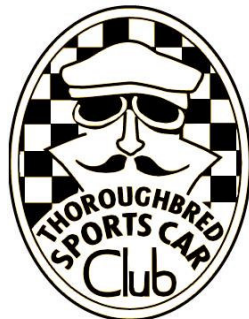


# *top* *gear*



Peter Stefan's E Type Jaguar at the Shannon's Eastern Creek Display Day



## 2008 COMMITTEE

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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 (except January and December)  
at The Carlingford Bowling Club  
Corner Pennant Hills Rd. & Evans Rd., Carlingford commencing at 7.30pm

### 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

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# **PRESIDENT VERN'S**

## **VERNACULAR**



Well, another couple of months have flown by, seemingly the faster in view of a busy & enjoyable calendar of events.

We are well & truly in the “display season”, with two wonderful events, the All British Day at the Kings School, & the Shannons Eastern Creek Display Day, both recently completed. As usual, TSCC was well & appropriately represented at both events, & reports on both events, with accompanying photos, are included within this issue.

Coming up are the Orange Blossom Festival Display Day, which unfortunately clashes with our Thoroughbreds & Fillies Weekend, but those not booked on this Weekend may wish to attend this relaxed & informal Display, which is a lot of fun with a great variety of cars.

The Thoroughbreds & Fillies Weekend is, as I write this, just a couple of weeks away in mid-September & can be expected to be another great & convivial time in the traditional TSCC way. We do “fun” very well!!!

A week later is the popular Shed Crawl organised by Roland Clark, which as I've previously mentioned is one for the “blokes”.

Two important events are scheduled for October. Firstly, there is our Wednesday Run which the Mercedes-Benz Club has been invited to join. This follows us joining the Mercedes-Benz Club's Breakfast Run to Ettalong in May, & it is now our turn to host a joint event between our two Clubs. An interesting Lunch Run is planned, organised by Brian Marshall, & details will issue soon.

Our other October event, & final display day for the year, is of course our ever-popular Pride of Ownership Day, which will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October. This is a major annual event for our Club so please put the date in your diaries now. Formal invitations will be issued within the next couple of weeks.

That's it for now, & I look forward to catching up with many of you at these forthcoming events.

Happy Motoring,  
**President Vern**

## CALENDAR 2008

	DATE		EVENT	ORGANISER	PHONE
JAN.	Sat 26	S	NRMA Motorfest		
FEB.	Wed 13 Wed 20	M F	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Vicki Bell Peter & Sue Smart	9958 8721 9630 1050
MAR	Sat 8  Wed 12 Wed 19 Sun 30	S  M F R	Tea Gardens Hawkes Nest Motor Club Motorfest Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Round 1 CAMS Supersprint	Malcolm Ireland Vicki Bell Roland & Stephanie Clark Oran Park GP - NSWRRRC	9416 3031 9958 8721 9653 2866
APRIL	Fri 4/7 Wed 9 Wed 16 Sun 27	S M F R	Orange Rally Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Round 2 CAMS Supersprint	Terry & Robyn Daly Vicki Bell Keith & Carol Reynolds Wakefield Park – Mini Car Club	9488 9590 9958 8721 9634 6342
MAY	Sun 4 Wed 14 Sun 18 Wed 21	S M R F	Joint Breakfast Run MB Club Monthly Meeting Round 3 CAMS Supersprint Wednesday Run	Vince Thompson Vicki Bell Eastern Creek - TBA Colin Watts	9874 7745 9958 8721 9624 8202
JUNE	Sun 1 Wed 11 Wed 18	R M F	Round 4 CAMS Supersprint Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run	Oran Park GP - NSWRRRC Vicki Bell Jack & Jennifer Jones	9958 8721 9654 1129
JULY	Sun 6 Wed 9 Wed 16 Sun 20 Sun 27	S M F R S	Xmas in July Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run Round 5 CAMS Supersprint AHOC “Brass Monkey” Run & O’night Stay	TBA Vicki Bell Paul & Jan Goddard Wakefield Park – MX-5 Club TBA	9958 8721 9481 9715
AUG.	Sun 10 Wed 13 Sat 16 Wed 20 Sun 17 Sun 24	R M R F S S	Round 6 CAMS Supersprint Monthly Meeting Round 7 CAMS Supersprint Wednesday Run All British Day, Kings Schl Shannons Eastern Crk	Eastern Creek - ARDC Vicki Bell Oran Park GP – Mini Car Club John & Karma Watson Ian Norman Adrian Walker	9958 8721 9875 3080 9674 2717 9987 4299
SEP.	Wed 10 Sun 14 Sun 14 Wed 17 Sat 20 Fri 12 to Sun 14	M S R F S S	Monthly Meeting Orange Blossom Festival Round 8 CAMS Supersprint Wednesday Run Shed Crawl Thoroughbreds & Fillies Weekend	Vicki Bell Malcolm Ireland Oran Park South - NSWRRRC Brian & Barbara Marshall Roland Clark Graham & Marilyn Olliffe	9958 8721 9416 3031 9651 2821 9653 2866 9630 3971
OCT.	Wed 8 Wed 15  Sun 26	M F  S	Monthly Meeting Wednesday Run (MB Club Invited) Pride Of Ownership Day	Vicki Bell Ian Norman Vern & Wendy Kelly	9958 8721 9674 2717 9651 2770
NOV.	Wed 12 Wed 19	M F	Monthly Meeting/AGM Wednesday Run	Vicki Bell John & Val Dixon	9958 8721 9403 6905
DEC.	Sat 6	S	Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night	Vern Kelly & Malcolm Ireland	9651 2770 9416 3031

