

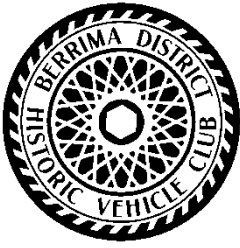
Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club



DRIVE CHATTER

JULY 2012



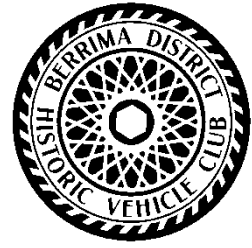


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President's Report

"It's time to roll up our sleeves and get on with it". That's what I heard from one of our members today when discussing what the club has in front of it in the foreseeable future. Let's look at what's ahead:

We have the 2013 Rally in February. We will need every member to take an active part somewhere in the 7 months ahead. We have the committed people already working hard on the Rally Committee AND we need the other members just as committed to attend the Rally and help as much as they can. You can look at the wonderful Wagga Rally as an excellent example of the selfless dedication of their members. They even will drive you to the Saturday night dinner! They laugh and smile and you feel GOOD....

So members, when people from Wagga and all over NSW and even all over Australia come to see us next year, in 7 months, we are going to give them the time of their lives. I know one member who has already invited Rally entrants to stay with him in his home. That's the spirit! Maybe more of us could do that. I know that a team of members has already passed around flyers at other rallies and club meetings AND have already got promises of attendances from these other clubs. What can you do to help? Ask Peter Mills the Rally Director and I am sure he can use your expertise, good nature and boundless energy in a whole range of ways, especially at Rally time.

We have secured several substantial sponsors. Thanks go to Kevin George for organising those donations already. Can you find a sponsor? There will be new cars on show as well as car parts for sale. There will be food and drink stalls as well as a Show and Shine and the usual Rally competition for the best car in its decade. A judge will find his idea of the car he would most like to take home.

The Berrima Club, our club, is one of the (if not **the**) best club in NSW and we get a chance to show that in February. Everything points to a great success in so many ways and you can be part of it. In the words of John Kennedy, one time American President, "Ask not what your Car Club can do for you. Ask what you can do for your car club." This applies in other areas of the club, too.

What else is ahead? In one month from the time you read this we will have our AGM. It's time to consider putting up our hands to take on positions in the club. Have you ever held one of the positions outlined inside the cover of Drive Chatter? Maybe it's time. You could put up your hand to volunteer to be an assistant.

I would like to publicly thank the members who move the furniture for our meetings at the Bargo hall. Every month there are about 50 chairs and six tables moved out and in. Each month a group of members provide food and drinks and clean up after us while many of us are deep in conversation. Thank you for these kindnesses, I really appreciate it and so do all the members. It would be hard to imagine our club succeeding without these things happening unasked and often unrecognised.

The next club meeting is on the 11th of July at Bargo Sportsground.
Thanks, John Holton

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF BDHVC INC

Held at Bargo Sportsground Hall on 13th June 2012

The meeting was declared open by our President, John Holton at 8.02pm.

There were 49 members present, 2 visitors, Ron Stoodman and Juan Bluncoski with 19 apologies received. John welcomed our visitors; John noted an email received from a lady wanting a car for a wedding in Sept, reminding members that they are welcome to do this but no fee may be charged. He also received emails from the Willys club expressing interest in the Berrima Rally; from the CMC with information about the proposed building of a new race-track by Nowra council and from Donna Godwin thanking our club for their participation in the Highlands Show and Shine.

John then read an expression he had written to the members in reply to criticism he had encountered to his Presidents report in the "Drive Chatter" for May.

This evoked some heated exchanges which resulted in Jenny Harkness moving a motion that we move on with the meeting. 2nd by Robyn Betts, Barry Parsons spoke against the motion then the motion was carried 26 votes for 8 against.

Minutes for the May meeting. A motion that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record was moved by John Singer 2nd by Chris Manion and carried.

Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

Correspondence In.

- There were 40 magazines received from other clubs.
- Passed to treasurer were: 4 invoices from Haynes Manuals, Insurance renewal notice for the trailer, and an invoice from the engravers.
- Nine invitations to upcoming events were received and passed to Events officer
- An expression of interest has been invited on a proposal to hold a Post Vintage Capitol Tour in March 2014, also passed to events officer.
- An email was read from the Illawarra Early Holden Club inviting us to exchange our magazines by email to respective editors in future and a similar email had been received from the editor of The Colonial Club.

An email from Pauline McFetteridge to John Holton was read in response to calls from the floor.

Treasurer's Report Jenny Harkness gave a detailed treasurers report and moved that \$3000 be transferred from the maturing investment account to the working fund. Seconded by Phillip Hughes the motion was carried.

