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# STHARC

## The Wheel



Club representative at the Cocktail Run  
Laurie always wanted to be a Blonde

# Southern Tablelands

## Heritage Automotive Restorers Club Inc.

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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.

The opinions and views expressed in the articles published in The Wheel are wholly those of the respective authors, and not necessarily those of the Editor, or the Committee of the Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club Inc..

## Club Notices

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd September 2008 , 8pm at the Girl Guide Hall, Erin St Qbn.  
Please bring a contribution to supper

### After Meeting Speaker

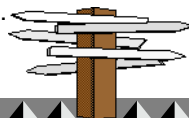
Historic Slide Show

### Next Event

Hall markets Display 7th September 2008 - details in this magazine

### Magazine

Please note that the cut off date for the magazine will be the 15th each month.  
Please assist the Editor's helpers by lodging items early.  
email [maureen.scattergood@cpsau.com.au](mailto:maureen.scattergood@cpsau.com.au)



## President's Report

Thank you for entrusting me with the President job again this year. I'll do my best to ensure that your club grows and members' interests and activities are foremost in committee planning.

Our new committee has already had it's first meeting at our house and there was no shortage of enthusiasm for the coming years procedures.

The world economy seems to be challenged a little at present and our club will also need to watch it finances this year.

From yearly membership subscriptions and club raffles we have a maximum of \$3500.00 gross income and our fixed costs for hall use, insurance and affiliation membership fees are approximately \$2500.00. Paul Hogarth has saved us a considerable amount of money per year by printing our magazine. We cannot keep relying on Paul to do this favour for us, and Paul's own job workload is increasing. Printing and postage of "The Wheel" could cost us \$2000.00 per year. So you can see that there will be a short fall from our income to expenditure. "The Wheel" only cost \$600.00 to print and post last year.

I'm sure we all joined STHARC to enjoy heritage motoring and fellowship with other members however it appears that one good fundraising event is needed each year to balance the books.

We now have a fully equipped club trailer with gazebos, tables etc and there should not be any more major expenses needed for equipment.

The ideal situation would be to have 100 members plus and then subscriptions would balance the books.

Our club aims this year should be to increase membership and have informative guest speakers, create good attendance at monthly meetings, have interesting events that enable all club members to participate with their older vehicles. Hugh Spencer plans to update our website and needs information and photos of your cars, motorbikes, trucks, engines and tractors.

Spring is just around the corner, so start dusting off your old vehicles and warm them up for safe, happy heritage motoring. Ian McLeish

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Held 5 August 2008 at Guide Hall Queanbeyan

**Meeting Commenced:** 8.10 p.m.

**Present:** 34 Members, 2 Visitors. 9 Apologies Received.

**President:** Ian McLeish thanked everyone for attending the monthly meeting/AGM and outlined the evening's procedures. Returning Officer, Peter Davies, was welcomed in particular.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Acknowledged and Accepted. Moved Hugh Spencer, Seconded Bev Lang. Carried.

**Correspondence In:** Brochure from Design & Print Solutions, Service 1 Notification & Statement to 3/7/08, Notices re Shannons Sydney Winter Classic Auction 21/7 and German Autofest 28/9, 8 Magazines, Annual Triumph Motorcycle Rally 26/9, Notice of half yearly meeting of CHMC in Goulburn 13/9 & Bush Telegraph Newsletter, 3 Membership Applications & fees – Bill Coburn & Peter Chan, Peter & Ann Toet, Mandy & Paul McAlister, Membership Renewals & Cheques from Fran Cooper-Lukss (2 years), David Hallam (2 years), Brian & Benita Thomas, Justin Thomas, Tony Stuart-Smith, Chris Forsey, Ken & Judith Herne, Ron Best.

**Correspondence Out:** Letter to Vern Thelning re membership inquiry, Thank you letters to all 17 trophy sponsors and 3 Raffle Sponsors for the Annual Dinner/Dance as well as thank you letters to Butcher Lindbeck & Supabarn for their continuing support.

**Membership Applications:** The Committee recommended that members accept applications for membership from Bill Coburn & Peter Chan, Peter & Ann Toet and Mandy & Paul McAlister. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Books were still with the Auditor who had been unable to audit

them prior to the meeting due to ill health and prior commitments. There was approximately \$6,500 in the Bank.

