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President's Letter

On behalf of my family, Melissa, Nathaniel and Juliet, I want to thank those who came along to the Bingo Night. We won the first 4 or 5 prizes. What a great way to get the kids involved, by letting us win! I think we need to thank Bill Robertson for calling our numbers. It was a great night of being part of a club and the dinner we shared with each other was rather impressive. The pancakes cooked on the BBQ were really good too.

Coming up we have a few Christmas events so hope you can share some festive cheer with your cars and other club members. For those who aren't going away over the New Year break, the Fish 'n Chip Run, in January, is always a good reason to take the car out to the beach and enjoy some local tucker.

Club shirts are available, with some shirts available to check your size are at the general meeting before you put in an order. Prices are \$35 with your name on the front. I am taking the orders and will bring them to the next meeting. Merry Christmas and safe travelling over the holidays.



Michael Plummer

VALE – ALAN WORNER

It is with great sadness that we farewell Alan Worner who has been a very faithful and active member of our Club from its inception. We all have fond memories of so many events and holidays that we have shared with Alan and Beverley. He worked hard at our Swap Meets, was involved in the Berrima Rallies and he loved dressing up for the themes of the dinner dances.

Alan was a life member and, for several years, Patron of the Club. He was very caring of others and had sound judgment regarding decisions that affected the welfare of our Club. In later years Alan has been part of the Events Team and has enjoyed attending many of the events that he helped organise.

When Alan started to write for Drive Chatter about some of his family's life and work around Mittagong we got a glimpse of what a hard worker and high achiever he was. At the Katoomba weekends Alan enjoyed reciting poetry, such as Banjo Patterson's *Mulga Bill's Bicycle*. We all enjoyed hearing his many poems – so well remembered and beautifully recited.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Beverley, Eric and Sandra and their families in their sad loss.

Jenny Harkness



1927 CAT Fifteen



Traxcavator



1918 Holt



CLEARY BROS RUN – SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER



Silver and Gold Winch Crawler

On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning we met at the Wilton overpass to head down to Port Kembla for a visit to the Cleary Bros. Historic Equipment Museum of crawler tractors and trucks. We arrived a little early but this gave us time for a cuppa and to get some photos before the room filled with people.

As the morning went on the trucks started to arrive in force with the smell and noise of 30 plus year old trucks. The day was organised by the Western Sydney Truck Club who extended the invitation to our club

and others. There were five clubs represented.

Denis Cleary was present to see the display and answer questions from visitors. It also gave him an opportunity to meet up with some people he had not seen in a long time. Some of the staff came in with a float that had an old dozer and truck on it. Also a Mack Titan that they have rebuilt. The staff gave up their time to assist with answering questions and starting up some of the tractors.

The museum is *quality plus* of restored crawler tractors, bulldozers, trucks, traxcavators, bikes and cars. The range was from a Cat 2-ton up to a D8 with pilot engine start. Also a TD6 inter-crawler, two NR Macks with platforms built on the backs of them out of thick slabs of iron bark.

One of the crawlers that had been restored came from the Atherton Tablelands in a very rusty and poor condition from the saltwater that had eaten away a lot of the tractor. This is a very rare tractor so they set about rebuilding it under the guidance of the late John Cleary. What was able to be fixed they did. Otherwise, they made it to the point of recasting the tracks. Three tradesmen were assigned to the task 12 hours a day, six days a week for 3 months, to complete the job to see what we now see in its special colour of silver and gold.

The passion that goes into this collection by the family and staff is nothing short of amazing. I had known about some of the early restorations for a long time as I had worked for them in the 1970's and 80's, but it took until now to see this wonderful collection. A big thank you to Denis Cleary and his staff for allowing us the pleasure of a great day.

Peter and Fay Mills



Some of the Outdoor Exhibits



Furphy Water Tank

Kangaroo March Centenary – Picton 8 October, 2015



Kangaroo March Centenary – Campbelltown Valedictory Commemoration – 10 October, 2015

The 1915 “Kangaroo” recruitment march started at Wagga Wagga with 88 recruits and by Campbelltown had attained 222. This 2015 reenactment included descendants of the original marchers. Historic vehicles added colour and character to the street parades along the way.