Berrima Rally 2013 report

Peter Mills presented this report. The Artwork for the badges and cover sheet has been completed by Dick Bates. Cover sheets are already printed and Wingecarribbee Council have decided to put one in their time capsule. We shall need lots of volunteers, not too early to put your name down. Robyn is already sorting out prizes and trophies; we appreciate all the help being given by committee members.

Membership Report Barry Parsons gave this report. He presented badges and member books to Max Meuleman who has a 1970 Ford Mustang and to Kevin Crocker who has a 1965 Falcon Coupe. Applause from the floor welcomed these new members

Events Report

John Glennon presented his Report

- There were 286 people at the RSL enjoying morning tea and the music of the "Daybefores"
- Peter Mills confirmed that the Oil, Steam and Kerosene day was a great event, super weather and as always something new to see.
- National Motoring day was well attended; Rod McKewan said it was a really good day.
- Show and Shine at the Highland Homemaker Centre had a large mix of cars and even an old caravan Donna Godwin would like this to become an annual event.
- The Mid- week run; Brian Hedderford reported weather very wet.
- There was a good turn- out at Wagga Wagga of 180cars.
- Grandma's bakery, great place for a coffee on the way to Canberra.
- Bundanoon Winter fest coming up we are invited to Miles Felsteads' place for morning tea. Turn right onto Coalmine road, 2 meet times are suggested, for those that want morning tea 8.30 am or 9.30am if you do not.
- Liverpool Swap meet coming up.
- Chris Mannions' run is still able to add numbers at this stage.

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- Ford Cortina Nationals 50 cars in convoy by Exeter, 70 by the time we reached Albury, 300 Cortinas in all attended, really great turnout.
 - Reminder that Rego day is coming up soon.
- Reminder from Geoff Knapman about Katoomba weekend.

Plates Registrar Eric Worner reported one new registration. Rod Lovell 1953 Renault No 45513H.

Bargo Hall Report Nothing to report

Editor and Librarian Report Maurice Hickman presented his report.

The June magazine was printed early, too late to print morning tea run, as always new articles welcome. The library has a new DVD added of the 2010 Wagga Rally. . Reminder that library is available for members use

CMC and CMHC Reports Gary Fuller presented this report.

The meeting held on the 28th of May was well attended. Terry Thompson was nominated to sit on the National road safety council, and Conditional registration to remain as is for the present but will be reviewed in the future. National Heritage Day was an outstanding success at 9 locations some had 100-150 cars, Mittagong 200 cars Eastern Creek 1700 cars.

A new book will be available next meeting "Building Cars in Oz" manufacturing BMC/ Leyland vehicles at Zetland.

The confederation of hot rods and four-wheel drives had their 2nd meeting and will post minutes on their website.

The Landrover owners club has become a member of the CMC.

ARDC at Eastern Creek has rooms available for meetings free if in excess of \$ 150.00 spent on food and drinks

. Arthur Gillette has passed away. He owned a bus and truck company at Turramurra, he donated a Foden truck to Alice Springs museum and drove the truck there himself.

Special vehicles used by the police will be displayed in Dubbo. The last call for club members under 25 to apply for a grant for vehicle restoration is available, must be members of a recognised club..

Orange Blossom festival forms are available.

Chis Woolley from the veteran and vintage motorcycle club passed away.

A request has been passed on to Gary that at the next CMC meeting, he raises the question that the National Heritage day be made open to the public, moved by Robyn Betts and 2nd by Bill Flegg. Gary replied that it is up the local organiser to arrange, but he will bring it up at the next meeting.

Peter Mills moved that all reports be accepted, 2nd by Kevin George the motion was carried.

General Business

John invited Jenny Harkness to talk about club fees. Jenny reminded us that annual fees are usually settled at the meeting before the AGM. And that we should be looking at the budget beforehand. Jenny had circulated the budget statement to approx. 30 members by email and there are copies available here to-night.

Jenny read an email from Micheal Plummer, a long standing member of our club; this in support of keeping the fees unchanged.

Jenny reminded us that the auditing of our books is a big expense but one that she regards as a safeguard to her position as treasurer.

- John reminded those present that Jenny had always done an exceptional job as treasurer and that the discussion about the budget is not a reflection on her performance.

Kevin George stood to propose a motion that fees be reduced to \$50 with \$5 joining fee and that pensioners fee be \$45 and \$5 to join to be effective immediately, not after 3 years. 2nd by Greg Morrison.

Jenny commented that as per our constitution [Item 4 (a) "the initial membership fees shall be determined from time to time by members, will not be less than 2/3rds of full membership for aged pensioners who has been a continuous member for 3 years or more"] therefore with a fee of \$50 the pensioner rate would probably be set at \$35.

Kevin now amended his motion to read that membership fees be reduced to \$50 and a joining fee of \$5.