### NOTES:

- The events above are club sanctioned for the purposes of using club plates. Other events listed elsewhere may be sanctioned upon application at a monthly meeting of the Club.

### 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)

In addition to the events listed on the previous page the following events are authorised TSCC events for the purpose of Conditional Registration (“Club Plates”) and have been extracted from the Council Of Motor Clubs (CMC) Website.



### **CALENDAR OF KNOWN EVENTS 2008**

Please check the 'Links' page on the CMC Website to access individual club websites for more information on events. [www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au](http://www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au)

<b>2008</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
28 & 29 JUNE	HSRCA HISTORIC RACING	ORAN PARK GRAND PRIX
5 & 6 JULY	MOTOREX 08	SYDNEY OLMPIC PARK (SHOWGROUND)
13 JULY	ALL FRENCH DAY	SILVERWATER PARK
20 JULY	LIVERPOOL SWAP MET	FAIRFIELD CITY SHOWGROUND
13 AUGUST	GEAR MOTORSPORT	WAKEFIELD PARK, GOULBURN
16 AUGUST	ALL FORD SWAP MEET	WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE
17 AUGUST	ALL FORD DAY	WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE
17 AUGUST	ALL BRITISH DAY	KINGS SCHOOL – NTH PARRAMATTA
23 & 24 AUGUST	SHANNONS EASTERN CREEK CLASSIC	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY
26 AUGUST	SECOND GEAR MOTORSPORT	WAKEFIELD PARK, GOULBURN
6 & 7 SEPTEMBER	MUSCLE CAR MASTERS	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY
7 SEPTEMBER	BURWOOD SPRING FESTIVAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW 'N' SHINE	BURWOOD PARK
27 & 28 SEPTEMBER	HSRCA – HISTORIC RACING	WAKEFIELD PARK - GOULBURN
7 OCTOBER	SECOND GEAR MOTORSPORT	WAKEFIELD PARK, GOULBURN
8 OCTOBER	GEAR MOTORSPORT	WAKEFIELD PARK, GOULBURN
26 OCT – 2 NOV	VCCA / SHANNONS NATIONAL RALLY	CANBERRA
2 NOVEMBER	ALL CHRYSLER DAY	FAIRFIELD CITY SHOWGROUND
7 - 9 NOV	CMC BATEMAN'S BAY WEEKEND	BATEMAN'S BAY
9 NOVEMBER	TLCAC "10TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL SHOW N SHINE	WYONG RACECOURSE - WYONG
16 NOVEMBER	MORRIS MINOR & MINI MINOR BIRTHDAY BASH SHIOW 'N' SHINE	PENRITH SHOWGROUND
22 & 23 NOVEMBER	FoSC FESTIVAL of SPORTING CARS	WAKEFIELD PARK - GOULBURN
23 NOVEMBER	MARQUES IN THE PARK	JOHN KNIGHT MEMORIAL PARK, BELCONNEN
28 - 30 NOVEMBER	HSRCA – TASMAN REVIVAL MEETING	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY
3 DECEMBER	GEAR MOTORSPORT	WAKEFIELD PARK, GOULBURN
9 DECEMBER	SECOND GEAR MOTORSPORT	WAKEFIELD PARK, GOULBURN
<b>2009</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>

26 JANUARY	NRMA MOTORFEST	SYDNEY CBD
7 & 8 FEBRUARY	HSRCA ALL HISTORIC RACING	WAKEFIELD PARK, GOULBURN
10 - 12 APRIL	FoSC EASTER RACE MEETING & DISPLAY	MOUNT PANORAMA, BATHURST
1 - 4 MAY	CMC THREDBO JAZZ FESTIVAL & TOUR	THREDBO, SNOWY MOUNTAINS
2 & 3 MAY	HSRCA ALL HISTORIC RACING	EASTERN CREEK
17 MAY	NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY	VARIOUS LOCATIONS
27 & 28 JUNE	HSRCA ALL HISTORIC RACING	ORAN PARK

## **SHED CRAWL/SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS**

DATE: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008

MEETING PLACE: CLARK'S RESIDENCE  
395 Galston Road, GALSTON  
(Entrance Via lane adjacent to Galston High  
marked '401' – park where you can)

TIME: 8:30 am ....Barbeque Breakfast.

