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OUR NEXT MEETING

8PM MONDAY, 3RD JULY, 2017 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

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JOINING FEE	\$20.00
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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.

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

The 31st May was a busy day. Early in the morning I drove to Canberra for the Dedication of the Boer War Memorial on Memorial Avenue. The Boer war was the first war which engaged Australian soldiers overseas & yet this is the last Memorial to be erected on Memorial Avenue. At a cost of \$6,500,000, 4Mil raised by Public subscription & the balance paid for by the Federal Government, it is in my humble opinion the most impressive of all the memorials on the Avenue. If you are ever in Canberra I recommend you take the time to walk down the Avenue from the War Memorial Museum & see for yourself.

In the afternoon I was also privileged to have a private visit to the Royal Daimler restoration project, currently being undertaken by the National Museum of Australia. Our Club jointly & some members separately contributed funds toward this project which has seemed to take ages to complete, but having spent time with the restorer & being informed of the intricacies of the task you can understand why. Currently, the body shell has been reunited with the chassis, a new wiring loom has been created, seats reupholstered where they cannot be conserved, woodwork cleaned & conserved & much of the body paintwork is being conserved. Some chrome work such as the grille has been redone as it was past the point of conservation. During the project, it was discovered that each part of the Hooper coachwork bears the same number so that repairers/restorers can identify the original car. All in all this was a most worthwhile afternoon activity & very informative.

PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND

There is a notice regarding the President's weekend elsewhere in this Magazine. As the date looms ever closer, can I suggest that you book early as this weekend promises to be a popular event.

Jim Gellett

President/Editor

COMING EVENTS 2017

July 2017 Sunday 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.
July 2017 Saturday 15	Hunter Region All British Display Day - Please note the change of venue. The new venue will be Raymond Terrace Riverside Park, Hunter Street, Raymond Terrace

COMING EVENTS 2017

July 2017 Saturday 22	SP250 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)
August 2017 Friday 4	SP250 Meeting - at the home of Stephen and Helen Figgis, 28 Neridah Street, Chatswood. (phone 9412 1064). Meeting starts 8:00pm. Merv McDonald will chair this meeting which will no doubt follow the usual custom of an interesting garage visit followed by a glass of wine in front of a wood fire
August 2017 Sunday 27	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 See details in a separate article in this issue.
September 2017 Saturday 16	SP250 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.
September 2017 Sat -Sun 9 to 10	President's Weekend - Coolangatta NSW. Details provided later in this issue. Please book early.
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.
October 2017 Fri - Sun 27 to 29	2017 SP250 National Rally - being planned by Merv McDonald with assistance from John Gallagher
November 2017 Saturday 4	SP250 Daimler Club Technical Day - focusing on cars with Edward Turner engines at the home of David and Dallas 260 Glenning Road, Glenning Valley. The technical inspections and discussion will be in the morning. Please BYO picnic lunch which we will enjoy in David and Dallas Stoodley's pleasant front garden.
November 2017 Sunday 12	Lake Macquarie Light Rail Museum – Event details to be advised.
November 2017 Saturday 25	SP250 (Darters) Christmas Lunch - will be held at Geranium Cottage, 828 Old Northern Road, Dural 2158 (phone 9652 0476), The Christmas lunch will cost \$35 per person. The venue is licensed but you can BYO wine with a \$2.50 per bottle corkage charge.
December 2017 Sunday 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

Our meeting on Friday 2 June at the home of David and Dallas Stoodley brought together 14 people including a visitor from Victoria. We were pleased to see Tracey Brooks who is battling on despite a slow and uncomfortable recover from a broken bone in her ankle. Sympathetic encouragement is all we offer but we wish Tracey a speedy return to comfortable mobility.

A good part of the night was devoted to a garage visit. Side by side were David's two SPs, the green SP250 and the remarkable SP450 project. As you see in the following photographs the engine fits but fitting steering and exhausts pipes is interesting. Also the engine has been lowered and the sump modified so that the bonnet line can be retained. Also note the 6 speed Holden gearbox which is one of many modifications to the drive system and brakes.



During the meeting Merv gave an outline of some of the activities we can look forward to at the SP250 Rally to be held around Parkes on the weekend Sunday October 27 to 29. Merv and John Gallagher are doing a great job on rally. Merv tells me we already have 20 registrations including four from Victoria and one from Queensland. That is 20 without some of our regulars from NSW and Victoria. It seems we can look forward to a great turn out for Rally 2017.

