



The Wheel



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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 15th 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 3rd November 2009 , 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 17th November, Starting at 8pm

Next Events

15th November - Sunday - Bungendore Spring Fair

6th December - Sunday - Hall markets (Christmas Market)

13th December - Sunday - Christmas Party at Burra Sports Ground

10th January - Sunday - Summernats

17th January - Sunday - Twilight Run

November After Meeting Speaker

The November after meeting speaker is going to provide some information on a different form of motoring. Chris Curtis has been involved with preparing solar powered vehicles and participating in the annual Solar Car races from Darwin to Adelaide. Sure to be a most “enlightening” speaker



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Held 6 September 2009 at Guide Hall, Queanbeyan

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 p.m.

Members Present: 24, Apologies: 12

Visitors: 0

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Accepted as issued in The Wheel.

Moved: Anne Scattergood, Seconded: Joe Vavra. Carried.

Correspondence In: Email-Qbn Swap Meet notice for 26-27 August 09, notice for Historic Vehicle Rally-Mittagong 13-14 Feb 10, Retro Org Magazine advertisement, Classic Car Magazine renewal, Service 1 Statement-Sept 09 and Oct 09, Yass Antique car Club invite to Xmas Dinner, Bungendore show invite 31 Jan 10, Shannons Auction Notice, Bush Council Invitation, Forms for Static Display at Qbn Council Building, Fair Trading renewal of Club Registration, Motor Life Museum and Council meeting details, RenewalsFaenza and De Oliver, Change of Address Edwards, Magazines 6 clubs

Correspondence Out: Nil

President's Report: Lawrie Nock welcomed members to the meeting. He discussed the recent Club run to the War Memorial Annex that was well attended and as usual a wonderful exhibition of items rarely seen. All participants seemed to enjoy it very much.

Treasurer's Report: Hugh Spencer reported that he has banked \$471.00 this month, giving approximately \$5353 in working account, and \$5,025.00 in investment account. Hugh sought approval to pay the 3rd party insurance bill (\$515.00). This was moved: Lawrie

Nock, Seconded: Ian McLeish. Carried. Hugh also sought approval to reimburse for the costs of the Swap Meet at Queanbeyan - \$30.00. This was moved by Lawrie Nock, seconded by Gary Hatch, Carried. Hugh also sought to pay for reimbursement of the Newsletter Committee - \$120.00. This was moved by Jane Nock, seconded by Lawrie Nock, Carried.

Registrar's Report. John reported that there were no new cars this month. Noel Templeman told him of a visit to the Motor Life museum at Wollongong. Ken Hearne is getting a Buick.

Public Officer's Report. Ian McLeish reported that the Office of Fair Trading is happy with the Club affairs, and that the Treasurers Report has been accepted, so all Club financial activities are in order. Ian indicated that there was potential for the Club to use the foyer of the Council building for a free display as there is a wall available for this. It is a very prominent position. He has a copy of the forms to do this. Club members indicated that they support the idea. Lawrie or Jane will follow up.

Property Officers' Report: No report.

Editor's Report: Ron Scattergood indicated we need more cover articles. Would like to encourage members to contribute articles, news items etc. Hugh Spencer and Alan Boyd offered to do articles for the magazine. Lawrie congratulated Ron and the team for the continued high standard of the newsletter. Ron indicated that there will be a charge this month for printing as Paul was not available to arrange for the

printing this month.

Events Director's Report: Alan Boyd reported on the Queanbeyan Swap Meet and the poor weather. Thanks to those that supported the event.

Ron Scattergood reported that next weekend is the Bathurst day at the Clubhouse. Club trailer will be there but BYO everything. Also a TV is organised. Jannie Brown will be leading the ladies day activities including the Bus Depot markets.

Mandy McAlister is seeking support for the Uniting Church fete, with 9-10 cars required.

Ron mentioned the Yass Heritage Day (Saturday) and Cooma Motorfest on 7 November.

