



FLAT CHAT NEWSLETTER
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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

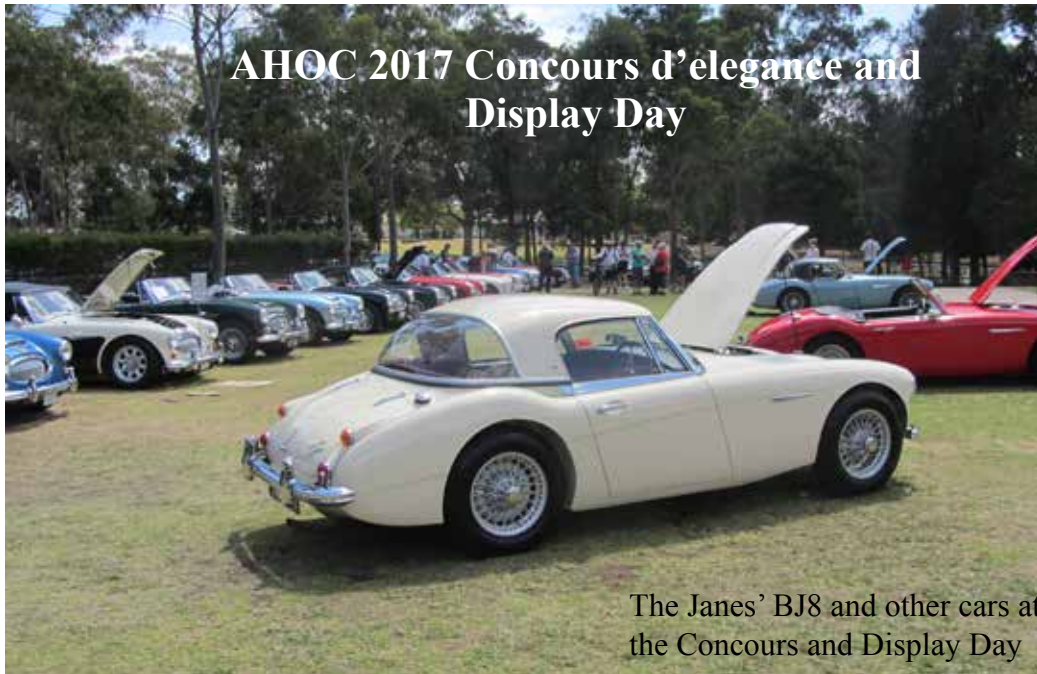
- 2nd General Meeting - Concord
- 11-12th HSRCA Race Meeting SMSP
- 14th OASIS Run
- 15th Mid-week Run - Norah Head
- 15th Committee Meeting
- 26th Inspection Day

DECEMBER

- 6th GEAR - Wakefield Park
- 7th AGM and Christmas Party

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AHOC 2017 Concours d'elegance and Display Day

The Janes' BJ8 and other cars at the Concours and Display Day

A good day was had by all!

Sunday 22nd, next to the Rumsey Memorial Rose Garden at Parramatta Park was certainly the place to be, especially if you were an Austin-Healey owner.

This year it was more than just an exercise to have a good look at a number of pretty and shiny cars as there was one car entered at the Concours level. This means that it's inspected in accordance with the rules and standards that are accepted by the five different Austin-Healey clubs in Australia. These rules emanated from the US and contain umpteen pages of what to look for and what's right and not so right.

The car in question was the BJ8 belonging to club members Neil and Kaye Janes that had been recently restored by Colin Rule.

Judging to such an extent is a little more than a cursory glance over a beer or two. It consisted of a panel of four knowledgeable

people (John Kent, Peter Jackson, Ian Clayton and Patrick Quinn) over a whole day. Both John and Peter travelled north from Victoria for the occasion and we all met at the Rules' Kincumber residence on the proceeding Friday. It was a full, but enjoyable day.

The four culprits also were involved in the judging on the Sunday, although at the end of proceedings John Kent did remind everyone that the day was more of a Display Day, but only for those cars where the owners wished it to be. He also made it clear that although a car may have been judged at the Display level; if it didn't reach a required level it would not receive an award.

John also stated that the Janes' BJ8 had been restored to such a high level of originality that it was within the Gold Level Class meaning that it would stand up there with the best from anywhere in the world.



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Our monthly meetings are held at Concord RSL and Community Club, Nirranda St, Concord West on the 1st Thursday of each month commencing at 7.30pm. Members and guests are welcome to join us for dinner at the bistro from 5.30pm. SEE PAGE 9 FOR INFORMATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a great turnout for the October meeting to bid farewell to the Rydalmere Bowling Club. With the new venue comes a new meeting time and we will now assemble at Concord RSL and Community Club on the 1st Thursday of each month. As many will be away on Charlie's Run for the November meeting, may I encourage as many members that are available to join us for the meeting. Many get together for a meal beforehand which I'm told is delicious, so you might like to join us.

What a great day it was for the Show and Shine/Concours d'Elegance day. However it was a little disappointing that we only had 25 Healeys and Austin-Healeys turn up to such a great location. It made the judges' job so much easier, but hopefully that will change next time. While mentioning judges, we were privileged to have John Kent and Peter Jackson make the trip from Victoria to judge a masterclass category vehicle. They were aided by Patrick Quinn and Ian Clayton in a process which took two days (I guess it was thorough!) (Yes it was. PQ) and to select the top vehicles in the Show and Shine on Sunday.

Thank you, gentlemen. Have a look at the article in this month's newsletter.

The presentation of the awards will occur in February at Natalie and Vince's palazzo – more details later.

Also in this month's Flat Chat Newsletter you will find all the information relating to the AGM to be held prior to the Christmas Party on the 7th December. Hopefully this will be a reasonably short meeting, but not rushed so that members who want to contribute are provided with an opportunity. To facilitate this can you please let me know if you wish to address the meeting and, if you have any questions relating to the financial statements, please raise them with our treasurer Kerrie Rule. As far as the selection and election of committee members is concerned can you please advise our secretary Julie Lee prior to the meeting with the names of members for committee positions having first obtained their agreement to being nominated. This should save time at the meeting.

