

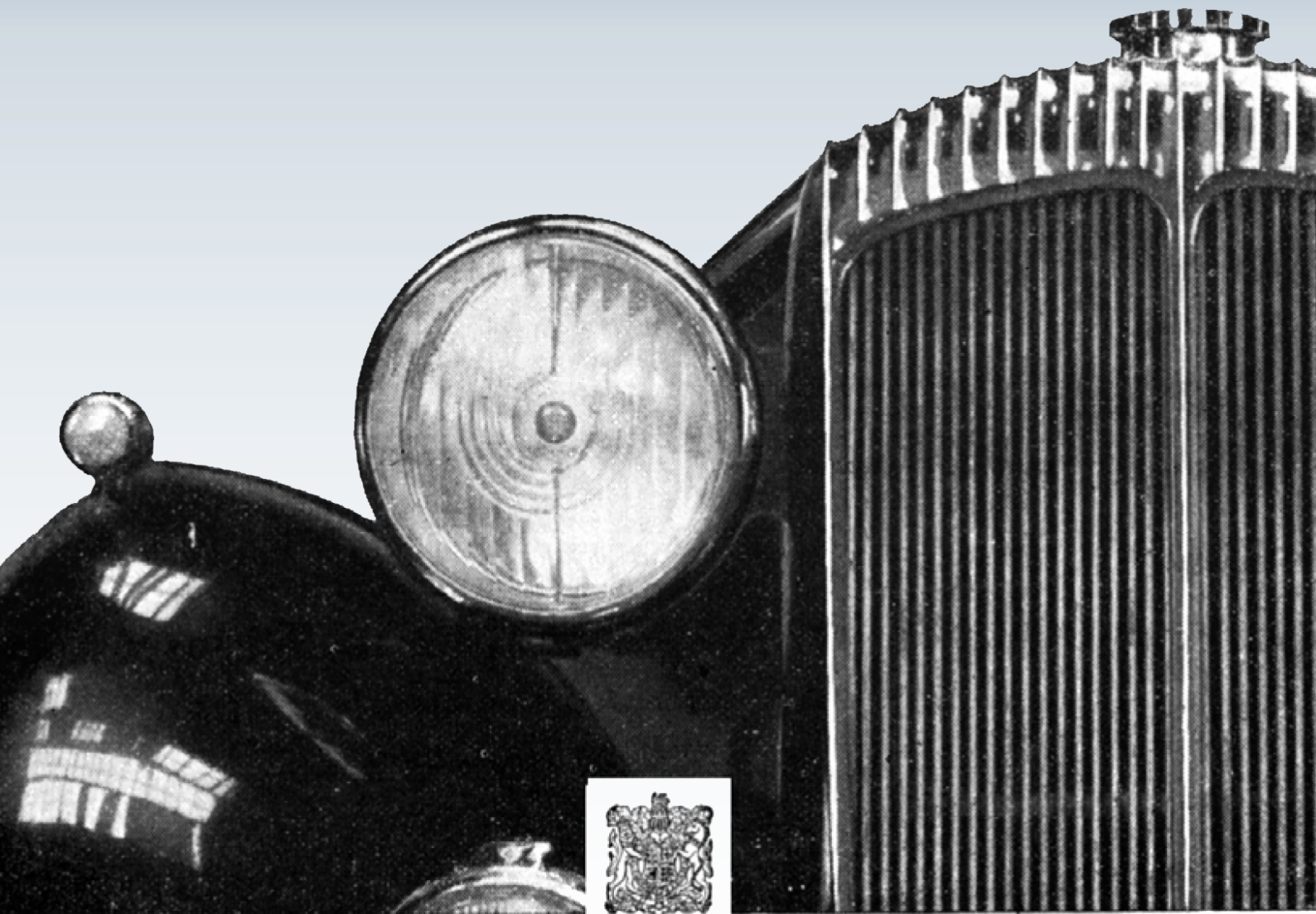
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OUR NEXT MEETING