Tharwa preschool has a fete and display Sunday 25th October. Timing 0900- after lunch.

XMAS Party is to be held December 13th, after next committee meeting so final details will be given then.

Ron also reported that the date for the Nimmitabel run is incorrect – it is Sunday 18th April 2010. This is an interesting day and worth going to.

Ron has booked the Jerrabomberra Hall for the annual dinner for 15th May 2010. Earlier date to encourage more members to attend as warmer than July.

Ken Hearne has proposed that we hold a Club outing for members with caravans, or other members with tents. He suggested the Majors Creek pub, with an overnight camp. This was thought a good idea by members present. High Spencer proposed that we make it a combined trip with the Vintage Van club.

Ron also mentioned Marques in the Park (22 November), VVMCC will have their BBQ trailer there. Terribly British Day clashes with the Hall Markets. Club is planning to make this a club run. Terribly British Day will be held on the shores of the lake behind the National Library (Patrick White Park).

Summernats will be on again this year under new ownership (9-10 January). Mandy McAlister is organising Club participation in the Bungendore spring festival on 15 November. The train will be going there and the Navy helicopter will be present. Will be finalised at next meeting.

Webmaster: Lawrie Nock reported that the position is still vacant with George Cook moving to the new address 27th October. Lawrie will manage it in the interim.

General Business:

Alan Boyd reported on the ACT Council AGM last month. They do not have a full committee, as 3 positions not filled. Alan is an ordinary member, and it will be great to know what is going on. Alan will attend the NSW Council of Heritage Motor Clubs ½ yearly meeting on 17th October.

Paul and Belinda were in Samoa on holidays when the Tsunami struck, luckily they were on the other side of the island. They are ok and helping the Red Cross until a flight is available to get home. Club members wished them well.

Joe Vavra mentioned the Lilac Festival held at Goulburn last Sunday. He saw a lovely 48-215 Holden and a FJ Holden, as well as some early Falcons and a Valiant. Menzies S3 Bentley was also there on a rare outing from the museum.

Jane Nock has purchased a laminating machine for the Club at cost of \$33.00. This was accepted for payment by the Club – proposed by Lawrie Nock, and seconded by Chris Hillbrick-Boyd.

Chris reminded members of the Canberra Swap Meet to be held on Sunday 1 November and encouraged members to attend.

Special Occasions: Birthdays – Tony McLeish (2nd October), Mark McLeish (2nd October), Joe Vavra (12th October), Grace Corbett (17th October).

Raffle: Won by John Corbett. Drawn by Joe Vavra and it was good to see him back on his feet.

Meeting Closed: 8:50p.m.



Coming Events

Bungendore Spring Festival

Sunday November 15th

The next Club event is the Bungendore Spring Fair. Attendance at this event has been requested by Norm Betts who is associated with the Bungendore Public School. Our vehicles have been requested between 9.30 – 2 pm.

Organiser Sharon Baxter tells me that the road in front of the school (Gibraltar St) will be closed off for displays by us. There will be a Navy Helicopter that will be passing through also on display for those interested in machinery of the flying kind.

Ladies Event—Bredbo Christmas Shop

Possible Event for the Ladies—it has been suggested that the Ladies of the Club may be interested in a visit to the Bredbo Christmas Shop during November or early December, possibly during the week on a Tuesday or Wednesday. This will be discussed at the November meeting, or if interested, please contact Barbara Mallam 62303663

Barbara has also requested donations towards a Christmas Hamper. If you can, please bring along something and give it to Barbara Mallam at the November meeting. This hamper will be raffled off at the Christmas party to offset some of the costs of the Christmas Party.

Other Events

Two Outside events to which the Club has been invited occur on November 7th. The Yass Valley Heritage celebrations and the Cooma Motorfest unfortunately both occur on that day.

And don't forget Marques in the Park on 22nd November. Details at the November meeting.

