

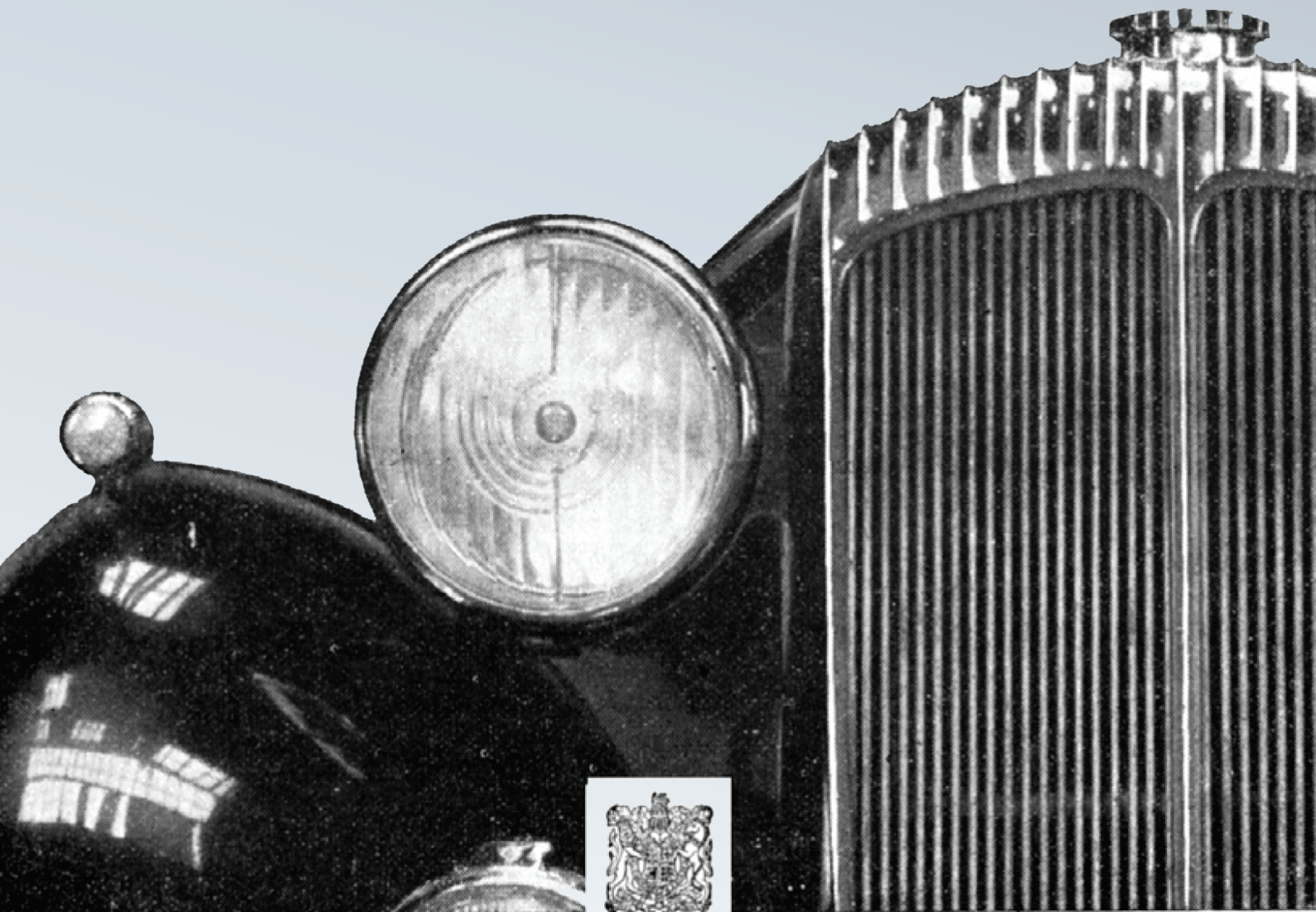
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## COMING EVENTS 2015

