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# **OUR NEXT MEETING**

#### 8PM MONDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 2016 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

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# MARQUE REGISTRARS

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Lanchester (to 1931)	Tony Falstein	0402533131 (mob)	
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	
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SP 250	Merv McDonald	9670-6797 (H)	
Sovereign, and all Jaguar based models incl. DS 420	Colin Cox	(02)4739 3301	

# **CELEBRATING 120 YEARS**

To celebrate 120 years of Daimler the NSW Club ordered a limited number of watches and stickers to mark the occasion. These were mostly sold at the National Rally in April but there are still a few remaining:

Watches \$50.00 each



Stickers \$6.00 each

Wording on the window sticker reads: "120 years since founding of the Daimler Motor Company Limited – Britain's first motor manufacturing company 1896-2016

Watch, sticker and express post = \$65.00

For enquiries: Amanda Sykes - DLOCCA Regalia Officer - Belle59@bigpond.com - 0411 680 007

# PRESIDENT / EDITOR'S REPORT JUNE 2016

This month has been quiet but August & September look like being busy. The All British Day will no doubt be a huge success as usual so make sure you get a ticket from Merv McDonald ASAP as the Club has a limited number reserved.

The President's weekend also looks like being a great event again, This year at Maitland & for those wishing to gain heavenly acceptance or request forgiveness for past sins & is an ideal opportunity to do so as the venue is a former Convent, where members can correct behavioural flaws & improve their standing in the eyes of the Club Committee. Last Year's President's weekend in Moss vale was enjoyed by many & this year I am sure will be just as

enjoyable.

The "Soup Run" by all accounts was a great success & one day I hope to be able to attend one of these events.

Once again, don't forget the All British Day & if you are in possession of a trophy, bring it along on the day or return it to Merv prior to the day so that it can be available to be presented to the next recipient.

Till next month,

Jim Gellett

## **COMING EVENTS 2016**

July Sat 30	Hunter Region All British Display Day
	Foreshore Park Newcastle. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Details Mark Perry Grand Marshall, JDCHR Hunter Region All British Display Day phone 04 2878 9584 or email marshall@iaguarhunter.org.au
August 2016 Tuesday 23	Visit the Victor Chang Institute Darlinghurst 376 Victoria Street Darlinghurst. Free 1 ½ hour tour giving visitors a first-hand look into their cutting edge heart disease research with complimentary morning tea on arrival.  More details to follow. Contact Ray Palmer Humber Car Club (and DLOCCA member) phone 0409 465 446 email rpalmer@bigpond.com
August 2016 Sunday 28  120th ANNIVERSARY  Come Celebrate	Annual Display Day and All British Day  Kings School Parramatta. This is the 120th Year Anniversary of the founding of the Daimler Motor Company. Come help us celebrate this historic occasion. You need a pass for your British manufactured vehicle for free entry to the event. To obtain a pass for this event and to attend and display your vehicle in the designated DLOCCA display area, you will need to contact Merv McDonald by phone 02 9670 6797 or email vicepresident@dlocaustralia.org

# **COMING EVENTS 2016**

September 2016 Sat 10-Sun 11

#### **President's Event - Maitland and Wollombi**

Meet 10.00am Oliver's - at Caltex Stopover, M1 Freeway, Northbound, Wyong NSW past Gosford and Wyong Road turn offs (see location via link <a href="https://binged.it/29Twvfj">https://binged.it/29Twvfj</a>). Fuel & coffee etc. Service centre is approx. (1) hour from Hornsby (using Daimler times.)



Lunch at Morpeth 12.00 -12.30pm. Look over town, historic buildings, galleries, antique shops, sandstone cobbles streets, brewery & beer company. Lunch details to be advised.

Stay a while in town after lunch lots to see & do with all of the above plus more - Or head to the Quality Inn Monte Pio 64-74 Dwyer Street, Maitland New South Wales 2320 phone 02 4932 5288 (see location via link <a href="https://binged.it/29TzF2K">https://binged.it/29TzF2K</a>) for our overnight accommodation. Tentative bookings of 12 rooms for Saturday 10th September have been made as follows: -

7 Executive king rooms at \$155.00

5 standard queen and single rooms \$140.00

Full buffet breakfast is \$22.00pp

Next day to Wollombi to Mulla Villa for lunch & tour on Sunday 11 September.