2010 Easter Rally—Wagga Wagga

Club Members have been invited to the 2010 Easter Rally at Wagga Wagga. Some great activities have been planned, which includes the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Wagga Club's formation. Entry forms from Cheryl Wheeler 69223360

Hall Markets

Mandy McAlister is the convener for the Hall Markets run on the first Sunday in December. The Christmas Markets are usually one of the largest Markets of the year and are a great place to locate some Chrissy presents for those family members that are hard to think of something for

Broken Hill trip

Several Members have asked Ron to look into a long trip for next year. Broken Hill has been mentioned a couple of times. The Scattergoods and Boyds have both been to Broken Hill recently and can thoroughly recommend a visit as it is an extremely interesting place

Ron is happy to plan this trip if there are enough starters (3 definites so far).

Please talk to Ron at the November meeting or call him on 62363219. A trip to Broken Hill would be over 8 to 10 days.

BATHURST DAY - 11 October 2009

Jannie Brown

Present: Chris and Alan Boyd, Rhonda and John Cornwall, Jane Nock, Barbara and Ray Malam, Jannie and Simon Brown and Anne and Maureen Scattergood.



An interesting vehicle arrived at the Clubhouse for the Bathurst Day event with Chris Boyd arriving on her postie bike, resplendent with L Plates. A run to the Kingston Bus Depot Markets was a great venue for this potential target of swooping magpies.

Jane Nock, Rhonda Cornwell, Barbara Mallam and Jannie Brown followed Chris on her bike to the bus depot markets leaving the boys at the Guides Hall watching the big car

race. It was agreed that Chris rode her bike well and Alan would be quite proud of her.

We wandered around the markets taste testing and looking around the stalls as we went. There were many nice things to be seen and tasted with a few ideas obtained for potential Christmas presents. Some of the ladies went into the antiques shop but apparently there was not much that was good to be seen there (mainly junk was one of the comments).

We all decided that we had had a most enjoyable morning wandering around and returned to the hall where the men cooked a barbecue lunch. Some of the ladies provided tasty breads and some salads to accompany lunch. The usual Aussie BBQ etiquette was





observed, with the ladies preparing the accompaniments whilst the men did the cooking. Barbara also brought and cooked some tasty bantam eggs for all.

After lunch Jane, Rhonda, Chris, Maureen and Jannie all went on to The Artist Shed in Foster Street to view the work there.

Margaret Hadfied, one of Queanbeyan's noted artists, spoke to us all about her paintings which were very interesting and clever. Margaret is a talented award winning landscape artist with a number of her paintings on display. She was working on scenes of Gallipoli and when you looked more closely into the paintings you saw many ghost figures cleverly incorporated within the landscape and trees.

Margaret told us of her exhibition in New York and the Island of Terschelling in The Netherlands, the island of Terschelling being the former home of her mother. Terschelling is the third of the West Frisian Islands just above the Waddenzee and above Noord Holland and Friesland. Both her exhibitions were very successful, with some of her paintings now hanging in the Australian embassy.

Margaret mentioned that her painting skills improved quite dramatically at the time of the Olympics. She had a contract to paint Australian scenes on boomerangs and didgeridoos for sale at the Olympics. After painting a couple of hundred thousand boomerangs etc, her painting speed improved quite dramatically and she was now more than happy that the Olympics had finished.

Margaret then introduced us to the male artist working in the shed with her. His work was very different and not easy to describe. He doesn't normally sell his work. He also stretches the canvas onto frames for sale and also will stretch works which people buy overseas to frame when they return to Australia. He and Margaret also teach art classes as do other artists employed by them. It was a very interesting visit to the shed.

We returned to the Guide Hall in time for another cuppa and sat with the men to watch the end of the race. A good day was had by all.

Did you know

The first car BMW produced was the Dixi

BMW looked to enter the small car market and in 1927 agreed a licence with the [Austin Motor Company](#) to build the [Austin 7](#).



