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The Annual Club Dinner

Is on SATURDAY July 8th at
The Kangaroo Football Club,
Stuart Street , Queanbeyan
commencing at 7PM.

Music by “Murrumbidgee” Bush Band
*Members and friends are invited
to make up a table and enjoy
a great night out.*

Tickets are available from Secretary,
Maree Burke, Phone 6297 7763
Or Treas. Garry Hatch, Ph. 6297 4647
\$25.00 members, \$30.00 non members
and children \$10.00.

*At the dinner we will announce our
“Club Person of the Year”
And other interesting awards.
Please join us for a great night
of fun a fellowship.*

Don't Forget !

Members are reminded that they must give our Registrar,
John Corbett, a copy of their registration paper when re-
newing the registration on their conditionally registered
vehicle!

As reported in the most recent issue of 'The Wheel', I sneaked away to Paris for a few weeks. I'd received an invitation from the Renault club in France, to attend their celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the release of the 4CV and the 50th anniversary of the release of the Dauphine. It was one of those 'too good to pass up, once in a lifetime' opportunities – and Pauline kindly agreed to let me sneak away to it by myself. I won't go on further about my trip here, as I'll be giving a talk about it at our next meeting.

Of course, things are starting to get to the 'busy' end of the Club's year. Our next major event will be our Club Dinner on 8 July. Max and his enthusiastic team have put together what promises to be an excellent evening at the Kangaroo Football Club. For only \$25, members will receive a three course meal and music from the bush band "Murrumbidgee". The full price for attendance is \$30, but the Committee felt that the Club should give a discount to members in appreciation of your support through the year. We strongly encourage you to bring your friends along to make a group for the evening: why not make up a table? ***But note that you will need to book at our next meeting on 4 July.***

That leads to the next current issue. Memberships are again due, as of 30 June. After considerable thought, the Committee agreed that we will keep the membership fees at the current level. Unlike almost everything else, they have not increased in the past few years, meaning we have been able to achieve an effective reduction in the relative cost of membership fees. This issue of 'The Wheel' should contain details of how to pay your fees through the internet, if that is more convenient for you – ***but if you make the payment in this way, do be certain to identify that it is yours: 'anonymous' payments could be treated as donations, leaving you still unfinancial!***

After we get into the new Club Year, from 1 July, we're well on the way to our AGM in August. By definition, all Committee positions will be declared open for election – in the case of the President, our Constitution limits the holder to no more than two consecutive years office, so this job is definitely becoming vacant! May I encourage all of you to start thinking NOW about standing for a position on the Committee?

Safe and happy heritage motoring.

George

*SOUTHERN TABLELANDS HERITAGE AUTOMOTIVE RESTORERS
CLUB INC . GENERAL MEETING 6th June 2006*

Held at GIRL GUIDES' HALL QUEANBEYAN, NSW.

Meeting Commenced: 8.10pm

Attendance:

Apologies: Albert Neuss, Ron Smith, Paul & Belinda Hogarth-Boyd, Ian McLeish

Visitors: Joe Vavra and wife Maureen from Canberra Antique Motor Car Club.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes distributed, accepted by Pauline Cook seconded by Krystyna McLeish.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Smoke alarms that are on the Girl Guides' wish list: Allan Stanley advised that smoke alarms are not required unless someone is sleeping in the hall; however that does happen from time to time.

Allan & Gloria Stanley kindly offered to donate a battery smoke alarm.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at 2/05/06 \$5,580.75, Income: \$ 157.80. Less Expenditure: Nil

Balance as at 06/06/2006 \$ 5,738.55

Moved by Garry Hatch and seconded by Gordon Reid, Motion Carried

Correspondence in

7 newsletters from various Clubs.

Invitation to participate in the Queanbeyan Show on the 18th 19th Nov. 2006.

Max 10 cars with only drivers admitted free! Passengers to pay entry at the gate.

Invitation from the Albury/Wodonga City to hold a car club event in their City.

Bank statement from Snowy Mountains Credit Union.

Minutes from Council of Heritage Motor Club Annual General Meeting held in Goulburn on the 14th April 2006. Plus affiliation fee reminder.

Payment of the DVD of \$50.00 also overdue.

