

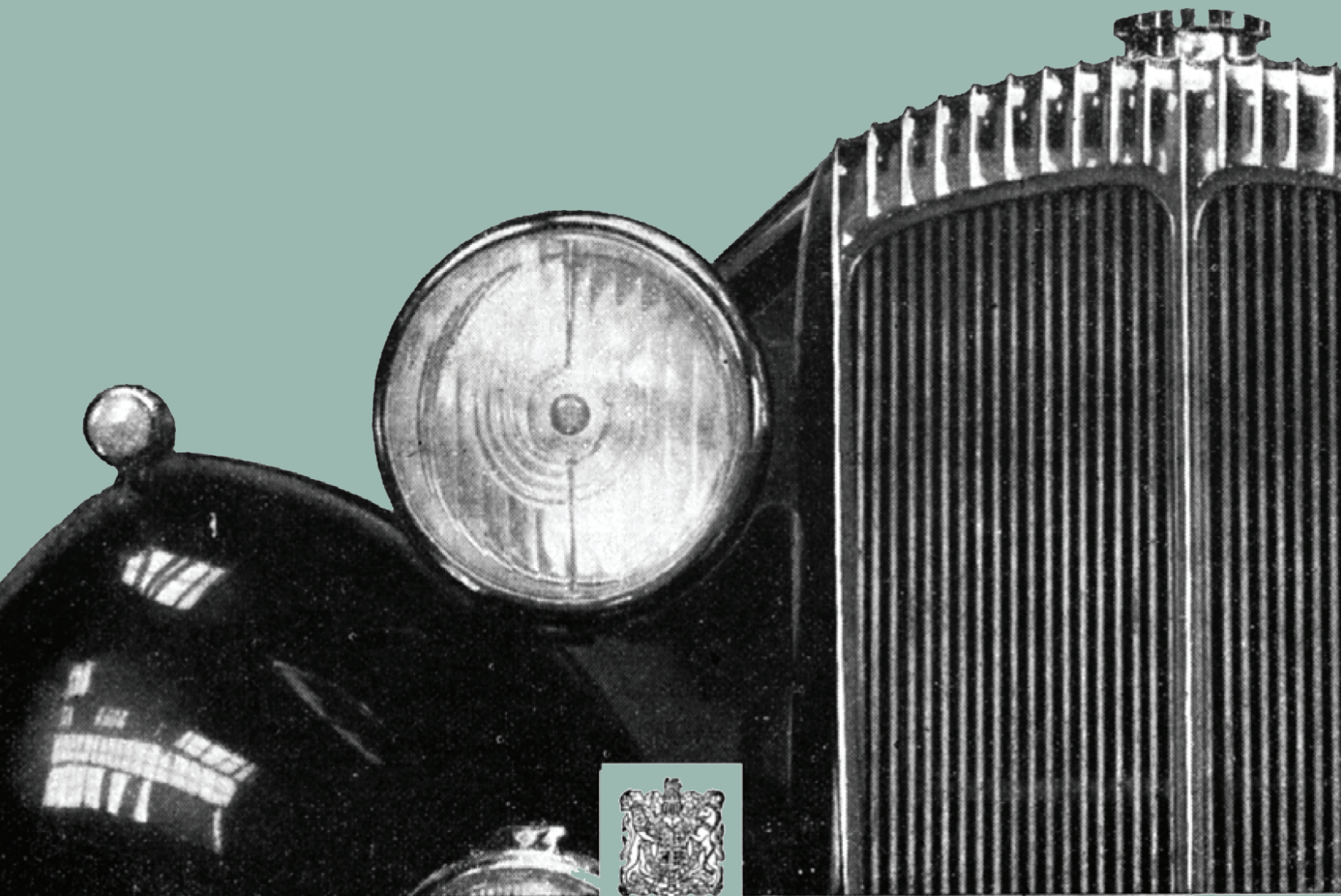
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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**7:30PM MONDAY, 3RD APRIL, 2023 AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB**

### **D.L.O.C.C.A. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

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

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Sovereign, and all Jaguar based models incl. DS 420	Colin Cox	(02) 4739 3301 (H)

# SUPPORT OUR VENUE

## **RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB - RYDALE ROAD WEST RYDE MEETINGS HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club provide 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 visiting the Leagues Club and providing patronage to the club as a reciprocal thank you for their generosity.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly and very importantly, there is an expression of interest form in this month's magazine for the 2024 Swan Hill National Rally, hosted by the Victorian Daimler & Lanchester Club. A wonderful opportunity to travel and meet up with Daimler friends from interstate there and to enjoy company and fellowship on the way down to Swan Hill and back.

Secondly, the Victorian Club had issued a survey to its members and while the number of replies was not overwhelming, those replies VERY STRONGLY emphasised the importance of the Club Magazine for members.

So let's not forget that contributions to our own magazine are welcomed and we would love to see articles about you, your experiences with your Daimler, any technical guidance you can share, all would be great to see.

The next official Club Run is the epic journey to Tasmania, organised by John Hiscox. For those going it will be a wonderful journey, those of us who cannot make it will, I hope, see a good travel article with lots of photos over the coming editions of the Club Magazine. I am trying very hard to organise my working life to allow me to fly down to Hobart and spend a long weekend with the travellers there, it would be just in the days leading up to Anzac Day so I may yet be able to get there.

