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CLUB AUTHORISED EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

6 th. SUNDAY Christmas Luncheon at Tura Beach Country Club, 12 .00 there for 12 .30.

7 th. MONDAY Annual General Meeting, and Election of Officers for 2016, followed by a regular Monthly Club Meeting. At 7 .30 pm in 'Bega Meals on Wheels' meeting rooms, Bega Street.

17 th. THURSDAY Mid - week run for a b.y.o. picnic at venue to be decided at meeting.

EVENTS PROPOSED FOR JANUARY 2016:



NO Meeting in January.

The first Meeting for 2016 will be on Monday February 8 th. at 7 .30 pm. in the 'Bega Meals on Wheels' meeting rooms, Bega St.

NO mid - week run in January, as we leave the picnic spots to the visitors.

OTHER EVENTS TO WHICH WE HAVE INVITATIONS:

If you wish to enter the Events Committee may have Entry forms and more details.

EVERY MONTH. 'Shed Happens' at 125 Kerrison's Lane, South Bega, On the 2 nd. Thursday, 6 .30 to 8 .30 pm. Take your Heritage Vehicle.

SHOULD YOU WISH TO TAKE A CAR, WHICH IS CONCESSIONALLY REGISTERED WITH THIS CLUB AS YOUR PRIMARY, TO ANOTHER CLUB'S EVENT, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE INVITATION, HOWEVER RECEIVED, BE IT NEWSLETTER, E MAIL, OR BY LETTER, TO ONE OF OUR CLUB MEETINGS, WHEN YOUR REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED, AND IF AUTHORISED, RECORDED IN THE MINUTES.

AT OUR LAST MEETING . . .



The November meeting opened at 7.30pm on Monday the 2nd. with President Col welcoming 30 members.

He invited **Secretary Lyn** to read the October meeting minutes, which were then confirmed. Correspondence In and Out was noted. Incoming included a request from a Bermagui resident for wedding cars to transport about 10 persons, after discussion it was decided that Secretary Lyn would advise we are unable to help.

Treasurer Barbara gave the financial report which was passed on the voices.

In his **President's Report** Col offered thanks to Lyn for cards to members who had been ill, Charles for his work on consolidating the new Constitution and By Laws, and club members who provide outing reports for the 'Heritage Times.'

Events. Charles on his own, with Russ away for several weeks, spoke about past outings. The Engine Club Rally was a great display, but not many lookers. Mid - week run in November is to the Brogo Dam, not as in the 'Times.' (oops, sorry) . NO meeting in January 2016. **Registrar's Report.** Bob Whiting spoke about the new log book trial, advising that R.M.S. say Registrars DO NOT check log books. Their operation is purely a matter between the owner / driver and R.M.S. Bob feels we need to abide by their instructions, not any of the many different opinions being expressed on these matters. Bob expressed that he may not nominate for the registrars position at the A.G.M., members said they would encourage him to do so, and seek ways to assist him.

General Business. Henry reported speaking with Bob Flood who said brother Bill was not at all well after a recent medical episode. Bob Whiting called on Gillian in Bowral recently, she had had a fall with some dental damage resulting. We were advised that Steve Watt's mum, Dulcy, is very ill after a stroke. Our thoughts are with them all.

Sgt. Nipper. Told a couple of jokes, one about the Priest blessing horses, and the non catholic who couldn't tell the difference between a 'blessing' and the 'last rights.' Got money from Col for sending a snake from Col's backyard into Nipper's, who now had to do all the gardening. Members without badges also paid.

Something Old. Henry showed us an old blacksmith's 'dolly' from early 1800's.

While Howard Haynes had a radiator cap with thermometer from a vintage car.

The Raffle. 1st. \$10 -- Lyn Murphy. 2nd. Ray's donated Eggs. -- Jan Petterson
3rd. Ray's donated Eggs -- Graham Hodkinson.

(Whom it was good to see along again after illness.)

