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*One of our members in his racing IMP. I have been promised an article*

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# Minutes—Monthly Meeting

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB** held at Ourimbah RSL Club on Tuesday 17<sup>TH</sup> October 2017 in the Wattle Room

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

**APOLOGIES:** Souths, Bonds, Wards, David Phillips, Roches, Kellys, Sandra Catlin, Aberleys, Greg Denning, Dennis Barnes.

**VISITORS:** Nil

**MINUTES:** Dennis Brady proposed the minutes as printed in the magazine be accepted. Seconded Don Hardie. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dennis Brady spoke about the noggin-n-natter at the Whitings. Members were asked to wear black (for Fri.13<sup>th</sup>). It was a great night even with the appearance of little black "bats". It was also Linden's birthday. Thanks to the contributors and Gary Flack for the tour magazine.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Robbie Gee advised no new enquiries or members this month.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Correspondence in: Usual club magazines; Certificates of Insurance, promotional material from Rathmines Catalina Festival on the 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. Correspondence out: e-mail to Greg Kean re All British Day change of date from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. Janna Meek proposed correspondence be accepted, seconded by Don Hardie.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jane Howard gave her report. She advised we started the month with a balance of \$6736.65. We received membership fee of \$65.00, Xmas party fees so far paid of \$467.50; interest of \$2.10 and badge sales of \$10.00, making total receipts of \$544.60. Payments were \$634.00 insurance premium and \$60.00 for gift cards making a total of \$694.00. Total bank balance was \$6577.25. Jane proposed report be accepted, seconded by Jeff Glanville. Jane advised she was happy to accept payment for the Xmas party through the bank account provided **Name** is put on the deposit.

**SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:** The Bonds being away, Jeff Glanville gave the

report. The Meeks Wobblers run was a good day and the Whitings noggin-n-natter was a great night with good attendance. Monthly run will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> November to the Catalina Festival at Rathmines. Jeff is looking into the possibility of having a Fish-n-Chip run on the 13<sup>th</sup> January and will speak to Sue at The Entrance Town Centre.

**REGALIA:** Gary Catlin advised there were \$127.50 in sales. He asked that members e-mail him with orders and Gary was asked to give the executive an inventory of shirts etc.

**HISTORIC PLATE REGISTRAR:** Greg Meek advised there were 17 vehicle movements so far this month. Greg advised he will be unavailable from the 3<sup>rd</sup> November for a couple of weeks, so if there are any registrations to be completed, let Greg know to discuss an alternative time to have the documentation stamped.

**CHMC DELEGATE:** John & Ruth Madell will be going to the half-yearly CHMC meeting at Mudgee. Please let John know if there is any questions you wish him to ask.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Jeff Glanville advised that Craig & Therese Bond received the Supercheap voucher for September. There has been a request for a weekend away and after discussion with Gary Flack maybe we go to Nambucca Heads in February or March 2018. Let Jeff know if you are interested in going. Information will be sent out regarding dates etc. The CCBCC Touring Co. (The Cooper Bros) is looking to organise another tour.

Ross Goff again confirmed that the Xmas party is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 6.30-11.30p.m. at Linton Gardens. There will be lots of lucky door prizes and payments are to be paid by the November meeting. Please let Ross know if there are any dietary requirements.

Barry Sargent did a very interesting slideshow from the car museums he and Rowena visited throughout their travels. Some very interesting cars.

Meeting closed at 8.25.m.

## *Editor's Rambling's*

I often search the interweb looking at the current prices of Classic cars, the prices still seem ( to me at least ) to be heading in one direction, UP ! .

Here is a snippet of an article that uses the data from Hagerty ( an American insurance and evaluation company of Classic Cars )

The global asset class of collector cars – these beautiful machines are perhaps one of the most enjoyable asset classes to play in – is quietly but persistently and very unenjoyable experiencing a downturn that parallels and in some aspects already exceeds the one during the Financial Crisis.

