

Coffs Splutter

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Arthur Hutching's 1928 Willys Whippet 96 Tourer receiving close attention from family horses.

COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB

2017-2018

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Club Meetings: General Meetings are held at the Boambee Hall at 7.45 pm on the first Thursday of each month except for January when no meeting is normally held.

Club Fees: A joining Fee of \$5.00 applies. Annual Fees are \$30.00 for a Single Membership, \$35.00 for a Family Membership, \$15.00 for a Junior Membership and \$10.00 for Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1st January each year for the calendar year, however, as membership of an approved car club is an RMS requirement for Concessional Registration of vehicles, annual fees for members seeking registration of cars in the following year, the fees are payable at the Rego Day, normally the third Sunday in November. For members joining the Club after 30 June each year, half annual fees will apply.

Club Newsletter: A full-colour copy of the Club's newsletter "Splutter" is emailed to all members with a valid email address registered with the Club. For an annual fee of \$15.00 (payable to the Treasurer) a member may arrange to have a printed B/W copy delivered by Australia Post to an address of their choice.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB

Thursday 2nd November, 2017

Opening: Meeting opened at 7.45 PM

Attendance: 40 as per the attendance book

Apologies: A Carroll, L Carroll, R Goddard, C Sutton, J Rydell, F O'Dwyer, E Andrews and G Kane.

L Stephens, G Mauder and D Lancaster apologised in advance for the **December Meeting**.

Guests: G Evertson, W Lagettie - owns a 1923 Ford and a 1926 Bus.

Minutes of last meeting: Moved H Murray, seconded M Franklin that the minutes be accepted. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: Donations & subsidies. Discuss in General Business

Correspondence:

In:

- 1 Receipt from Council of Heritage Motor Clubs - NSW
- 2 Thank you email from Mary Help of Christians School. A thank you email was received from Kylie Hyde at the School which was read out to Club Members.
- 3 Classic and Specialist Car Club of Northern NSW (Armidale) Invite to Mystery Tour November 5th to 11th
- 4 Parramatta Council Invite to Classic Vehicle Display 26th January
5. 3 magazines mailed in, 4 magazines emailed in

Out: Get Well Card to K Guinness

Moved G Wedd, seconded D Lancaster that the correspondence be accepted. Carried

Business arising: Nil

Treasurers Report:

Operating account balance: \$7641.81		as at 30/09/2017	
Income:	Raffle	\$69.00	
	Supper	\$33.00	
	Fines	\$7.40	
		Total	\$109.40
Expenditure:	Bush Council Affiliation	\$84.00	
		Total	\$84.00
Balance	As of 31/10/2017		\$7667.21
Accounts for Payment	Ruth Egan - Christmas cake	\$20.00	
	M Weaire - Club Shopping	\$159.17	

Moved Graham King, seconded H Murray that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and bills as presented passed for payment. Carried.

Event Reports:

Saturday 7th October Run to Bellingen: Marie Davey reported on a good day with a visit to Arthur Hutching's house, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Sunday 15th October Run to Ebor and visit Dutton Trout Hatchery - Cancelled due to bad weather.

Thursday 19th October Coffee run to Idle Inn, Nana Glen. H Murray reported on another good trip to the Idle Inn Cafe, good attendance.

Friday 20th October to Monday 23rd October Hub Rally, Armidale - Optional run

P Bodium reported the Rally was good; although the weather was fine, but cold as usual in Armidale.

B Watson won a prize for Best Commercial Vehicle.

Saturday 28th October Corindi Beach Community Fun Day - Optional run - No attendance from Club members.

Sunday 29th October Display at Mary Help of Christians Primary School, Toormina - Optional run D Drury reported that the day was well attended and much appreciated.



