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Tahmoor Inn 1/06/2022

Time for another BEAC run. This one was organised by Peter and Carol Carpenter (thanks guys) to an old haunt of ours, Tahmoor Inn. So off we went to the assembly point at Burradoo, where the first thing we saw, sitting in the corner of the car park, was a Lancia Beta Coupe.

Delighted to see a Lancia Beta Coupe join the BEAC line up.

I should take a moment to explain my delight at seeing the car. A long time ago I had first a Beta Coupe, then, almost from new, a HPE. I loved them both, but Jenny especially liked the Coupe. As it happened, our friends across the road also got a HPE. Theirs was red, our Coupe was green, and the HPE was white, so parked together, we had the colours of the Italian flag. Now that's trivia for you!

I talked to owner Stuart Granger about his Coupe – it is an early model powered by an 1,800cc motor, whereas our green one was a later 2 litre. Stuart also has a HPE at home which I look forward to seeing at some point in the future. Stuart has just moved into the Highlands and this is his first run with us towards qualifying for membership.

Also new in the line-up was Bob Thomas's MGB which looked superb in its Aintree Green livery. I believe Bob has been working on this car for some time, and the results certainly showed.

Rob Thomas's MGB, stunning in Aintree Green.

The Pollocks' Mercedes alongside Richard Holmes' E-type.

Two Merc classics in the sun – Rob Geddes' 450SLC and Mark Hollins' 250SL.

One of the club's best known cars – Fred Edney's Triumph TR7.

The Thomas MGB compares notes with Alan Edwards' MGB GT

Owner Stuart Granger stands beside his Lancia Beta Coupe. Photo: Jenny O'

Rear three-quarter view of the Lancia.

At the run briefing, Geoff Wood mentioned that the club was trying to organise a “Christmas in July’ run, but it was not proving too easy to do. Fortunately, one was located (see Club Calendar), and you will have had an email detailing the necessary booking requirements.

Two views of the briefing huddle(s).

Not your normal line up outside the Tahmoor Inn.

Jenelle Brangwin was one of many rugged up for the weather. Photo: Chris Brangwin

So off we went on another well thought out and enjoyable run which took us well north of Picton before coming back to Tahmoor Inn. In the car park the wind was whipping up occasional clouds of dust, so we were very glad to get inside to the warmth. Meals were ordered from the menu and some $10 blackboard specials, and these were very promptly delivered. I had the honey chicken from the specials menu, and it was terrific.

As we have done since the beginnings of the club runs, members settled in for a time of conversation, stories, jokes and general repartee with friends and acquaintances that varied from long term relationships to first time meetings. It does seem that the memories of sometimes long periods of non-operations due to lockdowns etc have been banished, and we are very much back to doing what we do so well.

The Tutins' Mini Cooper keeps the MGB's company.

This side - Peggy Pollock, Joan Currie, Marilyn Cox. Other side – Ross Pollock, Rob Turner, Tom Currie, Brian Cox and Jenelle Brangwin

Phil O'

CLUB CALENDAR – July and August 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**

July 2022

Wednesday 13 July 2022 | BEAC Christmas in July Lunch

- Venue | The Robertson Hotel (formerly Ranelagh House), 1 Fountaindale Rd, Robertson
- Meet | 10am, corner of Osborne Road & Moss Vale Road, Burradoo.
- **BOOKINGS HAVE CLOSED**
- Download Full Information & Run Sheet | BEAC Robertson Christmas in July PDF
- Run Enquiries | Ross Pollock | m | 0412 734 825.
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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)!

Wisdom for Our Times

Robertson Bowling Club 15/06/2022

Stuart Granger's Lancia Beta HPE

For our run to Robbo Bowlo, the weather co-operated – none of the freezing cold winds that lashed us last week, and we had a good turn-out of members at Burradoo.

Star car of the day was the gorgeous Lancia Beta HPE of Stuart Granger. That made it two runs in a row that member-in-waiting Stuart has starred, having brought the stable mate Beta Coupe to our last run.

All the cars were shining in the sun – in fact, that made photo taking somewhat difficult because of the strong bright spots on the paintwork and glass surfaces.

BEAC vehicles cover a wide range – from the car for the rich and famous (Bently) to the people's car (VW).

As always, I was impressed by the sheer variety of club members' vehicles at the assembly – ranging from luxury cars and high performance sports cars to everyday vehicles and everything in between. Walking around among them is a constant delight.

Stephen Dunne-Contant's instantly recognisable Austin Healey 3000.

At the run briefing, organiser Ross Pollock repeated the request for members to organise future runs. It is important that this function is not left to a small minority to undertake all the time.

A couple of more modern classics to be (note – SAAB thinks it's an MGB).