Going back to David's SP450 project for moment, I'm delighted to announce that there will be a Daimler Club Technical Day focusing on Turner engine cars to be held on Saturday 4 November. The venue for the Daimler Club Technical Day will be the home of David and Dallas so the SP450 project will again be a star attraction. I trust we will have a great turn out of Darters to ponder on the Turner engineering marvels, the SP250, V8 Saloon, Majestic Major together with the Stoodley marvel, the SP450.

Finally, a short note that I understand the SP250 we all call the Nick Pitsinos green car, chassis 101200 has been sold by Gosford Classic Car Museum to a new owner in Tasmania.

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 have been integrated into the main Events page in this publication. The events are prefaced with SP250 in each case.

Darting Off

Alan

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

ALL BRITISH DAY AT KINGS SCHOOL

27th August 2017

Its that time of the year again so start planning the day as it is one of the club's major social days as well as a show case for our wonderful cars.

The club has purchased 60 tickets which are available free to all members and DAIMLER drivers who display their cars with the club.

The club is also required to provide a minimum of two persons to help guide display cars into correct fields for about one hour each between 7:00 am and 10:00am. Could all volunteers for this very essential task, please contact me asap.

For tickets, please contact Merv Mc Donald any time as tickets are already available.

Phone 02 9670 6797

Mobile 0417 429 573

Email merv.mcdonald@gmail.com

Please give your name, contact no. and address. If collecting tickets for other people, please supply that persons details as well.

Entry on the day for display cars will be via Mason's Drive off Pennant Hills Rd from 6:30am

Till 10:00 am. After 10:00 all traffic will be directed the main gates of school and will be charged admission at \$5 per head

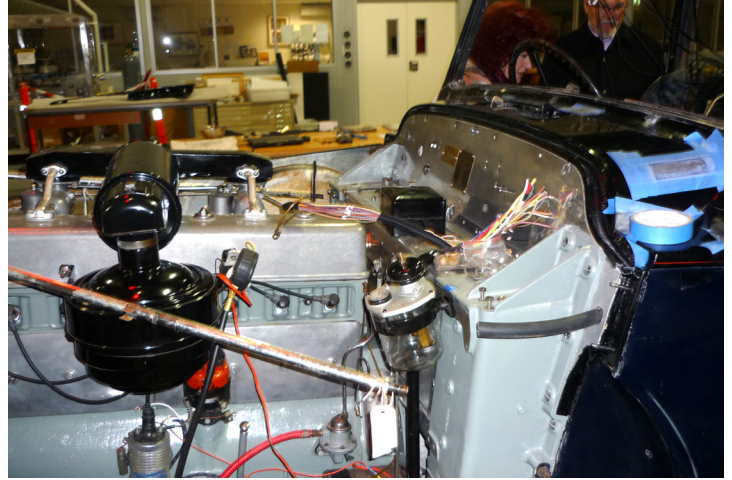
All display cars should be place prior to 9:30am and are expected to remain in place till 3:30 pm

Hoping to see as many of you as possible.