All the current committee members who I have contacted have indicat-



Jim Phillips – 0413 589 306 – jjjimbeau@gmail.com
ed that they are available to serve on the committee again for the next 12 months. The exception being Vice President Geoff Smith is standing down but with Margaret has accepted nomination as social secretaries. Alan Mitchell has accepted nomination as vice president. As indicated in prior general meetings, Colin Rule is no longer available to coordinate the Con-
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Conditional Registration Inspector - Neville Stirton

Assn of British Car Clubs Reps - Sue Darlington
Ross Penman

It would be appreciated if there were no phone calls to committee members after 9:00 PM.

EXHAUST LEAKS



By Patrick Quinn
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Greetings and welcome to the November 2017 issue of the Flat Chat Newsletter.

There is lots of interesting stuff in this month's Flat Chat. The minutes of course and these always make for interesting reading and if that's not all there are the annual financial reports and minutes of the 2016 AGM. Yes we are coming to the important bits of the club year where we need to contemplate where we have been throughout the past year and where we want to be into next year. We need to look at the Committee and consider whether we would like to enhance its capabilities by being part of it. We also are given a chance to gather together with our Austin-Healey owning friends at our annual Christmas party, where we can give thanks for the fun time we have all had in 2017 and wish everyone the very best for the forthcoming festive season and the new year ahead of us.

Apart from all this, may I say thanks to Hugh Schneider and John Wakeling for sending in words of what they have been up to. Hugh Schneider has been a member for just on about five minutes, but he has enthusiastically danced his fingers across the keyboard to impart what he has learnt about that mystery of mysteries, the Laycock de Normanville overdrive. Thank you gentlemen as without such article the Flat Chat Newsletter would be about as exciting as last week's dried Weet Bix.

The cover or page 1 story in this issue is about our annual Concours d'Elegance and Display Day. I will say that while numbers were a little light on, the quality was first class. The standard of Colin Rule's restoration of Neil and Kaye Janes' BJ8 was superb and I look forward to writing about just what's involved in inspecting a car at such a level.

Talking about 'Black Holes' and 'Mystery of Mysteries' just yesterday as I was working my way around the engine of the Quinn Austin-Healey I managed to drop a small nut into the bowels of the distributor. Now there is a black hole if there was one! After 45 + years of Austin-Healey ownership I can get by with most things mechanical and electrical, but the whirly-gig thing that sticks out the side of the engine remains a mystery.

So what to do? Methinks that the five minutes it would take me remove the offending nut wouldn't tax my memory of where things went.

Wrong! Retrieved the nut and reassembled the bits only to wonder what the purpose was of the short wiggly cotton covered wire that was left over. Perhaps more of that next month, but it's still not back together.

Wearing a different hat I understand that the RMS has extended the

Conditional Registration trial for a further two years.

Please remember that this coming Thursday 2nd November will be our first monthly meeting at Concord RSL and Community Club. Now I think that's been the 247th time that's been mentioned.

Lastly a word from our sponsors. You would have noticed that from the beginning of this year there have been a number of advertisers enjoying the benefits of being in the Flat Chat Newsletter. Now there are five and I ask that everyone look closely at who they are and if you find yourself in a situation of needing assistance in their field of expertise feel free to give them a call. Please also feel free to let them know that you are an AHOC member and I am sure you will be looked after.

Trust you enjoy this month's issue of the Flat Chat Newsletter, but PLEASE send in what you have been doing with your car. Of course there might be the off chance that writing to you is akin to pulling teeth, but that's okay. Just take a photo with your phone (yes I now have an iPhone and give credit to its photo taking ability) and send it to me. Between us I am sure we can put some words together. Look forward to hearing from you.



Something Missing!



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday 11 October 2017

Commenced: 7.35 pm
At Rydalmere Bowling Club

VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS

Nil

APOLOGIES

Caroline Quinn, Don & Anne Read, Dina Dimmock, Eric Rudd, Mal French, Kerrie Rule and Bryan Levy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the General Meeting held 13 September 2017, as published in the October issue of Flat Chat, be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim's report included the following points:

- It was the Club's last meeting at Rydalmere
- A welcome back to all those members who'd been travelling recently
- Thanks to Bryan Levy for organising a good day at the Tram Museum at Loftus
- The AGM will be held at the December meeting - Christmas party on 7 December - members were encouraged to put their hands up for a role on the Committee, as a few long-serving Committee members were probably looking to hand over the reigns.
- Membership was growing mainly due to Conditional Registration, but this had created extra workload. The Committee had agreed that the Membership Secretary could approve Associate Members, but Full Members still needed Committee approval. The change in process would mean an alteration to the constitution was needed.
- The Club was instrumental in the creation of a national magazine, so it was pleasing to see that the magazine was now entering into its fourth year.

Mid-week Run Update

Margaret thanked Doug and Pamela Ross for organising the runs while she and Geoff were away, and also the Reads and Mitchells for the September run to Bowral.

The next mid-week run would be to Bundeena, meeting at Engadine.

Margaret Smith

Concours

Colin Rule circulated an attendance sheet and asked for volunteers to help set up the concours d'elegance. Jim advised the Club had decided not to provide food as there were easy food options close by.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No VP's report from Geoff, but he talked about seeing a lot in his and Margaret's three months away, including going to the US rally in Monterey, and visiting some good museums!

TREASURER

Account Balances as at 12 August 2017

Main Account	\$19,458.15
Cash Reserve Account	\$49,823.01
Debit Card	\$577.92
Term Deposit	\$60,000.00
Charlie's Run Ac	\$25,030.82

Total	\$154,889.90
Less	
Charlie's Run Account	\$25,030.82
2018 National Rally	\$32,668.69
Unpresented Cheques	\$0
Total	\$57,699.51

Members' Funds \$97,190.39

Income since the last meeting was mainly for National Rally registrations plus some late Membership subscriptions. Expenses have been for the Sprite Club's BBQ at the All British Day (\$811), hire of software to publish Flat Chat (\$50), meeting room hire (\$60) and an instalment payment to Rydges for the National Rally.

