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THOROUGHBRED SPORTS CAR Club

ANZAC DAY IN CANBERRA

2001 COMMITTEE

President	**Ray Ross**	**9651 2013 (H)**
		9651 2019 (F)
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Please note these are all honorary positions, carried out by members in their own time. If you call them, please accept that they may have to call you back at a time convenient to them.

General Meetings of the Club

Held on the second Wednesday of the month at the
Ryde RSL Bowling Club (Bowling Club Rooms)
724 Victoria Road, Ryde commencing at 8:00pm

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

Fostering a better acquaintance and social spirit between the various owners of Thoroughbred Sports Cars in Australia

To help and advance Thoroughbred Sports Cars in Australia

To establish and maintain, by example, a high standard of Conduct and a Respect of the Laws of the Road

INCORPORATED AS AN ASSOCIATION
Registered No. Y15083-35
TSCC is affiliated with CAMS Limited
(formerly Confederation of Australian Motor Sport)

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY
Sue Smart
204 Bettington Road
CARLINGFORD 2118

CALENDAR 2001

As at March 2001 and subject to amendment

MONTH	DATE	TYPE	EVENT	ORGANISER
JUNE	Sun 03	R	Oran Park South	Lester Gough
	Wed 13	M	Monthly Meeting (Ryde)	Sue Smart
	Wed 20	F	Lunch – Berry	Roland Clark
	Sat 30	S	Weekend Away - Mudgee	John Dixon
JULY	Wed 11	M	Monthly Meeting (Ryde)	Sue Smart
	Wed 18	F	Breakfast – Kurrajong	Roland Clark
	Sun 22	S	Austin Healy Brass Monkeys Run	Les Johnson
AUGUST	Sat 04	R	Super Sprint – Eastern Creek	Lester Gough
	Sun 05	S	Shannons Eastern Creek Display Day	Adrian Walker
	Wed 08	M	Monthly Meeting (Ryde)	Sue Smart
	Wed 15	F	Lunch – Megalong Valley	Roland Clark
SEPTEMBER	Sat 01	S	Restaurant Night	Tony Chapman
	Wed 12	M	Monthly Meeting (Ryde)	Sue Smart
	Wed 19	F	Breakfast – Mount Annan	Roland Clark
SUNDAY 15TH.	~~Sun 23~~	S	Day Run South	Vic Andrews
	Sun 30	R	Oran Park GP	Lester Gough
	7		Steam Boat Day.	
OCTOBER	Wed 10	M	Monthly Meeting (Ryde)	Sue Smart
	Wed 17	F	Lunch – St Albans	Roland Clark
	Sun 28	R	Observation Run with a Twist	Norm Johnson
NOVEMBER	Sun 11	R	Pride of Ownership Day	Roland Clark
	Wed 14	M	Monthly Meeting (Ryde)	Sue Smart
	Wed 21	F	Lunch – South Coast	Roland Clark
	Sun 25	S	Surprise Day	Dave Muir
DECEMBER	Sat 01	S	Presentation and Xmas Dinner	Les Johnson
	Sun 02	R	Oran Park Super Sprint	

David Lee Shane?

NOTE: Events run after the Xmas Dinner will be included in the 2002 pointscore.

LEGEND: M = Club Meeting (3 Points) S = Social Events (2 Points)
R = Racing Event (1 Point) F = Fun Run (No Points)

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR: The above points are awarded to members for participation in the events specified in the TSCC Calendar as printed, and any later amendments. With racing events, one point is awarded either for racing or attending as a spectator. Also, you will be awarded two points for contributing an article to **Top Gear** (to a maximum of 10 points).

Shannon's Display Day
Sunday August 5
Eastern Creek
Please turn up in club shirts to support our display by 10:00am

Could BE SOME ADDITIONS.

THOROUGHBRED SPORTS CAR CLUB
MEETING HELD 11TH APRIL 2001

Meeting commenced 8.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Roland Clark, Lindsay Day, Lionel Walker, Adrian Walker, Wayne Watkins, Chris & Joan Johnson, Pauline & Tony Chapman, Margaret & Ray Ross, Barbara & David Muir, Sue & Peter Smart.

APOLOGIES

Pam & Neville Floyd, Val & John Dixon, Sandra & Louie Eid, Lester Gough, Wendy & Vernon Kelly, Stephanie Clark, Judy & Vic Andrews.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved that the minutes of meeting held 14/3/2001 be accepted: Adrian Walker, Seconded: Barbara Muir.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 31.3.01

Bank Balance $1,421.74
Term Deposit $ 746.07 Total $2,167.81

Moved by Peter Smart that Westpac be asked to open a fee-free account for the club at Carlingford Branch and transfer balance of account number 535356 and Term Deposit from Chatswood branch, with President and Treasurer to sign on account jointly. Seconded by Tony Chapman.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Flyer - Blacktown Swap Meet 22/4/01
2. Flyer - Blacktown Drive-in 'Fifties' Night
3. Price List - C R Hose Trophies
4. " Sirocco House of Leather
5. CAMS Notice of Meeting 18/5/01
6. CAMS Manual of Motor Sport

EDITOR'S REPORT

Lindsay advised that the April edition of the magazine is full, and will be posted before the Canberra Rally. He is accepting articles for the July edition.

