



# The Wheel



Lawrie and Jane Nock  
1960 S2 Bentley

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Club Meetings are held at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Girl Guide Hall, Erin Street, Queanbeyan.

Contributions should be submitted **by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month** for the following month's issue. Articles covering events, members' experiences, automotive/mechanical items or photographs welcomed. Photos will be

returned. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject or modify any section of any article that has been submitted for publication.

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## Club Notices

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday 1st June** - Starting at 8pm  
Girl Guide Hall Erin St Queanbeyan

Please bring a plate for supper to share. All welcome a little bit earlier for a cuppa and a catchup

**Committee Meeting—Tuesday 15th June 8pm**

### Next Events

3rd June - Broken Hill run

20th June—Battle of Waterloo

11th July—Garage Crawl—Fernleigh and Burra area

### After Meeting Speaker June

Steve Cole will speak at the June meeting on a recent visit to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC. The NASM is the home to the worlds most impressive collection of aircraft and spacecraft.

Some museum highlights include:

- "Spirit of St Louis" that Charles Lindberg flew across the Atlantic in 1927,
- "Glamorous Glennis", the Bell X1 that Chuck Yeager took through the sound barrier in 1947,
- the Gemini spacecraft that carried Alan Shepard into space in 1961
- the Apollo 11 Command Module that took Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins to the moon in 1969
- The prototype space Shuttle "Endeavour"

Come along and see a collection of photos and videos of this fantastic museum with its collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft.

Car relevance - all of the airmen and astronauts drove their airfields in cars (err - I think!)

### After Meeting Speaker July

Richard and Libby Myers have recently returned from a trip to France. Amongst the many attractions of Paris, a few hours were spent admiring the amazing variety of vehicles on display at the REIMS Museum. Most of the cars were not seen in Australia. Also some photos of the extensive motor bike and pedal car collection for those interested in something a little bit different on wheels.

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

**Held 4 May 2010 at Guide Hall,  
Queanbeyan**

**Meeting Commenced:** 8.05 p.m.

**Members Present: 20, Apologies: 8  
Visitors: 0**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Accepted as issued in The Wheel, with amendment to correct date. Moved: Anne Scattergood, Seconded: Jane Nock. Carried.

### **Correspondence In:**

Invite to Festival of Braidwood 1 May  
Beechworth drive back in time dinner  
dance invite 1 May, Hoota Coota April  
10, Service 1 cheque book, Service 1  
statement Mar 10

Invite to and brochures for the Australian  
Motorlife Museum at Wollongong

Drive Chatter Apr 10

ACT MCC - Bike torque newsletter  
Apr 10, CACMC The Colonial Apr 10  
PO Box invoice 31Mar reminder notice

Gundagai AMC The Crank Handle  
Apr 10, Yass AMC invite to Mothers  
Day run 9 May 10

Request for car advertisement - Dianne  
Wilkes

Eurobodalla CVMC newsletter Apr 10  
Minutes of 2010 CHMC NSW meeting  
2 Apr 10, Invite to EH Holden Easter  
2011 in Canberra

Thank you letter - Snowy Hydro  
Southcare for open day participation  
Certificate of Appreciation - SHS open

day participation  
STHARC website invoice for domain  
name

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

**President's Report:** Lawrie Nock welcomed members to the meeting. He discussed the club run to Elm Grove with the ACT Heritage Council. 20-30 members and families from the Chinese Embassy attended. It was a great run to an interesting property. On the following day the Club participated in the show event at the Sutton Road Training Centre. This was well attended by the Club but poorly attended by the public. There was a good range of trucks on display. Many thanks to those who attended. Last Sunday's Braidwood Heritage show was attended by 5 cars and members from the club. It was a great day with great weather.

Lawrie informed members that Maureen will be unable to continue in the Editors job next year, and so the Club needs to find someone to do this important job for the club. It is very rewarding but requires commitment. Steve has also indicated he will not be able to continue in the job as Secretary so this position will be vacant too. Steve has indicated he would like to swap to the Website manager position and to upgrade and expand the site.

Lawrie also asked members to consider people for the position of club

member of the year and to enter nominations this week.

The dinner dance is on Saturday week. We need final numbers to the caterer and to secure the Jerrabomberra Hall. Ron Scattergood has tickets.

**Treasurer's Report: Brian Thomas** reported that the bank account balance is approximately \$4399 in working account, and a total of \$9459 including the investment account. Some bills require payment including \$66 for printing the newsletter to Ron Scattergood and \$88 for the domain registration fee (2 yrs), and Ray Mallam \$28.99 for tie down straps for the trailer. Payment approval was moved by Steve Cole, Seconded by John Thomas. Carried.