The meeting closed, supper was served, while Ray & Lyn sold sweep tickets for the Cup.

EDITORIAL.

After about 18 years as your Editor, initially preparing Club reports for the 'C.H.A.C.A.' newsletter when we were a branch of that Melbourne based organization, and then the inaugural and only Editor of 'Heritage Times' in the 13 years we have been our independent Club, and on reaching 85 years myself, I am retiring. I must thank those members who have assisted enormously by providing event reports photos, and other material, to help make the 'Times' informative and entertaining. Charles Hodsdon has generously agreed to take over, and add another task to his Club workload. I am sure you will continue to also support him. Thank you all.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES . . .

2015 Club Registration Inspection Day Sunday 8th November.

Again this year Anthony Dack kindly provided his workshop facilities and his involvement to assist the Club Rego. Inspections for member's vehicles.

Registrar Bob Whiting, with Sharon doing the clerical work, was in charge, with a little assistance from Russ Napper &



Trevor Page checking the lights, horn, wipers, and indicators as members drove into the workshop. A steady stream of cars all morning from start time at 9.00 am. kept Bob and Anthony busy. Most went up on the hoist for an underbody and mechanical inspection, then a brake test using a modern digital tester.



Several of the older cars had to be looked at using the floor jack, not suiting the two post hoists. A couple of items for attention were noted, oil loss is always a problem in the oldies too. A very busy morning, even though many cars did not turn up ! Thanks to the testers for giving their time & skills & to Anthony Dack for the use of his premises once more.

On Monday the 16 th. November Club members joined in farewelling Steve Watt's mum, Dulcie, who had been a friend of our Club for a long time, at her funeral, at Clavering Park, Wolumla. It was most pleasing to see a good number of members turn out in support of Steve & Jacquie, on this sorrowful and difficult day for them.

Melbourne Cup Sweep.

As our November meeting almost always is the night before the Melbourne Cup, something of a tradition has grown around the night, with Ray Ubrihien being the volunteer organizer of 'The Club Sweep.' For which many thanks are due to Ray.

This year was no exception, with the results now provided here below.

| <u>Place.</u> | <u>Horse.</u> | <u>Sweep 1, \$2, Winner.</u> | <u>Sweep 2, \$1, Winner.</u> |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 st. | <i>Prince of Penzance</i> | Peter Wilton \$28.00 | Erwin McRae \$14.00 |
| 2 nd. | <i>Max Dynamite</i> | Alan Smith \$12.00 | Ron Cole \$6.00 |
| 3 rd. | <i>Criterion</i> | Ros Mead \$8.00 | Charles Hodsdon \$4.00 |

Congratulations to all the winners, once again results proved you have more chance in a sweep like ours, than with a scientific method of choosing a winner !



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A COUPLE OF TIMELY REMINDERS !!

Members please note, memberships expire on 31 st December. Have you paid yours ? It would save any bother if you did it now, -- should they not be paid.

One of the conditions of putting your car / s onto the trial 60 days a year free use is that the Club be advised accordingly, and keep a register of those vehicles.

Members should advise the Secretary of these details, please.

November mid - week run, Thursday 19 th. Wayne Milford kindly agreed to report on the run. Here is his total message to me, I believe Wayne makes some important comments. "Unfortunately there's not much to report. I ask is it worthwhile reconsidering our Thursday runs with such small numbers turning up of late? Additionally as Members can now use their cars for an additional 60 days p.a. will they not bother with the mid - week run to bring their pride and joy out of mothballs, and now do their own thing, when they like, -- I don't know. I know we can't be at everything - we go on holidays, (I was away all of October and part of November myself), there is sickness, (both regulars Russ Napper & Tony Rootsey were sick for today), Personal and family treasons, yourself for instance, and no doubt a multitude of other valid reasons why we can't be at everything. But, there are members on our green list I have never seen on any of our runs whatsoever. It is disappointing that so few of our members come along to the mid - week run, or some of our other excellent runs which I can name that I was on in the last six or so months. I know our Events committee supported by some other members, (e.g. recently Garry & Cathy's trip) go to a lot of trouble and effort to co - ordinate these events. Anyway, enough belly aching."