The index for collector car prices in the May report by [Hagerty](#), which specializes in insuring vintage automobiles, fell 0.68 points to 160.06, down nearly 10% year-over-year, and down 14%, or 25.8 points, from its all-time high in September 2015 (185.86).

Unlike stock market indices, the Hagerty Market Index is adjusted for inflation via the Consumer Price Index. So these are “real” changes in price levels. Since September 2015, the Consumer Price Index has risen 2.8%. So in unadjusted terms, comparable to stock market indices, the price levels dropped nearly 17%.

To put that into a Financial Crisis perspective: The index peaked in April 2008 at 121.0, then plunged 16% (20 points) to bottom out in August 2009 at 101.39. So the current drop of 14%

from the peak in “real” terms is just below the drop during the Financial Crisis, but the current 25.8-point-drop from the peak already exceeds by a wide margin the 20-point drop during the Financial Crisis.

The index is now at the lowest level since June 2014. “With the latest release of values in the Hagerty Price Guide, prices have started to normalize,” the Hagerty report commented.

Among the “Drivers of this month’s decrease,” according to Hagerty:

“The number of owners expressing the belief that the values of their vehicles are rising is still falling. The drop was more pronounced for the owners of mainstream vehicles, but the number for owners of high-end vehicles who feel values are increasing is also at a five-year low.

“Market observers have cited a split in the market between entry-level vehicles and the top of the market, where more affordable cars are showing strength as the top end is contracting.”

In summary prices seem to be dropping, but from what I see on TV in the US auction shows the prices still seem to me to be on the UP !.



**MAGAZINE DEADLINE: 25TH OF THE MONTH  
But—THE SOONER THE BETTER!  
Please send in reports and contributions ASAP!**

## **Wednesday Wobblers Lanna & Greg Meek**

The day dawned bright and warm, but a bit nippy around the ear holes with the hood down in the Healey, so we made the run down to the Ourimbah RSL Car Park a bit rugged up for a fine October day, but no doubt that's going to change soon.

At Ourimbah, we found a cheery band of British car enthusiasts ready to make the run to Sutton Reserve at Bateau Bay for morning tea under huge trees and apart from a few joggers we had the place to ourselves. It was Gary Catlin's birthday (HAPPY BIRTHDAY again Gary) and Sandra had brought a lovely chocolate cake to share, which made it a special day for all.

Then we took off for lunch at the Coast Hotel at Budgewoi for a delicious lunch with the usual rowdy company. 16 members and some lovely British cars out in the sunshine.

Another great day!

Margo.

## **Sunday run 29th Catalina Feasterville**

Everybody was on time at Ourimbah so we left on time with six cars we picked up Dave Phillips at Dora ck unfortunately our leader Don Hardie had rear wheel trouble on the Healy and had to get towed back home he assures me he was on time so qualifies for points I am sure Margo agrees because of getting up so early.. We had a great run on the express way sitting on 80kph but it was quite relaxing. On arriving there were quite a number of cars already in place ,we arrived about 8.35 it took us a little while to set up the gazebo and thanks to those who helped I didn't have a clue and thanks to Terry for the use of it, also I am sure we would have died with out it .The car display was extraordinary some very special cars on display WHERE DID THEY GET THE MONEY FOR DAT. The Roulettes' display was something else they displayed for about 25 to 30 minutes. Geoff Moore was drooling wishing he was up there with them so he tried flapping his arms but it didn't work so he gave us a great commentary most appreciated. I would like to thank all those for attending I am sure you had a great day and thanks to the helpers in putting the gazebo back in its bag all in all a great day

Robbie Gee

# Sunday run 29th Catalina Feasterville



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## *Noggin 'n' Natter at the Whiting's*

Friday the Thirteenth!

A balmy evening encouraged a very good roll-up at Linden and David Whiting's place last Friday. Not surprisingly for Friday the Thirteenth, the theme was 'something black'. As you would expect, this was taken to heart - there were black slacks, black shirts, black shoes, black jackets and even the odd black hat.