**Registrar's Report:** John Corbett noted that things were not going too badly. The types of cars in the club were improving and he knew of 2 or 3 cars coming on line this month. Paperwork seemed to be in order and members were getting in touch

**Events Director's Report:** Hugh thanked the team that put in a fantastic effort to make the Dinner Dance a success. Last month saw some good runs. Lawrie gave a run down on the Cocktail Circuit Run on Sunday, 10 August. Other interesting runs would be to Oberon/Bathurst in September and the Young Cherry Festival in  
with him to log on for trips outside club events.

**Property Officers' Report:** Ronda showed a sample of a sew on patch, available at \$11 each if we ordered 20. Members decided not to order any of these. Metal Car Badges were still available at \$27 each, as well as an XL 2 in 1 Jacket.

**Editor's Report:** Bev thanked everyone involved in getting the magazine printed and mailed out in time. The size of the magazine was a direct reflection of the contributions received.

December. Hugh also thanked members of the Events Committee and their Spouses for organising events in the past year.

**General Business:** Jimmy Kampouris thanked everyone for his trophy for Restoration of the Year. Photos and an article about the re-enactment of the longest taxi ride in Australia in a 1930 Essex Super 6 was passed around for members' enjoyment. 2CC had a Buy, Swap & Sell Site if members were interested. Bob Cannon mentioned that we had been invited to the Queanbeyan Show on 15/11. Jane Nock asked members to collect their new membership cards from her at supper. Chris Hillbrick-Boyd asked ladies interested in going to the Canberra Quilt & Craft Show to see her after the meeting. Belinda Hogarth-Boyd asked any members interested in the Computer Course to contact her – Geoff Rudd expressed his interest.

**Council Delegate:** Allan attended the wrong evening. Lawrie said that Council was looking for volunteers at Marques in the Park to man the BBQ and asked whether our BBQ trailer could be made available.

**Public Officer:** George Cook had nothing specific to report.

**Raffle:** The trailer net donated by Karen Svenson was won by Pauline Cook.

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc:** Congratulations to Chris Hillbrick-Boyd who celebrates her birthday on 14/8 and Bob Cannon who is 21 again on 18 August!

**Meeting Closed** at 8.41 p.m.

## Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting

Held 7 August 2008 at the Guide Hall Queanbeyan

**Meeting Commenced:** 8.45 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** read and accepted. Moved Ron Scattergood, Seconded Paul Hogarth-Boyd.

**Treasurer's Report: Garry Hatch**

Garry requested that we appoint a new auditor. Moved that we appoint Hugh Spencer, Seconded Ronda Cornwell. Carried. Garry thanked everyone who helped at fundraising events, Ronda Cornwell for running the raffles and members who donated the prizes. The Audited books were not available, but the information provided to the meeting was correct. Moved Garry Hatch, Seconded Jane Nock. Carried.

**Editor's Report: Bev Lang**

Bev thanked all contributors and the publishing committee and Paul Hogarth-Boyd for printing. She was stepping down as Editor after 2 years and could recommend the position as very rewarding.

**Events Director's Report: Hugh Spencer**

Hugh thanked his team – Bob, Lawrie, Allan, Max & Rod as well as their spouses – who ran 36 events during the past year ranging from small to large with an incredible diversity. Hugh was stepping down and found this an enjoyable and rewarding position.

**President's Report: Ian McLeish**

It has been a privilege to be president of STHARC and to be associated with a great group of people with friendship and common interests. General meetings have had good attendance with interesting guest speakers and constructive discussions at general business sessions.

We have had seven new members with further applications for new members in the pipeline. Our finances are strong even though additional equipment has been purchased and this was achieved by two major fundraising projects that were hard work but rewarding by the members that participated.

Our enthusiastic committee has worked well together and sometimes burnt the midnight oil planning events and activities. The fresh ideas created outstanding events with strong participation by members and great opportunities to enjoy driving our heritage vehicles.

Our annual dinner had increased numbers of members and guests attending this year, although some members due to ill health or school holidays could not attend. As this is one of the highlights of our club year I recommend that the dinner be held at a time not to clash with school holidays.

Restoration of motor vehicles is now a costly and time consuming project, but I would hope to see new restored vehicles displayed in our club in the near future.

I would also like to see more interaction with surrounding car clubs as we can all learn from their activities. We need to stay in touch with the wider movement and not be a closed shop with our events. I hope in this coming year to see the continuation of new blood in our committee, which gives the club a different focus.

I thank all members to their support in this past year and wish you all happy and safe heritage motoring.