Upcoming Events:

Saturday 4th November - Solitary Islands Aquarium - Afternoon tea at Charlesworth Bay.
Thursday 16th November - Coffee run to La Piazza, Homebase
Sunday 19th November - Club Rego day and Barbecue Breakfast, North Beach - 7 AM start.
Tuesday 28 November - Committee Meeting
Thursday 30 November - Optional run to Urunga
Saturday 2nd December - Garage Crawl to Hal Murray's house
Sunday 3rd December - Christmas Party - Woolgoolga Hotel
Thursday 7th December - Club Meeting at Boambee Hall, 7.30 for 7.45
Sunday 17 December - Run to Stewarts Point - Return via Scott's Head
Thursday 21st December - Coffee run to OP81

General Business:

1 L Stephens will be away for the **December Meeting** and Hal Murray has kindly agreed to take over as Secretary for the night

2 Donations.

J Bojarski advised that no Club Funds would be used for Donations to Charities. Only money raised for that purpose would be used. For example, the Swap Meet; the two Charities to be supported are the Pacific City Lions Club and Waratah Respite Services.

3 Subsidies

After some discussion it was resolved that the subsidies for club activities be limited in total to \$1,500 for 2018.

Moved: G Egan Seconded by G King. Carried.

4 Swap Meet

J Bojarski presented the final draft for the Swap Meet Advertisement which is now posted on the Club Web Site.

5 Coffs Harbour Museum

The Museum in the past has been exempt from Membership and Inspection fees. J Bojarski suggested this should be clarified by including this in the By-laws of the Club after the Log Book Trial concludes in December.

6 Christmas Party

Numbers were taken by L Lansley for the Party. Payment of \$25.00 per member to be made by Rego day.

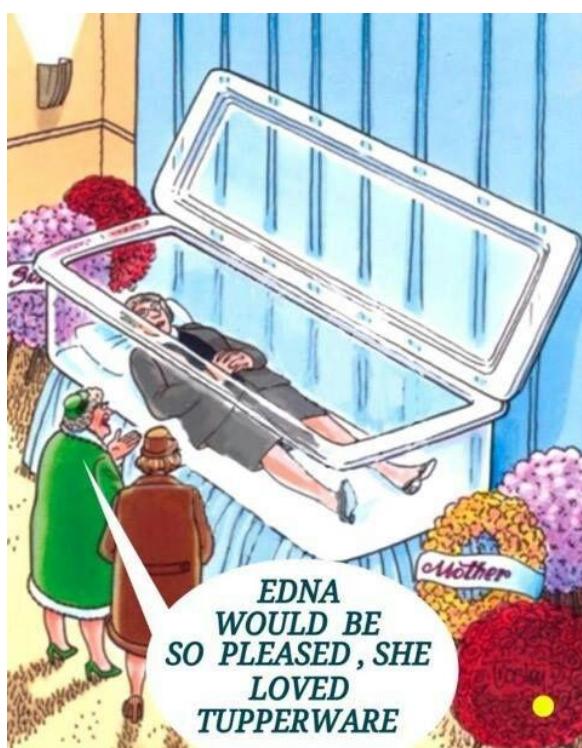
7 Rego Day

K Franklin reminded all members to go through their Checklists before the day.

If the weather is inclement, then we would move to K Winkler's house for the day.

There would be someone at North Beach to advise people of the change of venue.

A new Inspection Form has been produced. Copies were made available at the meeting, are included later in this newsletter, and on the Web Site. One checklist needs to be done per car and must include Insurance details.



Vehicle Movements:

J Hewitt, 72 Mercedes 35078H

J and L Lansley, 1969 Torana 548158H

To Armidale 4th November return 11th November

Raffle:

B Levertson, H Murray, M Davey and N Brown

Sergeant at Arms:

G Mauder deputised for G Kane in his absence

Supper Next Meeting:

J Ryan and Andi Taylor

Next Meeting:

Thursday 7th December

Meeting Closed at: 8.39 PM

L Stephens Secretary

J Bojarski President

EVENT REPORTS

Saturday 5th October 2017 SATURDAY RUN TO BELLINGEN AND ARTHUR'S SHED

Ian Blow had us all organised and ready to go on time and Bob Dixon in the mighty Schneider was fast off the mark thinking he would get a head start. But the Vintage car outpaced the rest of the field and he was first at the afternoon tea stop! The rest of us got caught up in heavy traffic but finally all got together on the old Pacific Highway and we enjoyed a leisurely run south.