Photos of John Herman's Trans Am for sale, to be advertised in the Club Mag. Newsletter 'Bush Telegraph'. (CHMC)

Cheques for Membership renewal from John & Mary Mathias.

Tax invoice totalling \$88.00 for internet Domain name renewal notice stharc.org.au)

Correspondence out: Nil

Editors Report:

Rhonda advised anything she receives after the 20th of the month for publication in the "Wheel" will have to wait until next issue, because of prod. constraints.

Events Report:

Max advised that the run to Mount Stromlo & the Girl Guides' fete at Government House both went well, with Rhonda Winnett winning the major raffle at the Guides' fete.

Next run will be to the Australian War memorial Via Sutton on 18th June.

Annual Dinner Tickets are now available members \$25.00 Visitors \$30.00 and Children \$10.00.

Ron Scattergood suggested Max talk to Queanbeyan Show Committee (Dawn

Mayne) regarding the entry fee.

Max handed over to Pam Corbett who thanked members who took part in the surprise lunch/run for Ron Smith at Tarago last week end. Pam & John received the beloved “Bonny” (Ron Smith’s Ford Pilot) which is now entrusted at 7 Lilly Place. A big THANK YOU was extended to all.

Les Warren asked if “The Battle of Waterloo” was on the same day as our run to the War Memorial. George Cook to follow up to find out if this is the case.

Registrar Report: By John Corbett

This month there were four renewals and one new rego for Maureen Scattergood’s 1970 Triumph.

Guest Speaker

Joe Vavra gave a very interesting talk on his trip to England to be part of the Austin Centenary last year. Joe also passed around memorabilia and a medallion that he was presented whilst there.

General business

It was asked if the mail from the RTA (re the trailer) could be sent to the Club PO Box. Maree advised this was raised some time ago and we were advised that we had to have the address where the trailer was garaged, not a PO Box. Pam requested it be looked into again keeping the address at Bob Cannon’s but with correspondence to go to PO Box.

John Thomas suggested if possible could the story of the month that appears on the “Club Magazine” also be included on the Web Site. George advised that, if Rhonda emails it to him, he would most certainly include it.

Discussion took place on the purchase of a TV/Video player for the Club use.

Concerns of how viable this would be if the video broke then so did the TV.

Allan Boyd to measure up for shelving in the storage room.

The Girl Guide “wish list” was raised and Alan advised his chain saw was sharp and ready to go.

Pam asked if any members had contacts regarding the purchase and laying of Vinyl in the kitchen area at the club house.

Max requested Cheque for \$165.00 as deposit for the Hall

Christine Boyd suggested that the T-Shirts of various sizes be kept in stock. Sizes ranging from small to extra large and stored at the club house. Moved by Alan Stanley with all members agreed that this should go ahead. Garry asked about the stock already on order - Allan Boyd will follow this up.

Weekend of 18th August: John Cornwell asked members if they preferred a day run or overnight run to Mittagong and asked for a show of hands on preferences.

Rhonda Winnett asked if George would be our Guest speaker at next months meeting to speak about his Paris/Renault trip,

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Next General Meeting: 4th July 2006

Next Executive Meeting: 18th July 2006

Our next Outing will be on Sunday 16th July when we join with Goulburn H&CCC for Christmas in July at



Our Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 4th July at 8PM. When our “Guest” Speaker will be President George. Who will tell us about the 50 year Renault celebrations in Paris.

Happy Birthday for June!

Anne Scattergood, Krystina McLeish, Ian McLeish, Warren Cochrane, Les Warren, Ray Turner

COVER PHOTO

John Thomas' beaut 'new' 1940 Chev Ute, nearing completion, read all about it on page 9.

My Chev Ute

By John Thomas

It appears that our honorable editor is running short of stories about our 'pride and joys' that we own. So, I will write a 90% story (as the Chev Ute is only 90% finished.)

In 1995 I spotted this vehicle, sitting forlornly in a shed at a friend's place (Barry Boyce). I had finished restoring my truck and there was no projects going. After many weeks of sleepless nights of 'will I? or won't I purchase this vehicle?' I took the plunge.



A good deal was struck.

After a few weeks of ownership when I was about to start the project, along came an offer of a Holden which I couldn't resist. The poor Chev went back into storage. The Holden was finished in about 12 months, so back to the Chev! *Wrong again* - I was next offered a Chamberlain tractor (the ultimate in real tractors), so I bought it and it became my number one priority to restore.