**Elections:** President Ian McLeish stepped out of the chair and handed the meeting over to the Returning Officer, Mr Peter Davies for the election of the new committee of STHARC. After the Returning Officer's introduction, Peter Davies advised that "written nominations have priority over verbal nominations from the floor as per the constitution." Peter thanked the club for asking him to preside as Returning Officer, declared all positions vacant and carried out the election for the following positions:

**President:** Ian McLeish ; Nominated A Boyd, Seconded R Winnett

**Vice-President:** Bob Cannon; Nominated R Cornwell, Seconded J Cornwell

**Secretary:** Jane Nock; Nominated C Hillbrick-Boyd, Seconded R Cornwell

**Treasurer:** Garry Hatch; Nominated J Corbett, Seconded I McLeish

**Registrar:** John Corbett; Nominated B Cannon, Seconded B Lang

**Inspection Officer:** Albert Neuss; Nominated A Boyd, Seconded H Spencer

**Public Officer:** George Cook; Nominated I McLeish, Seconded J Nock

**Editor:** Ron Scattergood, Nominated Anne Scattergood, Seconded B Lang

**Editorial Committee:** Rhonda Winnett; Nominated R Cornwell, Seconded J Cornwell - Geoff Rudd, Krystyna McLeish, Jane Nock – all Nominated I McLeish, Seconded R Cornwell

**Council Delegates:** Allan Boyd; Nominated J Nock, Seconded L Nock

**Property Officers:** John & Ronda Cornwell, Nominated I McLeish, Seconded B Hogarth-Boyd

**Webmaster:** Hugh Spencer; Nominated I McLeish, Seconded J Nock

**Events Director:** Allan Boyd; Nominated J Corbett, Seconded K McLeish

**Events Committee of 4:** John Corbett; Nominated R Cornwell, Seconded J

Cornwell. Max de Oliver; Nominated A Boyd, Seconded C Hillbrick-Boyd

Lawrie Nock; Nominated A Boyd, Seconded G Rudd

Chris Hillbrick-Boyd; Nominated P Cook, Seconded J Nock

Peter Davies declared the elections closed. The new President, Ian McLeish took the seat and thanked Peter for his assistance. He said he was honoured to be elected and thanked club members for their support. He was looking forward to the year ahead and asked members to support the Club with strong attendance and participation in club events and bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the Club.

Meeting Concluded at 9.15 p.m. Photos of the Incoming Committee were taken, followed by Supper.

## Coming Events

### ***To Market to Market***

**Sunday 7th September 2008**

Arrangements have been made with the organizers of the Hall markets for us to attend with our historic cars on Sunday 7 September 2008. This is also Father's Day. We are not planning to search for the fat pig.

The markets operate from 10am to 3pm on the first Sunday of each month. We had a very pleasant day out when we last made the run and the organizers were pleased with the response the cars generated from their visitors.

The plan will be to assemble at the club house at 8.45am onwards, with a view to departure no later than 9.15am. The proposed route is via Oaks Estate, Canberra Airport to Fairbairn Avenue, along Limestone Avenue to Dickson then to the Barton Highway and Hall.

There are plenty of food vendors at the Hall Markets and it might make for an easier day out to leave catering to individuals to their own taste.

We would like to be able to let the organizers know our numbers prior to our arrival so indications at the next meeting would be helpful.

Lawrie Nock is looking after arrangements. Ph 6230 3320.

### ***Marques in the Park***

It's on again – celebrating 60 years of Marques like Holden, Land Rover, Honda and Morris Minors but also a one-day motorhead's gala.

The sixth annual Marques in the Park cruise and car display takes off from Commonwealth Avenue bridge to the leafy John Knight Park on the shores of Lake Ginninderra.

It kicks off from 8 am for a 9 am cruise to the park then an all-day show in the park.

Marques in the Park is presented by the Council of ACT Motor Clubs in association with the Canberra Region Morris Minor Club. It's a great day out, young or old, stock to rod, rusty to restored...

It's a free fun day thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. Put it in your diary, Marques in the Park 08, Canberra, 23 November 2008





## ***STHARC MID WEST NSW TOUR***

**Run Coordinators** – Allan and Chris Boyd ph 6297 6014 mob Allan 0427976014 Chris 0419 013 263

**Phones:** Make sure you take a STHARC mobile phone list in case of breakdowns etc (ask us for one if you do not have an up to date list)

### **Accommodation**

**Saturday 20 Sept : Big 4 Bathurst Panorama Holiday Park Phone: 02 6331 8286**

**Sunday 21 Sept : Cowra Van Park Phone 02 6340 2110**

### **ITINERARY**

#### **Saturday 20 Sept:**

Meet at the Guides Hall. Leave 8am sharp. Travel via Federal Hwy to Goulburn which we will by-pass to the Taralga Road past Kenmore Hospital to Taralga. Taralga morning tea stop. Distance approx 132 km.