We have some interesting runs coming up, the Historical Motoring Heritage Day in May, a potentially fascinating tour of a much-loved historical landmark in the City for June and then before you know it All British in September, an English Car Open Day at Linnwood House in Granville in November and its Christmas again!

Safe travels and best wishes

Peter Grant

## COMING EVENTS

April 2023 Monday 3	<b>DLOC Meeting</b> - To be held at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, commencing at 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone attend.
April/May 2023 Thursday 13 to Monday 1st	<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.  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      de27@bigpond.com
April 2023 Saturday 29	<b>SP250 Event</b> - South Coast Run - See SP250 Report for more details
May 2023 Sunday 7	<b>Victorian Daimler &amp; Lanchester Owners Car Club Annual Display Day:</b> Como Landing, South Yarra. If anyone is interested in attending, even flying down for the day please consider this event and let Peter Grant know to alert the Victorian organisers to expect you and treat you like Royalty! A wonderful opportunity to see an excellent gathering of Daimlers and their owners making the most of their annual opportunity to showcase their cars to the general public and it is always a great social event.

## COMING EVENTS

May 2023 Sunday 14	<b>Proposed Working bee on Lanchester</b> - To be confirmed but please keep this date available to get essential work completed on the club Lanchester.
June 2023 TBA	<b>Tour of Central Railway Station</b> - Details available shortly.
September 2023 Friday 1 to Sunday 3	<b>SP250 Event - Cootamundra Sprints</b> . Accommodation filling fast. If you wish to attend, I suggest you organise your accommodation.
September 2023 Sunday 17	<b>All British Day</b> . At Kings School Parramatta. Details coming soon.
October 2023 Friday 27 to Monday 30	<b>SP250 Event - National SP Rally Orange</b> . Details to be provided in future issues of Fluid Driving.
November 2023 Sunday 12	<b>Linwood House British Car Clubs Open Day</b> . Co-ordinated by the Rover Owners' Club. Details available soon

## SPECIAL OFFER FOR DLOCCA MEMBERS

Save 15% on accommodation bookings at Albury when you mention that you are a member of the Daimler & Lanchester Owners Club of Australia. This offer has been made by our member Ray Jones.



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# SP250 EXHAUST NOTES NSW

## EXHAUST NOTES FROM THE DLOCCA SP250 REGISTER

Not a great deal of news at the present time, Tony and Rosie are away so you have to put up with me again.

Currently there is one SP that I know of for sale and that is in South Australia, it is on consignment with Classic Motor Studio, the link is <https://cmstudio.com.au/automobiles/1960-daimler-sp-250-dart/>

The NSW guys had a run on March 25th, four SP's in attendance, and two moderns. Attending were Merv McDonald, John Gallagher, Mark & Pat Ferrier, Belinda & Jeremy Cassar, Bernard & Thi Sa Rieng Macherel, Tracey & Mark Brooks and Chris Cole. We welcomed Matt & Sharon Walton to the meeting point to see the car they sold in 2008 and has recently been purchased by Bernard Macherel and was on the run.

It was pleasing to see Chris Cole up and about and able to join us for lunch at Tractor 828 after her extended stay in hospital and physio, which now sees her able to drive albeit she is still walking with crutches.

### OTHER NUTS & BOLTS

I understand that Alan Hunt is looking for some rear brake rotors for his SP, if anyone has some they would be willing to part with please get in touch with Alan. (Manners and other usual suppliers do not have any at the present time as the company that produced them in the UK is no longer doing so, Manners are negotiating to commence production with another company, however this may take some time.)

### RUNS & MEETINGS

April 29th 2023 South Coast Run

10am Meet at Appin - have a coffee/cake at the bakery or coffee shop

11am Drive (1hr) via Wilton to Bulli Beach for lunch at Bulli Beach Cafe

12:15pm Lunch - book for 2hr slot

2:30pm Drive (1/2 hr) up coast road to Stanwell Park lookout (for an ice cream/drink)

3:30pm - Head off home

Please advise Bruce Thomson by April 21ST if you are attending so that he can confirm numbers with the café.

Regards

Tony Luongo

Mark Brooks

## SP250 EXHAUST NOTES NSW



Hawkesbury Lookout NSW

# MINUTES OF MARCH 2023 AGM

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DAIMLER AND LANCHESTER OWNERS' CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC.

HELD AT RYDE EASTWOOD RUGBY CLUB - 17 RYEDALE ROAD EST RYDE  
ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023

The Meeting Opened at 8.45 p.m. Peter Grant in The Chair.

### **APOLOGIES:**

As per the General Meeting prior.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, having been published in the Journal, were taken as read. Moved: Victor Nash

Seconded: Jim Gellert: "That they be taken as a true and correct record." CARRIED.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Audit of the Financial Books and Records had been completed and Alan Hunt reported that John Hiscox was satisfied that the books and records were in good order and correct and complied with the requirements of good accounting practice and requirements of relevant legislation. The financial report as audited will be published in the Club Magazine.

Alan presented a verbal report of the financial affairs of the Club to the 31st December 2022.

Alan expressed his thanks to John Hiscox for his assistance and thorough and questing examination of the club's books and records. There was a recorded surplus of \$2052.00 after depreciation.

The Lanchester Leda is valued at \$7,500.00.

