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BRISTOL 409—ONE IN A LINE OF CARS ONCE CALLED “THE BUSINESS MAN’S EXPRESS”

To some, the first time they may have seen one of these was on the TV crime series,
“Inspector Lynley”.

A two door coach built car, wooden dashboard, leather seats....
You could not get further away from a real Aussie car such as the Chrysler could you?
Now turn to page 7 to see why you would be wrong.

THE FEDERATION TOUR HITS THE YORKE PENINSULA

Just a little before noon on Monday, 27th April, the convoy of cars arrives in Ardrossan for lunch.
Tuesday, 28th April will see the cars tour a fair part of the YP and visit the Bublacowie
Military Museum. Wallaroo is the evening venue for the Meet the Clubs Dinner.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, they say life goes quickly when you're having fun and we've certainly had some fun lately! A trip to Darwin was quickly followed by the Clare campout weekend. That turned out to be a great weekend, both as regards the weather and the fact that my eagle eyed better half spotted a Ford XT Falcon V8 Ute on our Saturday jaunt. As a result, I have another project in the yard!

A day or so later, I was over at Mike O's place to see his new purchase and I have to say that for a Pommie car, the V8 motor sounded pretty good. Then it was our monthly General Meeting which had the attraction of a free sausage sizzle. Thanks to Rod Nixon's cooking of Briggs' snags, we only had a handful left. I reckon this a good way of having a chat before our meetings, so long as the weather is half decent.

As Historic Rego Officer, I've seen the latest notes from the Federation about possible annual inspections of members' cars, in order to check they conform. In MAPS, we see a lot of the cars on the regular runs, so it will only be those that do not attend events that might need a look over. I have been making random checks on members' log book entries and members seem to be doing the right thing.

At the end of the month, the group of cars on the Peninsulae Parade arrives on the Yorke Peninsula. If you are able, why not get along to the Ardrossan Oval at noon and see the cars on Monday, 27th April? It's good to see that a number of MAPS people have offered to help marshal.

As you'll see elsewhere, the Secretary has been busy booking up a few venues for some of our events, but don't forget that we always need ideas for the future.

Best regards,
Dick Penhall.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Just to underline some of the points made by Dick as regards forthcoming events. We have booked the hotels for our Handover and Christmas luncheons. Given the support of the Clare weekend, plus the opinions expressed at the General Meeting we have reserved a number of sites and cabins at Melrose for November. More details on pages 4 & 5 as regards forthcoming events.

The Club continues to grow as regards both membership numbers, events and the cars owned by members. Vic and Meg Brown have got themselves

a very nice M'Benz 450SLC, Les Lamshed has later Porsche that is very fast, plus latest new members have joined with the family owned HR Holden of Ben & Sally Heinrich plus the Holden HR Ute of Leon Wall and the Humber of Damian and Kate Lawrie. The changes of vehicles are not limited to new members; take a look at the back page for more comings and goings!

Even better, there appears to be more members actually restoring cars. Brian Rooney told me of the 1925 Buick undergoing restoration and this has encouraged Malcolm McDonald to look closely at the 1919 Essex. Perhaps Kevin Rudd should have given us an economy boosting bonus to restore our old cars? Not such a bad idea as it would be more likely to see the money spent in our own localities.

If you are able to lend a hand on Monday, 27th April with a spell of marshalling, it would be very much appreciated. Currently we have a about eight volunteers, but more welcomed. Thank you to Lindon Penney, Lyn Clerke, Kath Mason, Vic & Meg Brown, Jim Sewell who have already offered help.

Finally, thank you again to Ron Anderson and Don McPhee in collecting the Club's Indian outfit from Balaklava. The return journey was not an easy one due to a trailer tyre disintegrating!

Mike O

THE GRAHAM BROS TRUCK UPDATE

For newer members, perhaps it should be explained that the Club sold two of the three trucks left the Club by the late Rex Fox in 2004. The two trucks, a Graham Bros and a Chevrolet, were purchased for restoration by a serious collector for a specific commercial vehicle museum. The third truck, a 1947 International, was donated to the Maitland Shed project and is the subject of an ongoing restoration. The latest news on the Graham Bros is as follows;

"The Graham Bros is still making progress, although with interruptions. I have had all relevant shiny bits re-chromed or nicked, as appropriate. The windscreen is re-glazed, and I have commenced installing the wiring and dashboard. It will be great to be able to turn the original light switch (which has been re-built) and have the head lights shine brightly. It is only a couple of full days work for the truck to be driven out of the shed. I will then have to complete the body work for the "hawkers van" I am constructing, instead of a tray top truck. I will forward some pictures which will show the progress.
Regards David Meyer"

