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OUR NEXT MEETING

8PM MONDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 2018 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

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JOINING FEE \$30.00 STANDARD MEMBERSHIP \$50.00 ASSOCIATES: \$5 EACH

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MARQUE REGISTRARS

BSA	Warren Cole	02 9655 - 1111
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
2.5 litre V8	John Steel	02 9983-9734(H)
SP 250	Merv McDonald	9670-6797 (H)
Sovereign, and all Jaguar based models incl. DS 420	Colin Cox	(02)4739 3301

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.



PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Being the month of holidays things have been a bit quiet, but there has still been a bit of activity. The picnic day went off well even though attendance was small, all who attended enjoyed the day & showed off their cars.

The Lanchester project has progressed further & is nearing the time for the application of the colour coat of paint. A good number of volunteers have been turning out on a Friday to assist with the project along with other interested members showing interest in the project.

John Hiscox & his compatriots have returned from their extravaganza to Uluru & we wait with great expectation to here & see some of the memorable times had by the participants. As John has since been busy with family events, we look forward to his report in the November edition.

The President's weekend is the next major event in our calendar & is shaping up towards record attendance, at least during my time as President. The Program will commence with lunch at the Boiler house café at Medlow Bath at 11:30 AM on Saturday the 10th & following lunch we will proceed to the Gold Panner Motel at Kelso & book in. Usually we do not concern ourselves with numbers for this weekend but as the Saturday night dinner is a catered BYO affair, we do need to have a firm indication of numbers by the 5th of November.

The festive season is racing towards us & this year's Club Christmas party will be hosted by Jenny & Russell Turner at 63 Davies Avenue, Springwood on Sunday 9th December. Please ring Jenny or Russell to find out what dishes to bring, Bring something for the raffle & a male/female present to the value of no more than \$10 for the Christmas tree.

I look forward to catching up with you all shortly.

Jim Gellett - President/Editor.

COMING EVENTS 2018

November 2018 Friday 2	SP250 Meeting - Meeting at the home of Warren & Chris Cole, "The Very End", Calabash Road, Arcadia, phone 9655 1111 or 0412 686 456.
November 2018 Sat/Sun 10/11	President's Weekend Event - Bathurst. People to make their own bookings at the Gold Panner Motel, Bathurst. Phone 02 6331 4444. Queen rooms from \$130 per room per night including a continental breakfast. Book early to avoid disappointment. More details in this edition of the Magazine.
December 2018 Saturday 1	SP250 Christmas Lunch - Darters Christmas Lunch, 12 noon at Waterview Restaurant, Berowra.
December 2018 Sunday 2	Combined Humber/Daimler event - Elizabeth Farm at Rose Hill. Further details in this issue of the magazine
December 2018 Sunday 9	DLOC Christmas Party at Russell & Jenny Turner's at 63 Davies Ave Springwood from 11:00 AM. Bring male/female Christmas present to value of around \$10 for the Christmas tree & something for the raffle. BYO drinks.

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COMING EVENTS 2018

January 2019	SP250 Breakfast 8:00am at the home of Warren & Chris Cole, "The Very End",
Saturday 12	Calabash Road, Arcadia, phone 9655 1111 or 0412 686 456. Breakfast goodies to be
	provided by:
	Eggs – David and Dallas
	Bacon – Tony & Rosie
	Orange juice – Jeff & Janelle
	Champagne – Alan & Carolyn
	Tea & Coffee - Warren & Chris
	Please advise Chris Cole if you plan to attend by Tuesday 8 January so she can brief
	provedores
February 2019	SP250 Meeting at the home of Alan & Carolyn, 37 Derriwong Road, Dural, 9651
Friday 8	2961 or 0438 290639. Meeting 8:00pm but come early at around 6:30pm for the
	traditional sausage sizzle.
March 2019	SP250 Weekend Event - Weekend tour of Bathurst and Mudgee to be planned by
	Mark & Tracey Brooks
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November 2019	SP250 Rally - Bright Victoria. Details in the SP250 Report on following page.
Friday 1 to	
Sunday 3	

It's that time of year again for The First Noella Traditional Christmas cakes



0422277553

Christmas is not far away and this little elf is making a start on the Traditional Christmas Cakes.