The fees will remain at \$45 for next year. It is recommended that payments be sent to the Treasurer at the PO Box. A reminder notice will be placed in the next newsletter –

**Action: Maureen.**

**Registrar's Report.** John reported that there were 4 member renewals and a new car – HQ Station Wagon for Jeff Gill, which used to belong to his father-in-law

**Public Officer's Report.** Nil to report.

**Property Officers' Report:** Ray Mallam reported that the usual items were for sale. Ray also discussed the improvements made to the trailer, with the BBQ now on pull out rollers to

improve fire safety. There is also a pair of overhead racks to carry the marquees etc. The Committee expressed their thanks to Allan Boyd for his work in modifying the trailer.

**Editor's Report: Ron Scattergood** indicated we are now a few months ahead for cover articles, but need more smaller articles of interest. Please pass items to Maureen for inclusion.

**Events Director's Report: Ron Scattergood** discussed the dinner dance in two weeks and that tickets are on sale tonight. We have budgeted for 80 starters but have only half this number so far.

The Broken Hill run is going ahead on 3 June with 10 starters. The run will include a side trip to White cliffs where we will meet up with the local car club for a tour of the town. The run will cover over 2000 km in 10 days.

There will be a run for kids with cancer in February and it might be nice for the Club to support it.

The upcoming Nimmitabel run is being led by Jannie Brown on Saturday 22 May and it will include a tour of the school and police museum. We will depart the clubhouse at 0800 and arrive by 1000. Lunch will be \$15 and \$5 for tea or coffee. Please contact Jannie on 0417 380 703 or 6238 1594.

Please note that the Collector Pumpkin Festival is cancelled.

Webmaster: Lawrie done some work

on the site with the aid of his son, and has changed some of the event information so it is more topical. Lawrie's son will continue to get it functional prior to handover to Steve Cole.

### **General Business:**

Ron Scattergood volunteered to speak to some of his collection of car photos as Steve Cole was incapacitated. Steve has volunteered to give a talk on his visit to the National Air and space Museum in Washington DC at the June meeting.

A display will be in place at the Queanbeyan Government building for National Heritage week.

Ron moved that money be made available to pay for the Bond for the Jerrabomberra Hall, for the musician (\$200) and for the trophies for presentation at the dinner. This was moved by Jane Nock, seconded by Ron Scattergood, Carried.

**Special Occasions:** none volunteered.

**Raffle:** A car cover was raffled, drawn by Hugh Spencer and won by Ray Malm.

**After dinner speaker.** Ron Scattergood gave an excellent presentation on some of his collection of photos of cars from various trips dating back some 20-30 years. The presentation was very interesting and it was good to see so many photos of historic cars, especially ones rarely seen these days. Many thanks Ron.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:00p.m.

**NEXT MEETING :** 1<sup>st</sup> June at the Guide Hall.



## **BROKEN HILL - 3RD JUNE TO APPROX 15TH JUNE**

The run to Broken Hill is to the stage of booking accommodation. A number of the venues have limited accommodation due to other events being held in the town on the same day we will be there, so if you have been considering joining us on the trip out to Broken Hill, then please contact Ron immediately so accommodation can be organised.

We leave on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and will travel via Wagga, Lockhart, Echuca, Swan Hill, Mildura to Broken Hill taking four days to get there. One of the main attractions of the Murray River are the Paddle steamers, so a ride on one of these

classic old boats is definitely on the “to do” list. Three days has been allocated to tour in and around Broken Hill including making contact with the local car club. Broken Hill is a very interesting city and few tourists leave without wishing they had some more time to see other attractions here.

Then on to Wilcannia and White Cliffs where the local car club (yes, White Cliffs, population of 200 has a vintage car club) has promised us a night BBQ and a conducted tour of the town.

From there its on to Cobar, West Wyalong and home. In all should be away about 12 days.

If you like the sound of the trip, its not too late to join in. Cars old and new welcome. Contact Ron Scattergood 62363219

## **GARAGE CRAWL Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

This will be a garage crawl based on Fernleigh Park and the Burra area.

First call is scheduled to Chris Forsey's property at Fernleigh. Chris's shed is always worth a call, it changes all the time. Our last visit was several years ago and since then two Alvis have arrived, his Jensen Interceptor is worth a look and Chris also has a surprise package to show us. He won't say what it is but is apparently one of only nine ever to come to Australia.

Next is the Burra Park for lunch where the club trailer will be waiting to cook your BYO meat.

After lunch a visit to the Scattergood's property “Burravale” to inspect the ever changing array of period trucks which are brought in to prevent them being scrapped . Vehicles have been sent all over Australia and several to New Zealand to get them into the restoration movement.