<p>May Sunday 17</p> 	<p><b>National Motoring Heritage Day</b> - (Note: 3rd Sunday in month). All classic car owners are encouraged to get their vehicles out and be seen travelling around the countryside on this day.</p> <p>As with last year, it is proposed we visit Bella Vista Farm, corner Norwest Blvd and Elizabeth MacArthur Drive, Bella Vista. Arrive when you can, food will be available or bring a picnic lunch. Entry for this event is by gold coin.</p>
<p>May Sunday 17</p>	<p><b>Can't Make Bella Vista Farm</b> (as above) – DLOCCA is an affiliate club of the Council of Motor Clubs (CMC) and therefore you can attend one of the alternate CMC venues (especially relevant for historic plate registered vehicles). Alternate venues are as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Mittagong Public School, Mittagong</li> <li>» Motorlife Museum, Kembla Grange</li> <li>» Berry Showground, Berry</li> <li>» Sydney Harbour National Park, Georges Heights</li> <li>» Campbelltown Steam &amp; Machinery Museum , Menangle</li> <li>» Museum of Fire, Penrith</li> </ul>
<p>May Thursday 21</p> <p><i>(Postponed from April)</i></p>	<p><b>Weekday Run Dural to Settler's Arms Inn St Albans</b> 1 Wharf Street St Albans (past Wiseman's Ferry). Meet 10:30 am for 11:00 am sharp departure Alan Hunt's residence 37 Derriwong Road Dural. For driving route click on the link <a href="http://binged.it/1JjxmT">http://binged.it/1JjxmT</a> Lunch from 12:30 pm, RSVP numbers to Graham McDonald by Tuesday 19 May thanks phone: 02 9533 3128 mobile: 0422 972 094 or email <a href="mailto:events@dlocaustralia.org">events@dlocaustralia.org</a></p>
<p>June Sunday 14</p>	<p><b>Mountain High Pies</b> Wentworth Falls. Run details from Ham Common to follow, either via Springwood Road or Bells Line of Road: - Contact Graham McDonald phone: 02 9533 3128 mobile: 0422 972 094 or email <a href="mailto:events@dlocaustralia.org">events@dlocaustralia.org</a></p>
<p>July Saturday TBA</p>	<p><b>Brass Monkey Run</b> Date and details TBA</p>
<p>July Sunday 19</p>	<p><b>(Rover/Alvis/Armstrong Siddley/Daimler) Combined Club Mid-Winter/Soup Run</b></p> <p>Run Details to be provided. Note: (Armstrong Siddley Car Club organising event Andrew Hyden Email: <a href="mailto:andrewhyden@optusnet.com.au">andrewhyden@optusnet.com.au</a> Phone: 02 9489 3936 mobile: 0418 948 988)</p>



# COMING EVENTS 2015

July Saturday TBA	<b>Hunter Region All British Display Day</b> Foreshore Park Newcastle. <a href="mailto:marshall@jaguarhunter.org.au">marshall@jaguarhunter.org.au</a>
August Sunday 16	<b>Shannon's Sydney Classic Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek</b> If you are interested in displaying your Daimler/Lanchester at this great event this year, then please advise your name and vehicle details to Graham McDonald our Events Coordinator, phone (h) 02 9533 3128 (m) 0422 972 094 or email <a href="mailto:events@dlocaustralia.org">events@dlocaustralia.org</a>
August Sunday 30	<b>All British Day and our Display Day</b> Kings School Parramatta. Weather permitting, we are hoping to get 60 vehicles there this year so please keep this date free and make the effort to be there <a href="http://allbritishdaysydney.asn.au/">http://allbritishdaysydney.asn.au/</a>
September Saturday 12 & Sunday 13	<b>President's Event</b> Weekend event proposed. Details to be provided
October Sunday 11	<b>Picnic Possibly again, Lane Cove National Park.</b> Details to be provided
November Sunday 8	<b>Linnwood House</b> 11-35 Byron Road, Guildford, NSW 2161. Invitation run held in conjunction with Rolls Royce Car Club Annual Concourse event. Enjoy a tour of Linnwood House (for details see <a href="http://www.linnwood.org.au/">http://www.linnwood.org.au/</a> ) arts and crafts and delicious morning and afternoon teas. For further details contact Graham McDonald our Events Coordinator, phone (h) 02 9533 3128 (m) 0422 972 094 or email <a href="mailto:events@dlocaustralia.org">events@dlocaustralia.org</a>
December Sunday 13	Christmas Lunch – Venue and details to be provided
<b>April 14-18 2016</b>	National Rally – Orange NSW. It is DLOCCA's turn to host this event, which coincides with the 120th anniversary of the founding of the Daimler Motor Company Limited. Pencil this must attend event into your diaries. More details to follow