If you wish to order a delicious Christmas cake for yourself or family/friends, please call or text me on 042227753. They come in two sizes and the costs for the cakes are as follows:

Square 850gms \$25.00

Round 450gms \$15.00

If you would like to go ahead with an order, please let me know a.s.a.p.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Noella Gadd



DARTING ABOUT

EXHAUST NOTES FROM THE DLOCCA SP250 REGISTER

After some to-and-fro discussions about our October run we eventually settled on a breakfast run to the Mountain Blue Café in Blaxland with a visit to the adjacent markets and for some a follow-on run to the Darrell Lea factory in Ingleburn. At breakfast we had Mark and Tracey Brooks who arranged the run together with David and Dallas Stoodley accompanied by David's sister Glenys, John Gallagher, Merv McDonald, Colin Cox and Carolyn and I. Good breakfast and good company and the market was interesting – commenced my Christmas shopping.

During the month we had an email from Keith Ashworth with some information about the SP250 Rally to be held in 2019. Some key items are:

Dates: 1st weekend in November 2019

Location: Bright, Victoria

Motel John Bright Motor Inn

10 Woods St

Phone 03 5755 1400.

Keith advises that he has reserved the entire motel so we will have total use of the facilities. The 2019 room rate is not yet known and it is suggested we wait until new year before making bookings. There is a range of rooms and current prices vary from \$130 to \$160 per room with additional charges in some rooms if a second bedroom is occupied. I will issue a chart of rooms in a separate email early in the new year.



John Bright Motor Inn - Bright, Victoria

DARTING ABOUT

And another note from Victoria, I understand the 2019 RACV British and European Show will have a special celebration marking the 60th anniversary of the SP250. I'll gather more information about the date and location for next month's Darting About. However, we should follow the lead and make a special effort for the 2019 All British event in Sydney.

During the month Mark Brooks forwarded and email listing some SP250 components that Owen Seamons of Sinnamon Park, Queensland, has for sale. I think Mark's email covered all the people likely to see this issue of Darting About but if you missed the email and are interested please email Owen at owen.seamons@ laureate.edu.au . The parts include engine gasket set, gauge surround, tonneau, tunnel cover, bonnet/boot hinges & door handles, 4 speed gearbox, rechromed bumpers/overriders, front discs & hubs, original glass washer bottle and headlight surrounds.

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 in 2018 have been integrated into the main Events page in this publication. The events are prefaced with SP250 in each case. Plans for 2020 are shown below.

Working Plans for SP250 60th Anniversary Rally in UK

- Friday to Sunday 7/9 DLOC Rally, Peebles, Scotland
- Monday to Thursday 10/13 UK SP250 Club Tour of Lakes & Peak Districts
- Friday to Sunday 14/16 SP250 60th Anniversary Rally, St John's Hotel, Solihull.
- 2020

Tentative plans for SP250 Two Week Tour of Tasmania

Darting Off

Alan

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

DAIMLER CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC 2018

This year's picnic, held at the now usual spot at Lane Cove National Park Commandment Rock Area 16 was preceded by a spate of inclement weather but the day of the picnic dawned dry and the weather was kind to us, with no appreciable wet weather to spoil the day for us.

The area is really good, the shelter shed is huge and can easily accommodate 30 to 40 people without anyone getting wet and with the adjacent car parking area it really is very well suited to all weather activities.

It was a small but lively group who gathered for the fine food and company, and a big welcome to John and Gail Robison (1951 Special Sports) to their first (we hope of many) Annual Picnics.

I must guiltily admit that the smaller than expected numbers meant that it was like having a group of friends at home, there was ample opportunity to chat to everyone present, the queue for lunch was short and there was plenty of left overs for seconds or, if you have a dog or cat at home or a hungry household, plenty to take home on foil covered plates.

There should be a photo of the group accompanying this report, we were all smiles and happy faces and it really was a lovely day.

We toasted those on the epic central Australia Trip, who could not be with us, and felt sorry for those who decided not to come, as they missed a great Daimler Club Social Event.