Last call is a non vehicle site. This is to inspect a gentleman's dream that he has built. There won't be too many gents that won't want to take this shed home. At this spot, afternoon tea will be provided by the lady of the dream. She insists.

It is proposed that we meet at the Guide hall at 10 am, have a quick morning tea in the hall before leaving around 10.30 for the Forsey property. Lunch at Burra Park about 12.15.

After lunch it is about 4 km to Burravale and our final “garage” is also near Burravale. All in all it looks like an interesting day. Your attendance is recommended.

## Braidwood Heritage Festival

Chris Forsey

Well, what a great day out! I'm talking about the Braidwood Heritage Festival on Saturday 1 May 2010. STHARC and the MG Car Club Canberra were invited to participate in the parade – and it was loads of fun!

STHARC had late notice of an invitation to participate, and so maybe its not surprising that cars lining up at the Girl Guides hall



on Saturday morning were small in number – well, just one.

Lawrie and Jane Nock had polished up their '73 Corniche and set off as planned, up the Bungendore Road at 9.30am.

Unbeknown to them, I had decided to join the run in my '69 Jensen Interceptor, accompanied by TR enthusiast Chris Gallagher (who had left his TR4 in the garage but was happy to ride in the Jensen). I was waiting near Spot-Light for the convoy of STHARC vehicles to motor on by, and luckily I didn't blink as the Nock's flew by in the Rolls.

I soon caught up to them and the two fine cars from Britain, both sporting maroon paintwork (and engines in excess of 6 litres!), made a handsome pair as we made rapid progress along the Kings Highway towards Braidwood. After a short



stop in Bungendore we headed further up the highway, only to find Norm Betts stranded with a leaky water jacket in his '34 Buick. Norm quickly fixed the car, and spare water was supplied from both the Rolls and Jensen to top up the radiator of the Buick.





We soon made it to Braidwood and were joined by Charlie Adams in his '39 Nash and Brian Thomas in his '64 Holden Premier. Marshalling for the street parade com-

menced at around 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start, so we had plenty of time to wander around the street market and inspect the fabulous stationary engine display by the Moruya Antique Tractor and Machinery Association.

Participants in the street parade included the Rural Fire Service, the Country Women's Association, dancing girls (average age - about 6 year old...!), tractors, a horse drawn Landau carriage, and of course the cars. The MGs were plentiful in number and, along with some vintage cars and vehicles from STHARC, we were well received by the people of Braidwood.

The main street was closed during the course of the parade and we meandered up the hill to sounds of clapping and cheering from the crowds. The Jensen with its raucous Chrysler V8 engine got some special attention from various 14 year old boys who were giving me the 'light-em-up' signal, referring to the desire to hear a burnout (not that I would do such a thing...!).

After the parade, STHARC vehicles lined up in the park and drew a lot of attention from passers by. Once again this was a great promotional exercise for the club – and good fun!





## **STHARC CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

It is that time of the year again when the membership subscriptions to STHARC are due.

The membership fee remains the same at

\$45 for continuing members

\$50 for new members

Please pay your subs to our Treasurer Brian Thomas at the June meeting or post in to our mailbox

PO Box 1420, Queanbeyan NSW 2610

Please note that if you have a concessionally registered vehicle, the cart is unregistered (and uninsured) unless you are a financial member of the club.

Our Club Registrar is required to keep a copy of all registration papers for our Club's concessionally registered vehicles, so please give John Corbett a copy of your rego papers as soon as you renew the registration



## STHARC Items Available

The following items are available for sale at our monthly meetings.

Please let our property officers **Ray and Barbara Mallam** at a meeting or on phone **6230 3663** if you would like to buy or try on any items.

There are items for both Summer and Winter, so have a look at what is available.

All clothing is embroidered with the STHARC logo.



Polo T-shirts	\$35
Good sun protection Broad brimmed Hat	\$18
Peaked Cap	\$18
For your car a Must should be a Metal Badge	\$27
Plastic Car Badge	\$8
STHARC keyring	\$11
Club name bars to suit the new CRS number plates - pair for cars	\$18
Club name bars to suit the new CRS number plates – single for bikes	\$9
Polar fleece pullover – adult	\$42
Polar fleece vest – adult	\$32
Polar fleece pullover – children	\$32
Two-in-one jacket (new to our range)	\$75



## **Annual Dinner Dance – the event that was then wasn't then was**

Lawrie Nock

The club's annual dinner dance presentation event was scheduled for Saturday evening 15 May. Last year's event was held at Jerrabomberra Community Hall. Many of those who attended were happy with the venue and the facilities it offered so it was decided to try for the same venue again this year.