A production level of 2000 cars a year was agreed with Austin being paid a royalty on each one made.

The first 100 cars were supplied as kits but by December 1927 the first of the real Dixis, the DA-1 3/25PS were coming off the production line. DA stood for Deutsche Ausführung meaning German Version and 3/15 indicated the taxation and actual horse power ratings.

Apart from being left-hand drive and using metric threaded fasteners, the car was nearly identical to the Austin. Body styles available were coupe, roadster, tourer and sedan with a few chassis going to external coachbuilders. Most cars left the factory as tourers.

Looking to move into automobile manufacturing, BMW bought the [Automobilwerk Eisenach](#) in 1928 and, with it, the rights to build the Dixi car.

At first the cars were badged as BMW Dixi but the Dixi name was dropped in 1929 when the DA-1 was replaced by a slightly updated version, the [BMW 3/15](#) DA-2.



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



President's Report

Lawrie Nock

I have always viewed the fanatical attitudes of supporters of the Ferrari marque with scepticism. Our guest speaker for the October meeting was our Club Secretary Steve Cole. He provided us with an enlightening report on his visit to the Ferrari museum during his trip to Italy. The record of successes achieved by Ferrari is too impressive to be just good publicity management. I have a new respect for the achievements.

Attendance was a little disappointing at the Bathurst Races day held at the club house for those watching and elsewhere for those doing the shopping thing. Those who did participate reported an enjoyable day. The attendance at the Tharwa pre school fete on 25 October will be reported on in the next magazine. Rob Smith Saarinen and the club's BBQ trailer will be attending the Montesory School Fete on 24 October and we might get a report on that too for the next edition.

We have approached the management of the NSW Government Offices about putting on a club display in the entrance to the NSW Government offices in Queanbeyan to promote the club. Any ideas members have for this display will be welcomed. There are numerous opportunities for members to participate in club activities during November. Some members plan to attend Marques in the Park which is run by CAMC on 22 November at Patrick White Lawns behind the national Library. CAMC is operating the food catering and has asked for volunteers to help with this fundraising activity.

At the Committee of Management Meeting the nature of the events as currently planned was discussed. The events calendar is a work in progress. The Events Director would probably welcome input from club members who have ideas for any other activities they would like to see to club involved in.

The question of financial membership was again raised in the context of discussions at the recent Bush Council half yearly meeting which Allan and Chris Boyd attended on behalf of the club. Concessional registration is a privilege which must not be abused. All vehicle use must be reported to the Club Registrar and logged in.

Maintenance of a log book seems to be about the easiest and most effective way of meeting the obligations. RTA does conduct random compliance audits of clubs. Once again, it is important that Members also understand that any concessionally registered vehicles are not legally registered unless the owner is a financial member of the club through which the vehicle is registered.

Another Historic Motoring Event

Lawrie Nock

Many club members of our club are also members of other car clubs. In our case Jane and I are members of specific marque clubs for Rolls Royce and Bentley.

The Henry Royce Foundation is the primary repository of historic Rolls Royce related memorabilia in Australia. One of the members of the Rolls Royce Owners Club of Australia recently purchased the historic and heritage listed Studley Park near Narellan. Arrangements have been made for the Henry Royce Foundation to have the use of the original nineteenth century mansion as a national headquarters for the next twenty years. The ACT owners club recently arranged for an outing to inspect the property. Three of the cars which participated are owned by members of STHARC so it was almost a club outing.

The principal building is a stately manor but unfortunately requires substantial renovation just to preserve it. Massive expenditure would be needed to fully restore it.

With several very beautiful stained glass windows, an impressive staircase and entrance, beautiful intact fireplaces throughout the building and extensive cedar panelling throughout, it is truly a mansion. It provides some insight into how the others might have been able to live in that era. The thought of the cost of upkeep even if the building was as new is enough to give me nightmares. The fact that a succession of owners over the last hundred or so years have allowed it to fall into disrepair perhaps indicates the magnitude of the upkeep expense on such beautiful things.

