

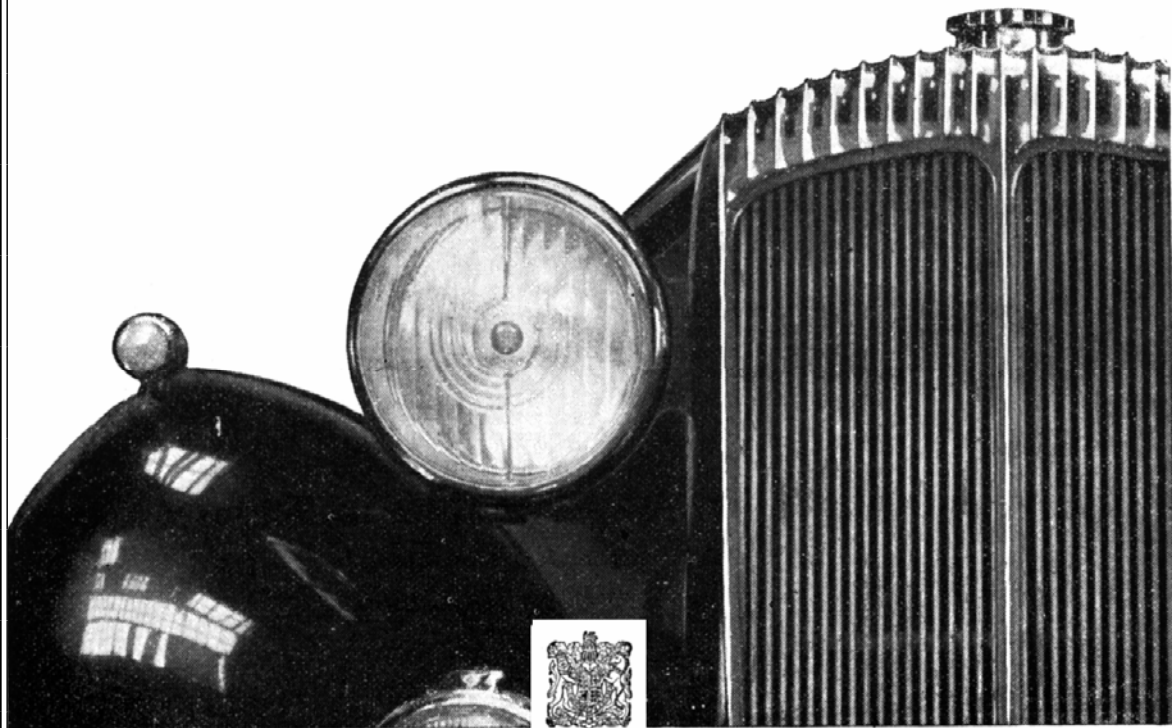
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Fluid Driving

The Official Journal of the

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Our Next Meeting
8 pm Monday 7th October, 2013
at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club,
Ryedale Road , West Ryde

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\$20 JOINING FEE

\$50 STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

ASSOCIATES: \$5 EACH

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DE range, incl. DH & DC	John Hiscox	9984-1169
DF, DR, DQ, DK incl Regency, 104, Majestic & Major	Colin Cox Warren Cole	02 - 4739-3301(H) 02—96551111 (H)
DJ range, incl. Century & Leda	Campbell Middleton	02 – 4758 7125
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Thank you to John Steel, Malcolm Nixon, Peter Grant, and Liz Brodie (photos) for their contribution to this magazine.

