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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 Followed by the AGM

Tuesday, 12 October 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.

#### CLUB EVENTS

Club runs are held each month, usually the Sunday after the general meeting. The October event is two day run to Thirlmere Railway Museum. See details on page 19.

#### **CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S VEHICLE TRAILER**

Bob Alexander 94 Redbox Place ROYALLA 6235 5845 (H)

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 November Colonial will be Friday 22 October for any last minute small notices. Anything big earlier please. Stories of your restoration or restorations in progress please. Tell us about any rally atended or swap meet visited. Helen.

#### APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

Laurie Burton

48 Davidson Street, HIGGINS ACT 2615

Phone: 6254 9334

1969 TVR Tuscan, original full rego YFG 02E 1978 Morgan +8, original on CRS HIS 357

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

October Alison and Bob Campbell-Stewart
November Alec McKernan and George Sturgess.

New list of volunteers starting from the January meeting is required. Please add your name at the next meeting or phone Clive Glover on 6161 3068. Clive has taken over from Graham Moore who we thank for his years of service. Graham is off to ride a bike around Europe.

#### 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.

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

#### MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

It is important to keep your 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 in November.

#### **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, 1948 Chevrolet Fleetmaster; another Mini and a Humber Vogue story from David Bennett; Notes from a Coachbuilders Workbook: Repairs and Renovations.

#### **Week Day Social Lunches**

Friday 1 October 12 noon and each first Friday, Retreads sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club Bistro, Woden.

**THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER** Retreads run to St Clements in Galong, an old restored monastery. Meet at the truck stop on the Barton Highway opposite Hall at 8.30 am. Arrive in Galong about 10.15 am for morning tea at 10.30, a tour of the building and cemetery, then lunch at noon, then a look around Galong before heading home. A very informative tour and great lunch is promised. Costs: Tour \$5, morning tea \$5, lunch \$22.

If you wish to attend the St Clements run please advise Alec no later than 12 October as they need numbers for catering.

This date is not a mistake, Fridays are booked out by bus groups so Retreads will go on Thursday for October.

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 Acting Secretary Graham Waite if you know of anyone who could use a cheer-up card.

#### Sympathy

Our sympathy to Dennis Morris and family on the death of their beloved Margaret suddenly on 31 August. I will run a tribute to Margaret next month so if anyone would like to contribute with words/photos, I would love to hear from you.

#### **Thanks**

I don't know whether I should say thanks for electing me again!! It has been an effort this month to get the Colonial out on time as I have had two lots of visitors for Floriade etc.

Cheers ... Helen

## DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER 2010

**Present:** 47 members Apologies: 5 members

**Opening:** The President opened the meeting at 8:03 pm and welcomed all members and visitors to the General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone for coming out in the wet yet again.

**Visitors:** Mark Saunders - 1936 Nash that is now owned by his 13 year old son, Josh. Mark also listed a group of modified cars that he owns including a 57 Chev, T-Ford Roadster, 53 Cougar and a 51 Ford Victoria.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:Printed in "The Colonial".

Moved Ken Walker. Seconded Jim Clough. Carried.

**Business Arising: Nil** 

**Correspondence:** 

Out: Sympathy cards In: 30 Magazines

11 Renewals and one Membership returned

CRA Investments

American Car Classics 2011

Queanbeyan Swap Meet and American Car Nationals

Invoice HHS for July and August (\$137.50 each)

Daimler Mascot for sale (Tas) Cootamundra's 31st birthday Yass Celebration of Community

TCIS Insurance - policy renewal due 01 Oct 10

Auction Port Macquarie CBA Merchant Fee statement Thank you from Ann Kinsella

Book on FJ Holden by Don Loffler a promotion

Invitation to the opening of the Cotter Dam Discovery Trail

Return of Colonial MB Classic Newcastle

Moved Graham Moore, seconded Clive Castles that the correspondence

be accepted. Carried. Business Arising: Nil

**President's Report:** Daniel said he would give a full report in the AGM.

**Vice President:** Graham thanked Paul Flint for bringing in a good PA for the evening to be trialled. He also thanked Dave Rogers for the "Canberra Torque" magazines available to members on the front table and Dick Rowe for some American Car Magazines that are also available for members.

Badge Draw: Ellen Waite.