Moved: Alan Hunt Seconded: Victor Nash: "That the financial report be accepted as true and correct" Carried.

### **SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

Russell Turner sent in a report as follows:

" The DLOCCA is a most wonderful and resilient Car Club and bunch of people - members, associates , friends and family all alike . Despite many personal losses of members and friends, associated with our car Club this year, it has to be said, that they will not be forgotten, and they have left a lasting legacy to which we can all be proud of and to which we all can aspire to. The Club continues to gain a regular number of new members and as we move forward, I for one, can only see our Club growing in influence and relevance. The Club will be different, in the times ahead, in the way that we function and in the format that activities/events will be conducted. However, I am confident our Club has a significant role to play in members, family and friends lives and I believe that the generosity of spirit and connection, one with another, that this Club has and enjoys shall only prosper ..... And then there are the cars.....! How can we not be empowered by all that our Club and its people provide. Regards and Keep the Wheels moving. "



# MINUTES OF MARCH 2023 AGM

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Peter wished to express his thanks for the opportunity and privilege of being President of the Club for the past year and repeated his comments made in reports during that time that he urged Club Members to take an active role in their Club, attend meetings and events and if they had any suggestions as to events they would like to promote to let the committee know about them.

Peter then requested Alan Hunt to take the Chair.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

All positions being declared vacant, the Chairman called for nominations for the following positions:

**PRESIDENT:** Peter Grant, proposed by John Hiscox and seconded by Victor Nash. The nomination was accepted. There being no other accepted nomination, either written or from the floor, Peter Grant duly elected.

Alan Hunt then relinquished the Chair to Peter Grant.

**VICE PRES:** Victor Nash, proposed by Alan Hunt and seconded by Jim Gellett indicated that he would accept the nomination. There being no other nominations Victor Nash was elected Vice President.

**SECRETARY:** Russell Turner, proposed by Alan Hunt and seconded by John Hiscox. Nomination accepted. There being no other nominations, Russell Turner was duly elected Secretary.

**TREASURER:** Alan Hunt, proposed by Peter Grant and seconded by John Hiscox. There being no other nominations, Alan Hunt duly elected.

**COMMITTEE:** Nominations were made as follows:

Peter Lalchere nominated by Alan Hunt, seconded by Jim Gellett.

Linden Braye nominated by Peter Grant seconded by John Hiscox.

Ray Palmer nominated by Linden Braye, seconded by Alan Hunt.

Subject to his agreement: Max McCoy nominated by Victor Nash, seconded by Jim Gellett.

As there were no other nominations, Peter Lalchere, Linden Braye and Ray Palmer were duly elected as members of the Committee and, pending his acceptance of the nomination, Max McCoy also.

Peter Grant as newly re-elected President gave his warmest thanks to all the Committee and Appointees from the previous year for their invaluable service to the Club and looked forward to working with the committee over the next twelve months.

## **APPOINTEES:**

The following persons having accepted the position were appointed to the following positions:

EVENTS COORDINATOR: Ray Palmer

EDITOR: Jim Gellett.

## MINUTES OF MARCH 2023 AGM

HISTORIAN: Peter Grant

PUBLICITY: Dulcie Keesing.

REGALIA: Vacant

AUDITOR: Alan Hunt wished to note his thanks to John Hiscox for his valuable work to date and asked that he continue in the role. John was duly appointed Auditor.

CLUB PLATES: Russell Turner was appointed to continue in this position.

LIBRARIAN: Jim Gellett.

REGISTRARS: The Registrars remain the same as for the previous year except that the committee will seek an additional member to assist John Steel with the V8 saloon register .

CMC DELEGATE/ Alan Hunt was appointed to continue as CMC delegate.

ALL BRITISH: To be discussed at the forthcoming Committee meeting.

SP 250 CONVENOR: Tony Luongo be appointed to continue in this role.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

All British Day: Robert Brandes kindly offered to contact Greg Kean for an update as did Ray Palmer (who offered to email the committee).

John Hiscox expressed the view that the Club should try to get all new members to come to a club event or a welcome at least once during their first year of membership.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.37 p.m.

## GRAHAM THOMAS COLEMAN - (07/09/1935 – 12/03/2023)

Graham was born in the family home in Ebbw Vale, Ipswich on 7 September 1935 and was a loving husband to Marion for 55 years until she passed away in 2011. He was a proud and loving Dad to his 7 children - Carol, Debbie, Gayle, Kathy, Kym, Glen and Peter; grandfather to 17 grandchildren who all called him Boof' and great grandfather to Marion, Charlie, Ollie, Aubrey, Bella, Nathaniel, Annabel, JJ, Harry and Jack.

Graham learned his trade as a coach and carriage builder at the Railway Workshops in Ipswich in the 1950's where his talent as a master craftsman with timber started. He went on to become a Manual Arts teacher and spent much of his spare time working in the garage, doing work as a cabinet maker, and building furniture but he always had a love for cars.

In retirement, he spent his time travelling and tinkering in the shed where he rebuilt a 1933 Plymouth Roadster from a rusty chassis and later, a beautiful 1949 Daimler Special Sports series car. This car was restored to perfection, and he enjoyed always trying to make it better, and the connections he built with people in the Daimler Club and Ipswich Vintage Car Club.

Graham passed away peacefully on 12 March 2023 after battling dementia in recent years.