I had in the mean time lost a bit of interest in the Chev as the Holden had become 'the pride of the fleet'. The Chev had no meaning to me, personally, until my 'young', 70 year old uncle came to stay with us. When he spotted the Chev, he showed a lot of interest in it and he told me that my grandfather had had exactly the same model Ute, on the farm near Wooragee (near Beechworth). That was the turning point. My uncle told me that it was my grandfather's pride and joy and exactly the same colour as his.

The restoration started in 1998 & I thought I would be finished in two years! The more I probed the more rust I found; *even the chassis rails had white ants in them*. I had to sit down & work out a plan on how to attack this job. First I pulled the body off and started the mechanicals. The general running gear was in pretty good shape. The chassis took a bit of repairing but came up well. Now the nightmare - ***the body***. I looked at it and fiddled with it a bit, but it was beyond me. My luck turned when my younger daughter introduced me to her new boyfriend, she whispered to me that he was a *panel beater*- 'was he any good to us?' I could not believe my ears. I told her that she could bring him around as often as she likes (providing he does some work on the Ute). He did a lot of work and broke the back of the rust repair work. In the mean time Barry Boyce asked me, how the work was coming along? I answered, '*What is the next question?*'

After moving house and joining the STHARC car club, the panel beating improved as a certain Mr. Cornwell came to my assistance. This poor guy was sorry he offered his help as nine months later he had fixed all my amateur attempts at panel beating and he had spray painted and polished it. Before he left after each working session he used to say 'Don't *!*#! *!*#! touch anything!!!! or you will stuff it all up again!!!' I must say they were memorable working sessions with lots of laughter and cussing.

I have just finished all the electrical wiring, fitting windscreens, windows and chrome work. The seating was upholstered as a birthday



and Christmas present from my wife with the help of the Cornwells, who snuck out while I was away & took it to the upholsterer. Our son gave me some money for my Christmas & birthday too which I put towards the last work I have done, on the interior lining & upholstery. My thanks goes to Barry Boyce for helping me move the car. I am also impressed with the work of the young upholsterer, Phil Rainbird, from Capital Automotive Upholstery in Hume. I would certainly recommend him to others. The tray area has yet to be fitted out.

The last 10% will be firing it up & taking it over the pits for rego. I will then be able to take another quality G.M. product on future rallies.

Specifications.

1940 Chevrolet Utility. Manufactured by General Motors Holden in Australia.

Very scarce because of the small number produced during World War 2.

6 cylinder, 29.4 horsepower,





DO YOU REMEMBER.....

When petrol was 35 cents a gallon and every ones dream car was a '57 Holden? No one ever asked where the car keys were because they were always in the car, in the ignition and the doors were never locked? Do you remember reel to reel tape recorders? washtub wringers, meccano sets, conversation lollies, drive-ins, cork pop guns, metal ice cube trays with levers, playing cards in the spokes which transformed any bike into a motor cycle, taking drugs meant orange flavoured chewable aspirin and water balloons were the ultimate weapon, and reading The Famous Five, Secret Seven, Biggles, The Lone Ranger and Phantom comics? If you can remember most or all of these, then you have lived!!!!

A woman walks into a Ferrari dealership. She browses around, then spots the car of her dreams and walks over to inspect it. As she bends to feel the fine leather upholstery, a small fart escapes her. Extremely embarrassed, she looks around, nervously to see if anyone has noticed her little accident and hopes that a sales person doesn't pop up right now. But as she turns back, there standing next to her is a salesman. "Good Morning, Madam, how may we help you today?" Very Uncomfortably, she asks, "Sir what price is this lovely vehicle?" He answers, Madam, I'm afraid I can't say.....If you passed wind just from touching it, your going to have a dreadful accident when you hear the price!

Overheard in a Car Park before one of the Club runs.
The wife asked the husband, "What do you want to be today, the navigator or the driver? Because you're NOT being both".

Don't Forget! Our Registrar, John Corbett, needs to see YOUR Log Book before the Annual General Meeting!!!!!!!!

