



The Wheel



**Southern Tablelands
Heritage Automotive Restorers Club Inc.**

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~~MID WEEK RUN THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21~~ Meet at the club house at 10.00am for a 10.15 am departure for a MYSTERY destination.

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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. The editor reserves the right to accept,

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Club Notices

FEBRUARY Meeting Tuesday 5 Starting at 8.00pm at the Girl Guide Hall, Erin Street, Queanbeyan

Guest Speaker Joe Vavra has agreed to be the guest speaker for the first STHARC meeting in February 2013 . He will talk about his vehicle and why he became interested in vehicle restoration in general
Please bring a plate for supper to share. Remember that this means all members so if you have not brought anything along for a while it is your turn. All welcome a little bit earlier for a cuppa and a catch-up.

Committee Meeting—Tuesday 19 February

COMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Berrima Rally

Saturday and Sunday February 9/10

OBERON 8-10th February 2013
HIGHLANDS STEAM
& VINTAGE FAIR



CROOKWELL
POTATO FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 1st MARCH.

Once again we are invited to display our cars in conjunction with the Council of ACT Motor clubs. Contact the events committee for arrangements

Minutes of General Meeting

Tuesday 4 December 2012

Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club Inc

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4 December 2012

Meeting Commenced: 8.05 pm

Held at: Girl Guides Hall, Erin Street, Queanbeyan

Attendance: 28 members

Apologies: as per attendance book and Steve Cole, Belinda and Paul

Visitors: Prospective new members Michael Fett and David and Betty Kiel

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as published in December issue of The Wheel

Acceptance of minutes Moved: Lawrie Nock **Seconded:** Malcolm Roxburgh
Carried

President's Report It has been another busy month of events for STHARC members with some good attendances at events. T was great to see two of our newer members, Bill Butcher and David Barton and their vehicles at Terribly British Day last Sunday.

As this is our last meeting for 2012, I'd like to wish all members a merry Christmas and please stay safe on the roads over the silly season.

I hope to see a good attendance of members and and friends, children and grand children at the Christmas Party next Sunday.

Treasurer's Report: The club has current balance of \$10,519 including term deposit and interest earned on terminating deposit. Nearly all renewals have now been received and the club's current membership is 76. Treasurer suggested it might be time to obtain formal confirmation of the club's wish to continue with our term deposit arrangement. The deposit doesn't earn a great amount of interest and when tax deducted from it is taken into account, the amount is even less impressive but it is still better than nothing. Treasurer moved continue term deposit arrangement seconded by Tim Cooper and carried.

Acceptance of report: Moved Brian Thomas **Seconded** Lawrie Nock
Carried

Secretary

Correspondence: In

Statement and new cheque book from Service One
2 subscriptions renewals
Vehicle details for registrar from Bill Butcher Braidwood Show Society invitation for 2 March 2013 show.
Shannons Melbourne Summer Classic Auction 26 November catalogue
2013 Bush Council Easter Rally at Sapphire Coast 28/3 – 1/4/13, invitation, entry forms and details
Report of 2012 half yearly meeting of Bush Council
Invitations currently in hand to: Crookwell Potato Festival 2 March 2013; Bay to Bermagui Run 12-14 July 2013; Morris Centenary tour; Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club to attend Berrima Rally 9-10 February 2013, Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair 8,9,10 February 2013; Goulburn Historical Car Club static display in Goulburn 23/3/2013 to mark 150 years since the foundation of Goulburn; Terribly British Day to be held on 2 December in the Treasury Car Park, Parkes ACT; Ironfest at Lithgow 20-21 April 2013; Inaugural Post Vintage Capital Tour organized by CACMC for 14-16/3/2013
magazines: Gundagai Antique Motor Club, The Crank Handle November; Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club, The Colonial November and December/January; Berrima District Historic Motor vehicle Club, Drive Chatter October and December; Cootamundra Antique Motor Club Coota-Hoota December;

Correspondence: Out - email message re membership applications and outstanding subscriptions; get well card to Anne Scattergood

Property Officers: new club long sleeve shirts have been ordered and may be available for display at the Christmas party.

In addition to clothing items, other items of club regalia such as badges and banners for cars are available.