New Member

Welcome to Peter Lalchere who has a 1938-9 DB 18/1

Shed Day (Daimler Parts)

Tuesday 8th October 2013
112 Pitt Town Road McGraths Hill

Please contact Victor on his mobile

Sunday 12th and 13th October Invitation Run	Campbelltown Steam and Machinery Museum Weekend. This has been included in our calendar for any person wishing to attend this rally. You will need to notify your attendance by contacting the organiser Alexander Ball on (02) 46211177 by 1st October.
19th—20th October	Canberra Centenary Weekend .Details for this weekend have been detailed in the last 2 magazines. Please see them for details. Contact Graham McDonald ASAP if you wish to join the group for this weekend.
9th—10th November	Presidents Weekend in the Blue Mountains. See details in the Presidents Report.
Saturday 30 November	Darters Christmas Lunch at Waterview Restaurant, Berowra. Price \$55 per person for a sea food buffet not including beverages. Please make you bookings with Graham Paterson or Faye Chiswick 4945 4456 or faye.chiswick@bigpond.com
Sunday 8th December	DLOCCA Christmas Party — At the home of John and Chris Hurst. 30 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst. From 11.30am Please contact Chris Hurst on 96542407 to arrange catering contributions. BYO drinks, chairs, cutlery and crockery Bring donation for the raffle and a present per person to put in the Christmas Boxes JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY
Thursday 3rd April— Monday 7th April 2014	2014 National Rally in SA. The event is planned to be held at Loxton on the Murray River in the Riverland Region of South Australia. To permit organisers to plan accommodation and other requirements and regardless of any previous expression of interest, can you now please contact Graham McDonald phone home 9533 3128 mobile 0422 972 094 or email grahjoan@tpg.com.au providing name(s) and contact details before 30 July 2013, thanks.

EDITORS NOTE

Last month on p10 the XJS was Roger Giles'

My apologies Roger for incorrectly naming another member for your car.

Last month I revealed my plans for this year's president's weekend and we now need to confirm that we will be proceeding as planned. Unfortunately I have had very little response so far and I need you to let me know if you are coming. Please contact me before 11th October by phone or email as listed below.

I must have numbers to the venue to secure rooms etc by 11th October and I will have to consider postponing the event if insufficient interest is expressed. Please consider attending as this is a magnificent venue in beautiful surroundings, a not to be missed opportunity.

The event has been planned for the weekend of 9th/10th of November and I have found a wonderful venue in the Blue Mountains. The plan at this moment is to meet at Ham Common, Richmond and drive to Katoomba (route not confirmed yet) and arrive at the Mountain Heritage Guest House for a Barbeque Lunch and then visit the sights around Katoomba and Leura which are both within 10 minutes walking distance. Secure parking for our vehicles has been arranged at the venue and is hidden from public roads.

Dinner is a gourmet 3 course meal in our private dining room with magnificent views over the Megalong Valley before retiring to your luxury room for the as late as you wish with bar service until late.

After a full breakfast in the morning, we will drive a short distance to Leura for morning tea at a well known but now closed to the public, historic house, Yester Grange. This will provide a wonderful setting for a photo session for our cars and the group. Morning Tea is Chef's selection of cakes and tarts with tea and coffee.

We would then have time to visit Wentworth Falls before heading home before the traffic gets too busy.

Costings are as set out below and although somewhat dearer than our usual events, I feel it would be worthwhile as a way to treat yourselves to some luxury as we head towards Christmas.

Rooms start at \$243 for a single and \$258 for a double all with full breakfast included

Lunch is \$60 per person

Dinner is \$65 per person

Morning Tea is \$16 per person

Please contact me before 11th Oct ,Merv Mc Donald on 02 9670 6797, 0417 429 573 or on merv.mcdonald@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group on a 4 ½ star event.

Last month I also spoke about the club's need to find another TREASURER to replace Ian Fletcher in his role as club treasurer. Ian has indicated that after as long as I can remember,

needs a break .

This a very important role and Ian is more than happy to explain the details and provide training and support for his successor. Please contact Ian or any committee member or just turn up at a club meeting if you are interested

I know that within our club we would have people with the talent to do this essential job. Please think about it and talk to Ian to find out all about it.

The last month has been a very busy one with 3 excellent events which were all well attended and feedback is that all of those who attended had a great time at all events. Some of us were at all 3, which were Annual Display Day at The King's School, SP250 rally to Wagga Wagga and the wonderful harbour cruise on the historic Lady Hopetoun.

