

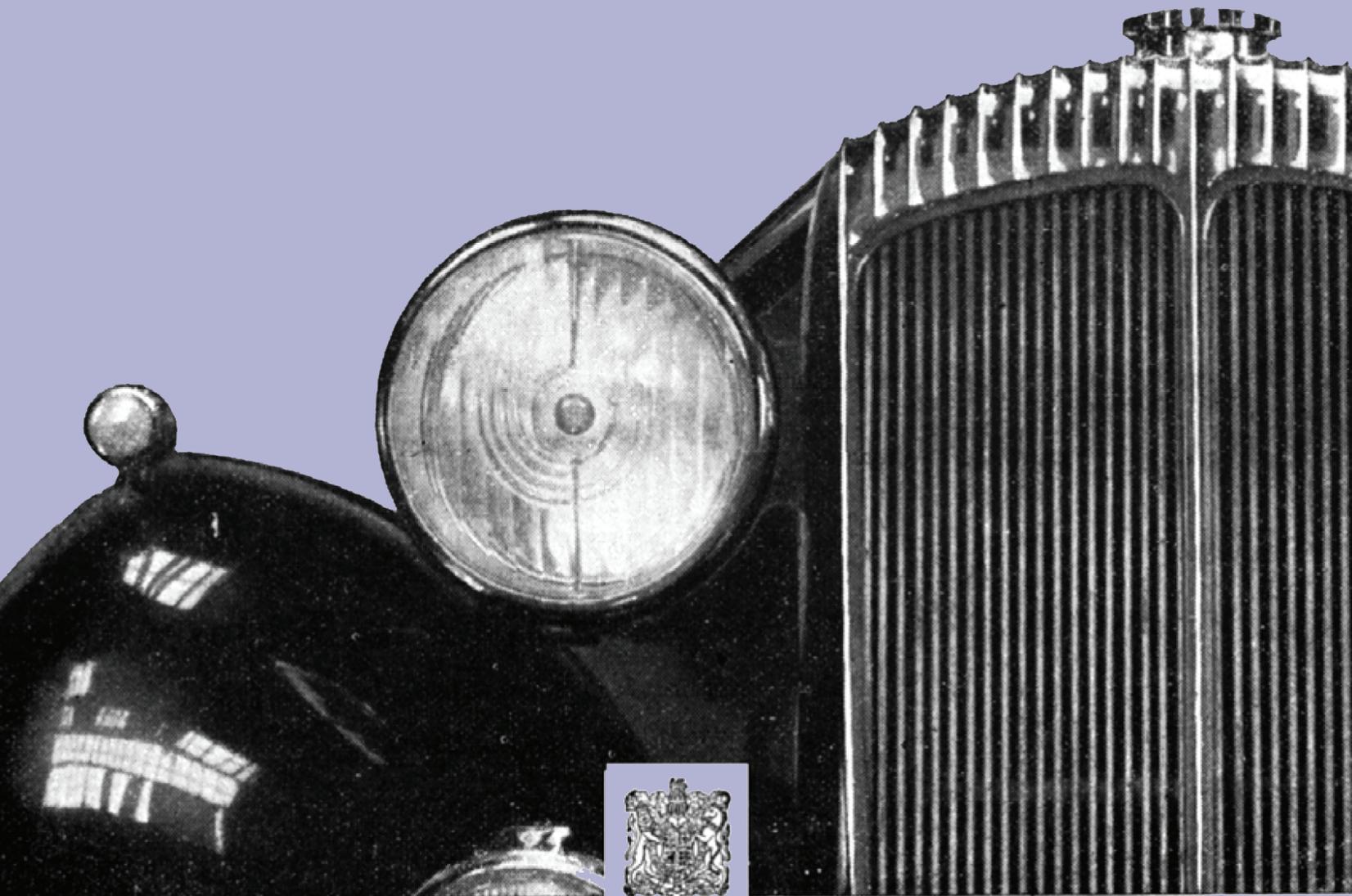
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# PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S REPORT

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the Display Day, such as it was has come and gone.

The small number of cars that were gathered at Linwood House in Guildford in no way dampened the enjoyment of those who were there. The numbers were not huge but the atmosphere was excellent, with Greta opportunity to examine the cars, and catch up with members of the Daimler Family who were enjoying the beautiful weather and lovely back drop of the heritage listed house.

It just reinforced for me what a marvellous group of people we have in our Club, and how they enjoy each other's company and are excellent company in turn.

Makes me want to bang my drum and encourage everyone to try to get to club runs as often as possible.

I am starting to plan the President's week end and hope to have the week end of 19 and 20 November arranged before too long so stay tuned for the details.

With the passing of the late monarch, the Royal Tour Landauette is now on display at the National Museum of Australia, so a visit to the Museum's repository to see the car may now not be such a must. I will report when I have more details for you.

Until then signing off from Ireland where I am currently sitting writing this report.

Peter Grant

## COMING EVENTS

October 2022 Monday 3	<b>DLOC Meeting</b> - To be held at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, commencing at 7:30pm. <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN VENUE AND THE CHANGE IN DATE.</b> We look forward to seeing everyone attend.
October 2022 Sunday 9	<b>Rouse Hill Estate</b> - Meet between 10.30 and 11AM Rouse Hill estate. 356 Annangrove Road Rouse Hill. Visitors are asked to pre book on line or contact Ray Palmer by sms or telephone 0409465446 or email <a href="mailto:rpalmer.teacher@bigpond.com">rpalmer.teacher@bigpond.com</a>
October 2022 Sunday 30	<b>SP250 Run</b> - Angel Sussurri, 1- 4 Linga Longa Rd Yarramalong for lunch. Meet at the new Heatherbrae Pies Ourimbah at 9am for morning tea and a pleasant drive to Yarramalong. Please advise if you intend on joining us, as numbers will be required for a reservation. Contact Jeff Glanville for more info.