Registrar: 7 renewals this month. It was noted that two commercial vehicles which will come onto club plates shortly have been converted from petrol to diesel engines. The Registrar is confident that both vehicles meet the requirements of the historic registration guidelines and both vehicles are currently on historic registration with another club. Before confirming acceptability of the vehicles for STHARC membership, the details were discussed with officials of other clubs with greater involvement in commercial vehicle registrations and it was confirmed that those clubs concur with the Registrars view on acceptability of the vehicles.

Editor: The last run of the magazine was 110 copies. It was proposed that we reduce the print run to 105.

It was also suggested that we should amend the advertisement for Capital Powder Coating to uncover the contact details from beneath the overlay which was inserted some time ago.

Website: Webmaster absent

Public Officer: Public Officer absent

Events:

Recent events

Reports on November outings are published in The Wheel.

The Lake Goldsmith run from 1 to 7 November report by John Thomas was of a very enjoyable event.

Taralga Tractor event 17/18 November was reported on by Tim Cooper in the context of "Tractor Heaven" as he called it. Heavy rain prior to the event created some mobility problems but it was a very successful and enjoyable event for those who participated.

Queanbeyan Swap Meet was well attended by both club members and the public. All Ford Day held in conjunction with Queanbeyan Swap meet saw James Corbett's Ford Pilot "Bonnie" receive an award.

In conflict with the Swap Meet, numerous members of STHARC were involved in an event with another of their clubs, the Rolls Royce Owners Club, when fellow member of that club unveiled his very special 1910 Silver Ghost "Eleanor" as she emerged from a 3 decade restoration. RROCA thanks STHARC for the use of two of STHARC's gazebos for the day.

Terribly British Day 2 December was held on a hard stand site in in the Treasury Car Park and was well attended by STHARC members.

Forthcoming events

The next club event will be the club's Christmas party at Wamboin on Sunday 9 December. Details of the arrangements have been circulated but were also set out on the board at the meeting.

Summernats is on again. We do not yet have a specific invitation to the family Sunday display and Chris Hillbrick Boyd will follow that up and send email confirmation of arrangements out to members.

London Bridge run for 25 November had to be cancelled but has been re-scheduled for Twilight run on 20 January 2013. Details of the run will be circulated by email.

Invitations are in hand for a number of events being promoted by clubs and other organizations over the remainder of this year and during 2013 (see under invitations above).

Canberra Truck and Ute Muster is on at some stage in the future but a specific date could not be identified. The event is to be held at Hall Showground.

The Haulin' the Hume event which was so successful last year will be run again on 27-28 April 2013. The organizers will limit the number of trucks entering and are planning to marshall the mid run stop at Gunning Showground.

Yass Club member Allan Martin is proposing a multi club meet at his property near Yass on 14 April 2013. Cars, military vehicles, trucks and motor bikes are likely to be attending. Events Director has been asked to confirm that we would like to be involved.

Members were reminded that we have the ACT centenary celebrations, Goulburn 150 years celebrations and Queanbeyan 175 years celebrations in 2013. It was suggested that as a Queanbeyan based club STHARC should try to make whatever contribution to the event it can.

Council Reports

Jaguar Drivers Club expressed concern about the pursuit of SIVS in the face of hostile bureaucracy view and voiced the view that anything which may compromise current historic vehicle arrangements should not be raised.

Wheels will be held at Thoroughbred Park on 17 March 2013 and 16 March 2014.

The ACT Centenary event is scheduled for 19-20 October 2013

General Business:

There are two prospective new members in attendance. The Committee has considered the applications for membership of STHARC and recommends to members that the applications be approved. The meeting voted to accept the new members and they were welcomed to the club.

It was suggested that John Thomas had been overly humble in his description of the outcome of the work he and Ros put into the Lake Goldsmith run. A motion of thanks to John and Ros was moved and carried.

Ronda Cornwell advised that a new neighbour is involved with the fire brigade and has agreed to be a guest speaker at a club meeting if we would like him to do so.

Barbara Malam has obtained a 1959 road map of Victoria which she is happy to have copied for anyone in the club who would like to have a copy.

Chris Hillbrick-Boyd has a number of arty crafty events coming up which she proposes to attend and has invited other club members to join in if they would like to. The first is an outing to the Portrait Gallery on 18 December. She will email details of the events to members.

Birthdays, Special events, anniversaries : Maureen Vavra birthday 9 January

Health and Welfare: John Corbett will be out of action for about 8 weeks following shoulder reconstruction. His executive assistant Pam advised that she is very well and John is not as good. Jane reported that Lawrie has been supporting the local hospital to get a few stitches.