Leave Taralga, travel to Oberon via Black Springs – lunch stop and visit local museum at the Railway station. Distance approx 96 km.

Travel to Bathurst (approx 32 km). Book into Big 4 Panorama Holiday Park (overnight accomm), at Kelso about 5km from the Bathurst CBD. There may be time to visit one of the Bathurst attractions. Dinner may be a BBQ at the Park or at a local Club/Hotel – depends on members.

#### **Sunday 21 Sept:**

Visit Bathurst attractions such as Ben Chifley House, Regional Art Gallery, Fossil Museum and the Mt Panorama Motor Museum. Aim to leave just after lunch. Travel to Blayney and then historic Carcoar for afternoon tea and visit the historic buildings etc. Continue on through Mandurama and Woodstock to Cowra. Book into our accommodation. For those who cannot stay overnight, continue onto to Queanbeyan approx 215 km.

For those staying overnight, the Cowra Van Park has a great camp kitchen/BBQ facilities and we suggest we use it for a BBQ dinner.

#### **Monday 22 Sept:**

Cooked brekky in the Camp Kitchen. Then visit Japanese Gardens, Peace Bell, Rose Gardens etc. Lunch in Cowra. After lunch leisurely trip home via Boorowa, Yass, Murrumbateman, Sutton to Qbn.

Some approx distances are:

Day 1: Qbn – Bathurst	260 km
Day 2: Bathurst – Cowra	108 km
Day 3: Cowra – Qbn	215km

More detailed information and maps will be available about points of interest, museums, admission fees and accommodation prices to those who show interest in this trip.

## ***Another peep with wheels on it, behind the bamboo curtain***



We are planning another outing with our friends at the Chinese Embassy. The workable date identified is the last weekend in October with **Sunday 26 October** the preferred date. To optimise the opportunity for an enjoyable outing we also need to accommodate any special needs of our guests. Therefore we need to be able to publish a fairly final set of arrangements in the October edition of the club magazine and to do this we need to have any input from members in time for publication in that edition of the magazine.

The Spring Festival Run in February generated a lot of interest and seemed to have been enjoyed by everyone who participated. We were fairly well behaved. It seems that nothing was broken or stolen during our visit and our friends appear to have accepted us as sufficiently civilized and responsible to be allowed back into the premises. The Chinese have extended an invitation for us to visit and inspect the Embassy of which they are quite rightly very proud.

This time we plan to once again arrive at the Embassy in our old cars for a morning visit. We have a number of new members and cars and along with other members who were unable to participate last time and those of us who want to do it again, we hope to have a good roll up on **26 October**. There is a constant rollover of staff at the Embassy, so for some of their people this will be their first opportunity to see and ride in the old cars.

After the apparent success of our February visit, we are hoping that our Chinese friends will come with us in the cars back to Queanbeyan where we plan to have a BBQ and afternoon tea at the club house. Our last visit with the Chinese resulted in more than 120 members and friends travelling to Cotter Reserve for lunch. At this stage we have no idea of the likely numbers for this event.

The plan is the same as last time as far as transport is concerned. If possible we hope to provide enough transport for all of our guests to travel in our old cars to Queanbeyan for the outing. This will require a bit of additional pre-event co-ordination and co-operation from members.

Depending on the outcome of the Olympic Games we might set up some second chance events to help resolve any residual debate about the final outcome of the medal tally. Alternatively we could just settle for a bit of checking out vehicles and back yard cricket or football in the basin below the club house. Aussie Rules and cricket are good games because they don't play these in China and we can make up our own rules to ensure victory or suit any other desired outcome. Any contemplation from our side of arranging a challenge in table tennis should be vigorously resisted – as far as I have seen, everyone in China plays table tennis and very well – it's genetic.

As in February, meet in Queanbeyan around 9.00 am with a view to depart no later than 9.30. I would like to be under way by 9.15am as it will give us a little more time at the Embassy. On this occasion we might vary the route to the Embassy and come in via Canberra Avenue and State Circle. At about midday we will leave the Embassy to return to Queanbeyan for lunch.

