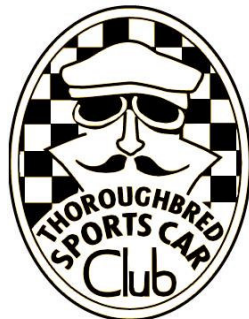


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Grant Liddell's Datto in action at Tamworth Hillclimb – refer Sporting Report



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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

INCORPORATED AS AN ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT VERN'S

VERNACULAR



Hello to everybody, and I hope that you are all well.

It is with a tinge of genuine sadness and reflection that I pen this, my last **VERNacular** column. As most members know, I have completed three years as President & it is now time for a change.

It has been an action packed & extremely enjoyable three years, & I have much appreciated the opportunity to try to contribute to a Club which has given me & Wendy very much enjoyment over the many years that we have been members.

The activities and events over this period are, of course, too numerous to mention, but I wish to thank those many members who gave so generously of their time to organise our several major events and rallies over the past three years. Everybody who attended these events knows who the organisers were. The appreciation for their efforts lives long in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to have attended these events. That is the essence of our great Club.

I also wish to thank those who organised our regular Wednesday Runs. These are our “bread & butter” events which serve to regularly cement the ongoing friendships between our core Club members. When one thinks about it, the monthly Wednesday Runs form a very important and core component of what makes our Club such a uniquely cohesive group of people. As many know, the Wednesday Runs were initiated by our founder member, Roland Clark, around ten years ago.

I also wish to thank my fellow Committee members over the three years for their unstinting levels of support and assistance. It has been a great team, largely intact over this period. Many, many thanks to each of you individually, and as a team.

Of the many things that have happened over the past three years, one of them is that we agreed to change, after 20 years at the previous location, the venue for our monthly dinner/meeting. Although we now, quite rightly, take our existing location “for granted” after a couple of years there, it is infinitely better than our previous venue with our private room for both dinner & the Meeting & the extensive range of bistro menu items at reasonable prices (& large volumes!!). I have received only consistently good feedback about our current location.

Turning back to more recent events, the October Wednesday Run, jointly with the Mercedes-Benz Club, and organised by our members Brian & Barbara Marshall, was an outstanding success. The Run was to the recently-opened tour of the gun emplacements & surrounding infrastructure at Georges Heights on Sydney Harbour, with lunch at Bilgola Beach. We have received very nice feedback from the Mercedes-Benz Club for this joint event.

At the end of October, we had our major annual event in the year's calendar of events, the Pride of Ownership Day. This year we had 55 people and a beautiful & diverse range of cars. The lovely venue was at its best again, and that vital component, the weather, performed precisely to the expectations we required of it – it was a glorious day. While the venue & the lunch are nice, the essential focus of the day is for Members to bring along their cars for other Members to enjoy and discuss. That's what it's all about. It was also nice, as usual, to see the ladies in their finery wandering among the cars, with their champagne in one hand & "Ladies Choice" voting cards in the other, carefully studying the cars for their preferred choice. What a great day (yet again)!!!

As has now been circulated to all Members with the notification for the Annual General Meeting, the sole nominee for incoming President is Terry Daly, and I wish Terry & his new Committee every success for a greatly successful 2009, and beyond.

I hope to see as many Members as possible at the November General Meeting/AGM, and subsequently at the Presentation Night/Christmas Party.

With very, very best wishes,
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 Wed 17 Sat 20 Fri 12 to Sun 14	M S R F S S	Monthly Meeting Round 8 CAMS Supersprint Wednesday Run Shed Crawl Thoroughbreds & Fillies Weekend	Vicki Bell Oran Park South – NSWRRRC Ian Norman Roland Clark Graham & Marilyn Olliffe	9958 8721 9674 2717 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 Brian & Barbara Marshall Vern & Wendy Kelly	9958 8721 9651 2821 9651 2770
NOV.	Wed 12 Wed 19 Sun 23 Sun 30	M F S S	Monthly Meeting/AGM Wednesday Run Orange Blossom Festival Tasman Revival	Vicki Bell John & Val Dixon Malcolm Ireland Malcolm Stephen	9958 8721 9403 6905 9416 3031 9543 2951
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

2008	Event	Venue
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
2009	Event	Venue

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



Council of Motor Clubs Inc.