	STHARC EVENTS	CONTACT	BBQ Trail- er
All STHARC runs start from the Qbn Girl Guides Hall Erin St Qbn unless otherwise indicated.			
Nov 15 Sun	Bungendore Spring Festival	Ron Scattergood 62363219	No
Dec 6 Sun	Hall Markets Christmas Market	Mandy McAlister 6297 4148	No
Dec 13 Sun	STHARC Christmas Party Burra Sports Ground	All Committee	Yes
	2010		
Jan 17 Sun	Twilight Run	Ron Scattergood 62363219	Yes
Jan 31	Bungendore Show	Jannie Brown 62381594	No
Feb	Garage Crawl	Ron Scattergood 62363219	Yes
Mar 6	Crookwell Country Festival	TBA	No
Mar 21	Wheels	Ian McLeish 6230 3344	Yes
April 18	Nimmitabel Run	Jannie Brown 62381594	No
May	Gymkhana Day	TBA	

Date	OTHER EVENTS 2009 – 2010	CONTACT	IN-VIT E
1 Nov Sun	Canberra Swap, EPIC	Bkgs & details: email: committee@vvcmmc.org	Yes
7-8 Nov	Yass Valley Heritage celebrations (YAMC)	Glenda Snape g.snape@harboursat.com.au	Yes
7 Nov	Cooma Motorfest, NSW, Cooma Showground	0407 299 008	Yes
8 Nov	Trunkey Creek Swap meet – Showground	Jeff Davis 6368 8858	
Nov 21	Taralga Tractor and Machinery Day		
22 Nov	Marques in the Park		Yes
Nov 28	Braidwood Hanging of the Quilts		
6 Dec	Terribly British Day		
Jan 10 Sun	SummerNats Show and Shine Day		
Fen 13/14	Berrima 35th Rally	Geoff Knapman 48681252	
May 2	Collector Pumpkin Festival		
2010 2-5 April	BUSH COUNCIL EASTER RALLY, Wagga Wagga - Classic Motoring Club of Wagga. Closing date 1 Feb 2010.	Cheryl Wheeler 02 6922 3360	Yes

HR HOLDEN SPECIAL SEDAN “Henry”

Richard and Libby Myers

252,352 HR Holdens were made between April 1966 and January 1968, the base model costing \$2167 with no heater, vinyl floor covering and a 161 cubic inch motor with a three speed ‘on-the-tree’ manual gearbox.

Our HR is a ‘Special’ sedan, the middle of the three models, the Premier being the top model. Our

car has the bigger 186 cubic inch motor (a little over 3 litres) with a two speed ‘Powerglide’ auto transmission. It was originally purchased by Mr George Fyfe of 14 Wales Street, Greenacre NSW, from Suttons Motors at Chullora on 6th February 1968, making it one of the last of the model manufactured. Hence the ‘HR068’ number plates.

The car came complete with the original handbooks and service books. The first service was performed by Suttons Chullora on the 22nd April 1968 at 1042 miles.

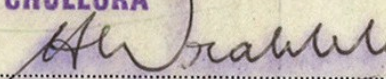
It originally had a manual gearbox but sometime during the past 41 years an owner fitted it with the two-speed automatic. It has bench seats, still no heater (soon to be rectified), the original motor



remains, disc brakes on the front (an option in the Special) and it would have originally cost around \$2400.