## NATIONAL RALLY – ORANGE NSW

As you would be aware, it is the NSW Club's duty to arrange the above sartorial event. I am now pleased to advise that the event will be held in Orange in the Central Highlands of NSW, from Thursday the 14th April 2016 (PM check in) to Monday 18th April 2016 (AM checkout).

Accommodation bookings will not be available until sometime after May 2015, we will advise as soon as we are in possession of this information.

For now please spread the word & save the date. Early accommodation bookings are advised as the Orange Food and Wine festival will be on during the same period so Orange will be quite popular during this period.



## PRESIDENT / EDITOR'S REPORT APRIL 2015

April has been a good month for Club activities, with a successful trip to Katoomba for High Tea at the Carrington Hotel. I could not describe the day any better than Peter Grant has in his report in this edition. Well Done to Graham for organizing that.

The April mid-week run was another eventful time with trees down all over the place & wild weather all over the place it was thought prudent to leave the roads clear to allow the emergency services room to move and so the event has been moved to a new date, 21st May so if you weren't able to make the April event then maybe you can make it in May.

I will be absent from the May meeting of the Club as I will be in Shanghai for the week. On the trip from the airport to the City I will get to experience the latest form of transport, the Mag Lev which is short for Magnetic Levitation. This "train" travels the distance, 45km in 7.5 minutes. I am told it has seats but I am yet to discover why! Should be interesting. I bet it doesn't have a preselector gearbox or a fluid flywheel.

Thanks to all those who have contributed to the magazine this month, all contributions are greatly appreciated. I hope to see you all on the next run.

Jim Gellett

## THE HARMONIC BALANCER

The harmonic balancer we know, fitted to the front end of the crankshaft, was developed by much work by Dr. Frederick Lanchester, resulting in a patent granted to him in 1924 & was fitted to his 26 horsepower & later to a Vauxhaull 23/60.

It was a device driven by the crankshaft at twice the engine speed to absorb the variations in speed of the crankshaft from the twisting of the crankshaft along it's length which lead to breakages, particularly in long length eight cylinder engines.

The balancer was not a success because of it's wear at high speeds, doubling that of the crankshaft.

The balance problem was therefore well known to both Lanchester & Henry Royce.

Lanchester later devised a two disc like clutch arrangement that arrested the uneven revolutions of the shaft where the clutch damped the speed to the front disc.

Move forward now to 1949 when a scientist, Leonard Mullins who specialized in the properties of rubber, discovered what was named "the Mullins effect". His research revealed the elastic behaviour of rubber in which rubber can stretch & spring back & stretch again the second time owing to the makeup of the internal molecules in the rubber.

This important discovery led to the manufacture of engine mounts & the harmonic balancer we know today. Metalistic bushes embody this characteristic also.

The solution that Lanchester & Royce sought was now achieved. This brilliant Englishman, Mullins is today largely unknown.

Some of the balancers have deteriorated due to hardening & cracking of the rubber between the discs as with some engine & gearbox mounts, usually saturated with oil. These rubbers can be replaced by specialist firms & two club car's rear mounts have recently been replaced.