After breakfast we will inspect Roland's garage and workshop. We then walk further down the lane-way to David McCredie's house (No 399 Galston Road, Galston) to inspect his *serious* garage.

Time to get in the cars and drive to Terry & Robyn Daly's new address at 44 Cranston's Road, Dural for inspection of their vast collection of cars. After which we will have lunch provided by the Daly's.

Directions to Daly's: From Galston proceed to the first round-about in Galston, turn left and proceed to "T" Intersection. Turn left into Old Northern Road and proceed to Cranston's Road which is on the right hand side.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE PHONE ROLAND ON **9653 2866** before Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September IF ATTENDING (No Emails Please).



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE CARRINGTON

Once again the Carrington had it's Christmas charm with decorations and bonbons on the table, with plenty of members either sitting down chatting or trying to get a drink.

This year we had a resident Santa roaming from table to table entertaining us with jokes and accompanying David on the Grande piano singing those old favorites Rudolf the red nose reindeer, Jingle bells etc. The food arrived being the traditional ham, turkey and pork with seasonal vegetables finished with plum pudding. Norm and I sat with the Walkers and Lorraine was a little bit concerned as she had lost \$4-00 but luckily Adrian found the lost money in his pocket.



We were all surprised when a second Santa entered arriving on a small scooter carrying a white sack. I am not sure who he was, perhaps Carol knows. Anyway Santa sat down and the Ladies went out one by one to receive their presents but I think the highlight for Santa was when Genna and Lana Daly went out together and sat on his knees to receive their presents.





Unfortunately I wasn't feeling the best on the day but I promise girls I will be noisier next time. Last of all I would like to thank Peter and Eve who not only did they organise this great event but they even shouted Norm and myself a drink. What a wonderful couple.

Pam Johnson









## WEDNESDAY RUN REPORT

16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008

First of all we would like to thank Paul and Jan Goddard (the organizers of the run) for the honour of being chosen to write this report. We met at one of our usual coffee stops - Mc Donald's Mt Colah where we had a great roll up of members. The run consisted of a very pleasant ferry ride across Berowra Waters and a drive through the countryside of Pitt Town, Dural and Galston ending at the Secret Garden Restaurant where we enjoyed a pleasant lunch. We had no doubt that the day and the weather would be perfect as we drove passed the Pope's Kenthurst retreat. One can't help but think Paul and Jan had a little divine intervention on the day. Thanks Paul and Jan (and Pope Ben) for a well organized drive and lunch.

Graham and Marilyn Olliffe  
(your Wednesday run reporters)







## **SPORTING RTEPORT**

Lindsay Day has competed in a further two rounds of the CSCA supersprint series and here is his report.

"28 June 08 was the fourth round of the CSCA hosted by Austin Healey at Wakefield Park. Out of bed at 0430 and left at 0500 for the run to Goulburn. Car went well on the way down and I did not find any fog till about 10 km before Goulburn. Proceeded at a more moderate pace down to Wakefield Park where the main gate could not be seen from the 150m warning sign. Minimal use of the scrutineering rag was required and the car was passed to run. But the fog had not lifted... Drivers briefing was held in the fog... As were the familiarity laps for those new to the circuit... a local trick to stir the fog up and get it to lift... which worked. Then a very pleasant day with little breeze and warm sunshine. My best lap was the last lap of my second set with a 1:24.7 being recorded which is within half a second of my PB and earned me a class win. During my third set of laps I came around turn 2 to find myself face to face with a very nice shiny red E type convertible which was also very stationary, the car in front of me went one side of him and I went the other. There was also an incident earlier in the day where a Triumph Stag rolled at the fish hook and was looking definitely the worse for wear. The driver had some sore ribs but may have been in much worse condition when his wife got hold of him.

The fifth round of the CSCA was held at Oran Park GP circuit on 3 August 08. I was looking forward to a good round but the early portents were not good. Firstly the car was running rough on the expressway on the run out to Oran Park, then there was no electricity, timing or phones working at the control tower end of the circuit so the start was to be delayed. The strong winds overnight had caused a power line failure outside the circuit. The circuit was also strewn with large pads that are usually applied to the walls at certain points. Eventually the power returned so the running got underway with only a short delay but the car pig rooted and coughed its way around the circuit running on 5, 5 and a half and sometimes on six cylinders. Investigation in the pits revealed number 2 injector nozzle partially blocked with gum and providing a very poor spray pattern but even after an injector change it would still pop and misfire when revved. Then I remembered that I had recently changed fuel brand to get my 4c per litre that I was paying on groceries but not collecting. So I had a tankful of Vortex 98 for the first time.... in a car tuned to BP Ultimate 98 which also runs well on V Power. So an early shower with a second in class. Following day I took out about 15 litres from the one third of a tank still in the car, cleaned the #2 injector nozzle and went down the road and filled up with Ultimate 98 including a dose of injector cleaner, and within 5 km of driving it was back to its usual happy self.