The good company enjoyed the usual fine food and conversation but Linden surprised us all by her thinking way outside the black box.

The lovely lady presented us all with a bowl of very, very black 'things' that were once upon a time, quite possibly chicken wings (they looked like desiccated fruit bats when jumbled up in the bowl). Yes black and I do not mean a little singed or even burnt, they were BLACK. Talk about assaulting ones senses! Being polite little Vegemites a number of us took the plunge to taste. The taste was one thing but the visual assault took on a different colour when one started eating. The food dye used to create these culinary masterpieces turned parts of the normal colour of chicken flesh into shades of green. Fitting I suppose because that is how I felt after tucking into this unlikely combination of colours. How does one 'unsee' something like this? While they were a great conversation piece, I am sure that these wings will not make it onto Ingham's menu any time soon.

The lively evening was capped by the announcement that it was Linden's birthday. We celebrated the event with some off-tune but sincere Happy Birthday singing and a very large cake. Yes, the cake was black – but a black forest one and very nice too.

Thanks Linden, David and family for a memorable evening.

Dennis Brady

Photo's Jeff Glanville



## GARY CATLINS GT6

I have owned 'Ruby', my Triumph GT 6 for eighteen years. I owned two in the U.K. and was hoping to bring one out to Australia in 1980 when I emigrated but I was told that it could not be registered in Australia. That car was a Mk 1, a very nice car in 'Old English white' with a matador red interior. So it was sold before I left England- a sad day for me.

Over the next few years having started a family, the idea of buying one here was put on the backburner. When I finally started looking for one in Australia it was not an easy task. I finally found two, both Mk II versions; one was a left hand drive converted to a right hand drive but not done very well, so I purchased the other one and I still have it now.

It is an early 1969 model and all of the numbers match, which is rather rare. Over the years I have improved the handling by fitting new shocks, a new steering rack, a stainless steel exhaust, Kevlar brake pads and a lot of small parts like the oil pressure gauge, volt meter gauge and to make the car more safe I have fitted Mazda MX 5 high back seats which make the car really comfortable.

A few specs about my car it is the roto flex model which makes it handle much better, also this model has the TR 5 cylinder head fitted which gives the car much more power over the whole rev range. For a small 6 cylinder motor, the power is 104 hp and as the car only weighs 800 KG it gets along really well. This car has overdrive on 3th and 4th gear and cruises along at 110 kph at 2850 R.P.M. on the motorways.

When purchased new in the U.K. in 1969 the price for the car was 1,125 pounds for the base car, overdrive was an extra 60 pounds and wire wheels an extra 38 pounds.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the years with my Triumph GT6 Mk II from tinkering with the engine to taking it out with the car club on various outings. We have even taken it away for short breaks- our weekend bags fit perfectly in the back!



# THE WILTON'S TRIP TO THE TOP OF OZ

## Cairns to Cape York

Carol and I have recently been to the very top of Cape York. Any further and we would have got our feet wet. It took us 12 days and we were in a 26-seater "bus" powered by a Mercedes Benz diesel engine, 4WD, dual axles and locking differentials. The gearbox was an 8 speed "airlocker" transmission, so it had 4 low range and 4 high range gears. The seats reclined, there was air-conditioning and glass windows with a light tint to protect us from the sun. There was even a parcel shelf running the length of either side of the bus. If one was desperate, there was an on-board toilet. Such luxury, and there was a driver and a tour guide to get us there and look after us. Meals and accommodation arranged every night at motels, hotels and cattle stations as well as glamping in "resorts" along the way. And visits to all sort of interesting places was provided.

The roads were mostly dirt, corrugated and full of hidden dust holes interspersed with small sections of bitumen. There were creek and river crossings and even a ferry at one point. Roadhouses provided fuel for the vehicle and sustenance for the 16 passengers plus crew. Imagine, if you had none of that and in 1928 you set off from Sydney in an Austin 7 to drive to the top of Cape York.