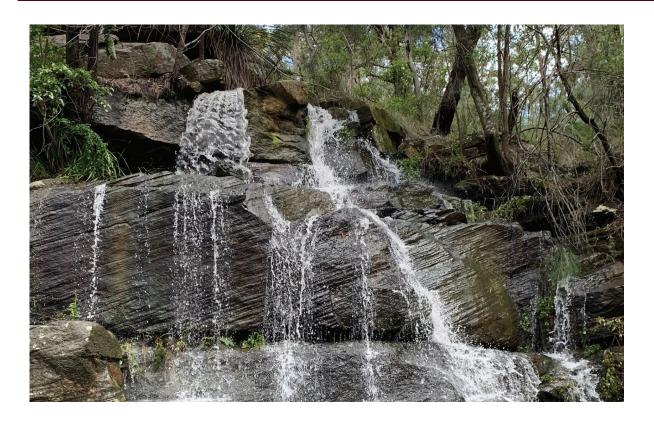
Adrian our caterer did a fine job, the lunch was really good, and his salads are outstanding!

Please, next year, remember that there is plenty of cover, so you need not be concerned by wet weather, hot weather, cold weather or any other sort of weather, tornado and monsoon excepted!

Peter Grant



DAIMLER CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC 2018



REGALIA ITEMS FOR SALE



120 years of Daimler sticker \$5 + postage



Eagle decal \$5 + postage

REGALIA ITEMS FOR SALE



Daimler badges in script \$20 + postage (also broken version for \$5 + postage)



DQ, DS, DR badges. \$25 + postage



V8 hubcap badge \$20 + postage - 1 only



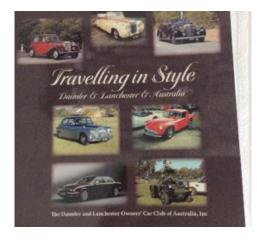
Cards (no envelope) \$2 + postage



Key fob \$10 + postage



Video set \$15 + postage



Publication: Travelling in Style \$30 + postage

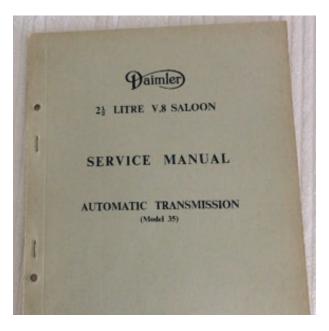


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Safety Triangles \$15 + postage

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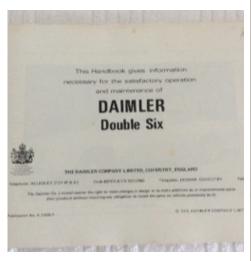
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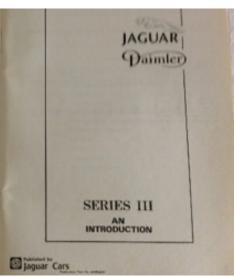
V8 service manual \$10 + postage



Majestic handbook (photocopy) \$15 + postage



Double Six Service Manual \$40 + postage



Series III 6 cylinder \$30 + postage



XJ, XJ6 & Sovereign \$40 + postage

Contact

Ray Palmer on 0409 465 446 for any of the above items

PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND AWAY - 10-11 NOVEMBER

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COMBINED HUMBER/DAIMLER EVENT

Sunday 2 December 2018 from 11.00 am onwards at Elizabeth farm at Rose Hill

Address - 70 Alice Street, Rosehill, NSW 2142

Cost - Adult | \$12 Concession | \$8 Family | \$30 Children under 5 years | Free of charge

Tours - General tours are at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm with a Highlights Tour at 3pm. Tours take 45 minutes to 1 hour. Self-guided iPad tours are also available.

Tea Rooms - Situated in the grounds of historic Elizabeth Farm, the Elizabeth Farm Tearoom offers coffee, cakes, Devonshire teas, sandwiches and light lunches. Gluten free options available. Saturday and Sunday, 10am–4pm (last service 3.30pm)

Parking - The is plenty of street parking. It is proposed to park on the east side of Elizabeth Farm which is Arthur Street

Activities - This is a flexible event so please bring your Humber/Daimler or modern car and join us at some point in the day and explore this beautiful historic house. As a guide I will be at Elizabeth Farm from 11.00 am and would suggest we do the 12.00 tour and then have something to eat in the tea rooms (or picnic in the park) leaving in the afternoon. You might want to do a later tour if that is more suitable.

