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# **OUR NEXT MEETING**

#### 8PM MONDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2016 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

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# MARQUE REGISTRARS

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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 9634-7101(H)
SP 250	Merv McDonald	9670-6797 (H)
Sovereign, and all Jaguar based models incl. DS 420	Colin Cox	(02)4739 3301

# **SP250 CALENDARS**

#### This is a follow-up of an email sent out on October 26th

As in past years Alan Mason in the UK has produced a couple of SP250 Calendars with profits going to the PasSPort fund to help with the costs associated with getting that out each year to you free of charge.

A desk version and wall hanging version have been produced as in past years with different pictures in each version. A couple of Aussie photo's have made it into the calenders again this year.

Alan has asked that we do a co-ordinated order again this year as it saves on postage costs. Last year landed cost of each calendar was \$24.75 plus postage within Australia (Approx \$3.00 per single or \$5.00 for two).

The exchange rate is similar to last year so should be around the same sort of cost. (Yes you can order individually from ALAN Mason if you want his email address is listed below.)

Please email me your requirements before FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER and I will place a bulk order and then send them out once recieved from the UK. What a great Chrissy pressie.......

Mark Brooks - Email - dsp250@iinet.net.au

Email for Alan Mason is - soaring.ace@btinternet.com

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# PRESIDENT / EDITOR'S REPORT

Well, what a great time was had by all at the perpetual picnic day. With a great mix of long standing, medium term & newer members all taking the opportunity to get to know each other better as well as enjoying the fun & frivolity of the day. It always seems to go too fast. Thanks to Russell & Jenny for all the work put in to organizing the day, great work team.

By the time you read this, the River Cruise will have come & gone & I am sure that all those attending will enjoy another time together. I hope the ferry is equipped with an appropriate Daimler/Lanchester/BSA engine to make the day complete.

The next major event will be the Christmas party

again at Russell & Jenny's home at Springwood, details in the events section of this Magazine. Please make their job easier by contacting them to see what you can bring to fill our empty tummies. Thanks again to Russell & Jenny for making their home available again this year. If you think it will be boring to go back to the same location, think again, you won't recognize the place. 60 minute makeover & backyard blitz have all been in & transformed the place!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting next Monday night & also at the Christmas party.

Jim Gellett

# **COMING EVENTS 2016/2017**

November 2016 Sunday 6

#### Note # Date Changed plus Price Increase

Hawkesbury Crusies 'Sunday on the Hawkesbury'.

Cruise along taking in the beautiful scenery that the magnificent Hawkesbury River has to offer. This cruise includes morning tea and coffee with their famous homemade ANZAC biscuits, lunch (the best fish and chips in Brooklyn), and informative commentary throughout the cruise. Departs Brooklyn Public Wharf at 11am. Returns 2.15pm.

Travel by Catamaran, Motor Vessel

Duration Half Day or less.

Price \$15.00 - \$55.00 Price Range Inclusions: 3.25 hour cruise, morning tea, fish and chips lunch and full historic commentary throughout the cruise. Adults \$55.00, Seniors \$45.00, Children (4-14 years) \$15.00.

If you have a GPS in your car, use 'Dangar Road, Brooklyn' as the address.

If not, take the Brooklyn/Mooney Mooney exit off the M1 Pacific Motorway (formerly the F3 Freeway), follow all the signs to Brooklyn (these will bring you over the old Pacific Hwy bridge to the Sydney side of the river) and turn left onto Brooklyn Rd. Go all the way to the end of it and turn left when you can go no further. You'll find the ticket office in the truck at the end of the cul-de-sac on Dangar Rd in Brooklyn, right beside the Hawkesbury River train station.

Expressions of Interest to Graham McDonald by Thursday 3 November please, email events@dlocaustralia.org, phone (02) 9533 3128 or mobile 0422972094.

