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BEACon April 2022

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Schmokin 9/03/2022

It didn't happen.

We are all too painfully aware that we have been enduring the most prolonged period of heavy rain that the east coast of Australia has ever seen, leading to record flooding in many areas (both city and country) and misery for so many of our fellow Australians. Here in the Highlands there were many examples of the havoc resulting from the rains, as these photos by Jenny O' illustrate.

The overrun from the first of the first of the ponds alongside Boardman Road in Bowral.

Old South Road closed by the police while a mini river runs where a small creek ran before.

Under these circumstances it was no surprise when the decision was made to call off the run to Schmokin. As was noted in the cancellation message, Schmokin was opening specially for us on the day, and we were looking to have a big turnout making the run to justify the effort they were making. But also it was recalled that the last time we went to Schmokin in May 2021 it was a day of very heavy rain which significantly reduced our numbers, and we don't want to do that to them again.

The scene at a sodden Burradoo on 5th May 2021.

The good news is that the run has been rescheduled (see the club calendar) and we are really looking for better luck next time around.

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THE RUN TO PICTON **Wednesday 23 March 2022**

Despite grey clouds and threatening rain, a good crowd turned up for the run to the George IV Inn, Picton, although open cars were noticeably absent. Unfortunately, the recent heavy rains and subsequent flooding meant the route originally planned couldn't be followed and we missed what had been promised as the most spectacular part of the trip, down to the river at Douglas Park and under the Freeway Bridge. Nevertheless, we survived potholes and were rewarded with a great lunch at the Inn.

BRG - Richard Lewis and Tony Troctor-Broughall. On the left Tony's MGC and Right, Richard's TR3.

Mostly Red. The line up ready to leave. In the foreground, Phil Davis with his Bentley Mulsanne. Phil has decided to sell his Bentley and look for a Jaguar. You're a true collector and enthusiast Phil. Good hunting!

A visitor and potential member, Ron Williamson, with Geoff Wood.
Ron has moved to Hilltop in the Southern Highlands from SW Rocks. He has a long interest in vintage cars and particularly in racing. He told the assembled group that his car is a Nota "Fang", essentially a racing body on a Morris Cooper sub frame and engine. He provided me with a picture to include, see below. We look forward to seeing Ron's car in the future. Welcome, Ron, to the Club.

Ron Williamson in his Nota 'Fang"

Left: Jim White and Meryl Gross with their Peugeot.
Right: Merv Dunlop's Mini 2021

Mark Hollins, Jim Geddes and Julia Lapsley

Alan Jarrett's Mazda MX5, Fred Edney's Triumph TR 7 and
Mark Hollins Mercedes. Pagoda SL Model W113.

The George IV Inn was a great venue for lunch. Everyone commented on the large choice of dishes, generous servings, and high quality of the food, all most efficiently served.

Left: Geoff Wood, Alan Jarrett, Meryl Gross.
Right: Jim White, Bob Moore, Sandy Moore

Left: Merv Dunlop, Jim Geddes. Right: Heather Dunlop, Amy Geddes

A good run, despite the threat of rain, which held off for the entire day. As always, a good turnout and excellent company.

By Chris Brangwin, standing in for Philip O'Regan who is on holiday.

CLUB CALENDAR – April and May 2022

- **Runs start at 10 am at Cnr. Osborne Road & Moss Vale Road, Burradoo unless otherwise noted.**
- **Please Note: all PDF files and links are available on the club's Events Web Page**

April 2022

Wednesday 6 April 2022 | Berrima Run

• Venue | Schmokin, 1 Market Place, Berrima
• Meet at 10 am, Cnr. Moss Vale Road & Osborne Road, Burradoo
• Download Run Sheet | BEAC Berrima Run PDF
• Organisers | Ros & Kevin Bell | m | 0421 029 900
e | events@beac.org.au

Wednesday 20 April 2022 | BEAC Annual General Meeting

• Venue | Bargo Hotel, 225 Great Southern Road, Bargo
• Meet at 10 am, Cnr. Moss Vale Road & Osborne Road, Burradoo
• Lunch will be available at the hotel bistro.
• Contact | Anne Wood | m | 0408 026 422
e | secretary@beac.org.au

Proposed Central West Tour

10th to 14th October 2022

Proposal:

Basing our group in Young at the Young Federation Motel for 4 nights (all rooms $141/night and all king size). RSL club is across the road for evening meals. The motel itself does excellent breakfast or there are a number of suitable venues within walking distance in the main street (5 minutes walk).

