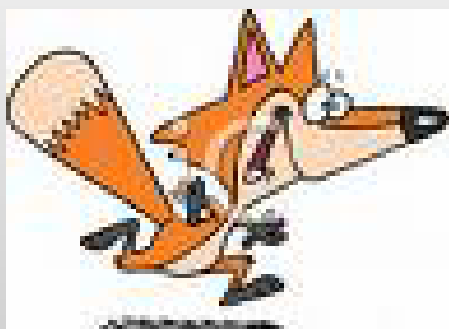


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Braeside Park Friday 10th May
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1st Friday of the month (except Good Friday & January) at Deepdene Park Hall, Whitehorse Road, Deepdene. Tea, coffee and snacks are served at the conclusion of each meeting. Visitors and prospective new Members are welcomed.

Club Permit Scheme

FOR Special Use Vouchers:

Ian Hanks 03 9551 3447; Gordon Wightman 03 5977 6668;

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FOR Renewal of your Vic Roads Permit:

Send to Ian Hanks only, with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Ian will return it to you for you to pay at your nearest Vic Roads Office.

You can also see Ian at meetings and on runs.

FOR New Applications: Contact Ian Hanks

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Club Newsletter

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The closing date for contributions is outlined below.

Journal Closing Dates

Nominally 2nd. Wednesday each month. Contact the Editor if worried.

Journal Nights

Nominally Thursday before the last Friday of each month

CHACA Life Members

Max Austin, Gordon Wightman, Ray Griffin, Margaret Griffin, Barry Smith, Jim Kerr, Dale Allen, Bill Kerr, John Hunt, Tom Lambert, Roy Pepprell, Eddie Reynolds, Bob Mantle, Patricia Wightman, Peter Galley, John Schuurman.

Deceased: Fred McGeary, Norm Watt, Don Main, Ian Davey
Eddy Dobbs Snr, Col Patiencee.

Website

The Club's website www.chaca.com.au is updated regularly and features Club History, Club Promotions, an Events Calendar, a full Journal for downloading and many photographs of Club Events.

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Margaret Griffin - 5977 6649

Club Welfare Officer -

Eddie Reynolds - 9770 1231

Calendar of Coming Events

May 1st	Club Meeting Deepdene*
May 17th	CHACA Birthday Picnic
June 6th.	Club Meeting Deepdene*
June 6/7/8	Queen's Birthday weekend
June 7th	CHACA Annual Tour 6/7/8th.*
June 14th	All Makes Swapmeet Sandown
July 3rd	Club Meeting Deepdene*
July 18/19th	Christmas in July*
August 9th	Mornington Peninsula Tour*
August 23rd	Federation Picnic at Marong

Points Scheme: * Club Meeting Deepdene

Denotes Club Meetings and Club Runs that add to your points for attendance; Club cars and moderns will receive points for attendance at Club Runs. To help collate the records registrar, you will need to place your name in the attendance book which will be made available at Club Runs and Meetings.

Snippets and Welfare Report

Heard that Ken Findlay has just spent a stint in Hospital. A Get Well card will be sent to him.

A Thank You card was received from Joyce Tibbett. Joyce was present at our April meeting and most of the facial bruising from her fall has all but disappeared. Tibbie produced a photo of Joyce at her best/worst? And it was indeed a memorable sight! Big black eyes (she was nicknamed Panda in hospital) and a delicately shaded purple bruise on her left jaw that sort of blended into the side of her face.

Ballarat Begonia Rally

Noticed in the VCCC magazine that Peter and Sandy Hibbert won the "1943 to 1950 Trophy" with their 1950 Mercury Sedan. And Graeme Moore was also successful in the "1951 to 1965" section with his 1958 Ford Zephyr Convertible. Congratulations to you both!

CHACA members listed as present were :- Roland and Beryl Whiting, Vin and Lana Forbes, Ron and Laraine Maddocks, John Baker, Norm and Heather Darwin, Graeme Moore, Colin and Loretta McKenna, Peter and Sandy Hibbert, Lester and Yvette Cole, Mal and Thea Hillier.

All American Day

Members and their cars seen at the All American Day 5th April:

James Allan 1989 Ford Capri	Doug Gorham 1947 Plymouth
Ross Buchanan 64 Falcon Sprint	Bob Clark 1955 Studebaker
David Landells 78 Ford LTD	Noel Colliver 1938 Buick
Peter Galley 37 Chev Tourer	Ray Nichol 33 Hupmobile
Barry Smith 36 Packard	Graham Hutchinson 1934 Hupmobile

Next Meeting

8.00 pm-1st May 2009
Deepdene Park Hall
Whitehorse Road, Deepdene

Next Months Entertainment

Veteran racing driver Murray Carter, who is celebrating his 60th year in motor sport will be our guest speaker at our May meeting. At 77 years of age Murray is still racing. His current car is a 1999 model 500 horsepower Corvette C5. Murray was a 27 year old Panel Beater when he built his first racing car and it has gone down in history as one of the fastest sports cars of it's era. See picture below:



Murray Carters Corvette Special

Editorial

What a wonderful turn-up of vehicles and Club members at the Tri-Club Easter Bun Run on Friday 10th. April! There had to be at least 80 vehicles parked on the grounds. There wasn't enough room for all the cars around the perimeter of the grounds so some had to create the start of a second circle. With the recent attendances at our Tri-Club events one could be excused for thinking very few were really interested in the concept anymore. Maybe this day will see the turning point. Tri-Club events are great because we all get to see a greater variety of cars than we normally do on our own runs. They broaden our horizons.

Was it the weather, the venue, global warming, the global economic crisis or some other reason for the large number of attendees?

Whatever it was we need to know so we can apply it to our General meetings at Deepdene. Last month's meeting realised possibly the smallest assembly we have seen since the early years when the club was in its infancy.

