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8PM MONDAY, 1ST MAY, 2017 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

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The Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club generously donate a meeting room to our club each month for the purposes of our monthly meeting. This is done at no cost to our club and we are very grateful for this kindness. We ask our members to consider joining the Leagues Club or at least providing patronage to the club as a reciprocal thank you for their generosity.

ANNUAL FEE REMINDER

Annual membership dues are now required to be paid, with a reminder that if you have a car on Club registration, you need to pay promptly or risk losing your vehicle registration.

PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S REPORT

Well, once again the AGM has come & gone, so congratulations are in order for all those elected to executive & committee positions. I have also returned safely from South Africa, an interesting Country, a land of contrasts so different from our own in many ways but equally similar in others. The countryside is very similar to ours & most of the housing is substantial, but with 50% unemployment the Shanty towns are there in abundance as well.

We spent the first 2 weeks travelling the countryside, visiting game parks & other heritage railways before descending on Sandstone for the last 2 weeks for the Stars of Sandstone festival. This was a real Eye opener, a huge collection of old farm equipment, Steam tractors, steam trains of the narrow gauge variety, vintage & veteran cars & busses, even working bullock teams. In addition, the South African Armoured School museum brought down a number of Oliphant tanks & A Russian T72 tank. A fully restored Marmon Herrington Armoured car was presented to the museum during the festival, the bulk of whose vehicles are housed at Sandstone. The property consists of a total of 10,000 hectares of working farmland & the vehicles & equipment have been put into a 200 year trust for future preservation.

There are many stories emerging from our time there & which I guess will be regaled to many of you as time goes by. There is a small photographic record of some of the trip included in this edition of the magazine. It was also good to be engaged in conversations with members of the SA Armed forces, & be allowed to drive the Daimler Ferret scout car in the daily convoys & the march past in front of Brigadier General Retief on the last Saturday.

I believe the Coota weekend went off really well & thanks to those members involved in organizing that event. Also the Southern Highlands event was well received.

I look forward to catching up at the next Meeting on Monday night.

Jim Gellett

President/Editor

COMING EVENTS 2017

May 2017 Sun 21	<p>National Motoring Heritage Day – All members are encouraged to get their classic vehicles out on the road. We will be attending the Museum of Fire this year located at UBD map 163 F7 or use link 1 Museum Drive, Cnr Castlereagh Road, Penrith New South Wales 2750</p> <p>For those unable to attend alternate CMC suggested events are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Berry Showground - Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club.• Motorlife Museum - Kembla Grange• Wentworth Falls Lake• Memorial Park - The Entrance• Bella Vista Farm – Bella Vista
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COMING EVENTS 2017

June 2017 Sun 11	Gosford Classic Car Museum (Phone: 02 4320 0000), Meet Berowra Truck Stop UBD map 94 P9 or use link https://binged.it/2ey1XyS , (time TBA) for a combined run to Gosford Classic Car Museum 3-13 Stockyard Pl, West Gosford NSW 2250 (entry fees apply) See website http://gosfordclassiccarmuseum.com.au Entry via last black gate off Stockyard Palce, turn left and drive towards front of museum and park in front of museum or any other available space if area full. More details to follow: -
July 2017 Sun 9	(Rover/Alvis/Armstrong Siddley/Daimler) Combined Club Mid-Winter/Soup Run – Destination Busby's Café Wiseman's Ferry, (phone 4566 4787, website http://www.busbyscaferestaurant.com.au/). Gluten Free and Vegetarian meals available. Full details to follow but it can be advised that the run will have two starting points at either Ham Common see UBD map 85 H8 or use link https://binged.it/2exNJxZ . The second starting point is at the corner of Old Northern Road and Galston Road Dural see UBD map 131 L7 or use link https://binged.it/2exHjPG Time and run details to be provided.
August 2017	National Display Day and All British Day - Kings School North Parramatta. Entry Masons Drive UBD map 171 H9 or use link https://binged.it/2exZDbb Details to follow.
September 2017	President's Weekend - Details to be advised
October 2017 Sunday 8	Annual Picnic - Lane Cove National Park Entry via Lane Cove Road at Riverside Drive see UBD Map 194 2G or use link https://binged.it/2exL8UT actual picnic site location/ costs etc. to be advised.
November 2017 Sun 12	To Be Advised - Possibly Lake Macquarie Light Rail Museum – Event and details to be confirmed.
December 2017 Sun 10	Christmas Lunch – Venue and details to follow. Please advise If you are willing to host this event at your home (with club and members assistance).