Arrival Time: 12pm

Meal Time: 12:30pm

Tour Time: After Lunch

Menu: 2 Course

Special Dietary Requirements: TBC

Cost per person: \$40.50 Per Person

Number of Guests: 20 TBC The above price includes tea & filtered coffee station, water for tables and a history tour, all extras such as soft drinks, beer and wine are on a pay as you go basis.

Jim Gellett is the contact for this event and you will need to liaise with him regarding your inclusion in this event including booking arrangements/confirmations that you may need to undertake. Jim Can be contacted by phone 02 9796 3711 or email <a href="mailto:president@dlocaustralia.org">president@dlocaustralia.org</a>

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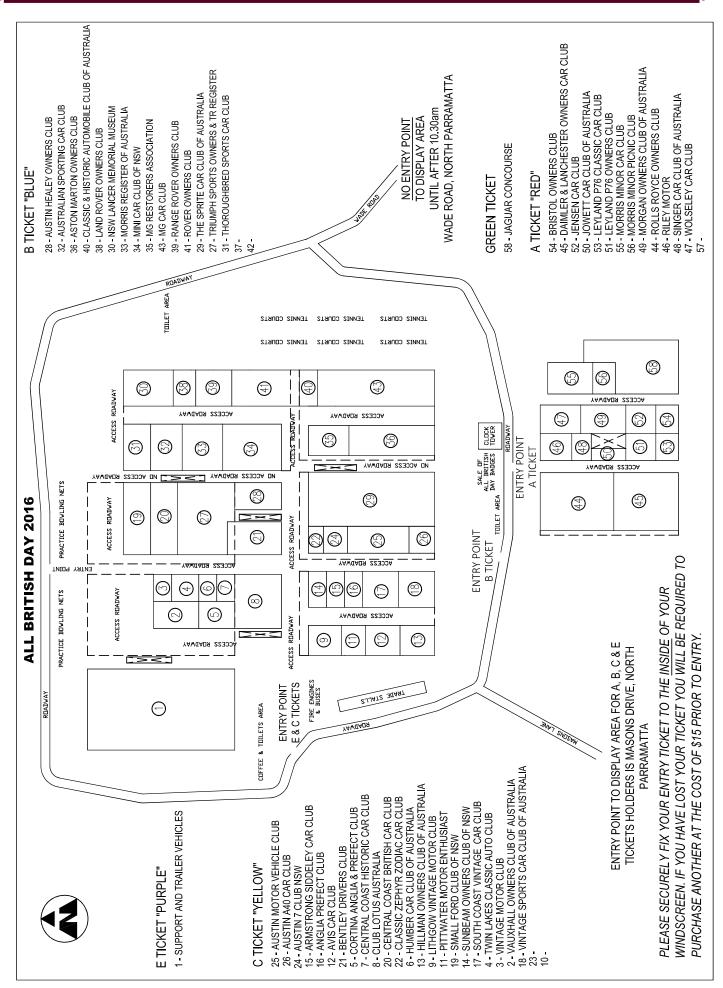
#### September The Rolls-Royce Owners Club (NSW) 2016 Sun 25 Is inviting DLOCCA members to join in our Historic Picnic Day planned for Linnwood House, 25 Byron Road, Guildford, NSW 2161. Gates open from 10.00am to 4.00pm for cars with the house opening at 11.00am for inspection. (Entry to the grounds is free however there is a fee of \$3.00 to inspect the house.) The RROC(NSW) is keen to encourage some interesting cars to participate. We hope your club will join us for the fun day it is planned to be. The event is publicised in the Linnwood House web site and as it is an open day also, we can expect a good number of interested members of the public. http://www.linnwood. org.au/open-days-and-public-meetings.php There is a large lawn/grassed area in front of the house which is where our cars will be displayed. We will have a number of our members in place to direct participant's cars if required. Reasonable club banners and flags may be displayed. Along the northern side of the display area and between the cars and the house is a very pleasant line of mature trees – this is an excellent area to establish one's picnic. There will be a number of tables and chairs to use or you may wish to bring your own equipment. If you chose not to picnic the Friends of Linnwood House will have all manner of morning tea, snack meals, sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and cool drinks to purchase. The RROC(NSW) would appreciate an estimate of numbers attending from our club so could you please express your interest to your Event Co-ordinator Graham McDonald, email events@dlocaustralia.org, phone (02) 9533 3128 or mobile 0422972094. October 2016 **Annual Picnic** Sun 9 Details to be provided November Hawkesbury Cruises 'Sunday On The Hawkesbury'. 2016 Sun 13 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-\$50.00 Price Range Inclusions: 3.25 hour cruise, morning tea, fish and chips lunch and full historic commentary throughout the cruise. Adults \$50.00, Seniors \$44.00, Child \$15.00 per person. Expressions of Interest to Graham McDonald ASAP please, email events@dlocaustralia. org, phone (02) 9533 3128 or mobile 0422972094. December **Christmas Lunch** 2016 Venue and details to follow Sun 11