Jim Phillips for Kerrie Rule

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mail received:

- Tread – October magazine
- Sprite Torque – September magazine
- The Australian Jaguar Driver – September magazine
- Salvation Army appeal

Electronic magazines received:

- Healeys West – October 2017

Emails received:

- Denis Welch Motorsport news (Spa 6 Hour & Castle Combe race results, Polybush suspension bushes available)
- CAMS (Silver Module training on 4 Nov, change to officiating requirements, looking for more participants in Running Your Club workshop on 6 Nov, callout for CAMS-permitted events for 2018, applications extended to 20 Oct for Local Sport Grant Funding Program, CAMS affiliations for 2018 now open)
- Two National Rally enquiries
- Invitation to Classic Cars Orange on 24-26 November
- Association Liability Insurance has been renewed
- One membership enquiry
- Taiwanese company advertising customised valves
- Just Auto Club request for AHOC's contact details
- Invitation to Trinity Grammar's Fiesta & car show on 2 Dec at Summer Hill
- And LOTS of spam emails offering you beautiful website services and site rankings!

MEMBERSHIP

There were 43 members at the meeting and seven Austin-Healeys.

WELFARE

A card had been sent to Keith Taylor, who had been involved in a bad accident in his Landcruiser.

COMPETITION

Cameron Sell had been the only Club member running at the recent Wakefield Park event.

There was an opportunity to be on the undercard for the Bathurst 12 Hour in February, but this was on the same weekend as the Presentation Lunch.

Colin Goldsmith



Minutes of Meeting 11th October 2017 cont'.

SOCIAL

- 22 October – Concours D'elegance, Parramatta Park
- 30 October – Charlie's Run
- 7 December – Christmas Party
- Feb 2018 – Presentation Lunch

RALLY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Christine advised 100 had fully paid, with 43 pending. Capacity was 220.

Despite Margaret being last to present at the US Rally, with a dwindling audience and technical gremlins, there'd been interest from some Americans, plus a few more Aussies also in attendance had signed up.

Christine advised that Neil Tregua (new President of Qld Club) was looking for a car to drive at the Rally as his would be overseas at the time with his wife!

WEB MASTER

Nil Report

EDITOR & REGISTRAR

- One bounceback (due to a full inbox...) from most recent issue of Flat Chat.
- The next national magazine, featuring a Kiwi BJ8 on the cover, was going to the printers – this was the 14th edition (although the 13th under the Association's banner)
- Vintage Racecar-Roadcar magazine had articles of the Quinn Healey Duncan, 100 plus 12 pages on DMH.
- Conditional Registration is continuing to go gang busters.

HISTORIAN

Joe gave an update on the auction of Healey memorabilia at Goodwood. The Healey Museum didn't buy very much, but it's expected they'll get quite a bit loaned to them.

A couple of websites worth a look related to Warwick Farm (Chris D - with scanned copies of old race cards) and Amaroo.

LIBRARIAN

Apparently the Club's storage cabinets at Rydalmere belonged to the Bowling Club, but they'd agreed the AHOC could have them. It was agreed to offer \$25 each but delegate to the Committee to negotiate.

TECHNICAL OFFICER/CLUB EQUIPMENT/SPARES

No report but Geoff Smith advised of a company in the US, Pearce Manifolds, that he'd bought Webers from a lot cheaper than in Australia.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report.

CMC DELEGATES

Ray gave an update on CMC matters:

- The National Heritage Day would be held 20 May 2018
- If a car club earns more than \$416 in interest in a year, they have to lodge a tax return unless they're a member of a sporting car club, so there's value in the AHOC being part of the CSCA.
- The CMC day at Eastern Creek attracted 1800 cars and a 20% increase in attendance over the previous year
- Cars which have been converted from LH to RH drive may have to join the classic car scheme rather than Conditional Registration - the position is unclear.

- The RMS has extended the log book trial by another two years.
- 31 people joined the OASIS run to Windsor in October – the next run would be to The Entrance Diggers Club

There was a brief discussion on the perils of sending a car overseas then bringing it back into the country. Anecdotal evidence was that a car may have to be certified asbestos-free on the way back in - a potentially expensive exercise. Cars are supposed to be asbestos-free when they leave the country, but this isn't checked. Terry advised of a company in the US that will provide certification before exporting.

ASSOC. of BRITISH CAR CLUBS

No report.

REGALIA

Members were asked if anyone had a BJ8 they wanted to sell.

Items for sale:

- Reproduction sales brochures - \$15
- BJ8 manuals - \$35
- BMC service stickers – 5 for \$5
- Iron on stickers - \$8
- Windscreen stickers - \$6

Colin Rule advised he did a few talks at a Victorian club meeting during his sojourn down south, and also sold lots of regalia. He also found a company in Ballarat that makes Australian standard seatbelts in various colours for \$250 each.

It was noted that if on Conditional Registration, a car can't have number plate surrounds.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alan Mitchell advised that the Department of Fair Trading had advised that the Club had not lodged a return for the 2013/14 financial year. After little joy with the Services NSW office in Goulburn, all was miraculously sorted out by email in 15 minutes! Jim is to get a copy of the cheque (which would have accompanied the return) to see if it was banked. Although the DFT only check their records every three years, they can cancel an entity's registration with little notice.
- Richard followed up with a story on the \$66,000 bank cheque... then advised that he had available some brochures on the last Austin-Healey 3000 produced.
- Terry relayed how unimpressed the Aussie contingent was with the catering/service at the US Rally – one bottle of wine per table and not a waiter to be found!
- Allan Whitehouse thanked everyone for their support for his Sydney to the Gong ride fundraising.

FOR SALE/WANTED

Ian Roughley had a starter motor, generator, radiator and half tonneau available, each for \$50.

Meeting concluded at 9:08pm (followed by a slide show from Colin on his recent chassis making activities in Ballarat).

AHOC MID-WEEK DRIVE to BUNDEENA 18 October 2017

After battling the Sydney morning peak hour traffic, a small but friendly group of AHOC members met up at Engadine before starting off on our drive through the Royal National Park to Bundeena. Although this was a great drive through Audley Weir and the Aussie bush, it was a bit daunting to witness at first-hand how dry and parched the countryside is.

On arrival at Bundeena, we were pleasantly surprised



to see that this area of southern Sydney has managed to retain its unspoilt, seaside village feel. After a leisurely stroll along the beach, we enjoyed a tasty lunch in a newly opened local café before heading off homewards in different directions.

The seven participants on the run included Rod Richards; Ross Penman; Joan and Keith Drake; and Margaret and Geoff Smith.



Tassie Tour 2019



Terry and Patricia Bancroft are organising another Tassie Tour in 2019.