It should provide a nice diversion to return to Queanbeyan for the BBQ via Commonwealth Avenue, new Parliament House, Melbourne Avenue, Mugga Way and Hindmarsh Drive. When we return our guests to the Embassy at the end of the day, it might be a nice idea to take the more scenic route through Oaks Estate, past the airport, along Parkes Way and Commonwealth Avenue.

On our last outing it seemed that some of our guests were unable to experience all of the historic motoring they would have liked. By having an outing based at the Queanbeyan club house we will be on our territory and away from the traffic situation which existed at Cotter Reserve. It could be nice, at owner's discretion, to take some of our visitors who have been unable to satisfy all of their preferences for transport, for a quick trip around our town in some of the other vehicles they fancy.

There is a **second major attraction** in having the lunch at the club house. We seldom get an opportunity for club members with **old trucks, tractors and things other than cars** to participate with their toys in a club event, so this might be the one. The Committee has been trying for some time to arrange an outing and a suitable location for our members who have trucks and equipment other than cars to participate with their equipment. Driving old trucks and motor bikes over significant distances or in urban locations generally lacks appeal. Tractors and stationary engines pose an even greater problem.

It is hoped that members with such vehicles or equipment will choose to bring them, or at least some of them, to the club house site for this day. If there is sufficient interest we will try to make arrangements for someone to be at the club house to provide security for equipment which needs to be left at the site while members go to visit the Embassy.

Food for lunch will be the usual BBQ with salads provided by members to share. Afternoon tea will be a bring your own to share as usual. Tea and coffee will be provided by the club.

For planning purposes, we would like to have details of the type of vehicles to be used for the run to the Embassy and the number of spare seats which might be available for our guests for the runs to and from the club house.

Lawrie and Jane Nock are looking after arrangements for this visit. Please contact either of them (6230 3320) with any suggestions or for any necessary clarification and to confirm your intended attendance.

# Coming Events

Club meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 8pm at the Guide Hall, Erin Street, Queanbeyan



STHARC EVENT		Contact
7 September	Hall Markets Display	Lawrie Nock 6230 3320
20 – 22 Sept Sunday – Monday	STHARC Mid-West NSW Tour See details in this newsletter	Allan Boyd ph 6297 6014/ mob 0427 976014
27 Sept Saturday	Qbn Swap Meet STHARC promotional site, Qbn Showground. Members needed to support the site.	John Corbett Ph 6297 7285
12 October Sunday	Bathurst 1000 Day – Big TV/BBQ lunch at Guides Hall  Alternative: visit Benedict House Beading & Café, local art galleries	Allan Boyd/John Corbett Ph 6297 6014/ 6297 7285 Chris Hillbrick-Boyd Ph 6297 6014/0419 013 263
19 Oct Sunday	Capital Powder Coating Demonstration Day First a run to Googong Dam then demo.	Allan Boyd Ph 6297 6014
26 Oct Sunday	Peep Behind the Bamboo Curtain See details in this newsletter	Lawrie Nock ph 6230 3320
4 November Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Day run Retired members & others get-together – venue tba	Chris Hillbrick-Boyd Ph 6297 6014
15 November Saturday	Girl Guide Fete Static display near Questacon Details to be confirmed	John Corbett ph 6297 7285
15 & 16 November Saturday & Sunday	Queanbeyan Show – STHARC promotional site Details to be confirmed	Bob Cannon ph 6299 1901
23 November Sunday	Marques in the Park – John Knight Park, Ginninderra Lake, Belconnen	Max de Oliver ph 6297 7763
6 – 7 December Saturday – Sunday	Young Cherry Festival overnight run More details later	Chris Hillbrick-Boyd Ph 6297 6014