DAIMLER DISPOSAL

Looked at the car Roger Doughty has in Goulburn 2 weeks ago. Roger wants to dispose of car to a good Daimler members home.

The car body was built in Australia on a Daimler E-20 chassis. It's all there and would be great spare parts for someone. Motor looks ok with no damage.

Roger's phone number - 0419 603588 and can be inspected in his garage at Goulburn.







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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 OCTOBER, 2018.

The meeting commenced at 8:00pm with Merv McDonald in The Chair.

Apologies:

Jim Gellett, Russell and Jenny Turner, John Steel, Colin Cox.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were published in the Journal and taken as read. Moved: That they be accepted as true and correct: Victor Nash. Seconded: Warren Cole. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Nil.

Correspondence:

Magazine from the Western Australia Daimler Club, Secretary's report by email.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Nil

Secretary's Report:

Agenda Items that have been suggested that I raise at tonight's meeting

- 1. Apologies Jim Gellett, Colin Cox, Russell & Jenny Turner
- 2. Congratulations to Merv, Alan, Victor, judges & all those assisting with the organization of the ABD, the delivery of the 1909 Daimler draw card at top paddock, & to those attending with a good number & variety of cars on our display. In my humble opinion one the most successful ABD in recent times.
- 3 It is confirmed that all DLOCCA cards have been sent out as requested, being two cards expressing condolences to families for the loss of loved ones & one providing a get well soon message.
- 4. It has been suggested that the club again calls for financial donations to the Lanchester restoration project from club members, if they are so inclined, with the upcoming membership renewals suggested \$20.00
- 5. It has been suggested that polo shirts be commissioned with "Lanchester Project " or similar reference embroidery. Shirts cost to be confirmed at approximately \$30.00 each
- 6. It was suggested that Russell provide receipts for cost incurred in construction of the Lanchester's new living quarters for reimbursement. I have donated the machine charge out for cutting in & benching the site flat, then placing road base & spreading it to level. The road base itself has also been paid for as a donation. Whilst previous approval had been given for the purchase of LVL timber rafters their costs at approx \$2000 proved too expensive.

In lieu I have used all steel channel rafters out of stock, plus 3 roof sheets available in my stock (need another six to cover roof.) It is not my intention to receive a rent for the car space/parts storage & I am happy to monitor & keep responsible records of the car's movement in & out & to who it may be allocated for use as applicable, as an ongoing assistance to the club.

I have had to purchase the posts & the battens for the carport (part invoice) Jay Jay 616161 @ \$ 649.28 & paid labour Craig Hobbs Inv 2452 @ \$924.00 . (\$1573.28 Total at this stage)

I only require now 6 extra sheets to finish the roof, with estimated reimbursement cost @ \$400-\$500 at trade price. TBA.. I will use metal cladding from stock at no charge for material or labour to enclose two sides of the carport.

I trust this request for re-imbursement is acceptable to the committee/meeting . For any clarification please let me know .

7. It was suggested an update on projected costs to the Lanchester project be provided as follows Tyres \$550 Paint \$500 Roof lining \$200 Carpets \$500 Weather Seal Rubbers \$100 Window Bailey trims \$150 Rear quarter seals \$400 Sundries \$500 Estimate total \$2900

Regards Russell

Treasurer's Report:

Alan Hunt presented a written report. There is \$6,520.21 available funds in the cheque account; with payments to be authorised this month to Russell Turner as below. There is a further \$10,819.53 in the term deposit.

There has been a very generous donation from Ken Stuart of the sale proceeds of four wheels and an engine hoist which together with the delivery fee of \$50.00 given by Alan Hunt came to \$650.00 and this will be credited to the Lanchester Project Fund.

The display day also contributed \$176.00 from the raffle for the hamper and there will be a \$200.00 contribution from the organisers towards the cost of transporting the 1909 Daimler to the Display.

Alan requested that payments to Russell Turner in the amount of \$1573.28 be approved for costs associated with the Lanchester project including building materials and labour for the Lanchester House

Alan asked for the report and payments to be accepted. Alan also asked that pre approval to a limit of \$500.00 be given for the roof sheets required to make the Lanchester House weather proof.