Ross and Betty Pollock had designed the run to get to the bowling club just as the kitchen opened at 12 o'clock, but some members took a short cut and arrived early. No matter, as long as everyone got there in the end.

A line-up of Brits.

The boys taking in the sun on Mercedes Row.

I've always liked the Lancia HPE's profile. Photo: Jenny O'

Tony Proctor-Broughall heads out. Photo: Jenny O'

Peter Pyatt is off and racing. Photo: Jenny O'

The gang arriving at Robertson Bowlo.

Made for a colourful sight in the car park.

Best of British duo. Loved the sticker on the Healey!

I think that in the three years since we first went to the club, it has proved to be a 'no brainer' venue, up there with the likes of Bargo Pub as a place of friendly people that really like you to come there, that provides good food and drink at good prices and for whom nothing is a problem.

This time around I had the Lamb's Fry and Bacon Pie, which was popular enough to sell out, and it was very nice indeed. As far as I could tell, everyone else was very happy with their meals and the socialising with friends proceeded apace. In short, the run was a classic example of the BEAC formula working exactly as it should.

A really happy bunch.

On behalf of the club, I thank Ross and Peggy Pollock for organising our return to this popular venue.

Phil O'

2022 NATIONALS AND A KARMAN GHIA FOLLOW UP

On Sunday 22nd May I attended the VW Nationals at Fairfield Showground. Whilst admiring the many Karman Ghias on display I was reminded of Editor Phil's recent article on Karman Ghias and his reflection that over their long production run little changed. Actually all VW model lines of the era changed annually, but the changes were usually minor and

evolutionary. The picture above shows a very subtle change and quite a major one.

The silver car on the left is a very early 1950's car. The green car is a much later 1960's car. Notice the difference in the air intake nostrils. Hard to pick but the green car has higher mounted headlights to comply with US regulations.

Now for a major change.

This car is actually a Type 3 based model and was produced alongside the original beetle based car featured above. It was controversial at the time due to its styling and was in production for a much shorter period than the beetle based model. All Karman Ghias are rare, but the Type 3 model is very rare.

Ken Davis

Campbelltown Steam and Machinery Museum **29/06/2022**

The usual pattern of a BEAC run is to drive to some salubrious place for lunch, but another type of run is to go to a place to look at things or take part in some activities or other. Today's run to CSMM was of the latter type and it made an interesting contrast to our norm. Food wasn't neglected, as everyone brought their own picnic lunch to consume in CSMM's well set up picnic area under the trees. We owe Chris and Jenelle Brangwin a rousing vote of thanks for organising the run.

On the starting line.

As you can see in the above photo, there was a quite healthy line up of members cars ready to travel in the pleasant weather conditions.

I for one was very happy to see the reappearance of one of the club's best known cars – Eddie George's Jaguar 3.8 litre saloon. It always looks so distinguished in its Cardinal Red livery.

The white Daimler SP250 was drawing a lot of attention too. We did have an SP250 run around with us for a while a few years back, but haven't seen one for some time now.

A very elegant car.

At the run briefing, Peggy Pollock (standing in for Geoff Wood) again reminded members that if no one puts their hand up to organise a run, THERE WON'T BE ANY! With run sheets up on our website, it is just a matter of contacting a venue and agreeing the date.

A rare bird indeed – the Daimler SP250.

Our cars stretched all around the CSMM's sizeable car park.

So off we went on a route designed to avoid expressway running and the worst potholes. Half of our cars were trapped at the large roadworks on Old South Road for a considerable time, but apart from that, things went well.

Photo: Chris Brangwin

We made good use of the picnic area's facilities.

Apologies for my shoot first and give warning later photographic style!

Our members made very good use of the CSMM's well-appointed picnic area, with the sunlight filtering through the tall trees as we ate.

After dining, we assembled at the front of the main shed, where Andrew, the very personable director of the organisation, gave us a thumbnail history of many of the items in their possession. Most of the machines are in running condition, and come out on open days. They are certainly very dedicated to preserving the range of traction engines, steam and diesel railway engines, tractors and militaria that they have collected. We were allowed to wander around the tightly packed sheds as we pleased, and discover many semi-hidden treasures therein.

An original, unrestored, still working traction engine capable of towing a 48 ton Centurion tank!.

Photo: Chris Brangwin

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ANZAC biscuit tins collection.

What a great little steamer.

The workers have a red rattler canteen and the public have an end platform ‘cowboy car’ café.

CSMM Director Andrew Mcvey and Chris Brangwin Photo: Chris Brangwin

All in all, a very engaging day.

Phil O'

MOTORING MIRTH

Thank you to all contributors to this edition.