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# **OUR NEXT MEETING**

#### 8PM MONDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

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Sleeve Valve	Michael Barnes	0417405766 (mob)
Other Pre-War	Robert Brandes	02 9648 6304
DB range, incl. Consort, Special Sports & LD	Steve Moore	02 9603 4498
DE range, incl. DH & DC	John Hiscox	02 9984 1169
DF, DR, DQ, DK incl Regency, 104, Majestic & Major	Colin Cox Warren Cole	02 4739 3301(H) 02 9655 1111(H)
DJ range, incl. Century & Leda	Campbell Middleton Jim Gellett	02 – 4758 7125 0419 796 371
2.5 litre V8	John Steel	02 9983-9734(H)
SP 250	Merv McDonald	9670-6797 (H)
Sovereign, and all Jaguar based models incl. DS 420	Colin Cox	(02)4739 3301

# **SUPPORT OUR VENUE**

### Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, Ryedale Road, West Ryde

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.



# PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S REPORT

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A quiet month past & a busy one ahead. I know you will all be busy preparing your cars for the All British event on the 23rd September. If you haven't yet received your FREE ticket, don't delay & contact Merv NOW so that you don't miss out. The All British Day is also our Club display day for the dispensing of trophies, so if you got one last year, don't forget to bring it with you this year so you can have the opportunity to win it back!

As you can read in the Lanchester report, some further progress has been made this month, the highlight of which has been the gearbox adjustments made have been successful & all the gears are now engaging where they should be, thanks to the tireless efforts of the Project Director (MERV McDONALD) & the Senior Technical Adviser, (JOHN STEEL). The source of the problem turned out to be the fact that the body had been incrementally raised from the rear to the front, so much so that the front of the body had 4 spacers between the body & chassis, instead of one. This caused the problem that the selector gear which is mounted on the body, didn't correspond correctly to the gearbox connections which are mounted on the Chassis. At last all is bliss.

It is also pleasing to see John Hiscox as a regular working volunteer on the project along with Linden Braye, who are both making a worthwhile contribution to the project. Merv & myself, at the time of writing are planning to travel to Grenfell on Friday to pick up some parts from lan Brenner who has kindly offered to supply some parts that we need, or may need, which will also save us some work in restoring some of the damaged bits that we have.

Alan Hunt reports the sale of his Majestic Major which will be sadly missed from Club events in the future, but will hopefully appear at some Victorian events in the future.

Have a great month & I look forward to seeing you at the All British Day.

Jim Gellett

President/Editor.

## **COMING EVENTS 2018**

September 2018	SP250 Meeting - Meeting at the home of Tony and Rosie Luongo, 37 Erina Valley		
Friday 7	Road, Erina. Darters may like to have dinner at Erina Leagues Club, 18 Ilya Ave, Erina		
	around 6:30 pm before moving on the Tony and Rosie'e home for the meeting at		
	8:00pm.		
September 2018	Special Sports Spares Recovery - Join in with other members as we travel to		
10th to 14th	Noosa to recover spares which will be donated to the club. Details are printed later in		
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September 2018	All British Day - Kings School Nth Parramatta	
Sunday 23	Tickets will be available by contacting Merv Mc Donald after mid June. Please call on 0417429573 or 96796797. Please be advised that display cars may only enter via Mason's Drive between 6:30 & 10:30 am. Please be aware that the DLOC display will be in a different field this year. We will be directly across the roadway near the hay shed about 50mtrs from last year I hope to have copies of the layout at the July meeting. Please book your tickets as early as possible and tell us which cars you are bringing. If you are collecting tickets for other people please tell us who the tickets are for to avoid confusion with placement of cars.	
	NB All clubs are required to prvide at least 2 marshalls to help direct cars arriving for event so please volunteer and forward your name and mobile number. This is essential to help traffic problems that have occurer in the past. There will be a meeting to explain to all volunteers how and what to do. Please help your club out by volunteering for an hour or two. Hoping to see you on the day	
October 2018	Picnic Day - Lane Cove National Park. Cost will be \$25/head. Further details to come	
Sunday 14	later	
October 2018	SP250 Run - Run to HARS Aircraft Museum, Albion Park with an option to stay in	
Saturday 20	Kiama on Saturday night and visit the Motor Life Museum on Sunday. Please meet at the Partridge VC Rest Stop between Campbelltown and the Picton turn off at 9:30am. The Rest Stop is on the left as you travel south and is about 12 kms past the 2nd Campbelltown exit. We plan to arrive at the museum around 10:30am.	
November 2018 Friday 2	SP250 Meeting - Meeting at the home of Warren & Chris Cole, "The Very End", Calabash Road, Arcadia, phone 9655 1111 or 0412 686 456.	
November 2018 Sat/Sun 10/11	<b>President's Weekend Event</b> - Bathurst. People to make their own bookings at the Gold Panner Motel, Bathurst Phone 02 6331 444. Queen rooms from \$130 per room per night including a continental breakfast. Book early to avoid disappointment. More details in future editions of the Magazine.	
December 2018	SP250 Christmas Lunch - Darters Christmas Lunch, 12 noon at Waterview	
Saturday 1	Restaurant, Berowra.	
March 2019	SP250 Weekend Event - Weekend tour of Bathurst and Mudgee to be planned by Mark & Tracey Brooks	