**GRAHAM THOMAS COLEMAN - (07/09/1935 - 12/03/2023)**



# DLOCCA PROFIT & LOSS REPORT - 2022

## THE DAIMLER and LANCHESTER OWNERS' CAR CLUB of AUSTRALIA Inc.

### Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank	9397	11027
Term Deposit	16052	11043
Prepayments	666	1066
Stock on Hand, at cost	2763	3298
	<u>28878</u>	<u>26434</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Lanchester Leda, at cost	7,530	7,530
Library, at valuation	6,329	
Less Provision for Depreciation	1,100	5,229
	<u>41,637</u>	<u>39,193</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Subscriptions in Advance	3,665	3,280
Creditors	160	153
	<u>3,825</u>	<u>3,433</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$37,812</u>	<u>\$35,760</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Brought Forward	35,760	32,786
Profit for Year	2,052	2,974
	<u>\$37,812</u>	<u>\$35,760</u>

## THE DAIMLER and LANCHESTER OWNERS' CAR CLUB of AUSTRALIA Inc.

### Profit and Loss Statement for Year Ended 31st December, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions and Joining Fees	6,645	6,080
Surplus from National Rally	221	0
Profit from Saleable Items	0	226
Proceeds from Events	0	98
Donations	56	502
Donations to Lanchester project	0	100
Interest Received	9	29
	<u>6,931</u>	<u>7,035</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance	1,471	1,406
Magazine Printing and Postage	733	499
Meeting Room	670	0
Website	627	611
Member Expenses	605	431
Member Tributes	345	0
Loss on Saleable Items	178	0
Affiliations and Filing	179	256
Lanchester Insurance	71	68
Clearing Storage Shed	0	790
	<u>4,879</u>	<u>4,061</u>
<u>Profit for Year</u>	<u>\$2,052</u>	<u>\$2,974</u>

## JOHN HISCOX

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### **Independent Audit Report to the Members of The Daimler and Lanchester Owners' Club of Australia Inc.**

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

I have audited the financial statements presented to me for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022, which showed a profit of \$2102 and Equity of \$37862.

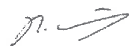
The committee of management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW).

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedure included examination of evidence given to me with the financial statements, to form an opinion as to whether these statements are presented fairly to show the results for the year and the financial position at its close.

#### **Opinion**

In my opinion the financial statements of The Daimler and Lanchester Owners' Club of Australia Inc.,

- 1) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, and the results of its operations for the year, and
- 2) are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW).



J F Hiscox  
Chartered Accountant

20/2/2023

# 1949 DAIMLER DB CONSORT RESURRECTION

## PART 79 - INTERIOR TRIM PART 5

I have been making a new door card for the passenger rear door with the only salvageable parts from the old card being the metal retaining clips and the elastic from the door pocket. As I mentioned in my last article the door sizes are slightly different, so everything had to be remeasured. Making this door card was easier but still took a long time to finish.

I mentioned in this month's video, that it is important to spend the time in fitting the wood base to the door frame before bothering to cover it with vinyl. This includes attaching it to the door frame with the fitting screws. You should also mark where the screw holes are in the timber as they will be covered in vinyl and difficult to find. From past experience, I know that trying to drill through the vinyl with its wadding underlay will result in a mess.

The pillars between the doors are also have vinyl covers, with cloth covered rubber piping added to each side to provide a weather seal on the bottom part of the doors. The original covers for the vehicle were only good for making templates as the timber bases were rotted. However, I decided to re-use the rubber piping on the new covers. That was a mistake.

When I added the piping to the cover, I found that I couldn't close the door. I discovered that when I used thicker timber for the door cards, the card itself provided a tight seal against the pillar cover.

Having fitted one of the covers I also discovered that my vehicle was missing the piece of cloth covered trim that fits under the cover and provides support for the window frame rubber. Yet another piece of the jigsaw to make.

YouTube Link - [Consort Resurrection Part 79](#)



# 2024 NATIONAL RALLY - ITINERARY

Basic outline of intended itinerary still to be confirmed or adjusted.

## **15th MARCH FRIDAY ITINERARY**

Arrive; 2pm to 4pm Book into Accommodation plus check in with Committee at Jane Eliza Rally Headquarters.

Welcome dinner: 5.30pm planned at Swan Hill Club.

## **16TH MARCH SATURDAY**

Morning Activity: 9am Display cars at local park, at Riverside Park, Next to Muray River Monash Drive, Swan Hill. Join with Local Car Club of Swan Hill

Afternoon Activity: Visit Pioneer Settlement, 2pm Paddle Steamer Cruise on the Murray 1hr return, continue to look around Pioneer Settlement.

Evening Activity: Return to Pioneer Settlement around dusk for Laser light Spectacular show

## **17TH MARCH SUNDAY**

Morning Activity: Drive south to Kerang 60kms to Kerang Museum \$10 entry \$5 for Devonshire tea at museum, display car in front of Museum. Plus visit Private Military collection with ride in an Army Duck around the street.

Afternoon Activity: Head north back to Swan Hill stopping off at either or both, the Catalina Flying boat Museum at Lake Boga or Chesney Estate Lavender tree & Olive tree farm nearby.