## COMING EVENTS

<p>November 2022 Saturday 19 Sunday 20</p>	<p><b>President's Weekend Away</b> - accommodation will be advised in Braidwood with a visit to the Royal Daimler &amp; National Museum in the ACT over the weekend. More info when the President returns to these shores</p>
<p>April/May 2023 Thursday 13 to Monday 1st</p>	<p><b>Circumnavigate Tasmania</b> - I have block booked accommodation and the ferry for this event and there are still a couple of spaces to be filled.</p> <p>You do not need to bring your Daimler, just a vehicle. If you would like to see the itinerary showing places and events, please contact me. Or you can fly and rent a car as one couple is doing.</p> <p>John Hiscox      0438 225 884      de27@bigpond.com</p>

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## EXHAUST NOTES FROM THE DLOCCA SP250 REGISTER

### EXHAUST NOTES

SP450 at RACA - 26 August 2022 - Report Kindly provide by Alan Hunt.

David and Dallas Stoodley took their SP450 to the Royal Automobile Club and they captured that historic Club founded in 1903 by the first few automobile owners in NSW.

David and Dallas and the SP450 added a small chapter to the rich history of the RACA walking in the footsteps of great motoring people such as Wizard Smith, Francis Birtles, John Sherwood, Jack Brabham, Sterling Moss and the Geoghegan brothers.

RACA Motoring members have a dinner on the last Friday of the month and call it Fluid Friday. The July speaker was David Berthon and there were around 40 people attending.

For the August Fluid Friday David Stoodley was invited by RACA member and DLOCCA vice president Victor Nash to bring the SP450 and explain his project. For the first time Fluid Friday exceeded 50 people. That record was helped by a great turn out of SP250 and Daimler Club members who came to see the SP450 and support David & Dallas. In total there were 24 of us with many old friends including the Fitzgerald family, Roger Giles. Michael & Libby Kerridge and Cameron & Anne Norgrove.

David's after dinner speech delivered in his easy amusing style held his audience captive as he spoke about his early introduction to Daimlers and about his family while explaining his project with pictures of parts, large and small. As the final picture of a sparkling red car flashed up and David explained it was the end of an 11 year project the audience erupted in spontaneous applause.

Following the speech there was a hasty consumption of sweets so the audience could adjourn, many with wine glass in hand, to the RACA garage to inspect the SP450 which was parked next to Stephen and Helen Figgis's SP250. Thanks to Stephen and Helen there was an interesting comparison of sights and sounds. The crowd studied, questioned, mingled, chatted freely around the cars creating another innovation for Fluid Friday.

For the record, here are a few notes on the SP450:

Engine: Daimler 4.5 litre Majestic Major V8 imported from USA

Gear box: Tremec T56 Manual 6 speed

Differential: Ford BA limited slip

Brakes: Nissan Skyline R31

Front Springs: Upgrades by 30%

Chassis: modified with RHS (rectangular hollow section tube) for the gear box rear mounts and for added torsional strength

Weight: around 70kgs heavier than an SP250

Consumption: around 25 mpg (Standard SP250 is around 30 mpg)

Cootamundra Sprint ¼ mile time: 15.3 seconds

### Lost SP found.

Back in about 2008 we lost track of chassis 101134, referred to as the "Farrington car", it was professionally restored in South Australia, and was sold to Rick Marks here in Sydney before again being sold to The Classic Throttle Shop at North Sydney. It was then purchased by someone in Queensland and was here the trail

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stopped. The car has now resurfaced and is still in Brisbane, we welcome Adam Disney to the SP family. Adam intends on using the car as his daily driver for a period of time.

Steve Drake has sold his SP 104452 (Ex Fed Police car) to Bernard Macherel of NSW. Bernard is relatively new to the club and has a wealth of fibreglass knowledge, having his own business in the industry.

### SP NEWS

#### **Cootamundra Sprints 19-21 Aug:**

SP Group were fortunate to have been invited to join the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia in what was tipped as a fun weekend in lovely Cootamundra for the annual Sprints.

And what a fun weekend it was!

Commencing at gentleman's hours, with regular stops along the way for other members joining the convoy, we all eventually met for a very nice lunch at the Eling Forest Winery Cafe.

From there we had the most picturesque windy road trip to Cootamundra, arriving late in the afternoon.

As with most classic car drives, we did experience a breakdown along the way with one of the cars (Alfa Romeo GTV6) but a jiggle here and there on some wires and it was firing again.

We woke on Saturday to a very fresh, drizzly morning and after a brief driver's meeting we were keen (some more than others) to get on the track.

With cars warmed, we set off. Three SP's were entered, David Stoodley - SP450, Stephen Figgis - SP250 and myself - SP250.

Although the official times were not available, problems with the recording due to the wet weather, David and Stephen had numerous successful runs with fast, consistent times. David's SP450 looking and sounding lightning fast.

A very exciting day with huge smiles left on the faces of drivers and spectators alike.

Unfortunately, my car experienced a tail shaft failure on its first run (refer photo). On inspection I thought the day was at an end for me and I was left thinking of possible ways of getting the car, my wife and myself back home.

A quick trip into town to assess the possibilities, we were fortunate to locate a local metal fabricator, Mark of Spinifex Welding, who was extremely helpful.

I explained to him the issue and what I would require to repair the car and his reply was "I should be able to find something out the back that could work"

Back to the track to nurse the car, at less than walking speed, to his facility. Aided by the very helpful Mark Brooks, we got the car to his workshop and had the tail shaft out in no time.

True to his word, he had exactly what was required and within an hour we had a new tail shaft manufactured, installed and out on the track for three more ¼ mile sprints.

The organiser, Jeremy Morris of VSCCA commenting on the fact that the SP's will always be remembered on their first participation in the Coota Sprints by having so many cars present, producing the biggest bang of the weekend and being the most persistent.

A huge thankyou to all for their help especially Mark Brooks, Spinifex Welding, the Vintage sports car

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club and all the SP group present.

I was very proud of the representation of the Daimler Club with 5 x SP250, 1 x SP450, 1 x BMW 330 & an Alfa Romeo GTV6.