Raffle: drawn by the nominated birthday girl Jeff Gill won the "dremel" type kit and drew the winning ticket for the biscuits for Barbara who allocated the tin complete with embossed A model Ford to the Christmas Hamper.

Meeting closed: 9.05 pm Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club Inc

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 20 January 2013

Meeting Commenced: 4.10 pm **Held at:** Tin Hut Burra/Googong

Attendance: 32 members and guests **Apologies:** John Corbett, Barry and Judy Davis

Visitors: Karl and Bev Von Stein, Larry Renshaw, Frank Clouston in a what appeared to be a three wheeler st-Roller **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** will be published in February issue of The Wheel

President's Report Welcome to members and friends. Nice to see Judy Butcher on her first outing with the club.

Treasurer's Report: The club has just over \$10,300 in its account. An account for equipment for onselling to members is to be paid which will leave the club with a total of over \$10,000. The Christmas party was held at a cost of just under \$400 and with the proceeds of about \$200 for the raffle the cost to the club came in at less than \$200.

Acceptance of report: Moved Brian Thomas **Seconded** Tim Cooper
Carried

Secretary

Correspondence: In

Statements from Service One

Draft minutes of half yearly meeting of Bush Council have been received and passed on to Registrar

One new membership application from Stephan Colquhoun who spoke to club members at Summernats. The Committee has considered the application and recommends to members that the application be accepted. Application was put to the vote and members voted to accept Stephen as a member.

Magazines received from several clubs with whom STHARC exchanges newsletters.

Correspondence: Out - nil

Property Officers: New club long sleeve shirts have been received and are available for delivery to members who placed orders at the Christmas Party

Registrar: absent

Editor: Next magazine will need to be completed for printing this week so any reports to be included should be lodged immediately.

Website: Steve is available to photograph club members' vehicles for updating of the website

Public Officer: nothing to report

Events:

Forthcoming events

The next club event will be the Bungendore show next weekend. Events Director will send out email to members

Council Reports

Nil reports

General Business:

Ian McLeish advised that a member of a Victorian club had recently been visited by Police to check on vehicle used on a run some three weeks previously. The run had not been entered in the vehicle log book. Members were reminded of the importance of maintaining log books.

Birthdays, Special events, anniversaries : wedding anniversaries for Rhonda and John Winnett – 54 years, Ronda and John Cornwell – 49 years, and Belinda and Paul Hogarth -11 years.

Health and Welfare: John Corbett is recovering well from shoulder surgery. Geoff Rudd spent a few days in hospital after a fall from one of his trucks. He insisted that he had not "fallen off the back of a truck". John Cornwell has been entertaining the surgery staff but now seems to be well on the way to recovery.

Meeting closed: 4.30 pm

Ariel Register National Rally STHARC fund raising morning tea– 10.00 to 11.00 am 10 March 2013

STHARC members Allan and Chris are also for their sins and willingness to contribute to the clubs they support, looking after arrangements for the 2013 Ariel Register National Rally to be held in Canberra over the weekend including 10 March. STHARC was invited as a fund raising event, to cater for the morning tea which will be provided for rally members on Sunday 10 March.

The plan is that participants in the rally will travel to Murrumbateman showground on Sunday morning arriving from 10.00 am as part of their tour. The participants will only be at the showground for a short time and will need to be gone by 11.00. STHARC members will provide morning tea in the hall at the showground and will hopefully have an opportunity to check out the bikes.

Jane has agreed to co-ordinate this activity. She is looking for members who are willing to prepare morning tea type treats, prepare and serve the morning tea. This message is coming out in the February newsletter to allow sufficient time to prepare. Would anyone who is able to assist please call Jane so she can ensure that we are well prepared for this event.



**STHARC CHRISTMAS PARTY
AT WAMBOIN
SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2012**

The STHARC Christmas Party at the Wamboin Community Hall was a big day out for the 60 members, guests, children and grandchildren of members who attended.

Members displayed their cars in a designated area close to Hall. The star attraction was Hugh Spencer's recently acquired Ferrari. Sleek and very red, Hugh's car attracted members' attention while the motor purred in excitement, ready to go in a roar.

The Club ladies, led by Debra Cooper, put on a delicious Christmas lunch. There was ample tasty food and heaps of ham left over another event.

Santa visited the children, with plenty of excitement.

The raffle was drawn and then came the Christmas presents. Thanks to Debra, all attending received a Christmas present!

