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Robertson Bowling Club 8/03/2023

Autumn in the Highlands

Considering the number of people the club has away in Tasmania at present, it was a bit of a surprise to see a very good turn-out for the run to Robbo Bowling Club. Perhaps it was the weather – as Geoff noted at the run briefing ' last run it was summer and raining like hell, now it's autumn and clear blue skies'. Whatever, a good line-up it was – nice to see that great variety of classic cars shining in the sunlight.

I particularly noted the side by side pairing of Geoff Small's TD2000 with Ralph Ierace's 1951 MG TD – the old and the new!

The TD2000 and the MG TD compare notes.

My Cooper S was on deck for its first run with the club after the sixteen month rebuild, and all the bling now evident under the bonnet seems to offer some justification for the large amount of money spent.

Chris and Jenny Tutin's Mini Cooper was in the mix. Chris noted that this month marks sixty years since the car was first delivered in Brisbane. The Mini was first released in Australia as the Morris 850 in 1961, and the Mini Cooper appeared in October 1962, so their car must be one of the earliest Coopers still surviving.

Two of my favourite cars together.

The original dealer's delivery plate affixed to the Cooper.

The contra view.

Definitely classic motoring.

So off we went on a route a little longer and more complex than our average, but seeing it was all through classic Highlands countryside (and in good weather), no-one minded that at all.

On arrival at the club's carpark, we discovered that Alex D'Onofrio had been able to get time to come to the lunch and he had brought his 1963 Morris 850 (one of three that he owns) along for the ride. As with all the Minis that Alex and father Gino own, the car was immaculately presented.

So after everyone had arrived and parked up we could go and place our food and drinks orders and settle down to enjoy each other's company.

There seemed to be less menu options than on previous visits, and some of them ran out before everyone had ordered. Later, when I thanked the two older ladies who manned the kitchen, one said that they hadn't expected to open and there wasn't much stock! (I've since found out that the club lost its chef months ago and has been trying ever since to find a new one.) Regardless, everyone got some good stuff to eat at good prices, and the club's relaxed, easy going environment contributed to a very enjoyable afternoon of socialising.

I found myself sitting with ex Club Secretary Tom Currie and his wife Joan. Over the last few years, Tom has been in the wars a bit with health issues, but now seems to be back to something approaching his best. Also back with us over the last couple of runs are Roy Potter and wife Noala. I must say it is a pleasure to have these two club veterans back with us again.

Tom and Joan Currie, together with Stuart Granger.

Phil O’

CLUB CALENDAR – April and May 2023

- **Runs start at 10 am from the Botanical Gardens Car Park on the corner of Old South Road and Kangaloon Road, unless otherwise noted.**
- **Please Note: all PDF files and links are available on the club's Events Web Page**

APRIL 2023

Wednesday 5th April

•Meet | 10am, Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens car park,
1 Old South Road Bowral – at the roundabout Cnr Kangaloon and Eridge Park Roads
• Roses cafe | 59 Verner St, Goulburn
Contact | Ross Pollock | m | 0412 734 825,
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Wednesday 19th April

• Meet | 10am, Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens car park,
1 Old South Road Bowral – at the roundabout Cnr Kangaloon and Eridge Park Roads
Contact | Ross Pollock | m | 0412 734 825,
e | events@beac.org.au

May

Wednesday 3rd May

• Meet | 10am, Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens car park,
1 Old South Road Bowral – at the roundabout Cnr Kangaloon and Eridge Park Roads
•**Bargo Hotel** |225 Great Southern Rd, Bargo **AGM**
Contact | Ross Pollock | m | 0412 734 825,
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Proposed run to Mudgee | October| November 2023
Contact | Ross Pollock | m | 0412 734 825,
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ATS

In my article on F1 driver Phil Hill in the February BEACon, the Wiki history notes that Hill left Ferrari to join ATS. Member Owen Sinden picked up on that, and looked into ATS and found out that they produced a production GT car as well as their F1 efforts. Following is the Wiki entry that covers the company's (brief) history:

'In 1961, Ferrari dominated the competition in Formula One racing but a few of its executives and employees were not satisfied with how the company was being run, especially the influence exerted on the company by Enzo Ferrari's wife Laura Dominica Garello Ferrari. Ferrari did not agree with the aggrieved employees and fired them all citing that "over evaluation of relevance to marginal facts that have nothing to do with the normal operation of a company."

The group of eight technicians and engineers which were laid off decided to start their own company. Thus led by Carlo Chiti and Giotto Bizzarrini, they formed Automobile Turismo e Sport (ATS) and set about developing an F1 car for the 1962 season in order to stack up competition with Ferrari.

ATS F1

But the venture was not successful. After running two cars in five races and facing retirement in majority of the races, the best result the company achieved was an 11th place. The program soon folded up in early 1963 due to repeated failures.

Phil Hill driving the ATS in 1963

The company also focused on manufacturing a road car with the objective of creating a successful automobile business. In lieu of that, the ATS 2500 GT was developed and introduced at the 1963 Geneva Motor Show. Featuring a 2.5-litre V8 engine and a space frame, the 2500 GT was the first mid-engine road car to reach the production stage.

The production 2500 GT was showcased in 1963 at the Paris Motor Show. Designed by Franco Scaglione and engineered by Carlo Chiti and Giotto Bizzarrini, the car was built only in limited numbers before investors withdrew financial support and the project collapsed.