- Peter Mills spoke against the motion. He gave his opinion that we do need younger members but that if \$70 fee can't be afforded then you can't afford a vintage car. Also the conditional registration does offset the fee pa. And the joining fee gives value in the book and badge.
- Bill Flegg spoke for the motion, His opinion that the fees are not bad but that the joining fee is crippling and that we would attract more members with an annual fee of \$50. Let's remember that it is not all finances but about being part of the club.
- Robyn Betts spoke against the motion, Asked if we would necessarily be better off with more members and lower fees. We need to look at how the club will run financially in that case.
- Barry Parsons noted that the expense of badges and book for new members is currently approx. \$19.
- Maurice Hickman spoke against the motion as we can't settle fees until we know how we are going to cut our costs.

John quoted the constitution item 4 [b] "at the general meeting one month before the AGM the Association shall declare membership fees for the ensuing year.

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These to be ratified at the AGM.”] This means we can decide on fees to-night, declare them next month and ratify them at the AGM.

- Kevin exercised his right of reply in support of his motion .He clarified that membership of \$50 per annum be per family i.e. a couple and any children under the age of 18.
Members then voted by show of hands. There being 26 votes for the motion and 19 votes against John declared the motion carried.
- Gary Fuller moved a motion that we form a committee to look at club costs and fees. 2nd by Eric Worner the motion was carried unopposed. With his consent it was proposed that Gary now form this committee.
- Bill Robertson moved a motion to run a raffle at our general meetings 2nd by Peter Lawrence. After some discussion the motion was carried.
- Greg Morrison moved for a vote of confidence in John Holton as President of the club. 2nd by Ron McKewan
Peter Mills spoke against the motion.
Robyn Betts spoke against the motion.
John stood down from his chair for the duration of the discussion.
Bill Flegg took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.
Kevin George spoke in favour of the motion, expressing his dismay at the events to-night. Appreciation of Kevins remarks was shown by applause from the floor.
The vote of confidence in John Holton was carried almost unanimously.

Before the close of meeting Lorna apologised because she had not read an email from Gerald Griffin and will do so at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.15pm

NEW RACETRACK IDEA FLOATED IN NOWRA

SHOALHAVEN could become a car-racing centre, with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport interested in a top track being developed west of the town.

During the recent Shoalhaven City Council meeting, council's Financial Director Peter Dun, confirmed Australia's peak motor sport body had shown an interest in developing a racetrack off Main Road 92.

Cr Greg Watson was quick to extol the virtues of an expanded motor racing industry in the Shoalhaven, saying it could bring "many millions of dollars" to the region. "This is a major industry that could bring an enormous amount of wealth to the area and jobs," Cr Watson said. "These opportunities only come along every so often." He said the proposal centred in building a racing centre and major regional facility at Yerriyong, near the existing motocross track.

As many major regional racetracks were being closed or facing the prospect of closure to free up land for redevelopment, Cr Watson said there would be plenty of money available to build a new facility on Nowra's outskirts.

While there was a rumbling of disquiet among some at the meeting, and Cr Amanda Findley even spoke about people racing "goat carts", Cr Gareth Ward was also quick to defend exploring the motor racing options. "This is about the everyday Aussie wanting to enjoy their motorsports in the Shoalhaven," he said.

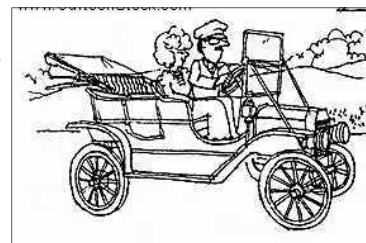
Council voted to set up a committee comprising Economic Development Manager Greg Pullen, Tourism Manager Tom Phillips, Roger Walker, Paul Sutton and Trevor Bridge to investigate the feasibility of building a new raceway near Nowra.

Julie Williams
Secretary CMC
0409 161 357

COMING EVENTS

Please remember to **sign the run sheet at club events** with details of people and vehicles attending. Ensure that your details are recorded in the events book circulated at each meeting. This is to ensure that the movement of conditional registered cars (HCRS) is documented. When attending a secondary club run or invitational run (I), and your vehicle is registered with HCRS plates you **MUST contact** the Plates Registrars Eric and Sandra Worner (4871 1620) or the President, John Holton (4862 5209) **and advise them of your vehicle's movements.**

Club members and friends are welcome to attend any club outings in modern vehicles. For additional information about Events, please phone Eric Worner 4871 1620 or Alan Worner 4871 1483 or John Glennon 4861 2701, or Gary Fuller 0412 660530 .
Note the symbols **C** for Club run, **I** for invitational run.