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# COMING EVENTS 2016/2017

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December	Christmas Lunch			
2016 Sunday 11	Again to be held at Russell and Jenny Turner's home, a battle axe block, 63 Davies Avenue Springwood, 2777.			
	For those attending, please contact Russell or Jenny on mobile 0419 980 030 to determine what dishes to bring.			
	Also don't forget each attendee should bring a present, to the value of no more than \$15.00, male for male and female for female. Also bring something for the raffle.			
January	Cocktail Cruise			
2017 Tuesday 10	John Steel's famous Cocktail Cruise – Balmoral Park Mosman from 5 pm – It has been some years since this spot has been chosen for evening cocktails. BYO food and drinks. Directions take Military Road turn from Spit Road, turn left Raglan Street, and right onto the Esplanade. We will be set up near the Sailing Club at the southern end of the beach. See UBD map 217 F7 or for techies use link <a href="https://binged.it/2dQTObF">https://binged.it/2dQTObF</a>			
January	Australia Day			
2017	CARnivale Parramatta. 2017 marks the 60th anniversary since the closure of the			
Thurs 26	Parramatta Park racing circuit. Among the vehicles on display at CARnivale in 2017 will			
	be some of the cars that took part in races on the circuit in 1957. Join 60,000 other auto aficionados and check out the vehicles on display at CARnivale this Australia Day!			
	In addition to CARnivale, other activities in Parramatta Park will include:			
	A spectacular hot air balloon display from 6am			
	Parramatta BBQ Festival			
	A family zone with concert and kids' rides in The Crescent			
	The Hottest 100 Party in the Park			
	Concert acts on the Main Stage			
	A fireworks spectacular to finish the day-long celebrations.			
February	Breakfast Run - To be advised			
2017 Sunday 12				
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# **DARTING ABOUT**

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

We have had another month where SP250s have changed hands. One of those was a car (1962 B spec chassis 104016) owned by David & Ann Wilpour. They had the SP250 for 36 years and I seem to remember Ann telling my they drove the car on their honeymoon. The car has been off the road for many years and will need some work to get it back into road going condition. I am delighted to report that the car has gone to a new owner, John Haak who has the skills to bring the car back to top condition. John has commenced a conversion to rack and pinion steering and has purchased a 5 speed Toyota gear box. The car has a hard top but no hood. Can anyone advise John about acquiring or making the frame ribs? You can contact John at prospeednsw@msn.com

The other SP250 to change hands was Warren & Chris Cole's project car (1961 A spec chassis 102631) which was sold to Tim Mallyon. We can hope to see that car on the road as well. So, together with Cameron & Anne Norgrove's car (1960 B spec, chassis 100504) reported last month sold to Michael & Gabrielle Stringer we can look forward to meeting three new owners at some of our SP250 events.

As we did not have a Darter's event in October I will provide a brief report on a weekend Carolyn and I had in Melbourne where we visited MOTORCLASSICA. It was cold and wet so first a riddle: Why did Governor Phillip settle in Sydney rather than Melbourne? Answer: Because he had first choice!

MOTORCLASSICA had a sensational gathering of cars, motorbikes, and commercial stands. It was held indoors at the Royal Exhibition Building and there were club organized displays in the parking area in front of the building. We were disappointed to

find no SP250s and indeed not a single Daimler.

However we did find one interesting motorbike, a 1968 Triumph 650 Bonneville. If you know why this is relevant to SP250 owners you qualify as a DDT (Daimler Dart Tragic)



Finally, don't forget our November run is on Sunday 6 November. We will drive independently to Spencer and meet for lunch at 12:30pm. Please let me know if you plan to join the lunch

# **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.

Sunday November 6 – Run to Spencer Village Store, 4666 Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer. The café is very popular with car and bike clubs. Please check the web site. We have booked space for 20 people on their wharf which will allow us to lunch with the water lapping around while being able to keep an eye on our cars. Carolyn and I visited the café and negotiated a \$10 lunch special – either a burger or fish & chips.

The plan is to make your way independently to the café and arrive in time for lunch at 12:30pm. Please let me knew if you plan to make the run so that I can confirm our numbers with the café. (email: hunts@optushome.com.au)

Saturday November 26 – Christmas BBQ at the home of Mark and Tracey Brooks. 52 Matthew Parade, Blaxland 2774. Please arrive any time after 5:00pm for dinner at 6:30pm. Tracey will provide the dinner at a charge of \$20 per person. Please BYO drinks and chairs and could you please advise Mark or Tracey by 18 November if you plan to attend. (phone 4739 1589 or email: dsp250@iinet.net.au)

**Saturday January 14** – Run to the Figgis family beach house to arrive at 10am for breakfast/brunch. The address for use in a GPS system is 49 North Avoca Parade, North Avoca. Stephen and Helen's home is actually opposite that address but their address will confuse any GPS system. Stephen has invited people to arrive early if they would like to try the North Avoca surf.

