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Mittagong RSL Club 6/09/2023

Out enjoying the sun - marvelous!

Now I'll give you a sure fire recipe for success for a BEAC run. Put on near perfect spring weather, and nominate a tried and true local venue that you know will handle our numbers well, and sit back and watch as the run participants roll up. This was certainly the case for this Mittagong RSL Club run. The resulting line up at the Gardens was one of the biggest we have seen for some time, with a high percentage of classic cars among them. A number of the sporties were running top down, reflecting the beautiful warm weather. As I was fresh out of hospital, and unable to drive, Jenny and I didn't go on the run itself, but went directly to the club in her BMW. I'm sure that those who did go enjoyed the countryside around Moss Vale, Exeter and Sally's Corner before joining the Hume Motorway to Mittagong.

The line up was very impressive which ever way you loooked at it. .

GCS 400

Mercedes older and newer.

The club had arranged for us to occupy a private room (one which we had occupied on a previous visit), and it accommodate our numbers well. The food orders were well received, with just a couple of dissenters. I just had the small pork roast of the day, and thought it was really very nice indeed. Having our own room helps to stimulate the group's interaction, and socialising went on well into the afternoon.

The prayer meeting – sorry, run briefing.

On behalf of the club, I thank Ross Pollock for organizing this very successful outing.

Those seven red cars in a row are at it again!

School's in for the red sports cars - addressed by the TD teacher. Photo: Jenny O'

Phil O'

CLUB CALENDAR – October 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**

October

Wednesday 4th October
. **Camden Valley Inn**
. Download run sheet Camden Valley Inn run June 4th 2023
.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

Proposed run to Orange | October 23-27th 2023
Itinerary for Orange trip Download here *Central West Tour II Preview Oct 2023*
Contact | Ross Pollock | m | 0412 734 825
e | events@beac.org.au

Orange

Octoberfest at Eden Brewery

My name is Callum from Eden Brewery.
We are looking to host a German Car Meetup as a part of our Octoberfest celebrations.

Would you be interested in bringing out some beautiful German cars to Eden Brewery on the 22nd October?

What we're going to do is open it up as a German Car Comp. There'll be 20 spaces available and everyone will vote on their favourite car. The winner will get a free case of our beer.

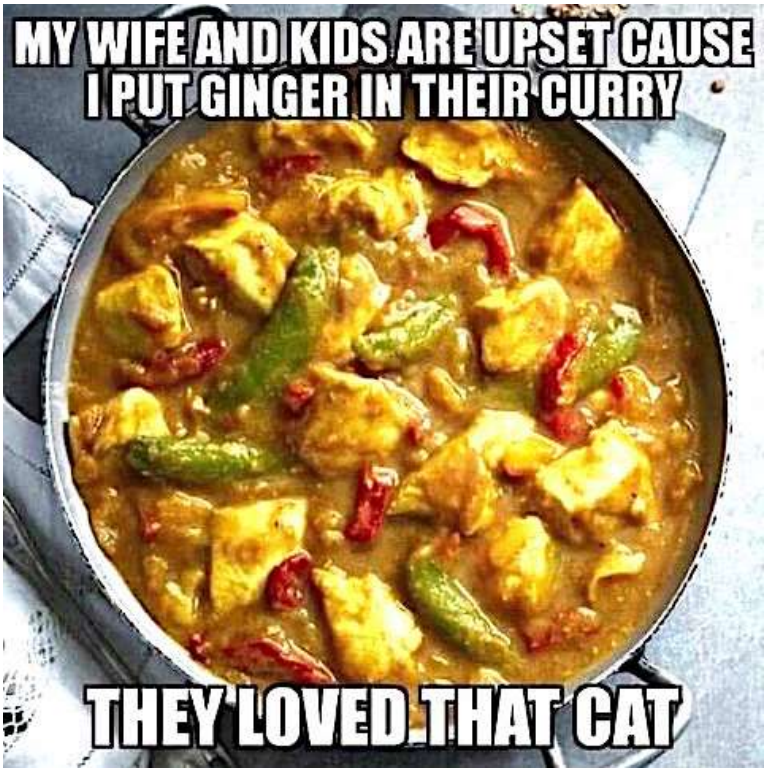
If you're happy to share this with your newsletter that would be great.

Anyone who is interested in entering can register by emailing us at bar@edenbrewery.beer

This will be on Sunday 22nd October from Noon onwards.