It was great to see so many members and their families having a good time at all events which are reported on elsewhere.

Thanks to all of you,

Merv.

The Daimler Club Takes to the Harbour on Board the Lady Hopetoun ***By Peter Grant***

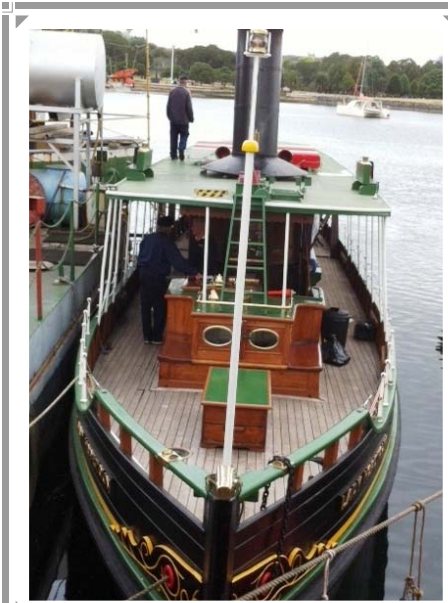
Victor Nash is a volunteer with the Sydney Maritime Fleet (and has been involved with them for a number of years) and he organised one of their vessels to enable the Daimler and Lanchester folk to enjoy a trip on Sydney Harbour for our September run.

We have been lucky enough to sample the Boomerang, a wonderful steam yacht formerly belonging to the Albert Family of Boomerang Music fame, the Waratah, a Sydney steam tug and three times now, the elegant Lady Hopetoun, built as a VIP steam conveyance in 1902 and beautifully restored by the Maritime Fleet in the 1990's.

The vessel has an interesting history and was even use for cabinet meetings during World War Two to promote secrecy away from prying ears!!!



To talk about the Lady Hopetoun is not enough, you really have to experience travel on her to appreciate the joy of the steam propulsion, the reciprocating engine, the gentle thunk thunk thunk of her running gear and the smooth and unhurried progress she makes through the waters of Sydney Harbour to understand what a lovely cruising vessel she is. The vessel



is very quiet, and I could understand why there were several occasions when a blast of her impressive steam whistle was required to warn smaller craft of her approach.

25 of us boarded her at about 10.45 a.m. on a mild and clam but overcast morning which whilst a bit cool on the foredeck was delightful weather for the covered stern section if it got too cold in the breeze. A little rain did not affect the day and it was a very pleasant afternoon with a mix of sunshine and cloud to display the harbour to us in a good light.

Everyone brought some food and wine to share and we set off for a gorgeous late morning/ early afternoon, of about four hours' cruising along Sydney Harbour, at a pace which allows one to properly sticky beak at all the water front houses and really enjoy the sights.

I have been on many harbour cruises, and I have to say that the three occasions on Lady Hopetoun have been stand out events. Maybe it is the company, the eager and friendly volunteers manning the ship, maybe the ideal weather conditions but always it is the glamour and elegance of the ship, and the whole package is just unique. Very Daimler, very "U".

Thanks to Victor for organising the event so professionally and for my fellow voyagers making it so pleasant. A truly magical day's outing on Sydney Harbour.