Places of interest:

Cootamundra (50km) Don Bradman's birthplace.

Junee (103km) rail museum, chocolate factory, Monte Christo homestead.

Temora (89km) air museum (David Lowy's collection)

Grenfell (53km) silos art, Henry Lawson's birthplace.

Forbes (117km) motor museum, historic buildings.

Cowra (71km) Japanese gardens and restaurant.

Greenthorpe (50km) Iandra castle.

Some of these would be linked for a day trip eg Grenfell and Forbes and return.

In some instances the group may split into two groups eg propeller heads to Temora and cricket tragics to Cootamundra.

One stipulation: to visit Iandra Castle ALL will have to attend as 30 are needed for Rod to present a tour for us. This is well worth a visit (research Iandra Castle) but will cost $20 per person.

Each afternoon a "happy hour" is planned at the motel for socialising and debriefing or advanced detailing for the following day. The motel is excellent - I have stayed there previously and was most satisfied.

The intention is for some relaxed cruising in our fine automobiles in the beautiful surroundings of our own backyard. It is definitely not a race or a trial. The roads are (were) very good country roads and are a delight to cruise in the Spring weather.

For those who have them, the Dine and Discover vouchers are very useful at some of these venues.

Express your interest to Brian Cox via email at 1947brimar@gmail.com and I will forward to you more details once I have them in hand.

Regards

Brian Cox.

And when you have warmed up doing the Central West Tour, you'll be ready to do this one.

Proposed 15 day Tasmanian Tour

From say 25th Feb to 12th March 2023.

It has been suggested to me we repeat the 2015 Tasmanian Tour that went so well.

On that tour we left on a Saturday and stayed overnight in Albury and went for the afternoon sailing of the Spirit of Tasmania (*which will leave from Geelong from January 2023*) the next day.

I anticipate travelling the same basic route and using the same accommodation where it proved satisfactory. That is from Devonport to Launceston for two nights. Then on to Swansea for a further two nights. From there we would head for a three night stop in Hobart. Giving us a chance to visit the Salamanca markets on the Saturday.

From Hobart we would head north up to the west coast to Strahan and another two night stay before heading further north to Smithton on the north coast for a further two nights.

Its then on to Devonport to catch the boat back to Geelong and the mainland, where we head for home. It is intended to stop over around half way home for a farewell dinner and drinkie.

We anticipate the total cost of boat and accommodation would be around $3000.00 fuel and food etc. would of course be extra.

We need to limit the number of entries to 10 cars as many in Tasmania towns accommodation is not large and we want to get all entrants in the same hotel/motels.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please contact me to register your interest. Once we have a full complement of entries, we will hold an information meeting to discuss accommodation, points of interest and such.

Yours, Fred Edney 0400040088

King George IV Inn **23/02/2022**

Line up of the British and European Automobile Club – honestly!

The summer of showers and thunderstorms rolls on, and unfortunately on this occasion dampened BEAC members' enthusiasm for what turned out to be a very enjoyable run to Friendly Inn Hotel in Kangaroo Valley put together by Chris and Jenelle Brangwin (of Kombi overland fame).

HISTORIC VEHICLE SCHEME

• For members with BEAC Primary Historic Vehicle Registration, on a club run you must keep either a Club BEACon Newsletter or BEAC Events Web Page print-out in the car to justify the use.

HISTORIC CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION - 60 DAY LOG BOOK SCHEME
A reminder that it is a condition of the 60 Day Log Book Scheme to sign off on your RMS Log Sheet **BEFORE** making a non-club run journey. Severe penalties apply.
Members with cars registered under the Historic Vehicle Scheme are expected to attend a minimum of **four** Runs / Events per year.

Additional information covering the Historic Vehicle Registration 60 Day Log Book Scheme can be found on the BEAC website https://www.beac.org.au/historic-vehicle-scheme/historic-vehicle-scheme-60-day-log-book-scheme/

Please note: if you sell a car that is noted on the BEAC Member's Register, please inform our Membership (and Historic Plates) Registrar of the sale. If in doubt whether the car is on the Register, tell him anyway at registrar@beac.org.au (he won't be offended)!

