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Moss Vale Services Club 9/08/2023

That red car syndrome again – 7 in a row!

This run was a late substitute for the original destination of Motorlife Museum at Kembla Grange. The change was necessary after the sudden passing of member Mark Hollins, whose funeral was held on the same day as the run. We expected that run numbers would be down, as several club members attended the funeral, but in the end about twenty members and partners gathered in beautiful sunshine for the off. I have commented before on the number of red vehicles that can be seen in our starting line-up, and in this case we excelled, having no less than seven in a row, with two more at the other end of the line (out of fourteen all up). One of these red cars was the beautiful Porsche Cayman of new lady Kay, who is interested in joining us. The other 'star car' was the (red) Lotus Excel, again owned by a lady, making her second qualifying run for membership with us.

Rob Stenvert's MGB GT attended the funeral, but Phil Davies' Daimler came on the run.

So off we went on a loop through Moss Vale, Sally's Corner and down the Motorway to turn off to Wingello, and back through Penrose, Bundanoon and Exeter to arrive at the club pretty well right on time. I must say Chris Tutin in his Mini Cooper did a great job of leading the pack – the Cooper isn't the most powerful car and lacks a 5th gear for the motorway, but he held 110kph down the freeway (at 4,500rpm he tells me) and set a brisk pace everywhere. Scenery throughout the run was good, Road conditions generally were OK (though there were a couple of nasty bumps between Wingello and Penrose).

Car of the day – Porsche Cayman.

The other end of the line.

The Lotus certainly attracts attention.

Upon arrival at the club, we put our food and drink requests in and settled down to enjoy good company. We were joined at the club by (ex-secretary) Tom and Joan Curry and Pam Payne, and it was great to have them with us again. When it came out, the food seemed to be of good quality - I was particularly impressed by my grilled Barramundi with chorizo and vegetables - very nice.

As is my custom, I thanked the kitchen staff on behalf of the club, and confirmed that they offer lobster on their seafood menu on Friday nights (you have to contact them a couple of days before to order it). So now I can tell our lobster mad best friends where they can get their next hit!

Arriving at the impressive club carpark.

On behalf of the club, I thank Ross Pollock for quickly setting up this enjoyable run when circumstances changed.

Phil O'

CLUB CALENDAR – September 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**

September

Bundanoon Club contacted us and asked if we could send a few cars to this event. BEAC will not organise a group as such, but if you would like to attend, please contact Peter on the address above and let him know you are coming.

Peter has provided the following guidelines:

'Can you please supply the following information:
Your Name:
Your Mobile number:
Your Vehicle: (Make, Model, Age, Other relevant information). Anything special we should know?

Here is a quick update on our upcoming Show N Shine Sunday 10 September.

We have over 20 cars coming along and we have a great new sponsor.

We will be asking visitors to vote for their favourite vehicle. The winner of the people's choice award will receive a $500 detail of their vehicle by "Detailed By Ben"

First prize: Sponsored by "Detailed By Ben" $500 Premium External Detail.
Consists of a thorough wash, paintwork decontamination, single stage polish with minor defect removal, trims restored, wheels and inner guards cleaned. Engine bay cleaned, door jambs cleaned and glass cleaned. Car finished with a premium handmade wax. Conditions apply.

Check out Ben's Website https://detailedbyben.com.au/

We would like all vehicles to be in place by 12.00 Noon and we are encouraging visitors to come up to view the cars at this time. We hope you can stay for a few hours and have lunch with us. We are putting on a special Club Bistro menu with take-away options so you can grab lunch and return to be near your vehicle and the admiring public.

If you can, please have a drive around Bundanoon village on your way to the Club to help raise awareness of the event.

You can arrive at the Club any time between 11.00am – 12 Noon. There will be volunteers to direct you to a parking spot. As we don't have a huge number of vehicles coming we are unlikely to experience a traffic jam so we simply ask that if you get to the Club driveway and find it very busy can you please park near the swimming pool or RSL building until the road clears. Or come back a bit later. There will be volunteers to direct you.

If you have any queries please call or email.