“ On the November mid - week run were Geoff & Lorraine Exell - 1972 MG ‘B’ and Wayne & Sue Milford - 1980 Toyota Corona Liftback. As there were only the two of us we decided that owing to the heat we would take the drive down to the Lions Park at Tathra where it would be much cooler than the planned destination of Brogo Dam. There we enjoyed a pleasant picnic lunch overlooking the Bega River inlet while reminiscing about the introduction of television in 1956 and the programmes aired at the time followed by ‘God Save the Queen’ at the daily end of transmission. It was interesting that we both had so many similar memories of the occasion. No decision was made on the December run, and so it’s location will need to be decided at the December Club meeting.”



neighbor Carol Fogarty, also in modern. Our first stop was at Wyndham for morning tea, and to meet the large contingent of Sapphire Coast Club members. Also joining there were members, Henry & Janelle Petterson - '30 Buick Coupe, Gary & Monica Smith - '69 Isuzu Bellett, Vic & Rosemary Poole - modern. Gary Smith's brother from Queensland also came along in a rare '69 Mitsubishi Colt. CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE 

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'Burnima Homestead' visit, continued from Page 6.

At this point we were informed by Sapphire Coast Club that the drive to Burnima would be an observation run. After being introduced to former member of both Clubs, Margaret Hetherington, we were handed a list of 37 questions to complete some were easy, others obscure and some damn hard ! such as how many bends were in the road between Wyndham and Burnima ? The winners were a couple from Sapphire Coast who drove a fiberglass hot rod and had answered an amazing 30 questions correctly. We don't know how they did it !



The observation run saw cars pulled over on the roadside to read signs and complete questions. It caused quite a few 'domestics' along the way. When we arrived at Bombala Alan & Lesley Smith joined us, driving a modern. At this point we were all reaching into the cars to put on jackets as it was quite chilly. After paying our admittance fee of \$10 per person we proceeded to look around. The Bombala Machinery Club had a



display, Rotary a sausage sizzle, coffee and cake stalls, and secondhand 'bits & pieces' old books for sale, and great music playing over loud speakers. A very large crowd was in attendance for the open day. The owner of Burnima, for the last 13 years Steve Rickets, conducted tours through the building, or you could walk around at your own pace. Steve said Burnima was built in 1896 on 22,00 acres, though now only 600, for grazier and entrepreneur Henry Edwards, by Frederick Young of Queanbeyan, who also built Yarralumla, the Governor Generals residence. Sitting in 6 acres of gardens it has 32 rooms in the Victorian Gothic style. The last residing member of the original family, Miss Edith Edwards, lived there till her passing in 1952. Burnima was a fully self contained estate, employing 20 staff and had it's own Post Office. I was intrigued to view the Butlers room, which had 3 steps leading up to it, these were 'class distinction' steps, which signified his superiority over the other servants.

It was interesting to hear Mr. Rickets telling of some of the resident ghosts who have reportedly been seen at Burnima over the years including his own personal experiences, and some of the more ghastly tales associated with the owner and Burnima.

Thank you to our Events Committee members who organized this very enjoyable run.

And a big 'thank you' to Wayne for this report, and also the accompanying photos.



At our November meeting the question of Heritage cars being used for weddings came under discussion. Lex Marshall has investigated this matter previously, and has provided this article, setting out the situation as he believes it to be.

Use of Heritage Vehicles for Weddings, Formals and Funerals

Many club members are under the impression that there are significant restrictions on the use of Conditional Registered Cars for weddings or similar functions. One restriction which many thought applied was that the car owner could not charge for the use of the car.

In September 2009 the NSW Dept of Transport issued a document entitled "Private Hire Vehicle Operator Accreditation Package".