John Steel



## HIGH TEA AT THE CARRINGTON HOTEL KATOOMBA



At the risk of being accused of a Food and Wine Club rather than a Car Club Graham and Russell organised a run to Katoomba west of Sydney in the beautiful Blue Mountains to partake of a sumptuous High Tea at the venerable Carrington Hotel.

I had made a week end of it and had visited David Flynn at Burradoo the day before and drove over from David's that morning.

David was in his beautiful Derby Bentley as the Special Sports was having its dynamo overhauled and to be honest, I could not catch him (and I was in a modern). The Bentley travels at the same speed as modern traffic and we must have only made ten minutes on him the whole trip as we arrived in Katoomba almost at the same time!

The Hotel is a wonderful setting for a high tea, the dining room is a very large elaborate late Victorian decorated space with colonnades and the most amazing coffered ceilings painted in heritage tones.

There is a large built in side board dominating the room in which is displayed the hotel silver plate and it really is an ideal backdrop for the banquet tables with their snowy white linen tablecloths and fine china. The High Tea was served on the traditional three tiered stands and there was a fine selection of scones (two types, pumpkin and plain), butter, cream and jam, finger sandwiches, mini quiches, and gorgeous little patisserie standard cakes and macaron as well as your choice of a wide range of teas, coffee or hot chocolate.





If one was feeling decadent a glass of Jansz sparkling wine was on offer for a modest price.

Seated around our large table were Jim Gellett (without Denise as Denise was celebrating the birth of their latest grandson, AJ), Linden Braye with her Mum Corinne and daughter Rosie (best wishes to Don her dad who was not well and had to miss out), Merv McDonald with his children and their partners, Graham and Joan McDonald, Kevin and Liz Wilkinson, David Flynn, Colin Cox with his friend Cynthia, myself with my buddy Finbar Holland (he had two glasses of sparkling!!!).



I must confess to having brought a modern, which I parked discreetly around the corner but resplendent in the hotel forecourt were the McDonald V8, the Gellett and Wilkinson Centuries, Colin's Sovereign and David's Bentley, together with a very shiny black Buick salon of about 1936. A very handsome display of fine vehicles.

Peter Grant





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# MINUTES OF A MEEETING

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DAIMLER AND LANCHESTER OWNERS' CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC. HELD AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB ON MONDAY 6TH APRIL, 2015

The meeting commenced at 8:15 pm with Jim Gellett in the chair.

### **Apologies:**

Merv McDonald, Russell Turner, Warren and Chris Cole, Peter Grant

(Attendees Jim Gellett, Alan Hunt, Carolyn Birch, Graham McDonald, Ian Fletcher, Robert and Elaine Brandes)

### **Previous Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. MSA "that they be accepted as true and correct"  
Ian / Graham

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

Nil

### **Correspondence:**

Received - Alvis magazines. To be passed to the Librarian.

### **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

Nil

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current account balance \$6187.30    Term Deposit    \$10381:80

Total members funds collected for year 2015            \$4660.00

### **New Members:**

Nil

### **Social Report:**

Graham gave a verbal report regarding social runs as per upcoming events in the magazine.

Graham to advertise all CMC supported venues for National Motoring Heritage Day for those unable to reach Bella Vista Farm. Graham will also seek further details for the July combined mid-winter run which proposes multiple starting points for the event.

### **Editor:**

Jim advised a general tidying up of the web site especially removing old spare parts listings.

### **Registrars:**

Nil

### **Website:**

Jim advised he now has for sale, for \$25.00 each, the digitized DVD of the three movies provided by Colin on the history of Daimler.