Peter Grant



Daimler Bus History By Malcolm Nixon

- Model CC-271 Daimler Chassis No 9 was built in July 1912 and shipped to Australia.
- On 25 January 1913 the Melbourne Argus Newspaper reported the Lord Mayor of Melbourne and some Councilors were driven from St Kilda to the City and return in a new Daimler Bus which had been in service for 2 to 3 weeks.
- The CC Daimler is powered by a 40HP sleeve valve engine with 110mm bore. The Chassis is timber with two steel fish plates riveted each side of the timber. It is understood the unit was shipped to Australia as Bonnet and Chassis with a London 'B' type bus body manufactured in Australia late 1912.
- The Daimler was purchased by the Melbourne Motor Omnibus Company who went on to purchase five in total numbers: CC-271, CC-275, CC-400, CC-521 and CC-585.
- It is interesting to note that the Daimler agent at the time was F. Massy Burnside and he went on to become General Manager of the Melbourne Omnibus Company.
- Melbourne Omnibus Company ran Daimler buses until early 1920, when trams took over the services. The Daimler bus fleet was subsequently sold off.
- CC-271 was purchased by a farmer at Wangaratta named Vickers Frost who removed the bus body and fitted a flat tray for transport of bee boxes.
- The Daimler gave good service for many years until disaster struck the motor with a conrod snapping and pushing a hole through the aluminum crankcase.
- The Daimler was pushed to a shed and left in disrepair.
- In late 2011 Malcolm Nixon in Wagga Wagga purchased the Daimler from Wangaratta. Since purchasing the unit Malcolm's company Nixon's Engineering in Wagga Wagga NSW have rebuilt the chassis, repaired the diff, gearbox and driveline.
- One of the largest challenges has been the remanufacture of the radiator with 400 brass tubes of 5/16" diameter purchased from the United States with Nixon's apprentices soldering the brass pipes to the end plates and a new bottom tank manufactured.
- The motor is still under repair with the hole in the aluminum crankcase rewelded, the crankshaft reground and four new conrods and pistons are being manufactured. Nixons Engineering have manufactured new sleeves for the motor out of special cast iron.
- Within 6 months we hope to have the Daimler registered and on the road.
- Research on CC-Model Daimlers by Richard Peskett shows there were 582 CC Daimlers manufactured with chassis numbers 1 to 582. The CC models were then superseded by CD models with chassis numbers CD-583 to CD-799.
- CC models started in June 1912 and ceased in 1914 when World War I started and Daimler's production line turned to making military vehicles. Richard's research states that in March 1913, 444 Daimler CC's had been manufactured.
- CC-271 with Chassis No 9 is a 1912 build and is the 9th chassis to be built by Daimler. It is the oldest Daimler CC known in the world. There is only one other known in the UK which is owned by Russell Cook and presently in an unrestored state.
- In Australia this is the oldest restored Daimler commercial vehicle.





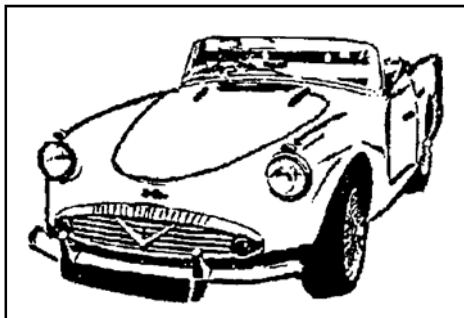




All the cars and participants outside Nixon Engineering in Wagga



A Line up of all the SP250 and the participants outside Nixon Engineering in Wagga



The SP250 Rally of 2013 is now a part of Australian Darting folklore. In keeping with our tradition the Darters gathered for a national rally which comes around every second year. Although there were fewer SP250s than in past years with just eleven we had a strong turn out with several SP owners in other cars, several V8 250 saloons and other Daimler club members. So we filled the Golfview Motel in Wagga Wagga. Most of the SPs came from NSW with three from Victoria and one from

South Australia.

Most of the participants came together on Friday 30 August at the Criterion Hotel in Gundagai for a pub lunch. Then on to Wagga Wagga to meet the Darters from Victoria ((Ashworths, Rowlandsons and Smiths) and South Australia (Butchers) before a few drinks in the garden and dinner at a local football club. On Saturday we had the grand drive through some wonderful country towns including The Rock, Lockhart, Narrandera, Coolamon and Junee.. At the traditional rally dinner on Saturday we enjoyed the extraordinary talents of David Stoodley who had us rocking on our chairs. Then on Sunday we gathered at Nixon Engineering to marvel at the magnificent Daimler bus restoration being undertaken by Malcom Nixon

The Darters thanks go to Dallas Stoodley, Tracey Brooks and Katherine Fitzgerald who selected and managed the venue, Warren Cole who planned the Saturday run and Keith Ashworth who arranged the spectacular red hoodies. .