There are a number of matters referred to in the document. The most relevant is that persons wishing to use their vehicles for weddings and so on need to be Accredited. The initial cost for that is \$100 and the Annual Renewal is \$45.

The final paragraph of the document makes it clear that vehicles under Conditional Registration may be used for such functions but, at that time, the owner needed to obtain the permission of their primary club to do so. Now, vehicles operating under the Log Book Trial may be used without the need for club permission.

The paragraph concerning vehicles registered under the Conditional Registration Scheme reads as follows:

B. Criteria to be met by Private Hire Vehicles Restricted to School Formals, Weddings and Funerals

Any registered motor vehicle that complies with the Australian Design Rules; or any motor vehicle that is registered as a historic vehicle under the conditional registration scheme; and

The vehicle must be very well presented and in excellent condition, with no visible signs of damage to the paint-work, body, fittings or interior.

This document does not specifically raise the question of charges but, of course, the title begins "Private Hire". However, in July 2014, Lex Marshall received the following email from the Dept of Transport.

From: Licensing TNSW <Licensing@transport.nsw.gov.au>
To: "lexmarshall@internode.on.net" <lexmarshall@internode.on.net>
Subject: Wedding Vehicles

Dear Lex

I refer to your email regarding the use of historic vehicle for wedding cars. The requirements for RMS is that you must be an accredited private hire vehicle operator to do weddings, funerals and formals.

This is called restricted hire car service. You can use the vintage vehicle as long as they well presented and have no damage. There is no set fee to charge customers for weddings as operators can charge any amount they wish.

In the conditional registration scheme an historic vehicle can be registered under a particular vintage car club.

You can use this vehicle to conduct weddings as long as you are an accredited operator.

Thanks

Sharmila Sharma

Senior Processing Officer - Customer Support Services

So it is now clear that we may use our vehicles to provide transportation for weddings, funerals, formals and the like. We may charge whatever seems appropriate for the occasion. However, to do this, we must become accredited Private Hire Vehicle Operators. This requires a Police Check, 100-point identity check and references as to character.



Bonhams London to Brighton Veteran Car Run

1 November London-Brighton, UK

THIS YEAR'S WORLD-FAMOUS London to Brighton Veteran Car Run celebrates the 119th anniversary of the 'capital-to-coast' Emancipation Run held on 14 November 1896. Now staged as the pinnacle of the RAC-hosted London Motor Week, it's the oldest automotive event on the planet – and organisers say the 2015 run will have a distinctly American slant in recognition of the sheer number of US-built models that regularly take part.

As ever, the Bonhams-sponsored event will feature a field of more than 400 pre-1905 petrol, steam and battery-powered cars and tricycles. Spectators should gather at Hyde Park before 7am to witness the first automobiles leave through the Wellington Arch, before heading off on the traditional 60-mile route to Brighton via Buckingham Palace. As many as half-a-million onlookers are expected to line the route as it winds over the South Downs to

Brighton's Madeira Drive. The other main element of London Motor Week is the free-to-view Regent Street Motor Show and Concours d'Elegance, which will see the 'Mile of Style' showcasing 125 years of motoring history on Saturday 31 October. Additional London Motor Week events include Bonhams' annual veteran car auction. www.regentstreetmotorshow.com www.veterancarrun.com

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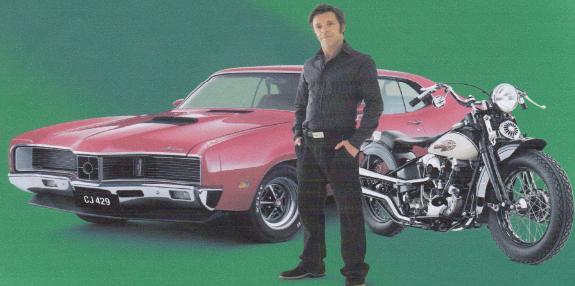
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