Kind Regards,
Peter McDonald
Mobile: 0412 56 3266
swprint@bigpond.com
on behalf of the Bundanoon Club

The Show N Shine is sponsored by:
Detailed By Ben
South West Printing Pty Ltd
The Bundanoon Club Limited.

The event does have the advantage of being local, and it should be a fun day. If you are looking for somewhere to eat on the day, local resident and BEAC club member Owen Sinden says the Bundanoon Club has very good food on offer.

Proposed run to Orange | October 23-27th 2023
Contact | Ross Pollock | m | 0412 734 825
e | events@beac.org.au

Orange

Fuel Discount

Following is an article from ABC News:

'The NSW government has struck a deal with United petroleum to give seniors a discount on their fuel following the suspension of the $250 regional travel card scheme.

Seniors will be eligible for a 4-cent-per-litre discount at participating United outlets once a day on a maximum of 150 litres.

The scheme differs significantly from the regional travel card scheme, which was suspended last month, where $250 was pre-loaded onto a card that could be used at any petrol station.

Minister for Seniors Jodie Harrison said the government had invited several companies to offer a seniors discount and United had come back with the best offer.

"This brand new discount has been added to the wealth of seniors card savings to help keep more money in seniors' pockets and ease price pressure at the pump," she said.

"We know people who are on fixed incomes have real challenges with cost of living so this will certainly assist."

There are around 10 United service stations in the Greater Sydney area.

In order to receive the discount, NSW seniors card and senior savers card members must sign up for a United digital or plastic fuel discount card online.

This card is then scanned at the time of purchase and the 4-cent-per-litre discount is applied.

Last month, the Minns government suspended new applications for the regional seniors travel card program, which was a Visa card with $250 pre-loaded to pay for travel related expenses.

The card could be used to pay for a range of transport needs including fuel, taxi trips, pre-booked NSW train and bus services and Opal card top ups.

Nationals leader Dugald Saunders says this card represented a far better deal for seniors and the United offer was "laughable".

"Mathematically if you had a car with a 60-litre tank you'd get $2.40 saving if you filled your car from empty. So you'd have to do that 105 times per year twice a week to save more than the $250 you get from the regional travel card."

Mr Saunders called on the government to re-commit to the regional travel card.

"Rather than putting up this silly idea of saving cents per litre at participating stores, let people have what they need."

Anyone with a regional senior travel card can continue to use the pre-loaded money until the card expires.'

Wedding Cars

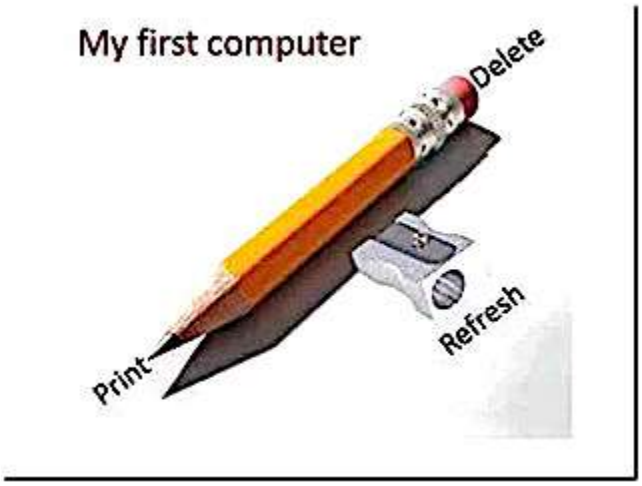
I noticed in the current edition of BEACON, photos of members' cars featured at weddings and asking members if they have photos of their cars used in weddings.
Attached are two photos of our granddaughter's recent wedding (1st July) featuring four R53 MINIS. Our granddaughter is Eleanor and she married Isaac at Kellyville Anglican Church with the reception at The Cooks Shed, Sackville, overlooking the Hawkesbury River.