In keeping with what seems to be a club tradition, the Events Director had about half the number of participants needed to make the event viable just two weeks out from the due date. After making telephone calls to as many people as he could contact, by the preceding Sunday, he had managed to round up less than 50 of the 80 participants needed to make the event a viable proposition. After a quick round of consultations it was decided that the club should not risk a loss of the magnitude anticipated and the event at Jerrabomberra was cancelled.

Mindful of the fact that many members had kept Saturday afternoon and evening clear so they could prepare the venue and attend the dinner dance, the Committee decided that a social get together for those who had lined up for the event was a good idea. Ray and Barbara Malam kindly offered to host a BBQ at their property at Sutton. Ron made another round of telephone calls to advise participants of the arrangements and it was left to Ray and Barbara to take over, which they did very nicely thank you very much.

The event kicked off about 3.00 pm. We had a spectacular late Autumn day with clear sky, no wind and no flies. Wine for an impromptu wine tasting was supplied by Greystanes Vineyard at Murrumbateman. This was very well received and commended by those who seem to know.

Before the sun set the temperature change drove most of those present under cover to the patio where a splendid spread of food accompanied by an upmarket range of BBQ kebabs and steaks awaited their fate – or was it fete. Anyway, whatever they were waiting for we took advantage of them and enjoyed doing so. First course was followed as it should be by second course of apple slice with custard and cream, without cream for the wimps looking after

their diets.

As the temperature dropped we moved into the house. The residual wine and the STHARC coloured pumpkins grown by Ray and Barbara, were raffled off in the free ticket raffle event. It was quite amusing to see how many people were negotiating to acquire one of the Turkish turban pumpkins to take home from those who had the fortune to have their number drawn.

A sleepover was looking very appealing until Ray pointed out that the dogs own the spot in front of the fire so we gradually trickled off to our own homes.

Many participants were very open about their satisfaction with the event. Instead of having a fall back position from the dinner dance the general consensus was that we had advanced to a much more enjoyable function.

Congratulations for this outcome must go to Ray and Barbara who elevated it an extremely enjoyable and most sociable event. I noted that throughout the afternoon/evening there were many members who went missing. Some such as Ray and John Corbett were visible at the BBQ trailer. Others including many of the wives disappeared at times almost completely. I suspect that they were hiding in the kitchen doing things and we must thank all of the ancillary helpers for their input also. The rest of the recognition goes to the participants who made it such an enjoyable event.

List of attendees:

Ray and Barbara Malam – hosts  
Ron, Anne and Maureen Scattergood  
Jannie Brown and her cousin, Allie

Brian and Benita Thomas  
Steve Cole  
Paul Anderson

John, Pam and Gracie Corbett and Georgia  
Lawrie and Jane Nock  
Hugh and Bev Spencer

Graeme Bates  
Ian and Krys McLeish  
Chris Forsey

Tim and Debra Cooper – Lawrie and Jane's friends  
Malcolm and Raelene Stewart  
Neddie and Marguerite, Malcolm's brother and his wife

	STHARC EVENTS		
<b>All STHARC runs start from the Qbn Girl Guides Hall Erin St Qbn unless otherwise indicated.</b>			
	2010	CONTACT	BB Q Trail er
June 3 –15	<b>Broken Hill Run</b> Travel via Wagga to the Murray River, Swan Hill, Broken Hill, Whitecliffs	Ron Scattergood 62363219 0458045589	No
June 20	<b>Battle of Waterloo</b> - all French and British vehicles on display—Patrick White Lawns 9am - 3pm	Barry McAdie 62584837	No
July 11	<b>Garage Crawl—Fernleigh Burra area</b>	Ron Scattergood 62363219 04580 45589	Yes
Jan 30 2011	<b>Bungendore Show</b>	Event Committee Show Secretary 62381687	

<b>Date</b>	<b>OTHER EVENTS 2009 – 2010</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>IN-VITE</b>
June 13	<b>Blast From the Past Motoring Expo</b> Aust Motorlife Museum Darkes Rd Kembla Grange		
August 7-8	<b>Newcastle Swap Meet Cessnock Showground</b>	Ray Redrup 49903160	
August 7-8	Golden Oldies Truck Show— Dubbo		
August 15-21	<b>Northern Rivers V&amp;VCar Club 50th Anniversary</b> 5 Day rally	Robert & Meryl Lovell 66219682	
<b>Sept 19</b>	<b>German Auto Day</b>		
<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Celebration of Heritage Motoring</b> Yass Antique Motor Club		Yes
<b>Nov 6 /7</b>	<b>Shoalhave Club 40th Birthday Rally</b>	Carl Geewohn 0427213960	
<b>Nov 20 -21</b>	<b>Snowy Mountains Touring Classic</b>	Chris Reeks 0407+ 299 008	Yes
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Marques in the Park</b>		

## JANE'S BENTLEY

Lawrie Nock

I have always liked old cars. They appeal to my pocket. The cost of new ones and the rapid loss of value in their early years are hard to deal with, so buying a good second hand one is looked at by people such as myself as a cost effective option. Coming from a motor business background



and having driven older cars for many years, I am already aware of some of the problems associated with reliability and repairs to older cars.