Run Prize: Di Smart & Dick Rowe.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob made statements available to members. Balance \$5399.66. There are 34 memberships still due. Large expense this month for repairs to the Club car trailer. Moved Bob Judd, seconded Graham Bigg, Carried.

**Events Director:** Ken Walker gave details of the run to Googong Dam & London Bridge - September 19.

John Senior gave details for the run to Thirlmere Railway Museum - 16 & 17 October. Details are in the Colonial. Various places providing accommodation were listed.

November 21 - Marques in the Park now on at John Knight Memorial Park in Belconnen.

John thanked everyone for their help during his reign as Events Director.

Raffle: Roger Phillips

Editor: All is well.

**Supper Co-ordinator:** Graham thanked tonight's helpers. He will be away for some time in 2011 and so will need a new co-ordinator.

**Registrar:** Bob reported on a one inquiry and 15 vehicles being checked for Historic Registration. He also detailed the repairs done to the car trailer.

**Librarian:** Jack said all was well and that he was stepping down from the librarian's position.

Waine Summerfield thanked Jack for his many years of service to the club.

**Membership Secretary:** Joe Vavra asked that members provide him with their renewal details if they have not provided them with their payment for membership as accurate details are required for a new Register of Members.

**Shop Manager:** Joe reported that CACMC banners were selling well and several were still available for \$15.

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

**Council Delegate:** Graham Bigg reported that Marques in the Park was back on at the John Knight Memorial Park. He talked about the NSW Fair Trading review of the Motor Vehicle Repair Act. Details are on their web site.

Publishing Committee: Phil reported all was well.

**General Business:** Mark Butterfield reported that 4 CACMC cars would be travelling to Rydal for their Daffodil Festival.

Vin Liston presented the bound edition of "The Colonials for 09/10". He thanked Paul Flint for providing the coloured copies of the Colonial to make the new edition quite special. Vin was thanked for his presentation to the Club.

Waine Summerfield talked about the recent passing of Margaret Morris. He highlighted the contribution that she and Dennis had made to the Club. He encouraged members to contact Dennis in order to support him at this time.

Waine Summerfield presented the <u>Hard Luck Trophy</u> to Phil Donoghue.

Bob Alexander presented the <u>Restoration of the Year Post 1945</u> to Lee Gaynor. He congratulated Lee on the great job he had done in restoring the Chrysler Valiant Charger.

Brian Carswell reported that be had purchased a 1954 Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire from Cooma and asked for offers of help with pre selector gearboxes.

**Closure:** The President closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Roger Amos Minute Secretary

#### MONTHLY CLUB RUN SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2010

#### NEWS FLASH - LONDON BRIDGE IS NOT FALLING DOWN

Well not the one near Burra, wonder if we could sell it to the Americans! Well they did buy the UK London Bridge thinking it was Tower Bridge. It was another great run with a few visitors with Morris Minors.

It was good to see the variety of cars in attendance from Ken and Jeanettes's A40 Sports to Roger and Barbara's Chevrolet Impala. We even had the Club President, Daniel and his better half, Petra on his motorbike. Members met at Spotlight in Queanbeyan, funny there weren't many ladies there when I arrived just a group of men chatting away, should have known they were in Spotlight. At 10.30 we headed first to Googong Dam – still not full but a lot more water in it than when I visited it previously. I didn't get much of a chance to look as John de la Torre who had been following me pointed out my exhaust was waving in the breeze. Rear rubber support had sheared and taken the next support along with it.

Now this is one of the things I like about car clubs, within minutes offers of help flowed in. John got out what wire he had but then Pat McCulloch a person well versed in country ways located some fence wire and proceeded to cut a spare bit off with the loan of my pliers. Billie de Graaf then took over and secured the pipe. As everyone would expect from any work Billie does the repair held the exhaust securely regardless of us going over a fair bit of dirt and potholed road. I'm almost tempted to leave the wire there as it won't give like a lot of the exhaust hangers. Thanks John, Billie and Pat and to all others for your help or offers of help.

After Googong we headed to London Bridge, for those who haven't seen it, it's a bridge hewn out by the elements over Burra Creek. I should have had Ken write this bit as he would have given me the full geological description of it's formation and even the type of rock involved. We had lunch first then a walk down to the creek under the bridge. A lot of water through recently as all the reeds were lying down. It was a pleasant walk down as long as you avoided the wombat burrows and a steep walk back. It saved us going to the gym that afternoon.