Picture: Graham discusses Arthur's adjacent project
- a 1929 Willys-Overland Whippet

The picnic spot near the Bellingen Swim Centre was very pleasant and Colin, Gordon and Kevin and Moira joined us for a cuppa and chat. Some decided to do some shopping while the rest of us headed off to Arthur Hutching's place for a tour of his shed of treasures! Arthur's daughter's horse showed quite a bit of interest in the old cars, particularly Bob's Schneider, perhaps thinking it needed some increased horse power (see photo). Arthur has a 1928 Model 96 Whippet undergoing a gradual restoration which drew quite a bit of interest.

Some members chose to return to Coffs via Bellingen, but a few hardy souls took the North Bank Road option. The road is in poor condition in areas but we battled and rattled on. Unfortunately, our progress was interrupted by afternoon milking time as a herd of dairy cows moved down the road. After satisfying their curiosity by licking the Willys guards, the cows eventually passed by and we made our way through cow manure on the road which from experience tends to be thrown up by wheels and then sticks like glue to the under carriage – a cleaning job as soon as we got home was a priority!

Despite our small trial, this was a very pleasant and enjoyable outing, thanks go to Arthur for his hospitality and Ian for his organisation.

– Glenn Campbell

Attendees were: Ian Blow - 1955 Plymouth Cranbrook pick-up; John and Laraine Bojarski – 1950 Austin A40 Tourer; Peter Bodiam and Nerida Brown -1976 Triumph 2500 TC; Glenn and Jenny Campbell – 1930 Willys 98B; Andy and Lesley Carroll – 1965 Austin Healey Sprite; Graham and Marie Davey – 1955 Morris Oxford; Bob Dixon – 1922 TH Schneider; Gordon Egan – 1956 Wolseley 4/44; Kevin and Moira Franklin - 1960 Haflinger; Arthur Hutchings – 1929 Whippet; Graeme and Lyn Kane – 1976 Triumph Dolomite Sprint; Barrie Milne – 1971 Wolseley Mark 2S 18/85; Colin Sutton - 1954 MGTF.





This was my first outing for a while and it was a great pleasure to meet up with old friends again, all the locals turned up first and had a good chat before the foreigners from further afield turned up, the afternoon refreshment stop was enjoyed under the trees at the Bellingen Swim Centre before visiting Arthur and Carolyn's place on the North Bank road .

When cars were parked in the horse paddock the horses took the opportunity to check out the cars , one was seen to inspect the instruments on Bob's Schneider's dashboard before coming over to check out the people looking on.

We then moved to Arthur's man cave, his garage , where we inspected his restoration project, another Willeys, a partner to his current restored vintage car.

Some drove home via North Bank Road, others took the less demanding route by the Waterfall Way.

- Colin Sutton

Editors Note: *It's really great to have 2 (or more) contributors covering an outing. Some of the photos taken (like all snapshots) suffer badly from poor lighting or glare, and are not suitable for printing (especially in monochrome). Photos submitted to the editor are downloaded to the Club's Facebook Page for the enjoyment of everyone. I really would like to publish more personal adventures (like those above). Please don't feel that your contribution would not be interesting to your fellow members.*

Thursday 19 October 2017 COFFEE RUN TO THE IDLE INN AT NANA GLEN



The drive up to Idle Inn was very peaceful and pleasant, a winding drive though the countryside. A nice time was had by all.

- Hal Murray.