My First Car

Christopher Brangwin

I am a new member of BEAC, only one year as a member and already heading for my 10th Club run in my MGB. It's been a lot of fun and I have enjoyed meeting new people. I appreciate the friendly welcome they have provided to Jenelle and me.

My interest in old cars really started when my father purchased a 1930 Willies Whippet Overland Four 96A Tourer. This wonderful car towed a caravan and took my family on many adventures.

In the late fifties I began to hang out with a bunch of blokes who were interested in Austin 7 cars and here I did my first valve grind and decoke!

Then, by great luck, one of the group, slightly older than the rest of us and who had finished his engineering studies, was off to England and was selling his 1926 Alvis, 12/50 TE Model. I bought this car in 1959, still living at home as a student. Life was good.

These were heady days of motoring on the long straight stretches from the northern suburbs to the Northern Beaches, past the blinking light and then a speed run along the straight road to the beaches. usually to Whale Beach Road, where one of group had some land with a shack on it, which we called Enos!

It was a very social time and the Alvis was undoubtedly a social asset as far as I was concerned. My wife-to-be, Jenelle, was a regular companion in the Alvis before she went off to England in 1962.

The car had a rather rough body and I had hopes of one day having the funds to restore it. I joined the Alvis Car Club and went on runs to Walachia and Picton. We always met at the Crossroads Pub in Casula.

The Alvis remained with me until 1961 when one night while I was studying for examinations I heard high revving and persistent squealing of brakes, followed by a thundering bang. A Holden, driven by a bunch of drunks, had hit my car head on. My car was broken beyond anything that I could afford to repair and was sold to Will Hagon, the well-known automobile writer and commentator.

At that point the Alvis was no longer part of my life. I went on to buy an MG TC which was of course wonderful, then later when I turned 50, an MGB. This was sold some years later to buy a ride on mower (would you believe), when we moved to a rural property in Kangaroo Valley in 1999.

With our move to Bowral in 2019 it was time for another MGB, which is how I am now happily a member of BEAC.

But the story of my Alvis does not stop there.

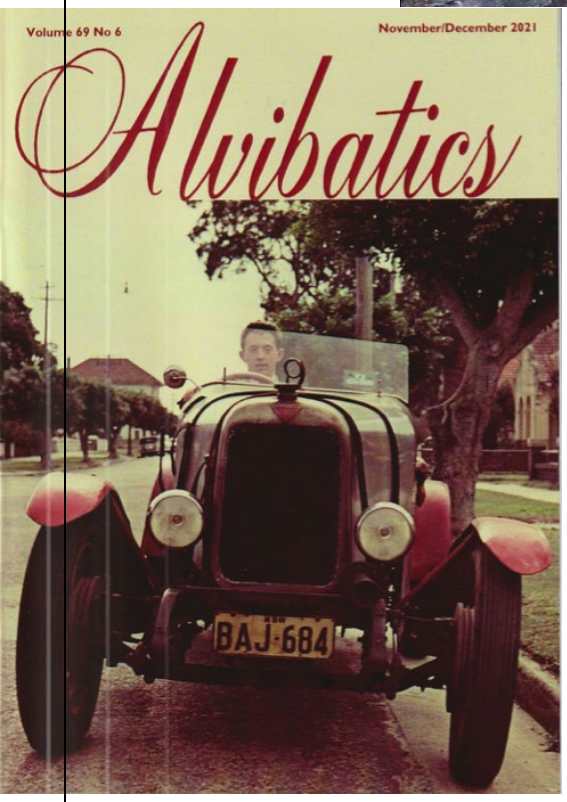
During the lockdowns in 2021 I began to wonder what had happened to my Alvis. I wrote to the secretary of the Alvis Car Club, Joe Toms, who passed my letter on to Heather Gunnell, the editor of the Alvis Car Club magazine 'Alvibatics'. It was not long before I received an email from a very excited Jonathan Houston, who felt sure that he has my old car. Jonathan lives on the Central Coast and has for many years operated a most successful motorcar restoration business, having taken over his father's business, Vintage Motor Garage (VGM). My old car was barely a whole car when he bought it and gradually he built up the chassis and engine to allow him to drive it at Amaroo Park in 1981 as a rolling chassis.