We bought the car in June this year from a young guy going to university who had appreciation for the car but no idea how to maintain it. He said he



Owner's Name **MR. & MRS. GEORGE FYFFE.**
Address **14 WALES STREET,**
Town **GREENACRE** State **N.S.W.**
Vehicle Make and Model **HOLDEN**
Vehicle Identity Code No. **HR 225.160**
Prod. Serial No. **S155331** Engine No. **186 A 251955**
Body No. **77646 S** Chassis No. **HR 80051 SS**
Auto. Trans. No. Trim No. **E56**
Key Nos. **8443** Delivery Date **6.2.68**
SUTTONS MOTORS (CHULLORA) PTY. LTD.
Selling GMH Dealer
Address **HUME HIGHWAY & WATERLOO ROAD**
CHULLORA
Dealer's Signature 

OWNER IDENTIFICATION

This is your identification. It will furnish all of the necessary information in the event that warranty repairs are required. Be certain it is completely and properly filled out and signed by your selling Dealer or his authorized representative.

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ought it off family friends after the owner, allegedly the original Mr Fyfe – died, leaving four HRs in a shed near Newcastle.

It had oil absolutely everywhere under the bonnet and under the car, no pressure in the tyres and only a slim chance of making the drive from Newcastle to Canberra.

It obviously made the trip and has since had the engine removed and reconditioned by Queanbeyan Engine Service with many new but original-spec parts.

The transmission was checked and is in great condition – Holden imported these from the U.S. where they were used in large V8s so the 186 putting out 94kw was never going to hurt it. Apparently the transmission is so tough it is still used today in drag cars and mountain-climbers. We painted under the bonnet while the motor was out, but the paint unfortunately didn't stick in all places.

The brakes are very good, the diff is untouched and there are only a few spots of rust – I think Holden designed the oil leaks to stop the under-side rusting. The carby has been reconditioned and the engine tuned by Performance Plus in Queanbeyan who have done a great job helping me with the rebuild.

We have put the 1966-68 style white-wall tyres on it as almost identical to the Premier and have a manual-tune AM-only radio being remanufactured in Melbourne. We have been to Cooma and back, to work a few times and to Gundaroo and it drives great.

Richard & Libby Myers.



1950 Chevrolet Club Coupe

437 original actual Miles

This car was purchased new by Mr and Mrs Jessie Trueblood of Modesto in USA. Shortly after purchasing the car, Mr Trueblood took a day off work to go fishing. Whilst waiting for “the big one” to bite, he witnessed a lady fall out of her boat. He jumped in to help, however suffered a fatal heart attack.

Mrs Trueblood returned the car home and parked it in the garage for the next 12 years. The odometer reading at that time (1962) was 413 miles.

Mrs Trueblood lived next door to a car yard owned by William E Wilson who spoke to her frequently and often told her he would like to buy the car. In 1962, Mrs Trueblood told Mr Wilson that she needed a car for her bookkeeper who didn't really care for the old Chevy and would prefer a Rambler. Mr Wilson immediately bought a car off the local Rambler dealer for \$1,650 (\$100 over cost) and made the swap.

Wilson took it home. The car had 433 original miles and over the next 45 years was occasionally started and moved in and out of his garage and in the 45 years he owned it, only about 5 people had actually been shown the car.

In 2007, Wilson decided to sell the car for US \$60,000 with a buyer quickly arriving to take the car home. 81 year old Mr Wilson complained about the Capital Gains tax he had to pay and wished he had never sold it.



The car was 100% factory original, even having the original air still in the tyres. The old Chevy now has 437 original miles and is most likely the world's lowest mileage 1950 Chevy



IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ..But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things, even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it --

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or laugh.....
either my radiator leaks, or my exhaust backfires!!!!

STHARC CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday December 13th

Burra Pavilion and Sports Ground

Please meet at Girl Guides Hall at 10am to depart for Burra at 10.15am

This is a family event, so member's children, grandchildren and great grand parents are encouraged to join us.

Santa has been contacted and has agreed to attend to say hello and wish a Merry Christmas to Member's Children and Grandchildren

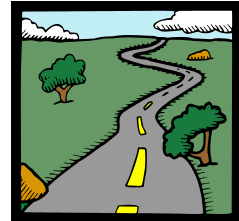
Burra Park is around 24km from Queanbeyan, has plenty of shade and a hall with great facilities including commercial kitchen and refrigeration. A large oval and children's playground means plenty of room to play and move.