It was a great day for a run. The sun shone but there was also a nice cool breeze for the walk. We did about 70 miles on the run although it

would have been shorter if I hadn't turned towards Burra - still I'd never been there.

Thanks to the CACMC for letting other Club's members join in and to the events team for their work. Thanks Jan for the hamburger and for whoever cooked them, Kay and I both enjoyed them. I'd like to give a special thank you to Ken for organising a run where I can pronounce the place names.

Gerry and Kay Walker

#### LIST OF ATTENDEES

1.		Clive Glover
2.		1940 Chev John Senior
۷.		1956 Humber SS
3.	Ken & Jeanette Walker	1952 A40 Austin Sports
4.	Alec McKernan	1962 Volvo 122S
5.	Clive Castles	1962 Volvo 122S
6.	Jan & David Wyatt	1971 Fairlane
7.	Daniel & Petra Wyatt	Modern motorcycle
8.	Colin Robertson	1950 Wolseley 6/80
9.	Lee Gaynor	1975 Charger
10.		1970 Mercedes
11.	Graham Bigg	1954 TR Z
12.	Willem de Graaf	1954 TR Z
13.	Brian McKay	1930 A Model Ford
14.		1962 Vauxhall Cresta
15.	Alan & Gail Boate	1944 Jeep
16.	Helen Phillips	1967 HR Holden
17.	Dennis & Neil Morris	1955 Dodge
18.	Wes & Pat McCulloch	1966 Alfa Giulia
19.	Roger & Barbara Phillips	1959 Chevvy
20.	Darren & Alison Goff	1962 Morris Minor
21.	Oliver & Rod Williams	1965 Morris Minor
	Anne & Chris Coates	1961 Morris Minor
23.		Robert Smith Saarinen
		and children
		1976 Charger
24	Anne & Ray Gallagher	1959 Austin A60

Yes, thanks Ken for organising this event. Ken Walker and Brian McKay worked for Bureau of Mineral Resources as did Billie de Graaf who worked on their offices. They deferred to Ken to examine rocks

Graham Bigg and Billie de Graaf in Graham's recently restored TR Z.





Slightly more water in Googong Dam.

Some of the cars at Googong Dam with Roger Phillips in foreground



Another view of some of the cars at Googong Dam





Securing Gerry's exhaust.

London Bridge with some of the members walking along the top.



## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2010

President Daniel Wyatt opened the meeting at 8.51pm and welcomed everyone.

**Present:** 47 members **Apologies** 5 members

**Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**: The minutes as printed in the Colonial were accepted. Moved Joe Micallef, seconded Waine Summerfield.

There was no business arising.

#### President's Report—Daniel Wyatt:

Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

Firstly I would like to thank you all for the opportunity that has been given to me for the past year as President of the club. The position has provided challenges that I have not experienced before, but like to think that I have handled in a appropriate manner.

Words cannot express how my job has been made so much easier with the assistance of the Management Committee. We all know who they are and I thank them from the bottom of my heart!

We have had a fantastic year with many events that have been both interesting and eventful. We made the decision to facelift the BBQ trailer and many thanks go to all people concerned with that project.

We have a great year ahead of us with the running of Wheels 2011, which will give us a great opportunity to showcase the club, something we can all be proud of..

I won't carry on any more but I will say if the members of the club wish to have me as President in the coming twelve months, I will be happy to be re-elected.

Thanks once again to all who make this club what it is. Many small oil cans make one big machine that runs well. Thank you

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Judd delivered his report and tabled the Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report. Copies were available for members. Graham Moore moved that they be accepted, seconded Clive Castles, Carried.

**Election of office Bearers:** President Daniel declared all positions vacant and invited Life Member Waine Summerfield to take the chair.