**THE MCLEISH GYMKHANA IS ON AGAIN!
SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2013 FROM NOON
2536 SUTTON ROAD, SUTTON**

Ian and Krystina are once again hosting their Gymkhana!

Ian is planning some interesting tests of skill and competitions yet to be announced. Ian and Krys have kindly offered to provide lunch so it is BYO drinks with salads and deserts to share.

A more detailed reminder will appear in the March WHEEL. Ian and Krys need to know who is coming along so please let them know. Previous tournaments have been great fun and Ian's shed means that we go ahead rain or shine.

SUMMERNATS 6 JANUARY 2013

Well Summernats has come and gone again. Family Sunday was held on 6 January and members of car clubs affiliated with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs were invited to attend on Sunday putting their cars on display in the main arena. STHARC members presented a good cross section of membership vehicles with a dozen cars presented for display.

The brilliant lightning show on Saturday night and accompanying rain should have been a great help in moderating the climate and it may have done. Certainly the dust which has often been a feature of the event was missing. The assembly at Dickson College saw all participating STHAC members on site well before 9.00am.

The temperature was pleasantly warm by 8.30 am and continued to warm up to blistering by the time I had to leave about midday. Chris Hillbrick-Boyd kindly arrived with one of the club's gazebos which provided welcome relief for the sun.

The two older Fords attracted more than their share of attention. Given the startling display of customized vehicles elsewhere on the site I suspect that there might have been a bit of 'if only I could get my hands on one of those' in the minds of the viewers. My attention was drawn to a white Silver Shadow Rolls which has been retrofitted with a performance Chev V8 motor. Probably matched up pretty well to the GM 400 automatic transmission fitted as standard equipment to the Rolls. I wasn't tempted to follow suit.

Members parked their cars and disappeared for the most part. I do hope that all who arrived managed to find their cars and get away before 5.00 when tow away operations were due to commence. The birthday party for a three year old which I attended in the afternoon featured a water fight which was much more appropriate to the prevailing conditions.

Roll call at Summernats

David Buckley	1948 Mercury Eight
John and James Corbett and Vince Foster	1948 Ford Pilot "Bonnie"
Paull Hogarth and Mick Liddon	1962 Vauxhall Velox
Paul and Hugh Anderson, David MueckKieron and Alice	1971 Chrysler Hunter
David Jessica and Melissa Sullivan	1969 Valiant – maiden run

Jarin Hillbrick and Beck
Lawrie Nock and Tony Brown
Pimpmobile"
Ray Malam Steven and William Malam
Melissa and Mick Bayley visitors
Malcolm and Donny Stewart
Chris Hillbrick-Boyd George, Michael
and Shaun 1977
Chris Forsey Michael Pejovic

1971 VW Beetle "Ringo"
1973 Rolls-Royce Corniche "the
1974 Jaguar XJ6
1977 Pontiac Trans-Am "Priscilla"
1977 Statesman MX
BMW 633csi
1985 rover SDI



Date/ Day	STHARC EVENTS February through April 2013	CONTACT	BBQ Trail er
All STHARC runs start from QBN Girl Guides Hall Erin St QBN unless otherwise advised. For all runs: BYO chairs, tables, picnicware, drinks & food, sunscreen un- less otherwise advised.			
Mid Week runs will meet at the Guide Hall 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1.15pm, leave at 1.30pm 3rd Thursday of the month at 10.00am, leave 10.15am unless otherwise ad-			
Note: not all months are finalised – there is always space for more events.			
February 2013			
Saturday and Sunday 9th/10th	Berrima Rally	John Thomas	no
TBA	CLUB RUN to be Discussed at the February general Meeting		
Thursday 21st	MID WEEK RUN Meet at the club house at 10.00am for a 10.15 am depar-	Events committee	no
March 2013			
Saturday 1st	Crookwell Potato Festival	Events Committee	TB A
Sunday 3rd	Tarago Show	Events committee	TB A
Sunday 10th	Morning Tea Fundraiser	Allan Boyd	yes
Wednes- day 13th	MID WEEK RUN Meet at the club house at 1.00pm for a 1.15pm departure. Destination TBA	Events Committee	no