# DARTING ABOUT

#### **EXHAUST NOTES FROM THE DLOCCA SP250 REGISTER**

We must commence this report on a sad note with a tribute to Stewart Barrett who passed away during the month. We did not see Stewart and his SP250 very often but we followed news of his motoring activities in southern NSW where he regularly paraded his Dart at motoring club events. We offer our condolences to Yvonne and all of Stewart's family

Stewart acquired his SP250 (chassis 104028 1962 B spec) in January 2006. The car had been owned by Kevin Wilkinson for 3 years and by Richard Bowen for 12 years.

The SP250 Register run in August was a visit to the Lost In The 50's Car Museum where we had the opportunity to visit the museum shortly before the dispersal of the collection of cars and memorabilia. I thank Mark & Tracey Brooks for organizing the run and for sending a report on this run which Carolyn & I were unable to attend. Seems like a great turnout with John Gallagher, David & Dallas Stoodley, Phillip Walkom, Jeff & Janelle Glanville, Tony & Rosie Luongo, Warren & Chris Cole, Cameron & Anne Norgrove and Peter Schwetz all joining Mark and Tracey. I understand there was a large number of people at the Museum and it was generally a great day for car enthusiasts.

Next I should note that John Haak's SP250 (chassis 104016 1962 B spec) has been listed for sale on Ebay. Specification includes new paint, new wire wheels, new trim, R&P steering, Toyota 5 speed box and electronic ignition. Sale is due to close 27 August and as at 26 August there are no bids. The starting price is listed at \$46,000.



Finally, please note that our next meeting is on Friday 7 September and Dallas Stoodley has suggested people may like to have dinner at Erina Leagues Club, 18 Ilya Ave, Erina around 6:30 pm before moving on the Tony and Rosie'e home for the meeting at 8:00pm.

# **DARTING ABOUT**

#### **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.

The events/runs for the SP250 group in 2018 have been integrated into the main Events page in this publication. The events are prefaced with SP250 in each case. Plans for 2019 and 2020 are shown below.

#### 2019

March - Weekend tour of Bathurst and Mudgee to be planned by Mark & Tracey Brooks

#### Working Plans for SP250 60th Anniversary Rally in UK

- Friday to Sunday 7/9 DLOC Rally, Peebles, Scotland
- Monday to Thursday 10/13 UK SP250 Club Tour of Lakes & Peak Districts
- Friday to Sunday 14/16 SP250 60th Anniversary Rally, St John's Hotel, Solihull.

#### 2020

Tentative plans for SP250 Two Week Tour of Tasmania

**Darting Off** 

Alan

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

## **SPECIAL SPORTS SPARES**

John Robison, new member, has purchased the ex Kevin Barnes then John Hancox Special Sports. The car was in Noosa and came with lots and lots of spares. These are still in Noosa and will go to the tip if we don't get them.

John has a trailer and will donate the spares to the Club provided others will go with him to collect them. What we would like is 4 or 5 others (incl wives) to make it a Daimler outing.