SPORTING REPORT

Next event on 13th May at Wakefield Park. Entry forms from Lester Gough.

SOCIAL REPORT

Weekend away to Mudgee on 30th June - there are still places available. Book with John Dixon, $50 deposit to Peter Smart.

CLUB PLATES REPORT - Roland Clark

Roland advised that there is still much confusion re. the change to the new system of club plates/restricted registration. The RTA will probably continue on present system until at least 2002. The RTA now requires a letter from the Club stating that members are financial. When club plates are due, members should contact Roland and he will provide the letter. The onus is on members to renew rego. when it is due - there is a list with due dates published in the club magazine.

WEDNESDAY RUN

Mt Tomah run was very successful. Next one will be 18th April to Gosford Arts Centre & Japanese Gardens with lunch after at Avoca. Book with Roland by 17th.

BIRTHDAYS

Stephanie Clark, Sydney Davenport, Sandra Eid, Gordon Lennox & Neil Mason.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Shannon's 2001 Rally to Canberra - Ray will be sending out a letter with a list of people going, departure dates, mobile phone numbers and suggested meeting place.
Motorex 01 Display - There will be a meeting at Homebush with the organisers after the Royal Easter Show has finished, which will be attended by some of our committee.
TSCC stand is near the entry door near to Porsche, Ferrari, Jaguar & Shannon's.
Request for volunteers - times 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. & 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Some help will be needed to set up and pull out.
Lindsay Day reported from a meeting of the Triumph Car Club re. Lead Replacement Petrol and progress on the new club plates system.

MEETING CLOSED 9.05 P.M.

Two of our main events for the year are now behind us since our last magazine and I'm sure you will find an article or two in these pages to bring you up to date with anything you may have missed.

Firstly the Federation Rally in Canberra was without doubt a resounding success. While there were a fair share of minor organisational hiccups the overall consensus by attendees was certainly thumbs up! I will bring to the July meeting an amatuer video of some of the sights and sounds of over 1400 vehicles gathered around the beautiful precincts of old Parliment House to give you a small idea of the magnitude of this event.

In May, while I was away, the club entered into the Motorex 01, at the Sydney Showground Homebush Bay, co-ordinated by Tony Chapman in my absence. We had good member support in the morning on our stand and I would like to thank Tony and our sub-committee plus our stand supporters with a special vote of thanks to Vic Andrews, Lindsay Day, Vern Kelly, Gordon Ketelby, Lester Gough and Norm & Les Johnson for the lend of their vehicles over that weekend.

Coming up we have our annual pilgrimage to cold climes, with the Austin Healy Brass Monkey Run on July 22nd. This year we are off to Bathurst at 6 a.m. sharp, tickets are $15 per head for breakfast at Bathurst and are available from Les Johnson. If you haven't done much with the club yet this year join in on this popular event.

Just two weeks after that, August 4th & 5th, is the Shannon's Eastern Creek weekend. Last year you may remember, we won best display trophy and this year I believe there is a long queue of clubs out to get us, so we will need your support once again. For the people not directly either building or displaying on the stand we would like you to be on the stand by 10 a.m. on Sunday 5th, resplendent in your club T shirt. This added display of support impacts quite markedly on whatever we have created with the attending cars.

Ladies I will be looking for direction from you at our July meeting regarding another ladies bus trip/luncheon or other activity.

Looking forward to seeing you shortly,

Here's looking at your wheels, Ray.

THOROUGHBRED SPORTS CAR CLUB
MEETING HELD 9TH MAY 2001

The meeting commenced at 8.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Roland Clark, Val & John Dixon, Joan & Chris Johnson, Adrian Walker, Lindsay Day, Lionel Walker, Louie Eid, Wendy & Vernon Kelly, Ray & Margaret Ross, Tony & Pauline Chapman, Sue & Peter Smart.

APOLOGIES

Lester Gough, Stephanie Clark, Vic & Judy Andrews, Neville & Pam Floyd, David & Barbara Muir.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved that minutes of meeting held 11/4/01 be accepted: Adrian Walker, Seconded: Chris Johnson.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CAMS Newsletter & Meeting Notice for 18.5.01.
2. Lions Club of Nowra, letter re. tour packages
3. Club Registration Form for Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic
4. Quiktrak brochure

TREASURER'S REPORT - 30.4.01

Bank Balance $2,148
Term Deposit $ 746 Total $2,894

Includes $250 held for Mudgee accommodation, which leaves funds available $2,644. There are some outstanding memberships - Ray has telephoned some of these people who have promised to send their renewals.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Ray thanked Lindsay for the effort put into his first magazine, followed by a round of applause. Lindsay is very happy with the level of support from members, and is looking for articles, gossip etc. for the next one.