Date/Day	STHARC EVENTS February through April 2013	CONTACT	BBQ Trailer
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March 2013			
Saturday and Sunday 16 th and 17th	Chryslers on the Murray	Events Committee	no
Sunday 17th	WHEELS location to be advised	Events Committee	no
Sunday 24th	Snowy Hydro Southcare Open day	Events Committee	no
April 2013			
Sunday 12th	Duntroon Dairy open day	Events Committee	no
Sunday 7th	GYMKHANA Ian and Krystina Mcleish are once again hosting their day of fun and competitions. More details in this edition	Ian and Krystina Mcleish	no
Thursday 18th	MID WEEK RUN Meet at the club house at 10.00am for a 10.15 am departure. Destination TBA	Events committee	no
May 2013			
Sunday 5th	Collector pumpkin Festival	Events Committee	no
	A few suggestions have been received and we will fit them in for 2013. They are, Canberra Hill Climb, The Castle @ Cowra , Driver Training day at Queanbeyan, Brigadoon, Wings over Illawarra, Film and Sound Archives, Science Academy, St Clements @ Galong, Ginninderra Falls Picnic		

A Restorer's Tale - Malcolm Stewart's 1982 WB Kingswood Coupe Utility



the car was “ready for paint” it seemed that there were dozens of things I needed. Raelene would have said “wanted”. The problem here was to make sure that I got to the letter box first to recover the Australia post parcel notifications before Raelene saw them.

What I recall most about the restoration journey is that I learnt something new at every stage of the process. Sometimes it was as simple as “so that is how that part fits” all the way to reading manuals, online research and asking others “how in the world does that part fit?”

Let me start with the car itself. A mate of mine casually asked me if I would be interested in a Holden WB project that had been abandoned by its owner,(the project that is). A holden WB ute that had all the hard work done and ready for paint then straight back on the road, and all for \$800. Of course I wanted it. Pick it up Saturday and paint it Sunday register it Monday....”Bob’s your uncle”. That was five years ago.

The ute had been in the one family from new and had been worked hard as a tradies' ute. The bloke who owned it had dreams of "doing it up" and had put it in his garage in 1998. Over the next ten years he tinkered away upgrading the suspension and brakes while he started preparing the body for paint. He also added some bling in the form of brand new mag wheels and tyres worth over \$2000.

It was only when I headed over to pick up the WB that I heard how this opportunity came about. Sitting in the driveway was new SS commodore. The sellers wife who was there to celebrate the departure of the WB told me that the new car was the second car that had sat out in the Canberra weather because the garage housed the hubbies "project". With the new car she had given the ultimatum to her husband that the WB had to go.

Having got the WB home I encountered my first problem...no Garage! So started a two year building program where my plan to put up a simple double garage expanded to a 27 metre long shed covering 160m².

I didn't however do nothing with the ute during this time. There was always E-bay to keep me occupied. Of course despite the fact that So after a few short years I was able to get the ute into the new garage and start the rebuild which begins with pulling it apart. I am not sure which part I enjoyed more, pulling it apart or putting it together. I was determined to be organised so with lots of Jars, boxes and shelves I labelled most things as I took them off. The ute had come partly dismantled but driveable. Together with the parts I got I end-





ed up with enough bits and pieces to rebuild two cars. I spent the first few years tinkering.

The time finally arrived when I had to attack the body. I wanted to do as much of the process as I could but I had never painted a car before. I read a lot of books and the more I read the more confused I became. I didn't feel like spending \$5000 plus on a professional respray and the car at 30 years old needed a fair bit of prep work. One problem was the primer/filler that the previous owner had liberally applied all over the car/tyres/glass engine was peeling and flaking off telling me that he had not prepped the old paint for the respray.

It was at this stage that a mate told me his brother in law was a car painter who was at home bored to death and who could give me some pointers on the respray. So I came to meet Larry, a six foot six American who met and married an Aussie girl 43 years ago on leave from the US marines in Vietnam.

The good news was that he was happy to help me however the car needed a lot

of work including significant amount of the old primer effort being stripped off.

Larry hasn't been too well so he would pop out for a few hours every couple of days and so began a long journey of rubbing, priming, rubbing, filling, rubbing, filling and on and on. I had said to Larry that I would be happy with a "basic" job however Larry's professional pride meant that there was no such thing in his vocabulary. It was a faultless job or no job. Larry and I have developed a close friendship and his support has made the whole project so much more rewarding.

The pictures I have attached tell alot of the story. Now to the car.