8PM MONDAY, 5TH JUNE, 2017 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

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JOINING FEE	\$20.00
STANDARD MEMBERSHIP	\$50.00
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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

Firstly let me say a big thank you to all the Club members for their condolences, cards, flowers & presence at the celebration of Matthew, our Son's, life on Monday 22nd May. We had a great celebration & were most comforted by all who attended & expressed their wishes, however life goes on & Matt's 9 year old son, Joshua still wants to know when he is getting the Daimler, because it already has his initials on the number plate! I have given him a time line, which involves firstly him getting his driver's licence & then having lessons on how a pre selector gearbox works, which should take him through to about age 23!

Now that I have a little more time, I will have time to plan the President's weekend in SEPTEMBER & should have details ready for the next Magazine.

A committee meeting has been held & some useful initiatives were discussed & should soon be evident in making membership in the Club more vibrant & interesting. The November event at Lake Macquarie light rail is set in concrete & more details of that event will be made public closer to the time.

Last week I participated with others from Church In a breakfast run to Bulli & took out the oldest & best kept vehicle awards. The Century is 61 years of age now & ran perfectly. I think we were the only old car in the convoy with a heater in the cabin, so we had a very comfortable trip.

See you at the next meeting,

Jim Gellett

President/Editor

COMING EVENTS 2017

June 2017 Friday 2	SP250 Meeting - at the home of David and Dallas Stoodley 260 Glenning Road, Glenning Valley. Contact David and Dallas 4388 0363. Start time 8:00pm
June 2017 Sunday 11	Gosford Classic Car Museum (Phone: 02 4320 0000), Meet Berowra Truck Stop UBD map 94 P9 or use link https://binged.it/2ey1XyS , (time TBA) for a combined run to Gosford Classic Car Museum 3-13 Stockyard PI, West Gosford NSW 2250 (entry fees apply) See website http://gosfordclassiccarmuseum.com.au Entry via last black gate off Stockyard Palce, turn left and drive towards front of museum and park in front of museum or any other available space if area full. More details to follow: -
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 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)

COMING EVENTS 2017

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
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 Details to follow.
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	President's Weekend - Details to be advised
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 Sun 12	To Be Advised - Possibly Lake Macquarie Light Rail Museum – Event and details to be confirmed.
November 2017 Saturday 25	SP250 (Darters) Christmas Lunch - TBA
December 2017 Sun 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

The Council of Motor Clubs (CMC) encourage classic car owners to take their cars for a run on a particular day each year. This year the day was Sunday 21 May. Pleasingly the Daimler Club members decided to join the SP250 Register with a run to the Museum of Fire in Penrith so all the Daimlers turned out for the same display. Carolyn and I had family commitments so I am indebted to Mark and Tracey Brooks, who organized the Darter's run and lunch and provided the following report.

National Heritage Drive Day.

A great day, the skies were blue the roofs were down, 4 Sp's on display (Mosse Robinson, Stoodley, Gallagher and Brooks), also a SAAB (Cole), a Benz (Wilco's) and an MG (McDonald). Many other cars in attendance along with 3 from the Daimler club (2 x 250 Saloons and a DB18?)

The organisers and the Museum of Fire in Penrith were generous providing a free sausage sizzle and entry into the museum for those with their car on display. The museum also starting up one of their vintage fire trucks for the amassed crowd.

The SP contingent left the display at 12.30 heading out along Mulgoa Road to the Wallacia Pub where a very enjoyable and relaxing afternoon was spent over a late lunch. Whilst they are not the cheapest pub around you cannot argue about the quantity of food served up.

Thanks everyone for an enjoyable and relaxing day.

Thank you Mark. Carolyn and I did wheel out the SP at about 3:00pm for a run to Windsor for Coffee. We were ready to wave to other classics but did not see a single one.

Turning now to SP250s with a "For Sale" notice. As reported last month Gosford Classic Car Museum has the ex Nick Pitsinos green car, chassis 101200 advertised for \$70,000 plus charges. It remains on their web site in the For Sale section.