This is a summary of the history of the car. Thanks to information supplied by: Jonathan Houston, Denis Parry-Okeden, Suzanne Parry-Okeden, Gordon Sandes. Alvis Car Club members: John Cross, Caroline Cross, Heather Gunnell, Joe Toms, Will Hagon.

The Car: 1926, 12/50, TE Model. Car Number: 9669, Engine Number: 4706 Chassis Number: 4353

- Left the factory in UK to be shipped to Australia without body on 19/5/26
- Eric Moss owned the car in 1950. To be confirmed
- Purchased by Jim Bibby. Car raced.
- It is speculated that this is where Dennis Parry-Okeden acquired the car and parts in 1952. Restoration to a certain level followed.
- Sold the car in 1959 to Chris Brangwin who lived in Double Bay.
- Car damaged whilst parked in Double Bay, Sydney. Sold to Will Hagon early 60's.
- Car passed on to John MacNaughton, who probably dismantled it for spares, many parts lost.
- Max Houston purchased the car from John MacNaughton mid 1972. Max was the founder Vintage Motor Garage (VMG) 1972.
- Max' son, Jonathan Houston, started to make body parts in woodwork class at school 1977/78. He drove the car around Amaroo Park in 1982 as a motorized chassis.
- The car sat idle for a number of years until recently, when restoration slowly started taking place at Vintage Motor Garage. Jonathan has the car running.
- Chris Brangwin and Jonathan are now in touch with each other. Both have an interest in the history of the car and Jonathon has invited Chris to come and see the car in early 2022.

The Alvis, recently driven by Jonathan Houston. Different wheels. (Images from Houston Collection are used with permission).

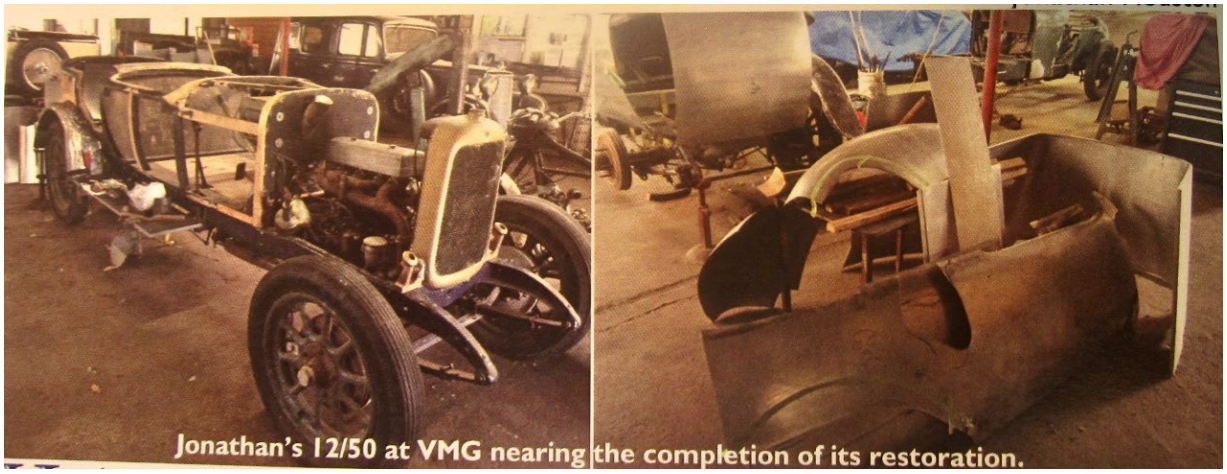


The November/December 2021 issue of Alvibatics published my letter inquiring about my old car and on the front cover featured an image of me sitting at the wheel. It was a lovely gesture and one that was much appreciated.

Thanks to the many contributions from old friends, members of the Alvis Car Club, and Jonathan, we have been able to put together the history of the car. Perhaps more information will unfold. But here is a case of a grand old lady having her story told. A story that has seen her in many roles, as a transporter in style, as a racer, as a fun experience and as an adjunct to seeing young men and women grow up and move on in their lives.