The Lanchester Fund stands at \$2,075.00 which is included in the total available funds.

It was requested that members approve the notion of a further request at renewal time for a donation towards the project and \$20.00 was the figure put. There would also be a report on the progress with some photos so members could see what had been achieved and John Hiscox will put this together along with he renewal letter.

Moved: Alan Hunt, seconded Warren Cole: "That the Treasurer's report be accepted as true and correct and payments and the pre approval roof sheet limit as noted be approved. Carried.

The members in meeting also asked that the Minutes note the gratitude with which the members held those who had volunteered their time and skill in making the project a reality and in getting it so quickly advanced.

New Members:

The Club welcomed Rosie Braye.

Social Report:

14 Oct: Lane Cove Club Picnic. Area 16 Commandment Rock.

• 10-11 Nov: President's Weekend in and around Bathurst.

9 Dec: DLOC Christmas Party at 63 Davies Avenue Springwood.

Editor/Website:

Nil.

Registrars:

John Hiscox reported that John Hurst had acquired, through a fellow clock enthusiast the original Hooper Body plate from the Royal Tour All Weather (converted to Ajax Film car) and this will in turn be passed on to Mark Bearman as he now owns the car (or what is left of it).

Regalia.

Nil.

Library.

Nil.

Conditional Plates:

Warren Cole was able to advise that the Club was licensed to approve Classic Plates for modified vehicles and that David Stoodley's SP 250 was the first vehicle to receive such plates.

Technical and Spares:

John Robison talked about the now abandoned plan to rescue spare parts he had purchased from John Hancox to be donated to the Club by him and Peter Grant was able to update the meeting that the scheduled collection of the spares by the truck driver sourced by Ray Palmer was to take place this coming week and the parts would be delivered to Springwood for sorting and then storage at Victor's shed.

John then explained to the meeting that he had found the steering of the Special Sports difficult in the restricted parking space he has and has made contact with Marles the steering box manufacturer and by use of engineering principles has concluded that if a shorter drop arm was fitted to the steering box then the steering whilst requiring more turns lock to lock would be as much as 40% easier and has ordered five such shortened drop arms for fitting to DB18 type chassis.

For Sale and Wants:

Warren Cole is collecting the Doughty E20 from Goulburn for his collection.

CMC

Nil

All British.

Mery confirmed the kind offer of the committee of the ABD to contribute \$200.00 towards the cost of trucking the 1909 Daimler to the Display Day.

Alan hunt has prepared an invoice which Merv will deliver to the ABD Committee at the next meeting.

General Business:

John Hiscox has been in touch with Keith Ashworth. Keith expects his treatment to conclude mid November and is very much looking forward to being at our Christmas party in December.

Warren Cole had been to a veteran rally in Forbes, 140 pre 1919 cars and George Gillet was there in his 1908 BSA. No Daimlers present (did I see a twinkle in Warren's eye about that????).

Alan announced that the forthcoming run for the SP250 register will no longer be south but instead will be to Fort Scratchley in Newcastle.

Victor asked if Stan Richards still his DE 27 and the answer was "yes" but the car is under a terms purchase with Ray Palmer as the eventual owner.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.16 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DLOCCA WILL BE MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 2018 @ 8:00pm AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB.

REQUEST FROM AUSTRIA

I'm desperately looking for a cylinder block, for my Lanchester 18 HP, built in 1937 (6 cylinders).

Unfortunately, my cylinder block has a crack and is irreparable, unfortunately can not be laser-welded, because it is in an unfavorable place where you do not get to.

I was fortunate enough to find a second one and after the x-ray it turned out that the block had a tear again. Now I am at the end of my wisdom and ask you to help me in this matter. Is there perhaps someone in your club who still owns or sells such a cylinder? Apparently the E 20 Daimler is the same as a motor?

My contact address:

Dietmar Hehenberger

Guglwald 13, A-4191 Vorderweißenbach, AUSTRIA dietmar@guglwald.at Tel. +43 (0) 664-3403111

V8 BLOCK FOR SALE

Selling for a friend who was told it is a block from an SP250. Item is in Bungendore. Any offer considered.