Our fellow club member Ian McLeish for many years had an old Chev in his shed. He then went out and joined STHARC. He seemed to be having a good time and regularly filled us in on his adventures.

Following my retirement I was having a lovely time settling into idleness. Jane was watching and didn't altogether approve of the direction of the flow. She announced that she wasn't ready to be living with a hermit and I thought "why should she – she already has me." That seemed to be her problem so she decided that we needed to get an external interest. Old cars and STHARC was an obvious choice as we already had a few friends in the club.

Ian regularly gets the cars for sale catalogues and there had always been desirables on the market. Unfortunately the most desirables always had price tags reflecting the desirability. Then one day he casually mentioned that there was a Rolls advertised for less than \$10,000. That seemed too cheap but it was worth looking into. I stupidly reasoned that if I was going to have to spend money to keep an old car on the road I might as well pay a little bit of a premium and go for the top shelf stuff.

We eventually found a Rolls advertised for under \$10,000 in Sydney. When we looked at it I thought it was quite nice but the dealer didn't and strongly advised me against buying it. Meanwhile Jane was snooping around the warehouse looking at the other cars. She wasn't looking at the E-Types or the Porsche or the Corniche drophead. She had her



sights set on a 1960 Bentley.

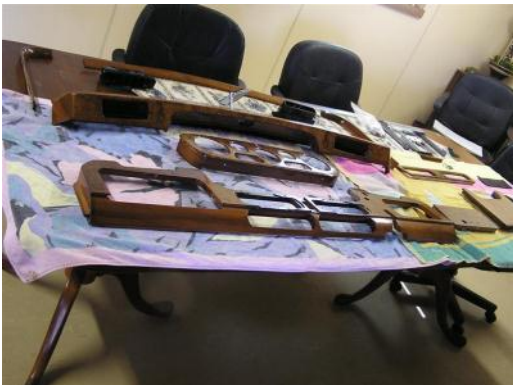
I started out with yes it is very pretty but we don't need the problems associated with a car of that age. Not good enough Lawrie. It was only a bit more than 3 times the price of what I came to look at but "it's the only car here that I really like" and "I can do the restoration work needed on the woodwork."



The dealer pointed out that when you drive this car it is a real attention grabber. Good one Charles, that's the last thing we actually need. He then proceeded to prove his point with a test run around Botany. Jane agreed that we didn't need a show car either which went down really well with me at the time. I didn't appreciate that it made no difference to the debate.

We took a few pictures and came home. A bit of ogling of the pictures back at home soon convinced us that this would indeed be a nice car to use so we committed to the purchase. At this stage we weren't even members of a car club so it languished at home for a while until we could arrange the historic registration.

The thing leaked like a sieve in the rain when we first encountered wet weather. Not much of a problem over any of the last 7 or 8 years and certainly not during most of the 3 years or so we have owned it, but very annoying on the rare occasions when it did rain, so we fixed it. Like it hot, well this is the right car for the job. No air conditioning and a design inspired by an English climate. Great when it is cold too. The heaters work really well.



Jane has restored the woodwork inside and we have replaced a few minor body trim items such as window runners. A new fuel pump, starter motor and that is about all the work we have had to do until recently.

Was it worth it? Yeah. This car is an S2 Bentley.



The S2 Bentley and Silver Cloud II Rolls Royce vehicles were the first of the factory bodied Crewe cars to be fitted with a V8 engine.

At 6.23 litres displacement, it is only the little

V8. Had I been able to afford one of these when I was young and stupid enough to drive it to the limit I might not have been here to own the car to-day. It goes really well and much faster than I am game to find out.

The fitting of the V8 engine was necessary to keep up with the demands of the predominantly USA market for Rolls Royce motor cars back in the late 1950s. The engine and gear box combination used was actually destined for the next generation Rolls and Bentley to be known as the Silver Shadow and Bentley T series but was used to extend the life of the older body design while the development of the new design was completed.

The V8 motor is not what you would call a comfortable fit into the engine bay which was originally designed to accommodate a straight 6 engine. The fact that they got it in there at all is a testimony to British ingenuity. The fact that it was over 15 kilograms lighter than the engine it replaced was also a pretty neat trick. Of course there are a few compromises. If for example you need to change the spark plugs the task is easily achieved by removing the front wheel and removable valance inside the wheel arch and attacking the job from below. No point in looking for short cuts – there is no other way unless you have arms like an orang-utan.