## **18TH MARCH MONDAY**

Morning Activity: Drive north 35kms to Piangil for tour and wine tasting at Andrew Peace Winery. Could also deviate from direct route for those who want to cross the Murray River on a Punt with their vehicles.

Afternoon Activity: Return to Swan Hill accommodation, hopefully board a bus to go to Murray Downs Resort for an afternoon of Bare Foot Bowls, followed by farewell dinner and presentations at the resort. Including being bused back to accommodation at the end of the evening.

## **19TH MARCH TUESDAY**

Rally finished drive home safely or detour elsewhere own choice.

# 2024 NATIONAL RALLY - REGISTRATION



You are invited to Register for the 2024 National Rally based in Swan Hill and surrounding areas, on and around the banks of the mighty Murray River.

**The Dates are 15th to the 19th of March 2024.**

**Accommodation:** To be booked by attendees directly with the Motor Inns, once advised to do so.

As there is limited accommodation within the area, that can host the required numbers at one location. We have made arrangements with three Motor Inns along the main street of Swan Hill, all within walking distance of one another. The Motor Inns are, Lady Augusta, Burke & Wills & Jane Eliza, each Motor Inn is of a similar standard, with recently renovated rooms. The Rally Headquarters is planned to be located at the Jane Eliza Motor Inn. A group booking rate across all Motor Inns has been negotiated. The cost of a twin share queen bedroom is \$155 per room per night with an additional \$18.50 for Continental breakfast, if required.

Booking details will be passed on after Rally deposits have been received, to avoid confusion please **DON'T** contact Motor Inns to make bookings until advised.

## **Comfort Inn Lady Augusta**

Address: 375 Campbell Street, Swan Hill, VIC, 3585

Ph: (03) 5032 9677. Website: <https://www.choicehotels.com/en-au/victoria/swan-hill/comfort-inn-hotels/au455?checkInDate=2023-03-22&checkOutDate=2023-03-23>

## **Burke and Wills Motor Inn**

Address: 370 Campbell St, Swan Hill, VIC, 3585

Ph: (03) 5032 9788. Website: <https://www.burkeandwillsswanhill.com.au>

## **Eliza Jane Motor Inn**

Address: 263 Campbell St, Swan Hill VIC, 3585

Ph: (03) 5032 4411. Website: <https://www.janeeliza.com.au>



# 2024 NATIONAL RALLY - REGISTRATION

***Please fill in the following details:***

Last Name: ..... First Name: .....

Partner's Last Name: ..... Partner's First Name: .....

Street Address: .....

City: ..... State: ..... Post Code: .....

Mobile Number: .....

Email Address: .....

(Essential because all correspondence will be via email)

Vehicle Details: Make / Model.....Year.....Registration.....

**Meals:** Meals will be the responsibility of participants ie: at own cost. However, to avoid any problems, we'd like to know the following:

Any Dietary Requirements? Yes / No .....

Any Allergies? Yes / No .....

**Pioneer Settlement:** For Group booking purposes, please also indicate your interest in attending the Pioneer Settlement, which will include, exploring the Settlement, a 1hr Murray River Cruise on the PYAP Paddle Steamer, followed by a new Laser Light show starting by 2024.

Website: <https://www.pioneersettlement.com.au/>

Indicative pricing for : 3 in1 multi pass \$58 Yes / No.....Qty.....

: 2 in 1 by day and by night \$41 Yes / No.....Qty.....

: 2 in 1 by day and by river \$38 Yes / No.....Qty.....

**Rally Deposit** of \$50 required to secure place at the National Rally, required by 31/08/2023 payable to:

**Bank:** Bendigo Bank; Account name: Daimler Lanchester Club of Victoria; BSB 633-000; Account No. 158494823 (Please make sure your Name is included with your deposit) or by Cheque to The Daimler Lanchester Club of Victoria. PO Box 71 Mitcham. Victoria. 3132

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Please fill in the Registration Form and email or post it to. [president@daimlerclubvictoria.org.au](mailto:president@daimlerclubvictoria.org.au)  
or PO Box 71 Mitcham Victoria 3132

Stay tuned for further updates regarding the Rally during this next year. David Todeschini DLCV President.

## APRIL EVENTS AND SOCIAL REPORT

Hello to all members and friends. So I cancelled the run to Norman Lindsay's house for lack of interest. I would still appreciate suggestions for future runs. Please contact me with suggestions.

We will inspect Central Railway Station in June and I will need names and numbers in May. This event will be unusual, and lunch will be at the YHA in Eddie Avenue.

Travel to this event by Steam/Diesel or Electric train. [depending where you live]

[Most likely flag down an electric train, but you never know!]

You will see in this issue details of future SP runs and the Tasmanian expedition organised by John Hiscox.

We will require a band of willing workers and helpers to attend Russell's home soon to finish jobs on the club's Lanchester car. Jim will propose a date and list what should be done at that event. Lunch could still be at the Lindsay home depending on what arrangements are decided.

May event TBA.

The Alvis, Rover and Armstrong – Siddley clubs will be inviting us to some of their events in the near future, so I hope members will be able to come along.

I hired an Iveco large van recently and it has some interesting features. It has almost a brain as if you get close to another vehicle in traffic it slows down even if you don't touch the brakes. It would probably be the only van in the country that transported a modern harpsichord recently. But that's another story!