More importantly the car owned by Les Edwards, that is the ex Roger Giles and ex Marjory Hathaway car, chassis 104200 was advertised briefly on CarSales.com and has been sold and shipped to Tasmania. Too bad really, the car was part of our NSW Darting history. However the Number plate SP2500 may now be available. Who wants it?

Finally, I should report that I noticed on the Daimler SP250 Car Club Worldwide Facebook site (which is administered by our member Dallas Stoodley) that Andrew Carpenter in the UK has made up a number of specialist tools for removing rocker cover nuts. If interested in getting one I suggest you check Andrew Carpenter's facebook site.



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 showcase for our wonderful cars.

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

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 PRESIDENT'S BULLI BEACH BREAKFAST RUN



Departing in convoy from Menai Anglican Church



Scenic lookout with the sun rising at Bald Rock



Looking pristine in the early morning sun



Awarded the Oldest Car in the event



Awarded the most unusual feature with pre-selector gearbox



Beaten by an MG-B for best overall car

DAIMLER 250 V8 STORY - STEVE BENSON

My 250 is now registered (since March) and I am slowly discovering and overcoming her deficiencies. Not yet confident enough to undertake any long trips.

I was just perusing last month's Journal, and see the reference to the burned out 250V8 has been repeated.

Can you let the meeting know that I purchased this vehicle, and have brought it home here to Nambucca, for "safe keeping".

The cabin and interior is completely burned. Nothing at all to be salvaged there.

What is good, is that the front and rear ends are both OK.

So I have the engine, transmission, Tailshaft, rear suspension, front suspension, bonnet, boot, all lamps, bumpers, grille, and some chrome trims, as well as a full set of wheels.

Sadly one of the nice new Yokohama radials got fire damaged, so only three remain, with the spare which is an "unused" Michelin XAS.

I scored an original jack, which I was seeking, but sadly no other tools.

I have also retrieved the fuel tank, which is in much better shape than mine, which has suffered what looks like damage from a jacking accident at some stage.

I am in the process of stripping her out, after which I will be evaluating the body shell with an eye to deconstructing it to save any good panels. I'm sure the front wings will be saved, but not sure about much else.

I'm happy to field enquiries from members looking for the smaller parts.

I intend to renovate each of the major sub-assemblies (engine, front and rear suspensions) and swap them in to my car, so that I do not lose much time off the road.



My completed 250V8



The burnt out 250V8 now safely in Nambucca

FIRE MUSEUM - NATIONAL DAY OF MOTORING

This was a day of bogs not blogs. On the national day of motoring recently a good roll up of Daimlers and friends represented our club including SP250's, v8 Daimlers and one pre war Daimler.

A good representation of other car clubs also attended, included Australian, American, English German and Swedish cars.

I was very impressed with the Museum's high quality display of exhibits which included very early horse drawn tenders, an 18 litre monster engine fire tenders as well as an enormous collection of ephemera and related material covering fire prevention, safety, history and contemporary material. The theaterette showed very interesting footage of the Granville train disaster and bush fire tragedies and prevention as well.

To the club members credit this clubs member support is alive and well.

In the last two days over Sunday the 21st and Monday 22nd May I had cause to call on assistance of club members.

On the Sunday run the generator on my 1957 Humber Hawk began to seize and overheat on the M4 on route to the Museum. So at the breakfast stop I left the car to cool down and rode in John and Eva's splendid v8 blue Daimler. On return I rode in Graham McDonald's splendid white Daimler. I started the Humber and drove it to Yennora where upon I left it for my mechanic to investigate during the week. It is at the time of writing a mystery as the generator had just been rebuilt. I suspect perhaps the bearing or brushes may have been too tight, as I thought I perceived an unusual high pitched noise a week before.

Anyhow on the following day I started my DE27, formerly owned by John Hiscox and decided to turn it around to drive up the driveway on the day of Jim Gellett's son's funeral. Well the "gods" were against me!

