 2010**

Make of Vehicle

Year and Model

Place of Manufacture

Name of Owners

For which Award would you like to be judged.

1. Restoration of the year for cars manufactured before the end of 1945
2. Restoration of the year for cars manufactured after the end of 1945.
3. Mal Mason Car of the Year – for a vehicle purchased in a restored or roadworthy or original condition.
4. Bill Amies Mechanical Excellence Trophy - judged on mechanical condition, restoration and maintenance alone. Mileage driven during the year should be taken into account.

You may enter for Category 4 as well as one of the other 3.

Please note that to be eligible, the vehicle must attend three official Club events in the 12 months prior to the Presentation Night at which the awards are to be presented (usually in early August).

The other two Vehicle Quality Awards – Best American Marque and Best English Marque – will be judged from the whole field and no entry form is necessary.

It is helpful to the judging panel if you have information on display about your restoration. You should also be with your vehicle to supply information to the judging panel while your vehicle is being judged.

Enquiries to Bob Alexander on 6235 5845 or 0417 880 064.

Please photocopy this page, or write the details on a separate sheet or I can email to you. If you can't come to a meeting before Wheels, please post to Club address on page 1. Editor.

**Join the fun and see:**

- Hot Rods
- Rave Cars
- Rage Cars
- Classic's
- Race Cars
- Muscle Cars
- Antiques
- Caravans
- Bikes

**And many more!**

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 donated to the**



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 Foundation  
 of Australia



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# Wheels

## Motoring Expo

### 21st MARCH 2010

**Non Club cars Welcome!**

*On the lawns of Old Parliament House  
 Canberra A.C.T.*








**"Statesman at the home of Statesmen"**

**Club cars arrive from 8am & Spectators from 9am**



## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2010

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Mar 21	Events Comm	Shannons Wheels display, OPH Lawns. Set up between 8 am and 9 am. See pages 13-15.
Apr 18	Jim Crane	Honeysuckle Creek picnic area via Namadgi Park Visitors Centre. See remains of the old tracking station.
May 16	John	National Motoring Heritage Day.
Jun 13 ?	John	Lake Bathurst
Jul 18	Val	Weekend visit to Cowra, see new and different things.
Aug 15	Ken Walker	Googong—London Bridge
Sep 19		TBA
Oct 17		Thirlmere Railway Museum
Nov 21		Marques in the Park

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010

Mar 6 Sat		Crookwell Country Festival
Mar 7	Denis Harding 6281 4497	Three Mountain Challenge. Assemble from 9.30 am Russell Offices car park.
Mar 13-14	Brett Goyne 6241 5413	Chryslers on the Murray 18th Annual Show. Gateway Lakes Wodonga
Mar 14		Capital All Ford Day, East Lawns of Old Parliament House 9 am to 3 pm.
Mar 14	0419 249 109 6166 0485	Cars at Government House for Smith Family Open Day. Names to Graham Gittins or Graham Bigg as a list has to be supplied.
Mar 20	Dave Wyatt 6286 1782	Brindabella Gardens Fete, Curtin. For those displaying cars, complimentary morning/afternoon tea or lunch.

**EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Mar 25 Thursday	Graham Waite 6288 4675	10 cars required for display at Seniors Expo at Old Bus Depot Markets. Motto this year "Variety in Life".
Mar 27		Barellan Swap at Showground
Mar 27-28		Goulburn Swap. Greg Grace 4821 4206
Mar 28		Yass Antique Motor Club—South West Get Together at Yass Show
Mar 28	Des 0260253383	Jindera Swap near Albury
Apr 2-5	Jeff Nye 6927 2717 P O Box 8625 KOORINGAL 2650	Bush Council Easter Rally in Wagga Wagga Hosted by Classic Motoring Club of Wagga Wagga. Entries close 1 Feb 2010. <a href="http://www.bushcouncil.com.au">www.bushcouncil.com.au</a>
Apr 18		Auto Italia, Patrick White Lawns.
Apr 24 Saturday	Peter 6947 1929 Mick 6947 3213	Gundagai Antique Motor Club Tumut Festival Rally. Register at Bull Paddock on the Snowy Mountains Hwy. Book by 16 April. Cost \$10. Adelong Fair on Sunday
May 1		Wings Wheels & Wine at Mudgee Airport Aircraft, motor vehicles and wine & food. <a href="http://www.wingswheelsandwine.com.au">www.wingswheelsandwine.com.au</a>
May 2		Pumpkin Festival at Collector.
June 20	Cecily 4341 8088	Gosford Swap
Jul 18		Liverpool Super Swap, Fairfield Sh'ground.
Aug 15-21 www.	Robert & Meryl Lovell 6621 9682 <a href="http://nrvvcc.com.au">nrvvcc.com.au</a>	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 19		German Auto Day
Oct 17	Hedley 6862 3656	Parkes Swap
Nov 6-7	Karl 0427213960 Lesley 4421 2140	Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club 40th birthday in Novra area.

## **'JULIET'      1966 JAGUAR E-TYPE**

### **Declan O'Keeffe**

The Jaguar E-type was officially introduced to the world in March 1961 at a motor show in Geneva, Switzerland. The reaction was immediate and enthusiastic. The styling was partly responsible and the sensuous shape still gets rave reviews. The list of mechanical features was very advanced for 1961: a double overhead cam engine, fully independent rear suspension and four wheel disc brakes (inboard at the rear no less, an exotic touch usually found only on race cars). The price at the time (about \$3,000) made the car an exceptional bargain when compared to vehicles such as Aston Martin and Ferrari. The future of the E-type as an automotive classic was secured.

The first model had a 3.8 litre engine but in 1964 the engine was changed to a bigger 4.2 litre with a much improved gearbox and brakes. The interior and electrics were also improved, resulting in this model being the pick of them all.

During the fourteen years of production, 72,584 E-types were manufactured. A breakdown of the various models shows that 15,481 3.8-litre versions were sold between the introduction in 1961 and its replacement by the 4.2-litre Series 1 in late 1964. This model had by far the largest production run, 22,908 being built between 1964 and late 1968; 18,841 Series 2 4.2-litre cars were built between 1968 and 1971; and a total of 15,292 Series 3 V12 E-types were constructed between 1971 and 1975.

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Malcolm Sayer (1916 – 1970) is credited as the designer of the E-type. He was born in Cromer, Norfolk and graduated from Loughborough College with a diploma in Automotive Engineering. After graduation, Malcolm joined the Bristol Aeroplane Company, studying aeronautics and looking at ways of improving the efficiency and design of significant WW2 aircraft, particularly the Blenheim and the Beaufighter, and developing his expertise in aerodynamics as applied to mechanical design.

In 1948 Malcolm had the opportunity to go to Baghdad University where he established the Faculty of Engineering. In 1950 he returned to England and joined Jaguar. Here he designed the first post-war British sports/racing car capable of challenging the supremacy of

Mercedes and Ferrari, which had been dominant since before the war. He designed the 'C' type Jaguar which won Le Mans first time out and then for three years running. His unique method combined logarithms and complex mathematical formulae to develop the optimum aerodynamic curved shape.

1952 saw the design of the Jaguar 'D' type, which like the 'C' type, used a relatively small engine aided by aerodynamics, and went onto become the worlds most successful sports/racing car. In 1961 full time production of the aerodynamically and mathematically designed road going E-type Jaguar commenced.

According to the New York Museum of Modern Art, where an E-type is on permanent display: "Sayer uniquely blended science and art to produce timeless shapes of exceptional and enduring beauty. He brought science to the art of car design; and scientifically produced works of art."

Malcolm worked as Director of Design at Jaguar until his death in 1970.

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'Juliet' was built in 1966 as a left-hand drive car for the USA market. It was imported to Perth, Western Australia, in 1977 and converted to right-hand drive. Restoration was carried out between about 1988 and 1999.