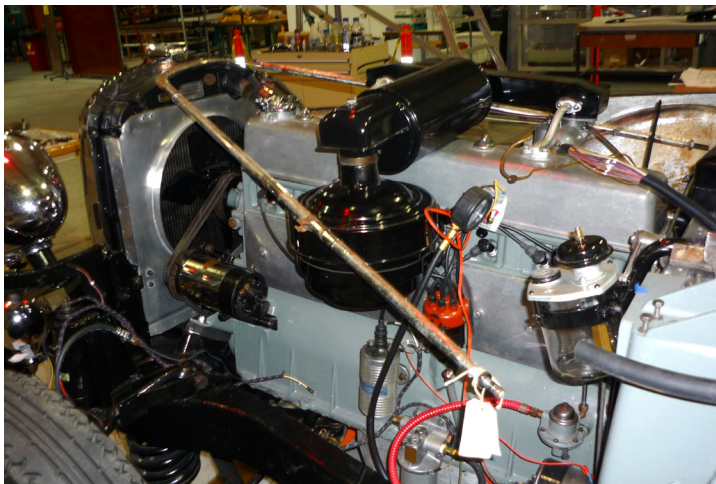
THE ROYAL DAIMLER UPDATE - CANBERRA



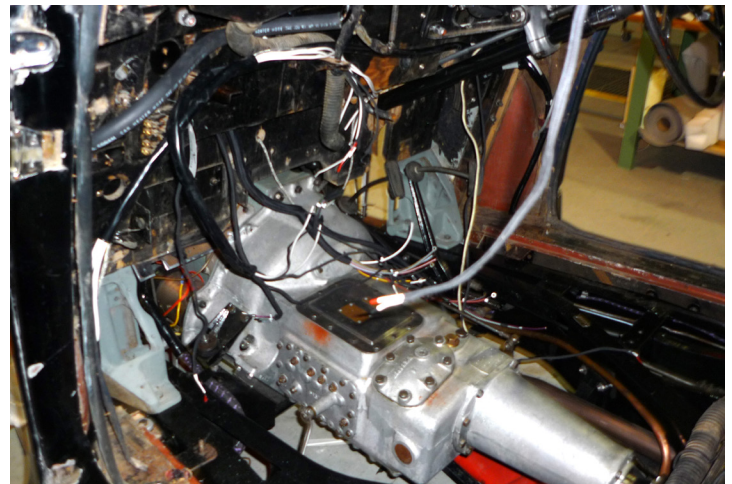
The body has been reunited with the chassis



Showing part of the new wiring looms in the engine bay



The engine looking pristine



Showing the front interior prior to fitout



The rear interior prior to fitout



Some of the restored timber components ready for fitting

ULURU - PROPOSED RALLY

At the Cootamundra weekend I was talking with some of the Victorians lamenting that we never did long runs like some other car clubs do. After discussing places to go, I volunteered to put a rally together without dates at this stage, although Sept/Oct 2018 might be suitable.

The suggestion is that both clubs take 2 days to get to Renmark. After that it would be

- Port Augusta, visiting Peterborough train museum on the way.
- Coober Pedy, visiting Woomera museum. Option to stay in underground motel
- A day in Coober on an organised tour of the opal fields and surrounds, incl the golf course.
- Then Erldunda only because it's convenient mile wise. Photo the NT/SA border monument
- Ayers Rock or Uluru. Evening sunset
- Day there to circumnavigate the Rock and explore the Olgas.
- To Alice Springs.
- A day in Alice to look around, visit Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm
- Then a long drive back to Coober Pedy but the roads are good, straight and easy.
- Back to Port Augusta
- To Mildura, possibly via Quorn to see the remnants of a Renard road train.
- Day in Mildura, possibly river cruise
- 2 days to get home

This works out at 16 days – Saturday to Sunday week.

There is a cost involved for motels, meals and fuel, but cheaper than flying overseas for 2 weeks.

I am asking for expressions of interest only at this stage, to see if it's viable. Victoria will do the same. So if you think you could be interested, give me a ring in July (after the 6th)

9984 1169 - John Hiscox



PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND

This year the President's weekend will be on 9th/10th September.

We are heading for the Coolangatta Estate on the south coast, meeting at around 11:30 AM in the morning for lunch at the Gerroa Boat Fisherman's Club at Gerroa, NSW. After a leisurely drive to the historic Coolangatta Estate you may book in & partake of a choice of activities in the afternoon, which include golf, wine-tasting, a local drive, further wine tasting or just relax somewhere on the estate.

Rooms have been reserved, but if you intend going you will need to phone & reserve a room & pay a \$100 deposit. The tariff of \$270 includes an en-suite room, bottle of wine for 2, dinner on Saturday night & Buffet breakfast on Sunday Morning.

On Sunday morning it is suggested that we take a one hour return journey on BIGFOOT to the top of Mt Coolangatta & enjoy the magnificent views of the South Coast. Check out is at noon on Sunday.

After Checking out, you will then be invited to join us for lunch at the Mt Camberwarra café at 1:00PM. Directions provided after breakfast Sunday.

The BIGFOOT RIDE COST IS \$25 PER ADULT & lunch on Saturday & Sunday is at own expense.

We are intending to have an after dinner speaker on Saturday night.

This promises to be a fun filled relaxing weekend with a sensible amount of driving & plenty of time to socialize with other Club members.

Phone for bookings to Monica BEFORE 31st August on (02)44487131. Mention the Daimler Club as special rates & rooms apply.

Jim Gellett - President



PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND



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 5TH JUNE, 2017.

The meeting commenced at 8:00pm with Jim Gellett in The Chair.

Members Present:

Jim Gellett, Alan Hunt, Merv McDonald, Robert Brandes, Ray Palmer, Peter Grant.