The programme would be to leave on Monday 10th September to Kempsey, having lunch at the Barramundi fish farm at Port Stephens. This is supposed to be outstanding. We can then visit the Slim Dusty museum or the Akubra factory in Kempsey on either the way up or back. Then to the Gold Coast on Tuesday. Wednesday would be only for those who would continue to Noosa to pack the trailer and return to the Gold Coast. Others would have a relaxing day on the Coast. Then return to Kempsey and home Friday on 14th September.

So far the Hiscoxs are starters. So ring John Robison on 9972 0007 and let's get these important spares. (no body panels).

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# RARE 1934 DAIMLER STRAIGHT 8 V26 FOR SALE

For a Daimler lover or collector, I would like to offer you a special and very rare Daimler. It is a Daimler straight 8 v26 of 1934, 7-seater. Currently located in Germany this car will be advertised internationally if not sold to a club Daimler member prior.

The car is visually and technically in very good condition. The cylinder head is made of steel and was sold to me by Lindsay Price from Australia. So this Car runs very strong and has no problems with temperature. The new steel Cylinder head was added in 2017.

It is one of only 23 or 24 made by Park Ward in 1934. The Car is in perfect condition. Sometimes used for weddings in Germany.

I am willing to pay a 5,000 GBP referral fee if someone finds a lover for this car.

Price on request from Eduard Neitzke via email eduneitzke@freenet.de











# DAIMLER DISPOSAL

Looked at the car Roger Doughty has in Goulburn 2 weeks ago. Roger wants to dispose of car to a good Daimler members home.

The car body was built in Australia on a Daimler E-20 chassis. It's all there and would be great spare parts for someone. Motor looks ok with no damage.

Roger's phone number - 0419 603588 and can be inspected in his garage at Goulburn.







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# 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 6TH AUGUST, 2018.

The meeting commenced at 8:05pm with Jim Gellett in The Chair.

#### **Apologies:**

Russell and Jenny Turner, Robert Brandes.

#### Welcome:

Jim welcomed James Sinclair-Anderson, our newest Member, to the meeting.

#### **Previous Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were published in the Journal and taken as read. Moved: That they be accepted as true and correct: John Steel. Seconded: Alan Hunt. Carried.

#### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

Nil.

#### **Correspondence:**

Magazine from the Western Australia Daimler Club and also from the Victorian Club.

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

Nil

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Alan Hunt presented a written report. There is \$7,830.72 available funds in the cheque account; no payments to be authorised this month. There is a further \$10,783.30 in the term deposit.

Jim was able to advise Alan that Russell had lodged the ASIC Annual Return and the fee has been paid from his own pocket and reimbursement will be required.

Alan asked for the report to be accepted.

The Lanchester Fund stands at \$1425.00 which is included in the total available funds.

Moved: Alan Hunt, seconded Amanda Sykes: "That the Treasurer's report be accepted as true and correct. Carried.

#### **New Members:**

The Club welcomed James Sinclair-Anderson to his first meeting.

#### **Social Report:**

Jim Gellett was able to advise that Russell Turner has made sure that the October Picnic Day was locked in.

Ray Palmer is happy to take suggestions from Club Members about run destinations for next year as there will be several spots open in the calendar. Jim asked that Ray consider more runs away from inner Sydney.

# MINUTES OF A MEETING

10/11 November: The President's Week End: this will be centered around Bathurst and members

are asked to book their own accommodation at The Gold Panner Motel in

Bathurst (Jim has reserved a block of rooms for us).

Address: 260 Sydney Rd, Kelso NSW 2795

Phone: (02) 6331 4444

#### **Editor/Website:**

Timing for the September and October magazines will be tight as our Webmaster Ian will be away on holiday just after the August magazine is issued..

#### **Registrars:**

Nil.

#### Regalia.

Amanda brought the Regalia items with her and Ray Palmer offered to take them but on the understanding that there will be a roster for committee members to assist with sales at All British Day and other events where the Regalia will be displayed for sale.

Amanda will prepare a notice for the magazine listing the items available for members.

#### Library.

Nil.