I have always considered the E-type to be one of the most exciting cars ever designed. However I never seriously contemplated acquiring one until a few years ago when I saw an advert for one for sale in Canberra. Out of interest I decided to have a look and was of course very impressed.

While I didn't end up purchasing that vehicle, it renewed my interest and I occasionally kept an eye on the 'For Sale' ads. In June 2007 I saw an advert for a car in Western Australia. Travelling to Perth to check it out seemed a bit extravagant so I contacted a friend who lived there and asked if he would have a look at it for me. He made arrangements to do so a few days later but in the meantime the owner advised that he had agreed to sell the car to someone who was coming from Sydney.

That seemed to be the end of the matter until a couple of weeks later the owner rang to ask if I was still interested as the deal with the Sydney buyer had fallen through. I again asked my mate and he

agreed to check out the vehicle. His report on the E-type was very favourable and I ended up agreeing to purchase. After some rapid arranging of finances I contacted a car transport company and then became a nervous wreck as I imagined the treatment the car would be subjected to as it was shifted between trains and trucks on its way across the Nullarbor. However, everything went smoothly and within a week the car slid safely off the back of a tilt-truck on to my driveway in Canberra.

Arranging the transfer of ownership, inspection and registration of such a vehicle from interstate proved interesting but finally all was completed, with the assistance of Alec McKernan, and Juliet became a member of the CACMC family. She has since attended Wheels, Marques in the Park, Terribly British Day and other events as well as occasional short runs to keep her and her driver happy.

Juliet has not had any major work done since purchase but maintenance has included replacing the alternator, shock absorbers, master cylinder and engine mounts, as well as seals, bushes, hoses etc.

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Thank you to CACMC for naming Juliet as the winner of the Mal Mason Award for Vehicle of the Year, 2008-09.

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Shortly after acquiring the car someone told me that a Jaguar was 'the working man's car'. When I tried to correct this by pointing out that the Jag is a very up-market vehicle, it was explained to me that this title was because one was always working on it!

Jaguars do not leak oil – they mark their territory!



## **THREE MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**

The 8th Annual Jim Bruce Memorial Three Mountain Challenge  
(Canberra day long weekend)

**SUNDAY 7th of March 2010**

**Assemble from 9.30 am Car park Russell Offices  
for tea /coffee and a biscuit (Supplied)**

Leave for Mt Ainslie Black Mountain-Red Hill 10.00 am

Late BBQ lunch supplied (a \$5.00pp cost will apply) and  
Perpetual trophy award at La Trobe Park Deakin  
(Suggest bring own table and chairs.)

Entry fee \$15 per vehicle, includes medallion.

For Medallion to be ordered please indicate intent to attend to  
Denis Harding (02) 62814497 or Malcolm Noad  
[mnoad@tycoint.com](mailto:mnoad@tycoint.com) or 62350545

**By 1st March 2010**

The Challenge is open to all Morris Vehicles owners and  
enthusiasts

It is not necessary to own a Morris vehicle to enter the challenge  
All Makes Welcome

The challenge is an annual event in memory of the late Jim Bruce  
the owner of a Morris (Bullnose) Cowley who said it was a challenge  
for the two wheel brake Bullnose to climb and descend Canberra's  
mountains.

Entrants to this event take part solely and absolutely at their own  
discretion and risk and expressly acknowledge  
and agree that no member of the Morris Owners group Canberra Region  
whether jointly or severally shall be in  
any way liable for any happening or incident by omission or commission  
before during or after the event.

## ELECTRIC CARS AND BIKES IN CANBERRA OCTOBER 2009

### Telsa Roadster

Pure Electric 0-60 mph in 3.9 seconds 244 miles per charge - carbon fibre body

How it works? When you build a car that's electric, you start with one built-in advantage: Electric cars just don't have to be as complex mechanically as the car you're probably driving now. Sophisticated electronics and software take the place of the pounds and pounds of machinery required to introduce a spark and ignite the fuel that powers an internal combustion engine.