**Friday February 3** – Meeting at the home of Alan and Carolyn, 37 Derriwong Road, Dural. Please arrive from 6:30 pm for the traditional Derriwong sausage sizzle. A dip in the pool is also on offer. Please let me know by Wednesday 1 February if you would like to join the sausage sizzle.

Saturday March 18 - Run to be announced

Friday April 7 - Meeting, location to be announced.

**Darting Off** 

Alan

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

# DAIMLER ANNUAL PICNIC

What beautiful weather for a picnic – we were lucky the wind didn't intrude on our picnic area — Commandment Rock. It was great to catch up with friends as family commitments has absented us for a while.

Enjoying the sunshine and company of friends were Jim and Denise Gellett, Ian and Debbie Johnson, Chris and Warren Cole, Russell and Jenny Turner, Graham and Joan Mc Donald, Meg and Paul Copland, Merve McDonald, Jane and Chris Maher, Anna and Bernard Choongo, Paul and Karen Davis, John Steel, John and Eve Hiscox, Robyn and Peter Hanson and family-Pieter, Michelle, Sophia and Linnea and of course Kevin and myself.

A warm welcome to our new members Bernard and Anna-I hope you have a long and happy association with our club.

Eve was sporting a beautiful, symbolic ring- a gift from John on their 60th wedding anniversary –well done John- great choice and congratulations to you both.

I went home sporting a delightful bright yellow curly wig from the Bad Hair Day Competition – I will see what the Grandkids think about Grandma's new hair today!

Many thanks to the organizers for this enjoyable event.









# DAIMLER ANNUAL PICNIC (CONT'D)













# MINUTES OF A MEETING

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DAIMLER AND LANCHESTER OWNERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC. HELD AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB ON MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 2016.

The meeting commenced at 8:06 pm with Jim Gellett in the chair.

#### **Apologies:**

Colin Cox, Russell Turner, Caroline Burch

(Attendees Jim Gellett, Alan Hunt, Graham McDonald, Warren and Chris Cole)

#### **Previous Minutes:**

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

Alan/Graham

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

Nil

#### **Correspondence:**

Russell Turner advised by email the DB18 Special Sports at Shannon's Melbourne recent auction sold for \$38,000 to a West Australian. DLOCCA was the only club to provide any feedback and lots of time & encouragement re Daimler to the purchaser, which was well appreciated.

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

Nil

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

Current account balance at 3 October 2016 \$7,608.90 Term Deposit \$10,599.95

MSA payment approval for Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Professional Risk \$534.60, printing costs \$23.76 plus \$200 for stamps for magazine.

Moved Alan agreed Jim / Warren

#### **New Members:**

Mr & Ms Choongo

Mr & Ms Peter Lowe

# MINUTES OF A MEETING

#### **Social Report:**

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

Suggestion that email go out to members reminding them of the October picnic.

#### **Editor:**

"Dear Lady Norah (Docker)" segment has commenced in the magazine, and will provide members with the opportunity to ask questions (technical or other) and seek answers from the collective wisdom of the other members. Correspondents are requested to provide contact details in their questions and for respondents to include the Editor in their reply.

#### Website:

The Webmaster has advised there is a tool available to monitor usage of the website. As a result he has advised that 63% of members are accessing the magazine on the first day of publication. This is well above average for other web based magazines.

#### Registrars:

Warren advised his SP 250 restoration project has gone to Tim Mallyon in Kareela

#### Library:

Nil

#### Regalia:

Nil

#### **Conditional Plates:**

An inquiry was received from Mr Hoffman of Glen Haven re possible conditional registration of his SP250.

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

Alan Hunt advised that his SP250 had failed to proceed on an extremely busy road earlier in the day and that he was most appreciative of his prior purchase of the safety reflective triangle. There are still some available at \$15 each see Graham McDonald (\$30 in stores). Reference was also made to the first "Dear Norah" correspondent Richard Thwaites and the appearance of water under the rocker cover.

