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**Club Meetings** 

WHEN: 8pm; 1st Tuesday of each month (except January) WHERE: Girl Guide Hall, Erin St, Queanbeyan.

Contributions should be submitted before the 15th of the month for the following month's issue. Articles covering events, members' experiences, automotive/amechanical items or photographs welcomed. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject or modify any section of any article submitted for publication.

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## Editor's Notes: Darryl Bourke

Binalong (Sunday 10 November).

We have a busy run up to Christmas with our car club run to the private Binalong car museum followed by lunch at the historic Binalong Hotel.

**Christmas Party** (Sunday 8 December).

Our December club run is to Burra for our Christmas Party.

#### **Cover picture**

Cover photo shows Bev and her Austin Atlantic.

#### **Articles**

The success of this magazine depends on articles from you, the members of STHARC. Thanks to a few members there have been sufficient articles to date making the publishing of "The Wheel" viable. This will not be the case if more members continue to sit on their hands. You need to put pen to paper and tell your story, with a couple of photos. Please contact me if you want assistance with your article, only to happy to help.

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## **Minutes of Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday 31st October 2019 @ 20:00

Attendance: 23 members

**Visitors:** 

Prospective new member Keith Knight

#### **Apologies:**

Joe and Maureen Vavra, Darryl Bourke, John and Pam Corbett, Bev Lang and Hugh Spencer and as per attendance book,

#### **President's Report:**

Webmaster Malcolm Roxburgh chaired the meeting as president Joe Vavra was on Holidays. Malcolm opened the meeting with a request for one minute's silence to remember our recently departed foundation member Anne Scattergood.

The Chairman Noted with regret the passing of foundation member Anne Scattergood and that it was pleasing to see the strong presence of STHARC members and club vehicles at the funeral.

Keith Knight was invited to speak to members present about his interest and involvement in historic motoring. Keith has a 1942 Ford Blitz which is currently undergoing minor repairs prior to inspection. Keith explained to members present his interest in heritage motoring and becoming a member of STHARC.

The President has advised that he has been speaking with Terry Davis. Since his medical condition has improved, Terry has volunteered to have another crack at the role.

Committee of Management meeting on 17 September was dominated by issues related to the planning of Wheels 2020.

An issue relating to registration of vehicles under 60 day log book arrangements resulted in one member resigning.

#### **Vice President's report**

No Vice President at this stage

#### **Treasurer's Report: Brian Thomas**

Club remains in a healthy financial position. Insurance premiums have been paid. Reimbursement for \$350 for stamps for the distribution of The Wheels and a significant amount for membership badges will be reimbursed Exact details will be provided when the calculations have been done.

Reimbursements and payments – insurance premiums paid Claim for reimbursement for new membership badges

#### Secretary's report: Lawrie Nock

Correspondence In:

Application for membership circulated to Committee members for consideration and a request for information about membership.

Club newsletters from clubs not already using electronic transmission,

Hard copy newsletters received available at front table for members.

Club newsletters from clubs not already using electronic transmission, Electronic versions on STHARC.ORG.AU website. Hard copy newsletters received available at front table for members.

Correspondence Out:

Email messages and letters posted to members and to prospective members about events.

#### **Membership Secretary: Pam Corbett**

Absent.

**Editor: Darryl Bourke** 

Sent apologies.

Registrar: John Corbett

Absent.

#### Webmaster: Malcolm Roxburgh

Many of the newsletters from other clubs are no longer being received. Club needs to decide whether it wishes to pursue this matter.



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#### **Property Officer: Ray & Barbara Malam**

Absent

#### Public Officer: Chris Hillbrick-Boyd

Notice has been received that annual return has been received by DFT.

#### Council of Heritage Motor Clubs (CHMC)

Delegate hopes to attend the half yearly meeting in November.

RMS expects to have a representative present to discuss the 60 log book review.

#### **Council of ACT Motor Clubs**

Delegate reported on planning for Wheels 2020. No significant issues for STHARC arising from September meeting of CACTMC

#### **Events**

The end of month morning tea was held at Fyshwick in September. October to be held for ladies and blokes at the Baker at Sutton – Jane is the contact person for this event. Participants have been invited back to Jane's after the morning tea if they wish to come.