While it's early days yet, the itinerary for the tour is as follows:-

Sunday 10 February – Board ferry in Melbourne bound for Tasmania

Monday 11 February – Ferry arrives Devonport followed by breakfast at the Edgewater Hotel, Devonport. Staying in motels (continental breakfast included) at the following locations

Burnie - Monday 11 February and Tues 12 February

Queenstown - Wednesday 13 February and Thursday 14 February

Hobart - Friday 15 February to Monday 18 February (Wrest Point with full breakfast)

Bicheno - Tuesday 19 February

Scamander Resort – Wednesday 20 February

Launceston - Thursday 21 February and Friday 22 February (Casino with full breakfast)

Saturday night 23 February – Ferry back to Melbourne.

Sunday – 24 February – arrive Melbourne and get out of town on a quiet morning

If you are considering going on this tour please contact Terry Bancroft (02) 4777 4883, 0409 323 133 or bangers@bancroft.id.au to register your interest.

November Mid-Week Run to Norah Head Lighthouse Wednesday 15th November 2017



Everyone is welcome to join us at 9.30am for morning coffee at the Corrugated Café, 780 Peats Ridge Road, Peats Ridge. Leaving the Café at 10am for a 60K drive to Norah Head Lighthouse (40 Bush St, Norah Head) via Kulnura and the scenic Yarramalong Valley.

We should arrive around 11.30am just in time for a 30 minute guided tour and hear all about the lighthouse's history, the duties of a lighthouse keeper, local shipwrecks and other anecdotes. The cost of the tour is a whole \$6.

After all that, it's a kilometre down the road to The Ark Café (8 Bush Street Norah Head) for lunch at 12.30 pm. At The Ark there's lots to buy such as ethically sourced clothing, gifts, home wares and hand shaped surfboards to throw in the back of your Austin-Healey and pretend you're 20 again.

We would love to see you on the day and if you're interested please call Margaret and Geoff Smith on 0438 414 700 or email to m.gpsmith@bigpond.com by Friday 10 November.

*I want to marry a lighthouse keeper
And keep him company.*

*I want to marry a lighthouse keeper
And live by the side of the sea.*

*I'll polish his lamp by the light of day,
So ships at night can find their way.*

I want to marry a lighthouse keeper,

Won't that be okay?



OASIS RUN REMINDER

OASIS RUN TUESDAY 14 November 2017 (2nd Tuesday) REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN (or close to it)

Meet at McDonalds Thornleigh to depart at 10.30am or meet at the Entrance/Long Jetty RSL

Sub-Branch Military Museum, 313 The Entrance Road Long Jetty for an 11.30am inspection. (The museum, not your shoes). Free admission (Gold coin donation appreciated)

Lunch will be next door at "DIGGERS" for a 12.30pm lunch booking. All you can eat Buffet for \$16.95pp. No booking required.



OASIS RUN TUESDAY 5 December 2017 CHRISTMAS LUNCH - NEPEAN ROWING CLUB

Please bring a gift up to the value of \$10.00 marked suitable for male or female (or either) for our Kris Kringle. This year we have had to hire the REGATTA ROOM at a cost of \$100.00 for Christmas Lunch. I will be "PASSING THE HAT" around to recover my costs. Depending on attendance it should work out at about \$1.40 - \$1.50 per person.

Meet at McDonald's Eastern Creek for an 11.00am departure or meet at Nepean Rowing Club, Bruce Neale Drive Penrith at 12.00 noon for lunch. No booking required.

For more details please contact Les Watton on (02) 9838 8063 or 0418 973 866.

Of Things to Come

NOVEMBER

- 2 General Meeting - Concord RSL & Community Club
- 8 Committee Meeting - Concord RSL & Community Club
- 11-12 HSRCA Race Meeting - SMSF
- 14 OASIS Remembrance Day Run
- 15 Mid-week run - Norah Head Lighthouse
- 26 Inspection Day - MotoRadco, Granville

DECEMBER

- 6 GEAR - Wakefield Park
- 7 Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party - Concord RSL & Community Club. Woo Hoo!

JANUARY

- 4 General Meeting - Concord RSL & Community Club
- 10 Committee Meeting - Concord RSL & Community Club



Miscellaneous Notices for Your Edification

Ho! Ho! Ho!

AHOC Christmas Party – Thursday 7 December 2017.

Reminding everyone that our Christmas Party is taking place on Thursday 7 December at Concord RSL & Community Club, Nirranda Street, Concord West commencing at 6.45pm.

The festivities will be preceded by a short meeting and annual general meeting where you will get a chance to join the Committee for 2018.

The Christmas Party will include a three-course dinner with drinks for the measly sum of just \$20 per member and \$40 for non-members. The club will subsidise the remaining cost.

Please let Christine Lyttle (0419 419 378) at membership@austinhealeynsw.com.au or Julie Lee (0421 598 755) on hedli@tpg.com.au know if you want to come along and enjoy the evening.

Annual Inspection Day

Just when you thought the club wasn't putting on an inspection day for conditionally registered cars.

Sunday 26th November is the date, 9am is the time and once again Motoradco at 137-139 Parramatta Rd, Granville is the place to be.

This year we thought the day could be expanded a little so that anyone who perhaps has a question about their car can bring it along and ask away.

So everyone is welcome and there is no cost. There is even a sausage sizzle courtesy of Richard Horwood.

If you have any questions call Neville Stirton on 0414 472 877.

Inspirations and Ideas for Mid-Week Runs in 2018

Over the last two years the AHOC Mid-Week Runs have provided members with extra opportunities to get their Austin-Healeys out of the garage and onto the road. The drives have resulted in lots of interest and discussion by the general public and given those on the run with lots of opportunities for socialisation and enjoyment.

We are planning on continuing our mid-week runs on the third Wednesday of each month during 2018, and are on the lookout for some new and interesting destinations.

Do you know of a scenic drive which would give us about a two hour run that also has an interesting pub or café nearby where we can socialise over lunch? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch by either phone or email:

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Notice of 2017 Annual General Meeting

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE AUSTIN HEALEY
OWNERS CLUB (NSW) INCORPORATED WILL BE HELD AT
CONCORD RSL, NIRRANDA STREET, CONCORD WEST
ON 7 DECEMBER 2017 AT 6:45PM**

Business

- 1 Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting**
- 2 President's Report**
- 3 Financial Statements and Reports**
- 4 Election of Office Bearers**

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

Julie Lee
Secretary
24 October 2017

TRULY RULY BIG NEWS

WE HAVE MOVED

Goodbye Rydalmere Bowling Club! Hello Concord RSL and Community Club.