# MINUTES OF A MEETING

#### For Sale and Wants:

Alan Skofic's request for wedding cars for his niece's wedding to be posted next issue.

#### **CMC Report:**

Nil

#### **All British Day Meeting:**

It was advised that surplus funds were raised from this year's event due to the change from the planned use of police for traffic control to an RMS official changing the traffic light phasing. It was therefore proposed and agreed that a donation be given to Kings School for use of the venue.

#### **General Business:**

The issue of the publishing of non-DLOCCA events for members was raised. Members are advised, that for an event to be minuted or advertised in our magazine, it must be an official invitation to the club.

It was also advised that an invitation was received from the National Trust who will be holding its Highway 31 Heritage Run on the 5th and 6th of November. Contact details are Kay Proos, Heritage Festival Coordinator and Events Manager National Trust of Australia (NSW) phone (02) 9258 0112 email kproos@nationaltrust.com. au Upper Fort Street, Observatory Hill (Millers Point), NSW 2000

PO Box 518, Sydney, NSW 2001 website: http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:15pm.

NEXT MEETING OF THE DLOCCA WILL BE MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 2016

#### **Committee Meeting:**

A Committee Meeting held at 9:16pm was convened to determine if further detailed discussion was required after the General Meeting.

The Committee agreed that there being no additional discussions or decision points at this time then the Committee meeting was closed at 9:17 pm.

# DEAR LADY NORAH (DOCKER)



Dear Lady Nora,

CONDENSATION: Over the winter here in Canberra, my Conquest has had a lot of cold starts and no very long runs. The other day I took off my rocker cover and found a large yellowish dollop of emulsified oil and water sitting between two of the rockers, under the breather tube that goes up from the cover to the air silencer just before the carburettor.

It seems that water drawn in from the humid air has been condensing in the air silencer, mixing with oil vapour, and forming a sludge that finds its way down the breather pipe on to the top of the head. There was also some evidence of water there. I suppose some must have been dropping down into the sump, though the dipstick doesn't show anything wrong with the oil.

I took some temperature readings and it is obvious that the air silencer takes a lot longer to warm up than the body of the engine - so it would be expected that it could be acting as a condenser for any vapour passing through it.

Have other Daimler owners with oil-bath air silencers had the same experience? Is there an established procedure for dealing with it?

I have wondered about installing some sort of by-pass or u-bend in the breather pipe, to stop the emulsion dropping down. If it stays in the silencer, presumably it will eventually heat up, vaporise, and be drawn through the inlet manifold and burned off.

Submitted by: Richard Thwaites

#### Dear Richard,

Condensate and emulsified oil under the rocker cover on engines running in cold climates is a common problem. Depending on the engine design the problem can range from a minor annoyance to engine failure. I will put it this way. On your engine under the rocker there is the rockers, push rods, valves and their return springs. The rocker shaft is hollow and a pressure fed oil supply is pumped through it when the engine is running. A build up of emulsified oil would cause no real problems under normal running conditions.

On the Ford 4 cylinder over head cam engines the operating components and there are plenty of them depend on oil spray. Problems arise when there is a build up of emulsified oil because it prevents lubrication and leads to failure.

The condensate is NOT drawn in from outside the engine. Water is a by-product of burning hydrocarbon fuel. I forget the ratio but the amount of water produced from burning I litre of petrol is quite surprising. This water and other contaminates are the result blow by where combustion gases bypass the piston rings and end up in the lubrication oil.

# DEAR LADY NORAH (DOCKER) (CONT'D)

How to fix it. You could install a hot air sleeve over the exhaust manifold to preheat the incoming air during the colder months. Many new cars have these and you could easily get one from the wreckers. It would not fix the condensate problem but would help with quick warm up. I periodically remove the rocker cover on the straight 8 and clean it out. Perhaps this is your best option next to taking the car for a long drive occasionally.