SPORTING REPORT

There will be an event at Wakefield Park on 13th May.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Les Johnson advised that the AHOC Brass Monkey Run in July will be to Bathurst this year. Breakfast at Bathurst RSL Club. Cost $15. More information next meeting.
Mudgee weekend on 30th June - further discussion in General Business.
Motorex 01 Display May 25,26,27 - our committee to meet tonight.

CLUB PLATES REGISTRAR

Roland Clark advised that if a car goes off club plates they must be returned to him for holding or surrender after 3 months.
Copy of the following must be provided for renewal -
Pink slip, registration certificate, insurance renewal advice.
The only plates available at the moment are allocated to life members.
Unless some plates are surrendered, we will have to order a quantity of new plates.
Roland will make enquiries re. minimum order number, cost, etc.

SHANNON'S 2001 RALLY TO CANBERRA

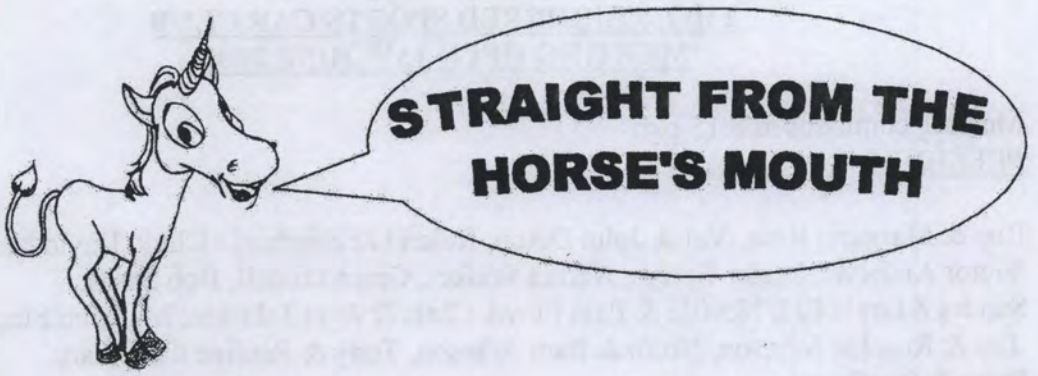
Roland gave a very informative talk on this most successful event, which was attended by a group of over 30 from our club. Articles will be published in the next magazine.

WEDNESDAY RUNS

Next run will be to Wallacia on 16th May, with an inspection of Warragamba Dam, and Lunch at the Wallacia Hotel. Book with Roland & Stephanie Clark by 15th.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mudgee Weekend - John Dixon (organiser) advised 14 rooms have been booked, 13 have been taken. They would have an extra 2 rooms if required. John is doing a "rec." in May to check out the venues. Barrie Jones is arranging a visit to a winery.
MEETING CLOSED 9.05 P.M.



Occasional jottings since the last edition of Top Gear:

Adrian Walker has had his appreciation for things Italian stretched recently by the 'electronic paparazzi' thoughtfully provided by the RTA at the base of Spit Hill. Of course a souvenir copy of the picture was requested and there was the Mustang alongside a Holden. A flurry of intense letter drafting, research, and debunking of urban myths surrounding the design, calibration and administration of speed cameras followed, but alas, proved inconclusive in terms of challenging the fine. Adrian has elected to pay up.

Guess which member of the club was seen wandering around Cowra during May at two o'clock in the morning with a mate, both in their underwear and **Penny**-less? Granted it would have been a bit chilly at that time of the morning.

There has been quite a bit of surgery in the club lately. A recent operation was required in order to separate **Dave Muir** from his Subaru WRX. Pride of place in the Muir garage is now taken by a dark blue Lexus SC400 coupe complete with four litre, quad cam, 32 valve, V8 power plant and an elegant set of mags. Dave's TR6 is also progressing with some electrical and fuel system work still to do. The seats will be back from the trimmer shortly following their recent completion.

Speaking of operations, **Roselee Johnson** has had an operation on her arm. At time of writing she is all bandaged up but the reports are good and recovery has commenced.. So there is only one fully working arm in the Johnson household at the moment as Les' hands are still playing up after his recent operation.

Chris and Joan Johnson are about to depart for a romantic/dirty (delete whichever is not applicable) holiday in Malaysia. Shortly thereafter Joan will be going to San Francisco for a month to help their son Adrian and daughter-in-law Fiona settle in as they will be living there for a while. Ladies you are warned to be on your guard during Joan's trip.

Grant Liddell will be competing in the Australian Hill Climb Championships in Queensland in early June in his Datsun. Best wishes from all of us for a great run at the championships, Grant.

Wayne Watkins has had a couple of weeks in Japan to attend a friends wedding.

Les Johnson's father is in hospital after a recent prang while driving his mower on the lawn.....it apparently did not handle well while negotiating an eight foot embankment. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

While on the work front, **Peter Smart** has retired, and **Vern Kelly** has gone back to work a couple of days per week.