I hope we can muster a better roll-up next month when we will be entertained by that well known racing driver Murray Carter! Murray is probably best known for his early racing career with Jaguars and Corvettes. This is his 60th. Year behind a racing car wheel..

It's a fact of life that we are all getting older and diminishing in numbers, hence the ongoing need for new members and we have to be attractive as a Club to them. Their interests will be different to ours as they have grown up with later model cars. However, because of our aging membership many of us are turning to later cars because they are easier to drive and more comfortable than our 30's and 40's vehicles. So our interests should be merging.

More members at our meetings should mean an ever-increasing number of members. (As a rolling snowball gathers snow so too should more members "gather" members). Let's start with the May meeting!
 Eddie Reynolds..

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF CLASSIC AND HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

Held at Deepdene Park Hall, Whitehorse Rd, Deepdene, on Friday 3rd. April 2009

CHAIR David Landells, President
Meeting opened at 8.00 pm
PRESENT Approximately 24 members.
Chairman welcomes all members.
APOLOGIES Eric Chaplin, Graham Moore, Ian and Jenny Hanks, Ken and Margaret Robinson, Allan and Judy Munro and Graham Hutchinson.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held 6th March 2009 were signed as a true record. Moved – Max Austin. Seconded – D Landells. Carried
Business arising from previous meeting – nil.
Secretary's report – Peter Galley – nothing to report.

Correspondence in – nil.

Correspondence out – nil.

REPORTS

President, D Landells - The weekend away to Bairnsdale was most enjoyable. We still need an editor and someone to run the raffle. Grace Davies has volunteered to do the raffle tonight. There will be 4 prizes, 1 prize will be a double pass to Winton. The next club run will be the hot cross bun run held at Braeside Park.

Vice President – James Allan. At our next meeting we will have a speaker Murray Carter (Bathurst racing legend).

Treasurer – Mick Whiting.

Opening Balance:	\$14,512.92
Income:	\$1041.00
Expenditure:	\$1945.62
Closing balance:	\$13,608.30

Membership Secretary – Max Austin. We have no new members to date. 7 members have failed to respond. The list is 217 members. These and the 13 new members will be in the new Directory. Membership is better than this time last year, so a good result. Regarding Committee positions, we need assistance. We need a Welfare Officer, someone to take on special activities (this entails organizing some club runs), an editor and a person for the raffle.

ACTIVITIES

Special Activities – Barry Smith. Arrangements and bookings are going well for the weekend away. Our Annual Luncheon will be held at the Studley Park Boathouse Café on 25th October.

Publicity Officer – James Allan. All is going well, cheques are coming in from the advertisers.

Technical Officer – Ian Hanks. Absent. No report.

Librarian Officer – Eric Chaplin Absent. No report.

Property Officer – Eddie Reynolds. Looking at magnetic badges and has one as a sample. Eddie asked how many would be interested. The cost would probably be \$10 to \$12.

Editor – Eddie Reynolds thanked everyone for their articles for the Journal.

Welfare Officer – Eddie Reynolds. Eddie welcomed Joyce Tibbett back after her fall. She is doing very well.

President – D Landells. The 19th April is the Pakenham Picnic at the Pakenham Racecourse and the 17th May is the Birthday Run.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Federation Representative – Kevin Churchill.

This report will be in the Journal.

AOMC Representative – Graham Hutchinson.

Absent. No report.

All Makes Swap Representative – Ian Hanks.

Absent. Bob Clark is having a garage sale for a friend with Studebaker parts for sale, also parts for the motor trade or any other trade. There are tools for sale. This is over Easter, but is sure this will go on for after Easter. Anyone interested contact Bob Clark.

Special Effort – Jenny Hanks. Nothing to report.

Cars, Parts, For Sale or Wanted – Nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mick Whiting urged members to think about positions on the Committee otherwise there is a real danger of the club going under. Mick will make up a list of members and hope they will say yes to positions. David Landells suggested we have a sub-committee for special activities.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 1st May 2009.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th April 2009.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Presidents Report

I would like to thank Grace Davey and Bob Clark for taking on the raffle, after my request at our April meeting.

Thanking all members who came to our Hot Cross Bun Run on Easter Good Friday, and also to the ladies and men who helped to organise this event. Also a special thanks to our two Grand Daughters Jessica and Kassandra for helping butter the buns and selling lots of raffle tickets.

The day was a huge success and I am sure all who attended had a great time!

President..David Landells.



Queens Birthday Weekend June 6,7,8 2009

This Years Annual Tour is to Bendigo Taking in Echuca and Maryborough



We will be staying in the central gold mine town of Bendigo. Taking in some of the local attractions and visiting the historic Port of Echuca and enjoying a ride on a Paddle Steamer. Also visiting the Historic Maryborough Railway Station and Antique Emporium.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

Allara Motor Lodge White Hills Bendigo \$110.00 per night per couple

Continental Buffet Breakfast can be included in our Dining Room for \$12 .00 per person

Includes: Toast—White, Brown, Raisin

Cereal—Cornflakes, Muesli, Weetbix, Nutri Grain, Special K

Fruit—Pears and Peaches

Juice—Apple and Orange

Deposit \$50.00 payable to C.H.A.C.A.

*Barry Smith
Special Activities Officer*

Awesome Anagrams!