EVENTS

December, 2015		
2 nd Wed.	C:	Mid-Week Run. Meet Top of Razorback 10am. Contact Bob Dunk on 4681 8316
9 th Wed.	C:	B.D.H.V.C. General Meeting Bargo Sportsground 8pm. Don't forget the hamper/s will be drawn tonight We still need your donations for a great hamper.
11 th Fri.	C:	David Wolfe Morning Tea Run Nepean Dam Picnic Ground 10am. Contact Diane Jobson on 4684 2084 or 0424 395
12 th Sat.	I:	Christmas Party A.N.S.T.O. (Lucas Heights). Meet at 12.00 on New Illawarra Rd. Just of Heathcote Rd so that we all enter together.
13 th Sun.	C:	Ken & Jenny Harkness are inviting Club members to a “Mad Hatter’s Tea Party” at 3pm – afternoon tea supplied. <i>Funny hat required.</i> If you wish to stay for a barbecue dinner then BYO food. Address is House, 9, 150 Abbotsford Rd, Picton. (Take first turn left once in Valley View Estate.)
16 th Wed.	I:	Campbelltown Club Run. Meet Curry Reserve 10am or meet at Wilton turn off at 11am. Run to Panorama Hotel, top of Bulli. Smorgasbord lunch and a beautiful view.
January, 2016		
6 th Wed.	C:	Mid-Week Run. Meet Bargo Sportsground 10am. Contact Bob Dunk on 4681 8316
9 th Sat.	C:	Fish & Chip Run. Meet at Robertson Pie Shop, about 5km Wollongong side of Robertson on Illawarra Highway at 2pm. Leave 2.15pm. We will go to Kiama again as it has all we need – fish & chips, parking & sea water. (If you want to suggest somewhere else on the coast that has all these give then the Events Team a call.)
13 th Wed.	C:	B.D.H.V.C. General Meeting 8pm Bargo Sportsground.
15 th Fri.	C:	David Wolfe Morning Tea Run Nepean Dam Picnic Ground 10am. Contact Diane Jobson on 4684 2084 or 0424 395
23 rd Sat.	C:	Australia Day Berrima Parade. In park at south end of town. If you want to go in Parade go to Primary School at 11am. If you haven't been before & want more info contact John Glennon on 4861 2701.
29 th Fri.	C:	Morning Tea 10am Lake Alexandria Mittagong. (It should be a bit warmer in January.)
February, 2016		
3 rd Wed.	C:	Mid-Week Run. Meet Top of Razorback 10am. Contact Bob Dunk on 4681 8316
10 th Wed.	C:	B.D.H.V.C. General Meeting 8pm Bargo Sportsground.
12 th Fri.	C:	David Wolfe Morning Tea Run Nepean Dam Picnic Ground 10am. Contact Diane Jobson on 4684 2084 or 0524 395 776.
13-14 th Sat.-Sun.	I:	Gnoo Blas Classic, Orange
21 st Sun.	I:	Sydney Super Swap. Hawkesbury Showground
26 th Fri.	C:	Morning Tea 10am Lake Alexandria Mittagong.

March, 2016		
2 nd Wed.	C:	Mid-Week Run. Meet Bargo Sportsground 10am. Contact Bob Dunk on 4681 8316
5 th Sat.	I:	Crookwell Country Festival. More info next Chatter.
6 th Sun.	I:	Thirlmere Steam Festival. Parking along Westbourne Ave.
9 th Wed.	C:	B.D.H.V.C. General Meeting 8pm Bargo Sportsground.
11 th Fri.	C:	David Wolfe Morning Tea Run Nepean Dam Picnic Ground 10am. Contact Diane Jobson on 4684 2084 or 0524 395 776.
12 th Sat.	I:	Car Round up Anzac Ave. Smeaton Grange. From 4pm
20 th Sun.	C:	Visit George Eden`s Shed, Oakdale. George is in his 90`s & a social call from our Club would be nice. He has a great knowledge of old cars. Great old cars to admire & he loves a visit from people. I am sure the B.B.Q. will be set up & ready to go.
25 th Fri.	C:	Morning Tea 10am Lake Alexandria Mittagong.

First Tuesday each month (not Dec.) – Invitation run from Campbelltown Club starts 10am. Ring Bill Robertson for details on 0408 064 153

EVENTS RULES

It is a legal condition that vehicles on historic plates (conditional registration) record their movements with the Club. Therefore, please ensure that your details are recorded in the Events Book circulated at each meeting. Also, sign the Run Sheet at all Club runs. When attending a secondary club run or "invitational" run (marked "I:") you must contact the Plates Registrars, Eric and Sandra Worner (4871 1620) or the President, Michael Plummer (4628 8221) and advise them of your vehicle's movements.

Event Announcement - Hub Rally to Maitland Friday 13th - Monday 16th May 2016

Club members are invited to join with the Maitland Car Club on a Rally in their area next May. Our Club will organise activities on the Friday, Saturday and Monday.

A tentative programme to include a Hawkesbury River Cruise, a visit to the Military Museum in Singleton, and possibly a night visit to the old Maitland Goal.

Maitland Club will host us on the Sunday with a run and barbeque.

If you are interested in attending please contact Harry Huckstepp Ph 4684 3509 or Mob 0413 480 724 (email hhuck@internode.on.net) Numbers required to book accommodation.