Please note: This is not a BEAC club sanctioned event. Entry is purely up to you (if you have an appropriate car).

It’s about food



Owen's UK Trip

Members Owen and Indra Sinden are on an extended trip to the UK, and Owen is sending back some of their experiences, written in his entertaining style.

Hello BEAC friends,

It's so-far-so-good on our UK trip. We are currently in Wrexham of all places, in the north or Wales (it has to do with a football/soccer program that Indra and I watch). Can you believe it - nearly 3 weeks into our travels and just the one day of rain! In the UK!! It has even been very warm and humid, especially in the south.

Our first major car experience was at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu in the south of England. If you ever fly to England, this place is a must to visit - but more of that in a later email.

Firstly to our hire car…

Strange question… When does a Toyota Yaris look big? When it is parked next to a Toyota Aygo, which is what we have hired. This thing is tiny but it is all we need, enough room for two people and two large bags (and a few small bags…). The hire process was quite amusing: we did most of the paperwork online, then caught a train to Heathrow to get the car from Hertz. Then the fun started (how good is your Eastern European accent?).

Owen: "We're here to collect our car."

Sales lady (cue accent): "Yes, we have it; it is small car, you need bigger car."

Owen: "There's just the two of us, the small car be fine."

Lady: "No, it small car, you need bigger car, just 10 pounds more."

Owen (at the risk of sounding repetitive): "There's just two of us, with two bags, a small car is OK."

Lady (remember the accent…): "The car very small, big car is just 10 pounds more."

Owen (knowing just how n-a-r-r-o-w English roads can be, and how good a small car would be compared to a larger car - but just 10 pounds more???): "What sort of car is the larger one?"

Lady: "It Nissan Qashqai. It just 10 pounds more."

Owen (thinking, for a change, how much easier it would be to fit Indra's bags into a larger car, and how insistent the eastern-European-sounding-sales-lady had been): "So, only 10 pounds more for the month's hire?"

Lady: "No, it 10 pounds more per day."

Owen (thinking, again… 10 pounds per day, that's 300 pounds or $600 for a month for a car we don't need, wow, after picking his jaw up off the floor, and trying to keep a straight face): No thanks, we'll take the small car."

Lady (finally conceding defeat on her up-selling skills): "Ok, but it is a small car!"

And she was right - this Toyota Aygo is a s-m-a-l-l car! But with rear seats folded, all our luggage gets squeezed in just fine. Let me tell you about the Aygo…

It has a 1.0 litre 3 cylinder engine with moon shot 5 speed gearbox. Moon shot gearing? How does 2400 rpm at 100 km/h sound? With 1st gear rung out to 6000rpm, 2nd drops in at just 3000rpm, right in the middle of the torque curve…

Uh, let's talk about torque for a minute. You know what they say about torque: "Too much torque is barely enough", or something like that. And torque x rpm equals power? Well (are you sitting down?), I think I have discovered something called anti-torque. Or anti-power. Or both. To keep up with 70mph/100km/h traffic on the motorways, this cars smells hills from miles away and starts to slow down. 4th is usually needed up hills, often 3rd. And around town, 1st is always needed when rolling into/across a roundabout, as 2nd has absolutely nothing.

I wondered where the power band was, so I rang the little bugger out from 2000rpm and found… no power band. It just revs, slowly and noisily (my lawn mower at home sounds better), until Indra can't stand the noise. But it gets great fuel economy, right? 52mpg sounds good, and is, but my Suzuki Swift Sport with 1.4l turbo and 6-speed auto gets the same, a bigger and much faster car, roomier, better steering, ride and handling.

Would I recommend a Aygo? Only if you need a s-m-a-l-l car to negotiate the tight English roads - but don't even think of overtaking, that would be suicidal given the glacial acceleration. I have overtaken one vehicle: a farm tractor that pulled over a bit to let me through. But we're having loads of fun here. Besides, overtaking on dual lane motorways is OK.

Cheers,

Owen

Next update: The National Motoring Museum from Beaulieu :)))

When does a Yaris look big? Next to an Aygo…

Editor's note: An Aygo is 134 inches long by 63.5 inches wide. My classic Mini is 120 inches long by 55.5 inches wide. So the Poms have long had cars suitable for their tight English roads (but seemingly more fun to drive than the Aygo). On the other hand I remember visiting Jenny's brother in the UK some years back. At that time he had a BMW 7 Series (not a small car), and sitting beside him as he hustled the Bimmer down those same tight roads was an eye opening (or eye closing) experience!