Fortcoming STHARC

July	4	July Meeting at Clubhouse	
July	8	STHARC Annual Dinner and Awards. Kangaroo Club. 7PM	
July	16	Christmas in July at Crookwell by invitation from Goulburn H.&C.C.C. \$22 pp.	Max DeOliver
July	23	Gundaroo-Gunning-Collector BBQ supplied at small cost	Allan Boyd
Aug.	1	Annual General Meeting at Clubhouse	
Aug.	19	Berrima Bowral weekend run book accommodation at Caravan Park	John Cornwell
Sept.		Mystery Run.	
Oct.	28	Uniting Church Fete display	
Nov.		Weekend run to Merimbula/Pambula via Bombala combining with The Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club	

More details of Next Month's. Club runs are included on other pages.

Other Events, Swap Meets and Runs

July	16	All French Car Day	Silverwater Park	
July	16	Christmas in July at Crookwell	Goulburn Historic and Classic Car club.	Bruce Walker 4821 8594
July	23	Liverpool Swap Meet	Fairfield City Showground	
July	30	John Grannall Memorial Charity Day Car Show 9am	Canberra Hospital Markets	Steve 04110736 578
Aug.	19-20	VCCA NSW Rally	Southern Highlands	
Aug.	20	All British Day	Kings School Nth Parramatta	
Sept.	15	HSRCA Historic Racing	Wakefield Park Goulburn	
Sept.	22-25	National Chevrolet Festival	Merimbula	
Nov.	19	Marques in the Park 06	John Knight Park. Belconnen	
Nov.	19	Morris Minor Birthday Bash	Penrith Showground	
Dec.	3	Terribly British Day	Old Parliament House Lawns	
April	6-9 2007	Austins Over Australia	Canberra	Joe Vavra 02 6289 6851

For information on upcoming events please contact the Events Director or the nominated contact. In case of bad weather or act of God an event may be cancelled, if in doubt please contact the Events Contact.



“Mum, Mum,” said James Corbett, “Uncle Ron, He swore, and it wasn’t just the “f” word.....”

‘BONNIE’S TARAGO RUN on Sunday 4th June

Ron Smith, thinking that he was just taking his beloved “Bonnie”, the 1948 Ford Pilot for a run to Tarago, drove around the corner and saw the magnificent lineup of club cars, lying in wait to join Ron on this

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very special run.. Nephew, James Corbett, passenger in “Bonnie” was privy to Ron’s first reaction on this unexpected sight, and the club members were privileged to show one of the Club’s foundation members this mark of respect.

“Bonnie” is a beautiful blue Ford Pilot that Ron lovingly restored from a wreck. She was a star attraction in an armed robbery in her earlier life in Newcastle, even coming complete with bullet holes when Ron found her and decided to bring “Bonnie” (of Bonnie and Clyde fame) back to her former glory.

On extremely short notice, with the assistance of emails & numerous phone calls, the club rolled out with probably the biggest lineup this year, with 17 plus Classics, a few moderns and a “new” 1951 BSA 650 motorcycle that member Cory Spratford had recently traded in at his business Joe’s Motorcycles.



Corey Spratford and Grace Corbett, ready for a test run.

Alan Boyd was frequently seen drooling over the BSA and shaking his head in disbelief that someone would part with it. Corey was cheerfully copping the ribbing about having the hide to sell the poor fellow a Yamaha, especially in exchange for the BSA. Allan told Corey that he should be ashamed of himself.

The rest of the club didn't agree, with Corey kept busy biking a variety of passengers around the streets of Tarago. A roster of passengers was later organised with Grace and James Corbett and Felicity Spratford seen swapping helmets, coats and gloves on the return trip from Tarago to Queanbeyan.



This looks like secret Ford business for Terry & Graham whilst the Holden and the Austin owners are on the outer!

The day started well for one local Ford Fairlane owner. Parked in the main street of Bungendore, the locals were privileged to see Graham Bates 1957 Ford Mainline Ute jump starting Terry Davis's 1960 Ford Fairlane. Probably only a Ford could possibly start another Ford. Of course, there was no trouble with the British vehicles. Sincere thanks to everyone who turned up on such short notice.

Maureen Scattergood

(And **James Corbett** – your Mum said that if she hears you use any of Uncle Ron’s words You’ll be grounded for a month!!.)

Attendees.