Well done to all and thank you for supporting this event.

## **Marulan Historic race day Saturday 10th Sept:**

Report kindly provided by Mark Brooks.

Met at Pheasants Nest, unfortunately most had pulled out of the run for various reasons, however we set off our convoy of 2... Ferrier & Brooks

As we neared Marulan, we encountered some rainy patches, as there was at Pheasant Wood circuit. Walked the pit area and marvelled at the array of vintage racing machines both cars and bikes (and people).

Later in the day the we were joined by Chris Mosse Robinson.

A great day despite the weather.

## **Daimler Club Display Day Linwood House Guildford Sunday 11th Sept:**

Report kindly provided by Mark Brooks.

A great setting for a relaxing Sunday, given the confusion and late plan changes, the display day was not well attended this year, the DLOCCA had 12 vehicles in attendance with 9 of them Daimlers and three of those being SP's.

For the SP portion we had Hunts, Stoodley and Brooks. The other cars were a Bently, Rolls and a Toyota. Other DLOCCA members attended during the day.

Weather wise a great day. Congrats to those that won an award on the day.

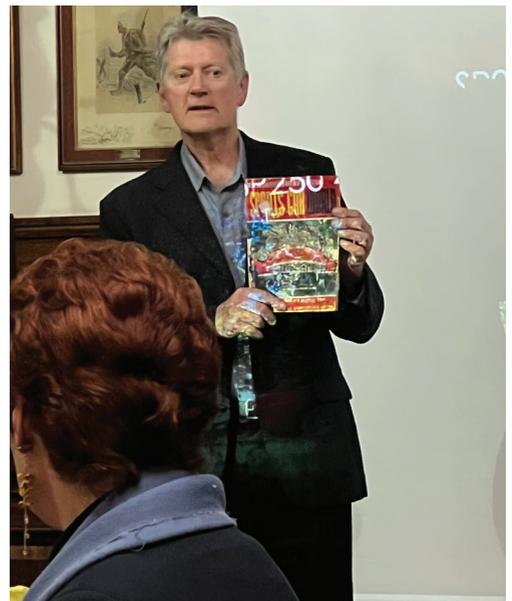
## **RUNS AND MEETINGS**

- October Sunday 30th – The planned “Brooke’s Rally” has been cancelled.
- The revised plan is a run on Sunday 30th October to Angel Sussurri, 1-4 Linga Longa Rd Yarramalong for lunch. Meet at the new Heatherbrae Pies Ourimbah at 9am for morning tea and a pleasant drive to Yarramalong. Please advise if you intend on joining us, as numbers will be required for a reservation. Contact Jeff Glanville for more info.
- November Sunday 13th – A day on the harbour aboard the beautiful Martindale, Sunday 13th November. 12 noon to 3pm. The pick-up location has changed. It is now at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron 33 Peel St Kirribilli. This location has made it easier to get on board Martindale – no climbing up rope ladders! There are two positions left if you would like to join us. We currently have 12 people confirmed. BYO drinks and something light for lunch. Hats, sunscreen recommended (a sunny day forecasted) and a donation of \$20 to \$50 per head would be appreciated by the trustees.
- December – The SP Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 3rd December at Blaxland. A lunch/early afternoon event is planned. Please keep this date free. Further details to follow.
- Circuit Run of NSW October 2023 (Stephen Figgis)

Regards

Tony Luongo & Mark Brooks

# SP250 EXHAUST NOTES NSW



## DAIMLER DISPLAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

As if Covid hadn't been disruptive enough, with the announcement of the cancellation of the All British Day over a month prior due to concerns that the grassed areas earmarked for the display would be too wet and unable to be used on the day, we were now looking at having to forego any sort of display for our cars (again) this year.

Happily, Ray Palmer learnt that Linnwood House, a heritage property in Guildford, in Western Sydney, was holding its quarterly Open Day on 11 September and so approached the organising committee and arranged for some space to be made for our cars there as part of the Open Day. The majority of the area was taken up by the Mustang Owners Club with a very fine and extensive display of perhaps 80 cars, and also the Shelby Club with another dozen or so vehicles, all sounding beautiful as they drove in and out during the day, the burble of their powerful V8 motors being very pronounced. The cars were also in amazing show condition, clearly a testament to the care and attention lavished on them by their owners.

Our own allocated area was very close to the house, on a rise looking over the Mustangs and was a beautiful setting for the cars displayed.

While we did not have the numbers we had hoped for, we had a good variety of cars representing our Marque and a lot of the Mustang folk as well as members of the public came up and had a good look at them as they went to and from the historic Linnwood House,

I had washed both cars but given concerns as to the conditions I thought that if any vehicle would get bogged, it would be the DE 36 so I opted to do the fine clean of the Special Sports and took that, and it was a delight to be able to gather with car club friends both long term and new and be part of the display.

We were lucky to have three fine examples of the SP 250, a pre war DB18/1, two Special Sports (including Graham McDonald's splendid newly restored example), a fine original Conquest Century as well as 2 ½ litre V8 saloon and a later Daimler XJ40. Winners are listed in the following table but everyone at the day was a winner. It was a lovely day out with our cars.

The weather was absolutely perfect, the area was charming and there was shade under the trees or sunshine on the lawns and the setting of the historic home behind us, along with the brass band performance during the day was ideal.

Given there was not a huge number of cars to be judged, the judging was kept very low key this year and certificates for winners were discreetly handed out to them with my heartiest congratulations.

A big thank you also to all those who visited without their Daimlers, whether the cars were out of action or for whatever reason, having you there, with or without your Daimlers makes the day much better.

The display has always been a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the Daimler Club Family and have the time to admire the cars and have a chat. Thankyou to all who attended.

Commiserations to those who were unable to get there, whether due to health reasons, a busy social or work schedule or just not finding the place.

I hope that, should the All British Day not be held again, or even if it is, we keep Linnwood House firmly in our minds for future displays and their Open Days.