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# ANNUAL ALL BRITISH DAY - SITE LAYOUT



# ANNUAL ALL BRITISH DAY & DLOCCA DISPLAY DAY



The Kings School – 82-129 Pennant Hills Rd, North Parramatta Sunday 28th August 2016

Display vehicle entry only via Masons Drive. (Not main gate entry this year).

It is less than two months till this year's All British Day and our Annual Display Day. This year also commemorates the 120th anniversary of the founding of the Daimler Motor Company (commemorative stickers are still available) so please make a special effort to come along.

The event is to be held on Sunday 28th August 2016, at The Kings School, Pennant Hills Rd, North Parramatta. Entry will be from Mason's Drive for display vehicles and gates open from 7am – Display 9am to 3pm.

Don't pass up the opportunity to display your Daimler or Lanchester and to enjoy the company of other DLOCCA members. In addition there will be around 1500 other vehicles from other British marque clubs on display along with the annual Kings School Art Show and Fair.

We also use this event for our annual display day, so if you intend to contest our annual judging, then you must have your vehicle available for display before judging commences at 9:30 am. Latecomers will not be judged, no exceptions.

Remember, your display vehicle, for free entry, must be of British origin. You also require a pass to access our display area and if towing a vehicle or are bringing a support vehicle you may need a second pass. Please note, these passes cost the club \$10 each (but are given free to you our members) so are restricted to financial members only.

Passes to our display area can only be obtained from our Vice President Merv McDonald either in person at a DLOCCA General Meeting held the first Monday night of each month from 8:00 pm at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, a club social event, by phone (h) 02 9670 6797 (m) 0417 429 573 or by emailing vicepresident@dlocaustralia.org

Your Committee is working hard for YOU, so please make it all worthwhile by participating and making this ANNUAL EVENT another resounding success.

All trophy holders need to return trophies on or before display day.

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# COMBINED CLUB MID-WINTER SOUP RUN

Sunday, 24th at the Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls saw the Alvis Car Club host the combined run for this year.

Approximately 45 car enthusiasts with 11 Daimlerites in attendance sat down over open fires in the main event room.

Good people, good cars, good venue, good food, perfect "Blue Mountains" weather- what else can car enthusiast socialites "want"?

From my observations no-one seemed to "want" for anything with loud, general ambient noise and

everyone clearly enjoying themselves. This form of event is well received as all members, family and friends were able to appreciate each others company with like minded interest in classic cars and having a relaxing social exchange.

Our Club will be host for next year's mid-winter run. I look forward to seeing you again then and if you were unable to make it this year, book it into your calendar as a must for 2017.

Russell





# COMBINED CLUB MID-WINTER SOUP RUN







# 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 4TH JULY, 2016.

The meeting commenced at 9:15 pm with Jim Gellett in the chair.

#### **Apologies**

Russell Turner, Colin Cox, Bob Aylward, Caroline Burch, Robert Brandes, John Hiscox and Amanda Sykes (Attendees Jim Gellett, Graham McDonald, Alan Hunt, Merv McDonald, John Steel, Warren and Chris Cole, Peter Grant)

#### **Previous Minutes**

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

Alan Hunt/Merv McDonald

#### Correspondence

Received (via Peter Grant) - Victorian, West Australian and New Zealand Daimler Club magazines.