EXHAUST NOTES FROM THE DLOCCA SP250 REGISTER

The April SP250 Register meeting at the home of Warren & Chris Cole commenced as usual with an inspection of the Warren Collection. I sometimes think that Warren collects sheds but after the 50th car you understand its what's in the sheds that is important. I think there was only one new item, the circa 1960 Ariel Leader motorcycle but Warren has made some progress with a few projects. The SP is now run in and running well. The BSA Scout is finished and the 1927 Straight 8 Daimler is in progress. Then there is also the Chris Collection to be inspected and for me the highlights were the Dolls House and especially the 1910 Clown automaton with his multiple moving parts.

It all turned out to be a pleasant gathering of the Darters but we were concerned to hear that the reason Mark and Tracey were not with us was because Tracey had had a fall and broken a bone in her foot. We all send best wishes for a quick return to painless mobility.

Thanks to Warren & Chris for an interesting night and convivial supper.

During the meeting Merv McDonald report that he and John Gallagher had made a scouting trip to Parkes and have now reached the point in preparations where they could decide the budget, set the registration fee and prepare a registration form. We can look forward to seeing the registration form attached to an email quite soon.

We discussed our events program, confirmed locations for our meetings, added a plan for the September run and decided that for this year the Christmas party would return to a restaurant after a series of successful garden parties at member's homes. We also decided that the Christmas event would be held on Saturday 25 November so we avoid conflict with other Christmas events held in December.

A few SP250 have changed hands. I understand chassis 104452 owned by Gary Schultz of Bundaberg, and owned before that by Matt Walton has been sold. I also hear that chassis 100127 owner by Russell Nisbet in Perth has been sold. Mark Brooks also drew attention to a notice that Gosford Classic Car Museum has the ex Nick Pitsinos green car, chassis 101200 advertised for \$70,000 plus charges. We should cheer and hope they find a buyer.

Finally, I noticed Veloce Publishing are advertising the book, "Edward Turner, the man behind the motorcycles" at Pounds 25 plus P&P. If anyone would like to read that book I suggest you contact Merv McDonald, who is the Daimler Club Librarian as the Club has a copy of the book in their library.

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.

Sunday May 21 – Run to Museum of Fire, Penrith to join CMC display and then to Wallacia Hotel, 1590 Mulgoa Road, Wallacia for lunch. Please arrive at the Museum of Fire at around 9:30am. We plan to have lunch in Wallacia at around 1:00pm. The lunch will be planned by Mark & Tracey Brooks. Please let them know by Sunday 14 May if you plan to join the lunch. (0430 070085 or dsp250@inet.net.au).

Please note that this run will be held on the day that CMC requests affiliated clubs to encourage members to drive their cars and gather at various places including the Museum of Fire. So far Chris Mosse-Robinson, David & Dallas, Warren & Chris, and Merv have indicated attendance. .

Friday June 2 – Meeting at the home of David and Dallas Stoodley 260 Glenning Road, Glenning Valley. Contact David and Dallas 4388 0363.

Saturday July 22 – Run to Archibald Hotel, 1349 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights. Assemble at Ham Common at 10:30 for 11:00am departure to hotel for lunch at noon. This run will be planned by Cameron and Anne Norgrove (phone 4357 1188).

Friday August 4 – Meeting at the home of Stephen and Helen Figgis, 28 Neridah Street, Chatswood. (phone 9412 1064).

Saturday September 16 – Run to the coffee shop at Surfside Motorcycle Garage, 42 Winbourne Rd, Brookvale for coffee and an inspection. We will meet at McDonalds, Waitara at 9:00am or you may join us at Surfside Motorcycle Garage. Warren & Chris Cole will be planning this run.