Next round for me will be the sixth round of the CSCA hosted by Morgan at Eastern Creek the day before Shannon's Day. I will be making sure I have the right fuel on board!"

*Good luck at Eastern Creek Lindsay.  
Malcolm.*

Vic Andrews has competed in 2 HSRCA events this year in his 1981 Van Diemen RF81 Formula Ford at the Eastern Creek and Oran Park GP circuits.

I look forward to hearing from any club members who are out there competing in motor sport.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of competing in the Sporting Championship, please feel free to contact me.

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**Subject: Shell to phase out Shell V-Power Racing Fuel**

On behalf of Shell Australia I am writing to inform you and your club members that from the end of July 2008, Shell will be phasing out Shell V-Power Racing fuel from the Australian market.

The phase out of Shell V-Power Racing from 46 Coles Express sites in QLD, VIC, NSW & ACT will take approximately six months.

A changing market has been the major contributor to Shell's decision to phase out the fuel.

Moving forward, Shell V-Power will be Shell's premium performance fuel. Shell V-Power will continue to be available at the Coles Express sites in QLD, VIC, SA, NSW & ACT.

At 98 octane, Shell V-Power contains a unique Friction Modification Technology (FMT) and an exclusive cleaning formula designed to enhance everyday driving performance and responsiveness.

Shell Australia will continue to respond to consumer demand to maintain a quality fuels portfolio, and supply a range of quality fuels available for Australian motorists who understand that not all fuels are the same.

For further information or any technical assistance about the removal of Shell V-Power Racing, please visit [www.shell.com.au](http://www.shell.com.au) or call our Customer Service Centre on 13 16 18.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely  
The Shell Company of Australia Limited

Adam Hunt on behalf of:  
Jenny Lalor  
Retail Fuels and Forecourt Team Leader  
Shell Australia

## ALL BRITISH CAR DISPLAY DAY AT KINGS SCHOOL

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Sunday dawned cold and clear, a dramatic change from last year when it poured with rain. I noticed as we drove past that the park near my place was quite white with frost.

It was still around 4 to 5 degrees when John Watson, driving my Morris Mini K 1100, and I in my Mark 2 Jaguar arrived at the ground. We initially had some difficulty in locating our designated spot as no name had been attached to the corner marker. However the Marshall, seeing our dilemma (we were driving round in endless circles), walked over and pointed out the exact position.

After parking the cars John & I took off to the Café, located in the School buildings, for breakfast comprising coffee and a sausage roll. We were too early for them and had to wait a while until the sausage rolls had reached the required temperature.

On returning to our display area Vern & Wendy Kelly and a number of other members had arrived and Vern handed out the Car Club windscreen sashes for us to place on the windscreens.

The following members and cars attended:

Terry & Robyn Daly	Aston Martin Lagonda
Lana Daly	Jaguar XKR Coupe
Ed McMillan (Lana's partner)	Jaguar E Type Coupe
Les Johnson	Aston Martin DBR2
Jack Jones	MG TF 1250
Vern & Wendy Kelly	Jaguar Sovereign
Phil O'Loan	Jaguar E Type Coupe
Keith & Carolyn Reynolds	Jaguar XJ 300 Sport
John Watson	Morris Mini K 1100
Ian Norman	Jaguar MK 2

As usual Les Johnson's Aston Martin DBR2 replica had plenty of admirers but so too did Terry Daly's Aston Martin Lagonda as it is a fairly rare car.

The Jaguar Drivers Club had a very large display of cars as it was their Concourse and New Members Day. There were over 30 cars in the Concourse.

The Rolls Royce club also had a large variety of cars. One make you rarely see on the road is Bristol but there were about 10 to 15 cars in their display. Another car not often seen is the Daimler SP 250 sports of which there were at least a dozen examples.

The Kings School also had rides for the children, a number of stalls selling jewellery and other items and an art display.

A number of Members visited during the day and the following are the ones I saw.

Syd Davenport  
Graham & Marilyn Olliffe  
Malcolm & Toni Ireland  
Colin Watts  
Chris & Joan Johnson  
Maree Dowle

Later in the day when we were sitting round talking Les Johnson spotted a young blonde woman in a red top and just as he was having a little fantasy about her Chris Johnson came up behind him and massaged his shoulders. I think for a second there that Les thought his fantasy was coming true.

I was interviewed by TVS Channel 31 for a segment they have on cars called “Classic Restos” which is aired on Wednesday at 8.00pm and repeated Saturday at 4.00pm. They were interested in the restoration of the Mini and also wanted details of the Jaguar. Whether it actually gets to air of course is another matter.



It was a great day for the display with the weather being sunny all day although there was quite a bite in the wind which kept the temperature down. Most of us left around 3.00pm after a most enjoyable day.