Whilst on the M5 in pouring rain with the instrument on board I passed a fellow in the breakdown lane near Bankstown in a brown two door Rolls Royce Carmargue, I presume he was on the telephone calling a tow truck, interestingly because of the colour of the car it was hard to see as there were no hazard lights on!

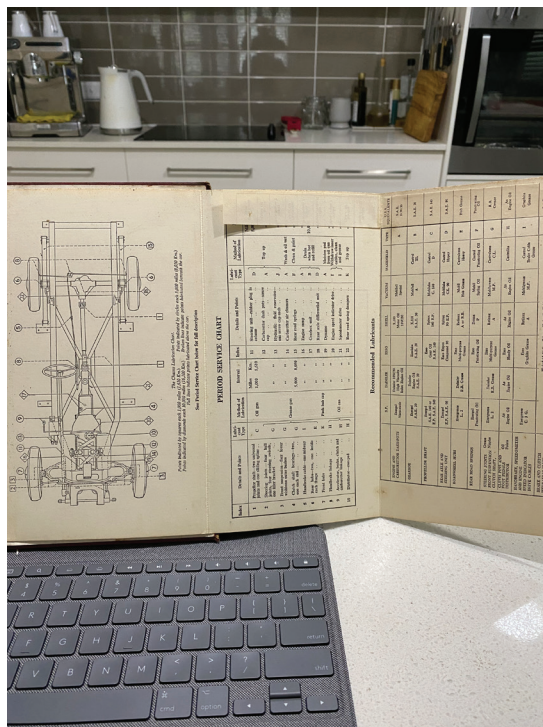
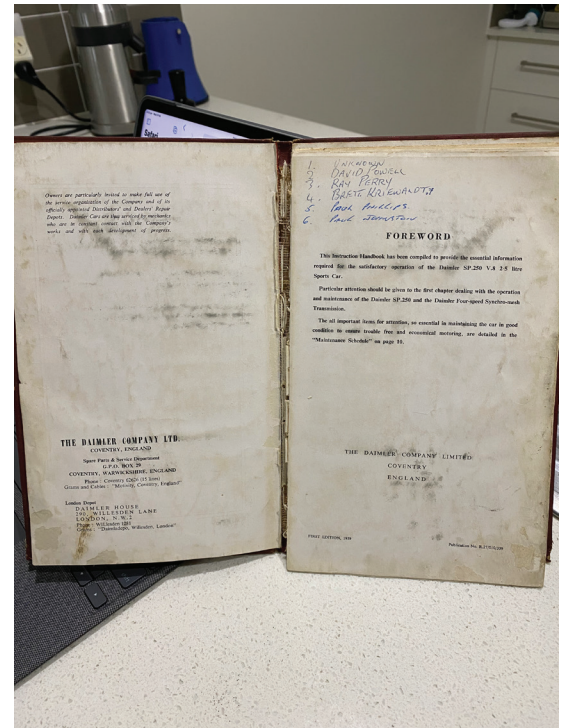
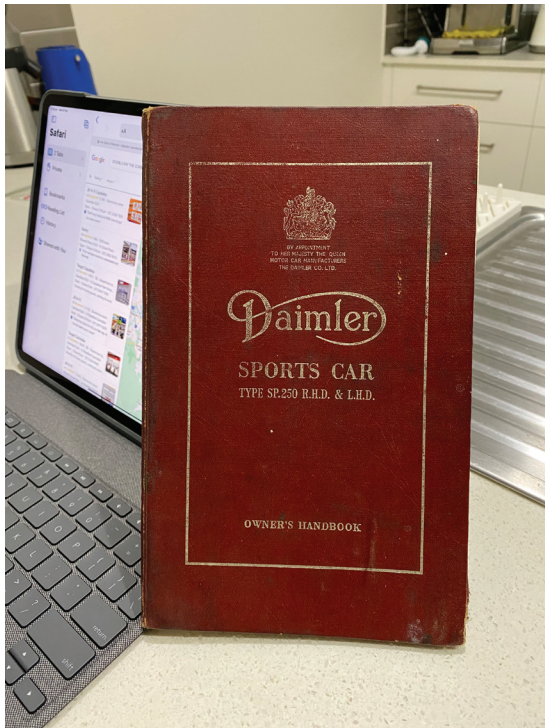
Ray Palmer

Events and Social Director

# SP250 OWNER'S MANUAL FOR SALE

I have the below book for sale. Here are some photos of the book. Not sure how much but i guess around \$70 would be good. With free postage in Aust. It turned up in my steel trunk as a result of down sizing.

Brett Kriewaldt. - 0416199332



## 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).

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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# BAROSSA LIMOUSINES FOR SALE



## Buckley's deals on wheels

A dealer in Australia recently had a matching pair of Daimler Majestic Major limos for sale. I assume the quoted \$150,000 (about £85,000) gets you both. Oddly, it's perhaps the one car where, for me, the limousine looks better than the standard saloon.

When I started driving in the mid-'80s the odd Majestic Major saloon appeared in Autotrader. A nice one was £1000, but £400 was more likely for one of the mainly horrible examples.

My friend Adam went through a phase of buying them. Little more than a schoolboy, he cut a strange figure driving around in this huge, patrician car. His worst was a wedding car with brush-painted white rear seats – not what you want on that special day, but this was Manchester. It's odd to think such a dated-looking car was only about 20 years old at the time.