#### **Secretaries Report**

Jim advised on Russell's behalf, an application for a new member has been received from Jim Bracewell of Abbottsford who owns a 2 ½ litre V8 saloon.

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

Current Account Balance at 6 June 2016		
Add Receipts		
Membership	55.00	
Regalia	213.00	
Interest	3.20	271.20
Less Payments		
Manroa Print News June	41.36	41.36
Current Account Balance at 4 July 2016		

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#### **Less Due for Payment**

R Turner Postage Secretarial 20.00

J Gellett Postage Regalia 17.00

Postage DLOCCA News 200.00

Paper DLOCCA News 12.00 249.00

Funds Available Current Account 7,513.95

Add Term Deposit 10,562.76

**Total Funds** 18,076.71

Proposed Alan Hunt, seconded Peter Grant

#### Social

Graham McDonald advised details of coming events as per social calendar. Mark Brooks (SP250) is taking names for the Hunter All British event. Jim Gellett is looking for suggestions for the President's weekend.

#### **Editor**

There has been an insignificant cost increase of \$0.28 per issue of the magazine.

#### Website

Chris Cole advised of a problem with viewing the website from a mini IPad, whereby the menu bar wraps around and behind the graphics so the members area link is not accessible.

#### Registrar

Merv McDonald has advised that Roger Anson who bought the ex Geoghan SP250 race car had been in contact. Apparently Roger is trying to re-assemble the car but the workshop manual was never updated by Jaguar to include "B" Spec revisions.

Alan Hunt advised receipt of the booklet SP250 "2016 Passport". This publication is sent free worldwide annually to SP250 owners who have previously advised details. It covers details of over 50% of all SP250's ever built and contains current known owner details by country and any advised modifications etc.

Action - Alan has suggested a card of appreciation be sent to the publishers – agreed by all and has requested Russell contact him for details.

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#### Library

Alan Hunt advised as per previous meeting that the book he had donated to the library back in 2014 "History of DLOC" still cannot be located. Apparently the book was borrowed (possibly several times) before being actually received in the library.

Action - Alan has suggested that as he has exhausted all possible avenues and as we have ample funds available that Russell contact the UK club and try and obtain another copy.

Merv McDonald also advised that the book "the Story of Zetland" was borrowed at a meeting is also missing, and he would appreciate its return.

#### Regalia

Jim Gellett advised there are 3 watches and DVD of the Daimler Video Collection available.

#### **Conditional Plates**

Nil

#### **Technical and Spares**

John Steel advised there had been 2 members with SU Carburettor problems recently. Both were related to the needle and seats.

#### For Sale and Wants

Warren Cole advised he still has the V8 body owned by the club for acquisition at his property. Warren also advised he has a Majestic Major for sale.

#### **CMC**

Merv McDonald advised next meeting is this month.

#### **All British Day**

Merv McDonald has tickets for this event. If you are interested in coming, then please contact him directly.

Action – Merv has asked if Russell could contact Malcolm Nixon of Nixon Engineering in Wagga Wagga to see if he would be interested in bringing his restored Daimler bus to All British Day this year.

Alan Hunt was concerned that he may not be able to get the Awning to the event.

Action - Alan to see if it fits into his new vehicle.

#### General

Alan Hunt advised there is an RAC event this Wednesday 6 July which includes a display of vehicles from the Veteran Sport Car Club. Vehicle marques to be displayed include Hotchkiss, Riley Morgan.

Alan also advised the RAC annual dinner is to be held on 30 July 2016 at the club. Guest speaker is motoring enthusiast Pedr Davis who has written over 50 books.

Merv McDonald advised Ron Tauranac who was involved with design of race cars and with Sir Jack Brabham has recently been made a life member of the ARDC.

Meeting concluded at 9:35 pm

**NEXT MEETING OF THE DLOCCA COMMITTEE WILL BE MONDAY, 1 AUGUST, 2016** 

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# 1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

Denis Leys PART ELEVEN

#### PART ELEVEN - REPAIRING AND FITTING THE PASSENGER FRONT DOOR

It would have been nice to believe that at least one door could be fitted without repair, but unfortunately that was not the case.