That is what Hector Macquarie and Dick Mathews did without any assistance. You can read the complete story in a book entitled "we and the Baby." They were the first to drive a car all the way up the Peninsula to the tip of Cape York. We thought we were on an adventure, but it was nothing compared to what these two men achieved, and they achieved it in a British car! Another unsung piece of British motoring history.

And yes, our trip was great and absolutely worthwhile to see another unique part of Australia and meet all sorts of interesting characters along the way. People who help keep Australia fed with the cattle and crops they produce as well as sustaining the flora and fauna indigenous to Australia.

Stephen Wilton





# Christmas Party

## CCBCC CHRISTMAS PARTY

LINTON GARDENS

WISEMANS FERRY ROAD

SOMERSBY

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2017, 6.30 - 11.30

COST IS \$40.00PP MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS \$57.50PP.

CANAPÉS AND CHAMPAGNE SERVED ON ARRIVAL IN THE GARDENS. 2 COURSE MEAL, MAIN AND DESSERT, TEA AND COFFEE.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR OWN ACCOUNT.

LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES.

PLEASE LET TREASURER JANE KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IN CASH AT THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETINGS, OR BY POSTING TO TREASURER, CCBCC, PO BOX 282, OURIMBAH 2258 OR BY PAYING DIRECTLY INTO CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB ACCOUNT, BSB 112-879 A/C NO 446447018 ENSURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE DEPOSIT.





# *Calendar of Events*



## November 2017

- 1 **WEDNESDAY WOBBLERS** - Gerry and Jane Howard
- 5 **CARS, COFFEE & CHAT RUN** - Meet at Corrugated Café 10:30
- 18 **NOGGIN 'N' NATTER** - Gary and Kristine Flack ( Note Saturday )
- 21 **CLUB MEETING** - Ourimbah RSL Club / Wattle Room (upstairs) at 7.30pm
- 26 **CLUB RUN** - Jeff and Janelle Glanville

## DECEMBER 2017

- 2 **Christmas Party - Linton Gardens**  
**No regular events this month**  
**Merry Christmas !**

## January 2018

- TBA Fish & Chip run

## **Wednesday Wobblers**

Meet at RSL Car Park

9.15 for 9.30 Start

Morning Tea at the Haven

Lunch at Umina

Gerry & Jane



**Noggin & Natter**

**6pm Saturday 18th November**

**Hawaiian theme**

**Gary & Kristine Flack**

**23 Derwent Drive Lake Haven**



# Club Regalia for Sale

## FLEECE JACKETS

Ladies	\$30
Mens	\$40



CONTACT GARY CATLIN

## POLO SHIRTS

Ladies	\$18
Mens	\$18



## SUMMER SHIRTS

Ladies (short slv)	\$29
Ladies (3/4 slv)	\$44
Mens (short slv)	\$30



## SPRAY JACKETS

\$15

## BASEBALL CAPS

\$16

## BADGES

Grille (20-year)	\$25
Lapel (Metal)	\$ 4
Car Sticker	\$ 2
Fabric	\$12



## For Sale

"On Four Wheels" magazine ( a complete run of 166 copies + an Index)

"On Four Wheels" was a British weekly glossy publication of the early 1970's. It styled itself as "the encyclopaedia of motoring in weekly parts".

The publication run includes a "History of Motor Racing" by William Boddy (15 issues) , long-time Editor of "Motor Sport" magazine. A further 15 issues are devoted to "A History of the Motor Car".

This collection would make a great gift for a grandchild or a niece or nephew. Get them reading the right sort of thing early on, so that they know that synchromesh is a component of a manual gearbox, and not the name of a rock band! ( Did you know that President Trump plans to ban synchromesh, so as to make America grate again ?)

The whole collection is to be sold as one lot. Price: \$500.00 O.N.O.