Details of the cars are, left to right: White R53, 2006, Eleanor's (the bride) MINI
Black eyed purple R53 2005 Merv's MINI
Blue R53 2002 Andrew (our son) MINI
Green R53 Monte Carlo R53 2004 Andrew (our son again) MINI

A side note – Andrew made the comment it was a big ask to have four R53 MINIS behaving themselves at the one time. This they did and they provided a lovely spectacle at a fun filled wedding.

Many thanks

Heather and Merv Dunlop



Newcastle Motorfest

Owen Sinden kindly sent me his review of the Motorfest held at Newcastle in June. It looks like quite a do, so if you are of a mind to attend next year, see if BEAC will register the club's attendance and organise for a group to go.

Euro Motorfest, Newcastle - Sun 18 June

If ever you're up Newcastle way in mid June, check out their exceptional *Motorfest.* Run by the Hunter Region MG Car Club, it is an extremely enjoyable day out, featuring a huge display of everything automotive from Europe, plus ample coffee trucks to keep the heart rate up.

The only downside was an early leave from Sydney (or even earlier from the Southern Highlands!) but the outcome was certainly worth the effort, especially after the first coffee of the morning.

Row upon row of classic European vehicles, sprinkled with an array of stunningly unique cars (including my two favourite Ferraris), meant that no two rows of cars were alike: you name it, the car marque was there (OK, I didn't see a Rolls Royce, but maybe I wasn't looking hard enough).

'Interesting' might be a word used to describe some of the cars on display. One in particular, a VW on H plates, featured lowered suspension and, (are you sitting down?), a Mazda Wankle rotary engine! Yes, a German car with a Japanese engine on historic plates. The owner's reply when asked how he managed the combination: "Yeah, I know the guy who does the historic plates." Amazing! No wonder the historic/ conditional car scene is under the spotlight from the authorities.

Euro Motorfest attracted a good deal of passers-by, as Foreshore Park is one of Newcastle's most popular places for day trippers, walkers and cyclists, and most of them were very inquisitive about the cars, especially the more quirky variety of vehicles, like Fiats, Renaults, Lancias, MGs, several Morris Minors, Peugeots, Land Rovers, Standards, Volvos, Minis, etc.

An early start meant an early finish, with announcements re prizewinners (people's choice awards; a Morris Minor won!) being made around lunch time. This meant an early afternoon exit from Newcastle and a lack of traffic heading back into Sydney. *Euro Motorfest*, highly recommended for a mid-winter getaway, even if it means an early get-up.

Owen Sinden

Citroen 2CVs

Austin Lancer Series I

Fiat 2300 Wagon

Morris Minor and Lancia Beta HPE: what do these two cars have in common? A bottle of port to the first correct answer!

Minis!

Morris J Van

Lots of Morries, some more popular than others (right)

Wankle rotary engine in a VW Beetle?
Sure, that qualifies for the HVS...

Renault 10 (above left), Fiat 125 (above),
Ford Consul (below)

Audi workers demonstrating the body strength of the Audi 920 (1938)

(thanks to Anne Wood for this one)

Vale to Mark Anthony Hollins

24Th December 1949 - 28 July 2023

I'm very sorry report the death of Mark Hollins one of our newest BEAC members, Mark passed away at St George Private's Hospital on Friday 28th July 2023 from complications following surgery.

Mark only recently joined our club on 23rd February 2022 as he had bought a Mercedes Benz 250SL Coupe which was his pride and joy and wanted to join our club so he could share his passion with like-minded enthusiasts.

He grew up on the family farm at Moss Vale which was eventually sold to developers and is now known as Darraby Estate. Mark kept a large portion of land for his own personal use and went about researching in his usual manner and building the most magnificent English styled manor called Darraby House.

As well as his love for cars his other passion was model trains, even building his own carriages to the most intricate detail to run on a magnificent layout which occupied most of the upper level of his garage.

Mark was also an amazing family orientated person who loved life and was also an absolute gentleman.

He will be sorely missed as member of our club and as a close friend. He was 73.

Rob Stenvert

Before the funeral, BEAC received the following request

'Mark's nephew (Linton) will be driving his classic Merc and he has asked whether some club members could attend and drive their club cars in testimony to Mark's love of cars.'