The only way to really assess condition was to remove the bottom panel.

Although not rusted through it was better to replace the bottom panel rather than repair. As the bottom panel on the front door is curved, it was made in two pieces and welded together.

The trial fit of the door as usual identified uneven door gaps which took time to adjust, but by this stage I had plenty of practice.

The window frame fit was the best of all the doors, and even the window channel was in good condition.

It was when I tried to fit the door lock that I encountered a previous bodgie repair. The Door lock striker plate was held in place with a 3 inch nail driven into the door pillar. In addition one of the original fixing bolts had been replaced with a longer bolt through the door pillar.

Related Youtube video – 1949 Daimler DB 18 Consort Resurrection Part 11

Part 12 - Repairing and Fitting the Radiator Surround and Grill



Figure 1 - Looks can be deceiving



Figure 2 - Looks good on the inside as well



Figure 3 - Both the bottom panel and outer skin had deep rust pits



Figure 5 - Door skin repaired



Figure 7 - Window winding mechanism works fine



Figure 4 - The inner panel is curved



Figure 6 - Door gaps adjusted



Figure 8 - Door lock striker plate repaired and fitted with oversized bolts

# **DARTING ABOUT**

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

The report for July is a report in pictures taken at the Darters run to the Scottish Arms Hotel in Bowral. Those celebrating the lunch were the Pitt family of 4, that is Peter and Vivien, son Matthew and granddaughter Charlotte, together with Bruce & Heather Thomson, Merv McDonald and Carolyn & I. Joining us were Carolyn's daughter Rowena who celebrated her birthday by driving from Goulburn with Carolyn's granddaughters Amber & Brooke for lunch with mum.

And the final item of news is that there is again an SP250 in my garage. Now for some gentle testing.



Who says the SP250 is not a family car? It is for the Pitt family from left to right Vivien, Peter, Charlotte, and Matthew.



Three SP250s at the Scottish Arms, Bowral. A study of number plates is interesting

# 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.

**Saturday July 30** – Invitation to display at Jaguar Drivers' Club Hunter Region – All British Day at Foreshore Park, Newcastle. The display will be from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

**Friday August 5** – Meeting at the home of Cameron and Anne Norgrove, 7 Summerhayes Rd, Wyee (phone 4357 1188).

**Saturday September 17** – Visit to Gosford Classic Car Museum to be confirmed after booking completed.

Darting Off

Alan

Phone 02 9651 2961 or 0438 290639, E-mail <a href="mailto:hunts@optushome.com.au">hunts@optushome.com.au</a>

## **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

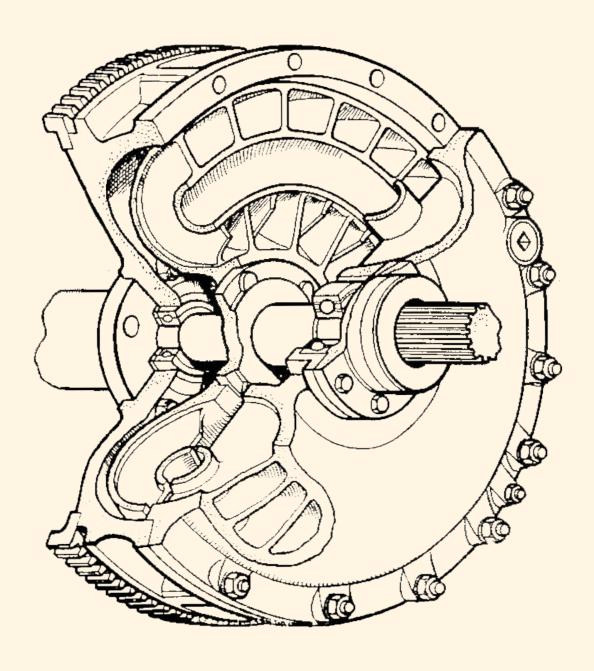
#### **FOR SALE**

1963 Daimler Majestic Major chassis No.137547 green over silver. Complete car, totally original. Needs full restoration

\$5,000.00 ONO

**CONTACT FOR BOTH ITEMS:** 

Warren Cole (02) 96551111



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