#### Raffle:

Folding chair drawn by Keith and won by Barry. Second folding chair won by Marshall.



#### **General Business**

Application for membership of STHARC has been received from Keith and Elaine Knight. The Committee advised that it has considered the application and recommended acceptance. Members present voted to accept Keith as a member of the club

The successful Honeysuckle Creek outing attendance record currently held includes names for only 8 of the people who attended. The Secretary pointed out that in recent years the determination of recipient for the most attendance award had been made difficult by the absence of reports on club events in The Wheel and the absence of attendance records for the club events which had been held. Members were asked to try to arrange for someone to report events for publication in the Wheel and also for someone attending the event to ensure that all attendees are recorded in the report.

#### **Shannons Wheels 2020**

Planning committee met on 17 September. Following the meeting a draft layout for the 2020 event was drawn up along with some guidelines for the event. The proposed layout and other details for 2020 event to be submitted to CACTMC for circulation to affiliated clubs before October CACTMC meeting was provided for examination and comment by members. No comments were received.. Joe has prepared Wheels Newsletter No2 for circulation.

Joe recommends that the STHARC wheels 2020 display consist of a representation of the variety of vehicles enjoyed in our club. Motor cycles, small and large vehicles, Australian, American, UK, Europe etc. and how about a Stationary engine and perhaps Bev & Hugh could bring their Propert fold up mini caravan. He suggested our slogan to be "The Family Club for the Family Vehicles". No alternative suggestions were put forward.

#### **Birthdays and anniversaries**

Belinda and Paul in October and Peta and Craig a wedding anniversary

Meeting closed: 8.35 pm

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#### **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

We have 2 really interesting events coming up in November

#### November car club run

**Sunday 10 November car club run** to the private Binalong car museum followed by lunch at the historic Binalong Hotel. There's a small charge for the Museum and lunch can cost anything from \$7.50 for a Burger through to \$25 if you want to go deluxe and have the Scotch Fillet. Museum and pub Table is booked if you can please let me know if you plan to come that would be much appreciated. The museum is brilliant.

#### Manuka Cinema premiere

## Thursday 14th November 8:00 pm Manuka Cinema premiere screening of fabulous new car movie

STHARC have been invited by the Fiat Car Club ACT to a film night at Manuka on 14 Nov to see *Ford v Ferrari*. LE Mans 1966 with Carroll Shelby and the GT 40 It's an all-region club event. Tickets are \$9 a head. If we can confirm 60 goers, we get our own cinema (Cinema 5), and session time. If we get 150 confirmed, they give us a bigger cinema.

Talking with our friends in the Alfa Club there was a suggestion we arrive from 8pm, and kick the film off from 8.30pm - give those who'd like to a chance to get a meal or drink or both in Manuka beforehand

Stars Jason Bourne!!!! There's a great promo clip to see.

We need to advise of STHARC numbers attending. This will be a great night. So please let me or James Barlow <a href="mailto:ifbpolicy@gmail.com">ifbpolicy@gmail.com</a> know. And James will send you direct updates

#### 2020 three day run

April 2020 we will have a 3 day run to Bathurst

#### **Xmas Party**

See you at our December XMAS party

#### Hugh Spencer and the Events team

#### **BUSH CHRISTMAS AT BURRA**

#### Sunday 8 December 2019

Our December Club Run is our annual Christmas Party, this year in Burra. Meet at the clubhouse at 10am for 10.15 departure, or make your way directly to Burra Hall. We plan to arrive at 11am, with lunch served at 12 noon. Please drive carefully, as there are significant roadworks between Queanbeyan and Googong and LOTS of kangaroos are grazing the road verges due to the drought.

We will be having a buffet of cold meats, salad and dessert for lunch. Please BYO drinks and nibbles, plus a salad or dessert to share. Can you please let us know what you would like to bring so we don't end up with lots of coleslaw and no dessert or the reverse please! STHARC will provide meat, bread, tea and coffee.