For example, the typical four-cylinder engine of a conventional car comprises over a hundred moving parts. By comparison, the motor of the Tesla Roadster has just one: the rotor. So there's less weight to drive around and fewer parts that could break or wear down over time.

The Tesla Roadster's elegantly designed power train consists of just the four main components. Mind you, these aren't "off-the-shelf" components, and each includes innovations, both small and large, but when you build a car from the ground up, you have the luxury of questioning every assumption - and to distill as you reinvent.

### Performance specifications as of summer 2008

**Style:** 2 speed, open top, rear drive sports car

**Drivetrain:** single speed fixed gear with electrically actuated parking lot mechanism and mechanical lubrication pump

**Motor:** 375 volt AC induction air-cooled electric motor with variable frequency drive. Output 248 horsepower (185kw) and 276 ft/lbs (375nm) of torque. Redline 14,000 rpm.

**Chassis:** resin-bonded and riveted extruded aluminium monoquogue. Four-wheel independent suspension featuring upper and lower length wishbones and co-axial coil spring telescopic dampers.

**Brakes:** hydraulically operated. Tandem master cylinder with vacuum servo and anti-lock braking system.

**Acceleration:** 0 to 96 5 km/h under 4 seconds

**Top speed:** 201 km / h (electronically limited)

**Range:** about 354 km (based on EPA combined city / highway cycle

**Battery life:** 5 years or 100,000 miles

**Battery:** custom microprocessor controlled lithium-ion battery with 6,831 lithium-iron cells.

Full charge: about 3.5 hours using the Tesla Motors High Power Connector.



### 1915 Detroit Electric

**Maker:** Anderson Electric Co. (USA)

**Voltage:** 84

**Batteries:** 14 x 6 Volt Lead Acid

**Location:** 4 front, 10 rear

**Controller:** solid state

**Steering:** tiller

**Speed:** 40kph

**Range:** about 70km

**Owner:** Bill Lloyd (Sydney)

042 874 3218

02 9874 3218

#### **History:**

1915 to 1951c Arthur Allen, Solicitor

1951 to 1956c Roy Doring, auto electrician, Rockdale

1956 to 1963 unknown Melbourne owner

1963 to 1989 Gilltrap's Museum, QLD

1989 to 1983 Paul Terry WA

1993 - present Bill Lloyd

**Missing:** old style volt / ammeter gauge







Hybrid  
Synergy Drive

The silver Toyota car with the bonnet up Rego - YFT 280.



Boy riding a child's electric scooter.



There are many adult electric scooters in China. In Suzhou, west of Shanghai, an electric scooter costs the equivalent of \$500 to \$600 and it can be charged overnight from a domestic power source. They are very quiet, so pedestrians on the roads have to be wary.

Thanks to Val Bland for this report.



## WHAT MEMBERS COLLECT THE MAGNETS

It all started when we were living in Washington DC and the kids put a few magnets on the fridge to hold drawings. Little by little the number grew with the addition of magnets from places we visited and then it was the football teams, baseball, basketball, a few more entertainment parks, cities etc, etc. After a few months, visitors began giving us a few more 'for the fridge' and they became little birthday gifts, Father's Day presents and Xmas sack fillers!

Not exactly an obsession but more a habit to pick one up now and then wherever we went. Within a few years the number had grown to about 1200 and then came the need to pack them up for the move home! Since then, we have added to the 'fridge' and also carted them around for the past 25 years on all our moves and they still raise a few eyebrows for our visitors.

I guess the collection is a part of the family now!

Cheers, Dave.



Well they don't take up as much room as old cars, do they? I thought I had quite a lot until I saw Dave and Jenny's fridge. Ed.

## COMMON CLEANERS CAN TURN INTO POISON GAS

Yep, I thought I was a goner this time! How simple it was to get in trouble. After seeing and reading so many warning labels, we tend to no longer pay them any heed. We buy chemicals and sprays at a local parts house and think "How can this be so bad, health-wise, if I'm buying it over the counter?" Here's how a small whiff of smoke almost dropped me where I stood.