The following members were elected.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Daniel Wyatt	Helen Phillips	Bob Judd
Vice President	Graham Waite	Joe Micallef	David Wyatt
Treasurer	Bob Judd	Daniel Wyatt	Bob Alexander
Secretary	Gerry Walker	Joe Micallef	Graham Waite
Editor	Helen Phillips	Joe Micallef	John Senior
Librarian	Joe Micallef	Gerry Walker	Graham Waite
Shop Manager	Joe Micallef	Gerry Walker	Graham Waite
Information Officer	Mark Butterfield	Helen Phillips	Tony Fry
Council Delegate	Graham Bigg	Graham Gittins	Jim Clough
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<b>Events Committee</b>	David Wyatt	Gerry Walker	Graham Moore
<b>Events Committee</b>	Phil Donoghoe	Helen Phillips	Joe Micallef
Events Committee	Clive Glover	Daniel Wyatt	John de la Torre
<b>Events Committee</b>	Val Bland	Graham Moore	Graham Bigg
Events Committee	Brian Mckay	Waine Summerfield	Roger Phillips
Events Committee	Jan Wyatt	David Wyatt	Tony Fry
Minute Secretary	Vacant		

#### Appointments:

Public Officer	Bob Judd
Registrar	Bob Alexander
Webmaster	Tony Chilman
Publishing Committee	Phil Donoghue, David Wyatt, Jan Wyatt, John de la Torre
Supper Co-ordinator	Clive Glover
Auditor	Gail Boate

Waine Summerfield congratulated all the new appointees and asked that members consider volunteering to take the minutes for the General Meetings.

Daniel Wyatt returned to the chair and thanked Waine for conducting the elections and thanked and congratulated all the newly elected members. He said he was looking forward to another great year.

Daniel closed the AGM at 9.20 pm.

Roger Amos, Minute Secretary

#### EASTERN CREEK CLASSIC VEHICLE DISPLAY

The Shannons Eastern Creek Classic vehicle display in August celebrated its 46th annual event with the largest number of vehicles on display yet. More than 1800 vehicles travelled to Eastern Creek Raceway from Newcastle, Blue Mountains, the NSW South Coast and Canberra to help the Council of Motor Clubs (Sydney) celebrate the occasion.

Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club was represented by Bob Alexander, Graham Bigg and Graham Gittins who took the Canberra Pie Cart. They were joined by Joe Micallef and Vin Liston in Joe's MGB GT and Claude Favretto in his Cadillac.

CMC Secretary Terry Thompson said the 2010 display attracted the biggest number of veteran, vintage and classic vehicles on record.

A unique feature of the event is that every vehicle is allowed to do a parade lap around the race circuit.

The pit garages are rented to a variety of traders with die cast models, books, magazines and restoration supplies offered for sale.

For a bird's eye view of the display the Sydney Bus and Truck Museum had a number of their single and double decker buses offering rides around the circuit for a gold coin donation.

The museum has now relocated from its home at the Tempe depot to the Leichhardt depot and will be re-opened before Christmas.

The Canberra Pie Cart was given a prime site and attracted a great deal of attention from car club members and members of the public.

After lunch it was time to load the pie cart back on to the trailer and head back to Canberra. It was decided that the pie car would lead the way with the MGB GT and the Cadillac following.

The small convoy pulled into the Pheasants Nest service station to refuel. Claude came around to the diesel pump to get a photo of Bob's Chevrolet tow vehicle being refuelled. Shortly after the convoy departed the service station Claude realised he had not paid for his fuel and had to turn around and travel back to settle his account and apologise for driving away without paying.

As Bob Alexander commented "It must have been a senior's moment".

Thanks to Graham Gittins

Photos were in September Colonial.



CLASSIC YASS is an event put together by three local Yass Valley groups—the Yass Antique Motor Club, the YASSarts 'Arts Trail' and the Yass Red Cross Open Gardens. Initiated in 2009, the outcome was so successful that in 2010 we decided to give it a name! More than anything, CLASSIC YASS is a great celebration of community.

Yass Celebration of Heritage Motoring Saturday 6 November YASSarts 'Arts Trail' Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th November Yass Red Cross Open Gardens Sunday 7 November.

## **Extract from LETTER FROM GREG SNAPE, President Yass Antique Motor Club Inc**

"On behalf of the Yass Antique Motor Club, I would like to invite you to attend the fifth "Celebration of Heritage Motoring" which will be held on Saturday November 6th, 2010.