July, 2012

4th Wed C:	Mid Week Run. Meet Bargo Sportsground 10am. Contact Bob Dunk 4681 8316.
8th Sun C:	Bundanoon Winterfest. Two parts to this event; First part to start at 9:30am from Moss Vale Showground for morning tea at a Shed of Old Cars, just out of Bundanoon before continuing on to the Winterfest event. Those unable to attend the Shed Run still meet John Glennon at 12 noon at Moss Vale. Anyone wishing to have lunch at Bundanoon Club; bookings are essential -Tel: 4883 6174 12 noon: Follow Glennon`s Yellow Holden to Bundanoon. Space will be saved for us to park. We can have a light lunch in Bundanoon. Four coffee shops, a bakery & restaurant or picnic seats if you wish to take a picnic. At 1.30pm we will drive via back street to Moss Vale end of town & parade through town to Ferndale. Reserve for Afternoon Tea. Pony & Stock Horse Demo, Music, Family Fun, Old Machinery & B.B.Q.(lions club). Lighting of BONFIRE. Bring Rug & Chairs. Free entry stay as long as you like.
11th Wed C:	B.D.H.V.C. General Meeting Bargo Sportsground 8pm
13th Fri C:	David Wolfe Morning tea run Nepean Dam Emu Ground Picnic Area 10am Contact Diane Jobson on 4684 2084
15th Sun I:	Liverpool Super Swap Fairfield City Showground – Gates open 6am.
22nd Sun C:	PUB LUNCH at Bowning Meet Twin Shells 9am Depart 9:30am We are traveling with Mid Western Tour for lunch to make sure they don`t get lost. Ring John Glennon 4861 2701.
22nd Sun - 28th Sat C:	MID WESTERN CLASIC TOUR – Cowra –Hill End. Chris Manion 4636 6118 or mobile 0418 460 614.
28th Sat I:	Ford Swap Eastern Creek—See page 9
29th Sun I:	Ford Swap Eastern Creek
28 & 29 Sat & Sun I:	MILTON ULLADULLA Vintage & Classic Car Club Ulladulla Harbour Classic Rally 21 st Anniversary For copy of registration form contact Events directors. entry no later than 1 st July or ring Tom Turner on 4455 3669. Page 9

August, 2012

1 st Wed	C:	Mid- Week Run Meet Top of Razorback 10am. Contact Bob Dunk 4681 8316
8 th Wed	C:	B.D.H.V.C. Annual General Meeting Bargo Sportsground 8pm.
10 th Fri	C:	David Wolfe Morning Tea Run Nepean Dam. Emu Ground Picnic Area 10am. Contact Diane Jobson on 4684 2084.
11 th Sat	I:	Carrington Centre Care Werombi Rd Camden. Meet Foot of Razorback 9am. Camden End. This is a great Retirement Village so come and support them
19 th Sun	I:	Shannon`s Eastern Creek Tickets are \$12 each from Treasure Jenny Harkness on 4677 3404. Time to arrive from 9AM
25 th Sat	C:	REGO DAY at Dave & Eileen Auld`s, Burragorang Rd. OAKDALE. 12noon B.B.Q. Lunch. Rego check starts at 1pm finish 4pm Bring insurance & R.T.A. papers, & you must be a financial member.
26 th Sun	I:	All BRITISH DAY. Kings School at Parramatta.

September, 2012

5 th Wed	C:	Mid-Week Run. Meet Bargo Sportsground 10AM. Contact Bob Dunk:4681 8316
8 th Sat	I:	Wollondilly Anglican College Country Fair at 3000 Remembrance Drive ,Tahmoor 2573.Opposite Coal Mine between Bargo & Tahmoor on Old Hume Highway. We have been invited to attend this fair. All parking on tar. Commences 9AM –Finish 3PM
12 th Wed	C:	B.D.H.V.C. General Meeting Bargo Sportsground 8PM
14 th Frid	C:	David Wolfe Morning Tea Run. Nepean Dam. EMU GROUND Picnic Area 10AM . Contact Diane Jobson 4684 2084
15 th & 16 th Sat & Sun	I:	Wangaratta Rally : No info yet
22 nd Sat	I:	Tulip Time Parade. More Info next Drive Chatter
30 th Sun	I:	Motoring Expo 9:30AM– 2:30PM. Integral Recreation Park, Darkes Rd, Kembla Grange. Farm Machinery, Vintage Cars, Caravans, Live Music, Motor Cycles, Machinery etc: Hot & cold food & drinks all day. Meet Robinson Pie Shop on Illawarra Hwy East of Robertson at 9AM

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2/3/4 KATOOMBA WEEKEND.

Once again our annual weekend in the mountains is here.

An old fashioned get-together for family & friends. Highly recommended for new & old members. Please see more details on page 9 for booking details.

KATOOMBA WEEKEND

FRIDAY 2ND- SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

2012

It's time to start booking the date for our annual Blue Mountains get-away. For anyone who has not attended, let me tell you what you've missed out on!