Ian Norman





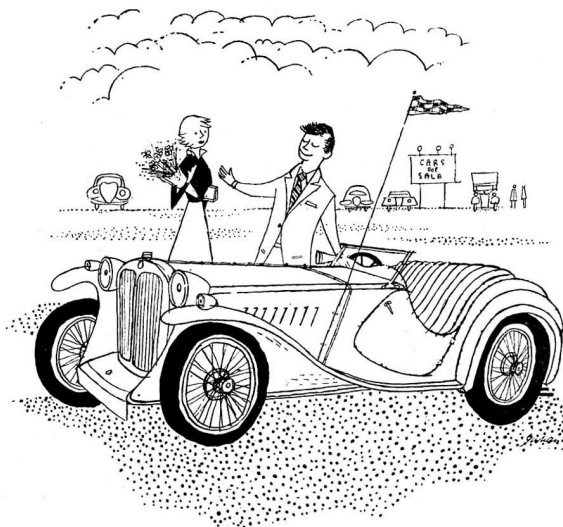






The Following article was submitted by John Learson. The costs refer to the 1950's. To read on screen adjust magnification to 125% - 150%.

# THE REAL COST OF A SPORTS CAR



*It isn't the initial cost or the upkeep that flattens the bank account of the sports car owner. Instead it's those hidden costs. We offer in evidence the record of our office accountant, a systematic and orderly type.*

		£	s.	d.							
May 1-8	Expensives for old car while shopping in used car lots	1	13	0	May 24	Wife bought shoes to go with slacks which went with sweater that matched car		7	12	0	
May 8	Flowers for wife to introduce subject or bargain MG TC just found	15	6			Expert friend showed me how to adjust carburettors. Replace four burnt pistons		31	18	0	
May 8	Evening at O'Brien's bar after argument	14	0		May 25	Evening at O'Brien's after argument resulting from returning handbag wife had bought to go with shoes which went with slacks, etc.		14	0		
May 9	Dinner for wife to lure her to car lot to see TC	5	8	6	May 26	Raced with TF1500 on way to work. Booked for speeding		10	0	0	
May 10	New hairdo for wife after demonstration ride	13	0			Had car modified to TF1500 specs. Added up all figures listed above. Told wife she would have to economise. Evening at O'Briens		14	0		
May 10	Bought TC	625	0	0	May 30	June 10	June 15	Expert friend demonstrated proper cornering technique. Repair right front mudguard	15	0	0
May 11	Bought scarf for wife so hair wouldn't blow	15	6		June 19	Party to placate expert friend and wife after heated discussion. Gin, vermouth, beer, etc.		9	12	0	
May 12	After dramatic scene, traded scarf on special fibreglass hardtop	55	0	0	July 1	Taught wife to drive TC. New clutch		18	0	0	
May 13	Friend who claimed to be expert demonstrated speed shifting. New third gear, etc.	35	0	0	July 12	Gave wife second lesson. Evening at O'Brien's		14	0		
May 14	Wife bought sweater to match car	5	5	0	August 1	Wife raced with Austin-Healey		6	0	0	
May 18	Raced with TD on way to work. Booked for speeding	6	0	0	August 2	TC expenses while shopping in car lots for Austin-Healey		2	3	0	
May 19	Wife bought slacks to go with sweater of May 14	8	15	0	August 9	Bought Austin Healey. Used, good condition		1,250	0	0	
May 20	Had car modified to TD MkII specs. Raced TD on way to work. Speeding fine plus further engine modifications	109	10	0	May 23						
May 21	Neighbour's five year old son drew crayon picture on upholstery. Leather cleaner	12	6								
May 22	Settled out of court for clobbering neighbour's son	25	0	0							

Simple addition proves that the price of a good TC, used, is somewhat more than the guide books tell you. Our accountant has added some grey hairlines to his forehead. The finance company has sent three notes about his credit standing. Sent the company a short, curt reply in return. Their own accountant owns an Austin-Healey and we've heard his wife tried to go against a Mercedes 300SL.



## **TSCC WEDNESDAY RUN - 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2008.**

Another Wednesday Run, started at McDonalds - M4 - Eastern Creek.

In attendance for the usual coffee

Vern and Wendy Kelly  
Paul and Jan Goddard  
John and Karma Watson  
Les and Rosalie Johnson  
Ian Norman  
Keith and Carolyn Reynolds

We all rejoined our cars for the leisurely drive along the M4 to the lower Blue Mountains and continuing along The Great Western Highway to the township of Blackheath, turning left - over the Railway crossing and proceeding on to the valley.

I was impressed with the scenery on the decent to the bottom of the valley - a great variety of ferns and foliage on either side of the winding road with the grand Old Carrington Hotel above, a very peaceful drive. Proceeding into the valley it was quite dry, nothing like the green decent we had just enjoyed coming down.



As I had only ever looked down over the magnificent Megalong Valley from the Hotel above, I was looking forward to this drive, interested in what the actual was like.

The food stop in the middle of the valley (Megalong Valley Tea House) was an excellent choice. A variety of delicious home cooked soups, Meaty pies and last but certainly not least yummy apple pies. Of course as usual these were enjoyed with odd bottle of B.Y.O.....