Peter Grant

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## Prize Winners

- **Boyd Carpenter Best DB 18:**  
Graham McDonald 1951 DB 18 Special Sports
- **Jeff White Trophy for best Conquest or Variant:**  
Kevin and Liz Wilkinson 1955 Conquest Century Saloon
- **First Appearance After Restoration:**  
Graham McDonald 1951 DB 18 Special Sports
- **Edward Turner prize for best SP 250:**  
David and Dallas Stoodley 1962 SP 250 (450 modification)
- **J M Steel Trophy for best 2 ½ V8 or V8 250 Saloon:**  
Peter Lalchere 1963 1/12 litre V8 saloon
- **Best DB 18 or Variant:**  
Peter Lalchere 1939 DB18/1 Saloon.
- **Best Sovereign or Jaguar Derivative:**  
Alan Hunt 1983 Daimler XJ 40
- **Ladies Choice:**  
Kevin and Liz Wilkinson 1955 Conquest Century Saloon
- **Directors Choice:**  
Mark and Tracey Brooks 1962 SP 250



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## E-VALANCE DAY - 6TH NOVEMBER 2022

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Davies Craig electric fan with manual and auto switching;  
Metal 'T' hoses; Spin-on oil filter conversion; Lap seat belts;  
Halogen headlights; LED brake and indicator lights;  
Stainless steel petrol tank; Recent gearbox rebuild and new clutch;  
Recent new radiator core; Recovery system for coolant.  
There is a full tonneau and front bumper with over-riders and some spares.

### Condition:

I have owned this car for nearly 8 years it is mechanically very good. I have done very little to the body except clean the paintwork and polish and wax; it is in very good condition (commensurate with age). All chrome parts are in very good condition. The hood has been repaired, cleaned and resealed. The hood frame has a couple of minor issues requiring attention. The window winders are difficult (as are many on these cars) but as I rarely use them this has not been a problem.

# 1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION

## 1949 DAIMLER DB 18 CONSORT RESURRECTION PART 76

### Interior Trim Part 2

The upholstery above the windows is complete apart from the cover trim above the rear window which was held up because I ran out of supplies. In the meantime, I have started working on the trim below the windows, starting from the rear of the vehicle.

I recovered the rear seats and the armrests in red leather some time ago, but the rear seating area cannot be completed until the trim under the side windows is addressed. This trim comprises two pieces of walnut which I previously refinished, and a vinyl filler piece between the side armrest and the timber.

Making the trim requires shaping a piece of thin plywood to fit behind the door pillar and around the inner guard. The vinyl is then glued to the plywood. There is also a piece of vinyl covered piping which fits around the door pillar from the bottom of the door catch to the floor. This piping acts as a draft excluder.

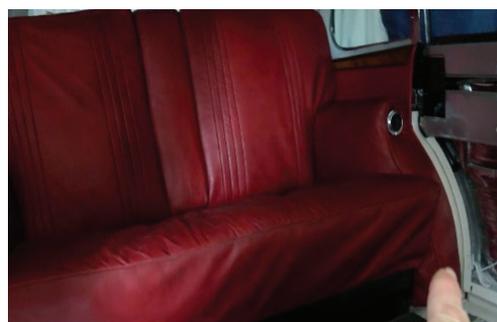
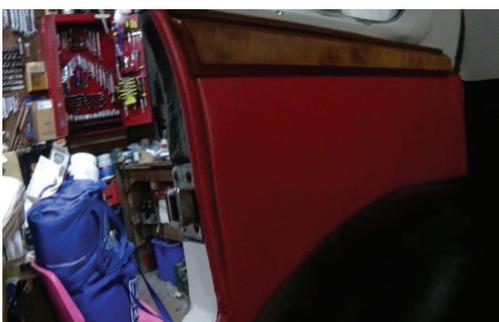
Fitting the trim starts with attaching the piping to the door pillar with screws followed by positioning the vinyl covered ply so it pushes the piping towards the door opening. Next, the walnut side piece fits over the vinyl and screwed into position. The armrest is pushed up against the side of the car which does two things. It pushes the piping into the door opening and holds the trim into position.

At this stage I have not screwed the armrests to the inner guards because it will make it difficult for me to fit the carpets. They are just held in place by the seat squab. My current intention is to continue with the side trim with the next challenge being the door cards.

### Denis Leys

Related Youtube video –

[1949 Daimler DB 18 Consort Resurrection Part 76](#)



## ROYAL DAIMLER AT NATIONAL MUSEUM

I popped by the National Museum of Australia today and took these shots of the Museum's 1948 DE36 Landauette and its placard, placed in the entrance hall of the museum as the institution's main exhibit in memoriam of the late Queen. Until you stand by it, it's easy to forget how massive these vehicles were. It certainly catches the eye of everyone heading into the museum.

The only other exhibit on show is a version of the famous William Dargie portrait of Her Majesty in 1954, wearing a wattle-themed gown, that used to adorn every Post Office and State School in the land.

The entrance hall will be very busy over the next few weeks, with school holiday visits and also a major launch of completely re-vamped galleries of Australian history.

Richard Thwaites

ps. I'm following up with Graham Irving about the Conquests on the Royal Tour. More documents to chase up, but I'm already certain there were at least four extra Conquests used in WA, in addition to the 12 loaned by the Daimler Company through Hercules Motors in Sydney. The Conquest in the photo with HM and HRH seated in it was one of four imported directly to WA in early 1954 (chassis numbers identified) and these were in the same shipment as my present Conquest, which most likely was landed in Adelaide and may have been used in the SA part of the tour. But I haven't confirmed that yet.



### The 1954 Royal Tour

This Daimler landauette was one of four used by Queen Elizabeth II during her hugely popular 1954 Royal Tour of Australia. Luxurious and technologically advanced, it featured stately fittings such as cream cord and blue leather upholstery, a walnut dash and engraved light fittings, as well as electric windows and an internal radio system. The folding landau section enabled the crowds to get a glimpse of their Queen, yet gave her some protection from the heat and dust of the Australian summer.