Contact is Terry on 0418 211 332



JAGUAR FOR SALE

Jaguar XJ40 S series Auto 1994 Model 3.2 litre

Chassis Number: SAJJFALG3AJ698183

• Engine Number: 9BPMNA117710

Rego Number: XIH794

The S series featured firmer suspension and more precise steering coming out of the Jaguar factory including a limited slip differential. Paint is British Racing Green, upholstery beige leather, carpets red, all in very good condition. One minor blemish on the driver's seat. The 1993 & 1994 XJ40's were the end of the run prior to the release of the X300 in 1995. They were noteworthy for having very few if any defects that needed correcting. These models had come a long way from the electronic and brake issues that plagued the 1986-1990 3.6 litre cars. As a matter of interest the 3.2 litre engine is a de-stroked version of the re-engineered 4 litre engine fitted from 1990 onwards. It is my understanding that this engine in supercharged form was fitted to the Aston Martin DB7, obviously a very robust engine.

Price: \$5,000 \$4,000 \$3,000 Additional photographs are available on request. Original owner's manual comes with the car.

Contact: Colin Cox 02-47393301 or 0408393301



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1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

Denis Leys PART THIRTY SIX PART THIRTY SIX - PAINTING THE GRILL CENTRE AND BOOT LID

The grill centre on the Consort is painted in the same colour as the vehicle. Although it is a relatively small piece it still requires the same amount of preparation as any other body panel. The metal was pitted and required filling and repeated rubbing back. All up it took 12 hours to prepare the centre for paint, and a further hour to spray the black paint.

Unlike the grill the boot lid is a much larger panel and any imperfections in the surface are easily seen in the final finish – more so with black. The process started with filling the obvious imperfections followed using high build primer. A light spray of colour is applied over the primer before sanding with finer grades of paper. When the panel is sanded flat, any low spots are revealed as colour patches. The process is repeated until these patches are removed.

After a final sand using 400 dry, I sand the panel with 600 wet before spraying colour. I sprayed 7 coats of acrylic black and followed this by colour sanding with 1500 and 2000 wet. Colour sanding removes all orange peel and other imperfections in the surface such as dust particles.

Finishing the paint surface required buffing with two grades of buffing compound, a polish and a sealer. The process produced a mirror finish.

Related Youtube video - 1949 Daimler DB 18 Consort Resurrection Part 36



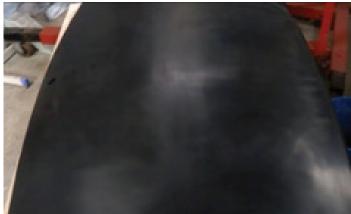






1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION









THE LANCHESTER PROJECT

Friday 28 September 2018 - Jim Gellett, Merv McDonald and myself travelled to Russell Turner's home at Springwood to sort through the parts for the Lanchester. Firstly a big thanks to Russell for repairing one of our trestle tables that had split a piece of timber on one of its legs. The tables have been very helpful in the project and today was no exception.

We went through all the boxes/crates and sorted out all the nuts bolts and screws for me to take home and clean. Merv rightly would prefer we use completely new nuts and bolts, but given the cost that this would incur to the project the nuts and bolts will be individually run through their relevant tap or die and wire brushed. As we progressed through the boxes/crates we found more than needed of the acorns that hold the front of each door handle in place and also three more screws that hold the light sockets in the tail light assembly.

We also found another reverse light cover. This one has no dents and better chrome that the one that Jim and Merv brought back from the Brenner's, but it too has broken number plate lenses. As it took me 4 1/2 hours to make and install new lenses for the one from the Brenner's this one will sit on the self for a while. I decided to take all the remaining light fittings and head/side/tail light lenses and surrounds home and will clean them there ready for installation when the painting is done, possibly at Merv's.

THE LANCHESTER PROJECT

I am relieved to advise Jim has found the original missing reverse light switch and mounting bracket and it should clean up nicely. As we hadn't found it previously, Merv and I had planned to fashion one ourselves using a Jaguar Mk II, VII-IX reverse light switch and our own bracket. With everything sorted out we packed up and headed for home.