Friday to Sunday October 27 to 29 – 2017 SP250 National Rally being planned by Merv McDonald with assistance from John Gallagher

Saturday November 25 – Darters Christmas lunch which may be held at Geranium Cottage, Dural but other suggestion to be discussed at the June meeting

Darting Off

Alan

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THE PRESIDENT'S ODYSSEY TO SOUTH AFRICA



Steam trains at Ixipo



Steam trains at Ixipo



Local wildlife



Penguin colony



World War I Peerless Utility Truck - 1914 British



1907 International Harvester

THE PRESIDENT'S ODYSSEY TO SOUTH AFRICA



Alvis Saracen armoured personnel carrier



1927 Leyland truck



Leyland bus



Pre-selector gear box from Leyland bus undergoing repairs



President preparing for parade in the Daimler Ferret Scout car



Rolls Royce engine and gearbox and final drive as used in Ferret Scout Car

MALCOLM NIXON'S 1912 DAIMLER 15 BUS



Beautifully restored 1912 Daimler 15 bus seen recently at Wagga Wagga whilst visiting Cootamundra



Daimler members enjoying a ride in the bus

THE SILENT KNIGHT

As a result of the Club's weekend away to visit THE BUS, it seems appropriate that some history of the sleeve valve invention be recalled. Everyone has probably heard of the Willys Knight and associate it with this motor. In fact Willys were one of the last to take up the sleeve valve system.

Charles Knight, as a boy, worked in his father's sawmill factory and became familiar with a sliding valve system used in the steam engine. Like Henry Royce buying a car that annoyed him because of the clattering engine and resolving to make it better, so Knight purchased a Knox vehicle in 1901 and decided to do likewise.

He was not an engineer, a journalist in fact, but obviously with a flair for inventing. He teamed up with a mechanic he knew, and together they produced an engine of sleeve valve design in 1904, road tested it in a 1903 Searchmont, then started production in 1905 and selling 56 of them up till 1908. Then the Daimler story starts.

Sir Edward Manville was chairman of Daimler and ran into a friend of Knight's in London in early 1906, and over conversation the new type engine was brought up. Sir Edward was impressed and the upshot was that Knight boarded a steamship and took one of his cars with him. As we know, Daimler experimented and improved the design with the result that it had 1/3rd less parts than a conventional engine. By 1908 it was ready for the market.

The company having perfected the engine, arranged with Knight to grant options to other manufacturers, one in each country of Belgium, France, Germany, Sweden and America. Thus Minerva, Panhard, and Daimler/Mercedes took up the option and pay a royalty. Rover also seems to have joined in, but Sweden and America didn't go ahead with it.

Percy Martin was works manager at Daimler and was also an American, so he went to the States to try and further the licencing system there. Pierce Arrow, Peerless and Packard were interested but eventually declined, basically as they were doing well enough with what they had. Then a few small manufacturers were targeted, viz Stearns, Columbia and Edwards, the latter being purchased by Willys, just so he could inherit the licencing arrangements. And so in early 1914 the Willys Knight was born.

How good was the Daimler-Knight engine! Well its critics had to say something and Rolls-Royce is reported to have said its test results were far less impressive than those reported by Daimler. Jealousy! So what did Daimler do in response? They arranged for the Royal Automobile Club of England to test the engine but on the company's terms. The test was to be far tougher than any made to date, requiring 132 hours of continuous running and then to be placed in a chassis and run at Brooklands for 2000 miles in less than 60 hours and then another 5 hours on the test stand. The engine was rated at 38hp and part of the test was for hourly readings and if any reading dropped below 38, the test was to be deemed unsuccessful. The result was an increase in horsepower to 57, while a smaller engine of 22hp, also undergoing the test, increased its rating to 38. On pulling down the motors no discernible wear was seen. Daimler posted a challenge, with money, to anyone to match the performance. They kept their money as there were no takers.

Just to round off, Knight and Fred Lanchester began designing rotary aero engines using sleeves. Knight later wrote that a lot of what he had learned was attributable to Lanchester.

I have compiled this from old articles of the Willys Overland Club of Victoria, Brian Smith's Daimler Days and the work of St. John Nixon. Was he related to Malcolm Nixon!!!

John Hiscox

MINUTES OF A MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DAIMLER AND THE LANCHESTER OWNERS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC. HELD AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL, 2017.

The meeting commenced at 8:00pm with Vice President, Merv McDonald in the chair.

Apologies : Jim Gellett

Attendees as per list filed with Minutes

Previous Minutes:

Noted as read. MSA John & Peter

Business Arising from Minutes :

Misspelling of a member's name referenced, noted and to be adjusted.

Correspondence :

The request for wedding car assistance noted. One by Merv and one by Russell. Victor to follow up. Russell also to follow up Alan Scofic's request as to his earlier request for wedding cars. Various magazines handed to librarian.