#### **Numbers**

## Hugh and Bev need to know numbers for catering by the last Club meeting on Tuesday 3 December.

Cost is \$5 per head. Please if possible pay the treasurer at the November or December meeting, or by direct transfer to the Club's Bendigo Bank account BSB 633 000 Account 164 876 989, with 'Xmas' and your surname in the description.

BYO table and chairs if you would like to sit outside on the patio under the trees. We will also have indoor seating. Please keep chairs and tables with metal feet outside so they don't scratch the hall floor.

Please bring along children and grandchildren. We have had news that the jolly fella in red will be able to attend. He would love you to provide a wrapped and labelled present (purchase price below \$20) for his sack for each little person. Please label each gift clearly in large print as he's not psychic and sometimes forgets his specs!

Travel directions: From Queanbeyan Court House, follow signs south to Googong along Cooma Street / Old Cooma Road. Travel 11km from Monaro Street then turn left from Old Cooma Road onto Burra Road. 12km along Burra Road is Burra Park. To enter turn right into Lagoon Road, then left into the park. [Google Maps "Burra Community Association"). Distance from Clubhouse is 25km.

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## LADIES MORNING TEA by Christine Brown

#### Friday, 27th September 2019

Once again, our morning tea at Pushy's Café in Fyshwick proved to be popular venue. Eleven ladies arrived and enjoyed the menu offered at this popular café.

Amongst the various conversations around the table, it was great to receive a number of suggestions of possible venues for morning teas during 2020.

Before we knew it, the time was fast approaching noon, so we all went our separate ways, with a couple of the ladies staying on at the café to enjoy some more culinary delights for lunch.

#### Attendees:

Kay Carratt, Ronda Cornwell, Rhona Winnett, Sandra McInally, Lynne Heffernan, Jane Nock, Hazel Roxburgh, Barbara Malam, Krystyna McLeish, Tina Oliver and Christine Brown.

#### Apologies:

Nancy-Lea Legge and Lee McMahon.

#### **Next morning tea**

Our November morning tea (the final morning tea for 2019) will be at 10.00am on Friday, 29 November, at The Gathering Café, 2/12-14 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore (a couple of doors from the Gunna Doo Bakery).



## MENS COFFEE MORNING by Tony Brown

#### Friday, 27th September 2019

The Silk Café at Fyshwick was the venue for the September Men's Coffee Morning with a record elevan gents attending. The weather was fine with the chill off the air temperature so the men sat outside taking in the sunshine.

It was nice to welcome back Ian Oliver, who with wife Tina and a small crew, had participated in a round Australia rally in his XT Falcon GT. There were many conversations around the table some to do with the planning of the 2020 Shannons Wheels car show of which STHARC are the organising club.

The Silk Café had a very attractive coffee plus The November Men's Coffee Morning will be the last coffee morning of the year and will be on Friday 29 th November at 10.00am at RnR's Diner, Village Square - Malbon Street Bungendore.

deal, so most of the gents opted for this combo.

#### **Attendees**:

Barry Stewart, Doug McMahon, Bill Grzeskowiak, Col Hill, Darryl Bourke, Allan Boyd, Brian McInally, Ian Oliver, Ray Malam, Lawrie Nock & Tony Brown.

#### **Apologies**:

Max de Oliver.

#### **Next morning tea**

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	STHARC and other events calendar. Check STHARC's Website regularly for details and updates.		page 12
DATE	November 2019	CONTACT	2
Sun 3	Canberra Swap Meet EPIC gates open 6:30 am		
Sun 10	<b>Sunday Club Run</b> . Binalong Motor Museum and Lunch at Pub, 9:00 for 9.30 departure from Girl Guides Hall	Hugh Spencer 0488633737	
Sun 10	<b>Michelago Spring Fair</b> Michelago Oval from 10am to 3pm. STHARC has been invited to attend by DI Fett President Michelago Community Assoc.		
Sat 16 to Sun 17	<b>Taralga</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rally to be held at the Taralga Showground. Entry \$10:00 Adults. Children Free. Exhibitors \$10:00	Jacqui Corby 48402129	
Sun 17	<b>Marques in the Park.</b> Council of ACT Motor Clubs' Spring Show & Shine. Venue: John Knight Park, Belconnen, Arrival time: 7:00 – 9:00 am. Visitors 10:00 am 'til 3:00 pm		The WI
Tue 19	Wheels 20202 Committee meeting 7:30pm		heel # 2
Sat 23	<b>Airing of the Quilts</b> Display at Braidwood and the Braidwood Motor Club vehicle display. Event contact. 0458 605 789. STHARC meet at corner of Molonglo St. and Malbon St. Bungendore for an 8.30 departure.		203