Yes we have moved and been welcomed by the wonderful people at the Concord RSL and Community Club which is located at Nirranda St, Concord West. There is plenty of well lit parking.

Our first meeting at Concord starts at 7.30pm Thursday 2nd November 2017. If you want to enjoy the culinary delights at Concord come a bit early as the bistro is open from 5.30pm.

REMEMBER it's from Thursday 2nd November and on 7th December it will be our Christmas party preceded by a short Annual General Meeting as notified above. Now that will be fun!

Pres Jim cont' from P2
 cours/Show and Shine day and Ross Penman has agreed to add this as another event to the Donald Healey Birthday Display Day. The only position that remains unfilled is someone to manage the super sprint. This event raises funds for the club but requires

someone to manage the day on behalf of the club. There are many volunteers to assist so please think about who will be able to fill this role.

Finally my Austin-Healey wasn't at the Show and Shine day as the week before it decided to go aquaplaning in the wet and currently

sits in Vince Cessario's workshop for him to work his magic. I would like to thank those members who have been in touch providing assistance on availability of panels and parts. Thank you

So, with some jealousy I encourage you to get out and enjoy your Austin-Healeys this spring.



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of the Austin Healey Owners Club (NSW) Inc.
Wednesday 9 November 2016**

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Austin Healey Owner's Club (NSW) Inc. was called to order at 8:36pm at Rydalmere Bowling Club.

John Sherman was appointed to conduct the meeting.

He declared all positions vacant after thanking the outgoing committee

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were published in the December 2015 Flat Chat. The Chairman asked that the minutes be approved.

Proposed by Terry Bancroft
and seconded by Eric Rudd
The motion was carried.

The Treasurer's Report for the 2015-16 financial year was published in the October 2016 Newsletter together with the Club Profit and Loss Statement.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Statements was proposed by Alan Mitchell and seconded by Jim Phillips
The motion was carried.

All committee positions were declared vacant for the purposes of electing a new committee for 2016.

No nominations had been received prior to the meeting for any roles.

Elected Officer	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by:	Elected Y/N
COMMITTEE POSITIONS:				
PRESIDENT	Jim Phillips	John Kent	Neville Stirton	Yes
VICE PRESIDENT	Geoff Smith	Vince Cessario	Joe Armour	Yes
SECRETARY (& Public Officer)				
TREASURER	Kerrie Rule	Eric Rudd	Neville Stirton	Yes
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY/Billeting	Christine Lytle	Carolyn Kent	Sue Darlington	Yes
CLUB REGISTRAR (Conditional Registration)	Patrick Quinn	John Kent	Joe Armour	Yes
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Ross Penman	Vince Cessario	Ron Strange	Yes
REGALIA OFFICER	Colin Rule	Neville Stirton	Joe Armour	
WEB MASTER	Chris Dimmock	Colin Rule	Pam Ross	Yes



Nominations were called for the remaining positions, and candidates duly elected by the members as indicated:

Elected Officer	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by:	Elected Y/N
COMMITTEE POSITIONS:				
COMPETITION SECRETARY /SUPERSPRINT	Ian Clayton	Jim Phillips	Rod Richards	Yes
EDITOR	Patrick Quinn	John Kent	Vince Cessario	Yes
HISTORIAN	Joe Armour	John Kent	Joe Armour	Yes
SOCIAL SECRETARY				Yes
TECHNICAL OFFICER	Eric Rudd	John Sherman	Gordon Lynas	Yes
NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS:				
ASSOC BRITISH CAR CLUBS REP	Sue Darlington & Ross Penman	John Sherman Jim Phillips	Gordon Lynas Neville Stinton	Yes
CMC DELEGATE	Ray Roberts & Ian Clayton	Muriel Roberts John Sherman	Ian Clayton Gordon Lynas	Yes
WELFARE OFFICER	Pamela Ross	John Sherman	Vince Cessario	Yes
DISPLAY DAY CO-ORDINATOR				
INSPECTOR	Neville Stinton	Rod Richards	Vince Cessario	Yes
LIBRARIAN	Ron Strange	Alan Mitchell	Joe Armour	Yes

Competition Secretary/Supersprint Organiser, and Regalia Officer roles remained unfilled.

Jim Philips and Gordon Lynas accepted the roles of delegates to the Association of Australian Austin-Healey Clubs.

There being no other business notified for the AGM, the meeting was closed at 9:04pm.

Signed by the Chairperson,

John Sherman



Austin Healey Owners Club (NSW) Inc

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1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

	2015/2016	2016/2017
Income		
Membership Subscriptions	\$12,520.43	\$10,395.45
Advertising	\$0.00	\$750.00
Supersprint	\$16,033.49	\$20,860.00
Brass Monkey	\$0.00	\$0.00
Charlies Run	\$29,212.00	\$0.00
Christmas Party	\$1,910.00	\$710.00
Sale of Regalia	\$1,633.90	\$3,771.40
Social Event Subs (incl All Brit & Shannons)	\$50.00	\$319.50
Interest	\$1,818.70	\$0.00
Raffles	\$351.40	\$216.45
Donations	\$360.00	\$0.00
Misc fund Raising (Donations & Fines)	\$0.22	\$4,850.00
National Association	\$0.00	\$0.00
National Rally	\$0.00	\$24,678.19
Total Income	<u>\$63,890.14</u>	<u>\$66,550.99</u>
Expenses		
Flat Chat Magazine	\$923.30	\$978.86
Website	\$615.00	\$438.20
Trophies	\$3,856.10	\$1,607.15
Insurance	\$534.60	\$534.60
Post Office Box	\$155.65	\$196.00
Postage and Stationery	\$457.09	\$13.00
Meeting Expenses	\$720.00	\$910.00
Membership Expenses	\$419.10	\$207.93
Supersprint	\$14,971.00	\$12,695.00
Brass Monkey		
Charlies Run	\$28,081.00	\$0.00
Regalia Purchases	\$1,798.31	\$6,584.85
Raffle Prize Purchases	\$0.00	\$28.50
Asset purchase	\$652.84	\$283.80
Bank and Merchant Credit Card Fees	\$10.00	\$0.00
Social Events (Breakfast presentations etc)	\$2,032.49	\$1,282.54
Christmas Party	\$2,729.65	\$3,209.39
Donations	\$360.00	\$200.00
Association Fees	\$1,274.00	\$2,823.92
National Rally 2018	\$1,000.00	\$12,389.55
National Association Expenses	\$6,758.42	\$4,121.38
Total Expenses	<u>\$67,348.55</u>	<u>\$48,504.67</u>
Surplus / (Loss)	<u><u>-\$3,458.41</u></u>	<u><u>\$18,046.32</u></u>