Business Arising from Correspondence :

As above.

Treasurer's Report :

Current Account Balance @ 3rd April, 2017 \$9,209.62

Less approved payment to:

Warren Cole engraving \$92.60

Peter Grant Cootamundra Expenses \$150.40

Term Deposit @ 3rd April, 2017 \$10,636.81

Cheque for \$90 not presented as yet. It was determined this cheque was for CMC Affiliation and was to be sent out with CMC Renewal. Russell to rectify

Russell raised the question about payment to ASC of Club Incorporation Fees and notifications after the Annual General Meeting. No form had been received by the Secretary. Peter offered to follow up and report back re new forms required etc

It was agreed that the report be accepted and payments be made as required MSA Alan/Amanda

New Members:

Nil

Social Report:

Recently appointed Events Co-ordinator. Ray Palmer provided update as to the transition of his new role, which was well received.

Various events were noted and information is contained within the events schedule of the magazine. Ray

MINUTES OF A MEETING

noted the preference of meeting at a designated point for events to enable members to travel in convoy.

This is current practice but is worth highlighting to enable more specific information to be provided to members prior to an event, even as a separate detailed email.

Editor: Nil

Website: Nil

Registrars : Nil

Library: Nil

Conditional Plates: Nil

Membership :

Amanda provided report on the up-take of member's renewal, new members and other members not yet renewed but indicating will do so soon. Club members as a result remain at approx. 125. Recommended that reminders next year to go out as soon after New Years Day as possible

Regalia:

Amanda noted (3) umbrellas and {2} caps remain in stock. Amanda noted, with Alan's assistance that they would investigate sloppy joes /polo jackets with Daimler logo as opportunity for winter regalia.

Technical & Spares: Nil

For Sale & Wants:

Alan and John to follow up status a V8 Saloon advertised for sale recently. This is with the possible opportunity to do a club purchase for benefit to members to access parts. Alan to advise on condition and possible negotiated price to enable a Committee decision yes or no.

CMC Report: Nil

AllBritish Day: Nil

General Business:

Noted next National Rally to be held in Victoria. Advise to date is that it will be before Easter 2018 during the week days Monday through to Thursday at the RACV Country Club Retreat, Heaslesville in the Yarra Valley.

More definite dates, costs, etc TBA.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:01pm.

THE NEXT MEETNG OF THE DLOCCA WILL BE MONDAY 1ST MAY, 2017 @ 8:00pm.

Committee Meeting:

Committee Meeting was convened at 10:05 pm. No further discussion was required. The meeting concluded at 10:15 pm.

7th Annual SYDNEY CLASSIC & ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW 2017



Public Show Day
SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2017, 8AM TO 3PM
MUSEUM OF FIRE, PENRITH (CHARITY EVENT)



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1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

Denis Leys

PART TWENTY TWO

PART TWENTY TWO - REFURBISHING THE GIRLING LEVER ARM DAMPERS

I have read advice that if they appear to work, just top up with oil and use them. Although my dampers appeared to work, my aim was to refurbish them. This refurbishment requires complete disassembly, cleaning, and seal replacement.

Getting them apart involves the removal of 2 freeze plugs, 2 large threaded plugs, and 2 smaller threaded plugs. Careful use of a dent puller removed the freeze plugs, and I had to use lots of heat and make a special tool to remove the large plugs.

Removing the side freeze plug gives access to the lever shaft. Once the shaft is removed, the remaining parts can be removed from the housing, with careful use of your fingers. The bores and pistons were all ok, but they all contained oil sludge. The shaft oils seals were all shot. Simply adding oil to the dampers would have been a waste of time.