Ross Pollock was one who answered the call, and provided the following feedback after the event:

'Took this shot of Rob (Stenvert's), Kevin (Bell's) and mine (cars) at the winery just before the wake.

Jim Geddes was also there out of shot regretfully. Stewart Granger also attended.

Had a good talk with Mark's sister and Linton will be joining the club to keep Mark's Merc with us.'

Great to hear that this iconic car will remain on the BEAC register.

Image Problem

One day a 12-year-old girl was walking down the street when a car pulled up beside her and the driver lowered a window. “I’ll give you a large bag of M&Ms if you get in the car,” said the driver.

“No way! Get lost!” replied the girl. “How about a bag of M&Ms and 10 dollars?” the driver asked.

“I said no way,” replied the girl. “What about a bag of M&Ms and 50 dollars?” asked the driver.

“No, I’m not getting in the car,” answered the girl. “Okay, I’ll give you a bag of M&Ms and 100 dollars,” the driver offered.

No!” replied the girl.

“What will it take to get you in the car?” asked the driver.

The girl replied, “Listen, Dad: You bought the Volvo – you live with it!”

Who remembers a time when jokes about Volvos and Volvo owners were all the rage? In the early 1970s, Volvo had promoted the safety angle of its cars, but Aussie car culture of the time saw them as stodgy vehicles for the conservative driver.

During the late 1970s, I remember my girlfriend’s (now wife’s) family had two Volvo 140s. At one stage her brother Trevor became a Volvo mechanic and then later Service Manager at such respected dealers as Scuderia Veloce Motors. Through that association I gained an appreciation of Volvo’s cars, which became outright respect when Trevor eventually acquired not one, but two, Volvo 242 GTs. Now that was a car that did a lot to overturn the stodgy Volvo image!

The **Volvo 242 GT** was a simple appearance/handling package designed to get people interested in sporty Volvos again. It had a tuned sport suspension and a fuel injected engine, and I can tell you, from several rides in one being driven enthusiastically, that it could certainly get up and boogie!

Volvo 242gt

The ultimate image turnaround came when Volvo won the 1986 Australian Touring Car Championship. The championship was won by New Zealander Robbie Francevic driving a Volvo Dealer Team Volvo 240T, the first time the championship had been won by a non-Australian resident and the first ATCC won by a turbocharged car.

After that the volume of Volvo jokes reduced considerably.

Phil O'

Motorlife Museum Kembla Grange 23/08/2023

The spring weather we had enjoyed over the past couple of weeks returned to 'Southern Highlands late winter' for our run to Dapto and the MOTORLIFE Museum, with a chilly wind and a few spots of rain. The attendance was excellent (32 in total), with a good variety of classic cars to lead the way, via Kangaloon Road, past Wingecarribee Reservoir, then back to the Tourist Road and down Macquarie Pass - with an enjoyable truck-and caravan-free run down the pass to everyone's delight.

The lunch stop was one that few, if any, of us had tried: Dapto Leagues Club. Any doubts were quickly swept away by the excellent service, stunningly good meals and reasonable cost (albeit with just one contrary opinion). The booking was made for 12.00 noon and we were out by 1.00pm and off to the The Australian Motorlife Museum, just 5 minutes away. If you haven't been to the museum, do yourself a favour and make it a priority sometime soon. It isn't just cars on show - and there's lots of cars - there is just about every household item on show, from irons to phone to typewriters, and lots more.

Two members, who will remain nameless, had a spirited run back up Macquarie Pass. It's strange: I always thought a Morris Minor was a small car - but chasing a Mini Cooper S up a winding road, the Morrie felt like a barge! Cheers, Owen Sinden

At the museum.

Start of the run.

Start of the run part 2. Photo: Owen S

Cooper S and MGB ready and raring to go. Photo: Owen S

What you do if you are leading car and stopped at roadworks. Photo: Owen S

At the club.

Photos: Owen S

Into the museum.

Magnificent Auburn.

Bikes too.

Photo: Owen S

Photos: Owen S

NRMA corner.

The obligatory Holden FX and FJ.