The intrepid TSCC expedition to the forthcoming Brass Monkey Run will be without the presidential presence of President Ray who will be on a trip to the Kawai piano factory in Japan.

BRASS MONKEY RUN TICKETS CAN BE ORDEREDFROM LES JOHNSON – 9412 1838

THOROUGHBRED SPORTS CAR CLUB
MEETING HELD 13TH JUNE 2001

Meeting commenced 8.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Ray & Margaret Ross, Val & John Dixon, Roland & Stephanie Clark, David Muir, Victor Andrews, Lester Gough, Adrian Walker, Grant Liddell, Bob Smith, Sandra &Louie Eid, Neville & Pam Floyd, Chris & Joan Johnson, Malcolm Stephen, Les & Roselee Johnson, Norm & Pam Johnson, Tony & Pauline Chapman, Peter & Sue Smart.

APOLOGIES

Lindsay Day, Wayne Watkins, Vernon & Wendy Kelly, Lorraine Walker, Judy Andrews, Barbara Muir.

President, Ray Ross, welcomed NEW MEMBER Malcolm Stephen.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved that minutes of the meeting held 9/5/2001 be accepted: John Dixon
Seconded: Chris Johnson

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Club Plates: Roland Clark advised cost of plates – 3–9 plates $60.50 per set. As the new registration system should be in place within 12 months, committee will discuss and canvas those members with plates on hold.

CORRESPONDENCE

* CAMS Newsletter and Magazine
* Leyburn Sprints Qld.
* Cal Custom Swap Meet
* R A C A Membership Drive
* Motorsport Website
* Moto Concepts Aust P/L
* Sydney Streeters
* Glass' Guide
* Jamberoo Park

TREASURERS REPORT – Peter Smart

Bank Balance	$2,466	31.5.01
Term Deposit	$ 746	Total $3,212 (Includes $650 held for Mudgee accomm.)

Total funds available $3,212

EDITOR'S REPORT

Lindsay Day sent his apology. Articles should be sent to him as soon as possible.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT- Les Johnson

Wednesday Run – organised by Roland & Stephanie Clark – 20th June Lunch at Berry.
Weekend Away – organised by John & Val Dixon – Mudgee on 30th June.
Depart Richmond at 7.30 a.m. Itineraries were given out.
Brass Monkey Run – organised by Austin Healey Owners' Club – 22nd July
Breakfast at Bathurst Leagues Club, purchase tickets from Les Johnson $15.00.
Motorex 01 – Committee members gave a report. Survey/feedback form will be returned to the organisers.
Ray thanked the committee and owners of cars used for the display.

SPORTING REPORT- Lester Gough

Oran Park meeting on 3.6.01 – Competitors were Adrian Walker (Jaguar) Malcolm Stephen (Lancer) Lester Gough attended as an official.
Next sporting event will be at Eastern Creek on 4.8.01. Entries should be lodged early.
New member Malcolm Stephen is leading the competition point score, as he came first in class at the Oran Park meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ferrari National Concours – Terrigal on Monday 15.10.01. TSCC to provide 8 judges – Roland Clark to liaise with Ferrari Club.

Shannons 2001 Rally to Canberra – Video will be produced shortly and mailed to all entrants in 2/3 weeks. Some merchandise will be available by mail order, caps etc. A Balance Sheet for the event will be published with all details.

Shannons Eastern Creek Classic 4th & 5th August 2001. Committee to meet tonight.

Guest Speakers – Ray is having difficulty in getting a guest speaker for one of our meetings and asked that anyone who can help with this please contact him.

Club Jackets – Pauline & Tony Chapman are investigating jackets at approx. $50/$60 each. Most members indicated they would buy a club jacket, so further enquiries will be made.

CMC Meeting – Adrian Walker advised that CMC (Fred) requires a vote from TSCC Re. Affiliation of the Nepean District Morris Minor Club. Our members voted unanimously that the above club's application for affiliation with CMC Inc. be accepted.

MEETING CLOSED at 9.15. p.m.

TSCC FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1.1.2001 TO 31.5.2001

Bank Balance 1.1.01			$2,102.66
INCOME	Membership Fees	$2,210.00	
	Lunch Run '99	30.00	
	Club Shop Sales	60.00	
	Interest	0.89	
	Trust Funds (Outings)	750.00	$3,050.89
			$5,153.55
OUTGO	Bank Fees	14.30	
	FID & BAD Tax	10.87	
	Trust Funds (Outings)	1,200.00	
	Refund Pride Ownership Day	64.00	
	CMC Inc. Affiliation Fee	25.00	
	Motorex 01 Stand Fee	198.00	
	CAMS Affiliation Fee	583.00	
	Hospital Gift	65.00	
	Meeting Room Hire	110.00	
	Magazine Expenses	101.44	
	Deposit – Catering P/O Day	220.00	
	Eastern Creek Classic Fee	96.00	$2,687.61
			$2,465.94
Trust Funds (Mudgee Weekend)			650.00
			$1,815.94
Term Deposit			$ 746.07
	TOTAL		$2,562.01

CANBERRA 2001 – Tuesday 24 April 2001

The Canberra run started two weeks earlier for me because the 'E Type' had a seized clutch. I listened to everyone's expert advice, but deep down, I knew what was required. That was, the engine and gearbox had to come out. The thought of this extraction was a little daunting given the time factor and only with the help of my son Rick was it made possible.