With its 220 CV (162 kW; 217 hp) (210 bhp according to some) and 255 N·m (188 ft·lb) of torque it was claimed to be capable of a 240 km/h (149 mph) top speed. A competition version (ATS 2500 GTS) produced 245 CV (180 kW; 242 hp) but never amounted to much. The coachwork was by Allemano, and the 5-speed transmission by Colotti.

The 2500 GT was to be followed by a more powerful GTS variant but hard times hit the company. Due to their failure in F1, the company soon faced its demise and folded up in 1964 after having produced just 12 cars.

The ATS marque was bought by two investors in 2014 namely Emanuele Bomboi and Daniele Maritan. The newly resurrected marque set out to develop the GT, a car that captured the spirit of the original 2500 GT.

The GT is powered by a 3.8-litre twin-turbocharged M838T V8 engine borrowed from the donor car. The engine is tuned to generate 650 PS (478 kW; 641 hp) and 675 N·m (498 lb·ft) of torque in standard configuration but can be further tuned to generate 700 PS (515 kW; 690 hp) and 750 N·m (553 lb·ft) of torque. The GT can accelerate from 0–97 km/h (0–60 mph) in 3.0 seconds, 0–194 km/h (0–121 mph) in 9.9 seconds and can attain a theoretical top speed of 322 km/h (200 mph).[2]

ATS has announced a production run of 12 cars (that number again)! Each car will be built exactly to the customer specifications and no two cars will be similar to one another.

Phil O’

Camden Valley Inn 22/03/2023

I was unable to attend this run, on the paltry excuse of going on a three week holiday. Fortunately Anne Wood has provided eleven photos of the day, which I think summarise it as well as any scribblings of mine could. Thank you Anne for saving the day.

Not the most promising looking weather.

Iconic British sporting motors.

Ready and rearing to go.

Likely looking party animals!

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BEAC 2022AGM 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 3rdMay, 2023, 11.30am**

at The Bargo Hotel, 225 Great Southern Rd Bargo

By Order of the Committee.

Anne Wood, Secretary.

1stMarch,2023

Agenda.

1. Apologies.

2. Receive and adopt the Minutes of the 2022Annual General Meeting.

3. Receive and adopt the President's Report.

4. Receive and adopt the accounts for financial year ended 31 March 2023.

5. Election of Committee for year ending 31 March 2024.

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

7. Motion required to appoint Auditor.

8. Motion required to adopt revised constitution reflected changes made by Fair Trading to the standard model.

9. Any other Business

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

NOMINATION FORM FOR 2023-2024 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 19 April 2023.*

● ***Only financial members as at 1st April, 2023 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.***

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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.**

The rules under which BEAC operates can be accessed on the BEAC website via the following link:

https://www.beac.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/BEAC-Rules-V3-1-19-4-2017-PDF.pdf

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Minutes of AGM held at Bargo Hotel
Wednesday 20thApril, 2022

1. Opening : President Geoff Wood opened the meeting at 11.45am declaring a quorum present.

2. Attendance :Ross Pollock, Peggy Pollock, Ron Wiliamson, Richard Holmes, Greg Paul, Alan Jarrett, Mark Hollins, Chris Tutin, John Holton, Fred Edney, Chris Brangwin, Kevin Bell, Glenn Atkinson, Tony Proctor, Brian Cox, Anne Wood, Geoff Wood, Ray O'Brien, Alex Kakakios, Phil O'Regan, Robert Stenvert, Peter Carpenter

3. Apologies : Rob Turner, Tom Currie, Jim White, Bob Thomas, Geoff Small

4. Minutes of the AGM Wednesday 16th June, 2021 were adopted. Moved Chris Tutin and seconded Chris Brangwin.

5. President's Report : The President's report was tabled, highlighting the restraints to runs caused by Covid and also recently the weather and subsequent poor road conditions. Ros Bell was thanked for her service and the Committe thanked for their contributions throughout the year.

6. Treasurer's report : Income and Expenditure statement was tabled by the Treasurer, Peggy Pollock, a small profit of 387.92 is recorded as insurances etc had to be paid and the club subsidised the Christmas party. Proposed John Hinton seconded Annemieke Edwards that the report be approved.

7. Election of Committee

As one nomination was received for each Committee position the President declared the Committee elected.

President	Geoff Wood
Secretary	Anne Wood
Treasurer	Peggy Pollock
Webmaster	Rob Turner
Events Co-Ordinator	Ross Pollock
Membership & Historic plates Registrar	Robert Stenvert
Newsletter Editor	Phil O'Regan

8. Annual Statement for Department of Fair Trading: moved Fred Edney seconded Chris Brangwin that the Public Officer be authorised to submit the annual statement to the Dept. of Fair Trading.

9. Public Officer: Moved by Rob Stenvert, seconded by Geoff Wood that Anne Wood be appointed Public Officer for the year 2022-3

10. No Change of signatures: On all BDCU accounts is necessary.

11. Election of Auditor: Moved Geoff Wood, seconded Rob Stenvert that Eddie George be asked if he would take on the role of Hon. Auditor for the year 2022-3.

12. General Business

#Chris Brangwin gave members details of an upcoming run to the Menangle steam museum on 29th June 2022.

Fred Edney gave details of the trip to Tasmania he is planning for Feb/Mar in 2023

Brian Cox gave details of a run to Central West NSW, staying in Young Oct 10-14, 2022

Anne Wood thanked Pam Payne for her donation of BEAC jackets and informed members that they are available for purchase with a donation to the club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.10

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Chairperson Date

MOTORING MIRTH

One of the few 'big' roadside attractions that Australia missed out on!

Thank you to all contributors to this edition. **Phil O'**