Catering arrangements will be notified in the December "The Wheel"

"Parents are requested to provide a present, value \$10, for Santa to give to their children"

Out and About

Paul and Belinda experienced something very different on their recent holiday, having arrived in Samoa just 24 hours ahead of the earthquake and Tsunami.



Fortunately, their first few nights were staying on the Northern side of the island near Apia, so were on the opposite side of the island from the disaster area. They were due to move to the affected area a couple of days after the tsunami hit the island, staying in a resort that no longer exists. With 2 days to wait for a plane off the island, Paul and Belinda filled in time helping the Red Cross deliver food and clothing to survivors. Good one folks.

One thing from the disaster that shows how small the world is now is communications. Apparently Paul and Belinda first heard of the disaster via SMS from concerned relatives in Australia.

A misprint in the Events Calender last month, our Nimmitabel run is proposed for April 18th not the date shown. Jannie Brown, being a former resident of the village knows who to talk to down there and is sizing up a great day out. There are many points of interest in this historic village and Jannie is hoping to have a "native guide" organised for us. Mark this date as a "must attend".

Great to see Joe Vavra walking normally again. All crutches, walking sticks etc have finally been cast aside. In fact, Joe is back belting the drums and marching with the Queanbeyan Pipe Band. One sore point though is that the Qbn Pipe Band went to Scotland for the Pipe Band Championships and came in 7th in their division. All this whilst Joe sat and home with his leg up on a stool. Can't win them all, mate.

Further to the Auctioneer's article last month, you might be interested to know of one time that Ron was the subject of the Auctioneer's mirth. In the height of summer, out in a dry old wheat paddock, not a tree for miles, so hot you drank hot tea from the thermos to cool downandguess who had left their hat at home?? The good old trusty akubra with the greasy thumb prints and the nice broad brim to keep the sun off?? Well, it was summer, and was rather hot, actually extremely hot, and the only hat in the truck wasyou guessed it ... Anne's extremely bright orange floppy hat. To say that Ron stood out in the crowd would be quite an understatement.

The Auctioneer just LOVED taking a bid from that (chuckle) “fella in the floppy orange hat”. Bet the Auctioneers had some real giggles about the dude in the pretty orange hat down at the pub after the sale. Ron’s consolation was that he did finish up with a 1951 Federal Truck.

On the way home another time, Ron pulled up outside a takeaway in Cowra with an old Reo truck on the back. The Reo was in reasonable condition for something parked under a tree for 50 odd years, but, well, the tyres had definitely been flat for rather a long time, the blinkers were a bit faded and it probably was a long time since the headlights worked (rats on wires do have that effect).

A fella standing on the sidewalk eating his hamburger cast his discerning eye over the Reo and commented to Ron “You got some work ahead of you there, mate”, to which Ron’s immediate reply was “Nah, I’m just taking ‘er down to the RTA for the rego inspection”. The poor bloke spat out the beetroot and most of the rest of the hamburger collapsed and hit the sidewalk. And Ron? He just kept walking, leaving the poor bloke to recover whatever he could of dinner off his shirt.

At the Bathurst 1000 day, the ladies present motored to the Old Bus Depot Markets, which I hear was a very pleasant outing. One of our ladies done it just a little bit differently. Chris Boyd had a solo run on her “postie” bike complete with L Plates. Chris is the first to admit that Casey Stoner doesn’t have to worry, she is taking it quietly and enjoying her rides.

Good to See Jannie Brown getting a little bit better. Rib injuries are very painful and take a long time to heal. Apparently it was hard and a bit painful to get up into the 4 wheel drive to visit the Artist Shed at the October run. When Maureen arrived in the Stag, there was a glint in Jannie’s eyes and the spare seat was immediately booked for the return trip. And Maureen initially thought it was just because Jannie had always wanted a ride in a Stag!!