Most engines have the crankcase breather pipe led to the air cleaner. This provides a slight suction which draws off the fumes and burns them in the combustion cycle. Later engines had a valve called the P.C.V. Positive crankcase ventilation valve. Basically it was a metal slug mounted in a tube. The pressure in the crankcase would lift it and allow the fumes to pass into the carburettor. What you may be able to do in your case is to connect a hose from the breather vent pipe and lead it to the air cleaner. Many of the old oil bath air cleaners had a nipple on the side for this tube so you might fine one already there. If there is not one could be easily made. Make sure it is above the level of the oil. Leading this pipe to the air cleaner will reduce your problem and also lessen the chances of insects building nests in the end of the breather.

Response submitted by Lindsay Price

If you have any questions which you would like submitted to Lady Norah simply address them via the editor to <a href="editor@dlocaustralia.org">editor@dlocaustralia.org</a>

# 1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

# Denis Leys PART FOURTEEN PART FOURTEEN - FITTING THE BONNET AND FRONT BUMPER BAR

The bumper bar had suffered some damage in the past to the extent that the steel support was bent.

The support was straightened and the bar itself also required some reshaping before fitting.

The bonnet was in good shape without any damage or rust but the trial fitting revealed a poor fit around the radiator surround.

The bonnet was actually shorter on the passenger side and had to be lengthened to achieve the correct fit.

Related Youtube video - 1949 Daimler DB 18 Consort Resurrection Part 14

Part 15 - Preparing Panels for Paint



Figure 1 - Front panel fits under radiator and guards



Figure 2 - Rust cut out and replaced on driver's side



Figure 3 - Rust cut out and replaced on passenger side



Figure 5 - bumper support bent back about 10 mm



Figure 7 - On the driver's side the bonnet was touching the surround



Figure 9 - Bonnet lengthened with new metal



Figure 4 - Repaired panel fitted



Figure 6 - A pair of driving lights were mounted on the front panel



Figure 8 - On the passenger side there was a large gap



Figure 10 - All rust repairs now completed and body reassembled

# **MOTORWORLD SYDNEY**



MotorWorld Sydney is destined to become Australia's ultimate automotive festival and biggest driving experience with up to 50,000 local and national visitors expected to attend. The event offers visitors the opportunity to test-drive cars on track, road or off-road circuits. It will be the most engaging and entertaining way for car enthusiasts and interested buyers to compare the various brands and the latest models available. Close to 7,000 test drive opportunities will be on offer over the four day event.

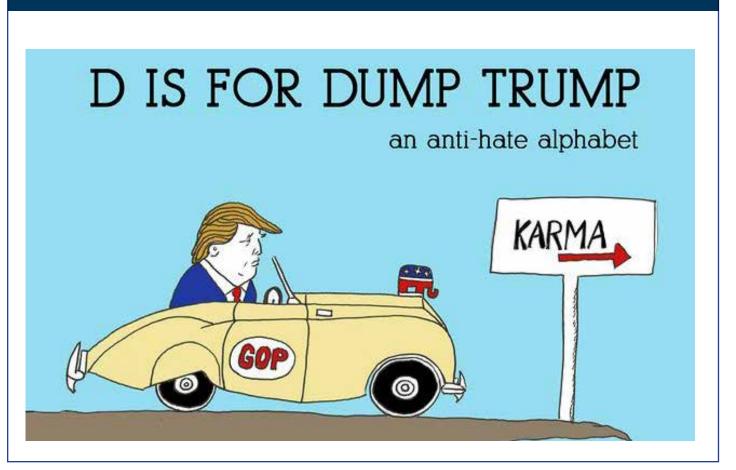
There will be many exciting activations at MotorWorld Sydney such as the spectacular People's Choice "Show & Shine" displays of some of the best car clubs throughout New South Wales as well as a comprehensive entertainment and educational program, lifestyle & aftermarket retail sales and family zones which will ensure that all motoring enthusiasts and members of the family will have a great day out.

The event is themed across each of the four days as follows:

- Day 1: December 1 Ladies Day and Media Day
- Day 2: December 2 Luxury / Performance Day
- Day 3: December 3 Family Day
- Day 4: December 4 Special Olympics Charity Dream Ride day

You can find the latest updates on their website: www.motorworldsydney.com

# A FAMILIAR LOOKING TRUMP-MOBILE?



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# FOR SALE

1962 Daimler Majestic Major Chassis No. 136880, black over silver.

Excellent grey leather interior, 4,500 miles since full restoration.