Some fifty-two hours later we were back on the road. Rick commented "do you think we should look at the purple Aston?" After assuring him that it was bullet proof, you guessed it, the rotten clutch was seized. Dave Muir, John Dixon and Rick (again) helped me to remedy the problem.

I assured them it was a one-day job and nothing like the nightmare of the 'E Type'. Within two hours we had the gearbox out because it lifts out from the top. We removed the two front seats, undid the bolts around the tunnel and that was it. After all this there was still a problem with the starter and I was not in any mood to do any more mechanical work (or wearing out my friendship).

On the day of departure for Canberra a decision was made that we take the Fairlane. (It was a relief and proved to be a good people mover throughout the weekend). With Rick and Lyn in the red Aston, we caught up with Norm and Pam travelling in the XK120 at Pheasants Nest.

We had heard that Chris and Joan who had set out earlier the same day were having generator problems and were stuck in Goulburn. The weather became very inclement and the XK120 had to put its hat on before we got to Canberra where we caught up with Chris and Joan in their motor. An auto electrician had managed to sort out their problem.

A social party consisting of Chris, Joan, Norm, Pam, Rick, Lyn, Roselee and myself then drifted into downtown Manuka for dinner in a small Spanish restaurant.

Wednesday April 25 was Anzac Day, so the brave men arose very early and walked three kilometres to the Canberra Anzac Day dawn service. My father had given us his war medals to carry. We all found the service very moving. Then it was back to the motel to pick up the girls for breakfast.

Norm, Pam, Rick, Lyn, Roselee and I proceeded to drive into the city to register for the Shannon's 2001 Rally where we picked up our goodies. After registration we went to see Chris marching but only managed to catch him right at the end of the march.

It was then time for a bite to eat so we went back to the motel, parked the car and walked to the Servicemen's Club. Here we caught up with other club members as they arrived in town. They joined us for a fun evening but had a little trouble keeping up with us because we had been celebrating Anzac Day in the club for six hours previous to their arrival.

Some the entertainment included people like Mr Bumble Bee, a local policeman, and the Manager of the club.

THE WEDNESDAY PEREGRINATION TO SHANNON'S 2001

By Vic and Judy Andrews

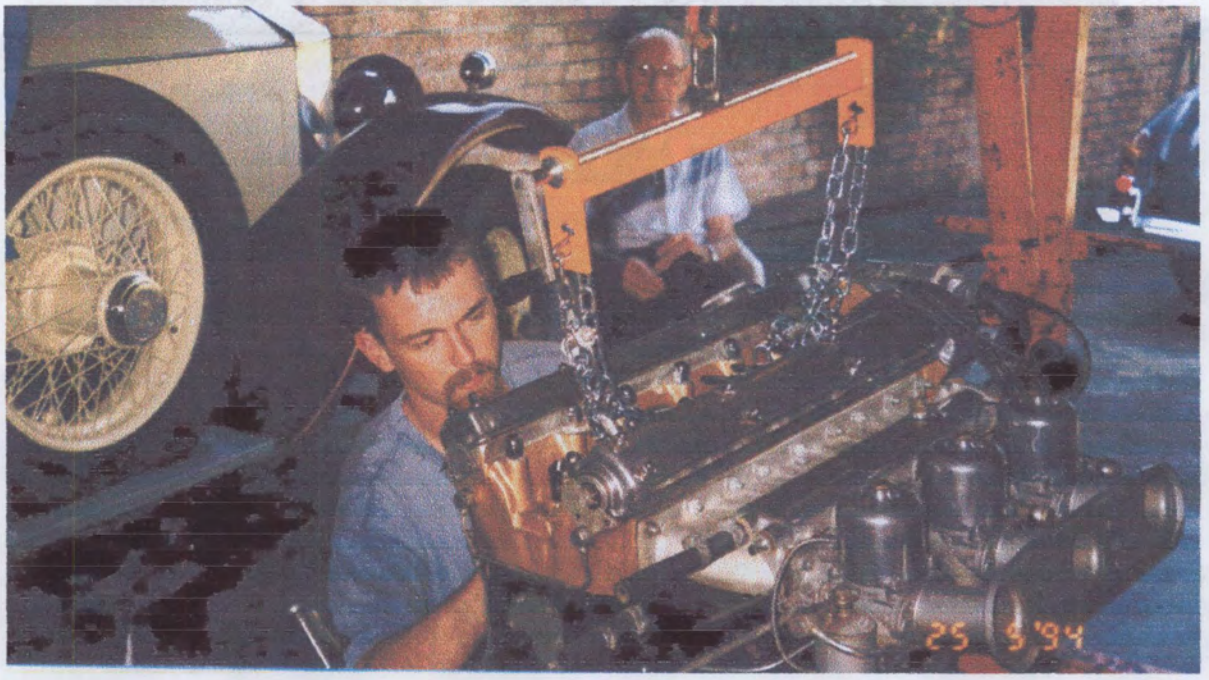
After motoring down the expressway in our Amazon Volvo waving and tooting at other Shannon's vehicles on the way, we waited for our group to arrive at Sutton Forest Roadhouse.