The factory bodied Rolls and Bentley cars are actually a pretty good compromise. Not quite as exclusive and in some cases significantly less luxurious in fit out than the bodies built by specialist body builders, they offered an exceptionally high level of finish which allowed the company to persist with its claim to be the producer of the best car in the world. No matter how much other

manufacturers may insist otherwise about the facts, Rolls Royce won the debate in the public eye.

While they are magnificent to ride in and quite good fun to drive they are not without their faults. It is quite likely that some aspects of the cars design would not have been approved for use in any other make of vehicle intended to be driven on Australian roads. The fact that Rolls Royce got away with it is testimony to the marque's awesome reputation.

By comparison, the next series released in 1965 was the benchmark in engineering for the automotive industry. Following the release, what would previously have been obscene remarks bordering on treason were passed on the beautiful Cloud and S series cars. It was commonly said that the new vehicles were the first modern vehicles released by the company in over 50 years and they were probably right. But do the later models look as good as their more antiquated relatives – not bloody likely.

Apart from normal club outings, we have used our Crewe cars for a few weddings and formals for family members, friends and their children. It is interesting how many people choose the Bentley over any of our other cars.

We have been without this car for a long time now while fellow club member Bill Coburn has been sorting out the culmination of about 50 years of "maintenance" activity. He recently advised that the person who had fitted one of the cleverly hidden pins associated with the braking system had used precisely the correct gauge of nail instead of the more commonly used split pin. He has discovered other interesting non standard fitments in his journey.



This beautiful beast is due back on the road very soon and we are looking forward to driving it with its restored to standard specification front end. Soon thereafter we are hoping to see Bill Coburn attending club outings in his S2 Bentley.

## **President's Message – End of Financial Year 2010**

The date for the annual dinner dance has come and gone. The planned event was cancelled due to a lack of participants. Ray and Barbara Malam offered to host an alternate event in the form of an afternoon/evening BBQ at their home at Sutton.

All of those who had planned to attend were invited and most decided to take up the invitation. According to Jane and myself and everyone else I spoke to during and after the event, it was an enormous success. Ray and Barbara excelled in hospitality and the participants matched the quality of the atmosphere with their attitudes. Too bad about the dinner dance but we had a great time anyway. An impromptu wine tasting with wines from Greystones vineyard near Murrumbateman was an added bonus.

The cancellation of the dinner dance meant that the annual presentations did not take place as planned. In view of the success of the up market BBQ, consideration is being given to holding another similar function later in the year and making the awards presentation part of that event. What do club members think?

Getting the numbers to sustain the dinner dance has been an increasing problem over recent years, which suggests that club members are not really very interested in the type of event. At the May Committee of Management meeting, it was decided that the dinner dance event should be abandoned for next year. The incoming Committee of Management is of course welcome to change that decision.

At the Committee meeting it was also decided that the Club's By-laws should be amended to improve our compliance with our obligations in respect of concessional registrations. The plan is to amend the By-laws by deleting the club's definition of a club car and replacing it with a statement to the effect that, for concessional registration on historic plates, the requirement is that the club member's vehicle must meet the requirements specified by the relevant registration authority. This is not different from what is required already but the change removes any ambiguity which might have existed.

Also, all vehicles to be registered under concessional arrangements through the club, will be required to have been approved by the club's Registrar. This in effect means that the first time a vehicle is registered with the club, the Registrar will either inspect the vehicle or arrange for someone else to do so before the vehicle can be registered under the Club's authority.

Once a vehicle has been registered, the club member will in future be required to provide a copy of the registration papers to the Registrar within 7 days. Currently the time frame is 30 days. Some clubs specify that vehicles

are not registered until the registration papers are with the club. In an increasingly compliance driven environment, this change is considered to be prudent.

Tax time is coming and we are approaching the end of the club year. Membership renewals are due by 30 June. Members should note that when a member is unfinancial, any vehicles they have on concessional historic registration with the club as the primary club, automatically become unregistered.

Shortly following the end of the financial year comes the Annual General Meeting and the election of new office bearers. Many of the current office bearers have held positions with the club over many years. It is healthy for a club to have a regular change of office bearers.

I will nominate for a second term as Club President. If you don't like the idea please feel free to nominate yourself for the position. Several more important positions are likely to become vacant at the AGM. Any club member is welcome to nominate for any position they would like to help with, irrespective of the current incumbent.

The Secretary would like to take on the role as Webmaster. Getting a good working web site is a very important job for the club. In the modern world it is our public face. If we are unable to find a replacement Secretary, Steve is willing to serve a second term but he cannot take on both jobs. Please let him do the web master job. I have had a go and I am no good at it. We need that job done well and a willing and competent occupant is a fantastic starting point.