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Balance Sheet
As of 30 June 2017

	2016	2017
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash		
Main Bank Account	\$24,559.07	\$35,914.01
Cash Management Trust Account	\$10,053.78	\$9,777.54
Debit Card Account	\$844.30	\$892.78
Term Deposits	\$57,526.90	\$60,000.00
Regalia Inventory	\$200.00	\$3,102.70
Property Plant & Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Interest on Term Deposit Earned but not received	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Assets	<u>\$92,639.75</u>	<u>\$111,187.03</u>
Liabilities		
Misc Unpresented Cheques	\$595.00	\$0.00
Charlies run Account	\$3,580.00	
2018 National Rally	-\$1,000.00	\$12,389.55
Supersprint O/S payments	\$2,000.00	\$3,155.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$6,075.00</u>	<u>\$15,544.55</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$86,564.75</u>	<u>\$95,642.48</u>

Notes to accompany the 2016/17 Financial Report for the Austin-Healey Owners Club (NSW) Inc.

The financial reports are provided for acceptance at the Annual General Meeting.

The report this year follows the same format of prior years' using the Year of Account basis. This basis does not take into account prepayments or accruals and represents the income and expenses relating to 2016/2017 financial year.

Charlie's Run Account. In prior years the income received from participants and the expenses incurred have been part of the club's main account. This arrangement has been replaced by a separate cash reserve account operated by the organiser for each year run. The only interaction with the club's accounts is solely for the purpose of facilitating functions that are not available with a cash reserve account.

Regalia Inventory. The cost price of items purchased recently for sale have been included at cost price and exclude items that have remained unsold for some considerable time.

Spare Parts Inventory The majority of parts that were purchased for resale some years ago have been sold. The value of the stock remaining is merely an estimate.

Other Assets. No provision has been included for other assets. These consists of a barbecue, data projector, gazebo, signage etc. as they have no real resale value. Similarly, for the items that make up the library where the value is dependent on the market available.

Kerrie Rule

Treasurer, Austin-Healey Owners Club (NSW) Inc.

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Winners of the Display Day class were:-

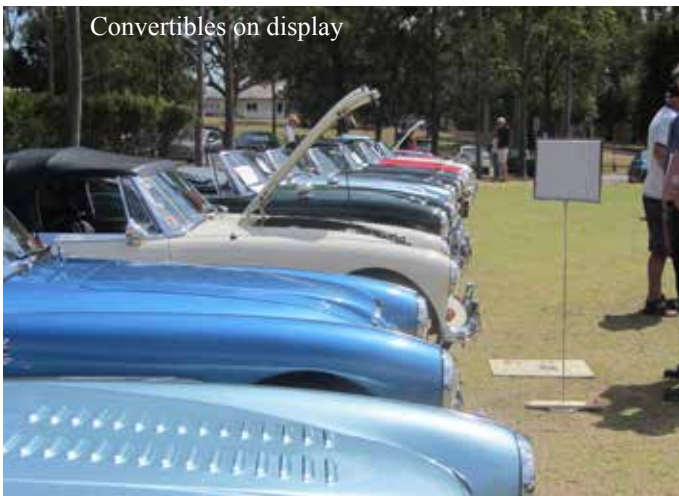
100	George & Liz Goodare - BN2
100/6	No Award
3000 Roadster	Richard & Leslie Lloyd - BN7 Mk1
3000 Convertible Modified Recreation	Dale Goodman - BJ8 Chris & Dina Dimmock - BJ8 Phillip Bloom – Silverstone bodied Healey
Misc. Healey	Patrick & Caroline Quinn – Healey Duncan Saloon
People's Choice	Richard & Leslie Lloyd - BN7 Mk1

It was the first time Richard Lloyd had brought his BN7 along to a club event and he went home a happy bloke. A lovely car!

Many thanks to both John Kent and Peter Jackson for making the trek from Victoria and equally thanks to Gordon Hicks of Kilmartin Sheetmetal for joining us on the day and displaying the Rules' new BN2 chassis.

Overall numbers on the day were a little disappointing and consisted of:-

Healey x 2, 100 x 6, 100/6 x 1, 3000 Mk1 x 1, 3000 Mk2 roadster x 1, 3000 Mk2 BJ7 x 3, 3000 Mk3 BJ8 x 11



Convertibles on display



The Australian delivered BJ8 of Julie & Neville Lee



The Goodare BN2



Alex Mineefe's BN1



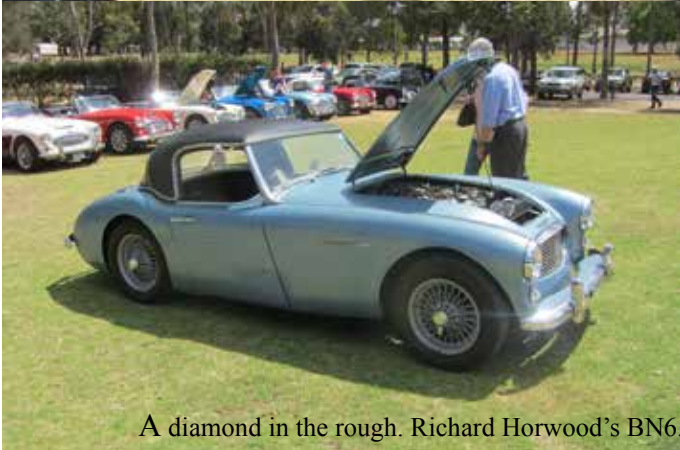
The Whitehouse BJ7 alongside the Kelly BJ8