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 7th November to Sunday 9th 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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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 possible to reserve your room.

Deposit \$100 per person.

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TSCC Sporting Report

Another new face in this year's Sporting Championship.

Spring has sprung and Grant Liddell has likewise sprung into action.

Grant is preparing to defend his 2007 class 3J 0-1600 Australian Championship win to be held this year at Mt Panorama in November.

Grant blew the dust off the Datto (and kicked sand in the face of the opposition) at Round 6 of the NSW Hillclimb Championship held at Tamworth on September 14 and followed up with a cracking run at his home track of King Edward Park on October 5. Grant's reports follow:

Tamworth

"I missed practice for the Tamworth event and unfortunately Sunday's weather saw just 4 dry runs of the proposed 8 run total. I came away with a class win, a mid 40 sec run being my best against the class record of 39.95."

That's a commendable effort considering he hadn't competed there before and only had 4 dry runs.

King Edward Park

"Getting better. A personal best at this hill of 42.92 against a previous best of 43.28 on a day which saw most competitors unable to match their previous best times. A new set of Dunlop 195/60 R14 DO3 tyres in S1 compound did the trick. My durometer reading showing that these tyres are as soft as the softest Kuhmo V70A's, both the Dunlop and the Kuhmos showing a softer reading than Yokohamas AO48's in their M compound. Must test Proxies R888 GG and GGG compounds.

Once again, I ran alone in the 0-1600 class as the entered opposition chose not to run - again. I spent the day trying my best to beat 3 drivers of Datsun 1200 coupes competing in the 1600-2000 class, managing to stay in front until the last run when Aaron Osborne, the current holder of the 0-1600 class record at 42.13, managed a 42.58 in his turbo charged version to just beat my 42.92.

Both Penny and myself were amused by the other two Dato owners' mutterings about the speed of my tiddler. I was even more amused to hear that they have both decided not to contest the Australian Championships choosing to remove their motors for rebuilds. Love it! Good to keep the young guys honest.

KEP is held over 2 days. Basically the locals run on the Monday following Sunday's state round. This sees a need for many officials as most of Sunday's officials run on the Monday. After being asked to help out, and for the first time in over 40 years of motorsport involvement, I spent the Monday manning various flag points. Luckily, during the earlier runs under quite heavy rain, I managed to man the only covered flag point on the hill. What a great way to view motorsport close up.

Have attached a photo taken in the pinch - just one of many incidents on the day although this one managed to stay on its feet.



I have a little work to do on the Dato before the Australian, mostly tidying up and servicing. Really looking forward to the event - certainly won't be restricting the revs and short-shifting to protect the car.”

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.