Beloved old petrol pump.

Trust Peggy to find John Lennon in hiding.

Memorabilia of the ages – in this case irons and typewriters.

Or perhaps cameras and electrics of bygone days.

Photo: Owen S

Early Rover.

Bike enthusiasts froth at the mouth - a beautiful Vincent.

Photos this page: Owen S

Competition cars.

Very successful Lotus 20

Successful 125cc race bike made locally in Wollongong in the classic era.

Early caravan corner.

Would you believe all of that could come out of that tiny trailer in the middle of it!

Body by Holden's Motor Body Builders.

Now that is a horn on the 1904 Innes!

A big Roller.

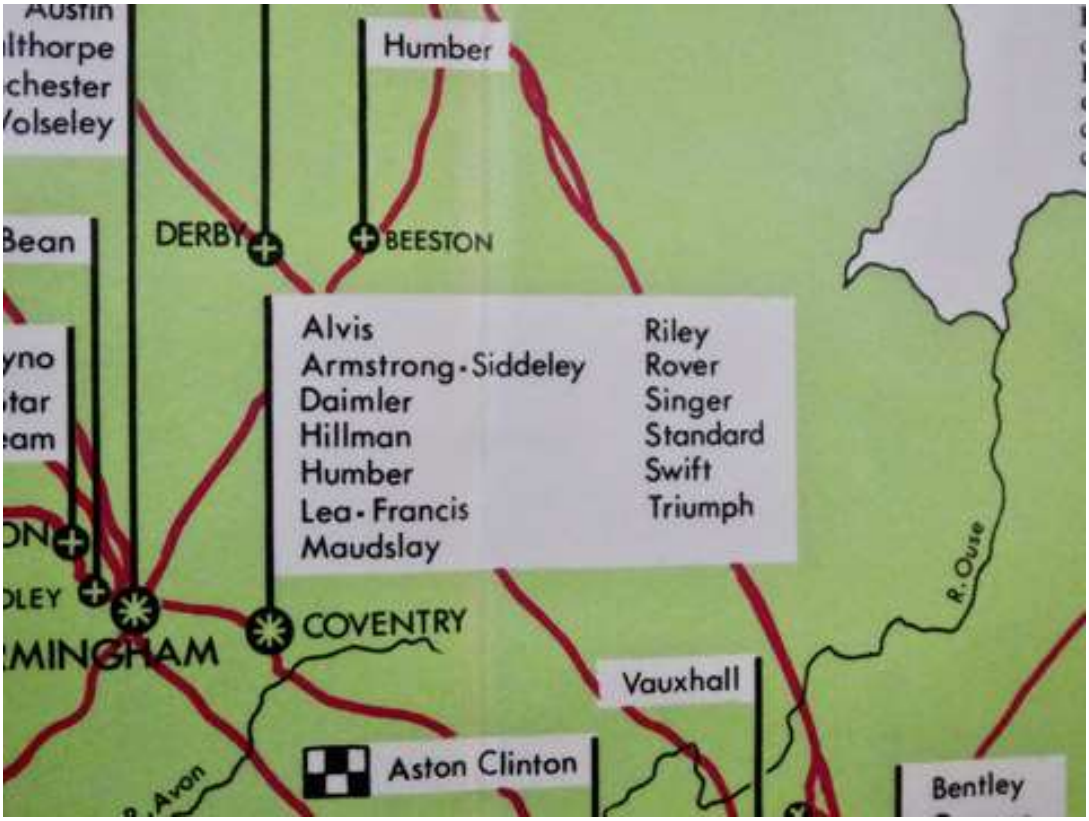
There should be chains to keep some people in their place!

Made for royalty – note fold out windscreen for the rear passengers.

Probably we all had one like this…..

But not like this.

Photos: Owen S



Lot of well-known car makers in Coventry. Photo: Owen S

Farewell Aunty Jack…….. Photo: Owen S

Lovely little Austin.

Recreation of an old time garage.

PS: Goin' home

Photos by Phil O' and Owen S

MOTORING MIRTH

(thanks Owen)

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