I got bogged as I misjudged the softness of the soil since the rain we have had. Had I reversed out I would have been OK however I was not confident to reverse it out due to a narrow driveway

So after spending about two hours trying to move the car I gave up. I rang Warren Cole as I remembered he owns a 4wd. He graciously agreed to come over the following day. Well when he had a look he soon realized the position of the car meant the 4wd was useless.

Plan B. Well after much thought, we used planks, bricks a trolley jack and patience, we were eventually able to position the car onto square logs and pavers that fortunately I had in the yard. A good four hours later the car was finally in position to drive back into the shed. We had some four or five attempts until I was able to drive the car in the shed. I was reminded of the mud on the western front.

I must reconnect that downpipe!

Well thanks to Warren the car is under cover. I shall in due course remove a shelf from the driveway so as to improve clearance in the drive.

The national day of motoring is a day not to be missed next year. Don't forget to check the events calendar for the coming runs.

Ray Palmer

FIRE MUSEUM - NATIONAL DAY OF MOTORING



Thank you Dallas Stoodley for the Photographs



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 1ST MAY, 2017.

The meeting commenced at 8.00 with President, Jim Gellett in the chair.

Apologies : Peter Grant, John Steele, Carolyn Birch. Linden Braye

Attendees as per list filed with Minutes

Previous Minutes :

Noted as read. MSA Alan & Peter L.

Business Arising from Minutes : Nil

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report :

Alan noted as an observation that magazine and events generally were slightly increasing in cost. The comment was simply by way of informing members.

Annual Reporting had been done and all was satisfactory. Signed Audit report had been received and was presented at the meeting.

Invoices for payment noted:

Manroa P/L print (March news)	\$20.00
Manroa P/L print (April news)	\$20.80
Response Web Hosting	\$121.00
Term Deposit @\$10636:81	
Funds Available Current Account	\$8580.32

MSA Alan & Victor

New Members: Nil

Social Report:

Ray noted that it would be useful to send regular emails highlighting events in addition to the programme in the magazine.

The meeting agreed.

MINUTES OF A MEETING

Event for 12th Nov. to Lake Macquarie Light Rail had been locked in with details to follow.

Given suggestion by John Hiscox a separate email will be prepared in due course canvassing members in regards the possibility of a Maxi-run in Sept./Oct. 2018 over a 16 day period.

Committee will follow-up and call for Expressions of Interest.

President Weekend confirmed . Location at Coolangatta (near Nowra) Details to follow

Other possible venues for future events noted as Canberra National Museum (visit Royal DE), Film and Archive Museum and Jamila Wild Life Centre.TBA

Editor:

Noted gradually working through “re-birth” material articles coming out through the magazine on a regular basis as per member requests.

Website : Nil

Registrars :

It was noted that a green SP 250 was now part of the “Gosford” collection and is up for sale.POA

Library:

Books as previously reported as being lost/misplaced have now all been found and returned to their home in the Library.(“Daimler Conquest Roadster and New Drophead Coupe” and “50 Years of the Daimler and Lanchester Owners Club”)

John Hiscox also noted that the “Lanchester Early Days” books have now been provided to the Library in their full format ie Vol. 1, 2 & 3.

Conditional Plates :

Warren to provide list of conditional plate holders for next meeting.

Membership:

Russell to follow-up to get updated membership list from Amanda to distribute to the Committee.

Regalia:

It was discussed that the inventory of regalia recently provided was very useful and the Club may wish to address some new items or re-order diminished stock items.

It was noted regalia is a useful fund raising item.

The Committee was to discuss and report back.

MINUTES OF A MEETING

Technical & Spares:

V8 Saloon recently advertised for sale which the Club was in the process of checking out as a source of parts supply has been sold privately.

For Sale & Wants:

Majestic Major plus parts recently advertised for sale may have been sold. To be confirmed.

CMC Report : Nil

All British Day: Nil

General Business:

It was noted that various articles that appear in the magazine, particularly as relates to historic and/or technical matters are meticulously sourced and researched by their authors and are provided to the Club in good faith as general interest items.