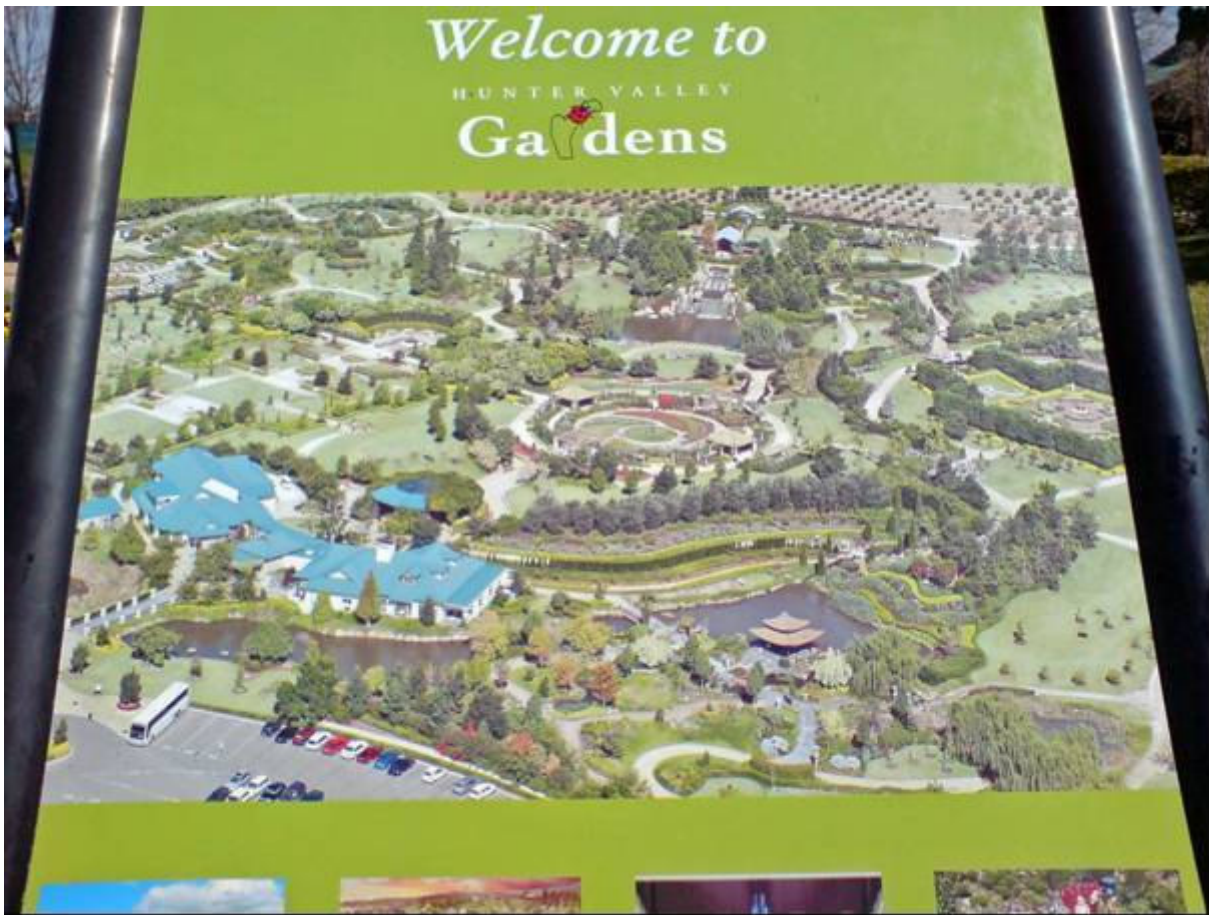
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THOROUGHBRED & FILLIES WEEKEND
UPPER HUNTER
12TH TO 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2008

Organisers – Graham & Marilyn Olliffe

Participants – Graham & Marilyn Olliffe	– Peugeot 407
Vicki Bell & Greg Ball	– Porsche Boxster S
Vern & Wendy Kelly	– Mercedes CLK 430 Cabriolet
Carol & Keith Reynolds	– BMW 328i Convertible
Peter & Eve Stefan	– Jaguar E Type Coupe
Ian Norman	– BMW 330ci Convertible
Robert & Kay Finney	– Porsche Boxster
Paul & Jan Goddard	– Holden Caprice
Peter & Sue Smart	– BMW 320i Convertible
Vic Andrews & Marg. Matthews	– Volvo P1800
Chris & Joan Johnson	– BMW 335i Convertible
Peter Newcomb	– Ford Mustang GT
Norm & Pam Johnson	– Jaguar XK 120 OTS
Lance & Maree Dowle	– Maserati Spyder

We were unable to join the convoy at McDonalds at Mt. Colah (the designated starting point) so we don't know what mischief occurred at the start. We met up with everyone at the Hunter Valley Gardens. There we had a most enjoyable lunch of gourmet sandwiches & fresh fruit. We then had ample time to explore the exquisite gardens. The gardens are laid out on different themes. There is the Rose Garden, Indian Mosaic Tea Garden amongst others. The highlight we felt, however, was "The Storybook Garden" where we were able to re-live our childhood by reciting the nursery rhymes with themed displays. Everyone left at their own leisure to head on to the Airlie House Motel at Scone about 1 ½ hours drive away.





A gathering was held for drinks prior to dinner, which was already in full swing when we joined the group. The problems of the world were solved & the mood was relaxed.