**Daimler DE36hp landauette** 1948  
designed and built by Daimler Motor Company  
and Hooper and Company

## FOR SALE

Daimler V8 250 saloon, 1969 MK II

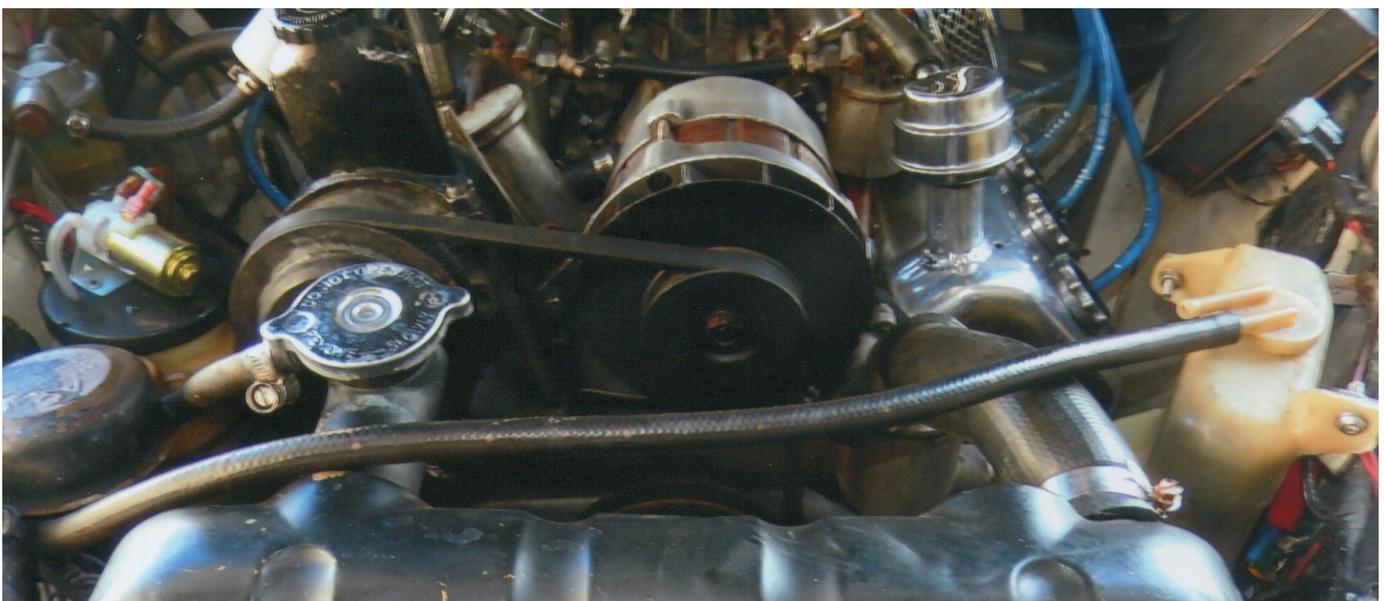
Dual trophy winner Wagga Wagga National rally, Car no PIK 40073W Body No, 4K4121 Engine No 7K4006. Vehicle owned for 28years, History known from mid 80's. Engine & auto transmission overhauled 18,000 miles ago. Full Connolly leather trim, carpet & woodwork replaced 2002. Body fully restored to concourse standard 2020/2021. To be sold unregistered to a NSW buyer as it is a Victorian registered car.

Extras include 1 Motolita wood rim alloy steering wheel, 72 spoke chrome wire wheels with Daimler knock offs, Rack & Pinion power steering, electric ignition & radiator fan, all rubber replaced, 4 inertia reel seat belts.

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FOR SALE (CONTINUED)



## WANT TO BUY AN UNOBTRUSIVE LITTLE DAIMLER?

After 22 years, the time has come, I feel, to find another custodian for my 2.5 L Empress, aka “Her Imperial Greenness”. It became clear driving to and from the Wagga Wagga rally in April that the steering and braking had become much heavier. Actually they hadn’t, but it was four years since it had been on anything but short local runs, and I was four years older and now in my ninth decade.

Bought in September 2000 from an enthusiast in Sydney, this car is a Hooper-bodied saloon on the same chassis as the Barker Special Sports – DB18, but with twin SU carburettors, overdrive Wilson gearbox and worm-drive diff. 96 of them were made, from 1949 to 1952. This one left Hoopers in April 1951, and has been in light, private use ever since. Except for brief rest periods (being painted, rewired and the like) it has never been off the road. It was imported to Australia in 1997 by the previous owner. Its complete history is known, courtesy of UK DLOC historian Brian Smith. Since about 1980, in the hands of its last three owners, it has been a prime example of the infamous “rolling restoration”. Records are available of work done over this time.

Apart from a bare-metal respray in the original two greens in 2005, plus a recent paint touch-up, virtually all the other work has been mechanical or electrical. Apart from regular servicing, brakes, steering, suspension, carburettors, gear linkages, cylinder head, distributor, wiring etc etc etc have all been repaired/overhauled as required.

With the exception of installation of an electric fuel pump, as far as possible the only departures from originality have been to make the car safer or easier to drive in modern traffic (headlight upgrades, flashing turning indicators, wiper upgrades, wing mirrors, LED stop/tail globes etc)

In 1996 the car was fitted with a fully-reconditioned, ex-UK-military DB18 motor, which (while not strictly original) is a huge asset; the over/under sizes used are on a brass plate on the block. While a tad cumbersome in urban traffic, it is a fine highway car, and returned 24 mpg on the run to/from Wagga Wagga. The interior is virtually original (including the rear-seat sheepskin mats), and its verifiable mileage is 77737. There will be a party in 40 miles. Original-specification cross-ply tyres are fitted. The car has been to every Australian National Rally since 2000, as well as the UK Centenary Rally in 1996, all without a hiccup. There is lots more to tell.