I had a rush job to do welding four diesel tanks. I had to patch where they were pitted by road salt corrosion. Normally I spray a little carb cleaner on the spot I'm going to weld, wipe it off, and then preheat the area with an acetylene torch to get rid of any solvents. Where I normally get carb cleaner was sold out, so I got a can of brake cleaner and went through my regular routine. To be on the safe side, I even had the shop door open and the exhaust fan on.

I started TIG welding on Thursday afternoon and had no problems at first. But when I started welding across a really pitted area, I found a couple of drops of cleaner that were lurking in a deep dimple. As I came close to the cleaner, a small puff of white smoke popped up, and I almost passed out. I made it outside and sat for a while in the fresh air.

After about 10 minutes, I went to the office and sat at the computer to check the warnings on the brake cleaner can I used. That's when my whole left side started shaking for about 10 to 15 minutes. (I found out later I was having a seizure.)

When I was able to control myself again, I read the can's warning: "Vapours may decompose to harmful or fatal corrosive gases such as hydrogen chloride and possibly phosgene." After reading about hydrogen chloride, I started researching phosgene. The active chemical in the brake cleaner is tetrachloroethylene. When this chemical is exposed to excessive heat and the gas argon, which is used in MIG and TIG welding, it produces phosgene. Phosgene gas can be fatal with a dose as little as four parts per million: basically a single small puff of smoke. Symptoms can be delayed from six to 48 hours after exposure. There is no antidote for phosgene poisoning. If you do survive, the long-term effects can be chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

My breathing still was hard a few hours later, but I felt a little better, so I didn't go to a hospital. The chlorine taste and smell in my nose

and mouth were still strong. About midnight, I started coughing and my chest started hurting, but I thought that this would pass after a night's sleep. The next day (Friday), the symptoms got worse and my kidneys started hurting, so I drank a bunch of liquids and cranberry juice. For the next four days, I was constipated and only urinated a lot of clear fluid with no smell. Though sometimes I felt okay, I was really in a lot of pain on and off for the next several days, as well as weak and tired. Then my urine became very dark and smelt terrible.

By the next Monday, nine days after the poisoning, I lost all balance. I was confused and could hardly talk, so I finally went to the emergency room. My symptoms were low O2. I had to be on insulin to keep my sugar in check. Since there is no antidote for phosgene, all I could do was try to rest and hope I got better. After CT, MRI, EKG and EEG tests, as well as several blood tests, it looked like, at least for now, there is no permanent damage. However, the MRI showed fluid in my sinuses and a build-up of fluids near my brain. The phosgene scarred my sinuses, which then became infected. The three doctors I saw said I was really lucky to make it.

After four weeks, it appears that I may have emphysema and chronic bronchitis. I'm on nasal medicine and an inhaler. My sinuses are severely scarred, and my smell nerves are damaged. I still have that awful chlorine taste and smell. I may also have pancreas damage. The insulin that I was taking had little effect on my sugar levels, so I'm now on some stronger medicines.

So why am I telling you all this? I hope to save someone from an easily avoidable severe illness or even death. The cleaning sprays commonly found in thousands of bike shops across the country can be just as dangerous if improperly used. Read the labels and warnings! Look up the chemicals you use. Just because you got away with it before, doesn't mean you won't get in trouble the next time.

*This is a Safety Alert by Brew Dude in American Iron Magazine August 2009.*

*Thanks to Dave Rogers for providing the website.  
[www.brewracingframes.com](http://www.brewracingframes.com)*

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If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

## HOW IS YOUR MARQUE/BRAND NAME KNOWLEDGE?

A young man named .....Minor who was .....thin, and a well known .....player, went into company with the ..... brothers whose financial backer was that Alsatian ..... They went into the county of .....to see a concert featuring a famous operatic .....then at the .....of her career and who was accompanied by ..... It was a case of love at first sight. He compared her wisdom to the Goddess ..... and called her his little ..... He felt he had gained a .....when although it was .....she allowed him to take her home. He kissed her tenderly and said .....was as soft as rose petals. They were married in ..... Cathedral by Cardinal ..... , little baby carrying the train. All went well until.....the bride's dog was seen to .....his teeth at the .....The best man looked.....at the dog and had to .....The happy couple went.....to their home on.....Bay. Because the bridegroom had not a .....they could not a.....a Honeymoon although they had thought of going to .....