This will be an ideal opportunity for our newer members to have an extended time away and give your old car a long run.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - October 2015

Held on 14th October at Bargo Sportsground Hall – Meeting opened at 8.01pm

Welcome by President who reminded all members are required to sign the attendance book for safety requirements. Kevin Mueleman remains in hospital recovering from surgery and Glenys Holton returned to her first meeting after illness.

Present – 24 members **Apologies** – 4 [as per Attendance Book] **Visitors** – 1

Meeting Introduction – President welcomed all to the meeting

Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes accepted as per magazine. Moved Peter Mills, Seconded Bill Flegg **Matters arising from minutes** - Nil

Correspondence In - 30 Magazines from other Clubs 10 Invoices, letters & statements

Correspondence Out – Nil

REPORTS

Treasurer– Report given by Treasurer

Report available for inspection. Moved – Bill Betts - Seconded – John Glennon

Membership – Membership Officer, Leon Myers, offered two options for membership information format.

Plates Registrar – No new registrations. New Concessional 60 day plan not yet available to Club until registered with RMS. [Vote to be taken tonight]

CMC – Report available on CMC website – new 60 day concessional rego discussed, report from Shannon Display Day entry arrangements to be reviewed and changes made to relieve the congestion.

CHMC [Bush Council] – No Report Half Yearly meeting to be held 24th October in Orange

Bargo Hall – No Report

Editor – New printer being trialled cost for initial run was cheaper than previous supplier. It was noted that the new printer provided a better quality of paper and the photos were clearer. Editors posted out magazine, the printer to do so next time.

Events -.

- Tulip Time Parade was poorly attended and crowd appeared to be down on previous years
- Clarendon Machinery Display weekend was well attended and many good displays to look at
- Lake Alexandria was – well wet and windy but several hearty souls turned up.
- Kangaroo March stop-over in Bundanoon was attended by several members and their cars and was well attended by the public. Cars also at Mittagong, Picton and Campbelltown.
- **See the events in Club Magazine for coming events**

Librarian – The library is available for all members to use, please take advantage of this

Acceptance of the Reports – Moved – Leon Myers, Seconded – Alan Worner

Raffle drawn

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Books donated by Marie Senior were taken by John Glennon & John Holten
- Photos of Peter Mills from Karl Kubica were handed around.
- BBQ trailer to Bill Betts from 03/11/2015 to 10/11/2015.
- Discussion on format for club records. Decided to use Excel spreadsheet.
- Discussion regarding “Constitution” and several clauses regarding attendance to runs and meetings.
- Club shirts will be available next meeting for size fittings.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

November 2015 - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held on 11th November at Bargo Sportsground Hall – Meeting opened at 8.05pm.

Present 32 members **Apologies** 5 **Visitors** 4

President Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular our visitors.

1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes read by Secretary and approved with minor amendments. Moved Peter Mills; Seconded Gary Fuller. No matters arising.

1.2 Correspondence In Invoices 3; Notices 6; Magazines 16

A letter to the President was received from the local Member of Parliament to advise of volunteer grants. **1.3 Correspondence Out:** Nil

2. Treasurer's Report – Jenny Harkness

A detailed monthly report was presented to the meeting.

Moved: Jenny Harkness; Seconded: Bill Betts. Carried

3. Drawing of raffle

4. Events – John Glennon

17 Oct Campbelltown Steam and Machinery museum – good day.

25 Oct Cleary Bros – Great day if you are a bulldozer persona and like trucks. Would have been of interest to all. They started up the bulldozer in middle of room. (No comment but “holy smokes”). Great day. Beautiful trucks. There were two Big Macs (trucks not hamburgers) in the shed and with a \$160k spent on restoration. They should be good. They were from WW2 and were used to run on the outskirts of Darwin Road.

31 Oct Bingo Night. President Michael thanked the organisers for all the prizes that his family won. Eric and John have received an early nomination for next year's AGM as catering officers as they made lots of great pancakes.

7 Nov Run to Yass was terrific. A person on a billy cart hit a bale at speed and just walked away. grass between here and Yass looked a treat. This year there were no accidents or injuries. Amazing as they go 45kph down a hill.

Coming up (For coming events see "Events" page in magazine)

5. Membership Report - Leon

Membership is looking OK. We have 82 paid up members out of 98. They will have to the end of the month to pay.

Discussion on a proposed format for a membership book that also contain Club Constitution. The restriction on using club-plated vehicles to attend general meetings was discussed. It is not in constitution but was passed at a past meeting as cars were being broken into during the meeting. Further discussion on this was moved to general business.