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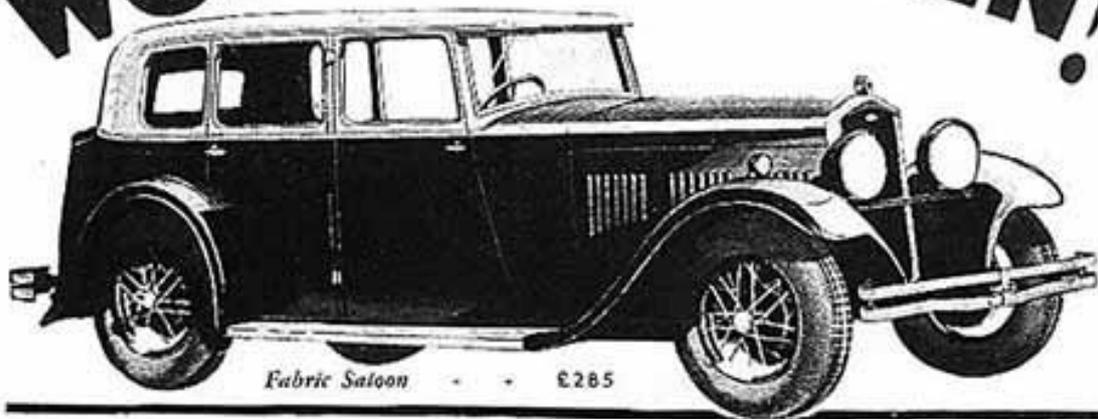
## COMING EVENTS

2 December (Saturday): CCBC Christmas Party

TBA January Fish & Chip Run

A revolution in car values -

**WOLSELEY AGAIN!**



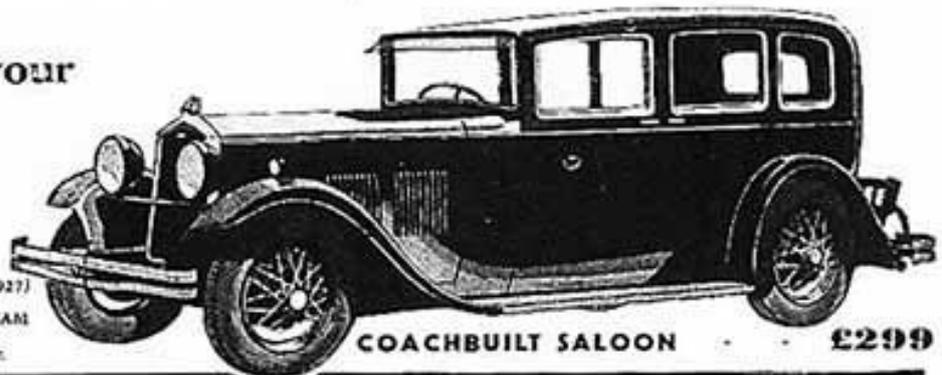
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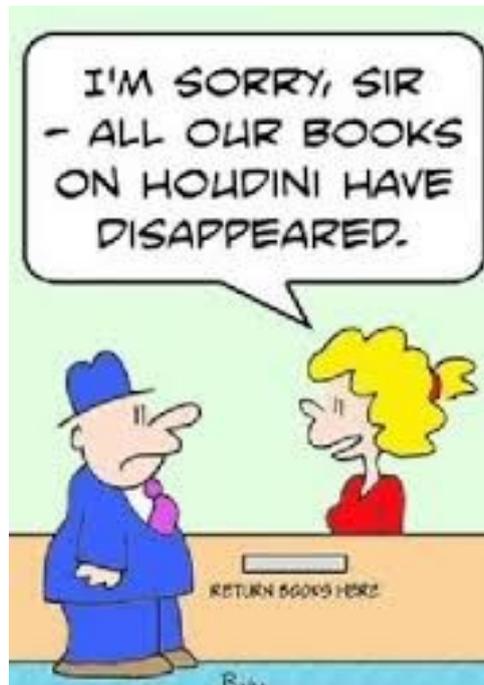


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