We then moved on to the Thoroughbred Hotel across the highway which was navigated without the loss of any members. An interesting dinner was then partaken of (eventually). During the course of the dinner many bottles of wine were consumed and 'Happy Birthday' was sung (twice) to Vicki Bell. To conclude a delicious mud cake was enjoyed by all (especially by Peter Newcomb, as you can see from the photo).





Dancing (if you could call it that) followed to the strains of a “one man band”. Several of the locals joined in and there was some enthusiastic “pole dancing” by locals and visitors & more wine was consumed. Eventually everyone ran out of steam and returned safely to their rooms for a sound nights sleep.



Saturday morning breakfast was either in the motel dining room or in your room. At approximately 9am we were collected by a coach operated by Upper Hunter Tours. Craig Benjamin who is a licensed syndicator & horse broker, amongst other ventures, took us on a guided tour to a horse stud. This particular stud does not have any stallions standing and all the mares are sent to other local studs to be serviced. There were a number of mares with foals at foot. One of which was only one day old. We also saw a horse that the stud owner believed was one of the best 3 horses in Australia. This horse has won over \$4.5million in prize money.



From the horse stud we were then taken to Scone Race Track where Craig explained the ins & outs of owning, training & racing thoroughbreds. He also explained how ownership of a horse in a syndicate works. He can generally put together a syndicate for a 10% share which would cost between \$3½ & \$5 thousand, with a monthly payment of about \$275 to cover on going cost of training & owning the horse. On the return journey to the motel a special meeting of members was held and it was determined that the “Thoroughbred Sports Car Club” would invest in a thoroughbred syndicate. (Well those on the bus thought it was a good idea but we were not sure how the rest of the membership would react, so it didn’t happen).

After a quick freshen-up upon our return to the motel we then motored to the Belltrees property which is about half hour drive from Scone. Some having a stop-over refreshment at the “Linga Longa” Pub.



The White family has been the owners of Belltrees since 1831. The estate originally covered 160,000 acres, but now only utilises 7,000 hectares. The current owners Anthony & Peter White & their families are the seventh generation to grow up at Belltrees. The main homestead was built in 1908 and is still the home of Anthony’s & Peter’s mother. We were provided with an enjoyable lunch after which we were taken on a guided tour of the property, including the family church & the main house.





The drive to and from the property gave everyone a good opportunity to stretch their cars “legs”.

Once again drinks were held prior to dinner which was held in the motel dining room. Plenty of wine was consumed but no dancing on this occasion. Everyone was asked to put their keys in for the “lucky door prize” (HA! HA!). We were the “lucky” ones to win the privilege of writing this article.





We woke Sunday morning to rain which was disappointing as the weather on Friday & Saturday had been perfect, especially for convertibles. After everyone had breakfast at their leisure, we went our separate ways.

All in all it was a wonderful weekend and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time and thanks go to Graham & Marilyn Olliffe for their great organization.

Lance & Maree Dowle

WEDNESDAY RUN – 17TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Organiser Ian Norman used the time-honored methodology of the “name in the hat” for choosing who would write the article for this Run, & I won!! But it’s a labour of love to write about another great TSCC Wednesday Run.

It was a much smaller than usual crowd of only ten people who turned up at the meeting place at McDonalds, Prospect on the M4, with 14/16 regular Wednesday Run “stalwarts” coincidentally being away for various reasons. We usually have numbers around the mid-20’s participate.

The crowd for today was:

Ian Norman	Jaguar Mk 2 Saloon
Brian & Barbara Marshall	Aston Martin DB7 Vantage V12 conv.
Bob Walsh	Jaguar XJS Coupe
Colin Watts	Toyota Camry
John & Karma Watson	BMW 328i Coupe
James Dimopoulos	BMW 635 CSI Coupe
Vern & Wendy Kelly	Mercedes-Benz CLK430 Cabriolet

After the obligatory coffee at “Maccas”, we proceeded west on the M4 for a short distance before exiting at Wallgrove Rd. Then followed a lovely old-fashioned TSCC two hour run in the countryside on Elizabeth Drive, Northern Rd & Park Rd to Wallacia. From Wallacia we followed Silverdale Rd to the Oaks, then through Thirlmere, Hill Top, Colo Vale, & then on to Mittagong where lunch awaited us at the Highlands Golf Club.