PLEASE NOTE: I have uploaded Part 22 of my restoration series at the request of a Daimler enthusiast in the USA. Part 19 will now be published after Part 23 which is the second video on Girling Dampers

Related Youtube video – [1949 Daimler DB 18 Consort Resurrection Part 22](#)

Part 23 - Assessing the Lever Arm Dampers and Reassembly

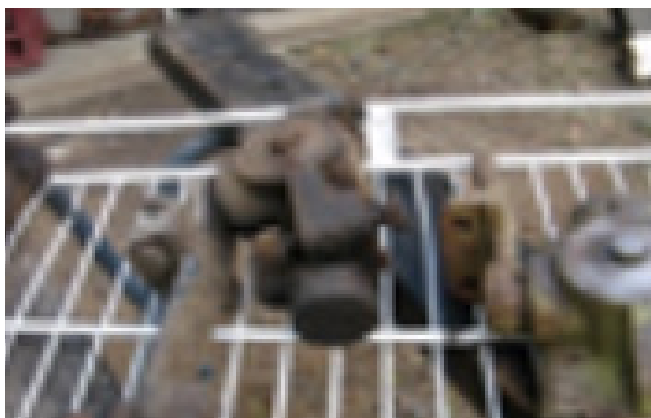


Figure 1 - The dampers looked rough and didn't work

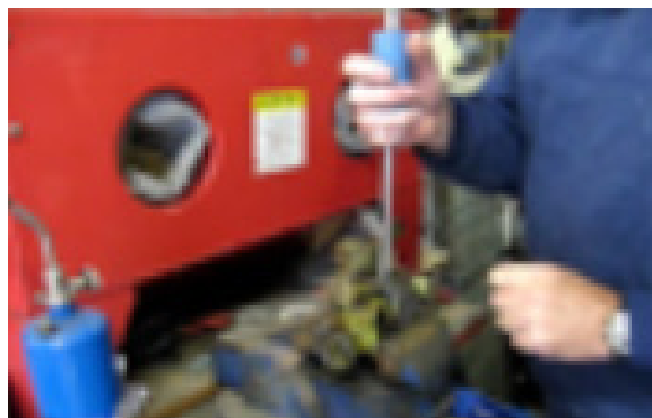


Figure 2 - The top cap was removed with a dent puller

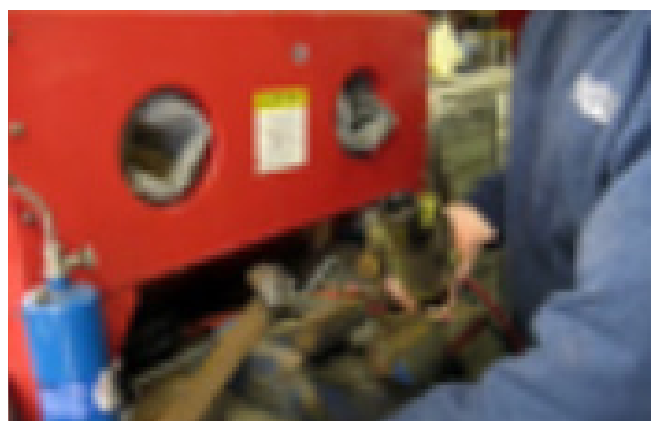


Figure 3 - End caps removed after being heated

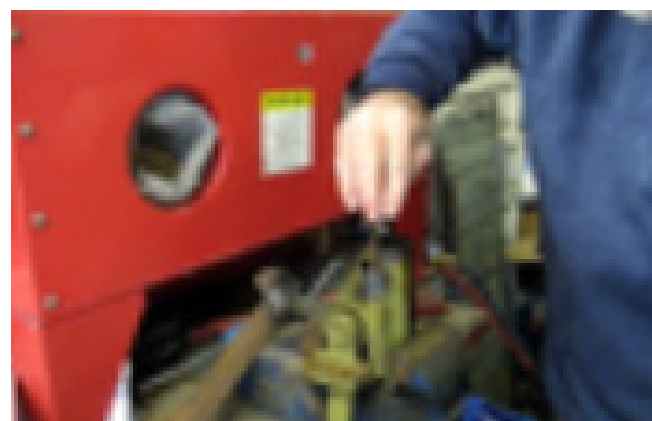


Figure 4 - Pressure valve caps also required heat to remove and an Allen key

1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

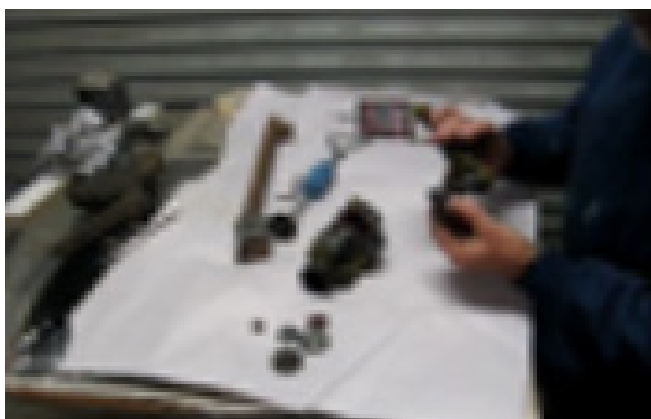


Figure 5 - Lever removed in the press



Figure 6 - Piston actuating dog removed using fingers

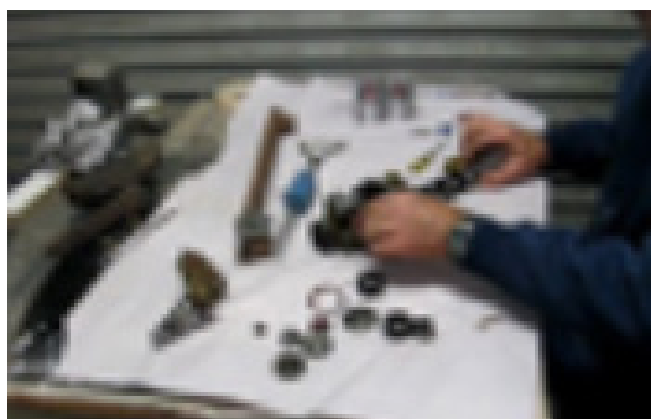


Figure 7 - Piston is easy to remove

COPPER COAST (SA) - CLASSIC CAVALCADE

The Copper Coast Classic Cavalcade of Cars is a long established highlight on the South Australian Classic Car enthusiasts' calendar. Held biennially, entrants and spectators get to enjoy much more than a static display. Following the assembly breakfast, entrants get to enjoy an extensive three town cruise through Wallaroo, Moonta and Kadina which delights the thousands of spectators who line the route.

Then the cavalcade finishes with a big Show 'n' Shine at the Kadina Oval which features a licensed venue and offers a fantastic Old Style Rock 'n' Roll band with dancing, sideshows, stalls and food and drink.

If any members are interested in this event please click on the link below to download a brochure.

[Download a Brochure](#)



15TH NATIONAL RALLY - INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

15th National Rally of the combined Daimler clubs of Australia
Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 20th April 2018