The car was purchased by Wormald Bros Ind Ltd on 16.7.1962 from Hercules Motors (have original manufacturers warranty card, thanks to Michael Barnes.)

The car was then purchased by Kevin Barnes and used for many years as an everyday car and on club runs.

Ian Rowlandson in Melbourne purchased the car from Kevin and fully restored it. He then sold it to Andrew Lidden in Mittagong in 1998.

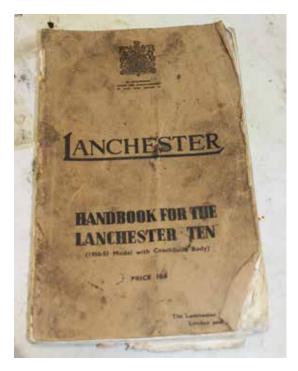
I purchased the car at an auction in Mittagong on 22.11.2005 and detailed the car and got it registered on conditional registration with mileage 3,892 miles

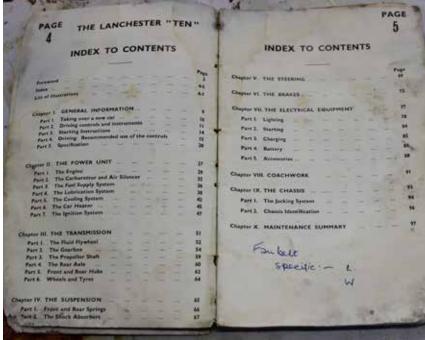
The car is in good mechanical condition with excellent upholstery, but the paint work has deteriorated slightly after 20 years since restoration.

Asking price – best offer over \$15,000.00

#### **FOR SALE**

I have for sale one scruffy Lanchester LD10 Handbook with the back cover missing. Asking price is \$25.00 plus postage from Brisbane. Contact Trevor Johnsson on 0409222248 or email johnssontm@bigpond.com





### **WANTED**

I am presently restoring a 1959 Daimler majestic and am looking for a source for all the rubber body gaskets. I am also on the hunt for 4 replacement doors as mine are quite rusty. I was hoping you could steer me in the right direction. I am up in Alberta Canada but will be OK with the freight costs if I can find any. I have been unable to find anything in North America. Thanks in advance for any consideration.

Neil Nilson - Contact neil.nilson@aluma.com

# WANTED - DAIMLERS AS WEDDING CARS

There is a request for members to be able to meet a need for the above on 27th May 2017 for Alan Skofic's niece's wedding. Contact Alan on 0435139106 if you are able to help out.

# PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY

The Announcement of the First AMCA Australia National Meet, 2017

Fellow Antique, Vintage and Classic Motorcycle enthusiasts!

The AMCA Australia Board is proud to announce our inaugural National Meet, which 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.

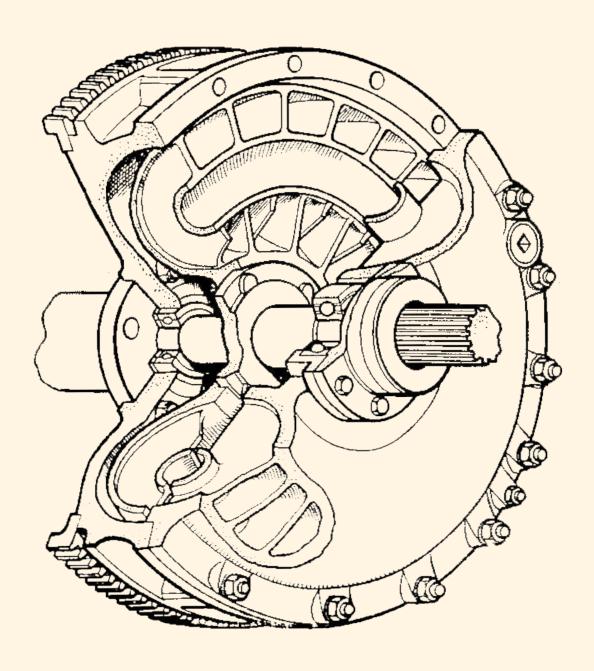
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