We stay in a very picturesque position right next the Scenic World complex at Katoomba. Our accommodation is clean and basic as is the price. We have supper on Friday evening, then all meals (including morning & afternoon tea) until Sunday lunch. There are plenty of rooms available (so you can have parents and children in separate rooms if you like). There are bunk beds and we provide our own linen, (pillows and blankets provided). In each room is a heater and washbasin. We share communal bathrooms, which are very clean.(and plenty of them)

During the day we all do our "own thing". Many people choose to go off for the whole day and have a packed lunch on the Saturday. After dinner on Saturday we play Bingo and then have an impromptu "concert".

This is a great week-end to relax, get to know other club members and you are invited to invite your friends and family along too. We have several family groups that have 3 generations attend.

We need to know soon if you are intending to come as we need 40 people to keep this booking. A \$50 deposit required for each room please.

Prices for 2012 Standard Rooms

Adults \$115 each

Children 12-16years \$105 / Children 8-11years \$82 / Children 3-5 years \$45 Under 3 free

The ensuite rooms are already "taken" by members who have faithfully come each year!

Want to know more or want to book, please contact me

Jenny Harkness 4677 3404 plummer@idx.com.au



FORD SUPER SWAP MEET, NSW

EASTERN CREEK INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY, FERRERS RD, EASTERN CREEK 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Combined Ford Clubs of N.S.W. brings you the Ford Super Swap Meet to be held on the Saturday prior to the All Ford Day. Gates open to Vendors/Swappers from 7.00am. Vendor & Swap Meet entry via Gate 7, Ferrers Road, Eastern Creek. Vendors/Swappers \$10 per site. Plenty of room and sites available. Automotive related products only. NO bric-a-brac. Entry to Swap Meet for lookers only \$2.00 per person. For more information Contact Godfrey - 0402 060 424 or Eddie - 0407 702 676.

ULLADULLA HARBOUR CLASSIC RALLY

The Milton Ulladulla Vintage & Classic Car Club Inc. invites you to participate in the 2012 Harbour Classic Rally, a biennial 2 day event for vintage and classic cars and motorcycles. This years event coincides with the clubs 21st anniversary. Saturdays programme - registration, display of participating vehicles, rally entrants head north on a drive of ~ 120 kilometres via Cambewarra Mountain and Berry to Shoalhaven Heads for lunch. Return to Ulladulla. Evening dinner. Sunday all vehicles will gather at Ulladulla Harbour for a public static display, then a short drive to Tabourie Lake for a BBQ and some light entertainment. Full details will be mailed to you on receipt of your completed registration form. Numbers are limited so please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. For more information contact Garry Baker (president) on 4454 4701 E:copper1@tpg.com.au or Tom Turner (events director) 4455 3669 E:tacturn@bigpond.com

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE T-MODEL? (PART 2)

I have been to several shows since the Haulin' the Hume Run and I have had a number of people approach me saying "What have you done to the T-Model, you have it cracking, and it is going so well." A fellow said to me he left 20 min after me and did not catch me until we reached Berrima. "What have you done to that T-Model? Everybody is talking about it." (I think he must have thought it was going to take me 2 days to get there)

Well, we will go back a few years; I had never had a T-Model before nor driven one for that matter. It seemed to be expected that they were a slow, vibrating, noisy vehicle! (especially trucks) I had done a big-end bearing in the

T-Model so I pulled it apart and found I also had a cracked crank shaft. I was surprised it was still running (true to the model myth, they keep running). After getting some major work done on the motor by Bob, I set out refitting the

engine. We took it for a test run-it ran so smooth until I got to half throttle. I still had the vibration problem. It would just about shake you out of the cab. After speaking with people, this appeared to be normal for a T-Model truck. It got the better of me (thinking cap on). In T-Models they have an outer casing called the drive shaft tube that runs from the transmission to the diff. Inside you have a solid steel rod that spins inside the drive shaft tube. This connects your uni joint to the diff; therefore you cannot see what is happening inside the drive shaft tube. I got the end bearing to the transmission re-sleaved and put back in. I reassembled the drive line: off for another test drive- no better (bugger). Drive line out again, replaced the drive shaft housing front bush and roller bearing at wormgear end of tail shaft drive line. Back in again and off for a test drive hoping this has fixed the problem. NO! That vibration is still there. What can it be??

While pulling the drive line out yet again, I had a thought- I got into the T-Model and started it and drove through the gears as if I was on the road full throttle with no vibration. "It's got to be the steel rod" I thought. I put the steel rod in the lathe and spun it at low revs with a dial gauge on it. It was straight-no problems-it wasn't bent I thought. But when the rod spun at high revs it got a whip in it- "Shit" I thought, it is going to come out of the lathe at us as we had it on centre points of the rod.