### **Library:**

Nil

### **Conditional Plates:**

Nil

### **Regalia:**

Nil



## Technical and Spares:

Nil

## For Sale and Wants:

Nil

## CMC Report:

Graham advised details of March CMC meeting held. Graham confirmed with committee members present that DLOCCA will not be holding a special display at the Shannon's Sydney Classic in August. Graham also advised of organized events by the CMC including a UK tour to Goodwood and various UK marque factories in September 2016. There will also be a Route 66 tour in 2017. Any DLOCCA members interested in more details should go to the CMC NSW Tours webpage via the link <http://www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au/coming-events/cmc-tours.html> . If you are interested in attending you are advised to contact the CMC Events and Tour Coordinator Lynelle Titcum by phone: 0422 513 256.

## All British Day Meeting:

Nil - Next meeting May.

## General Business:

Nil

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:10 pm.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE DLOCCA WILL BE MONDAY, 4TH MAY, 2015 AT 8:00 PM.**

## WRINKLE GRILLE - THE DLOCCA PUZZLE

### The March 2015 WRINKLE GRILLE

And while talking about Vauxhalls can you recognise this one?

Q1. The Model name?

**Velox Vagabond**

Q2. The likely country of manufacture?

**Australia**

Q3. A year when this car could have been manufactured? **1952 to 1955**



### The April 2015 WRINKLE GRILLE

And now for something different, From Motorfest 2012, a car I have recently discovered belongs to a friend?

Q1. The Maker's name?

Q2. The Model name?

Q3. How many cylinders and is it 2 stroke or 4 stroke





## EXHAUST NOTES FROM THE DLOCCA SP250 REGISTER

Some weather decidedly unsuitable for Dashing Darts has caused several of our Darters to live a little rough – not electricity for 6 days. However power was returned on 26 April to both the Stoodley and Norgrove family homes. I understand that David had to wield his chain saw to clear the entrance to their home. Trust all the other Darters coped with the extraordinary weather. In our case, a leaky roof and a flooded garage.

Although not extreme the weather on the night of our meeting at Mark and Tracey's home was such that no one drove their SP250. However, a good turn out and some interesting conversation with Tracey's supper a highlight.

I have been speaking with Keith Ashworth and Mark Brooks about the 2015 SP250 National Rally to be held on the weekend Friday 30 October to Sunday 1 November. This rally will be centred around Gundagai and the accommodation will be at the Motel Gabriel. It is time to make an indication of your interest in attending this event so the organisers can reserve the appropriate number of rooms. Please advise Keith Ashworth by email ([keith.ashworth@optusnet.com.au](mailto:keith.ashworth@optusnet.com.au)) and please copy Mark Brooks ([dsp250@iinet.au](mailto:dsp250@iinet.au)) with your expression of interest in attending by Sunday 31 May.

### DLOCCA SP250 REGISTER MEETINGS AND RUNS

The DLOCCA SP250 Register has either a meeting or a run each month. The meetings are usually on the first Friday and the runs are usually on the third Saturday. Meetings start at 8:00pm.

#### Saturday 23 May

Run to home of Mark and Tracey Brooks, 52 Matthew Parade, Blaxland for a BBQ. This run will commence at Ham Common at 11.30am. If going directly to the BBQ please arrive by 12:30pm for the BBQ at around 1:00pm. We expect to have as our guests visiting Darters, Steve & Karen Sedden from Western Australia (chassis 103989). Please bring your own drinks and chairs. There will be a \$10 per person charge for lunch which will be provided by Mark and Tracey.

Please advise Mark and Tracey ([dsp250@iinet.au](mailto:dsp250@iinet.au)) if you plan to join the BBQ by Friday 15 May

The following day, Sunday 24,. Mark and Steve will drive to Bathurst. All Darters are invited to join them

#### Friday 12 June

Meeting at home of Jeff and Janelle Glanville, 16 Pineridge Close. Lisarow, phone 0418 433901. Please note this meeting is rescheduled to the second Friday in June to avoid Queens Birthday long weekend.