The weather for the drive was coolish & quite overcast most of the way, with a few spits of rain which didn’t cause Brian & Barbara to stop & raise their top. (The wimps in the Mercedes kept their top up.)

Most of us said that we had been on some roads that we had never previously been on – which is a big achievement given the variety of people & the many other previous runs done with both this & other car clubs.

The lunch provided a wide array of choices to satisfy any taste & requirement, at good prices. Over lunch, James Dimopoulos was welcomed to his first TSCC event since joining the Club. James joined TSCC during the joint Breakfast Run with the Mercedes-Benz Club to Ettalong in May. (He has a Mercedes-Benz 500SL, but opted to bring *one of* his 635 CSI’s today).

After lunch over the usual conviviality of stories & laughter, we left the Golf Club for the usual car park discussion before setting off. I saw Brian Marshall & Ian Norman closely going over Ian's Jaguar. Brian had owned the car for 5 years before selling it to Ian, who has now had it for 3 years. It remains a lovely, original car. I can remember Brian buying the car originally, & can say that I have no idea where that 8 year period since has gone.

After this, many of us went down into Mittagong village to look at the big antique store there, under the guidance & assistance of our resident expert Karma Watson, who, for those who don't know, owns & runs an antique store on Sydney's north shore.

Colin Watts beat me to the punch in seeing & buying a "cars of yesteryear" model car collection in a display case at a very good price. Other purchases were also made.

A final highlight of my day was when Brian offered me a drive all the way home in his Aston Martin DB7. It has the 6 litre V12 motor, & bags of power & torque. At Brian's insistence, I gave it a couple of squirts, but in the interests of him not incurring a speeding fine of my doing, I used appropriate discretion. A beautiful car. While lovely to drive on the freeway, it would have been in its element on a winding & undulating country road.

In all, another great Wednesday Run, & many thanks again on everybody's behalf to Ian Norman for organising such an entertaining run.

Vern Kelly



Thoroughbred Sports Car Club
SHED CRAWL / SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS
Saturday 20th September 2008

On Saturday 20th September over 20 TSCC male members were privileged to take part in a Shed Crawl (3 sheds) over Secret Men's (Car) Business. The proceedings were superbly organized by Roland Clark and started at 8.30am with breakfast at Roland & Stephanie's wonderful 5 acre property "Aston Grange" in Galston. Roland and Stephanie had also especially organized a beautiful warm day.

Roland, Stephanie and Paul (prospective son-in-law) produced a super breakfast on the patio overlooking some of the lovely grounds, before we moved to the garages and workshops.



Roland had set up a very professional display of his wide range of thoroughbred and classic cars including classic old Hudsons, an SS One (forerunner of the Jaguar SS100) and a beautiful Aston Martin with a Lexus V8 engine (installed by Roland). A few of his cars are shown in the attached pictures.





There was of course much serious discussion about this Secret Men's Business
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After expressing our appreciation to Roland and Stephanie it was off on a short walk down the lane to the home of Roland's friend David McCredie who is also

a classic old car enthusiast. David, like Roland, does a lot of restoration work in his workshop/garage himself. He specializes in old Packards, and told us some wonderful stories of parts of derelict cars found in forgotten places (like New Zealand) which have been put back together into beautifully complete and running classics. Some of his cars, including a beautifully restored Maxwell, are shown here:



We thanked David, who is not a member of the club, very much indeed, and then set off to our next Shed. After discovering that the club members did not know enough Secret Men's Business to open the electronically controlled gate onto the lane, we proceeded to drive in convoy the short distance to Terry and Robyn Daly's new address in Dural.

On arrival at the Daly estate we were shown to the big shed where Terry keeps his exotica, and where he provided cool drinks which were very much appreciated. It was very much a Motor Show atmosphere and we spent quite a while inspecting and talking about the cars. Some of the cars are shown here:



Terry then gave us a short description of the features and history of each car - all fascinating and some quite unique or rare. The Mustang in particular has a long history of international rallies, including London to Sydney, and if only it could talk would tell us all about Terry's more private thrills and spills.