Joining in this year, just a short stroll from Banjo Paterson Park, will be the Antique Farm Machinery display and the Yass Railway Museum. With the Chamber of Commerce now involved, many of the local business houses will be joining in. The other huge attraction adjoining the park will be the Rotary Billy Cart Derby, which will provide plenty of action for the young and young at heart!

At our main event on Saturday the Banjo Paterson Park, we will again have the fabulous Sydney band "The Hips" to entertain us throughout the morning and early afternoon while you stroll amongst our "Motor Show" style display of heritage vehicles. As in previous years, entry is free and a complimentary morning tea will be provided to all entrants who complete and return their entry form before closing date. Bring your own picnic or enjoy the Bar-B-Q and International Food Stalls that will be available at lunch time.

Also, as in previous years, we would like to encourage drivers and passengers of vehicles to dress in period costume to go with their vehicle. Doing this will not only put you in the running for the major prize, but also adds to the heritage atmosphere of the day.

For those wishing to make full weekend of the event, on Saturday night we have a 60's theme dance at the Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall and Sunday will be a pleasant drive taking in some of the venues of the Arts Trail and Open Gardens with morning tea and lunch available.

Details and entry forms are on the website at: www.classicyass.com "

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Did you see the article in the Chronicle of September 7 about the 'eco' racer built by Lake Tuggeranong College students with our member Alan Boate, who is their metal technology teacher, involved.

Also member Barbara Phillips had a feature on her Fiat Bambino in the Canberra Times. She says she told the reporter she is a member of CACMC but they chose not to print that.

**THANKS** to my daughter Debbie who spent three hours with me reworking the Colonial to a format to meet the new printer's needs.

## OCTOBER CLUB RUN Saturday & Sunday 16 & 17 October 2010 Thirlmere Rail Heritage Museum

#### Saturday 16th 09.00 Depart BP Service Station, Watson roundabout, Federal Highway 10.30 Marulan Roadhouse to regroup and have coffee 11.15 12.00 Mittagong regroup for lunch then visit local shops 13.30 14 15 Wirrimbirra Flora & Fauna Sanctuary regroup and 16.00 sightseeing. \$2 coin donation each. Overnight accommodation and activities dependant on location. Historic Picton walking tour and visit local shops. Choice of dining.

#### Sunday 17th

Depart overnight accommodation for Rail Heritage Museum at Thirlmere which opens at 9 am. Entry \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 children (5-16).

Ladies might wish to spend some time at the inaugural Thirlmere Markets not far from Museum.

Those members wishing to make this a one day trip should meet up with rest of group at the Rail Heritage Museum, say by 10 am.

Depart Museum at leisure or as a group for return home via Buxton, Balmoral, Hill Top and Hume freeway. Check out the sculpture "Human Endeavour" between Balmoral and Hill Top.

#### Suggested accommodation:

**Bargo Motor Inn** 11 rooms only from \$89 to \$135, all ground floor. Stand alone motel adjacent to Sports Club but car parking is separate. Cars parked outside motel rooms.

**Tahmoor Motel** 13 rooms from \$85 incl continental breakfast, all ground floor. Is part of Tahmoor Inn complex, parking is outside motel room but adjacent to Inn car park.

White Waratah Holiday Retreat has 25 spacious rooms but is more expensive. Restaurant on site.

Make your own accommodation bookings. Enquiries to John Senior on 6238 0471

#### **CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2010-2011**

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Oct 16 Oct 17	John Senior 6238 0471	One or two day run as you please. Those who choose one day can meet at Thirlmere Railway Museum on Sunday. See page 19
Nov 21		IT'S BACK ON AGAIN hosted by Canberra Rod & Kustom Klub 10 am to 3 pm at John Knight Park, Belconnen, entrance through Lake Ginninderra College car park. Coffee, cold drinks and food stall on site.
Dec 19		ТВА
Jan 16		Twilight run.
Feb 13		ТВА
Mar 27		Shannons Wheels display day.