Our entire group for the day turned up looking impressive (cars as well!) and after some refreshments we hit the expressway. Roland was thrilled with the way the Maserati was performing, Louie and Sandra arrived topless in the TR6, Dave and Barbara travelling in a gold E Type from Chatswood rentals, and Ray and Margaret in their immaculified E Type.

However, as Group Captain, I was disappointed to hear after arriving in Canberra for registration, that President Ross and our first lady had problems with the E Type ignition system after they left the road house. We were cruising along thinking that they were at the tail end of the formation all the time. Sorry about that Ray. Next time we better check with our phones how everybody is going.

SHANNONS
2001
NATIONAL MOTORING TOUR
DRIVE TO CANBERRA
26-29 APRIL 2001

Photos supplied by Les Johnson



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After collecting all our Shannons goodies and looking at some of the other entries in the car park, we checked into our motel. The car park looking like a car museum we wandered down to the local RSL for an Anzac Day social and to meet up with all those Johnsons that had arrived the day before.

Chris who was wearing his impressive Air Force Cross was recovering after marching by replacing lost fluids. Les was meeting lots of interesting locals like the bumble bee man and having a beer with a security car enthusiast in the toilet. After various discussions, one subject always seem to pop up....Viagara, but I won't go into any details.

Louie had a special meal prepared while the rest of us waited for our orders. I was starting to feel very poorly from the flu so we decided to leave.

SATURDAY AT SHANNONS 2001

By Roland Clark

Saturday was the day we were all looking forward to. The previous days had been perfect weather, and Saturday was going to be another glorious day in lovely down-town Canberra.

Because over twelve hundred cars were to converge at the one point, various assembly points were designated around Canberra. My group was the sixties group, and were to meet at 8 o'clock at the Woden Cemetery. A basic breakfast was provided for those who needed sustenance, and marshals efficiently organised the cars in their group years. The organization here I felt was very good; however some members reported problems at some of the other marshalling points. At about 9o'clock the cars in my group all left in procession for Old Parliament House.
This is a large area of parkland between the old building and Lake Burley Griffin.

Marshals then effectively positioned all the cars in their respective years of manufacture by 10 o'clock, and vast quantities of spectators began to arrive. This was no doubt car-buff's heaven, with an incredible variety of motor vehicles dating from 1890 to 1970.
Cars, trucks, tractors and traction-engine were all to be seen.
Some running on petrol, some running on diesel, some running on wood, and one running on old sump oil.

It's possible that nearly every brand of car that has been made was represented here.
A vast array of American machinery, classic continental vehicles, and the ever familiar British mach's, as well as Australian manufactured vehicles, such as Holden and Falcon.
The guys appeared to be trans-fixed as they wandered among the mach's, recognising cars that they may have only seen a photograph of previously, and marvelling at the quality of restoration. One in particular needs mentioning: an early model Crossly that had been restored in polished aluminium in Bundaberg; magnificent workmanship.
Our club was well represented, with Chris Johnson, Vern Kelly and Ray Ross in their E-Type Jaguars; Les Johnson's son Ricky in the Aston Martin V8; David Muir in Les's E-Type; Norm Johnson in the XK120; me in the Maserati Mistral (yes, it made it -- there and back!!); Louie in his TR4; Tony Chapman in his Maserati; Lester Gough in the 'Super-Legaro Cortina; Wayne Watkins in his Silvia Nissan; Peter Smart in the Johnson Roller; and Les Johnson in a big red Fairlane, which came to be known as the troupe carrier. Unfortunately, Vic Andrews (who was so looking forward to the car display day) came down with the flu and had to go back to Sydney in the Volvo, being driven by the ever-capable Judy.

The day progressed with the guys enjoying themselves immensely. Some of the girls found other tourist attractions which took their fancy, helping to stave off the boredom of twelve hundred cars.
Food was a bit of a worry, with very long queues forming at the food vendors, as very few patrons could bring their own lunch.

As the afternoon began to get cooler, vehicles gradually began to return to their respective accommodations, and by 5 o'clock most of the cars had left, as they were anxious to ready themselves for the big evening ahead at the Rally Dinner, which was held at the 'Exhibition Park in Canberra', the site of the successful first day's registration.

At 7 o'clock, the Thoroughbred contingency assembled in the foyer (thirty people in total), and boarded three mini buses for convoy to the venue.
On arrival, we realised the dinner was to be held in two separate pavilions, the Vintage and Veteran members on the left, and the late model cars on the right. Each room was laid out in well decorated tables of ten, with our club being accommodated on three of the tables.