#### **Conditional Plates:**

Nil.

#### **Technical and Spares:**

Jim Gellett blew the exhaust manifold on his Century for the fourth time and was advised to source high temperature lock nuts and high tensile bolts which he was able to acquire for \$8.00 and has fitted them. So far so good.

John Robison has had very little response to his request for fellow travellers to participate in the planned September "Rescue Run" to Queensland to collect the Special Sports spares he is donating to the Club. The Rolls Royce club has a run to Toowoomba planned for March next year so perhaps, failing another plan, each member could take a box of spares in their cars and get them back to Sydney that way.

Ray Palmer noted that he has a Humber enthusiast friend with a truck in Port Macquarie who may be able to help collect the spares and store them in Port Macquarie from where it would be quicker to collect and bring back to Sydney.

#### **Club Lanchester:**

There is a report in the current magazine.

#### For Sale and Wants:

Amanda Sykes' V8 saloon is still available.

Stuart Knowles at Lake Macquarie 0432 188 722 still has a DB 18 Saloon engine and gearbox for sale.

# MINUTES OF A MEETING

There is a black Consort coming up for sale at Shannons shortly.

Keith Vaughan form the Melbourne Club has his Windover's bodied DE 36 up for sale.

The ex-John Wentworth Royal Tour Landaulette and another Royal Mews DE 36 Landaulette are for sale in England with a spare engine block available also. Looking at 20,000 – 25 000 UK Pounds.

Bernie Jones has a part restored DB 18/1 for sale. It is a four light sports saloon. j.jones2@bigpond.com

Alan Hunt has sold his fine Majestic Major to an enthusiast at Lakes Entrance in Victoria.

#### **CMC**

12 AUGUST: Shannons Sydney Classis at Sydney Motor Park, Eastern Creek.

The meeting was chiefly concerned with the continuing threats by RMS and police to crack down on modified vehicles on the standard Historic Plates, not displaying the Modified Scheme Plates (Classic Plates) as they should.

Also there are negotiations afoot to allow members to have NRMA road side assist for whatever historic car they are driving rather than have to pay a separate amount for each one.

#### All British.

23 SEPTEMBER: Peter Grant and Victor Nash have agreed to be the volunteer marshalls.

Please note that cars must be inside the venue before 9.30 a.m. otherwise an additional charge will apply.

So far only 25 tickets have been taken up: we have lots more so please get yourselves a ticket and come along.

Gates open at 6.30 a.m.

#### **General Business:**

Victor had seen that The Queen is selling off some cars from the Royal Mews, including a Phantom IV Landaulette, the high roofline Phantom V and a Royal Stock Limousine.

Alan Hunt mentioned the RAC Annual Dinner on 18 August 2018 featuring a tribute to the long-distance rallies such as the London- Sydney Rally and other similar epic adventures with original participants in attendance at the dinner. If anyone is interested, please let him know as tables are being planned and numbers finalised.

The meeting was them entertained by listening to a CD of Peter Ustinov narrating a fictional Grand Prix of Gibraltar, taking on the many characters being interviewed, with thanks to Ray Palmer.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.37 p.m.

# **V8 BLOCK FOR SALE**

Selling for a friend who was told it is a block from an SP250. Item is in Bungendore. Any offer considered.

Contact is Terry on 0418 211 332



# DAME FOR SALE

A 1967 Daimler 2.5 V8 is for sale and list the following work carried out in the 15 years of ownership.

- Fitted new LARGE radiator >> 3.5 V8 Jag type.
- New fuel pump and carburettor.
- New Transmission Gasket.
- Steering Box Upgrade
- Oil Seal Replacement Differential & upper steering shaft
- Original Diamond Dot Radio rework
- Exterior paint upgrade door edges etc.

The above amounts to \$11K spent over the past 15 years DAM-067 won best car of its model at the Annual British Car Day at Kings School in 2 successive years of showing.

We have enjoyed travelling some 3,700 miles over the last 15 years to bring the speedo reading to 63,000 miles and now consider its time to pass the baton to a new owner to continue the journey!!