#### Sunday 12 July

Brass Monkey Run, the traditional event starting at Eastern Creek at 6:00am and this year heading to Bathurst for breakfast. This event is now organized by the MX-5 club which has taken over from the Austin Healey Owners Club. If you would like to join this run please let me know (9651 2961 or

[hunts@optushome.com.au](mailto:hunts@optushome.com.au))

#### Saturday 25 July

Run to Hunter Region All Brithish Display at Foreshore Park, Wharf Road, Newcastle East. The Display commences at 10am.

#### Friday 5 August

Meeting. Location to be advised

## Saturday 26 September

Run to Lake House Café, 11 Shoreside Row, Murrays Beach for lunch starting at 12:30. We will assemble at the Ourimbah Rest Stop at 11:00am for the relatively short run to Murrays Beach. Please advise Cameron and Anne Norgrove ( 4357 1188 or .camann.n@gmail.com) by Saturday 12 September if you will join the lunch

## Weekend Friday 30 October to Sunday 1 November – 2015 SP250 National Rally

This rally will be centred around Gundagai and the accommodation will be at the Motel Gabriel, 240 Sheridan Street, 02 6944 1311. This motel, located

in the centre of Gundagai has good reviews and a very reasonable rate of \$90.00 per night. Arrival day will be Friday 30 October and departure day Monday 2 November. It is time to make an indication of your interest in attending this event so the organisers can reserve the appropriate number of rooms. Please advise Keith Ashworth by email (keith.ashworth@optusnet.com.au) and please copy Mark Brooks (dsp250@iinet.au) with your expression of interest in attending. We need your response by 31 May.

Darting Off

Alan

Phone 02 9651 2961 or 0438 290639, E-mail hunts@optushome.com.au

# WANTED

I am in the process of researching and actively looking to purchase a Daimler SP250.

I would prefer to purchase a car in Australia. If you know of any member that is looking to sell a car or have restoration project that is incomplete and wish to sell I would appreciate any information that could potentially help in acquiring a car and hopefully become a Daimler Club member.

Kind Regards

Roger Anson Email: [soaring-5@hotmail.com](mailto:soaring-5@hotmail.com)

# FOR SALE

## Black 1958 Majestic

I have owned it for over 5 years. The car has a full 12 months full rego, tyres 90 per cent. Literally a boot full off spares including manuals and reference books. As can be seen, the car is 100 per cent complete.

Needs new rubbers. Has original tool kit and pump etc. It is a Black 1958 Majestic and has 78000 miles on dial. No dents or rust. I am selling car because I need the room and the handbrake (wife) is hassling me. I am located in the Yarramalong Valley, 1hr north of Sydney.

Steve Woodley Phone: 0243561269



# FOR SALE

## **DS 420, Parts for Sale**

4 DOORS (rusty bottoms). Doors FREE to a good home. Air cleaner element for cars fitted with HIF7 SU's \$40

2 Brand new rear shock absorbers \$100 each.

## **Windscreen Rubbers:**

Conquest front and rear screen rubbers \$200 each

Colin Cox on 0408393301 or 47393301

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No valve seat erosion, water way entrances high integrity welded and pressure tested. The heads are bare with no valves or valve gear. Heads are virtually original thickness being very lightly skimmed.

Price: \$800 each- only 2 available.

## **Daimler Majestic Major:**

4 doors complete with chrome surround, glass and winders. Very rusty bottoms- free to a good home.

1. Distributor points 4 Tappet cover gaskets/head gaskets 2. Oil filters 5. Tow bar \$50.00 3. Some valve gear & tappet covers 6. Petrol tank \$100 Colin Cox on 0408393301 or 47393301

## **Daimler Conquest Century:**

Complete factory workshop manual (copy) \$50

Contact: Colin Cox- 02-47393301 (Home)- 0408393301 (Mobile)

## **Daimler 250, 1968 model**

There are things to be done to make it roadworthy but it is amazingly clean when put up on the hoist. Will only accept genuine offers on it, i'm not unrealistic