#### **EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010**

Oct 17	Hedley 6862 3656	Parkes Swap
Oct 24	Alec McKernan 6286 1046	Binalong Motor Museum open day 10 am—3pm
Oct 31	0428 697105 (AH)	Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC.
Nov 6		Yass Antique Motor Club 5th Celebration of Heritage Motoring from 10 am Banjo Paterson Park
Nov 6		French Car Day 3 pm—7 pm at Telopea Park High School, New South Wales Cres, Barton.
Nov 6-7	Karl 0427 23960 Lesley 44212140	Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club 40th birthday in Nowra area.
Nov 7	Ron 9772 3785 Keith 9625 0594	All Chrysler Day at Fairfield Showground. All entrant vehicles \$20 each by 15 October. www.allchryslerday.com
Nov 13-14		Bendigo Swap Meet

EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS 2010-2011

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Nov 14		Ute, Van and Truck Muster at Canberra Country Music Festival at EPIC.
Nov 18-21	Tim Goyer 4844 7016	3rd National Tractor Trek & Heritage Rally, Taralga NSW. Tractors, steam engines, cars, bikes, antique machinery. www. tractortrek2010.com
Nov 20-21	Chris Reeks 0407 299 008	Snowy Mountains Touring Classic. www.coomacarclub.com.au
Sat Nov 27	Michael Lindfield 6286 4747	Tuggeranong Festival in the Town Park. Theme "Blooming British and Fancy French".
Nov 27-28	Brett 6241 5413	Mopar Rumble at Sydney Dragway: Drags, dyno and a Show'n'Shine. A new event by 'The Regals Mopar Car Club'
Dec 5	Mike Arnold 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.
Feb 6	Gwen Livingstone 0428 421 039 Ken Smith 02 6942 1197	The Cootamundra Wattle Time Rally is in recess for 2011, instead there is a 31st birthday run at Jugiong Park near swimming pool starting 10 am ModelA@bigpond.com
Feb 11-12		Gnoo Blas Classic, Orange
Mar 13	Debbie Sibbick 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 vehicles appreciated.
Apr 3		Shannons American Car Classics at Qbn Showgrounds

## THE STORY OF MY CAR - JIM & RHONDA CLOUGH 1936 CHRYSLER AIRSTREAM C8 SEDAN

Our 1936 Chrysler Airstream C8 has been a Club car for quite some time being in the hands of Albert Neuss for a number of years before passing into our hands in May 2001. Albert has continued his interest in the car, helping out with repairs and servicing on a number of occasions. Not having any great mechanical abilities I have relied on numerous more skilled people to keep the car running. I thus have a good idea of who the reliable tradespeople and generous Club members are.

Early problems were a leaking radiator, some difficulty in starting and problems in hot weather. The first was easily corrected by Albert, while the second has been improved over time by a variety of measures. The basic problem is that of a large (four and a half litres) engine and a six volt battery. The overheating may still be a problem, but more about that later.

NRMA Membership has also been a good investment in terms of making sure we have returned home safely. However, the numerous problems have not stopped us from participating in some of the longer and more adventurous Club runs.

The first of these in March 2002, was the Tassie tour. This was without problems until we reached Orbost on the second last day of the trip. The brakes failed completely as we were entering Orbost. Fortunately we were on a quiet street and we coasted to a stop outside the local NRMA garage. Diagnosed as a faulty master cylinder we opted to return home on a tilt tray. Hardcore Brakes restored the master cylinder and brakes have not been a problem since.

The next major trip was through the Victorian High country in March 2003, but this ended for the Chrysler at Williamsdale when a piston ring broke. The NRMA and Albert came to the rescue again. We continued in the Pajero.

Coonabarabran was the furthest point of our next two week trip in March 2004. Some overheating problems were the only inconvenience on this run. September 04 was the Chrysler Restorers run to Geelong in company with Lee Gaynor and Dennis Morris. Despite Fitting three new tyres before setting out this could be subtitled the 'tyres tour', with the first tyre delaminating before Yass, and further problems on the way. With one arm in a sling I relied heavily on Lee and Dennis.

Three more new tyres at Geelong meant a trouble free trip home.

In March 2005 we set off for the Southern Tablelands tour. Not far past Goulburn the Chrysler failed to proceed. Despite much help from other tour members we had to call the NRMA and be delivered home on a tilt tray. When we reached home the car started easily and we drove it into the garage. Overheating seems to have been the problem. Peter Toet kindly used his 'patented' reverse flush system to clear the tubes, and Grant from Braddon Dyno Tune checked out the motor. At this point it was running beautifully.