After enjoying great food, good company and much conversation we settled our bills. While half the people in attendance proceed for home, it was noticed that a particular outstanding blue BMW was seen motoring toward the dirt road (but on later conversation I believe there was no joy at the end).

The Reynolds and the Johnsons decided to visit the local Cemetery...Karma did mention that we might have to do some digging.....The comment wasn't a joke, after walking along one track and returning to the cars, we proceed along another, finally coming to an owlsh which had a plaque with the names of the people buried in the cemetery. This seemed to be only evidence of a cemetery except for the sign (Megalong Valley Cemetery)..... ,Carol and Rosalie determined to find a grave, continued on ... finally success ... one single grave



was found.....large headstone and a decorative iron surround sitting in the bush...on returning they guided others to the grave.



While the women were grave hunting the boys discovered we were on a section of the renowned 6ft Track. It was built from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves at a cost of 2500 pounds. The track was called the 6ft track - hence the builders wanted it wide enough so two horse drawn carts could pass, while travelling to and from the caves. Very interesting to go back in time in the valley .....

Keith Reynolds







## SHANNONS EASTERN CREEK DISPLAY DAY SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008

Like last year, the day dawned bright & blue. *Unlike* last year, there wasn't a pea soup fog for several km's around Eastern Creek which required cars to be wiped over on arrival. The weather stayed clear & mainly sunny for the majority of the day, with a slightly cool breeze which wasn't too bad for August.

We had the usual diverse & eye-catching array of cars on display, with some interesting new cars this year.

Our members/guests & their cars were:

Lionel Walker	Aston Martin DB6	
Peter Stefan	Jaguar "E" Type FHC	(with friend Manuel Mifsud)
Les Johnson	Aston Martin DBR2	
Lance Dowle	Maserati Spyder	
Vic Andrews	Volvo P1800	(with Margaret Matthews)
Ross Brackenbury	Ferrari 328 GTS	(with son Grant)
Adrian Walker	Jaguar Mk 2	
Ian Norman	Jaguar Mk 2	(with Colin Watts)
Shawn Johnson	Jaguar XK120 OTS	(with friend Mark Peacock)
Terry Daly	Ford GT40	
Ed McMillan	Lotus Elan S3 Coupe	
Brendan Walker	Porsche Turbo	(Adrian's son)
Vern Kelly	Mercedes-Benz CLK 430 Cabriolet	

A minor problem arose when Ed McMillan arrived in Terry's Lotus Elan, with the car overheating because the fan had stopped working just prior to driving in. It was a job for the "Walker Brothers" (Adrian & Lionel) who immediately got to work on the car. After deciding that the reason the fan wasn't working could not immediately be located, they directly "hot wired" the fan so it would work on the way home until deeper analysis could be undertaken.



Thanks to both organising chairman Adrian, & Lester Gough, our CMC Delegate, we continued to occupy a pride-of-place position in Area "A" in the main display area & under garage cover. An ideal position.



As usual, our display attracted a major amount of attention from other car club members & visitors. When the bonnets were lifted on the DBR2 & the Ford GT40 it brought an instant large crowd. If you had a dollar for every photo taken of these cars plus the remainder of our display, you would have gone home much richer.



When it was our Club's designated time to do our laps of the track (2.5 laps this year instead of 1.5), Les Johnson offered a ride to Rydon Stathos, the young son of a friend of Peter Stefan's. Young Rydon's smile at this offer split his face almost in two, & that was before Les had even started the car!!! He had the ride of his life in a Le Mans car on a racing track, which he told me he would tell all the kids at his school about the next day. There are a couple of photos accompanying the article to capture this moment.



I joined Lance Dowle in his Maserati for the track laps & also had a big smile listening to the crackle & pop of the lovely car's beautiful exhaust note.



I received some enquiries about membership of our Club, & one new membership application has already been received at this early date of writing a few days after the event.

In all, another extremely successful day for the CMC with over 1,800 vehicles displayed, & another very successful display for our Club with such a diverse & interesting range of marques which always gathers significant attention & discussion.

Finally, many thanks to Adrian Walker who has continued to chair our organising committee for our participation in this event over many years.

Vern Kelly











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Special Invitation to join us for

# **BATEMANS BAY**

# **WEEKEND**

**Visiting Kiama Blow Hole, Mogo Zoo and a relaxing cruise on the Clyde River**

Tour in your Veteran, Vintage, Classic or Modern vehicle.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**3 nights from \$499.00 Double – Twin Share**

**2 nights from \$399.00 Double – Twin Share**

**Includes: 2/3 nights accommodation, 2/3 Breakfast,  
1 night - 3 course dinner**

**Entry to Mogo Zoo and River Cruise**

Extra nights accommodation on request

Pricing may change due to increases, or reduced with larger group.

**This will be a great weekend, to avoid  
disappointment reserve your room early by  
sending deposit \$100.**

Please contact Lynelle, Events & Tours Committee, as soon as possible by Phone, email or fax.