6. CMC Report – Karen for Kevin Lloyd Nil to report

7. Plate Registrar – Eric Worner New registrations as follows:

- Marie Senior 1971 MG Midget 55846H
- Allen and Jenny Berg 1939 Packard 54708H

8. Bargo Hall Report

The building at the back for the AFL club has been cancelled as the funding was not achieved. The AFL club is moving to Wilton oval. The projector screen behind curtains has been installed, thanks to Bill and Jenny.

9. Editors Report – Jenny Harkness

December stories are needed by 20th November

10. Librarians report – Greg Morrison

Great books available to be read.

11. Acceptance of the Reports Moved :Gary Fuller; Seconded :John Glennon Carried

12. General Business

- Use of club plated vehicles to attend general meetings – use of the vehicle needs to be registered as a record. It would be possible to include the registration number on the sign in book when you enter the meeting or read into the minutes. Cars can be taken to Club events that are listed in magazine and general meetings are listed. This matter was not resolved.

- Harry Huckstepp would like to put on a Hub rally. Proposed itinerary as follows:
 - drive to Maitland, a river postman tour at Brooklyn, go to hotel;
 - Saturday – Singleton Army Museum, Newcastle Holden club will put on afternoon tea, torchlight tour of Old Maitland Goal run by an ex- inmate;
 - Maitland Classic Motor Assoc will organise a run and give lunch;
 - Monday – back to Williamstown through RAAF Museum and scenic drive.
 - Cost is \$128/night per couple with continental breakfast. Hotel has 30 rooms, 15 have been booked.
 - Expression of interest for a 13-16 May 2016 run required.
 - Approval from meeting to go ahead and put it in the magazine.
- Val Sutherland sent in some goodies for people to take. If people want to make a donation in return this can be given to Eric.
- Allan home from hospital and sore after his back operation.
- Changes for new log book – clubs have to apply to RMS for clubs to participate in the trial. It covers current events + 60 days where you have your own log book that is filled out even if getting petrol. Don't have to participate in trials but need to register interest to participate
- RMS offices at Campbelltown and Narellan are closing and re-locating to Gregory Hills. A shop front called Government NSW will be opened at MacArthur Square that will hold shared government services.
- Shirts available if ordered or trial sizes to try on. Michael taking orders.
- Gary Turner has done a couple of runs and is now eligible to become a member.

Meeting closed at 9.06pm

From Events Director, John Glennon

Sunday 25th October. Our run to Cleary Bros. Museum , Port Kembla was awesome. My question No. 1 was: Why would you have a couple of bulldozers in your office? Question No 2: Why would you build a museum & fill it full of bulldozers? Question No 3: Why not start one of these monsters inside to test the roof to see if it was built to withstand a Richter 5 earthquake to see young T.R, Tom Rolfe struggling through the crowd for a closer look – & let`s not forget the trucks. There was one beautifully restored that used to make life difficult for us travellers either making dust or spraying water on the road and making mud. What a monster! Why would you restore this? BECAUSE YOU CAN It has been your life & you have the smell of diesel in your blood & you want to preserve this bit of history for future generations. There was a good roll-up of restored trucks for us to admire as well. Great day. Thanks to Peter & Cleary Bros.

Saturday evening 31st October was our bingo get-together at Bargo Sportsground Hall .What a shame we didn't have enough people to use up all of Robyn Bets' fabulous pancake mix. Anyway those who did come had a great social evening. Loads of delicious food to share for dinner & pancakes for sweets cooked on the club BBQ by our talented chefs, Eric & John, & those behind offering advice. Bingo as usual gave us a few laughs. WHAT A BLOW our President being the type of person he is, having won a prize, when one late-comer arrived gave his book to her and, what do you know, next game she won. Oh oh, that was a mistake. But a couple of games later she won another. Never mind Michael, Melissa & children were able to make up for it. After the bingo, Ken entertained us with a club slide show of memorable previous events.

FOR SALE

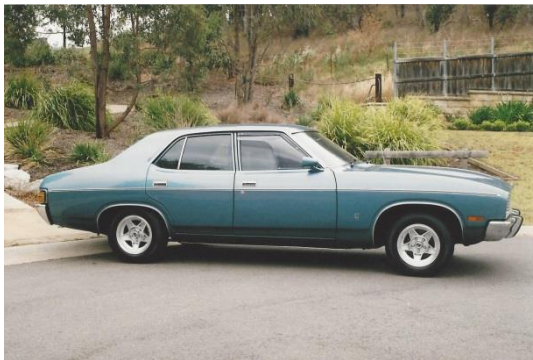


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WANTED

1968-72 Dodge AT4 Ute – Motor doesn't need to work. I have a friend whose life is not worth living if he can't find this vehicle. He has a motor and had found he doesn't get far without the car around it. If you know of a 1968-74 Dodge ute that is looking for a soul mate please let Karen Lloyd (0419 126 558) know.

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