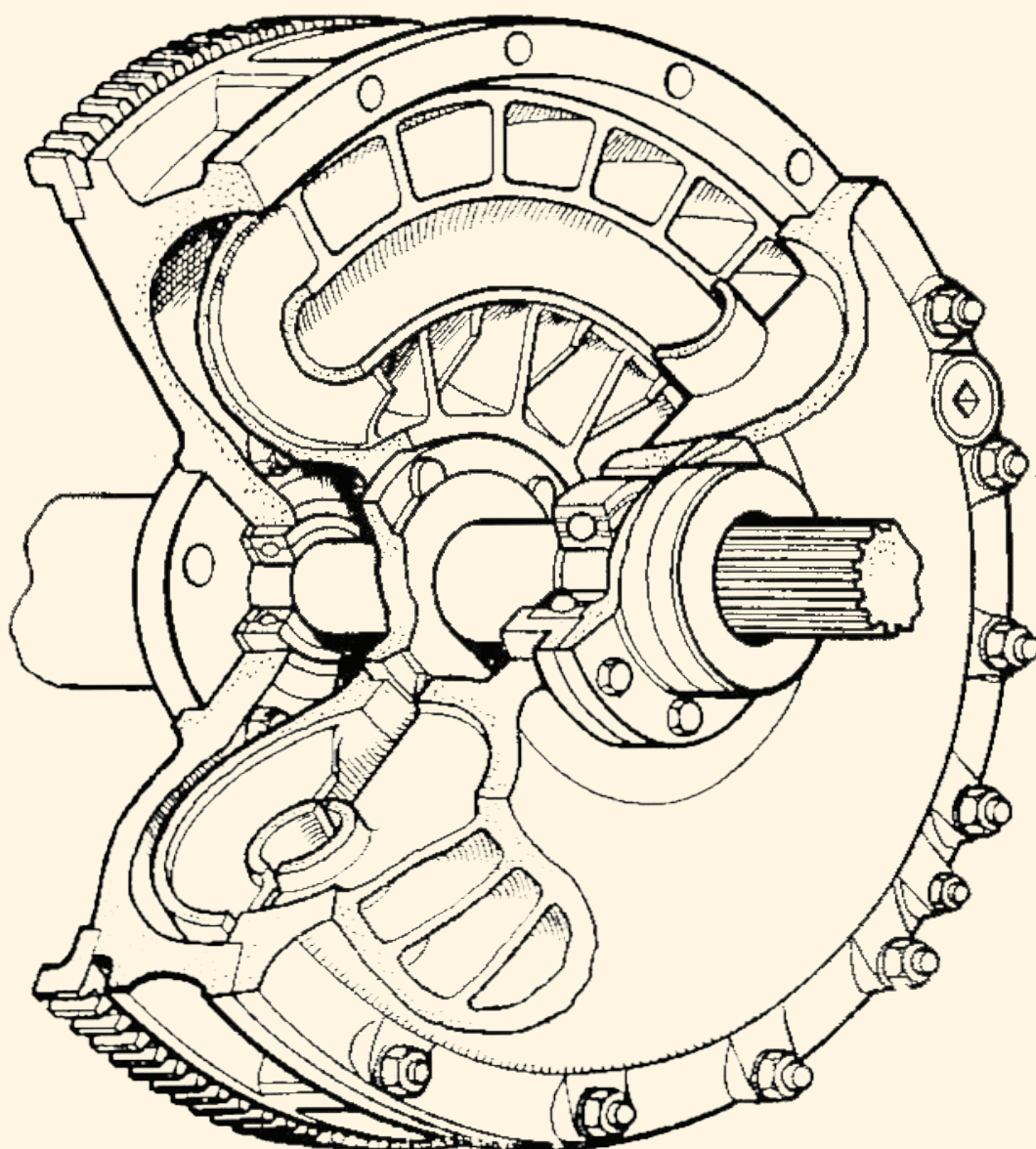
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