The following attended: G King and A Taylor (1964 Rover), G and M Davey (1955 Morris Oxford), G Kane (Dolarmite Sprint), J and C Horner (1968 Lotus Elan), L and C Stephens (modern), B Milne (1971 Wolseley), L and J Mullard (Hot1971 Rover), G and L Mauder (1962 Wolseley), I and C Blow (1955 Plymouth Cranbrook Ute), G and T Lovegrove (1968 Jaguar), D and J Lancaster (modern), G and J Campbell (modern), V Thomson and A Green (1966 Daimler), H and M Murray (Holden Gemini Coupe). My apologies to anyone I missed.

**Friday 20 October 2017 to Monday 23 October 2017.
GREAT EASTLAND HUB RALLY - ARMIDALE**



If you have a product to purvey, this was the place to do it: but it seems the coffee van musta made a motza.

Four CHVVCC cars (Graeme and Lyn, Triumph Dolomite, Bill and Jane, FJ Ute, Pete and Nerida, Triumph 2500 TC and Glenn and Jenny, BMW E30,) set out for Armidale on Friday morning in bright sunshine. We enjoyed morning tea/lunch at Fusspots Café Ebor and regained our strength after the steep run up the Dorrigo. All members' cars performed admirably with Bill and Jane's FJ Ute setting the pace. But dark clouds on the horizon encouraged Glenn and Jenny to put the top up on the BMW for the next stage.

After booking into our motel we had a bit of a look around town and arrived for Registration at the Bowling Club. We learned that there were around 80 entries for the Rally and as usual, the Armidale Club made us all feel very welcome with a great spread of finger food followed by a yummy sausage sizzle. And the rain came down.

After a good night's sleep we did a bit of shopping and arrived at the Bowlo after lunch for the first run. This was to the historic mining town of Hillgrove which was named in 1888. Hillgrove was one of the major goldfields in New South Wales, with a recorded production of over 15,000 kg of gold. It has also been a significant producer of antimony.

What, I hear you breathlessly ask, on earth is antimony (well at least those of us including me who paid little attention to Chemistry classes at school!!) so here is a definition - *a trivalent and pentavalent metalloid element with atomic number 51 that commonly occurs in a brittle, metallic, silvery white crystalline form and that is used especially in alloys, semiconductors, and flame-retardant substances*) – bet your glad you wondered!

Hillgrove started to decline after 1900 and after the 1920s antimony prices declined leading to mining companies shutting down. Shortly after most of the town's buildings were dismantled and relocated to Armidale and other centres. Goldmining briefly resumed between 1937 and 1940. However, it was the *Damned If I Know Mine* (what a great typically Aussie name), a small operation which extracted tungsten ore between the late 1930s and the late 1950s which turned a large profit, due mainly to the demands of industry during World War II.

Characters from the Armidale Club put on a stage show in the Community Hall focusing on local historical characters which brought lots of mirth and laughter from the audience. Then more food and a visit to a large and fascinating museum recording local industry and inhabitants. A pleasant drive back to Armidale followed.

The evening meal was at the Bowlo, where the cold beer, wine and scrumptious food was most welcome. After enjoyable conversations with other guests and reminiscences about other rallies and cars (the ladies were in raptures) we turned in for another good night's sleep.

The next day saw us enjoy a fine day on a 150 odd km round trip to Walcha. The high country looked a picture with good looking pastures and healthy livestock (although Jenny thought the sheep needed a wash!). A fair was held at the Langford Estate along with the many stalls and attractions there was the judging of entries into the Great Eastland Rally! I was very tempted to try the climbing wall but there were too many children in the line-up so I had to settle for a Devonshire tea with Jenny, Pete and Nerida. We all went on a tour of the grand Edwardian house, Langford, a beautiful historic home still in largely original condition. The nephew of the current owner said that the house and land (around 40,000 acres in 1904 and was now 70 acres) had been built from the proceeds of a horse race where a tablelands country horse was taken to Sydney for a race and cleaned up!!).