I devoured road tests on the Majestic Major, fascinated by acceleration that could leave almost any four-door standing in its day; a comparison in C&SC with a 420G, published circa 1985, captured my imagination such that it was a 'major' factor in my becoming a writer in the rarefied world of old knackers. Today I'd take the Jag any time, probably because I now look exactly like the sort of old fart that should be driving a Majestic Major, which wouldn't do at all.

I spent Christmas in Rome, which was great (apart from getting ripped off in a café: €80 for four beers and a plate of tiny cakes), but it's not a place to spot old cars unless you like Fiat 500s. I suspect they have some sort of

special dispensation from the eco-fascists that allows them to run around the centre of the city at will, whereas everything else has to be electric or very new.

Over the past couple of years my friend Matthew Rees has been restoring a pair of Touring-bodied Lancia Flaminias, flip-flopping between despair and joy as he unpicks decades of bodes and cock-ups in cars that take a while to understand. I especially loved his story about driving his silver GT back to the workshop through the outskirts of Swansea.

All was going well until the 3C 2.5-litre engine started playing up. It backfired so loudly that a builder threw his mobile phone out of his van in fright, mid-conversation, and a lady at a bus stop lobbed her fish and chips in the air involuntarily. Hastily exiting stage left, Matthew nursed the car home, applying the handbrake at the locked gate to his yard but unwilling to leave the car in gear because he didn't want to risk switching the engine off. As he went to open the gate, he was suddenly aware that the Lancia was quietly disappearing back down the lane by force of gravity. Old-type Lancias, with their big wheel bearings, don't need much excuse to roll away.

A neighbour sat bemused in her Nissan as the Italian coupé headed in her direction with increasing speed while this normally sober pillar of the community tried to throw himself through the driver's window. He managed it, and even brought the Lancia to a halt – to the relief of all concerned.

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# MINUTES OF MARCH 2023 MEETING

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DAIMLER AND LANCHESTER OWNERS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC. HELD AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB 117 RYEDALE RD WEST RYDE ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm with Peter Grant in the chair.

### **Apologies :**

Russell and Jenny Turner, Tony Falstein, Peter Lalchere, Christine Cole, Mark and Tracey Brooks.

### **Previous minutes:**

John Hiscox noted the following: John Steel's name is not spelt with two "E"s.

There is a mention of a Majestic 3.5l V8 coming up for sale. This cannot be correct. It could be a Majestic 3.8l six, or a Majestic Major 4.5l V8.

Apart from the points noted above, the Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and approved. Moved: Jim Gellett, Seconded Victor Nash. Carried.

**Business arising from Previous Minutes :** As above amendments requested Nil.

### **Correspondence :**

Victorian Club Magazine received by email.

**Business arising from Correspondence :** Swan Hill National Rally: interest shown by Gellett, Nash, Hiscox and Grant.

**Secretary's Report :** Russell had been in touch with Peter and his report is to be read out at the AGM.

### **Treasurers Report :**

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

Cheque Account Balance: \$12,488.59.

Term deposit: \$16,052.22.

Lanchester fund remains as a deficit: (\$528.20).

The bank account includes \$900.00 for deposits for the SP250 rally to Orange later this year.

Payments this month were for the Club's Website hosting and admin costs to Russell for Dept of Fair Trading fees, Lanchester insurance and stationery.

New members Mike Roddy from Victoria.

Moved: Alan Hunt, Seconded: Jim Gellett: "That the financial report be accepted as true and correct and that all payments noted on the report be approved." Carried.

# MINUTES OF MARCH 2023 MEETING

## **New Members :**

Mike Roddy Victoria: Majestic Major saloon and limousine: (lucky man).

## **Social Report :**

Ray reported on the invitation run he attended with the Alvis Club to Badgerys Creek and the new airport site: very interesting.

12 March: Run to Norman Lindsey Museum, meet at McDonalds about 9.30a.m. as per magazine. Then a visit to Russell and Jenny Turner's home and the Lanchester.

April: The Tasmanian Tour.

14 May: Run to be advised.

18 Jun: Tour through Sydney's historic Central Station. Catch the train there!!!

## **Website/Editor:**

The April magazine will be out earlier than usual so any items for inclusion must be with Jim Gellett in the week before the Anzac Day holiday.

John Hiscox asked about the Siesta motel ad, as he is staying there next week and will see if the advertised discount matches what the Rolls Royce Club has organised

## **Registrars:**

Nil.

## **Regalia:**

Nil.

## **SP Notes:**

As per the magazine.

**Library:** A new owner of an EL 24 in the Czech Republic has asked about the EL 24 Spare parts Manual we have in our library. If possible, Peter G will scan a copy and send it to him.

## **Conditional Plates :**

Victor has two forms for Russell to sign and stamp..

## **Technical and spares :**

Alan has sourced on rear brake rotor for his SP but not two. Robert suggested contacting a brake place in Silverwater who may be able to manufacture them if there is the demand



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## **For Sale or Wants:**

Nil this month.

## **CMC:**

Alan Hunt mentioned about the CMC 60th Anniversary luncheon that he and Victor attended. There would have been about 350 people present.

## **All British Day:**

No news on this event. Ray palmer will email the organisers and Robert Brandes said he would ring Greg Kean to see what was doing.