In January 2006 we went to Motorfest. A great day and a great drive. We drove from the centre of Sydney home in a shade under four hours. As well as these longer runs the Chrysler participated in many local runs, largely without problems.

By this stage the bodywork was beginning to show its age, so in January 08 it was taken to Mark Oliver's for a major refurbishment. Mark did a first class job in dismantling the car, panel beating, painting and reassembling the car. While it was dismantled we sent the gearbox to Old Car Gearboxes in Melbourne for the box and overdrive to be refurbished. Roger Amos and Phil Donoghoe helped refit this. When all else failed, Ray Gallagher used his 'patented' device to pressure bleed the brakes.

The most difficult task in this restoration was carried out by that master of precision engineering Joe Micallef. He converted a door handle which did not have a locking mechanism, but which matched the other three, into a matching lockable handle. A number of locksmiths had shaken their heads aggressively when asked if they could do that.

The repair of some diecast pieces and all the chroming was carried out by the guys at Electro Plating. Steve and Damien at the Battery Terminal fitted the new wiring harness and various other bits. Scott Rubber in Melbourne supplied most of the rubbers and bailey channel.

Of course I had been monitoring progress over all the time it was with Mark, but I was absolutely staggered by how pristine the Chrysler looked when I collected it in November 2009. Mark had done a wonderful job on what was his first major restoration of an older vehicle. He sure loves his work.

The car was running quite well considering it had been off the road for almost two years, but prior to making another trip to Motorfest I took

it back to Grant for a tune. The result was we sailed down to Sydney. Unfortunately, on the return journey, about one third of the way home it began to cough and splutter. It settled down, but these incidents increased in frequency. The likely cause was overheating, not of the engine, but of the electrical petrol pump. Wrapping it with a wet cloth helped, but it refused to start again after spluttering to a stop about 5 kms from home. A very helpful NRMA serviceman agreed with my diagnosis. I had been reluctant to keep cranking the motor as we had been using the headlights for some time, but after a cooling off spell, tried again, and away we went.

After this, I fitted an additional electric pump, this time an electronic one, and there have been no further problems.

Another major test has been the recent Tumut/Bright run. This involved navigating three of the highest roads in Australia, the Tumut - Cooma run with the climb from Talbingo, over Mt. Hotham to Bright, and from Corryong to Jindabyne via Thredbo. The challenge here were the steep descents rather than the steep climbs, but judicious use of low gears kept us safe.

The only problem was some difficulty in starting on a cold morning in Bright. As always the club members came to the rescue. Thanks all.

I don't doubt that more problems will arise, but that solutions will be found and we will continue to be able to enjoy our Chrysler for many years.

Thanks to the Club for providing the opportunity for many enjoyable outings and for recognising the excellent craftsmanship so many people contributed to restoring our chariot.





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#### **INVENTIONS AND FIRSTS**

#### Windscreen wipers 1911

Windscreen wipers were invented by Prince Henry of Russia and fitted to a Benz which he drove from Hamburg to England in July 1911. It was a rubber wiper operated by hand.

The first manufactured wipers were the 'Gabreal' operated by pulling a string, while the earliest automated wipers were on the 1916 Willy's Knight (USA).

First electric wipers were the Berksline produced in the USA in 1923.

#### Aluminum bodywork 1902

Aluminum was first used on an car body in 1902, it was designed by Ferdinand Charles for King Leopold of Belgium..

The body panels and wings were made of aluminum.

One of earliest cars to offer an all-aluminum body as standard was the Napier 9hp built in late in 1902.

#### Radial tyres 1949

The 1949 Michelin X was the first steel cord radial tyre fitted to a Citroen Traction Avent.

#### Pneumatic tyres 1895

The first four-wheeled car to run on pneumatic tyres was the Peugeot 'L Ectair' which was run by the Michelin Brothers on the Paris-Bordeaux -Paris event in July 1895.

Within 730 miles a total of 22 spare tubes were fitted.

#### Disc brakes 1952

Modern types of disc brakes by Dunlop were fitted to the Jaguar entries in the 1952 Mille Megria. They were used on the C-type that won Le Mans in 1952.

#### Power steering 1903

The earliest example of power steering can be found on the 1903 Columbia Motor Truck built-in the USA - which was powered by an electric motor.

Power steering was fitted to a Pierce Arrow in 1926.