Date		Other Events	Contact	Invite
7 Sept/Sunday		Cootamundra Antique Motor Club Swap	STHARC Secretary	Yes
13-14 Sept w/end		North West Annual Swap Meet, Gunnedah	STHARC Secretary	Yes
28 Sept Sunday		Wakefield Park Historic Racing German Auto Fest	CACMC Shannons Insurance	No No
27-28 September		Queanbeyan Swap Meet, Ute Show, USA Car Show	Bookings Chris 0427 267 927	
5 Oct Sunday		Oct Long w/end Running of the Sheep, Boorowa		No
11-26 Oct		CAMC Murray Valley Tour – contact Ken Herne	Ken 6291 7493	Yes
26 Oct Sunday		Crookwell Swap Meet 6am Showgrounds \$2 entry	Bill Rogerson 4832 1707	Yes
29 Oct Wed		National Veteran Vehicle Rally display @ Nat'l Museum	Chris Hillbrick-Boyd	No
2 November Sun		Canberra Swap Meet 7am – 3pm EPIC Adults \$3, kids U12 free Email: <a href="mailto:committee@wvcmcc.org">committee@wvcmcc.org</a>	0428 697 105 AH Or Allan Boyd	Yes
8-9 November		Bombala Bi-Annual Stationery Engine Rally, Bombala		No
Sun 23 November 2008		Marques in the Park 2008 John Knight Memorial Park, Lake Ginninderra.	<a href="mailto:marques@actmtoiclubs.org.au">marques@actmtoiclubs.org.au</a>	Yes
Sun 7 December 2008		Terribly British Day		Yes
10 – 13 March 2009		Austins Over Australia, Perth, WA		Yes
10-13 March 2009		Bush Council Easter Rally, Dubbo NSW		
23 March 2009		Wheels		

# **Queanbeyan Swap Meet**

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# Cocktail Party Circuit



**10 August 2008**

Weather forecasts for the appointed day were not promising. Expectations as far ahead a week prior to the outing were for dirty weather and Sunday morning suggested that the forecasters had got it right. As I tried to get the Daimler running it started to snow. By the time I achieved success the snow had stopped and it was just cold and overcast with occasional drizzle. Heading into town we met a couple of minor squalls but by the time we arrived at the club house the weather had changed for the better - still cold but not so threatening.

Four cars were present by 1.15pm and we received advice from four other club members that were unable to come. We waited until almost 1.30pm for stragglers before heading off through Oaks Estate for Duntroon. The organizer had left the Duntroon map behind so it was up to Chris Hillbrick-Boyd to call on her memory to locate the Changi Chapel and Mount Pleasant lookout. The lookout also serves as the Artillery Corps memorial. It provides a nice outlook over Canberra, Queanbeyan and the lake and for most of us it was the first visit for many years. The drive along Fairbairn Avenue to the War Memorial and to Parkes Way was uneventful but at Parkes Way we were confronted by the closure of the road to allow filming of a stunt sequence for a movie so we detoured via Constitution Avenue to Commonwealth Avenue and the Chinese Embassy.

A short walk past the British, Canadian, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea High Commissions and back to the cars parked beside the Chinese Embassy earned us afternoon Cocktails. The drinks waitress, High-as-a-kite Bucket, ably assisted by her offsider Dick Bucket, provided almost silver service cocktails minus hand painted periwinkle Royal Doulton China and Waterford crystal glasses. It was, despite the absence of some of the refinements, a very exclusive gathering attended by some very important people.

Having cooled down, we decided not to attempt a walking expedition at any of the other sites and to settle for a drive by of the remaining Embassies. We left a couple of cars at the Embassy, piled into the Rolls and the Daimler and headed off. Once again the weather was kind enough to hold off for us.

On our return to the Embassy we took afternoon tea in the lee of the Daimler before returning home. August reminded us throughout the afternoon of Canberra winter conditions but the nine of us who attended enjoyed the outing.

**Present**

Alan Boyd and Chris Hillbrick-Boyd

Hugh, Bev Spencer and Bev's mother Shirley Lang

Rod Lawson and Marylou G

Lawrie and Jane Nock

1976 BMW 633 coupe

1976 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow  
Modern

1947 Daimler D.E 27

## ***Trucks and trains and boats and planes***

An alert club member noticed before it was too late that the Australian War Museum was holding an open day at its Mitchell Annexe on Saturday 10 August. The events committee agreed that it would be a nice little run with an interesting destination for members. A quick ring around and extensive use of the email facility allowed us to contact most of the club members and provide the details. Apologies to any of you who missed out because we didn't have an email or couldn't reach you in time by telephone.

The run was well attended. Max put in a freebie add on one of the local radio programs just for good measure. We started out from the hall with 8 cars and another three met up with us at the Annexe. On arrival at Mitchell the Stag put on an impressive display in the parking area. I was told it was power steering fluid and not coolant. Hope it isn't too serious Maureen. I was pleased to see the car gone when I emerged. A good sign I hope.