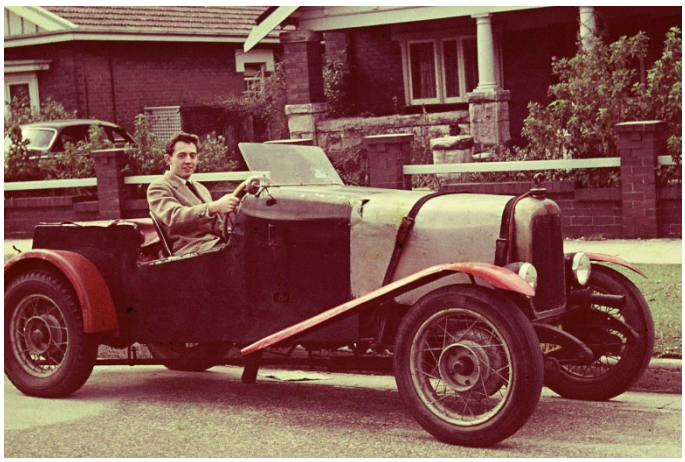
Today she is with someone who has the expertise and will to restore her to perfection, indeed to a level that she has never experienced in the past.

Jonathan says that the restoration is nearing completion and I look forward to seeing the car soon. He has written a more detailed account of this story for his Club's magazine, Alvibatics.



Jonathan's 12/50 at VMG nearing the completion of its restoration.

More images of the Alvis.



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Above: Reunited after sixty years.

BEAC 2022 AGM Statutory Notices

BRITISH & EUROPEAN AUTOMOBILE CLUB (SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NSW) INC.

Reg. No. INC9885185

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of

The British & European Automobile Club (Southern Highlands NSW) Inc.

will be held on **Wednesday 20 April, 2022, 11.30am**

at The Bargo hotel, 225 Great Southern Rd Bargo

By Order of the Committee.

Anne Wood, Secretary.

18 February, 2022

Agenda.

1. Apologies.

2. Receive and adopt the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

3. Receive and adopt the President's Report.

4. Receive and adopt the accounts for financial year ended 31 March 2022.

5. Election of Committee for year ending 31 March 2023.

6. Motion required to authorise the signing of the Annual Statement to the Office of Fair Trading.

7. Motion required to appoint Auditor.

8. Any other business

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NOMINATION FORM FOR 2022-2023 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

WE _____(print name & address)

AND_____(print name & address)

wish to nominate -_____ (name of nominee)

for a Committee position of the British & European Automobile Club (Southern Highlands NSW) Inc.

as circled below (if more than one please indicate preference 1,2,3,….etc)

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Registrar
Editor
Events Co-ordinator
Webmaster

Proposer signature…….. Seconder signature…….....

***I consent to this nomination*……..**.....**nominees signature
_____date

Important - please note:-

● *All nominations to be lodged with the Secretary either in person or by mail to the club's PO Box 1020, Bowral 2576, no later than 18 April 2022.*

● ***Only financial members as at 1st April, 2022 are entitled to nominate and to vote.***

● ***Nominations from the floor at the meeting will be accepted ONLY where no valid nomination in writing for the relevant Committee position has been received.***

BRITISH & EUROPEAN AUTOMOBILE CLUB
(SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NSW) INC

FOR THE INFORMATION OF NOMINEES

OUTLINE OF COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

The Committee meets a minimum of three times per year to discuss and administer the Club. The President chairs these meetings and minutes are kept. In between there is a constant flow of emailed correspondence and information. The following roles form the duties of Office-Bearers and members of the committee.

President. The President chairs general meetings when held as well as the committee meetings. The President is the spokesperson for the club and keeps an eye on strategic issues. The President is responsible for publicity, promotion and relationships with other clubs and bodies.

Secretary. Responsible for the accurate recording of the minutes of general meetings as well as the committee meetings. Also produces and distributes the committee meeting agenda. Responsible with the Treasurer for rendering the annual return to the State Government.

Treasurer/Public Officer. Manages and records the flow of funds and works closely with the President to maintain control over budgets. Maintains the club's bank account. Currently the role of Public Officer sits with the Treasurer which means he is the responsible officer for the club's statutory affairs.

Membership Registrar. Maintains the membership records for the club. Provides an electronic mailing list to the webmaster each month. Sends material to new and prospective members.

Editor. Our BEACon Newsletter is the work of the editor who compiles the Newsletter and emails it to the Webmaster for electronic distribution to all members with an email address. The editor is responsible for content of the Newsletter.