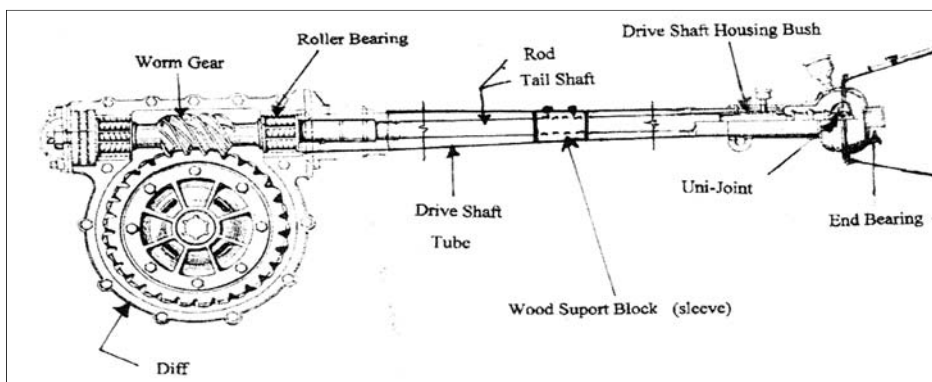
It had deflected about 1 1/2" to 2" while at high speed in the lathe. After speaking with Richard Day, he had several thoughts as to why it would do that (as cars have a shorter drive line and a smaller diameter rod) Hence if you have a secondary gear box in a T-Model truck, you don't seem to have the problem because you have to cut the drive line down to suit the gear box.

So I set off to fix it. I got a block of hardwood timber and turned it down on my lathe to the size of the inside size of the tube and drilled a hole big enough to take the solid rod through it. I slid it down the shaft to where the taper starts, fixing it to the outer case with two self tapping screws to stop it from spinning around. I also drilled a hole through the drive shaft and block of wood to allow for a grease nipple to be fitted so it can be lubricated. Getting excited now, we put the drive line back in again. I had seen my fair share of the underside of the T-Model by now.

Off we went for test drive 4 or 5 I think-it was great! I just kept pulling throttle on. Before I knew it I was doing some 50 plus kph in the T-Model as my son was travelling behind me. We pulled up to have a chat, smiling from ear to ear. The vibration was gone and it was running the best ever. The blocks of wood have fixed the problem by supporting the rod in the middle. WOW! It has been in there for over 18 months now and travelled some 600 kms and still going strong. So to all you T-Model Truck owners out there, fix it & have fun.

Patent Pending No T PS205 – email shawthinghey@bigpond.com

Thanks Peter Shaw



A LIFE IN OUR CLUB*by Jenny Harkness*

As a life member of the BDHVC I thought it may be of interest to newer members to hear how this club was formed and developed into the great club and the activities that attracted me to join.

In the late seventies, I was a young mother with two very small children, when my then husband, Tony Plummer, started to show his interest in vintage cars. He was working with Bob Jay (another life member) who invited him to someone's home for a club meeting. Before I knew it, we were having the occasional meeting at our place too. We were made to feel very welcome and although we did not have an old car that we could drive till 1988, we were encouraged to attend outings and get the feel of the vintage cars. Bill and Robyn Betts even lent us their 1926 Buick to drive on a few outings. We were able to join with club members in being "extras" in the film "Ginger Meggs" because Peter Chadwick (another long-serving member now deceased) allowed us to be his "family" for the day. My boys even featured on the full screen in the film!

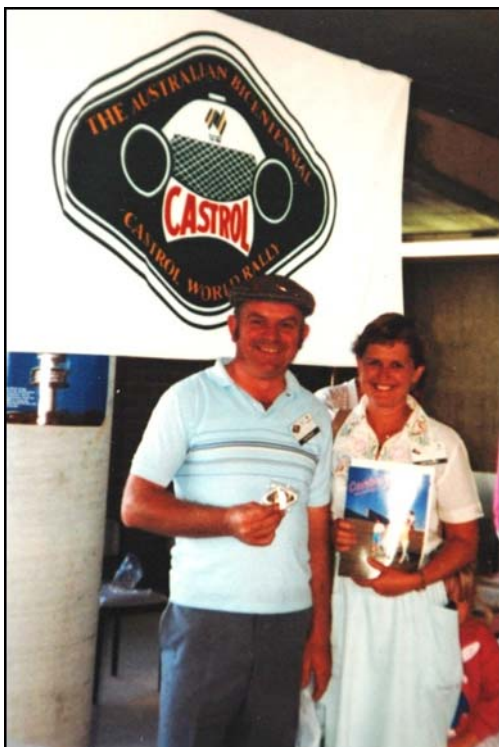
As we were the Bowral Branch of the South Coast Car Club, we had some joint activities the our "mother" club. I remember fondly the Christmas parties where each child (there were plenty of them at that time) was given a lovely gift and the annual evening of sharing a meal and playing bingo in a packed hall.