There may occur on occasions some differences between reputable historical sources to which the Club or the author has no control over.

Members can however be assured that articles are extremely well researched and authenticated prior to publishing.

So please keep the articles coming through. They are a valuable contribution to the magazine and general knowledge about our cars and are very well received.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:43pm.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DLOCCA WILL BE MONDAY 5th June, 2017 @ 8:00pm.

Committee Meeting:

Committee meeting was convened at 9:45pm.

No further discussion was required.

It was determined that a designated Committee Meeting with agenda to discuss in detail Club activities and status going forward was to be held at the Vice President's residence on Wednesday, 24th May @7pm.

Agenda to follow to Committee members prior to the meeting.

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1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

Denis Leys

PART TWENTY THREE

PART TWENTY THREE - RE-ASSEMBLING THE DAMPERS

The dampers need to be thoroughly cleaned before reassembly.

The original wide shaft seal is replaced by two modern thin ones which are easy to tap into place.

The piston has to be centralised in the bore before the actuating dog and lever arm is refitted.

It is also important to ensure that you fit the lever the right way around, as it will fit either way.

After the lever is pressed into the actuating dog, the freeze plug can be tapped into the side of the damper.

I used a small amount of Stag on the freeze plug, and thread seal on the end plugs. I re-assembled the pressure relief valves, setting the spring tension by 13 turns on the spring cap.

The dampers need to be filled with Damper oil and primed. It takes a while to get the air out of the damper, and I found it easier to prime them with the top cap off. This way you can make sure that there are no air bubbles in the oil.

Related Youtube video – [1949 Daimler DB 18 Consort Resurrection Part 23](#)

Part 24 - TBA



Figure 1 - Two National Oil seals each damper, no 340413

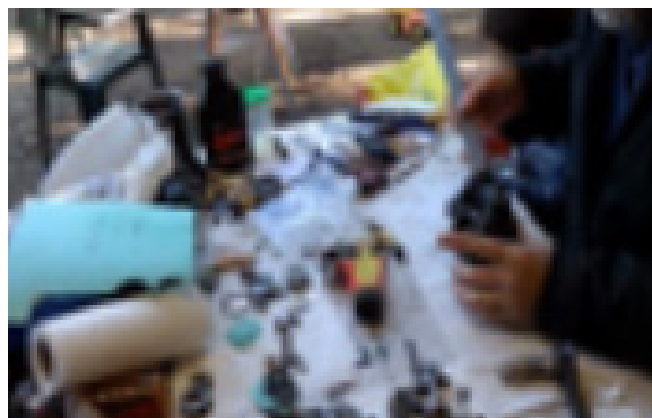


Figure 2 - Use a ruler to centralise the piston

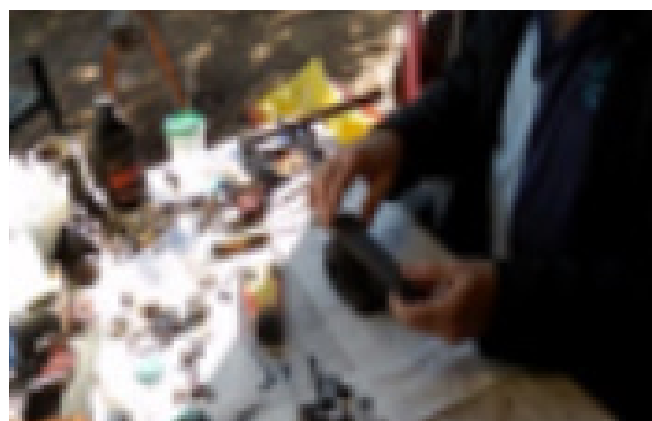


Figure 3 - The orientation of the lever is different for each side of the vehicle