Apologies:

Russell Turner, Christine and Warren Cole, Carolyn Birch.

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: Alan Hunt. Seconded: Merv McDonald. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Peter Grant reported that a replacement "Fifty Years of the Daimler UK Club" book has been received, thanks sent to the UK Club.

Correspondence:

Two editions of the WA Club Journal, Victorian Club Journal.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Nil.

Treasurer's Report:

Alan Hunt presented the treasurer's report. The club has \$19069.54 in funds, of which \$10673.75 is in a term deposit and the balance in the cheque account.

The treasurer's report was accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Alan Hunt, Seconded: Bob Aylward. Carried.

New Members:

Nil.

MINUTES OF A MEETING

Social Report:

11 JUN: Run to Gosford Motor Museum. Meet at Cowan Truck Stop (Berowra) at 10.00 a.m for a 10.30 a.m departure..

JUL: Myles Felstead hosted invitation run to Southern Highlands.

04 NOV: Turner V8 engine day at the home of the Stoodleys (a Saturday).

12 NOV: Run to Lake Macquarie Light Rail Museum.

CMC

Merv reported on the recent meeting.

A written evaluation of the new log book system was discussed and while there appeared to be some inconsistency between earlier talks and the report the best advice was if you take your car out put the trip in the log book.

There are 380 cars on the modified car system already.

The RMS is looking at the definition of “period options and accessories” and the CMC will suggest that individual clubs are best placed to decide what is within that definition as every marque has different available items for its cars.

Some clubs may need to look at their constitutions to make sure they comply with the new system especially modified vehicles.

All British.

Tickets have been received from All British.

The Club will allocate tickets to those bringing Daimlers firstly, then to those bringing classic vehicles that would enhance our display and then to those not bringing classic vehicles if there are tickets left. 60 tickets have been received and members re asked to remember that they have cost the Club \$10.00 each so if you ask for a ticket do attend and bring your Daimler if at all possible. Volunteers will be needed to help marshal traffic. Mason’s Drive will be closed at 10.00 a.m. so please get there well before that time otherwise you have to enter with the public and there will be an extra fee.

Regalia.

Nil.

MINUTES OF A MEETING

Library.

Merv is arranging some computer upgrades to the library catalogue.

Editor:

Someone is hacking Car Club sites and sending out bogus requests from members to pay certain invoices. Beware!!!

Conditional Plates:

Nil.

Registrars:

Nil.

Technical and Spares:

Jim reported that the Lanchester Leda that has been advertised has been sold in Queensland for \$14000.00.

For Sale and Wants:

Ken Beech from Queensland is desperately seeking new engine heads or a solution to the corroded old ones on his fine Majestic Major limousine.

General Business:

Jim gellett was in Canberra last week and visited the Royal Daimler at the Museum Depot at Mitchell ACT.

The body is now on the chassis and work continues to conserve and preserve where possible or restore and replace where the original is no longer viable.

The rear seat has been reupholstered in authentic cloth sourced from England but the front seats (in leather) have been restored and conserved.

The Museum is seeking some assistance regarding the landaulette folding mechanism and retaining buckles.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.00 p.m.

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1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

Denis Leys

PART NINETEEN

PART NINETEEN - INTERIOR WOOD TRIM

The Consort contains a lot of decorative woodwork apart from the dashboard itself. All of the woodwork in the vehicle was badly weathered to a grey colour.

I rubbed all woodwork back with 240 dry to remove the remains of the old finish, and to prepare the surface for polyester finish.

I use hand rub polyester which is applied with a rag rather than a brush. This method applies a very thin coat and leaves no brush marks.

I applied 10 coats of poly with a light rub using 240 dry in between coats. This was followed by a more comprehensive rub with 240 to remove the appearance of grain through the finish.

A further 10 coats of poly restored the lustre and depth of finish.

All of this timber is solid wood finish and not veneer. I will be restoring the veneered pieces separately.