On the way back to the hall, Jannie and Maureen were discussing various subjects and one raised was the subject of spiders in cars. Years earlier, Ron was driving the Studebaker Lark to town. There was a rather great distraction to his driving when Anne suddenly disappeared from the front passenger seat and landed on Maureen’s lap in the back in an undignified sprawl of arms, legs and various bits of clothing. No-one quite knows how Anne managed to contort herself to get over the back seat in such a hurry, but amongst

the yells from the back seat (both Anne and Maureen), it was eventually discovered that a huntsman spider had dropped down from the overhead visor and landed on Anne's lap. Anne was up and over the seat in an instant. Fastest Anne had moved in a long time.

Anne refused to resume her seat in the front until the spider had been located. And Anne was rather less than impressed when Ron reckoned it wasn't even a BIG spider.

Steve Cole has been doing a slightly different movement with a recent visit to New Zealand. Steve did a couple of parasails in Queenstown, launching from Coronet Peak into the valley below, which was a mere 1500 metres from the top down to terra firma. Steve reckoned it was the best 30 minutes he's experienced, with spectacular views of the area making it a fantastic event. An additional 20cm of snow the night before added to the views. One comment he received from another STHARC member was quite succinct "You're mad".



RTA are currently undertaking random audits of Clubs whose members are using the concessional registration scheme. The audit checks for current financial members against the number plates issued. Some clubs have been struck off for not responding to requests. Some notes from the audits are that ALL vehicle movements must be notified to the club and the Primary Club must be notified if the vehicle is being used for the Secondary Club event.

If you wish to use your vehicle, please ensure that you give John Corbett (6297 7285) or one of the other Committee Members a call before hand.

There have been mentions made that the new owners of Summernats are keen to keep the display of Original historic

vehicles for the Show and Shine on the Sunday. There has been mention of a grand parade of the vehicles that are not part of Summernats. If you wish to display your car at Summernats, please advise Allan Boyd so that he can book you a space and some tickets.

Lawrie Nock is keen to get the Website with current information and some photos of more of the club vehicles. If you would like your car displayed on the website, could you please email a clear photo of your vehicle to Lawrie for inclusion on the website.

lawrencenock@yahoo.com.au

Best Wishes are extended to John Cornwell who has been on the sick list recently with a stint in hospital. Hope your recovery is a speedy one John.

Members of the club have been invited to the Yass Christmas Dinner on the 28th November at Impressions Restaurant at the Yass Motel. RSVP by 21st November Bob Frank 62262309

Good to see Brian and Benita Thomas back on home soil after a 3 month soiree to visit Europe. A visit to Latvia where Benita's family originated from was rather interesting, as no doubt were the visits to UK, Milan, Venice, and the Mediterranean. Brian has obviously been harbouring serious thoughts of a different career, however, his track times around the Monaco Grand Prix Circuit probably will not have the Ferrari team beating down his door with a contract.

The club will soon have a couple of left hand drive cars, just to add even more variety to our line up.

Ian Scattergood has imported a 1974 Chev Monza from Oregon. This car was being done up by a man so that his son could drive it to College. When the project was about 80% completed, sonny boy decided it wasn't "cool" and conned his old man into buying a Toyota Camry for him. Obviously a person of no taste!! Ian is quite happy with his purchase and is busy touching up a few finishing parts and it should be presented for rego shortly.

The other car importer is Ken Herne, who is moving from his Chev to a late 50's Buick. Ken's car was sourced in Canada and the time of writing hadn't yet started its sea journey.

The photos show a beautiful car, certainly one that anyone would be proud to own. Hope the boat moves quickly.



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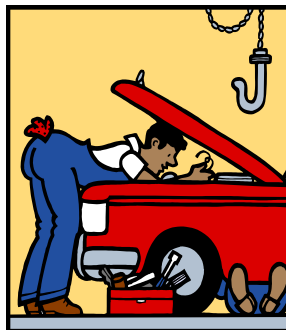


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