Asking price; \$22,000 ONO

Contact Details; John Brodie 0418-230009 /

jw.brodie1@gmail.com



# **JAGUAR FOR SALE**

Jaguar XJ40 S series Auto 1994 Model 3.2 litre

Chassis Number: SAJJFALG3AJ698183

• Engine Number: 9BPMNA117710

Rego Number: XIH794

The S series featured firmer suspension and more precise steering coming out of the Jaguar factory including a limited slip differential. Paint is British Racing Green, upholstery beige leather, carpets red, all in very good condition. One minor blemish on the driver's seat. The 1993 & 1994 XJ40's were the end of the run prior to the release of the X300 in 1995. They were noteworthy for having very few if any defects that needed correcting. These models had come a long way from the electronic and brake issues that plagued the 1986-1990 3.6 litre cars. As a matter of interest the 3.2 litre engine is a de-stroked version of the re-engineered 4 litre engine fitted from 1990 onwards. It is my understanding that this engine in supercharged form was fitted to the Aston Martin DB7, obviously a very robust engine.

Price: \$5,000 \$4,000 Additional photographs are available on request. Original owner's manual comes with the car.

Contact: Colin Cox 02-47393301 or 0408393301



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# 1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

#### Denis Leys

#### **PART THIRTY FOUR**

#### **PART THIRTY FOUR - THE ROOF**

I left the most difficult repairs to the body till last – the roof.

Consorts are prone to rust in the roof in the area adjacent to the gutter. Unfortunately water enters the body through the seam between the gutter and the body, soaking into the wood which is inside the roofline.

I had to remove a section of the gutter first, then a large section of the roof exposing the timber underneath. The exposed timber was covered with a piece of steel which stopped it burning when the replacement section was welded into place. The section of gutter also had to be rewelded into place.

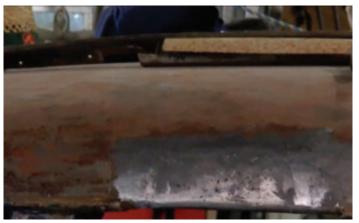
The roofline itself is made up in two pieces, with a join approximately 10 inches back from the windscreen. Unfortunately, on my vehicle this welded join had been pushed up into a ridgeline. I had to use a hammer and dolly to reshape this area of the roof.

Related Youtube video - 1949 Daimler DB 18 Consort Resurrection Part 34









# 1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION





## THE LANCHESTER PROJECT

**Friday 10 August -** Present Jim Gellett, Merv McDonald, Linden Bray, John Hiscox, John Steel and myself. Whilst we have had a week off from the project, Merv had been busy rubbing back and high filling body panels.

Jim and I arrived at Merv's early and Jim and Merv set to work removing the spacers from between the body and chassis as a last resort to rectifying the problematic gear selection problem. They found that the body spacers actually increased in number, i.e. height, the closer to the front the spacers were placed.

When the others arrived, Jim Linden and John Hiscox started work on rubbing back the body work on the doors, boot and bonnet. That left Merv and John Steel to complete lowering the body.

Whilst they did this I identified and labelled the steering column and brake wiring which is still in situation in the car. The rest of the wiring loom had been partially replaced some time in the car's past and had been removed by previous owners for the restoration. Although there were non-specific labels on most wires the newer wiring had not been installed as per the original circuit diagram making the labelling useless. In the week off I had sorted out the seven pieces of the wiring loom and took advantage of the morning to locate each piece in the car to confirm length and location.

In the afternoon I joined Linden, Jim and John Hiscox rubbing back body panels whilst Merv and John Steel went back in the garage and worked further on the car. Merv and John started the car and after a while Merv emerged with John Steel and announced that with the body closer to the chassis and some further refinements to the gear selector rods, it was now possible to select all gears. This was a great achievement for the project and a great relief to all the team as this problem has persisted since the engine was first started earlier this year.

On the way home I stopped in at Jim Gellett's and he showed me the layout of the wiring in his Daimler. Of most importance was the location of the reverse gear light switch and a six way junction box for the steering column wiring (not in situ on the Lanchester). I had planned to build the wiring loom at home and this was a very useful visit for that to occur.