Sun 24	Capital All Ford Day 2019. Held. Queanbeyan Show Ground, Glebe Avenue		
	Queanbeyan. Pre-Registration is \$15 per car or \$20 per car on the day with entry form.		Souther
Fri 29	Last Ladies Morning Tea for 2019, 10am @ The Gathering Café 2/12-14 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore (this is a couple of doors down from the Gunna Doo Bakery)	Christine Brown 0412442623	n Tableland
Fri 29	Last Mens Morning Tea for 2019, 10am @ RnR's Diner Village Square – Malbon Street, Bungendore.	Tony Brown 0431539354	s Heritag
DATE	December	CONTACT	e Autom
Sun 1	<b>Terribly British Day.</b> Venue: Queanbeyan Park, Lowe Street Time: 10 am until 2 pm. Admission by Gold coin donation.		notive Re
Tue 3	STHARC Last Club General Meeting for 2019. 8pm @ Girl Guides Hall Erin St. Queanbeyan.		storers
Sun 8	STHARC end of year celebration (Christmas Party) to be held at the Burra Hall. This is a lovely country setting complete with Kangaroos!. Santa will attend. Please contact so club can cater effectively for all family members. Please contact Events Director if you can help with organising this event.	Bev Lang Event Committee	Club Inc.
Members of other STHARC MEMBE HELP OR ORGAN	Members of other Car Clubs are most welcome to join STHARC on any of our club runs. STHARC MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENTS COMMITTEE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OR ORGANISE A RUN.	is. LD LIKE TO	page

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## AN ATLANTIC by Hugh Spencer

#### So you bought a what?

We were looking for a suitable car we could use on club events and one that could tow Beverley's 1950s small caravan and something I could work on myself. Or in other words English and 1950s engineering. And interesting and fun. The choices out there are more limited than you might think.

I have always liked the Austin Atlantic. The styling is unusual but as they say beauty is in the eye of the beholder. And for the Atlantic it is a very pretty car especially from some angles. The problem however is finding one. These cars are now very rare indeed. Finding a good car is going to be difficult. Actually almost impossible. Well the idea was there anyway. Well this year we were attending the small Ford rally in Toowoomba QLD with John and Pam Corbett's borrowed Prefect (many thanks) as our Prefect was an unpainted shell, having made the decision to properly restore the car with a full restoration and key people failed to deliver on work. Any way that's another story. So, after the Prefect rally, on the way home south, we detoured significantly to attend the Gosford Classic Car Museum closing auction which happened to have an Austin Atlantic rally car up for sale in April this year.



The auction was impressive and I have never been to an auction and seen a car sell for \$1.6 Million before. The Atlantic was interesting but battered, rusty and modified. Although I bid, fortunately I stopped. It was a near thing. Disappointed, but sort of relieved. I had however before the auction been talking to our club president (Joe Vavra) who is an expert on all things Austin and he had put us in touch with the Atlantic guru Kevin in Queensland. So I knew what I was bidding for but more importantly Keven also knew what might be for sale in Australia. Well there was a car and apparently it had been a good one. But it wasn't cheap. And it lived right on the ocean just near Bundaberg... Queensland... like 1,600k away. And we found there were two cars plus spares... That's 3 trips north plus an extra engine like over 10,000k of driving all up. We are definitely mad... Nothing ran... not even close.



The Atlantic was last used 16 years ago! The brakes, fuel system, coolant system were all horrible. And it leaked oil everywhere and there was no oil in the gearbox and ... but the body is excellent and after months of work we just managed to reregister Alice as our Austin is now called in time for the Austin Rally. Alice is really Beverley's Austin because it will go with her Propert caravan. And to our surprise she successfully has just fully completed 2 long rallies in South Australia. The first being with the Austin A90 or Atlantic mob in Goolwa and the second with Austins over Australia in the Barossa where our president and his wife Maureen drove the car one day. And I know they had lots of fun too.