DORMITORY = DIRTY ROOM

ASTRONOMER = MOON STARER

THE EYES = THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE = HERE COME DOTS

ANIMOSITY = IS NO AMITY

SNOOZE ALARMS = ALAS! NO MORE Z'S

THE EARTHQUAKES = THAT QUEER SHAKE

MOTHER-IN-LAW = WOMAN HITLER

PRESBYTERIAN = BEST IN PRAYER

DESPERATION = A ROPE ENDS IT

GEORGE BUSH = HE BUGS GORE

SLOT MACHINES = CASH LOST IN ME

ELECTION RESULTS = LIES—LETS RECOUNT

A DECIMAL POINT = IM A DOT IN PLACE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO = TWELVE PLUS ONE

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Christmas in July 18th & 19th Rubicon Hotel/Motel THORNTON (Incorporating a day run only to the Kerrisdale Mountain Steam Museum)

Here are the details of this "Full of surprises" weekend. Firstly, if you would prefer to come only to Kerrisdale for lunch and the train ride, as a day run, you are welcome to join us.

We will meet at Bundoora Park, Plenty Road (Mel19F4) entrance opposite Main Drive. Take River Red Gum Avenue to Visitor centre car park. Arrive 9 am for a 9.30am departure.

We will be taking a leisurely drive to Kerrisdale via Kinglake West, Flowerdale, Strath Creek, arriving for lunch, which can be purchased at the railway. Details are on the enclosed entry form. Please indicate your requirements so that we can advise catering numbers, please note you pay for lunch and train ride on the day. You can BYO lunch if you prefer. If you do not wish to attend the railway we suggest you proceed on to Yea for lunch and meet in the centre of the road car park at the east end of town at 2.30 PM.

On leaving Kerrisdale we will proceed to Yea, where it is suggested you fill up with fuel to ensure you get to Warburton next day. We will regroup in the above car park at 2.30PM after which we will move on to Thornton and the Rubicon Hotel Motel.

Christmas Dinner will be served in the Hotel dining room, the bar will be operating and there are "Pokies".

During the course of the night there will be some hilarious entertainment. There will be prizes for the best Male & Female Poetry readers so select your favourite piece (no longer than 3minutes please) and join in the fun. "Santa" will visit and we are asking each of you to bring a NOVELTY gift for a person of your same sex suitably wrapped and labelled as either Boy or Girl to the value of no more than \$5. "Santa" will distribute these. Other activities have been arranged for the night including many awards and prizes hence the reason we have requested a \$10 Rally Fee for each vehicle entered, to cover these and incidental costs.

Have you contacted Veronica at the Rubicon Hotel Motel 03 5773 2251 to reserve your accommodation yet? Don't miss out, refer to the April Journal for full accommodation details. An Entry form is included with this Journal, please complete this and forward with a cheque or money order as directed. Note that if you are having lunch and or the train ride at the Kerrisdale Rail you PAY ON THE DAY, however we do need you to indicate your requirements for catering and carriage configuration purposes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Entries close 20th June 2009.

Any Questions? Give me a call on 03 9363 5228

Best regards to all. Vin Forbes

All Makes Swap Meet.

June 14th.

Sandown Racecourse.

The Problems with an Abandoned Vehicle

By club member Her Simpfendorfer

Here is a possible scenario. You are travelling on lonely roads far from the city, and see a battered hulk on the side of the road. So you ask around, and everyone you ask says the same thing, "It's yours mate, we'll be glad to see the end of it." So you take it home, and restore it.

That happened to me. I have now finished restoring an Austin 1800 ute, and have put it on Conditional Registration, commonly known as Club Rego. When I found this vehicle that had obviously been abandoned in the river flats in South Australia on Council Land, it did not occur to me that it would be rather difficult to get it registered in my name. I'll tell you all the steps that I had to go through.

I brought the ute, a wreck, to my shed at Walla Walla, and blithely went ahead restoring it. It was a long job, as it had a lot of rust and many panels were dented and needed replacing, as it was obviously a paddock basher and spot lighter in its latter days before being abandoned years ago. The good old Murray River water flowed through the interior many times as the floods came up while it was sitting in the mud.

The first thing I did was remove the spotlight bar, and then removed panels one by one that had to be replaced from my spare parts vehicles. Some panels came from Canberra. All running gear had to be replaced, all rubber parts refitted, new tyres, all bearings greased and most replaced, all hoses replaced, every piece of trim had to be replaced. Every little thing had to be checked. Rusted parts were cut out, and new pieces welded in. A fair bit of body filler was used on panels that had minor dents. Primer, undercoat and final coat using the original colour. Tedious, but eventually finished. I did it all myself, so I was pretty happy when it was all done. So now I had a sugar cane coloured 1800 ute ready to go.

Why tackle such a tedious restoration? Well, the Austin 1800 ute is an Australian icon. They were based on the Austin 1800 sedan, but from the back of the door to the rear, were completely different except for some bits on and near the wheels. The 1800 sedans were designed and built in England from 1964 to 1972. No utes. In Zetland, an inner Sydney suburb, sedans were built from 1966 to 1972. 1800 utes were designed by Aussies, and built in this same factory from 1968. There are not many left. So I did not want to see this one go to the crusher.

The day came when I tackled the job of getting it registered in my name. I went to the Club Technical Officer, and everything was in order, so he gave me the equivalent of a pink slip.

I knew it would not be easy at the RTA, so wrote out a lengthy statement, using the impressive heading Statutory Declaration, with my signature verified by a JP. I stated the history of the ute, as I knew it, and why I wanted to bring it back to life. I went to the Albury RTA, with the Application for Conditional Registration and my "Stat Dec". The person at the counter did not know how to handle this matter, so went off to see the supervisor. About 10 minutes later, the supervisor asked me to come into his office, where he explained what I had to do. He told me my Stat Dec was not a true Statutory Declaration, as a special Statutory Declaration form had to be used. He gave me one, and told me to go home and fill it in. He also told me to contact the Police to see if the vehicle was on the list of stolen vehicles or had

money owing on it. So on the way home, I went to the Albury Police Station to ask about my ute, and they told me it was not part of their responsibilities. I had to ring REVS in Sydney.