Pick the Aygo.

How about next to a Nissan Qashqai?

‘Not the Dart’

There would be very few car enthusiasts in Australia that are not familiar with that iconic advertising line. The car to which it refers was actually created in Sydney by Bill Buckle, whose numerous achievements included the development of the Goggomobil Dart and the highly successful Buckle sports car. I’ll defer to the ever helpful Mr Wiki to tell the story of the car and the memorable adverts that made use of it.

The **Goggomobil Dart** was a microcar which was developed in Australia by Sydney company Buckle Motors Pty Ltd. and produced from 1959 to 1961.

The Dart was based on the chassis and mechanical components of the German Goggomobil microcar, which was a product of Hans Glas GmbH of Dingolfing, in Bavaria, Germany. The car featured an Australian-designed fibreglass two-seater open sports car body without doors, the whole package weighing in at only 345 kg (761 lb). It was powered by a rear-mounted twin-cylinder two-stroke motor available in both 300 cc and 400 cc variants, and had a small luggage compartment built into the nose. The Dart was designed in 1958 and went on sale the following year, with around 700 examples produced up to the time that production ceased in September 1961.

Production specifics

The Dart came standard with Goggomobil's 293cc parallel twin (producing 15 hp and 20 ft.lb.), but their 392cc unit (20 hp/24 ft.lb.) soon became available as an option. Top speed was approximately 60 mph (96 km/h) for the 293cc cars, and about 65 mph (104 km/h) for those equipped with the 392cc engine. There may only by 50 of them left currently. Dimensions were 3.0m long and 1.3m wide.

Popular culture

The Goggomobil Dart is mentioned in the 1990s Yellow Pages ad in which Tommy Dysart says the famous line "G, O, G, G, O... No! No! Not the dart!"

Dysart would play off the fame of this role in future ads for Shannons, in which he plays a character who is especially interested in finding the best car insurance for his treasured Goggomobil Dart.

A documentary which was released on 8 September 2019 titled *D'art* is about an artist who paints paper planes (paper darts) on the Goggomobil Dart as the canvas. The movie was received with positive reviews. In 2020 *D'art* was selected for the 'Melbourne Documentary Film Festival'.

The Dart.

Interior.

Shannons ad.

The Goggomobil D'art car.

You could always race one!

Or even drag race one!!!!!!

Phil O'

The Grand Hotel Kiama 20/09/2023

On the last day of the 'summer blast' weather spell which hit eastern Australia, a goodly line up of cars and club members turned out for the run to Kiama. There were two new vehicles to ogle. Phil Davies' Bentley (replacing an older model) has a 6.75 litre V-8 twin turbo motor with enough power to move the car's considerable weight at an indecently quick rate. Newcomer Ross, on his second run with us, brought his Ferrari 360 Spider, which looked superb in the bright sun.

Anne Wood arrived late with the distressing news that Geoff has badly tweaked his back and is in considerable pain. I trust he will be much better by the time you read this report. After the briefing we set off through Robbo, down the rebuilt Jamberoo Pass and through Jamberoo to Kiama. At the hotel everyone ate, drank and were merry in our usual style.

A very quick penthouse apartment on wheels.

A star car in any line up - Ferrari 360 Spider.

The business end.

That classic long, lean bonnet,

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The prayer meeting.

Down the rebuilt Jamberoo Pass, now with protection against landslides and washaways.

Kiama main street flowers. Photos: Jenny O'

Good view from our parking spot in the main street. Photos: Jenny O'

The Grand Hotel.

This mob look like they are enjoying themselves!

As Jenny and I were about to leave, Heather Dunlop told us of the great views to be had from nearby Saddleback Mountain. So we diverted there on the way back to Jamberoo. Like all the roads up the escarpment, the road is quite steep at times, but the view from the top is one of the best views of the coast I've seen. I was hoping for a good run back up Jamberoo Pass, but traffic would not allow it.

I think I speak for everyone who came on the run in thanking Ross Pollock for putting this good outing together.

Phil O'

Great view from Saddleback Mountain.

Green countryside with lots of moo cows. Photo: Jenny O'

Back up Jamberoo Pass with its landslip barriers. Photo: Jenny O'

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