Extra special thanks go Malcolm Nixon for all his assistance and for welcoming us to his home town..

SP250 Register Meetings and Runs

The 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.

Friday 4 October – Meeting at the home of Warren and Chris Cole, “The Big Drop”, 95 Calabash Road, Arcadia (phone 9655 1111)

Saturday 16 November – Run to Appin, Macquarie Pass with lunch in Berrima..

Saturday 30 November – Darters Christmas Lunch at Waterview Restaurant, Berowra. Price \$55 per person for a sea food buffet not including beverages. Please make you bookings with Graham Paterson or Faye Chiswick 4945 4456 or faye.chiswick@bigpond.com

Darting Off

Alan

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Answers to the August WRINKLE GRILLE

This historic building in the photograph was the first of its type.

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| Q1. What was its function? | The first drive-in Petrol station |
| Q2. Where do you think it might be? | Pittsburgh, USA |
| Q3. Can you guess a year? | 1913 |

THE SEPTEMBER WRINKLE GRILLE

From the photograph taken at Motorfest 2011

- Q1. What was the name of the maker?
Q2. What was the model name?
Q3. Give a year when the car could have been manufactured?



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DAIMLER &
LANCHESTER OWNERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC. HELD AT RYDE
EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2013.

The meeting commenced at 8:20 pm with the President, Merv McDonald in the Chair.

Apologies:

Jim Gellett, Russell Turner.

Attendees as per list filed with the Minutes.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Moved: Victor Nash, Seconded: Warren Cole: "That they be accepted as true and correct."

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

Nil.

Correspondence:

WA Magazine.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Nil.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$15,341.00 available funds of which \$10,000.00 is in a term deposit and the balance in the cheque account.

We received \$698.00 last month, \$171.00 for regalia items, \$330.00 for the Harbour Cruise, \$197.00 from the raffle on Display Day.

Expenses of \$109.50 for magazine and postage, \$50.00 for the tent at display day, \$371.71 for the library insurance and 50c bank charges.

Moved: Graham McDonald, seconded Peter Grant: "That the treasurer's report be accepted as true and correct. Carried.

New Members:

No new members but Merv McDonald welcomed Peter Lalchere (Glenbrook DB 18/1) to the meeting.

Social Report:

08 Sep: Heritage Fleet Cruise. Only 2 places left, hurry and book now!!!

12/13 Oct: Campbelltown Steam Week end

19/20 Oct 2013: Canberra Centenary Spin and Celebration Rallies.

9/10 Nov: President's Weekend in the Blue Mountains.

30 Nov: SP 250 Seafood Buffet Christmas Lunch at Berowra Waters.

8 Dec: DLOC Christmas Party at Chez Hurst, Pitt Town Road Kenthurst.

?? Jan: John Steel's Cocktail Cruise.

3-7 Apr: National Rally to Loxton.

Editor:

Jim Gellett sent a note that he will be at the next meeting and will then take material from Chris Cole to commence the transition from Chris for the editorship. He has also offered some assistance for the new Club Website.

CMC:

Meeting last month.

Display Day

All British to have a debrief meeting and it was agreed that the issue of access must be raised as there was a serious traffic jam even early in the day.

Regalia:

Thanks to Amanda: good sales on the day.

Website:

Peter grant read out Jim Gellett's emailed note.

Library:

Nil.

Conditional Plates:

Nil.

Registrars:

The SP 250 from Wollongong has been sold to a lady on the Gold Coast.

Technical and Spares:

Nil.

For Sale and Wants:

John Hiscox suggested we have another shed day at McGrath's Hill for the sale of remaining V8 parts. A date will be set between now and Christmas.

General Business:

Robert Brandes saw that Charles Billich's Conquest New DHC was having its engine rebuilt and said that Dominator Engineering had rebuilt his Roadster engine and had done an excellent job.