At the appropriate time we were invited to leave the shed and move over to the sports pavilion where Robyn and helpers had prepared a delicious BBQ lunch.



We enjoyed the BBQ and cool drinks, and discussing the cars we had been so fortunate to see, before thanking Terry and Robyn for their wonderful hospitality and heading off home.



Thanks again to Roland for organizing a very interesting and happy Shed Crawl.

Peter Newcomb

COMBINED TSCC/MERCEDES CLUB WEDNESDAY RUN 15TH OCT

With our usual Wed. run numbers depleted by the absent golfers we only had a small number arrive at the Barn Café Georges Heights for the run organized by Brian & Barbara Marshall.

Vern & Wendy Kelly
Colin Watts
Ian Norman
Bob Walsh
Malcolm & Toni Ireland
Brian & Barbara Marshall
Vince Thompson
Darryl Gobert

We also had a group of 12 from the Mercedes Club.

The Marshalls had arranged an escorted tour of the old fortifications at Georges Head & Chowder Bay. This was organized thru the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust who provided two guides to show us around. The first stop was at Georges Head to see the gun emplacements that date back to the late 1800's. The view thru the Heads and around the harbour to the city was spectacular.

We had a look at the old barracks which now contain Gunners restaurant. The torches then came into action as we explored the tunnels accessing the gun emplacements.

After the tunnels a walk down thru the bush took us to Chowder Bay to learn more of the early history of this interesting area. All this took close to 2 hours and was time well spent.

This area is something of a backwater as it has not long been opened to the public. It is well worth a visit and can be accessed from Middle Head Rd Mosman. There are two up market restaurants Gunners & Ripples plus three cafes.

It was then into the cars & off to Bilgola Beach for lunch. The route took us thru Northbridge, Frenchs Forest, Belrose, Akuna Bay in the Ku-ring-gai National Park to the lunch spot. We were joined there by 4 more members of the Mercedes Club.

It was a little exposed at the beachside café but they provided a most great finish to what had been a well organized joint event.

From the feed back we have had from Vince the Mercedes Club members found it interesting and enjoyable.

Thanks Brian & Barbara for your efforts.

Malcolm & Toni.





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HERALD NEWS

\$7m display stirs fans who love 007's wheels



By LISA BARRITT-EYLES

THE sight of 70 Aston Martins, worth more than \$7 million, might leave even James Bond feeling a little shaken, if not stirred.

Anyone with a 007 fantasy can indulge their interest in the secret agent's favourite mode of transport at the Sebel Kirkton Park Pokolbin, from 11am to 4pm today.

The 23rd national rally of the Aston Martin Owners Club is holding its Concours d'Elegance, showcasing cars

dating from 1931 to the most recent DBS model - featured in the latest Bond movies *Casino Royale* and the yet to be released *Quantum of Solace*.

NSW area club representative Phil Westbrook bought his 1967 DB3 when it was almost new 50 years ago.

He said although the DB3 model was James Bond's car in Ian Fleming's books, by the time the first film was made the newer DB5 was used.

"We are custodians of Aston Martins, not owners,"

he said. "Because the cars are handmade, you will never find two that are identical, they all have slight variations. You couldn't take the mudguard off one and put it on another and get an exact fit."

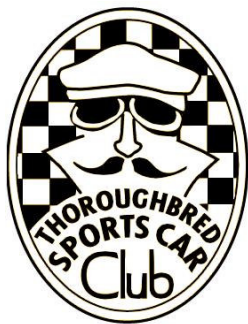
Mr Westbrook said while a dinner suit was not necessary, the drivers of the older models often wore string-backed gloves to help with gripping the wooden steering wheels.

"We always wear a smile," he said.



CUSTODIANS: Aston Martin enthusiasts, from left, Mike Branson, Phil Westbrook, Les Johnson and David Robertson yesterday. - Picture by Peter Stoop

GOLDFINGER: Sean Connery as James Bond beside his Aston Martin in the 1964 movie.



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