*From the Coota Hoota*

I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.  
 Everyone has a photographic memory, some just do not have film.  
 Honk if you love peace and quiet.  
 Thanks to Dick Rowe for these fillers.

## FUNNY SIGNS SPOTTED

At a car dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet—miss a car payment".

Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming".

Outside a Radiator Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

At a towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows".

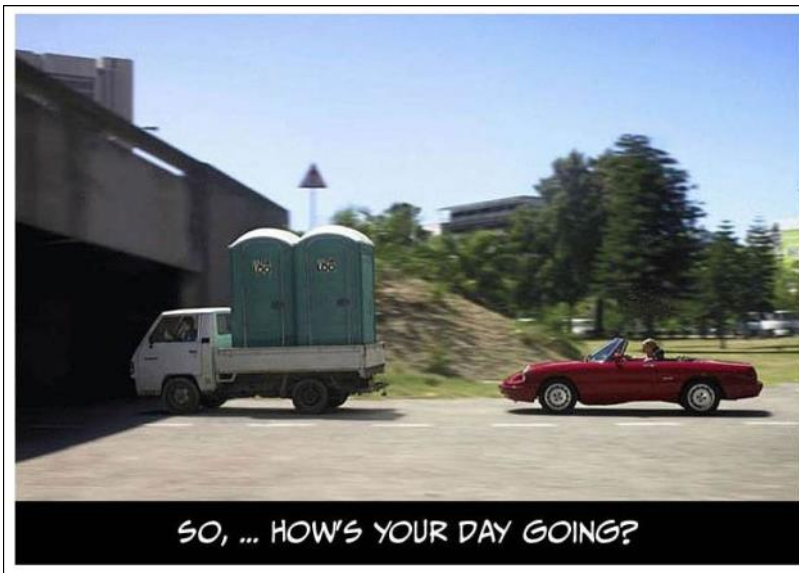
On an electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts".

On a plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed".

On a plumber's truck: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber".

On a tyre shop: "Invite us to your next blowout".

*Thanks to Dick Rowe*



## FOR SALE – OTHER CLUBS PLEASE COPY

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

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

**1965 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.



**1978 Mercedes 280E DOHC** Autp. Just out of ACT rego. Good overall appearance. \$1,400 Please call Richard Stubbs 6254 5968.

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1 Morris 2 Talbot 3 Rugby 4 Dodge 5 Bugatti 6 Essex 7 Singer  
8 Summit 9 Chrysler 10 Minerva 11 Star 12 Triumph 12 Willys  
Knight 14 Erskine 15 Bristol 16 Wolseley 17 Austin 18 Rover  
19 Nash 20 Paige 21 Crossley 22 Whippet 23 Overland 24 Hudson  
25 Bean 26 Ford 27 Plymouth.

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

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

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

**Rover 3500 Sedan**, 06/1976, very good condition, has minor electrical fault, drives very well, body, paint and interior in excellent condition. Two manuals included. Vin No 45330840E, Engine No 45122310D. Last fully road registered to June 2007. Currently unregistered. Asking \$1,800 ono. Phone Dean on 0428 624 917

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

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

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## PARTS FOR SALE OR WANTEDS

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

**Car safety stands**, large square base, pin type, safe working load 1200 kg per stand. 2 pairs for \$30. Phone Helen 6281 5209.

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

**MG ZA Magnette parts** including rolling body shell with all panels, plus starter motors, various gearbox parts, front and rear bumpers, steering racks, etc. Would like to see about \$200 for the lot but all offers considered. Will separate. Contact Bob Douglas on 02 6166 0259, mobile 0408 620 377, email bobdouglas@grapevine.com.au

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

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

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