Mal French and Richard Lloyd with Richard's Mk1 BN7



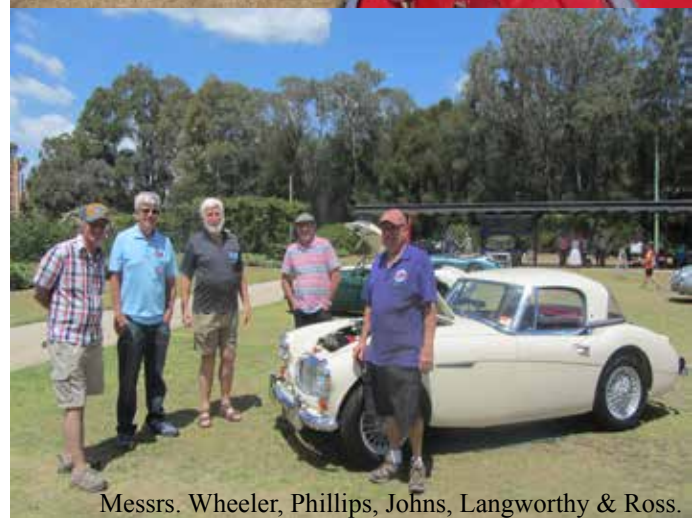
Peter Jackson inspecting the Stirton BJ8.



A diamond in the rough. Richard Horwood's BN6.



Always wonderful to see a line-up of Austin-Healeys.

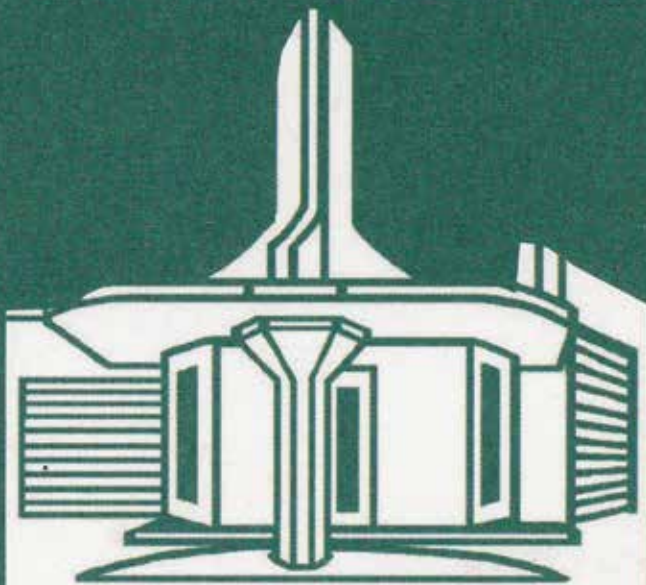


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The Austin-Healey Owners Club of NSW is pleased to announce that the 2018 National Rally will be held at the home of Australian motor sport, the iconic Mount Panorama Circuit in **Bathurst**.

For the first time ever, the Rally will be held from Monday to Friday allowing guests more time to enjoy the picturesque countryside in and around Bathurst as well as extra opportunities to catch up with friends from other states and overseas. Reserve the dates in your diary now:



Monday 9th April to Friday 13th April 2018

Information and registration forms for this exciting event can be found on the NSW AHOC website at:

www.austinhealeynsw.com.au

Accommodation has been arranged at Rydges Mount Panorama Bathurst. Located just metres away from Conrod Straight, with all rooms having far reaching views over the pit complex and surrounding countryside. Your Austin-Healey will also be well looked after with undercover parking and car washing facilities available for all guests. To reserve your room, contact the hotel directly by phoning +61 2 63381888 OR book online at: <https://www.rydges.com/private-page/austin-healey-national-rally-2018/>



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A H Spares Celebrates in Style



Dear Patrick

Wow what an open day! We had a great day for our 45th anniversary; the weather was kind, our warehouses were looking smart and the team were full of energy and enthusiasm. We also had a vast array of Big Healeys and Sprites arrive so they could be displayed magnificently in front of our showroom.

Guests were able to wander our stores to chat with our knowledgeable staff about our products. We were able to proudly show our trim shop and sheet metal workshop discussing the materials and skills we utilise to make the quality upholstery and body panels we supply.

We had many familiar faces from the Austin-Healey world including former directors Bob Hill and Gordon Barton, together with John Chatham, John Keener, Tony Curran and many of our trade customers from the UK and Europe.

Our founder Fred Draper was certainly watching over us and I am certain he was feeling as proud as we all were. I would personally like to thank everyone who attended, my fellow managers Jon Hill and John Lee and of course our hard working dedicated team from A H Spares and A H Panels.

Congratulations must also go to Kevin Jarrett who won our raffle to win £100 gift vouchers for bringing along his 100/6.

Thank you again and here is to another 45 years.

Best wishes and happy Healeying.

Rebecca Kemsley
Director



Nigel Andrews of the AH Spares Metal Fabrication Shop chats to a customer.





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Miscellaneous Words

By which club members can pass on what they have been up to.

It's in the Overdrive

by Hugh Schneider

I note with interest that the overdrive lever adjustment is the same from the BN1 to the 100/6s and the 3000.

Hi, I'm Hugh Schneider, and this article should interest you as I've found a couple of pitfalls during the adjustment section which may have frustrated owners for a long, long time. I don't know if over the years this has been well-covered and tutored on but I'll throw in my penny's worth anyway.

I felt I needed a break from bashing sheet metal in my BN1 project and decided to do some serious grease monkey stuff like overhauling the gearbox and overdrive.

Before I get to the adjustment issues, walk with me and you might enjoy the journey of a rather difficult overhaul.

Below, in splitting the two halves of the overdrive which is most probably the first daylight the insides have seen since the early 1970s. The condition outside was very poor but inside as you can see, not so bad with a little TLC.



It required serious chisel and hammer work to separate the over-

drive from the gearbox and then to split open the two halves. All the bearings and seals of course were shot and it broke my heart as I realised I had damaged the brake ring in the process.



Made of cast iron, the brake ring as you can see below, it received one too many hits, also the 'Gear Shift Cross Shaft' was badly corroded and needed replacing as well. The shaft can't be purchased so it had to be made. The broken bit of ring is lying next to it.



A Moss replacement part would cost me roughly \$330. So I thought no drama. I'll just braze weld it back together.



The brazing actually worked very well but as I started machining the profile, I noticed a whole 1/4 quadrant of the assembly was way

out of round by at least 3/16". This meant that the complete ring was unsalvageable and I would either have to buy a new part or make one.