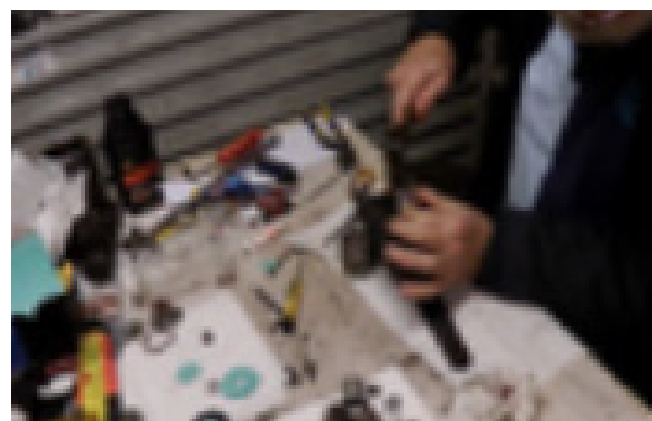


Figure 4 - A socket was used to refit the freeze plug, with a gasket underneath

1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION



Figure 5 - Damper mounted in the vice for priming

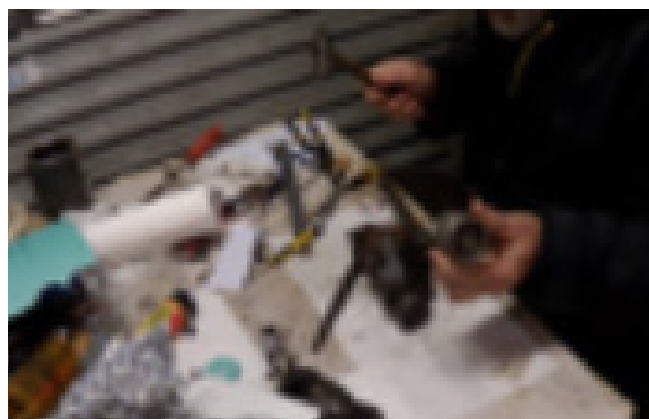


Figure 6 - The top cap is the final part to be fitted, tapped in place using an old brake piston

LANCHESTER RALLY AND EXHIBITION - UK

Whether your own interest lies in motoring excellence or in other areas of Lanchester's amazing work, there is something here to excite everybody.

You, your families and friends are cordially invited to visit on one or both days, 3rd-4th June 2017, to share in this unique experience: the more the merrier. The whole Lanchester Interactive Archive team looks forward to seeing you there.

Entertainment will be enjoyed over the weekend and there's always the nearby, famous Coventry Motofest to keep you amused and interested. While demonstrations, presentations and attractions will be seen on the nearby, elevated ring road, hundreds of veteran, vintage and classic cars will be packed into the City streets below. If that still isn't enough, the acclaimed Coventry Transport Museum and the inspiring Cathedral are also free-of-charge, helping the 3rd and 4th June to become a great, all-round event. A 1933 Lanchester car exhibit is prominently displayed at the front of the large exhibition room and is unmissable through the large glass screens, especially when the headlights are actuated by the 'driver'. This car is proving very popular, with many visitors never previously having sat behind the steering wheel of a pre-war car. When they get into the spirit of vintage motoring they pose for photographs, lean out to see full wheel-lock, or admire the orange semaphore-trafficators. What a good thing it will be if this excitement encourages more people to enjoy vintage motoring.



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 Announcement of the First AMCA
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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.