YARRA VALLEY 2018
Healesville, Victoria

Rally headquarters will be at the magnificent RACV Country Club at Healesville where we have provisionally reserved 35 rooms

The location has been selected, a provisional accommodation reservation has been made and an exciting program is being developed to make this a “not to be missed” event!

Rally costs are not yet known but the aim is to keep the total cost (rally activities plus accommodation) in line with previous national rallies and will be advised in the next bulletin later this year.

It will greatly assist the organising committee if you would lodge an expression of interest NOW so that we can put you on the mailing list for future bulletins and the rally entry form.

Email – eureka2012@bigpond.com

Your organising committee:

Michael & Pat Pringle

Jack & Phyllis Edmonds

Ian & Joyce Rowlandson

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will be held on the weekend of

25 -27 August 2017 at the Bulli Show Grounds,
in NSW.

After a number of months of assessing
appropriate locations and dates, we are most
happy to advise the selection of Bulli, just
50kms (30 miles) or so, on the coast south of
Sydney.

The Venue is appropriate and large enough
to accommodate growth in the years ahead
as we establish this yearly AMCA Australia
National Meet, to welcome ALL motorcycle
makes and models, parts and memorabilia, 35
years and older.



FOR SALE

1952 Lanchester Leda 4 cyl 2.0L sedan Wilson Preselect semi automatic gear box. Spare motor, gear box, diff, and several body parts available as well as full mechanic workshop manual. On Club rego to 7/17. \$16,000. Phone Neil 0403 509 025 I also attach photos. I can be contacted on 0403 509 025 if you wish to discuss this further. With thanks, Neil Andersen



FOR SALE

Daimler Majestic 1958 3.8Lt Type DF 316. Registration Number DF316. Registered to October 2017. Silver over maroon. 107,000 original miles. Tools, books, good condition. Multi prize winner.

\$17,500. DLOC member \$15,000.