So I went home, rang REVS in Sydney, and they told me to ring REVS in Adelaide, since it most likely was SA registered years ago. I did, and yes, the ute was on their records. I asked who the last owner was, and the nice lady said she could not tell me because of privacy laws. She told me the vehicle was not listed as stolen and had no money owing on it. On the proper Statutory Declaration form, I wrote everything I knew about the vehicle again, including the information given to me by the Adelaide REVS lady. I got a JP to witness my signature once again.

I took all the forms to the RTA supervisor at Albury, who happened to be at the counter that day. He took all the paperwork away, including the Statutory Declaration, to his office, and came back after a while, and told me there still has to be one more step before the ute can be registered in my name. He gave me a form that had to be filled in by a police officer in the Crimes Squad, who would check that the VIN number on my Application Form was identical to the VIN number on the ute. So off I went again to the Police Station. The nice lady constable said I could bring the vehicle to Albury for this identification to be done. I asked if the local Policeman at Walla could do this, as this would save me a lot of travelling in an unregistered vehicle. The constable said OK. She even rang the Walla Walla policeman named Paul, and asked when he would be on duty at Walla and he said if I would be at his office in Walla at a certain time, he would do the identification work. So, a few days later, I carefully drove the ute to the Walla Walla police station at the pre-arranged time. The VIN number was checked; the correct section on the form filled in and signed.

It was a proud moment when I affixed the rego sticker to the windscreen of my ute and screwed on the number plates front and rear when I arrived home that day.

What I have learned:

1. In Australia, ownership is sacred. That means that once you are the legal owner of something, that lasts through thick and thin. In this case, even when the vehicle has been abandoned, thrown away, dumped, left in a creek bed, cut in pieces, you name it, the law still lists you as the legal owner. There could be a Statute of Limitations, but it lasts an awful long time.
2. I could have become the "legal owner" of the ute if I had a receipt of sale from the last registered owner. But I had no way of finding out his name, so had to go the complicated way as explained above. Many good looking and well meaning blokes knew that I would have a problem at the RTA and said to me that I should write out a receipt for the ute, and they would sign it, and save me a lot of mucking around. I have put other vehicles on club rego using a receipt, and it is the easiest thing in the world. The Proof of Ownership box is ticked after a momentary glance at the receipt by the RTA person at the counter. One trip to the RTA, and it is all signed and sealed. For this ute I made five trips to the RTA (two achieving naught), made three trips to Police Stations and made numerous phone calls. But I did not take the illegal (and immoral) short cut, as I was interested what all the steps would be doing it the legal way. I have no idea if the RTA in Albury checked the information

I gave them from the Adelaide REVS office, but I hope they did.

3. What identifies a vehicle is the VIN. In my case it was 1025. Of course there would be many vehicles with this VIN, so the make, model, body shape, colour and year of manufacture must all be considered too for a positive identification. I think that in modern vehicles, the VIN is long enough to be unique, that is, the VIN itself is enough for positive identification.

4. I was asked by a police officer to drive an unregistered vehicle to a police station. Nothing in writing. This seems a bit risky. My question is: What if I knock over a child on the way? Which insurance company pays the hospital bills? I did have Shannon's insurance by this time, but that does not cover the person I hit. With club rego, there is no separate third party personal insurance. One payment at the RTA includes this. I'll find out the answer to this question sometime.

I have told you all this in case you have a similar situation. You can save yourself much of the drama I had by being fully informed, forewarned and therefore forearmed. If I had to do it all again, I think I could do it all in two trips to Albury. Is it worth it? Of course it is! When it is all finished, the suffering is over, and the vehicle can be driven on the roads by a very proud person.

And, most important, doing it this way makes it quite clear who is the legal owner. In my case, for the ute in my shed, I am.

Federation Report 3rd April 2009

Last meeting was on 7th February 2009 at Trafalgar and was a short one due to the bushfires. I did not attend because of the fires.

Grant Applications of \$750.00 were approved for:

Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club for assistance in making their tandem trailer roadworthy;

Standard Vanguard Enthusiasts Guild for assistance with establishing a website;

Grants are made to eligible Clubs on application. One of the conditions is that the applicant Club helps out at the **Bendigo Swap**.

Trophy requests of \$150 were approved for:

Goulburn Valley Tractor and Farm Machinery Club; Standard Vanguard Enthusiasts Guild; Vintage & Classic Car Club Ballarat; Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria; Hamilton & District Veteran, Vintage & Classic Drivers Club; Rootes Group Car Club; Harry Ferguson Tractor Club; Casterton Motor Enthusiasts Club & Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club.

Any Member Club may apply for a trophy for an Invitation Rally of two days or more duration.

Mortlake Picnic was held on 29th March and is reported as being successful.

Pakenham Picnic on 19th April at Pakenham Racecourse. Always a good day to see a great collection of historic vehicles and other displays of interest.

Marong Picnic on 30th August. Raffle tickets for Clubs will

be available at the May meeting.

These Picnics are free events organised and paid for by Federation. They are great days and allow enthusiasts in each area to inspect vehicles that they might not otherwise see. Please support Pakenham & Marong.

Bendigo Swap Meet –

Gate figures are slightly higher than 2007;

There will be more recycling bins available in 2009;

The move of the Show N Shine to its own special area was a success with 130 vehicles displayed;

If you have any ideas for improvement please send them to the Federation Secretary.

Australia Day in Kings Domain

Following the success of this event, Federation has donated \$2,000 to the RACV Foundation;

Federation 40th Anniversary Rally 2010.

Planning is proceeding although the venue is still to be determined.

Club Permit Scheme Review

We have seen 4 years of conjecture and politicking on this topic and seem to be no closer to being offered a positive proposal.

There are four organisations involved in discussions with VicRoads –

Association of Motoring Clubs (A.O.M.C.)

Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (C.A.M.S.)

Federation of Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs (F.V.V. & C.V.C.)

Australian Street Rod Federation (A.S.R.F.)

Federation Report 3rd April 2009

Club Permit Scheme Review (cont'd)

Current situation is that we are waiting to see a paper on the topic, prepared by a Consultant for VicRoads. This was to have been presented to the Minister by the end of February.

Federation Committee position is that we have four options:

Do nothing and leave it alone;

Change to a 45/90 day, use it when you like log book;

Change to a 90 day logbook which includes 45 days that must be for Club use;

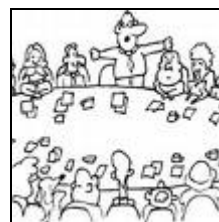
Change to a 30 day logbook plus all Club activities;

The important things to remember are that:

We have no idea what VicRoads will do about the Permit Scheme;

Until we see a concrete proposal from VicRoads we are only speculating;

I will attempt to put together a comprehensive report for Committee in the near future.



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GOOD FRIDAY TRI CLUB HOTCROSS BUN RUN 10TH APRIL 2009

It was CHACA's turn to organize the Day this year. Three years goes by very fast. I must say we had an excellent show of cars from all Clubs. Looking out from my "station" by the pie warmer all I could see was door to door cars around the ground. I'm not sure how many, (I was counting buns) but if you would like to go and measure the area-about half the size of a football oval-and then divide it by two and a half metres that could give some indication. Yes, you've guessed correctly, we forgot to count the number of cars there.

As an early starter with several other members, we were soon set up ready to heat the buns and boil the water. People slowly started arriving but by 10:30am there was quite a good crowd. The buns were ready, and the water ready for tea and coffee. So it was all hands on for the ladies buttering the buns to keep up with the demand, everybody must have thought they were very yummy. OOPS! We even ran out of hot water at one stage, but everyone was very patient..

The raffle we had proved popular, with three prizes. First prize was won by Fred & Pat Lombardo, second prize by Jessica Landells, granddaughter of Margaret & David, third prize by Robyn Haley. Thank you for your support. Proceeds from ticket sales will be discussed at the next Club Committee meeting. It seemed to me that everybody was having an enjoyable time, although I did miss seeing a few regular faces among the throng, but then that was made up for with some members that we don't see as much as we would like to these days, such as Ian and Joan Bird.

As you all know a day like this takes a fair bit of organising, so Ian and I would like to thank those who assisted on the day and beforehand to make what I think was a great success.

Jenny Hanks

April 2009 Special Effort

Weekend Double Pass to Winton Raceway (30/31st. May)

Won by Ross Buchanan.

Hand Towel (Souvenir of Paynesville) Donated by Ally Stanton.

Won by Ross Buchanan.

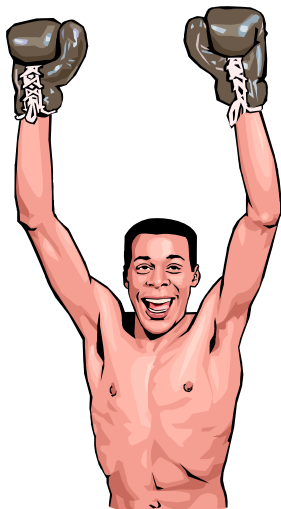
Complimentary Pass to Shannon's American Motor Show, 5th. April. Won by Barry Smith.

Tea Towel (Souvenir of Paynesville) Donated by Ally Stanton

Won by Max Austin.

Weekend Double Pass to Winton Raceway..

Won by Joyce Tibbett.





Hot Cross Bun Run at Braeside Park 11th. April 2009



It's Time to Eat!



Tri Club Easter Bun Run Braeside Park



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Firestorm February 7th 2009

At the March meeting I gave a brief account of the devastation caused by the fire in the Kinglake area and some of the surrounding areas of Mt. Slide via the Melba Hwy and also the St. Andrews Kinglake Road.

Large areas of blackened soil and blackened trees were evident except for occasional properties or houses which escaped destruction. Nearing Kinglake we would pass the ruin of a house or two then pass one which survived. At the sides of the road or on properties we could see burnt out shells of motor vehicles.

Much work had been carried out in the preceding weeks as this was now March 1st.

My friends the Munro's survived the fire and stayed and saved their house. The fire came roaring up from the St. Andrews Road, southerly direction. It destroyed their neighbour's house behind them and their next door neighbour's house also. All these people survived.

The neighbours at the back had visitors with a seven month old baby. These people stayed in their house moving from room to another room as the fire tool hold. At the first opportune time they left the house and as the visitor's car had survived they drove back in the direction the fire had come from and were safe. Lots of worry though as the baby stopped breathing so they used CPR and managed to save the baby.

The Munro's were checking outside for spot fires as soon as they were able to go outside. Thick black smoke made it hard to breathe and hard to see. It was like night. Putting out embers, bushes and anything close to the house. Also the garage, which had a skylight burn (fiberglass and some materials in the roof of the garage). Three cars in the garage were safe except for burnt paint on one Customline head lamp rim.

Houses and remains of houses still burning, choking black smoke, sore eyes, heat and mental and physical exhaustion were draining these people of energy.

Sunday outside from about 5 am but no sleep. Power poles, house remains still burning and the smoke still making is difficult to breathe. The smoke was bad for days. C.F.A. personnel were checking around the area and later Ambulance officers were available in the town centre to treat sore eyes, cuts or burns. By Monday relief organisations were starting to set up and Community meetings were organised.

This first week saw most things start to move as Government agencies, Salvation Army, other relief organisations, banks and Insurance companies set up over the passing days. Telephones were out and Telstra and power companies, all started working toward getting services re-established.