Well I decided to make one in-house as I have the basic machinery –

Step 1 of course is to design carefully from sample. I have the software and in my previous life, I did a lot of CAD work.

Step 2 buy the right steel – in this case from the local Edcon Steel Store with very helpful staff. Total cost \$45 for good machinable Cast Iron (Ductile Iron 3D) and **Step 3** make it. With my 100 year old milling machine and trusty lathe I set to work.



As you can see, the new piece came together quite well – the blue is engineer's ink for marking out etc.





That being done, I could now finish cleaning all the parts and start the assembly process.

So back to the purpose of this article:

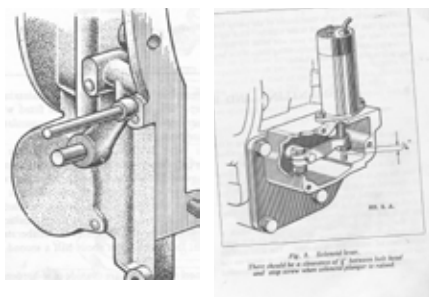
You may in the past have experienced that nagging feeling that your overdrive could perhaps have performed a little better, or maybe you've burnt out one too many overdrive relays.

Well, let me tell you my story – and how this could help you.

I found that there are two main issues which centre around the Valve Setting Lever and the operating function of the Overdrive Solenoid.

The Valve Setting Lever
You may be familiar with this

picture where the Service Manual tells you to align the setting lever into the hole in the overdrive case with a 3/16" drill to then make adjustment of the Solenoid Lever. This procedure according to the manual, provides a 1/32" (0.031") lift of the Ball Valve allowing hydraulic oil pressure to vent. The 1/32" seems to be fairly critical when you take into account the full documented setting procedure.



Well I have news – in the picture below I set up the procedure with a 'Dial Test Indicator' acting against a brass machined plug

which sits on top of the ball valve. Any lift is recorded on the dial to within 1/1000". So – you can see below the drill located in the lever but not yet in the case hole.

By rotating the lever in position in the overdrive case hole, the ball valve has risen exactly 0.5mm or in imperial measurements 0.0197" which is almost 40% off target or - it still has 0.011" to open to be correct.

'How can this be?' I hear you ask – well to put it bluntly, the alignment procedure is very basic and cannot possibly take into account the variations through the linkages as shown below. How they are machined, drilled, and finally located with a wobbly housing hole leaves sufficient room for errors to multiply.

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It's in the overdrive - con't

Of note, I saw this same problem on YouTube presented by Matthew Randell (God bless his cotton socks) during the restoration of his 100/6. Matthew's problem was significant and required some serious thought to fix (episode 29 recommended watching).



I have had to set the lift of the ball valve accurately for 1/32" using the dial indicator and then adjust the solenoid lever accordingly.

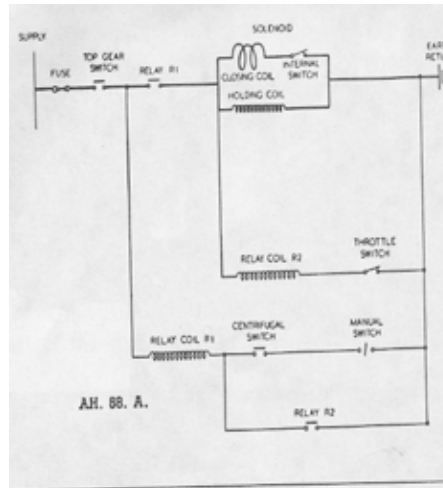
Which brings me to the second point - the operating function of the overdrive solenoid itself.



It is imperative that the Solenoid Plunger (the bit that pulls the lever up) not be restricted in any way whatsoever. There as a bolt head just underneath or behind the plunger and it's easy to set the lever in not the best alignment for straight up and down movement.

If the Solenoid Lever is not in correct alignment, the plunger will start to bind on its upward

journey and may not complete its full stroke. The last 1/32" of the upward stroke is very important to the correct functioning of the solenoid.



The above diagram shows the solenoid which has two windings. One winding for pulling the plunger up (the closing coil) and the second winding for holding it up called the holding coil.

The first winding has a powerful pull and draws 24 amps of current in its operation; the second coil holds it up once the work is done and draws only 1.1 amps. Now if the plunger cannot complete its full stroke, it cannot step into the second holding winding because

all the switching takes place in the last 1/32" of plunger upward movement.

Note in the picture below there is a whitish plastic plunger in the middle at the top of the solenoid - this is pushed up in the last bit of travel and breaks the contact you can see to the left on the solenoid. The breaking of the contacts is the stepping into the secondary holding coil. If this procedure is not allowed to happen, the solenoid will burn out in a relatively short time. Matthew Randell also burnt out a solenoid and this may have been the reason.



That's it. Two important features worth noting. Now tell me this is old news!



Timo Makinen practicing RallyCross in Works Austin-Healey 77 ARX



The Eclectic Bungendore Car Show 2017 By John Wakeling

Two years ago on a long weekend escape to Canberra I checked to see what car things were on in and around the ACT. It was agreed that each person in our party was able to select something that they wanted to do over our long weekend.

Bungendore Car Show was on, so this was my choice and so on our way into Canberra we took a slight detour. My friends have no interest in car



things. Some four hours later we continued on our journey into Canberra with everyone commenting on what a great day they had in Bungendore.

The whole town becomes a car show with everyone pitching in to make the event a great day. There's live music, pub food, community stalls, sausage sizzles, a great bakery, raffles and prizes etc. Everyone in town is friendly and helpful.

This year I was determined to take a car down and enter the display and support this country town having a go. There is no need to book, just turn up and pay \$20. It's that simple. All money raised goes to the community.

So as its turns out the only classic car I had operating was my Austin-Healey 3000, so we displayed it. There was only one other Austin-Healey displayed, a nice blue 100/6. For those who know me I also have Datsun 240Zs and none of these were displayed either. Hopefully we do this next year and I'll take an Austin-Healey and a Datsun 240Z.

So what's there to like about Bungendore - food, entertainment, small country town charm and friendliness. It's close to Canberra and with over 300 cars, trucks, utes on display and at least 300 motorbikes, there's something for everyone. This eclectic display I think adds to the car show experience as does the country town hospitality.

Next year think about Bungendore on the October long weekend and then spend some time in Canberra. Floriade is on this weekend if that's your thing.



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