Hydraulic power assisted steering to be offered on a mass produced car as an option was on the 1951 Chrysler Imperial.

Cadillac was the first car manufacturer to adopt power steering as standard on its range .

#### Air conditioning 1938

In 1938 American car manufacturer NASH was one of the first to offer a primitive form of air-conditioning known as 'weather eye.'

#### Fuel injection 1952

The first series of production car to benefit from fuel injection was the revolutionary tubular framed Mercedes Benz 300 SL 'Gullwing.'

The Gullwing spearheaded Mercedes triumphant return to post was competition including victory in the 1952 Le Mans - the 3 litre straightsix engine with Bosch fuel injector provided the muscle which made their feat possible.

#### First 4 wheel drive—Australian

The first 4wd Australian vehicle was built in 1907 for a Caldwell Valem by young Adelaide engineer Tenin Caldwell, who invented a transmission system by which power could be equally divided between the four wheels of the vehicle.

The principle was applied to several cars, trucks and tractors, built in Auburn a Sydney suburb .

#### First V8 engine 1903

French designer Clement Ader was said to have installed the first telephone lines in France.

The first Ader cars ran in 1902 Paris-Vienna race and the Paris-Madrid event in 1903.

Ader entered seven cars, including three V8s which were basically a pair of four-cylinder engines mated together.

All the cars got as far as Bordeaux before the race was stopped.

The first V8 to go into series production was the 1910, 6.1 litre de Dion Bouton CL.

#### All independent suspension 1914

The first production car to have all independent suspension was the 1914 Cornelian built by the Blood Bothers of Kalamazoo, Michigan USA.

A racing version was driven by Louis Chevrolet in 1915.

During World War 11 the Daimler Company of Coventry produced independent sprung armored cars.

#### Four wheel drive 1895

The first 4wd 'car' was the 1895 Coffrey steam carriage which had an independent steam engine driving each wheel.

The first petrol driven 4wd car was the vast 8.7 litre Spyker racing cart built in 1902 in the Netherlands.

It was also the first car to have brakes fitted on all four wheels.

First 4wd car to go into series production was the 3.5 litre six-cylinder GAZ.6 built in the USSA in 1941.

#### Anti-lock brakes 1966

The 1967 Jensen FF included the first anti-lock braking system for cars, developed by Dunlop and known as Maxoret.

#### **Electric windows 1946**

The stately Daimler DE36 built between 1946 and 1953 was the first production car to be fitted with electric windows as standard.

#### Electric headlights

An *Autocar* correspondent claimed in 1904 he had fitted his car with an electric lamp powered by a six-cell 48 amp, 12 volt accumulator.

The first company to produce headlights in quantity was the Polkey Automobile Electric Lighting Syndicate Ltd of Birmingham in the summer of 1908.

The first British production model with headlamps faired into the wings was the 1939 Series E Morris Eight

#### Aluminum wheels 1924

Ettore Bugatti's most successful racing car Type 35 Bugatti was also one of the first cars to run on cast aluminum wheels.

Its debut was not a success- due to faulty tyres - but it went on to win the 1926 world title.

Thanks to Graham Gittins

#### Stop Press: a useful product for your classic car's gearbox

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**Brett Goyne** 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Accommodation at Boorowa Blue Metal Motel is limited so intending participants should book early. The motels telephone number is: 02 6285 3186 and mention the Morris Owners Group when booking.

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http://www.chryslerclub.org/PNW\_2010.html

Thanks to Dick Rowe

**Catalogue** received from GOODSON Tools and Supplies for Engine Builders. www.goodson.com Check it out at a meeting if interested.

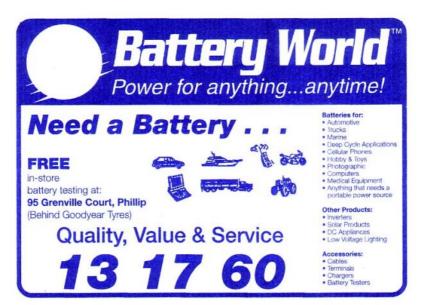
#### **LUCAS PARTS**

Dave Rogers has provided a list of sites for Lucas parts Here is the Lucas 400e catalogue broken into sections, scanned and ocr'd so you can do part number and text searches.

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