It seemed that most members found plenty to interest them. It is amazing what can be done with dedication, 90 years of persistence and whopping great sheds in which to store all of the loot. Jane has wanted a field gun for some time and I saw just the thing. I don't think they would miss it immediately but they had too many staff there on the day for an immediate attempt. Maybe one night....

Many years ago when, as a student, a few friends and I got together to relocate a WWI German field gun from the gun gates at Duntroon, it was pointed out that the guns belonged to the Museum and not the Army. If we had realized just how much really good stuff the Museum had, we might have argued for retention on the grounds that they had plenty already.



Over the years people have often remarked that the Museum has so much to display that most of it remains in storage. And this is only some of it. What a delightful treasure trove. While we were there, Steve Gower, the Director of the War Memorial, and his wife turned up. He actually gets paid to look after all of these toys and there is no doubt that he derives more than a little pleasure from the



experience. Steve has one of those pretty little MGB GT hardtops from 1968, which he hopes to put back on the road one day. He seems to have trouble dragging him self away from his other collection and why not.

The first part of the building is a workshop where there was a WWI tank under restoration on one side and a bi-plane on the other. I felt an unexpected warm glow as I entered.

I think the lovely hosts had turned the heating on for us. In the next, well what do you call it – hall, shed, warehouse, hangar? – was a collection of aircraft, artillery, trucks, armour and other ordinance from WWI, WWII and subsequent conflicts. There was something for everyone.



I had never previously seen a Beaufighter and there one was, right in front of me. I didn't recognize it as such, but when Allison relieved me of my ignorance I did. I also didn't know previously, that the Beaufighter had Rolls Royce engines. The cars that they came out of must have been very peculiar looking things front on. The little Tiger Moth still looks very little and the little Buzz Bomb doesn't look very fearsome now.

John Winnett found a steam train used by the Australian forces on the Western Front during WWI to move supplies up to the front line. Ron Scattergood was caught eyeing off a WWI Leyland truck. He told Steve that there were old Mack army trucks out in a paddock in Victoria but Steve wasn't about to be taken in and trade the Leyland for them, and he knew the ones Ron was talking about anyway.

In the next adjoining building are racks and racks of stuff from camp beds to steering wheels for ships, anchors and artillery. On the floor is a desirable collection of vehicles and wheeled artillery. The truck parts had been wisely placed on higher shelves well out of Ron's reach. We weren't able to get the Studebaker staff car, Kubblewagen or Chev, that were on display, into the club's register. It was interesting to note that several of the vehicles on display were wearing ACT historic plates. Plenty of Land Rovers for Forsey but he missed out, and a lot of tracked vehicles which always draw my attention. I don't really understand why I am attracted to them, because I am told they are as slow as a wet week and ride very poorly. I know it is nothing to do with defensive driving.

Outside they have still more good stuff ranging from a very large propeller to the remains of a V something rocket. That, going up, would be impressive. Coming down it would be oppressive and much more difficult to adjust to than the Buzz Bomb.

By about 1.30 some members had seen enough and were ready to withdraw to a less windy environment. Others were still looking so it was decided that an afternoon tea get together might best be skipped on this occasion. As I left at about 3.00 pm members of the public were still turning up to go through the buildings.

Please let winter and more particularly this rotten wind be over soon so we can get on with enjoying outings rather than being forced into innings.

#### Present

Ian & Krys McLeish  
 Maureen Scattergood  
 Ron & Ann Scattergood  
 John Corbett  
 Graeme Bates  
 Rhonda and John Winnett  
 Ronda and John Cornwall  
 Lawrie Nock  
 Max de Oliver and Maree Burke  
 Peter & Ann Toet  
 Lee Strauss and Karen Svenson



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 Triumph Stag convertible  
 Triumph 2500 sedan  
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 modern  
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# Canberra Swap Meet

**Sunday 2nd November 2008**

7am to 3pm

**What** parts and accessories for Old and new cars, motor bikes and engines, automobilia, books, tools, models, toys, antiques & collectibles etc.