Looking around the pavilion it was very noticeable to Ray and I that the majority of the car owners were in their fifties or sixties, or older.....not much young blood, and it made one wonder about the future of motoring, and how to keep the interest in the history of motoring alive.
Digressing just for one moment -- it is my opinion that in order to keep our club expanding, potential club members ideally should be in the forty to sixty age-group. It is unlikely that our club will attract or keep many people in their twenties or thirties.

Peter Wherritt was the Master of Ceremonies, with Peter Brock as guest speaker, and a continual video display of car history and federation nostalgia.
A large video screen enabled people in both halls to be in contact with the speakers at all time.
We enjoyed a pleasant three-course meal, and heard various speakers throughout the evening. Some of us were wondering how they were going to feed over two thousand people at the one time; but they managed, and admirably.
A raffle was drawn for a Mach 11 Jaguar. Sad to say, the winning ticket was not to be a thoroughbred one, although Tony Chapman did have one of the winning minor raffle numbers, but then so did somebody else.....
The trip home was not quite so pleasant, but after a short wait we were all transported to the Rydges Capitol Hill. Les did his usual queue-jumping at the transport spot, and arrived home in front of everybody else. Going my way, mate!!!

Overall, the event was a great success. There may have been some minor hitches, but with such a large number of people to satisfy, small problems must arise.
The organisers must be complimented on their forethought and consideration for all attending.
A video will be available shortly, which no doubt we will have at a Club Meeting in the not too distant future.

A truly remarkable three day sojourn in Canberra.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH RUN TO AVOCA BEACH – 18 April 2001

Vern and Wendy Kelly

The day dawned bright and beautiful, and met the prayers of those of us who wished for 'top-down' motoring. Our meeting place was the old toll gates at Berowra on the old Pacific Highway. Everybody arrived safely, the crowd comprising Roland and Stephanie Clark, Ray and Margaret Ross, Vic and Judy Andrews, Sue Smart and Joan Johnson (together in Sue's BMW), Wayne Watkins and ourselves.

Roland and Stephanie were in their Maserati, giving it its final shakedown run prior to the Shannon's Tour in Canberra. AND for those who doubted it, there IS an "E" type in Ray and Margaret Ross' garage. Ray drove the gorgeous, signal red Series I, 4.2 coupe to its first outing in 5 years.

We set off and curved and curled our way around the old Pacific Highway's many corners, heading for Gosford. Ray and Margaret's E Type looked beautiful from behind as it rounded the corners, its deep burbling exhaust bouncing off the rock walls as it sinuously negotiated the curves (sorry to get carried away – I just love E Types!)

We stopped for coffee at the East Gosford Art Gallery and Japanese Gardens. This is a fairly new and impressive establishment. We were contemplating inspecting the Art Gallery until and group of buses of what seemed like 5,000 school kids pulled up to do the same.

Stephanie in particular, with her school teaching background, showed very little enthusiasm to mix it with another horde of kids! So we inspected the Japanese Gardens, which were beautiful, and some of us managed to get a quick look in areas of the Art Gallery that the kids had not reached or had already passed through.

Only one person (female of course!) succumbed to a purchase from the Gallery Gift Store.

We then motored on to Avoca Beach for lunch at the Matucana Café, a new establishment right at the edge of the sand on the southern end of Avoca Beach. The food, view and general ambience were beautiful.

Some very old (ie, long time) friends of Roland and Stephanie, Albert and Shirley Ralph, who live on the Central Coast, joined us for lunch.

Just to make sure lunch had some element of the unusual, Vic Andrews proceeded to hoe into my sweets, which had been incorrectly delivered to him, and he had almost demolished them by the time we all noticed the mistaken delivery, but of course went on to finish them. He also went on to demolish his own sweets his correct order arrived. Obviously his trim waistline is due to some other causes or activities. (I got another order of sweets "on the house" because of the mistake).

After a very enjoyable and relaxed lunch we all made our ways back home. However, Roland and Stephanie's old friends very helpfully (??) mentioned to Margaret Ross, the location of a good antique store.....thereby ensuring that Ray and Margaret took a "slow route" home.

On everybody's behalf, thanks again to Roland and Stephanie for organising a great trip and itinerary. Apart from the smoothness of the organisational arrangements, they even arranged to deliver perfect sunny weather – especially appreciated by us in the two open cars (us, and Sue and Joan).

LUNCH AT WALLACIA

Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Wallacia ... ...

On a perfect autumn morning, we met at 'Rest-A-While" opposite Richmond RAAF Base, and were entertained by paratroopers dropping from Hercules transport planes – (Stephanie and Roland have friends in high places) !!! The 'show' was part of the joint USA & Australian 'war games' going on at the time. After a delicious cappuccino and free entertainment we departed for Warragamba Dam and Wallacia via Richmond, Agnes Banks, Penrith, Mulgoa and Glenmore Park. Stephanie & Roland led the way followed by Diane, Wendy and Vernon, Judy and Vic, and us.