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

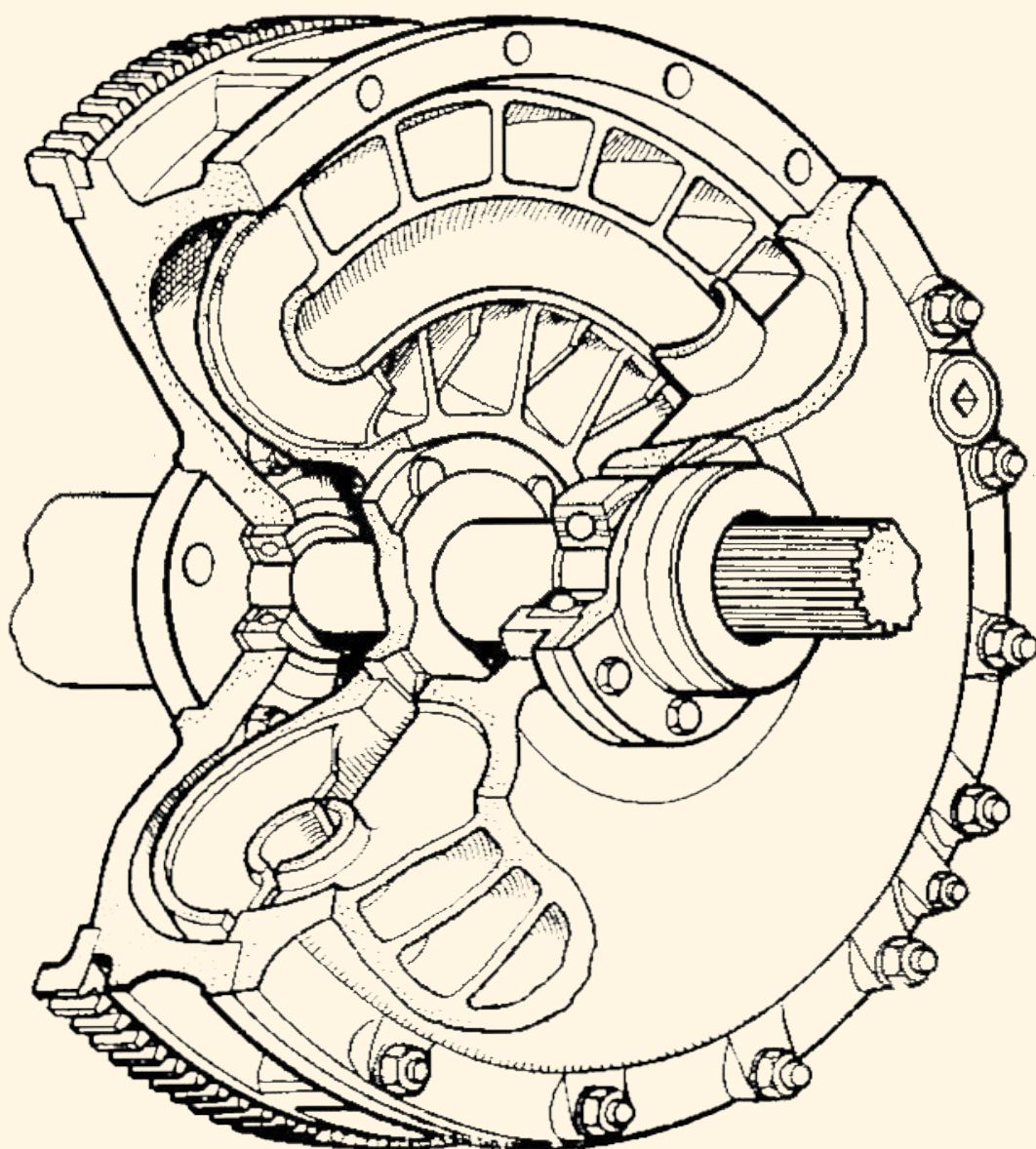
Daimler Days (Vols 1 & 2)	\$150
Royal Daimlers – Brian Smith	\$40
Daimler Century – Lord Montagu, etc	\$50
3 x framed prints i) The Royal Daimler	\$50
ii) The Noble Car	\$50
iii) The New 2 ½ Daimler (DB18)	\$30
2 Daimler champagne flutes	\$20
2 x 2 Daimler mugs	\$10/pair
1 Grill suit Majestic or Majestic Major	\$200
1 original Eagle Mascot purchased from Daimler	
In 1946 on a radiator cap. Suit DB18 or earlier	\$200
1 very rare “case trunk” with new leather	
Straps would suit luggage rack or fold down	
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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