## **Lanchester**

The working party was, for various reasons, having difficulty convening to work on the car. Lanchester house needs to have the bedding for the paving done and the paving laid and shelves installed. Jim said that the Club needed to organise an all day working bee to haul the car out and get to it: tamping down the bedding layer and laying pavers

## **General Business:**

Alan Hunt tabled an invitation to the RACA motoring group's next dinner and talk: An Electric Car Forum. To be held at the RACA At 889 Macquarie Street Sydney on 31 March 6.00 p.m. for dinner. \$85.00 pp for a two course meal with tea/coffee.

Robert Brandes had spoken with Tony Falstein who had asked about online meeting for the Club. The committee had agreed to have quarterly meetings both face to face and online and we will arrange this for the April meeting.

John hiscox presented the meeting with a number of items, magazines, manuals and the like very kindly donated to the Club by John Robison, Peter grant will check to see if the library has these items in it otherwise they will be added to the library catalogue. Any doubles will be priced for members to acquire if they wish.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.44 p.m. for the commencement of the 2023 Annual general meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3 April 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

## TASMANIAN TRIP COMING SOON

The club has planned 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 we are looking forward to the journey and reporting back to the club on our trip.

This trip is not just for the Daimler, just a vehicle. If you would like to see the itinerary showing places and events, please contact me.

John Hiscox 0438 225 884



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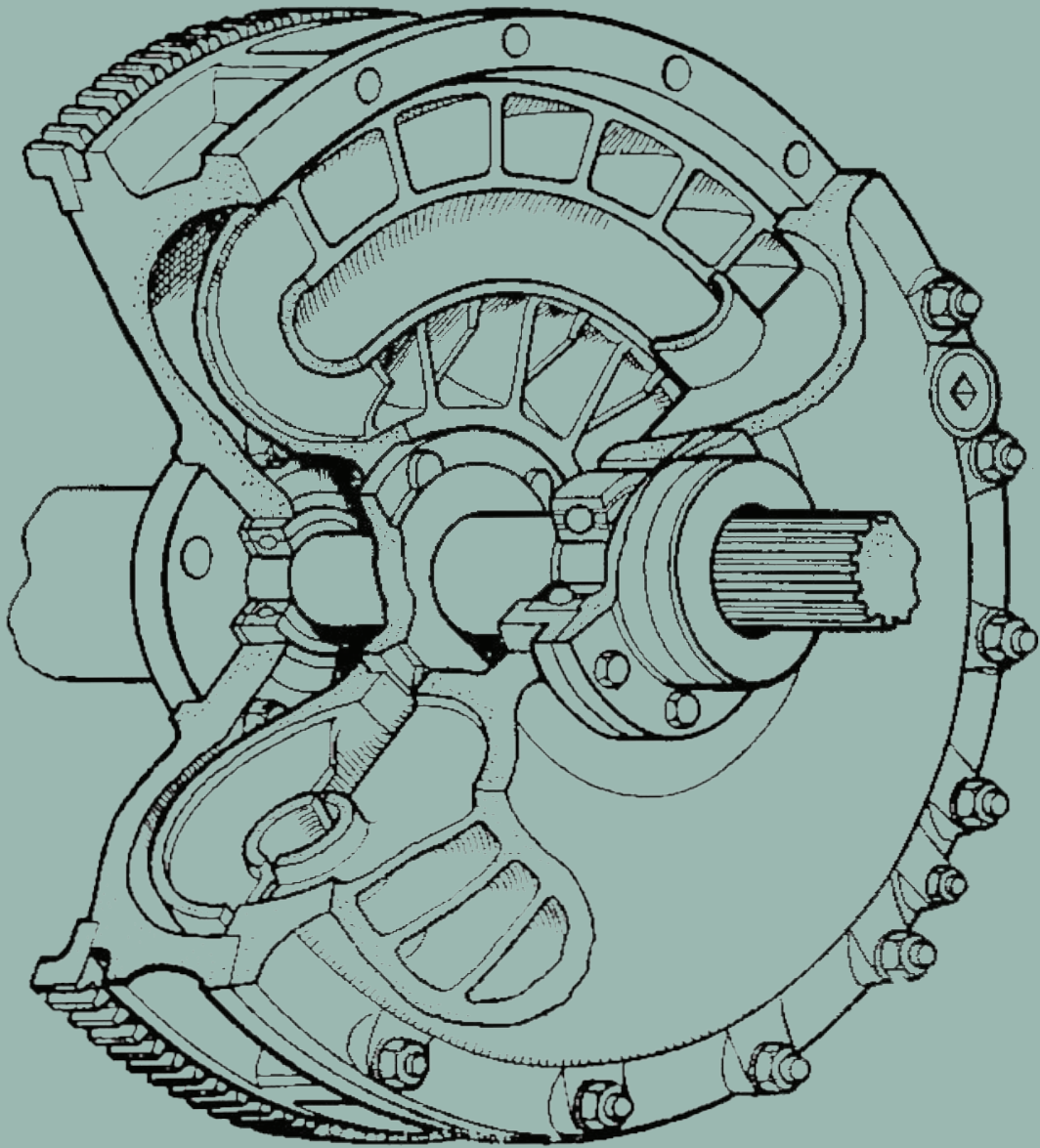
## DB18/CONSORT PARTS FOR SALE

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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