Benita & Brian Thomas.....	Holden
Garry Hatch.....	Ford Prefect
Hugh Spencer & Bev Lang.....	Mercedes
Albert & Fay Neuss.....	Chrysler
Graham Bates.....	Mainline Ute
Maureen Scattergood.....	Austin Maxi
Terry Davis.....	Ford
John & Rhonda Winnett.....	Austin Cambridge
Ian & Chrystina McLeish.....	Mercedes
John & Ronda Cornwell.....	FJ Holden
Max DeOliver & Maree Burke.....	Morris Minor
Jody Thomas.....	Austin Healey Sprite
John Corbett.....	Ford Anglia
Allan & Chris Boyd.....	Volkswagen Beetle
Corey Spratford.....	1951 BSA Motor Bike
Warren Cochrane.....	Holden Ute
Tracy & Felicity Spratford.....	Modern
Pam & Grace Corbett.....	Modern



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By Allan & Chris Boyd

* **Ron Smith** from Goulburn thought he was taking a test run in his Ford Pilot, 'Bonnie', to Tarago and return with nephew James and friend Ken. On arrival in Tarago Ron found nearly twenty other STHARC members and their vehicles waiting at Tarago to greet him!!! "Can't go anywhere without someone checking up on you"!!! Ron was heard to mutter.

* In the above STHARC event, **Warren Cochrane** arrived in his Holden. Warren was asked what's this? A country Ute without a Blue Heeler in the back!

* **Jodie Thomas** arrived in her neat little yellow AHX with the roof up, what's this can't take a bit of cold weather!

* **Max de Oliver** was 'sussing' out a rumour that there was a mini moke in a shed at Tarago. Whilst **Warren** was seen looking over some fences in Tarago to check out if there were any Holden lurking in a shed or two!

* **Ron and Anne Scattergood** didn't make it to Tarago as they were attending a clearance sale around Dubbo somewhere! What can we expect to see in the Scattergood collection?

* **Corey Spratford** arrived on a newly acquired BSA Gold Flash A10 with son as pillion. Cory said the Beesa was trade in at his business; hard to believe someone traded a 51 A10 for a Yamaha!

* **Ian McLeish** was chauffer driven to Tarago by wife Krystina in their Merc. Ian is recovering from a knee replacement operation and has progressed from a wheel chair to crutches and now only a walking stick. Keep up the physio Ian.

* Also, Ian and Krystina were travelling to Sydney the following Wednesday to take delivery of their new "First" motor home. Sorry Ian, but Krystina is going to have the first drive!

* **John & Rhonda Winnett's** granddaughter, Madeleine, and Chris Hillbrick-Boyd's grandson, Michael, were found to attend the same school in Wanniasa, ACT.

* **Neville Smith** of Goulburn (another of Pam Corbett's brothers) has recently purchased a classic model VW Kombi Kamper Van from the 1960s era.

* Welcome back to **John Winnett** after recent hospitalisation and two operations. John was seen rugged up against the cold weather at Tarago.

* Also back from a recent illness was **Faye Neuss** being chauffer driven by hubbie **Albert** in their beautiful 1940 Chrysler.

*I've found an item in the local 'Braidwood Times' this week, with a very muddy photo, saying that **Alan Stanley** who is Captain of the Krawaree Rural Fire Brigade has been made a Life Member. Congratulations Allan!

*On a more serious note our condolences to **the Smith/Corbett** families who were advised of the death of their sister/Aunt (Merle, younger sister to Pam's mum, Dot) on the very morning of the Tarago run. I'm sure all STHARC members send their sympathies.

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Come Join us on Our Outings!

On Sunday 16th we will be traveling to Crookwell
To join the Goulburn Historic & Classic Car Club
(meeting in Goulburn at the Park)

For a Christmas in July Celebration.

This will be held in a lovely warm atmosphere and
the cost is \$22.00 each.

Meet at Super Cheap Car Park at 8.30 for 9AM.

Phone Max DeOliver on 6297 7763 With any questions.

Gundaroo-Gunning-Collector run on July 23

Meet at 9.30 at Super Cheap Car Park

BBQ supplied at a small cost

Allan Boyd phone 6297 6014

The August Run will be to Mittagong on 19 and 20.

This will be an overnight event.

John Cornwell is arranging a great weekend.

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(they are holding cabins for us)

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