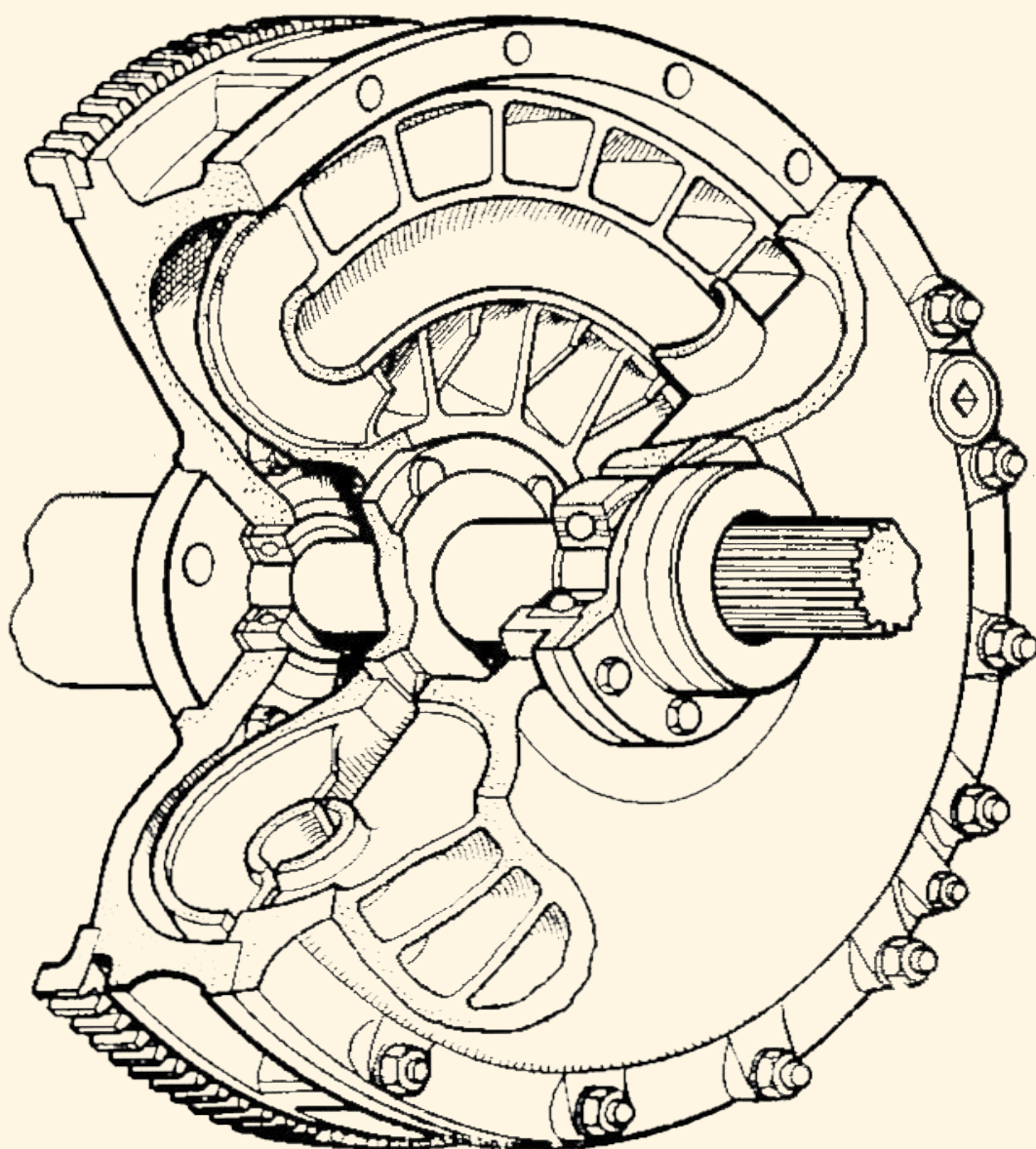
Contact John Allcock on (02) 4739 8184 (badge bar not included)

FOR SALE

Lanchester LD10 Barker Body

The original owner's manual accompanies the car, as do the original Victorian number plates UH-457. The speedo shows 53,000 miles. It was first registered in March 1951, which probably makes it 1950 ex-factory. Suggested price is \$3000 as a basis for negotiation. It is a very restorable car. Unfortunately, its location makes it very hard to photograph satisfactorily.

The car is at Brandy Creek, near Warragul. If you wish to be put in touch with the owner, please contact Peter Towns on 03 5625 1889, 0427 253 887 or ptowns@inet.net.au



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