I have no idea what a fair price might be, but I am certainly not looking to make a killing – far from it. I am at least as interested in seeing it go to a home where it will continue to be used, appreciated and cared for. I would appreciate contact from interested folk who might discuss severance terms ([ptowns@iinet.net.au](mailto:ptowns@iinet.net.au)).

The car has been on full road-registration (Victoria EMP999) for the last 20 years. While it would fail a RWC at present (see if you can guess why!) it should be straightforward to get to a roadworthy or club-reg-worthy state.

A couple of photos might whet your appetite.

Peter Towns

[ptowns@iinet.net.au](mailto:ptowns@iinet.net.au)

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# ROUSE HILL ESTATE - 9TH OCTOBER 2022

Meet between 10.30 and 11AM Rouse Hill estate.  
356 Annangrove Road Rouse Hill

Visitors are asked to pre book on line or contact Ray Palmer by sms or telephone 0409465446 or email [rpalmer.teacher@bigpond.com](mailto:rpalmer.teacher@bigpond.com)

RSVP by 3rd October.

If at least eight members reply I will be able to organise a group tour.

- At 10.30 there is a meet the animals for one hour.
- All day activities including lawn games till 3.30
- Tour and visit this historic venue only minutes from the Rouse Hill shopping centre
- Entrance is free.
- The Estate is deeply connected with the earliest settlement of Sydney. and the only known convict rebellion in Australia where by participants were hung for disobeying the Governor and rioting.
- Some very interesting displays and activities to see.
- See the house web site for more information
- Bring picnic lunch or takeaway near by or The Country Womens' Association will provide refreshments on site.

Please SMS /email or telephone Ray Palmer 0409465446 for details and RSVP

Ray Palmer

Events Director



## EVENT REPORT - DISPLAY DAY LINNWOOD HOUSE

Well a successful day was had despite All British Day being cancelled. We were lucky that Linnwood House was holding their Open Day on the same Sunday originally planned for All British.

Along with the Holroyd Brass Band, the Old Tools Group, the Woodturners Society and the Ford Mustang Club The Daimler Display Day was a great success.

Linnwood House is a great survivor and I think it is a miracle it wasn't demolished years ago. It is now preserved and a great space in the western suburbs.

It was wonderful to have the cabriolet Daimlers as well as members' Daimler Saloons on display. This was one of the best attended events so far this year and I think all agreed a good venue at such short notice.

The long history of the site is quite interesting, it originally was a huge estate with orchards being a condition of the first land grants as far back as Governor Macquarie.

I was pleased to see members out in force and there was both plenty of coffee and take away hot food as well as Devonshire Tea in the dining rooms.

Hopefully a full on All British day will still be held at some stage. Photos of the event appear elsewhere in this edition.

Ray Palmer

Events Director



Throughout the Club's history Members have enjoyed a range of social activities themed around the automobile and whilst the interests have widened; travel, touring and collecting automobiles and their memorabilia have remained key areas.

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# MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DAIMLER & LANCHESTER OWNERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC. HELD AT STRATHFIELD GOLF CLUB, 52 WEEROONA ROAD STRATHFIELD ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm with Peter Grant in the chair. The meeting took place in the restaurant as no meeting rooms were available.

### **Apologies :**

Russell and Jenny Turner, Christine Cole.

The members present all send their best wishes to Christine for a speedy recovery from injuries received after a nasty fall.

### **Previous minutes:**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and approved. Moved: Mark Brooks, Seconded Jim Gellert. Carried.

### **Business arising from Previous Minutes :**

Nil.

### **Correspondence :**

Fluted Grille Magazine.

Victor received an email from Grahame and Patricia Martin seeking a copy of the Club Magazine advertising their V8 Saloon. Jim had already posted them a copy.

### **Business arising from Correspondence :**

Nil.

### **Secretary's Report :**

Russell is almost finished his course of treatment. He had tried to book a meeting room but the Club would not give us free room hire for the balance of this year but it is looking like it will give us the block booking for next year free of charge. The meeting was fine to hold in the restaurant, club was fine with that.

### **Treasurers Report :**

The Treasurer provided a comprehensive report as to the club's accounts as follows:

Cheque Account Balance @ \$12,752.04.

Term deposit @ \$11049.61.

Lanchester fund remains as a deficit @ \$528.20

It was agreed that \$5000.00 would be transferred to the term deposit upon that account maturing later this month for reinvestment.

Membership renewals received from members Rowe and Saunders and new members Follett and Macherel. Moved: Alan Hunt, Seconded: Victor Nash: "That the financial report be accepted as true and correct and the recommended transfer of funds to the term deposit be approved and that Alan Hunt be authorised to negotiate the term of the new term deposit to best secure an advantageous interest rate ." Carried.

# MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING

## **New Members :**

Bernard Macherel (Penrith with an SP 250 and an additional SP 250 chassis).

## **Social Report :**

- 11 SEP: Daimler Display Day as part of the Linnwood House Open Day at 25 Byron Road Guildford.  
From 8.00 a.m.  
If the weather is unkind the event will be cancelled. If in doubt please phone Peter Grant on 0414 702 239 for updates.

## **Website/Editor:**

Nil.

## **Registrars:**

Nil

## **Regalia:**

60th anniversary of the V8 saloon lapel badges will be available for sale at The Display Day. They are reasonably priced at \$15.00. Peter Grant has the remaining 9 and will bring them to the Display Day.

## **SP Notes:**

Mark Brooks reported that Tony Luongo has been able to get Warren Cole's SP 250 running better. Through a process of elimination he has discovered that the likely cause of the overheating was the fitting of oversized piston rings creating overly high compression.

The weekend at Cootamundra Sprints was a wonderful weekend enjoyed by all the SP250 owners who attended. In particular the performance of the Stoodley SP450 was something to behold.

## **Library:**

Nil.

## **Conditional Plates :**

Nil.

## **Technical and spares :**

See results of Tony Luongo's work on Warren's SP in the SP Notes above.