A lovely lunch from one of the many stalls followed. The display of cars was very extensive but I was surprised to see just 2 vintage cars in the line-up, a similar number of 1930s cars and no veterans at all – something of a sign of the times I guess. We did our voting and fingers crossed for our CHVVCC entries! A leisurely drive back to the big (ish) smoke of Armidale followed.

The night's function was at the RSL club where we enjoyed a lovely meal accompanied by yet more yacking. The Armidale club showed a continuous loop of silent movies from the 1920s and some of us took a trip down memory lane and chuckled quite a lot at the heroic antics of the actors. After the last course, the President of the Armidale Classic and Specialist Car Club thanked all for their attendance and support and in particular, the local members who had contributed so much to making this rally a success.

The next Hub Rally (Rally by the Sea) will be hosted by the Hastings Auto Restorer's club, Port Macquarie and plans are well underway for the October long weekend in 2018.



And then it was time for the awards, and yes Bill and Jane can take a bow as the winners of the Best Commercial in show for their 1953 FJ Holden Ute, well done!

After an early start on Monday morning, we headed off to the Bowlo for our goodbye breakie. The spread was lovely and after a final chat we motored home. Unfortunately, Graeme's Dolomite required a repair after a coolant leak, and with the help of Armidale folks he and Lyn were soon on their way.

So, a lovely weekend in all, while Armidale lived up to its Melbourne-like climate (4 seasons in one day), the Armidale Club made us all very welcome and we enjoyed the Rally and camaraderie.

– Glenn Campbell

COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB

COMING EVENTS

**All depart from Coffs Harbour Aero Club Carpark
63 Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour**

- 1st Saturday outings depart 1.00pm. Please take afternoon tea.
- 3rd Sunday outings depart 9.30am. Please take morning tea and lunch.
- 3rd Thursday morning tea runs depart 9.30am.

If you are not meeting the other members at the stated departure area, please notify someone so others can wait for you or let you know if there is a change of plan.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

**AT CLUB OUTINGS, EACH VEHICLE MUST ENSURE THAT
THE VEHICLE BEHIND IS IN VIEW WHEN TURNING.**

Please also remember to either wear your club shirt with your name on it or a name badge.

CLUB EVENTS NOVEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018

Date	Run Details	Contact
NOVEMBER		
Sunday 12 November 2017	CEX car Club to a Public Display at CEX Club Coffs Harbour. This is a prelude to the World Rally Championship event which commences on 16 November. Cars will need to be in place from 8 am and no later than 9.30 am. The Display will be open till around 3.30 pm. Enter via the CEX car park in Castle Street. It would be good if displays could incorporate a story-board or similar.	Glenn 0412 326 077
Thursday 16 November 2017	Coffee Run to La Piazza at Homebase, phone 02 6651 2289.	Glenn 0412 326 077
Sunday 19 November 2017	Rego Day and BBQ breakfast at North Beach, set up at 7am. Bring your own plates, cups and utensils. BBQ breakfast supplied. Please ensure that <u>all</u> your details are completed on your form. Payment is also due for the Christmas Party @ \$25 per head.	All
Thursday 30 November 2017	Coffee run/display at Masonic Village, Raleigh/Urunga, 191 Old Pacific Hwy, Raleigh, arrive at 10 am. Coffee and food available at reasonable prices. Further information from Colin Sutton, 02 6655 5232.	Optional run
DECEMBER		
Saturday 2 December 2017	Garage Crawl to Hal Murray's place. [Bring your swimmers if you feel like a dip in the Murray's pool.] Afternoon tea at Park Beach Reserve.	Hal M 02 6651 4722
Sunday 3 December 2017	Christmas Party at Seaview Tavern, Woolgoolga. Cost is \$25 per head after a club subsidy. Payment required at Club Rego day. Please arrive at venue at 11.30 am.	Social C'tee
Thursday 7 December 2017	Club Meeting at Boambee Hall. 7.30 for 7.45	
Sunday 17 December 2017	Run to Stewarts Point, picnic lunch at Beach, return via Scotts Head.	Graeme K 0417 236 277
Thursday 21 December 2017	Coffee Run to OP81, phone 02 6652 9011	Glenn 0412 326 077
JANUARY		
Monday 1 January 2018	Sawtell Fun Day procession and display in lieu of Saturday run. Form up at 9.30 am Elizabeth Street, Sawtell.	Optional run
Saturday 6 January 2018	Run to Karangi Dam, go up Bucca Rd and East Bank Rd, return via Coramba Road.	Glenn 0412 326 077
Thursday 18 January 2018	Coffee Run to Riverside Boat shed, walk to V wall. Ph 6658 6511.	Ian B 0438 582375
Sunday 21 January 2018	Twilight BBQ at Gary Wedd's, starting at 3 pm from our usual place for an observation quiz with prizes to be won.	Glenn 0412 326 077 Gary 0407 234 991