The Army came in and set up camp and started clearing roads of debris and did a marvelous job. Locals who had wanted a Pedestrian crossing in the main street mentioned it to the Army, hey presto, Pedestrian crossing and flashing lights installed as soon as possible.

Back to the Munro's by late Sunday or Monday they found smoke in one part of the house and found charred, blackened wood in some areas which if undetected could have destroyed the house. This being one or two days after the fire had passed.

As the relief agencies got established a large marquee type

building set up with food supplied all day for anyone who wanted it. Also the R.A.A.F. set up showers and washing machines for the use of the locals. Water was carted up in trailers and stored in large rubber bladders as used by the services.

As the electricity supply was being repaired all surviving houses had to be fully checked for safety of their power supply. Even underground cables had to be replaced in some situations due to the heat conductively frying the insulation.

The St. Andrews Road after the fire was littered with debris of fallen tree branches, burnt road signs and the surface of the road was destroyed in some sections. This road was repaired as soon as possible and resurfaced, lines re-painted, signs and safety markers installed in very quick time. Work was carried out at night I was told as it was an important link for access to Kinglake.

As we think about this Feb 7th Black Saturday, we think of the loss of life, we think of the survivors, and we think of the hundreds of people, whether as their job or as volunteers, who gave thousands of hours of their time to help rectify the damage done in this disastrous event.

Finally after the heavy rain late last week, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th, the Police were going to close the St Andrews Road Saturday afternoon as the heavy rain washed soil and rocks from the hillside down onto the road causing dangerous conditions.

John Christie.



CHACA Club Calendar 2009 —” A Year of Sundays”

January	4th	11th	18th	25	26
February	1st *	8th	15th	22nd	
March	1st	8th * 	15th	22nd	29th
April	5th AOMC American Show	12th Easter Sunday Hot Cross Bun Run Friday 18th.	19th Federation Picnic @ Pakenham	26th All Makes Fabu- lousFins Day	
May	3rd	10th <i>Mothers Day</i>	17th * CHACA Birthday Picnic	24th	31st
June	7th * CHACA Annual Tour 6/7/8th	14th	21st	28th	
July	5th	12th	19th * Christmas in July, overnight Eildon 18/19th	26th	
August	2nd	9th * Mornongton penin- sula Tour	16th	23rd Federaion Picinic @ Marong	30th
September	6th <i>Fathers Day</i>	13th * Wattle Day, Wattle Park	20th	27th	
October	4th Last of the Chrome Bumpers, Cora Lynn	11th Tri-Club Day Event	18th	25th * CHACA Annual Luncheon	
November	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th Presentation & Display Day*
December	6th	13th	20th	27th	

Points Scheme: * Denotes Club Meetings and Club Runs that add to your points for attendance; Club cars and moderns will receive points for attendance at Club Runs. To help collate the records registrar, you will need to place your name in the attendance book which will be made available at Club Runs and Meetings.

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Ken Robinson's Joke of the Month:-

Points to ponder.

If you have sex with a prostitute against her will, is it considered rape or shoplifting?

Once you're in heaven, are you stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for all eternity?

If canola oil is made from canola and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

Why is it that when you blow in a dog's face he gets annoyed. but when you take him in the car he sticks his head out the window?

Why do we pay to go up tall buildings and put money in a telescope to look at things on the ground?

*This space left intentionally blank 'cos Ken doesn't like the picture we have been using!
Ken we need a new one!*



WORDS: new dictionary meanings.

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOUR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: Grape with sunburn.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMMORROW: One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES: Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

Mujibar was trying to get into Australia legally through Immigration.

The Immigration Officer said, "Mujibar, you have passed all the tests except one. Unless you pass it you cannot enter Australia."

Mujibar said, "I am ready

The officer said, "Make a sentence using the words Yellow, Pink and Green."

Mujibar thought for a few minutes and said, "Mister Officer, I am ready."

The Officer said, "Good, go ahead."

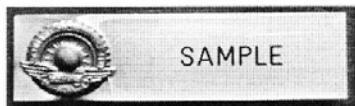
Mujibar said, "The telephone goes, 'green, green, green, green, green, green' and I pink it up, and say 'Yellow, this is Mujibar.'"

Mujibar now works at Telstra. Perhaps you have spoken to him.



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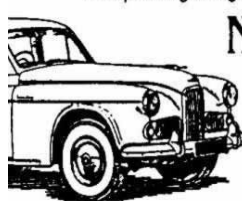
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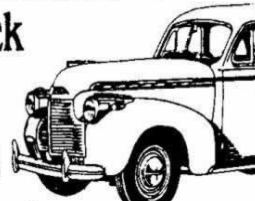
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A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it
 cost to get married?" And the father replied, "I don't know
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The Caravanners Lament

There was movement at the station, once said a famous man.

But how did he know this, did he tow a caravan?

Perhaps he had been woken in the van park from his sleep.

Two hours before daylight, by strange noises from the deep.

All the rgh,rgh,of van legs being screwed up in the dark.

As the first nocturnal travellers start to wake the sleeping park.

And like a feral mating call some others answer back.

With their rgh, rgh flaming chorus, the first start down the track.

Everything they pack is metallic so it clatters, bangs and bongs.

And they bark out loud instructions amid hollow slap of thongs.

Now it's best to warm your motor if you're leaving in the dark.

Especially if it's diesel and jackhammers all the park.

But now it's time to rock and roll and hear the circus start.

A bit to the left not right she says. This way you silly old fart.

Who are you calling brainless you dopey senile drone.

If you don't like my directions, you're on your flamin' own.

Cause now the doors are banging, just to finish the show.

Are you sure you turned the gas off. You yell "Just bloody go".

And now it's almost daylight and the park picks up the pace.

As the geriatric gypsies all begin their morning race.