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**Special Invitation to join us for**

**2009**

# **Thredbo Jazz Festival**

**3-day celebration of Jazz music, great food, wine and motoring set in picturesque Thredbo in the heart of the spectacular Snowy Mountains.**

**Tour in your veteran, vintage, classic or modern vehicle.**

**When: Friday 8th May to Sunday 10th May 2009**

**Costs: 3 nights from \$400.00 per person – Twin Share**  
**2 nights from \$315.00 per person – Twin Share**

**Includes: 2/3 nights accommodation in luxury Hotel**  
**2/3 Breakfast, and all weekend Jazz entry**  
**Extra nights accommodation on request**

**Pricing may change due to increases**



The festival program features over 120 performers seen in 15 separate venues including bars, cosy restaurants, a nightclub, community Centre, at the top of the Kosciusko Express Chairlift and the Thredbo Village Square, taking the jazz lover on a musical journey around Thredbo.

This is a very popular weekend, to avoid disappointment  
Email for your booking form or phone or fax as soon as  
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## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

The next time you are washing your hands and complain about the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some startling facts that date back to the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. But they were starting to turn so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour.

Hence, the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying "don't throw the baby out with the bath water".

Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to stay warm, so all the cats and other animals (mice and bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained the roof became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "it's raining cats and dogs".

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings would mess up the nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with four big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how the canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something else other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor"

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their feet. As the winter wore on they added more thresh until when the door was opened it would all start slipping outside. So a piece of wood was placed in the entranceway to stop this from happening. Hence we have the "threshold".

In those old days they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. Mostly they ate vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold and would then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old".

Sometimes they could obtain pork which made them feel quite special and when visitors called they would hang their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon". They would cut off a small piece to share with their guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat".

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Some food with high acid content caused the lead from the pewter to leach onto the food causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status; workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle and guests got the top, or "the upper crust".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. So inebriated, some were taken for dead and were prepared for burial. They were laid on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather to eat and drink and wait to see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks were running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up the old coffins and take the bones to the bone house, and re-use the graves. When opening these coffins they found 1 in 25 had scratch marks on the inside and it was realized that they were burying people alive. So they would tie a string of the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin up to the ground and tie the end to a bell. Someone would sit out in the grave yard all night ("the graveyard shift") and listen for the bell. Thus someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer".

And that's the truth.

Paul Goddard

## COMPETITORS

Competitors come in all sizes, shapes and ages and compete for many reasons and with various objectives.

However, remember at all times that they only exist so that officials can officiate and rules and by-laws can be generated. It may become apparent to you that competitors are inconsequential to the running and organisation of the sport. This is only because they are inconsequential to the running and organisation of the sport.

**EYES.** ONE ON EACH SIDE OF NOSE. UNABLE TO FOCUS ON FLAG MARSHALS OFFICIALS OR MIRRORS. CANNOT SEE APEXES, BUT CAN SPOT OPPOSITION'S ILLEGALITIES FROM OTHER END OF PITS.

**NOSE.** KEEPS EYES APART.

**MOUTH.** USED FOR EATING, DRINKING & LYING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN LAST RACE. IS NOT CONNECTED TO BRAIN.

**POCKETS.** PERMANENTLY EMPTY FROM ATTEMPTING TO KEEP CAR IN COMPETITION.

**HANDS.** OFTEN CROSSED AND CONSTANTLY FLAILING BETWEEN STEERING WHEEL, GEAR LEVER & FIST SHAKING.

**BACKSIDE.** FOR DRIVING BY THE SEAT OF.

**FEET.** OPERATE PRIMARY MOTION CONTROLS. RIGHT FOOT ACTS AS ON/OFF SWITCH. LEFT FOOT SOMETIMES FORGOTTEN.



**BRAIN.** CEASES NORMAL FUNCTION AT THE DROP OF THE FLAG. SINGLE FOCUS IS TO GET PAST THAT BASTARD IN FRONT. USUALLY LOCATED IN RIGHT FOOT.

**GLASSES.** NORMALLY WEARS SPECIAL TINTED GLASSES TO NEGATE RED MIST & CORRECT FOR TUNNEL VISION.

**EARS.** CAULIFLOWERED FROM CONSTANT HELMET USE. UNABLE TO HEAR INSTRUCTIONS, ADVICE OR ANYTHING SAID AT THE DRIVER'S MEETING.

**KNEES.** CONNECT 2 MAJOR LEG BONES. RESPONSIBLE FOR SHAKING & TWITCHING AFTER HAIRY MOMENTS.

**DRIVING SUIT.** USED AS AN ADVERTISING HOARDING FOR SPONSORS & STORAGE OF OBSCURE PATCHES. HAS BEEN SEVERAL SIZES TOO SMALL FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF SEASONS.

**REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS.** SIZE IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO LAP TIMES.



## MECHANICS

Where would we be without them?