Related Youtube video – [1949 Daimler DB 18 Consort Resurrection Part 19](#)

Next Edition: Part 20 - Woodwork Repairs in the Rear of the Vehicle

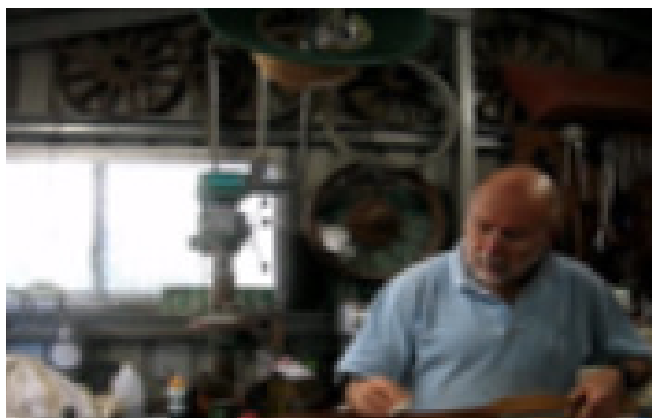


Figure 1 - Top of the dash receiving a coating of polyester

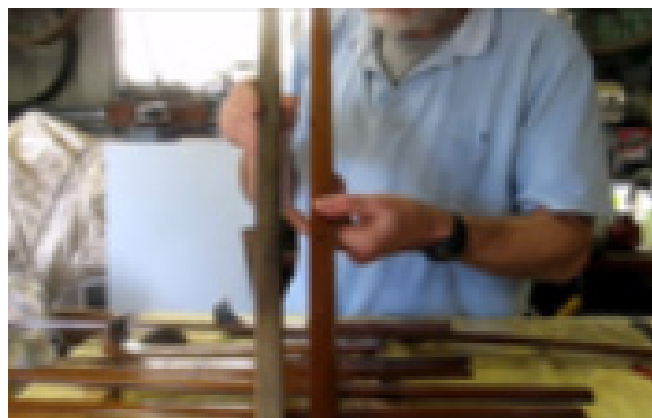


Figure 2 - Weathered timber can be restored to good colour and lustre



Figure 3 - Top of the dash now has good colour and lustre

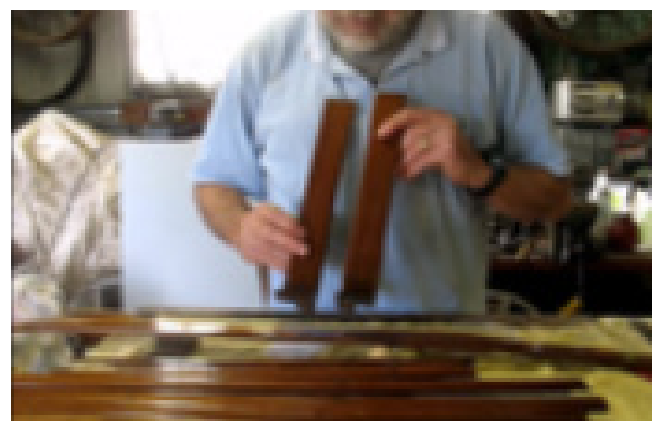


Figure 4 - Windscreen surrounds

1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

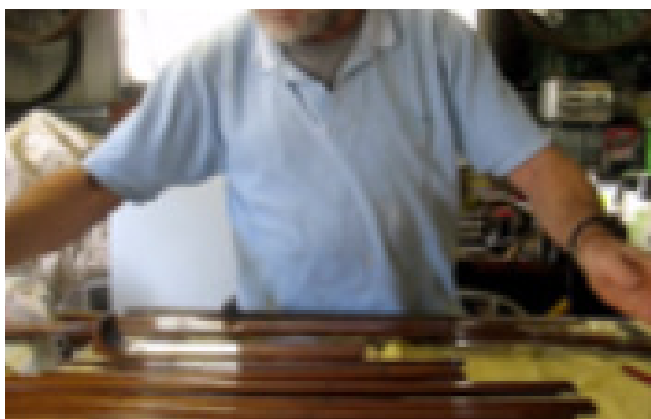


Figure 5 - Timbers for the tops of the doors

DEAR LADY NORAH



I was astounded to read an advert in the last issue of Fluid Driving for a Daimler V8 cover nuts tool. During my time as a prestige mechanic at Hercules Motors, it was stressed that these nuts must only be tightened by hand pressure & no tools, multigrips etc, are to be used. As strong as they are, distortion of the covers can take place. Hand pressure only will be sufficient to seat the covers onto the cork gaskets.

Sincerely

John Steel

V8 registrar.