John Hiscox's V8 saloon recently displayed some problems with poor performance under load and the problem seems to be that one of the carburettor dashpot dampers has stripped the thread on the dome and popped out. Currently that and the handbrake being attended to.

## **For Sale or Wants:**

Michael Pringle is selling his SP250 (in fetching lemon duco) at a price of \$69,950.00.

## **CMC:**

Alan Hunt announced that RACA is now a CMC member and Alan is the delegate. He kindly agreed to represent DLOC also and so he was quickly appointed our CMC delegate unanimously by all at the meeting. Congratulations Alan!

# MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING

## **All British Day:**

The Display Day is next week end.

Jim will be bringing the judging materials and also the signs to put in front of that cars on display.

Peter Grant will check on the whereabouts of trophies and follow that up and With peter Lalchere our chief judge.

It was agreed that with the likely drop in attendance due to King's School cancellation there will not be a club raffle on the day.

## **Lanchester**

The car needs a new battery Jim Gellett and Graham McDonald plan to be there this coming Friday to try to clean the car up and get it started. The cost of a new battery was approved.

Mark noted that the modern sealed batteries need to be used, otherwise they calcify and fail. He recommended that a C Tec or similar battery charger that not only charges but maintains the battery be obtained to use on the car battery.

## **General Business:**

Victor Nash and Alan Hunt have been instrumental in establishing a motoring enthusiasts' group within the Royal Automobile Club, based at the Club's premises in Macquarie Street in the city. One of the regular events is a motor sport trivia night. Anyone interested in joining the team should contact Victor or Alan, there participation would be welcomed.

Peter Grant put some ideas forward about the President's Week End that is being planned for the week end of 19 and 20 November. It will be based ideally in Braidwood, with a run planned to Canberra to visit the National Museum of Australia's workshop and view the Royal Tour Car and other wonderful items of interest and, if available a tour of the Bedervale Homestead just outside Braidwood. Keep the date free and further info will be forthcoming.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.

For the rest of the meetings this year the Club Restaurant or an area nearby will be the venue to save us the cost of the meeting room.

## **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO THE NEXT MEETING VENUE AND DATE:**

**The next meeting of the DLOCCA will be 7:30PM MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2022 at RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB 117 RYEDALE RD WEST RYDE.**

## TASMANIAN TRIP BEING PLANNED

The club is planning a two week trip around Tasmania commencing Thursday 13th April next year. We will visit The Nut, Cradle Mountain, Strahan, the rack railway to Queenstown, the Gordon River, Hobart and the Salamanca Markets, Bruny Island, Port Arthur and up the east coast to Launceston and the Tamar River region, before returning to Devonport and the trip home, arriving back to Sydney on Monday 1st May.

I have block booked accommodation and the ferry for this event and there are still a couple of spaces to be filled.

You do not need to bring your Daimler, just a vehicle. If you would like to see the itinerary showing places and events, please contact me. Or you can fly and rent a car as one couple is doing.

John Hiscox 0438 225 884

## CONDITIONAL PLATES REGISTRAR

Hi everyone, Just to let you know, as of now, I am able to carry out the duties of conditional plates registrar. The RMS have been notified and have confirmed the notification. I have the club stamp and all is ready to go. Any inquiries are now able to be directed to me.

Should members find a problem with the RMS they simply request the counter staff to contact the Conditional plates section of the RMS referencing the Vehicle Program where my details are now nominated in the RMS computer. Their direct phone number is 1300791186.

For any clarification please contact me .Stay safe and regards

Russell

## FOR SALE - V8 MANUAL OVERDRIVE SALOON

1968 250V8 manual, with power steering. \$46,000. ONO.

Ron Jones Phone no. is 0408 649 435

Car is in Berrima.



## LANCHESTER REPORT

On Friday 19 August 2022 Jim Gullett and Graham McDonald headed up to Springwood to re-commence work on the club's Lanchester. We had previously arranged with Russell Turner to charge the battery in anticipation of our arrival. Russell helped install the battery back in the car and it showed 12.6 volts without load.

It was initially planned to replace the coil which had been considered the cause of the lack of spark, but whilst attempting to do this it was found the low voltage wire from the coil to the points had detached from its connector.

With a new connector and the wire re-attached we attempted to start the car but were unsuccessful with the battery failing due to its lack of use. Russell even provided a stronger charger but we were still unable to get the engine to turn over sufficiently to attempt starting the car.

The car needs cleaning after nearly 3 years of neglect forced by Covid and also member's various maladies, especially myself as my back was playing up again. We will also be seeking a new battery and hope to return in September to re-attempt starting and commence cleaning.

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Graham McDonald Home: (02) 9533 3128 Mobile: 0422 972 094

## VALE - IAN HILL

Many of you will remember Ian, past president of the New Zealand cub and regular visitor to Sydney, to attend our outings such as Bay to Birdwood, Canberra, Lightning Ridge and others. He also donated a trophy on behalf of the NZ club, but because of covid it is currently in limbo.

Ian died in August last year after a longish illness, but again covid delayed attending funeral arrangements.

However a memorial service is to be held next month (September) and some of us who knew Ian well have been invited. Unfortunately, age etc precludes us from attending.

His other hobby was his bagpipes and hopefully they will both now rest in peace.



## FOR SALE - 2 X MAJESTICS

I'm located in Geelong Victoria.

I have 2 Daimler Majestics 1961 (I think) which need complete restoration. Both are complete but one is partly disassembled. Both had running engines (but had no brakes) when I last started them about 5 years ago. One was owned by a politician in Canberra. The other I'm not sure of ownership, but has a Hooper bodybuilder placard on the rear door sill.

I was going to restore them but have run out of time and inclination.

It would be a pity to see them go to waste – would your members be interested ?

I'd probably charge about \$1,000 each for them.

How many Majestics are left in Australia ? – It can't be many.