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#### So what is an Atlantic.

Basically it's an Austin Healey with a hand made body. Every part and panel was individually numbered. All the mechanicals the engine, transmission, brakes, and most suspension etc are all identical to the first big Healey. Or to be more correct, Atlantics first came out for the 1948 London Motor Show and were built until 1952. The first big Austin Healeys, the 100/4 were built from 1953 using Atlantic parts. Versions with the Atlantic engine were later successfully raced at Le Mans! Today because less than 100 exist, Atlantic parts don't exist. However, because of the Healey they do and are plentiful in the UK and not too expensive. I can even buy brand new alloy heads! Our car now has brand new, brakes, fuel system and many essential engine bits.



The car drives amazingly well and handles extremely well. With a 4 speed gear box and torquey 2.7 litre engine with twin SUs performance is limited to bravery. The Mercedes is currently sulking in the garage and blew out one tyre in protest!

I asked if the braking was so frightening or difficult that I would need to take such a break. It was explained to me that the reason for the coffee break was to let the brakes cool down so they would work next time. It is a very long time since I drove a vehicle which suffered from brake fade. I suspect that all but a few of the drivers on the road to-day have never experienced the sensation.

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## BRIAN TOMKINS COLLECTION by Bill Grezeskowiak

On a trip to the Grenfell Show 'n' shine, we stay overnight in Cowra to visit Brian Tomkins, a friend of over thirty years.

On arrival, Brian took us to a large America Barn style shed where he housed some very nice vehicles.

All the vehicles are in really high quality condition. Brian has always had a high level of detail and been very conscious of having things as close to original as possible.



#### Brian's collection includes:

1963 Thunderbird Hardtop which Brian has owned since 1988. He had it restored back then and has brought it up to concours, original standards.

1961 Fairlane 500. Fully restored, which he displayed at Grenfell.

1964 Ford F600 292 Y Block V8 truck.



1972 Dodge, 318 V8 AT pickup truck that his late Dad purchased.



1962 Falcon XL Squire station wagon, fully restored.

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#### **Brian Tomkins Collection Cont.**



Above; 1957 Chris—Craft wooden speedboat powered by a big block Oldsmobile V8 engine. Also fully restored.

Below STHARC members parked at Hugh and Bev's house



### BATHURST BBQ IN BURRA by Alan Boyd

We woke to a cool but pleasant morning that boded well for the trip out to Burra.

It was the first Bathurst race for the new Ford Mustangs that have won many V8 Supercar races this year. The later starting time of 11.30am threw-out our schedule as I wanted to view the start of the race. The race was delayed almost as soon as it started and then followed a crash not long into the race that meant we left Queanbeyan much later than planned. Chris and I arrived at Hugh and Bev's property 'Rosewood' in Burra at about 1pm to find several other STHARC couples in front of their big TV watching The Race. The ladies quickly moved to the dining table to discuss other things.

A delicious bbq lunch and salad was provided by Hugh and Bev and was served up shortly after we arrived. I kept one eye on the race except during the various ads. Afternoon tea was served up later from goodies made by Bev and brought by the various ladies.

Watching the race continued until some of us decided to leave at about 4.30, but not before we were given a conducted tour of the garages by Hugh of various vehicles and restoration projects. I think Hugh as more than enough projects to keep him busy for many years to come!

Thank you to Hugh and Bev for opening their house to STHARC members to get-together and for providing a delicious bbq.

#### STHARC Roll Call:

Hugh Spencer & Bev Lang

John Corbett

Ford Pilot

Pam Corbett

Modern

Ray & Barbara Malam

Max De Oliver & Maree Burke

Ford Falcon

Allan Boyd & Chris hb VW Beetle "Ringo"



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## **FOR SALE**

4 Mag Wheels to suit 1990's 3 or 5 Series BMW 5 Stud pattern

'Alessio' 7½" J x 16"H2 - made in Italy. \$200 ono (Tyres outdated)

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Sample of Peter Toet's collection.





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