Coffs Harbour Swap Meet

Coffs Harbour Showground

Sunday 15 July 2018



Hosted by the Coffs Harbour Veteran and Vintage Car Club.

Supporting Pacific City Lions Club and Waratah Respite Services

Car & bike parts (new and used), collectables, brick-a-brack,
memorabilia, tools and books.

Gates open 6.00 am

Public Entry \$3.00 (children under 15 FREE)

Food and drinks will be available onsite.

Sites Available \$15 (incl. entry for 2, and 40m² site)

Overnight Camping from 4:00pm Saturday \$15

For bookings and further information
please phone John 02 6653 5139 or Gary 0407 234 991
or email chvvcc@gmail.com



DECEMBER



Frank O'Dwyer	3	Hal & Marg Murray	6
Nerida Brown	4	Merv & Beth Kennedy	19
Jack Horner	12	Gordon & Ruth Egan	29
Terry Wilson	14		

CLUB REGALIA

Metal Car Badges 75 mm Diam.	\$ 20.00	October 2005 Hub Rally Badge	\$ 1.00
Lapel Club Badge 20 mm Diam.	\$ 4.00	Car Ribbon (Royal Blue)	\$ 10.00
Pocket Emblem (Cloth)	\$ 2.00	Coffee Mugs with club insignia	\$ 7.50
Key Rings	\$ 5.00	Club Name Bars	\$ 10.00

These items are for sale at Club meetings

NAME BADGES

Name badges can be obtained from Greg's Trophies on the Highway between Marcia Street and Bailey Avenue.

CLUB T-SHIRTS

Jack Simmons Men's Wear is no longer keeping our T-shirts but still has shirts. Caba's stock a variety of quality Men's and Ladies shirts and polo-shirts (club colours - Sky Blue with collar on neck) ranging in price from \$14.95 to \$31.00. Caba's is happy to help and take orders.

EMBROIDERY

The club badge for your shirt can be obtained at THREAD WORKS (at the back of Jacks Simmons Men's Wear). Red veteran car or the "new" old white car on the left hand side. Your name on the right hand side if you wish.

Before your registration is due, fill out your

Historical Vehicle Declaration on your computer nice and legibly, then print it off error free:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/about/forms/45070967-historic-vehicle-declaration.pdf>

Vehicle Inspection is a valuable service provided by our Volunteer Inspectors, and the advice they give is intended to be in the best interests of both the vehicle owner and the Club as a whole. Please make their job easier by doing your bit to check your vehicle beforehand, particularly if your vehicle had an area of weakness pointed out previously.

Please print off the form overleaf, complete your details, and present it to the inspector of your vehicle: paying particular attention to the insurance details in the lower right.

Coffs Harbour Veteran & Vintage Car Club

Vehicle Inspection Report



Owner: Details to be completed by owner.