Events Co-ordinator. Responsible for the coordination of the various events held throughout the year, based on personal familiarity and knowledge of the Southern Highlands.

Webmaster. Maintains the club's website to inform members and non-members of the club's activities, and distributes the monthly Newsletter, BEACon, by electronic distribution to all members with an email address.

● **Please note: All BEAC documentation is maintained electronically. It is essential that all Committee members have experience with Word and Excel Spreadsheets, together with access to the Internet and email.**

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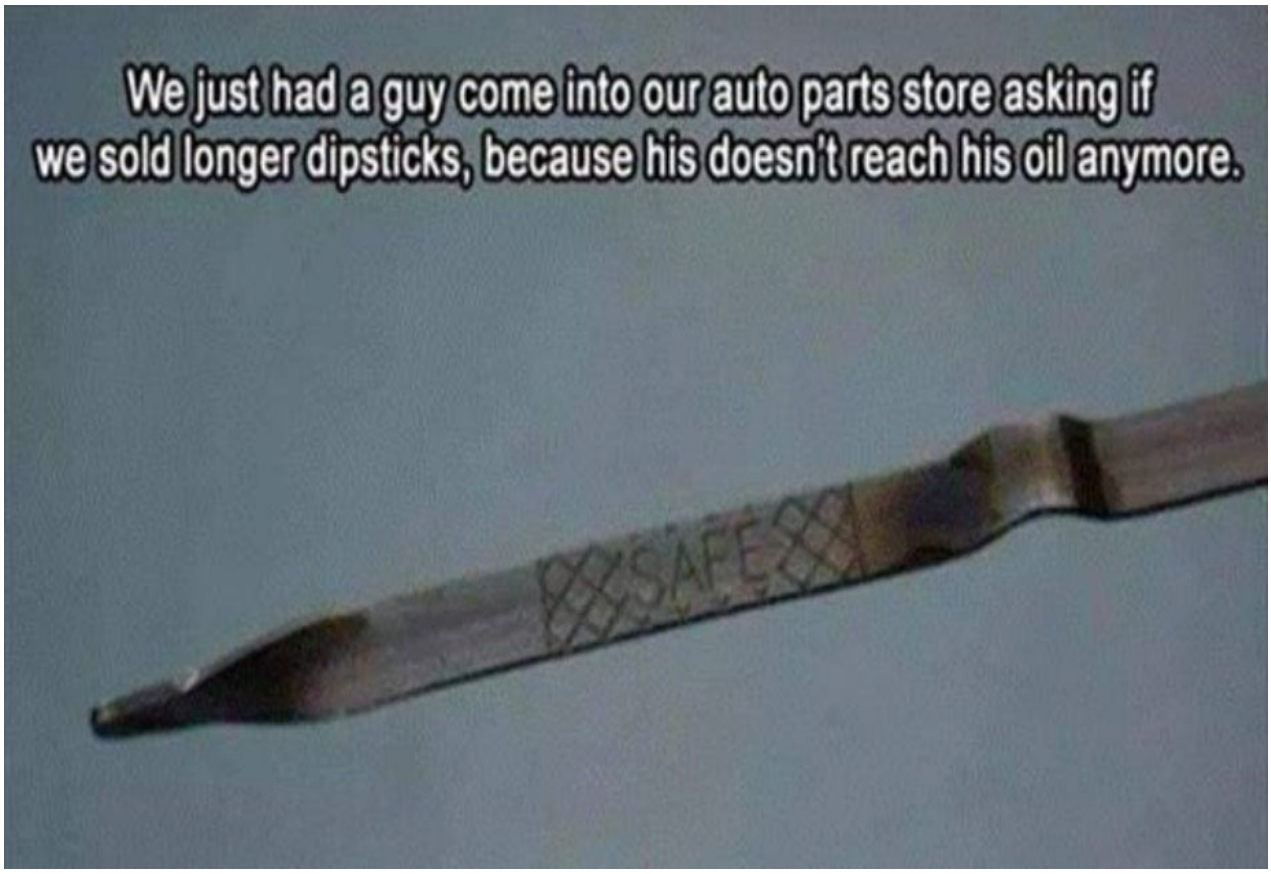

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