Our branch realised that we were getting too big and with the distance between both clubs and decided to become our own identity. We chose our name Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club because at that time Berrima was the name used for many local things. Our membership always came from a wide area from Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly and the Southern Highlands. "Historic Vehicle" was carefully chosen because Alan Strobe (our first Patron) insisted that we were not to be just a car club and we should give the opportunity for motorbikes, trucks and farm machinery to join in too.

We had already started "Swap Meets" which were becoming a great day and fund raiser. We all helped. My children can recall fondly how they helped too. It was a great time of bonding. As a reward for helping at the Swap Meets we had a camp out a few weeks later when Robyn bought loads of food and catered beautifully for us all. We went to many different places for them: disused wool sheds; Wombeyan Caves; and later at Wooglemi at Oakdale. They were such fun weekends.

Another annual event was our Dahlia Festival (now called the Berrima Rally). At first we fully catered for all meals and there was a street parade when we dressed up in period costume and drove our cars through the main roads of Mittagong. At the dinner/dance we all took our children and dressed them up too. Again we have very fond memories of these.

We became incorporated and there were many hours spent in carefully writing our original constitution. The club continued to thrive. We appointed a Patron for our club. The person in this position was revered



as someone who had been a long-standing member and whose character was widely respected. The idea was for that person to be available for members to contact and discuss any problems. The Patron could then quietly approach the person concerned and have a quiet word to them about the issue. We have only had three Patrons: Alan Strobe, Alan Worner and Bill Betts.

Life membership was another way that the club acknowledged to original members who were still involved. A few other people have since been given that honour for continued service to the club over many years. I was appreciative to receive this honour in more recent years and accepted for both Tony and myself.

By 1988 Tony finally had restored our 1926 Chrysler Tourer in time to attend the International Castrol Bicentenary Rally which only allowed cars built before 1930 to attend. It was a spectacular sight to see about 1100 pre-1930 cars together in Canberra. What a great 10 days that was – although it was a challenge to fit in luggage for five into our car and carry spare parts too.

After this event the club decided to have bi-annual 14 day "Grand Tours" for several years which about 15-20 cars usually attended.

We have fond memories of touring Victoria twice and also Tasmania. We would buddy up with a few club members and travel in convoy to look out for each other and help out if needed. The great thing about the club was we still had a young family and the other club members were delighted for them to be part of these rallies. My children had so many extra “aunts” and “uncles” because of these special times. The club has changed over the years and will continue to change as people leave and join – each making their own contribution. With the 30 year rule, historic cars are changing too – becoming faster and more comfortable.

I hope that newer members too will find the friendships, great driving and good times that we have all enjoyed through the club - and continue to enjoy.

The “Fish and Chip” run held on the first Saturday in January was so successful that it instantly became another annual event – as have our weekends at Katoomba. The monthly Mid-Week Run (held jointly with Razorback Crankhandle club) and Friday morning tea run to Nepean Dam have become a popular regular feature of the club.



Then in 1997, we all had a huge shock when Tony was diagnosed with terminal cancer at the age of 47. Our club members rallied around and helped so much, especially catering for 400 who attended the memorial service. I will always be grateful for the friendship and help given to me at that time.

I then made a decision to not lose all my friends, to learn to drive the car and I became more actively involved in the administration of the club. (Tony had previously held many positions.) I have been Secretary or Treasurer for most years since that time.

I was so pleased when I married Ken, 10 years later, that the club members made him welcome too and we have both enjoyed taking an active role in the club.

SHOW & SHINE MITTAGONG

Thank you for participating in our centre's 'Show 'N' Shine Car Display' held Sunday 27 May at Highlands Homemaker Centre. The response from participants was greater than we anticipated resulting in a very successful event. It was a colourful event creating a great atmosphere for all involved.

We appreciate your time being involved as well as the generosity in donations for our chosen local charity 'Southern Highlands Community Hospice'. The total monies raised on the day was \$750.!

It may be of interest to you that compared to an average Sunday trade, we had an extra 300 cars [each car generally equates as 2.3 people] through the centre. With approximately 80 car entrants, you can see there was a significant number of people who came along for your event.

A note of thanks to all club organisers, you made our job much easier. In particular a special thank you to Alan Worner and Pam Haynes who were extremely helpful in getting logo's and contact details of clubs for us. Thank you Alan for the suggestion to involve a charity and the one you selected was a great choice.