Cos the next park is their target and like metal ants they flock.

Cos the first in gets the best shade and closest to the ablution block.

But for us still vainly sleeping, we toss and kick and turn.

Who said holidays were restful – beauty sleep is what we yearn.



Now it's miles of zippers zipping as tents fold up to go.

And campervan doors rasping as they wiz bang to and fro.

And there's neighbours out there yelling "Looks like another nice day Fred".

You think it might be better if the mob were still in bed.

You can't beat them so you join them in this hyperactive spree.

And the laundry's in full swing, throbbing like a DC3.

To the bathroom men are walking, holding buckets with a lid.

While discussing ageing prostates and comparing what each did.

But now in the park it's show time, magic moments all can share.

You prepare for the entertainment as you grab a beer and chair.

As here come the new arrivals with wives all looking terse.

If you thought leaving was a hassle, arriving is ten times worse.

Cos hand waving female logic with male thinking can't compute.

So a jack knife on the campsite soon erupts in hot dispute.

Then come the tourist buses with their own worn out frazzled crew.

They bale out almost running, cos they've all got jobs to do.

And their canvas city rises, built with hammers hollowed clacks.

While the old girls drive in tent pegs like they're laying railway tracks.

Now it's 8.00pm, cheap phone calls, there's a rush to all get through.

There's 3 phones for 90 people and you're the last one in the queue.

But the callers are always yelling, cos their homes so far away.

Causing half the park to eavesdrop, every word they have to say.

From Gail Evans

Nymphomaniac's Convention

A man boarded an aircraft at London 's Heathrow Airport for New York , and taking his seat as he settled in, he noticed a very beautiful woman boarding the plane. He realised she was heading straight toward his seat and bingo - she took the seat right beside him.

"Hello", he blurted out, "Business trip or vacation?"

She turned, smiled enchantingly and said, "Business. I'm going to the annual nymphomaniac convention in the United States ."

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting for nymphomaniacs!

Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business role at this convention?"

"Lecturer," she responded." I use my experience to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality.."

"Really", he smiled, "what myths are those?"

"Well," she explained, "one popular myth is that African-American men are the most well endowed when, in fact, it's the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait. Another popular myth is that French men are the best lovers, when actually it is the men of Greek descent. We have also found that the best potential lovers in all categories are the Irish."

Suddenly the woman became uncomfortable and blushed.

"I'm sorry," she said. "I really shouldn't be discussing this with you, I don't even know your name!"

"Tonto," the man said. "Tonto Papadopoulos, but my friends call me Paddy."

Buy, Swap and Sell

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The book of the Austin, a car care and service manual. This book covers Austin A40, A70, A90, A95, A99, A105, A110 and Metropolitan 1500. This is a 1972 reprint, soft cover.

The Ford Eight Handbook (including "Anglia" models to 1953); this is brought out by the Pitman's Motorist Library. It covers the Ford eight including "Anglia" model to 1953 the original "eight", the pre 1939 "Popular", the "Tudor" and 5-CWT vans, this is hard cover.

The Original Book Of the Ford, how to get the best out of a Ford car or van, an indispensable handbook on the care, upkeep, repair and adjustment of Ford cars, I can't see a date on the book but it looks like it covers cars from the EARLY 1900's, hard cover.

1951 Vauxhall Velox / Wyvern Model L shop manual.

The Morris Minor workshop manual, this is in its original white folder, it covers the Morris Minor (series MM), the Morris Minor (series 11), and the Morris Minor 1000. It is the proper garage workshop manual.

The Volkswagen 1200, 1200A '64 to '67 workshop manual.

The Pitman's Motorcycle Library - the Book of the Villiers Engine 1951 and is hard cover; it says it's a complete and fully illustrated instruction manual on the construction, running and repair of the Villiers engines.

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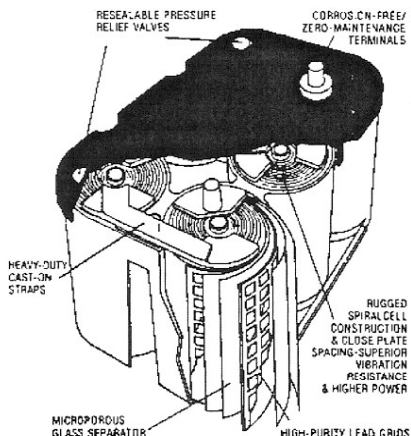
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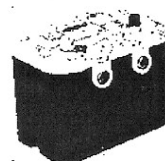
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The doctor says, "I'll give you some cream to put on that"

"Doc, I can't stop singing the Green, Green, Grass of Home."

"That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome."

"Is it common?"

"It's not unusual."

"Doctor, I can't pronounce my 'F's, 'T's and 'H's."

"Well, you can't say fairer than that then."

When I got home, and the phone was ringing. I picked it up, and said "who's speaking please?"

And a voice said "You are."

I rang up my local swimming baths.

I asked "Is that the local swimming baths?"

He said, "It depends where you're calling from."

Then I rang up a local building firm, I said "I want a skip outside my house."

He said, "I'm not stopping you."

One in five people in the world are Chinese. And there are five people in my family, so it must be one of them.

Either my Mum or my Dad. Or my older brother Colin. Or my younger brother Ho-Cha-Chu.

I think it's Colin.



While she was 'flying' down the road yesterday, a woman passed over a bridge only to find a cop with a radar gun on the other side lying in wait.

The cop pulled her over, walked up to the car, with that classic patronizing smirk we all know and love, asked, 'What's your hurry?'

To which she replied, 'I'm late for work.'

'Oh yeah,' said the cop, 'what do you do?'

'I'm a rectum stretcher,' she responded.

The cop stammered, 'A what? A rectum stretcher? And just what does a rectum stretcher do?'