Name: D.O.B.:

Address: Licence Number:

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Licence Expiry Date:

Post Code:

Home Phone: Mobile Phone:

Vehicle: Details to be completed by owner.

Year: Manufacturer: Body Type:

Engine No.: Chassis No.:

Registration No.: Odometer:

Inspection List:

Repairs Needed:

Wheels & Tyres	
King Pins	
Tie Rod Ends	
Steering Box	
Suspension	
Brake Foot	
Brake Hand	
Lights Head	
Lights Park	
Lights Tail	
Lights Stop	
Lights Indicator	
Windscreen Wiper	
Horn	
Engine	
Exhaust	
Body	

Details to be completed by owner.

Insurance Company:

Policy Number:

Expiry Date:

Club Registrar:

Date:

Inspected By: Date:

Remarks:

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SOME MOTORING FIRSTS 1931 TO 1966

(continued from August Splutter)

- 1931 The first all-syncromesh gearbox was announced by the German firm of ZF.
- 1932 The first British cars to use syncromesh gearboxes were Vauxhall and Rolls Royce.
- 1934 The first electrically operated convertible was fitted to a Peugeot.
The first automobile overdrive was introduced by Chrysler.
The first British production model, to use automatic-transmission was the 18 hp Austin.
The first drive-in-cinema was opened in Camden, New Jersey, USA.
- 1935 The first man to exceed 300 mph on land was Sir Malcolm Campbell in Bluebird.
The first headlamp flashers were used on the Fiat 1500.
The first parking-meter was used in Oklahoma City, USA.
The first windscreen washers were introduced by Triumph.
- 1936 The first retractable headlights were used on the cord 810.
The first diesel-engined private car to be marketed was the Mercedes Benz 260D.
- 1938 The first racing car disc brakes were fitted to an Indianapolis Miller.
The first car to be offered with air conditioning was a Nash.
- 1945 The first post-war motor race took place in Paris.
- 1947 The first man to officially exceed 400 mph on land was John Cobb in his Napier-Railton.
- 1950 The world's first gas turbine powered passenger car was the Rover Jet 1.
- 1953 The first production car with glass fibre body was the Chevrolet Corvette.
The first radial ply tyre was the Michelin X.
- 1957 The first British car to win a World Championship race was the Vanwall of Stirling Moss and Tony Brooks
which won the British GP.
- 1958 The first British Motorway was opened at Preston.
- 1961 The first British car to sell more than a million examples was the Morris Minor,
- 1962 The first car to use an overhead camshaft driven by a cogged belt was the Glas S1004.
The first European factory to produce a million cars in a year was Volkswagen.
- 1963 The first car to use a rotary engine was the NSU Wankel Spyder.
The first gas turbine engine racing car, a Rover BRM, ran in a road race (the Le Mans 24-hour Race).
- 1964 The first man to exceed 500 mph on land was Craig Breedlove in his three-wheeled jet-propelled
Spirit of America.
The first gas turbine powered passenger car to be used by the public was the Chrysler Turbo Dart.
- 1966 The first production road car to use four wheel Drive was the Jensen FF.

On a less serious side . . .

One evening, after the honeymoon, Tom was working on his Norton motorcycle in the garage. His new wife was standing there by the bench watching him. After a long period of silence she finally said, "Honey, I've just been thinking, now that we are married, maybe it's time you quit spending so much of your time out here in your garage. You probably should also consider selling your Norton and all your welding equipment, along with your gun collection, and your fishing gear, and the boat; and lose all those stupid model airplanes, plus dump that vintage hot rod sports car, and your home brewing equipment..."

Tom got a horrified look on his face.

She said, "Darling, what's wrong?"

He replied, "There for a minute, you were starting to sound like my ex-wife."

"Ex-wife!?" she screamed, "YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE MARRIED BEFORE!"

Tom replied, "I wasn't."

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