Cheers

Paul Brewster

[beekon.pb@gmail.com](mailto:beekon.pb@gmail.com)

## FOR SALE



This vehicle appears to be a 1950/51 Lanchester LD10 Barker Saloon. It seems almost complete, and has a motor and transmission but a bit tired. It is believed that the car is out near Parkes.



Enquiries to Hedley.  
Phone - 0427 623 656

## LANCHESTER LD10 FOR RESTORATION

At the Easter Narrandera Hot Rod run this year, I met a fellow who has what appears to be a Lanchester LD-10. It is fairly complete, though in need of full restoration. He wants to see someone do something with the car (restore or hot rod) to preserve it from getting scrapped; he just requests to be sent pictures of the 'build' and finished product. I have several photos that are attached and appears to be generally solid, though the interior is as weathered as the exterior due to living outside for many years in a truck yard in Wodonga (current location).

If there is someone who has an interest, please put them in contact.

Regards, Paul Fuller [scrapperbd@gmail.com](mailto:scrapperbd@gmail.com) M: 0400 332 466



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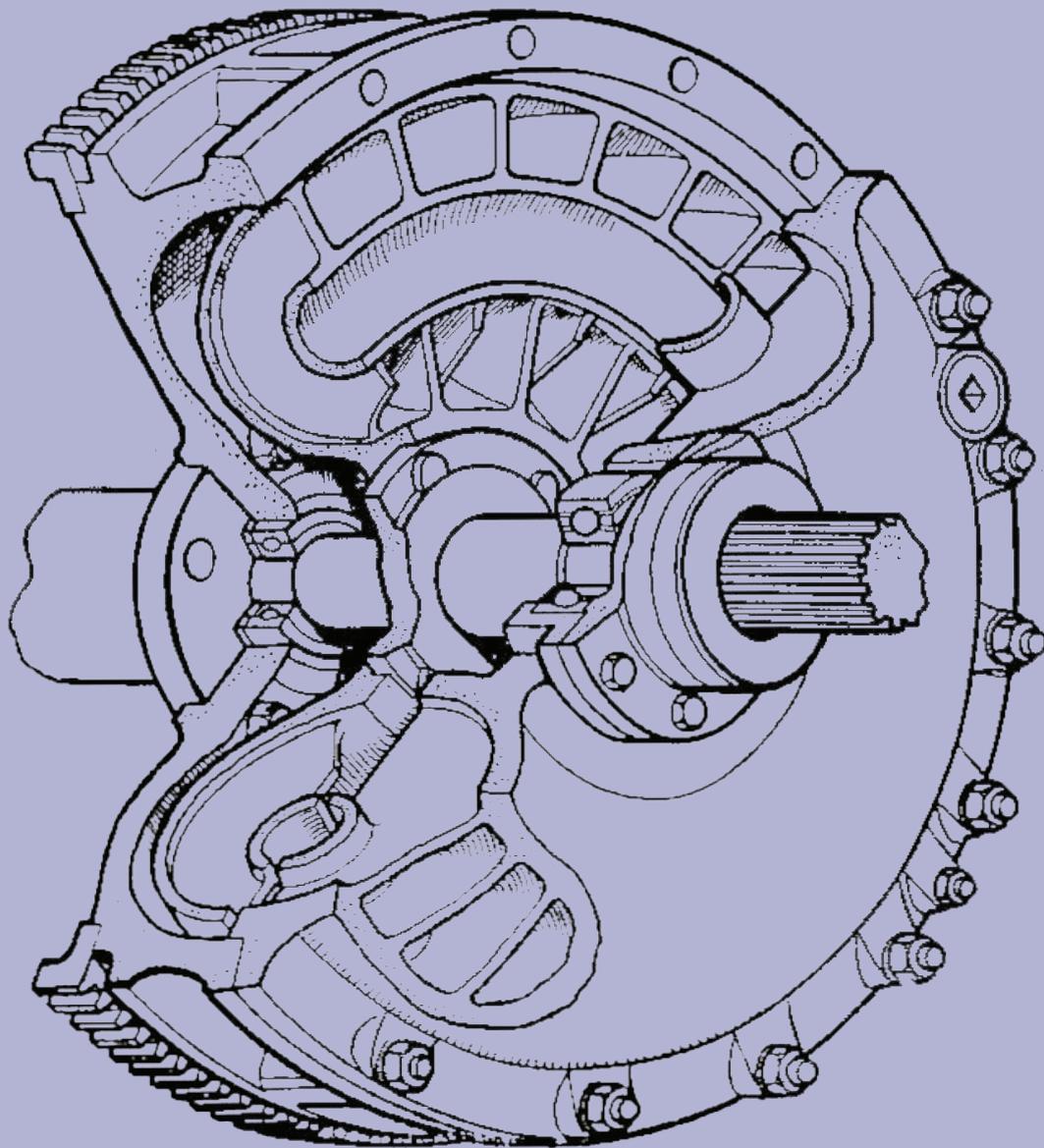
## DB18/CONSORT PARTS FOR SALE

Dear club members, it is my melancholy duty to tell you that Paul and I are no longer Daimler owners. That's the cloud bit. The silver lining bit: over the past 20-odd years we've accumulated a stock (=heaps) of mechanical and electrical parts for the classic DB18, although many parts are also compatible with the Consort. We have a drum-to-drum rear axle, a steering box, the entire steering linkage from steering box to road wheels including original track rod ends and just about a complete front end suspension. But wait! There's more! There's a couple of complete gearboxes plus plenty of gearbox parts, several engine parts including a flywheel with the starter ring gear still in good condition, a complete cylinder head with valves, pushrods and rocker arms, several starter motors, dynamos in Lucas' special equipment finish, a water pump, oil filter and housing, regulator/cutout boxes, trafficator switches, trafficators, a radiator grille and God knows what else. All prices to be negotiated in a gentlemanly manner...how else? If anyone needs any parts you can get me on [stevemoore47@iprimus.com.au](mailto:stevemoore47@iprimus.com.au) or mobile 0435624638.

Thanks in advance.

Cheers

Steve



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