The role of Secretary was split last year into Club Secretary and Membership Secretary. This took some of the load of the position of Secretary. Pam Corbett, like many of the long time club members, has been working for the club for many years. It would be nice to give her a break. One of the great benefits of any secretarial role in the club is that the occupant gets to find out a lot about the club, its membership and how it operates. Speaking from my own experience when Jane was our Club Secretary, one of the best introductions to the club is in holding a secretarial role. If we can maintain it as a two person job, this will allow two people to enjoy the benefits and each with a reduced workload. It would be nice to have some of the people who have not held positions previously, lining up for a go. Other experienced members will always assist when asked so it isn't necessary to go solo on taking up the role.

The Events Director has indicated that he would like to have a break from office bearer roles. Ron and Ann have held positions for most of the time since the inception of the club. It isn't always the nominated office bearer who does the work. Someone else should get to have a turn. With events there are many club members who are prepared to take on organizing individual events. It is not necessary for the Events Director or for that matter the Events Committee to do all of the work but they do need to manage the scheduling and variety of club events.

Nowhere is the sharing of a role more obvious in our club than in the role of

Editor. Maureen has been the official Editor of the club's magazine for only one year. In fact, between them, Ron, Ann and Maureen have been juggling the role with Maureen's heavy work life out there in the real world, for the last two years. Maureen is not available for a third term and we must have an Editor if we are to have our newsletter. We have been privileged to have had an unbelievably good run of excellent Editors. Each has brought to the role their own ideas on how the job should be done, and with each change we have seen interesting changes in the presentation of our newsletter. If you have any willingness to take on such a role please speak to one of our Editors to get some background or to one of the Committee. We must have this role filled.

Some of us are off to Broken Hill after the June meeting. It looks like being a wonderful run and it isn't too late to join in for some or all of it, if you have the time available.

## **NIMMITABEL 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY.**

Ron Scattergood

Members had requested a longer run, so the run to Nimmitabel took care of this request. About 290 km return. Jannie Brown grew up in Nimmitabel after arriving in Australia from Dutchland. Not only did she know the village but also knew who to talk to to show us the features of this lovely village.



During the day we were shown through the Pioneer Hall (with still working ancient film projector), Police Museum, the Geldmacher House display of historic documents, the Public School, Catholic and Anglican Churches and Geldmachers flour mill.

The Police museum, sited in the cells (decommissioned 1970) at the Police Station was extremely interesting. I liked the donation box – a stainless steel dunny with a slit in the lid. If they ever fill it, the coins would take some counting.

Ray Mallam and Maureen Scattergood were particularly interested in some of the written displays which included the wages paid to labourers in 1865. Blacksmithing was definitely a well paid job at 40 pounds salary for the year, female cooks were worth 34 pounds, shepherds and farm hands received 23 pounds annual salary. For some reason a milk maid received a pound less than the housemaid at 17 and 18 pounds respectively. Brickies were still the highest paid at 41 pound annual salary.

Jannie and the other members of her family who were with her, all attended the Public School. There was great excitement and lots of photo taking when their names came up on the gigantic school attendance roll

which contains over 6,000 names of pupils who have attended since the school opened in the 1870's. There were some familiar faces in the school photos of the 1960's on display also. The Catholic Church in town is a lovely building with beautiful stained glass windows and lovely pews made from Queensland Silky Oak timber. The timberwork in the pews was greatly admired, however, the pews were still uncomfortable to sit in.



The old flour mill is now just a shell. It's 4 storeys high and the records show that Geldmacher collected the stone and built the structure single handed over a seven year period from 1865. As he had built too close to a public road he wasn't allowed to use it as a windmill, the shadows of the sails going around tended to scare horses. The sails had to be taken off and the mill was thereafter operated by horsepower.

Geldmacher's house, next to the mill later became a Bush Nursing Centre, only ceasing this use some thirty years ago. (Jannie says she was patched up a couple of times by the nurse) as was Ian Blyton, our tour guide for the day

Lunch at the Bowling Club was great. Caterers were brought in especially for us and a great meal was turned on for us.

All in all a great day out, the only criticism being of our club members, where were the ones who wanted long runs? Two citizens of Nimmitabel gave up their day to show us around, they deserved a much larger audience. A big thank you to Ian Byton (in his XJ6 Jaguar) and friend Chris who gave us a most interesting day's tour.

#### Roll Call

John & Rosemary Thomas & Ronda Cornwell

Ray & Barbara Mallam & Grandson

Graham Bates

Maureen Scattergood

Ron & Anne Scattergood

Ian & Krystyna Mc Leish

Lawrie & Jane Nock & Friends

Simon Brown & John Bruggeman

Jannie Brown & Alie Oostervun (visitor from Holland

Sonja (Jannie's sister) & partner Steve all travelled modern.