'Well,' she said, 'I start by inserting one finger, then work my way up to two fingers, then three, then four, then with my whole hand in. I work from side to side until I can get both hands in, and then I slowly but surely stretch it, until it's about 6 feet.'

'And just what the hell do you do with a 6 foot asshole?' he asked

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Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intention.

I thought my window was down, but I found out it was up when I put my head through it.

I collided with a stationery truck coming the other way.

A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.

In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.

I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.

I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have an accident.

As I approached the intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front I struck the pedestrian.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.

I told police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat found I had a fractured skull.

I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.

The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him.

I saw a slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the roof of my car.

The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

The telephone pole was fast approaching. I was attempting to swerve out of the way when it struck the front end.



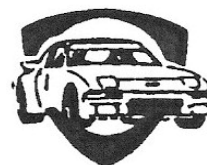
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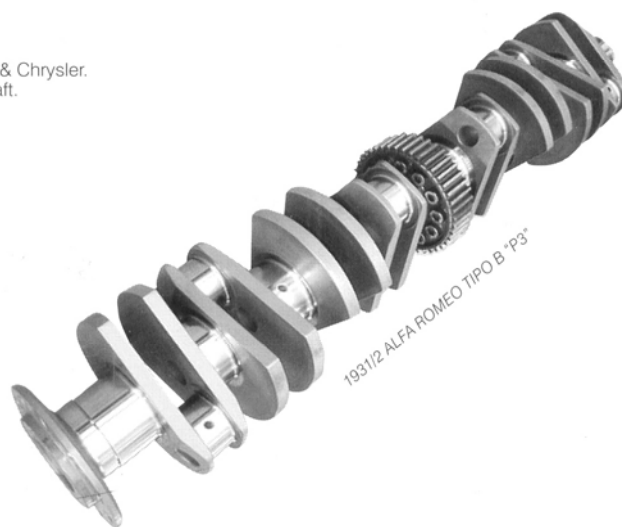
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Everything is farther away now than it used to be. It is twice as far to the corner, and I've noticed they have added a hill.

I have given up running for the bus – it leaves faster than it used to.



It seems to me they are making steps steeper than in the old days too, and have you noticed the smaller print used in newspapers these days?

There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud, everyone speaks in such a low voice, I can hardly hear them.

The material in dresses is getting so skimpy – especially around the waist and hips.

Even people are changing, they are so much younger than they were when I was their own age! On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she had aged so much she didn't even recognize me!

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Meetings: All Sunday meetings start at 2pm. Members may arrive from two hours prior to meeting times to have meal and chat.

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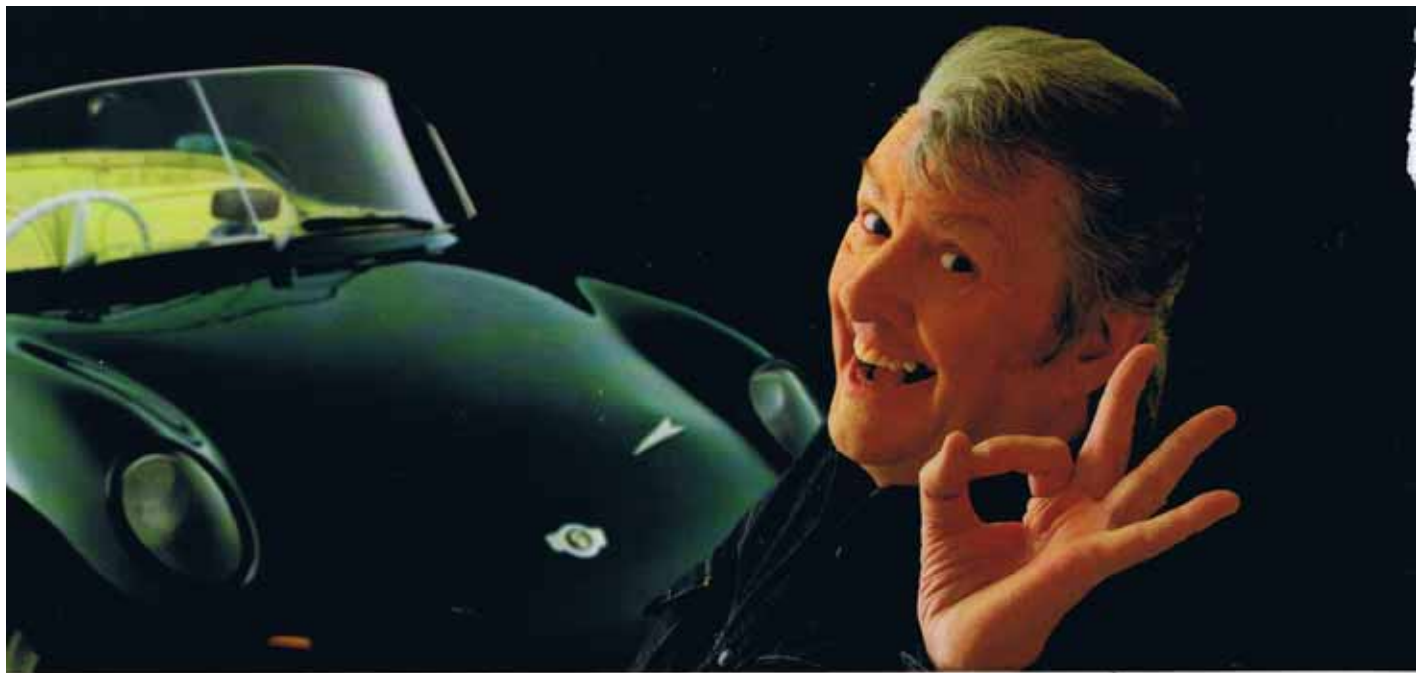
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