Warragamba Dam has a large picnic area, and a visitors' center with a working model of the dam and audio commentary, as well as photographs of the dam being built – all very interesting. We then drove to the viewing platform where we could see the construction work for the auxiliary spillway – costing $150 million, due for completion in 2001. This work will ensure the dam is safe for the most extreme flooding (1:100,000). After some photographs were taken, we jumped in our cars and headed back to Wallacia for lunch.

Wallacia Hotel, large Tudor-style building, was a very popular weekend retreat in the early days of the village. As the day was so warm we sat in the courtyard, (on cold winter days there is a log fire in the huge dining room). After a delicious lunch, and a glass of wine, we drove home in the warm afternoon sunshine.

– July 2001

A beautiful day, we had lunch on the way, and all for under $??????? By Sue Smart

Austin-Healey

PO Box No. 3027
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30th March 2001.

To
The President and Club members

On behalf of the Austin Healey Owners Club of NSW Inc, I cordially invite your members to participate in our annual BRASS MONKEY RUN, which will be held on the 22nd July 2001.

TIME AND DATE.....SUNDAY 22ND JULY 2001, 6AM DEPARTURE
DEPARTURE POINT. The Star Service Centre on the M4 west bound in the truck parking area.
DESTINATION Bathurst RSL Club, 114 Rankin Street, Bathurst (Opposite the Police Station)

PRICE Adults $15.00, this includes GST, children 4 to 12 years old half price.

A very good breakfast has been organized at this venue, after such a wonderful cold run. Don't forget if you have a rag roof we would like it down.

The track out naturally will be the M4 to the western end, then the Great Western Highway to Bathurst.

I will be forwarding tickets, if required on a Club basis, could some person please nominate as CONTACT FOR THE CLUB and speak to me on 02 4777 4883 or 0409 323 133,
I am more than happy to forward your club a block of tickets, should this be desired.

SPORTING REPORT

By Lester Gough, Sporting Secretary

Two sporting events have been run since the last Sporting Report. The first of these was at Wakefield Park on 13th May, however there were no entries from our club.

The second event was at Oran Park on 3rd June with two entries from our club. One the club's oldest sporting competitor (as a competitor, not his age) Adrian Walker. The other, the club's newest member, thanks to Motor-Ex 01, Malcolm Stephen.

Malcolm in his Mitz. Lancer GSR had a class win with a time of 56.79 seconds. Adrian in his 3.8 Mark II Jaguar was third in his class with a time of 59 seconds.

The competition pointscore has Malcolm Stephen on 3 points, Theo Balafas on 2 points, and Adrian Walker on one point.

The next sporting event is scheduled for Saturday 4th August at Eastern Creek. If any member is interested in competing at that this or any other event, please contact me on 0411 117 370 or 9799 3209.

POINTSCORE

The table below contains the leading points scorers at 30 June, 2001.

Peter Smart	23	Lester Gough	18
Adrian Walker	22	Stephanie Clark	17
		Joan Johnson	17
Margaret Ross	21	Chris Johnson	17
Ray Ross	21	Vern Kelly	17
Sue Smart	21		
		Louis Eid	15
Roland Clark	20	Wendy Kelly	15
		Barbara Muir	15
Pauline Chapman	19	David Muir	15
Tony Chapman	19		
		Vic Andrews	12
Lindsay Day	18	Sandra Eid	12
Val Dixon	18	Les Johnson	12
John Dixon	18	Roselee Johnson	12

GLAD I WAS NOT THERE!

A Highway Patrol officer observed a car puttering along the highway at 22mph. He turned on his lights and pulled the car over. Approaching the vehicle, he noticed that it contained five old ladies – two in the front and three in the back – wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, said, "Officer, I don't understand. I was doing the exactly the speed limit. What's the problem?"

"Ma'am", the officer replied, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? I'm following the posted speed exactly!"

The officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explained that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. Embarrassed, the woman smiled and thanked him for pointing out her error.

Before letting her go, the officer asked, "Is everyone in this car okay? These women seem awfully shaken and they have'nt muttered a single peep this whole time."

"Oh, they'll be alright in a minute officer, we just got off Route 139."

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

Plate No.	Vehicle	Owner	Renewal Date
001	Jaguar Mark II	Roland Clark	28 April 2001
003	E-Type Jaguar	Ray Ross	27 March 2002
006	Jaguar Mark II	Adrian Walker	30 December 2001
007	Aston Martin DB4	Roland Clark	28 April 2001
008	E-Type Jaguar	Chris Johnson	
009	E-Type Jaguar	Les Johnson	
010	Ford Cortina	Lester Gough	January 2002
011	Ford Cortina	Lester Gough	January 2002
012	Aston Martin DB4	Les Johnson	
013	Jaguar Mark II	Lionel Walker	
014	MGB Roadster	Stephanie Clark	
015	MGB Roadster	Lorraine Walker	3 March 2002
016	Nissan Silvia	Wayne Watkins	February 2002

Remember: RTA does not issue reminders or papers when permits expire.
It is up to the owner to ensure that the permit is renewed.