Donna Godwin | Marketing Manager
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WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA

Wings Over Illawarra held on Sunday 6th May 2012 at Illawarra Regional Airport was attended by a huge crowd. Vintage and modern, civilian and military aircraft roared above the crowd and were open for inspection on the ground. The Lockheed Super Constellation airliner, "Connie" was a crowd favourite. (See below)

Wings featured aircraft from the Royal Australian Air Force including the Roulettes, and performances by helicopters of the Royal Australian Navy together with the Australian Army Red Berets, together with many rare warbirds warbirds including Mustang, Kittyhawk, Vampire and two Wirraways including the Temora Aviation Museum's example plus their Hudson and F8 Meteor. Also on display were working farm engines and vintage cars and motorcycles from many clubs, historic military vehicles and also vintage buses providing a transport loop.

The weather was sunny & mild so that we enjoyed showing the Jag with hundreds of classic & vintage motor vehicles. Rod particularly enjoyed the day because of his experience & passion for flying.

Rod Lovell & Pauline McFetridge



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



I hope you enjoy this July edition. True to our word, we have brought you the story of one of our founding members, Jenny Harkness (page 12). Our AGM is coming up in August & all positions will be up for renewal and/or replacement. I look forward to seeing you all there supporting our club. My position as Editor will be up for grabs. Is there anybody out there who is willing to take on the job. Please let us know.

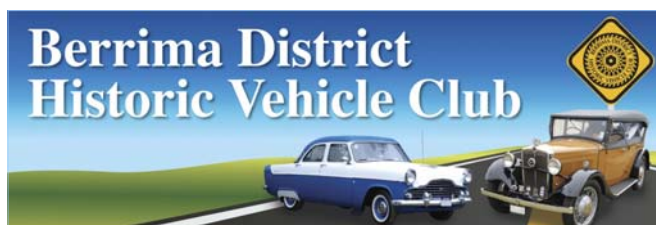
As the Editor of Drive Chatter I would like to thank everybody for their help & assistance. It is still a learning curve for me but with the help of my family & a few generous members we have Drive Chatter looking good.

I have been a member of this club for about 15 years and in that time have enjoyed all the outings, rallies, social functions. My old "most feral" tractor shows its face with some of the best. Let's not drift away from why we join vehicle clubs such as this. It is for the sharing of knowledge, similar interests, networking of skills and to have fun. Members do have a democratic right to voice their opinion but let's see the big picture & not get side-tracked by personalities.

From our last meeting our members voted to reduce our membership fees & joining fees to encourage new members. By reducing the fees it will cost the club to join up & administer new members. A committee has been asked to find ways to reduce expenses to cover that decision.

Drive Chatter will be a victim of the cost cutting. As I look at other clubs, many have paid adds or sponsors to offset their costs. During my time as Editor we have managed to bring you Drive Chatter online on our website. Unfortunately we are not all internet literate (too old to learn). Drive Chatter keeps those members who cannot attend meetings and perhaps have other problems, priorities or commitments informed & still part of the club family.

The time may come when the printed word is obsolete, but let's hope we can continue to print a hard copy of Drive Chatter for a while to come. *Maurice Hickman Editor*



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 while enjoying our country hospitality.

Enthusiasts are invited to register for a full programme of events Saturday and/or Sunday

UPDATE FROM RALLY DIRECTOR– PETER MILLS

Our “150 Years of Transport” planning is coming together and with the input of all the committee members we are progressing well.

The Information Brochure and Rally Entry forms are printed and ready for distribution to our members and other clubs. They have also been emailed to the entire club data base and are available for download on our website www.BerrimaDistrictHistoricVehicleClub.org.au

The design of the front cover of the brochure looks absolutely brilliant and professional, thanks to Pauline’s ability to capture all the elements of our “Coaches to Cruisers” theme.

I would like to extend special thanks on behalf our club members & the Rally Committee to the very talented Richard Bates for designing our Rally Badge. His artwork will be used to obtain quotes from various manufacturers.

May I also send out an appeal to all Club Members? I would like to ask you to volunteer for a short time during the Rally to help with Rally Entrants arrival and Show & Shine parking within the Bong Bong grounds. If you can help please contact Eric Worner (02) 48711620 / 0428282070 or email eswoner@bigpond.com

Robyn Betts, our Catering Officer will also need volunteers to assist her as well. Robyn ensures all our food is the best with lots of it. She also wears another hat. She has found some very unique trophies & prizes and they are certainly worth winning. We are very grateful for her continued commitment & appreciate her usual efficiency in getting the job done so early in our planning.



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The Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club

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We are a social club for individuals and families who share an interest in vintage and classic vehicles of all descriptions with nearly 100 members (mostly couples) and more than 150 cars, motorcycles, tractors and trucks on our register.

You don't need to own an historic vehicle and you are welcome to bring your normal car on any club outings. The advantage of joining a club, even before you have a vehicle, is the common interest and information that can be shared with fellow members.

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