**Friday 17 August -** Present Jim Gellett, Merv McDonald, Linden Bray and John Hiscox. With Graham away doing Sprite (Car Club) things, John Hiscox was appointed the raconteur. From the previous week, I (John H) had taken home the 8 door hinges, 2 dumb irons and other small bits for old paint removal and freeing up the hinges, 5 of which were frozen. I noticed that the dumb irons were not equal and wondered if one was front bumper and the other for the rear. When reporting my efforts from the previous week, I showed my

# THE LANCHESTER PROJECT

accomplishments and Jim thought that maybe the car had had a good biff and bent one of them. I reckon it would have had to have written off the car.

Jim spent some time trying to re-shape the front gravel tray from the Lanchester but stopped when I suggested we see if Ian Brenner has a spare we could use. The day was then just a sanding down day with Merv and Jim rubbing back body panels that had been treated with filler (I get admonished by Jim if I say bog). Linden took my cleaned up parts and put a machine to them to make them nice and shiny, while I just did more small parts. At the end of the day Merv was applying more filler into small pinholes that had appeared in already smoothed out sections. Both headlight rim holes have breaks in them which may indicate a small prang at some time, but those in the know say that the grille is OK, so maybe not.

That's about all John Hiscox could advise except to add that Merv's labrador Buffy is very friendly.

**Monday 20 August -** Merv McDonald, my son Brent and I headed up to Russell Turner's place and retrieved the damaged interior hood lining, the spare wheel, several body parts for painting and all the light fixtures. The tail light fittings have two globes and front side lights are set up for indicators to operate. The rear bumper already has large amber indicator lights mounted separate to the rear tail lights as although these house two globes, they only have red lenses. The front side/indicator lights have clear lenses.

For registration purposes indicators are now meant to be amber front and rear. So I am pursuing a 21st Century solution by installing LED white/amber (side/indicator lights) into the existing side light fittings at the front. Hopefully this will satisfy registration requirements and externally maintain the original look at the front of the car.

As a result of our need for the trip, there was no work scheduled for the car this week, however I can report that Merv has found someone who can make up a new interior hood lining for just \$120.00. It is also proposed that a visit to Ian Brenner's is planned to obtain some additional parts for the project.

#### Graham McDonald Home: (02) 9533 3128 Mobile 0422 972 094







# A PART RESTORED DB 18/1 FOR SALE

We have sold our house at Narooma and are moving up to the Sunshine coast so I have to sell. So if any of your members would be be interested I am only too happy to send photos, etc and have a talk to them about it. I only want \$11,000 for it and you probably realise I have spent a huge amount more than that to get it to this stage. All body work is completed and undercoated and motor reconditioned. Includes all parts and electrical loom. It has the four light sport saloon body. Please contact Bernie Jones on <u>j.jones2@bigpond.com</u>



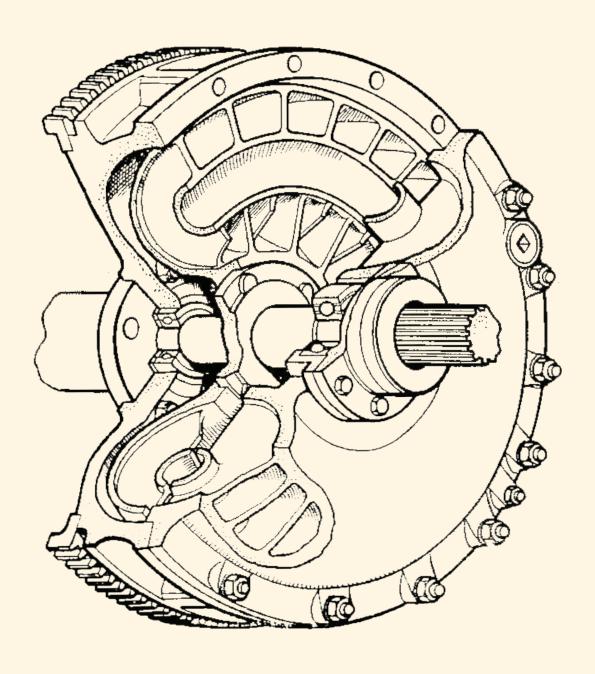












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