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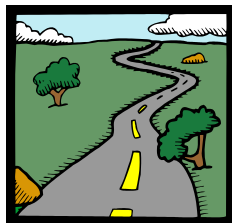
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Karman Ghia

The Scattergood's granddaughter Melissa Mc Glashan and Husband Terry also called in for lunch on their way to the Bega Car Races.



# Out and About



## Special Notes

Members are reminded that annual fees are due and payable by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your money to the June meeting or post to the Club at PO Box 1420 Queanbeyan 2620. Annual fees are \$45.

Please note that if you aren't financial by June 30<sup>th</sup>, your concessional registration is automatically voided. Your co-operation is requested.

Welcome to Colin Mc Nally of Bungendore. A new member whose application was approved at the last committee meeting. Not sure of his preference in old vehicles, look forward to meeting him and finding out.

Geoff Rudd has recently had a spell in John James Hospital. A successful operation to fit a new hip was unfortunately followed by complications. Blood clots on the lungs extended his stay in hospital by many days. I understand all is now going well. We all wish him a quick and complete recovery.

One for old truck fans. The Golden Oldies display of trucks is on in Dubbo over the first weekend in August. A recommended outing.

Last month, mention was made of the arrival of a granddaughter for Benita and Brian Thomas. Can now report that a name has been bestowed – Ashley Bette Thomas is progressing well and grandparents are rather pleased with “Baby Bette”

Good to see secretary Steve Cole is now without his plaster around his injured shoulder. He will however be a nuisance at airports, the metal plate and sundry pins should send the scanning machines into a frenzy. The scar is quite impressive, however, Steve doesn't recommend the method of obtaining it.



To provide a night out in place of the cancelled dinner, a great BBQ was held at Barbara and Ray Mallam's Sutton home. A great social success. Barbara was in charge of catering with great results.

However, Barbara apparently forgot to tell their Whippet dog that it was a catered affair. Just as the BBQ was being fired up, said dog arrived with a freshly caught rabbit and deposited it near the BBQ. Steve Cole commented that if he knew it was a BYO, he could have picked up some roadkill kangaroo or something on the way.

Jannie Brown had her cousin Alie Oostervun from Holland along as a guest at the dinner. Alie has been enjoying Gods own country for quite a while and was most impressed with the catering Barbara and Ray had prepared. The Chicken kebabs had never been sampled before and will most likely be on the menu in the near future when Alie is back in the Netherlands. The Nimmitabel run will be a farewell run, she returns home shortly afterwards.

Editor Maureen took the Stag for a run to the BBQ at the Mallam's home. Could have been major trouble when she lined up a kangaroo on the way home. The roo hit front centre of the grill and rose up over the bonnet. Luckily, apart from a minor scratch on the paintwork and a slight dent in the front bumper, there was no major damage to the Stag. The roo didn't seem too bad either, it disappeared off the side of the road, no doubt to attack some other unsuspecting car in the near future. The main cost will probably be to tyres with a definite flat spot on them judging by the amount of tyre smoke that floated past the car. At night, the Burra road is a dangerous road for roos and wombats. Maureen had already dodged 2 wombats and an owl before colliding with the roo.

## **FOR SALE**

For Sale 1947 Pontiac Sedan. A lovely club car. Recent restoration. Dianne Wilkes 44763020  
(John Corbett has a picture of this car)

**1988 BMW 735 iL** Auto Genuine Mink Brown 142845km  
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**Wanted** - both front mudguards for 1946-48 Triumph 1800 Roadster. These mudguards are huge, running most of the length of the vehicle. Prefer in good restorable condition  
Maureen Scattergood 62363115

**Humber Super Snipes x 3.** 2 restorable, 1 parts. These are Series 111 cars. As we have bought a Series 5A the above cars are surplus to requirements. \$1200 the lot or will separate. Ron Scattergood 62363219.

### **1980 Toyota Corolla**

automatic, good original condition, maroon in colour. NSW rego until June 2010, country car. Almost HCRS eligible. \$600  
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**Wanted**—the Club photo albums with the photos of the early days of the club has been misplaced. If you could help out with their location, could you please advise any committee member. Thanks

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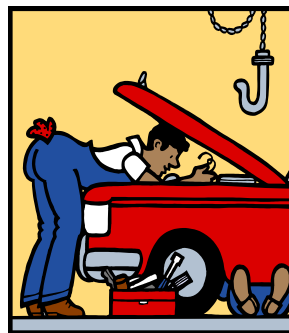


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