Thursday 11 October - Jim had gone on holidays after the last project day and I had succumbed to a extremely persistent virus for the past 10 days. Despite this I had managed to clean all the bits and pieces I had brought back from Springwood. This included running all the bolts, screws and nuts through their relevant die or tap to clean their threads. I also sorted, bagged and labelled them by type and thread size ready to be re-installed.

The headlight bucket I had brought back from Springwood is bent out of round presumably at the same time the drivers guard was damaged. It will need to be restored to it's original shape as the headlight wont fit, in it's current shape. A job for the panel beaters in the team.

Merv in the interim time had been busy himself. Using a special metal joint/seam sealer he has sealed all the seams on top of the mud guards, in the roof gutters and around door edges. Merv had also done some touching up of primed areas where minor blemishes were evident or where excessive rubbing back of the ghost coat had occurred.

Today we installed the restored reverse light switch and I took a spare choke cable that Merv installed. He then ran the engine one last time before the car was masked up for painting. The engine is still sounding good. We then spent the rest of the day masking off most of the body for painting (front/rear windscreens, boot, door ways and engine bay).

Friday 12 October - Linden Braye attended with Merv and together they finished off masking off the body for painting. Once completed they then set about re-rubbing down the now bare body of the car as due to the wet weather there had occurred some surface rusting.

Thursday 18 October - Merv had applied a coat of primer putty to the whole body of the car prior to this day. Again I was not able to make it on our usual Friday meet so I attended and helped Merv to do a light wet rub back of the primer applied to the body of the car. I am a novice when it comes to doing this but Merv is a very good tutor and we managed to completely rub back the whole body.

Friday 19 October - John Steel in attendance with Merv McDonald. Together they did more light wet rubbing back of primer coat on the boot lid, bonnet valance (gravel tray) and bonnet side panels. Merv appears quite pleased with progress towards getting colour on the car.

Friday 26 October - Present Jim Gellett, Merv McDonald, Linden Braye and myself. Today we rubbed back the four doors and Jim repaired the passenger's rear sill that had been previously been overlooked. The day proved to be a set back for the project with rubbing back highlighting imperfections in various doors. A review of the main body of the car identified further imperfections that required rubbing back to bare metal. Although the setback is disappointing it just means an additional week possibly two for extra undercoating and wet rub back to be done before colour can be applied to the car.

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A PART RESTORED DB 18/1 FOR SALE

We have sold our house at Narooma and are moving up to the Sunshine coast so I have to sell. So if any of your members would be be interested I am only too happy to send photos, etc and have a talk to them about it. I only want \$11,000 for it and you probably realise I have spent a huge amount more than that to get it to this stage. All body work is completed and undercoated and motor reconditioned. Includes all parts and electrical loom. It has the four light sport saloon body. Please contact Bernie Jones on j.jones2@bigpond.com



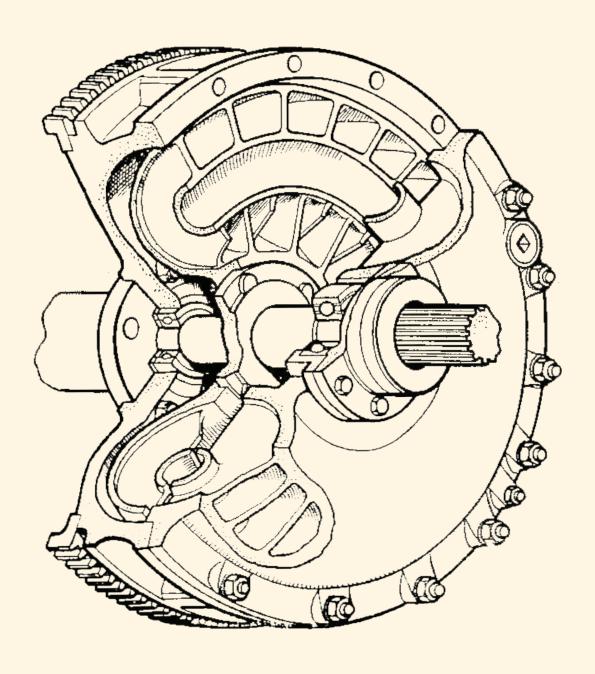












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