Spring clean the garage and set up a stall. Be early for the bargains or just bring along the family for a day out. Club and Trade displays welcome

**Where** Exhibition Park (EPIC), Northbourne Ave, Canberra (in buildings F & F at northern entrance, near Shell Service Station

**Sites** 150 indoor sites 3m x 3m (many with power)  
\$15 per site (includes entry for 1) - bookings  
Essential Set up from 12.30pm to 8.30pm Saturday  
1st November (Fitzroy Pavilion not available for set up until after 4pm)

Free overnight camping with hot showers available  
200+ outdoor sites 5m x 5m \$10 per site (entry for 1) - no bookings. Set up from 12.30pm Saturday or 6am Sunday

**Admission** Adults \$3, children under 12 free

**Parking** Ample free parking available

**Food** Hot food and refreshments available all day on site

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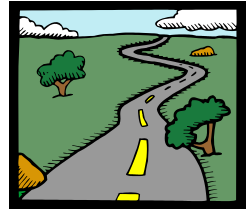
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# Out and About



Our main purveyors of Austins within the club, Maureen and Joe Vavra, have added another to their stable.. Maureen has purchased a Farina designed A40. It is in pretty good shape and will be seen out and about very soon.

This is the second Farina A40 in the club, Annette Blair is the owner of the other car

An unfortunate clash of dates coming up. Qbn Show and the Girl Guides fete both occur on 15th November. The Club has supported both events over a long period so hope members can be organised to attend both outings. It would be a pity to let either one go unattended.

Original members of this club may remember our foundation meeting at the Tigers Club. A highlight of the evening was a very young Grace Corbett doing an impromptu strip tease on the stage, mother Pam doing a very quick dash up to re-clothe the young lady.

Maybe it was a portent of things to come, Grace recently went to Sydney for a drumming performance at the Opera House. Just shows, you never can tell. Maybe the stage beckoned, starting at the Tigers Club.

Speaking of foundation members, not a strip tease this time, but heard tell John and Ronda Cornwell decided to try and emulate the circus acrobats. Ronda took a tumble and graced the floor with her presence. John turned around to see what happened and ended up joining Ronda on the floor with another undignified splat. Must have been an interesting conversation from ground level. Both a bit bruised with Ronda using a cane to assist walking, but best wishes to both for a speedy recovery.

The Committee has decided to man a stand at the Queanbeyan Swap Meet. This will be an information booth, hoping to snare any possible new members. A few volunteers will be needed, so if you are available, please talk to Alan Boyd.

While on the subject of Swap meets, please note the change of date for the Canberra Swap, a double booking by the EPIC office has caused the

Swap to be put back a week, now November 2nd

The impromptu outing to the Australian War Memorial Annex in Mitchell on Saturday 16th August was an eye opener for those who hadn't visited before. Certainly plenty of Big Boys Toys. Of particular interest to your scribe was a WW1 Subsidy Leyland truck similar to one owned 30 years ago. Other items that Ron would be prepared to build another shed for would be the Diamond T tank transporter, the Bushmaster and the beautiful original Studebaker Commander Sedan.

Most of our members said they'd settle for the shed, but as most are town dwellers, unfortunately the shed would be unlikely to fit in their back yard.

Of our members present at the above run, 3 vehicles had minor hiccups. A self inflicted wound was caused when Laurie Nock backed the Bentley into a steel fence, luckily next to no damage to either fence or Bentley. Graham Bates mainline and Maureen Scattergood's Triumph Stag both had bladder trouble, leaving puddles on the road. Again nothing serious, although the smoke from under the bonnet of the Stag looked impressive for a while.

Your editor had a close call during the month when a truck battery exploded on the bench while being charged. Luckily it blew out the end rather than the top. A very quick quad bike ride to the house and a hose down. Luckily only light spray on the face, the heavy winter coat and the jeans took the blast. The coat has hung together, although now looking pretty moth eaten (but it's a favourite coat, so obviously it can't be thrown out), however the jeans disintegrated and are not even useful as a grease rag for the Albion.

The battery was a sealed unit and couldn't use the hydrometer on it so was using the time honoured method of shorting across the terminals. Don't know if this is not the thing to do on this type of battery, have done it on ordinary batteries for over 50 years without trouble. Guess one of our club experts can fill me in on this one.

Once again, a very big thank you to Paul Hogarth for his efforts in printing The Wheel. One day we will work out how much Paul has saved us over time. Thanks Mate.



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**1948 AUSTIN A40** in good condition \$6000 ONO including parts. Contact Gordon or Win Reid on 02 6299 6995.

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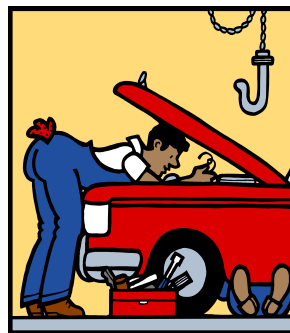
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