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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The AMCA Australia Board is proud to
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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

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. (badge bar not included)

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

Other Interesting Bits and Pieces

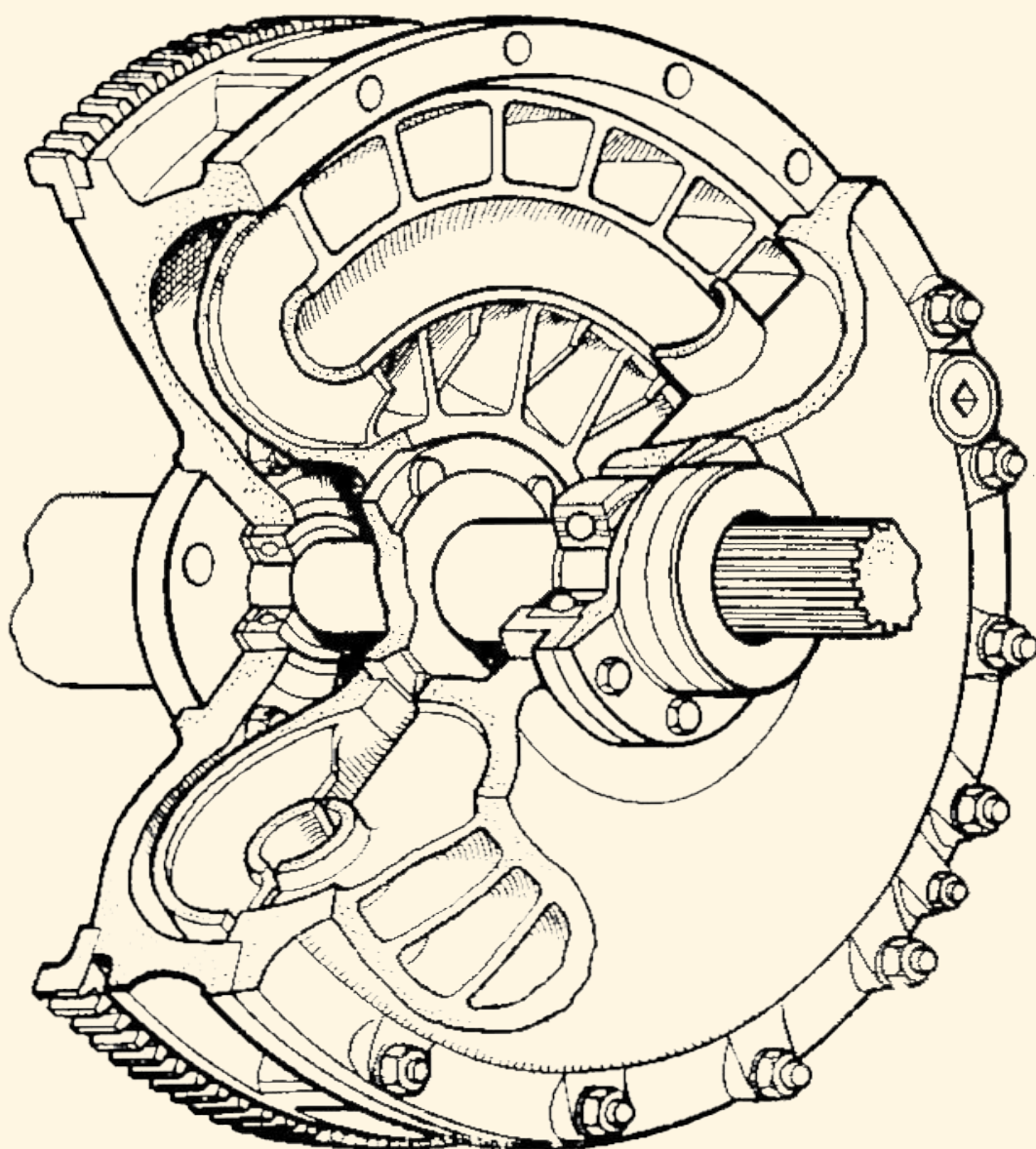
Daimler Days (Vols 1 & 2)	\$150
Royal Daimlers – Brian Smith	\$40
Daimler Century – Lord Montagu, etc	\$50
3 x framed prints i) The Royal Daimler	\$50
ii) The Noble Car	\$50
iii) The New 2 ½ Daimler (DB18)	\$30
2 Daimler champagne flutes	\$20
2 x 2 Daimler mugs	\$10/pair
1 Grill suit Majestic or Majestic Major	\$200
1 original Eagle Mascot purchased from Daimler	
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Boot lid	\$300
Photo copy E20 Owners handbook	\$20
Various Road tests and technical information	\$10
Contact John Allcock on (02) 4739 8184	

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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