**HAIR.** MATTED & WITH THE CONSISTENCY OF HESSIAN SOAKED IN SUMP OIL. RETAINS THE HISTORY OF 25 YEARS IN OIL & GREASE DEVELOPMENT.

**EYES.** NORMALLY TWO. TUNED FOR NIGHT VISION & HIGH CONTRAST LIGHTING FROM PORTABLE LEAD LIGHTS.

**NOSE.** ABLE TO DETECT A RICH MIXTURE, BURNT VALVE OR FRESH BEER FROM BEHIND THE PIT WALL.

**CHIN.** THE STRONGEST IN THE GAME. - FROM CONSTANTLY TAKING IT ON.

**SHOULDERS.** WORN & WEAKENED FROM CARRYING TOO MUCH RESPONSIBILITY

**ELBOWS.** ONE ON EACH ARM. OPERATE MOST FLUENTLY WITH A GLASS IN HAND.

**TOOLS.** JEALOUSLY GUARDED AS THOUGH HE HAS PAID FOR THEM - YET LENT INSTANTLY AT THE FIRST REQUEST.

**KNEES.** PRIMARY LEG JOINT. WORN TO BLACK CAULIFLOWER APPEARANCE FROM YEARS OF WORKING ON SOMEONE ELSE'S CAR.

**OVERALLS.** UNKNOWN COLOUR. RETAIN SHAPE EVEN WHEN BODY IS NOT INSIDE.

**TOES.** POSSIBLY. SEE "FEET"

**FEET.** HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN. BOOTS HAVE APPARENTLY BONDED WITH SOCKS(?) PERMANENTLY TO THE FEET.

**BRAIN.** RETAINS A COMPENDIUM OF RACING & PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE OF EVERYTHING BUT YOUR CAR. EXPERIENCED AT OPERATING IN THE EARLY HOURS BEFORE A RACE MEETING.

**EARS.** SELECTIVELY TUNED. CAN HEAR A CHANGE IN ENGINE PERFORMANCE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CIRCUIT. CANNOT HEAR CALLS FOR HIS SHOOT AT THE BAR.

**MOUTH.** USED MAINLY FOR SUSTENANCE HAS BEEN HEARD MUTTERING ABOUT HIS DRIVER'S PERFORMANCE, ABILITY & PARENTAGE.

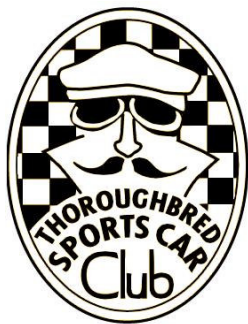
**NECK.** THICK & SCARRED FROM CONSTANTLY STICKING IT OUT.

**POCKETS.** OF INDETERMINATE SIZE. THEY CONTINUE TO PRODUCE BOLTS, NUTS TOOLS & RAGS WITHOUT APPARENT REFILLING. POSSIBLE NEW ENERGY SOURCE.

**HANDS.** PERMANENTLY SCARRED, GNARLED & STAINED. CAPABLE OF CRITICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO 1000TH OF AN INCH TO AN ENGINE, YET UNABLE TO FIND WALLET IN POCKET.

**FINGERNAILS.** ON MOST FINGERS, & CONTAIN SAMPLES OF MOST KNOWN OILS & GREASES - AND SOME UNKNOWN SUBSTANCES.

**BOOTS.** ONLY ONE PAIR HAS EVER BEEN OBSERVED. - SEE "FEET" UNKNOWN BRAND. INDETERMINATE COLOUR. THEY ARE FOREVER PRESERVED IN A MULTIPLE COMPOUND OF OIL, GREASE & BRAKE FLUID. MAY REQUIRE SURGERY TO REMOVE



## Thoroughbred Sports Car Club

### 2008 Membership Form

**Membership Year: 1 March 2008 to 28 February 2009**

Mail form and cheque to the Treasurer,

Mrs Wendy Kelly, 76 Ravensbourne Circuit, DURAL NSW 2158

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Surname	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>  Date Joined  M'ship No.  CAMS No.  TSCC Plate No.  Amount Paid  Cash / Cheque  Receipt Number
	Given Names	
Address		
Post Code		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	Birth Date / DAY / MONTH (Year not required)	
	Telephone (Home) (Work)	
	Fax (Home or Work)	
	Mobile Phone	
	E-Mail	
	FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING IF JOINING UNDER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	
Spouse/Partners Surname		
Given Names		
Birth Date / DAY / MONTH (Year not required)		

CAR(S)						
	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	REGO. NO.	COLOUR	MAN./AUTO
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

I agree to abide by the rules of the Club

MEMBER/APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE x

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	ANNUAL FEE
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<b>\$50</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<b>\$60</b>

ENTITLEMENTS/CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES
(i) Eligible to attend and/or compete in all listed TSCC calendar events (ii) Receive all printed matter issued by the Club
This category covers ONE ADDITIONAL person (ie Member plus one) Spouse / partner is eligible for (i) above

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