The **Holden WB** series is an automobile was produced from 1980 to 1984. It was a facelifted version of the Holden HZ series, which it replaced. Unlike the HZ and every other full size Holden series before it, the Holden WB was only offered in commercial vehicle body styles with no sedan or wagon passenger car variants. The long-Wheelbase WB series models were marketed under the separate Statesman marque, absent of all Holden branding. These cars were sold alongside the new Commodore.

Plans to produce sedan and wagon versions of the Holden WB reached an advanced stage but ultimately were not pursued.





The WB series was discontinued in late 1984. Production of the Holden WB and related Statesman models totaled 60,231 vehicles. No replacement for the Holden WB was offered initially, bringing to an end a continuous 34 year run of light commercial models based on Holden passenger cars. This market segment would however be contested by Holden again from 1990 when the VN commodore -based VG utility was released.

My WB was built in 1982 and was the top of the line Kingwood coupe utility. It had the largest engine available, a 253 ci V8 and a four speed manual. Options included power steering, air conditioning, sports dash, bucket seats, and sports steering wheel. I was happily surprised to find the original build sheet on the rear panel behind the seats. This confirmed that the car I had was pretty much the same however a new blue 308 had been fitted in 1995. The car also came with the original hand book with handwritten entries for every service and oil change from new to the nearly

300,000 kms on the clock.



The car has brand new steering, suspension, brakes, exhaust, interior, carpet, and of course, paint. I dynamated the entire interior making it reasonably quiet and vibration free although the three inch exhaust, Holley 750, and mild cam mean that the big V8 is still noticable. The blue V8 came standard with electronic ignition and the car starts first time every time even after months of not turning over. I fitted a new stereo with DVD and bluetooth phone.....why not?

The car is still not quite finished with Larry booked to do a final sand of the 3 coats of clear put on top of 5 coats of white. We will then give it a full buff to get it to a mirror finish. Thanks to Jeff Gill for giving me the colour code to his pristine WB Caprice as I feel it is Holdens best White and I still hold out hope that he may one day sell me the Caprice so I will have a matching pair.....Then onto the Panel Van!!!

I also fitted a Caprice nose cone which is a pretty common conversion and makes the old ute look pretty commanding. By the way I dont even plan to try to put the old girl on historic rego. Besides the body mods the 10 inch rear wheels would give John Corbett a stroke.



Presidents Twilight run to Tin Hut Googong Foreshores

Thirty members and guests journeyed the short distance from Queanbeyan to the beautiful Tin Hut picnic grounds at the Southern end of Googong Foreshores. It was a hot day however we were well protected in the large picnic shed with a great view across the southern end of the dam.

Allan chose the location knowing that this fantastic place is underutilised and, as expected, we were the only people there on the day. Because of the heat and fire concerns we decided not to BBQ.

As usual we had a pleasant evening interrupted by a brief club meeting then back to the various cakes and deserts that our bakers are renowned for.

Roll call for the day was:

Lawrie & Jane Nock	1972 Silver Shadow
Karl & Bev Von Stein	Visitors
Belinda Hogarth Boyd	1967 MGB
Allan Boyd	Modern
Chris Hillbrick Boyd	BMW 633
Geoff Rudd	1976 Dodge Truck
Rhonda & John Winnett	1968 Austin Cambridge
Tim, Debra & Frank Cooper	Modern
Bill & Judy Butcher	1980 Honda Civic
Malcolm & Hazel Roxburgh	Modern
Brian Thomas	1964 EH Premier
Marshall & Sandy McCarron	1977 Mercedes 450SLC
Ray & Barbara Mallam	1974 Jaguar XJ6
Paul Anderson & Craig Rowlands	1971 Chrysler Hunter
Steve Cole	1972 Valiant Charger
Ian & Krys McLeish	1976 Mercedes 450SC
Malcolm & Raelene Stewart & Larry Renshaw (Guest)	1981 Cadillac Coupe Deville





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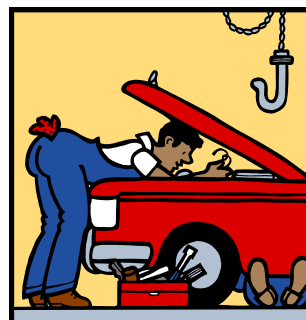


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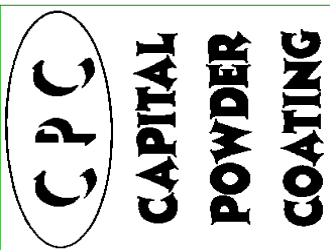
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