There was an article about Billich having moved to America for a time circulated.

Alan Hunt spoke about the very successful Wagga SP 250 rally and particularly thanked Malcolm Nixon for the tour of his factory and the wonderful job being done on the 1912 Daimler bus.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

FOR SALE

For sale is a successful wedding car hire business with bookings into 2014. All the hard has been done with the advertising and promotions. Located in the Illawarra of New South Wales.

Sale includes **2 x 1950 Mark V white Jaguar cars**. These Jags are the only white ones from Stanwell Park to Nowra and they are in demand.

1 x 1965 white Daimler Majestic limousine, seating capacity for 8, one of 7 in Australia, also a vehicle in demand because of its old charming looks.

Two unregistered white 1984 104 Daimler sedans. One has been restored inside the other in original condition. The cars would make good companions for the Daimler limousine.

Website and all advertising material included will be included in the sale.

This is an easily managed business that can be operated from home. A Perfect weekend business. \$140,000 plus GST. Genuine and urgent sale.

For further details please contact. 0429 909 609 **Elizabeth Cikos (photos see**

www.blissweddingcars.com.au)

**For Sale: 1961 SP250—see pictures
\$59,000.00**

CONTACT : Donna Doleman 0407 031 263



FOR SALE

Daimler SP 250 Parts.

I have a large selection of SP parts including engine parts, new and used, gearbox, rear axle, suspension parts, fuel tanks and bumper bars. I have not had time to fully catalogue all the parts at time of publication, but please don't hesitate to contact me as I will search out any requests. The collection includes 3 completed but disassembled engines, all in good condition, one being new, and several heads which are completely corrosion free.

I also have a set of body moulds and can supply all exterior body panels.

Contact details Home 02 9670 6797 Mob. 0417 429 573

Email merv.mcdonald@gmail.com

FOR SALE

DB 18 CONSORT

Two cars dismantled, no significant rust one engine and gearbox not dismantled, spare cylinder blocks, spare head, sufficient parts to rebuild one car. Also third engine assembled but seized. The lot for only \$400.00

CONTACT: Stan Richards Shellharbour 42 96 2240

DAIMLER XJ6 SOVEREIGN LWB

Black with Beige interior. Imported from England 25 yrs ago. Then used for daily drive until 14 yrs ago when taken off the road after front end accident. Work carried out since whilst in storage include recon. head, new carbies, ss exhaust, all original. Interior in good order. Ideal to put back on road after repairs or a complete parts car. Asking price \$2,800 or offer.

Russell Turner Phone 0419980030

Windscreen Rubbers:

DB18 - front screen rubber (1 only)

Conquest - front & rear rubbers

Conquest Century - front & rear rubbers (1 only)

Conquest Century door rubbers - front & rear (1 only set)

Rubbers for the DE27/36 for those cars with front opening windcreens.

For pricing check with Colin Cox on 0408393301 or 47393301

Majestic Major V8 – a few misc. bits pieces as follows:

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

Colin Cox on 0408393301 or 47393301

PARTS FOR SALE:**Collection of body panels, bonnets, doors, for DS420 Daimler Limousine.**

Bonnets suit the earlier models. Been under cover for more than 20 years, basically rust free. Call me for details including prices.

Phone: Colin 02 47393301 or 0408393301

AVAILABLE AND FOR SALE: I have available two front seats for anybody that can use them – free, they just have to pick them up! They were saved from going to the tip after a deceased estate garage clean out.

Correct me if I am wrong but believe they are from a Consort or Conquest.

Please see attached images.

FOR SALE: Attached is some images of my old set of wheels – 60 stainless steel spoke 4.5” x 15” painted silver hub & rim with Toyo 165/86 (310) tyres – half worn, I am selling them if you may be interested as I have fitted new 5.5” x 15 72 spoke chrome rims with Dunlop SP10 195/70 tyres. I am asking **\$250.00 each.**

Ross Edwards 0408 416949