MAPS EVENTS FOR 2009

April	12th; Historic Car Racing at Mallala Raceway.
April	27th; Monday; Arrival of Federation Tour at Ardrossan Oval for lunch from Noon. All members encouraged to welcome our visitors.
April	28th; Tuesday; Tour trip to SYP and “Meet the Clubs” evening meal at Wallaroo Football Club. Admission by pre paid ticket.
May	7th; Thursday; General Meeting, 8pm.
May	15th; Friday, Informal BYO BBQ, drink and chair, Graham Littler’s home
May	17th; Sunday; Kernewek Cavalcade of Cars, \$40 entry, Sec. has forms.
May	31st; Sunday; Snowtown Shed Day with PADARC, details to be confirmed
June	4th; Thursday; General Meeting, 8pm. Log books and Subs. Guest speakers– Trevor & Lyn Clerke
June	13th Saturday. Log Books and Subs at the Heinrich’s home. Route maps available for lost souls.
July	2nd; Thursday; Annual General Meeting, 8pm. Log Books and Subs processing.
July	5th; Sunday; Handover Luncheon at the Maitland Hotel. <i>TBA -Meet up with CRCA members</i> <i>TBA PADARC”s Billie Ann Run, details awaited.</i>
Aug;	6th; Thursday, General Meeting, 8pm. 30th Sunday; Port Broughton trip with PADARC members.
September	3rd; Thursday; General Meeting, 8pm.
September	20th, Sunday; Ducatoon Park Stud, near Kadina.
September	<i>30th; Wednesday, Cruising Classics trip</i>
Oct.	1st; Thursday; General Meeting, 8pm.
Oct.	11th; Sunday; Over the Hills and Faraway Run.
Oct.	22nd; Thursday; Maitland Village Residents’ Run
November	5th; Thursday; General Meeting, 8pm.
November	14/15th; Campout weekend at Melrose. See Page 5 for more information.
November	29th, Sunday; Christmas Lunch, Venue; Wombat Hotel, Kadina.
December.	3rd, Thursday; General Meeting, 8pm.

Notes

- *Items in **italics** subject to amendment or more details.*
- *Meetings/ events in **BOLD type** are those specifically designated for payment of subs and log book processing.*

General Meetings are held at 8 PM in the Chatt Centre, Robert Street, Maitland, on the first Thursday of each month, except January. Refreshments served.

OTHER 2009 EVENTS

<i>APRIL</i>	<i>11-12th</i>	<i>SCCSA Historic Race Meeting at Mallala</i>
	<i>9-13th</i>	<i>Austins Over Australia, Perth</i>
	<i>26th</i>	<i>Tanunda Swap Meet. 6.30 AM Sellers, 7.30AM Buyers 0432 653 796 for details.</i>
<i>MAY</i>	<i>2nd-3rd</i>	<i>Naracoorte Swap Meet.</i>
	<i>3rd-8th</i>	<i>“On The Sheep’s Back” National Veteran Rally, Naracoorte.</i>
	<i>24th</i>	<i>Kapunda Swap Meet</i>
<i>JUNE</i>	<i>4-6th</i>	<i>Gawler VVCVC Run to Broken Hill</i>
	<i>6th-7th</i>	<i>Hills Of Adelaide Road Run. 08 87255809</i>
	<i>7th</i>	<i>Kadina Show ‘n Shine.</i>
	<i>14th</i>	<i>Sedan Swap Meet. 08 8565 2126</i>
<i>JULY</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Angle Vale Swap Meet.</i>
	<i>6-8th</i>	<i>Austin 7 SA Border Run, Mt. Gambier.</i>
<i>AUG</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Willunga Swap Meet.</i>
<i>SEPT</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Gawler Swap Meet (Subject to venue)</i>
<i>SEPT</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Bay to Birdwood Classic Cruising Classics fortnight, including a visit to the Paskeville Field Days, Sept 30th ..</i>
<i>NOV</i>	<i>14-15th</i>	<i>Bendigo Swap Meet</i>
<i>NOV</i>	<i>18-22nd</i>	<i>Classic Adelaide Rally</i>

NOTES ON FUTURE EVENTS

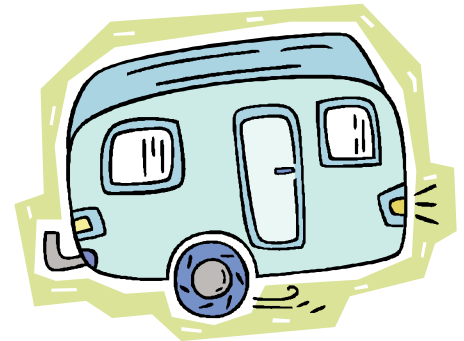
The November Campout will now be at Melrose and the Corny Point event has now been moved to March/April 2010.

A number of cabins and powered caravan/camper sites have been reserved for Club members on the nights of Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November.

Cabins are \$70 per night per couple, plus \$10 linen charge. Powered sites are currently \$20.

Those who wish to book these should contact the Secretary ASAP.

Additional nights required can be reserved now. Please don't delay as some people have booked already and the show of hands at April's meeting indicated a large group going. Those who wish to know more about cabins can find the Melrose Tourist Park on the Internet website.



SUBS AND LOG BOOK PROCESSING—a very early warning.

On page 5, along with a full list of current MAPS events, you will find three specific dates on which log books can be processed and subs paid. No subs paid?- no log book processing. Those not attending in purpose will be required to send their subs and log books, in adequate time, to the Club's HRO. To quote someone I once heard, “A failure to plan on your behalf should not constitute the need for a panic in mine”

The processing system has worked well over the last couple of years. Just bear in mind that if you need a new log book, \$1 payment is due, as is the stamped address envelope for postal requests.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

It may seem ages away, but we have booked the Wombat Hotel on Sunday 29th November

CLARE CAMPOUT WEEKEND—ANOTHER SUCCESS

Our program of weekends away seems to gather pace and numbers. Nearly 40 members and friends played some part in the weekend campout and the Balaklava lunch. I don't know how to fully cover such an event with words, so just some highlights as they came to mind

- Arriving at Clare Caravan Park and finding others had been there for a couple of days, so the first night for us became a lengthy happy hour
- Doing as I was told and setting up on a grassy spot that was supposedly only for tents.
- Walking into Clare and buying things at the Sugar Shack soap shop— but declining a lift back to the park.
- The Penhall's arrival—accident free.
- David Croser's impromptu concert
- Saturday's trip to Burra by way of Mintaro with the great coffee and cake at Reilly's.
- Lunch by the water in Burra and the short cut home—via Spalding!
- The arrival of Les Lamshed's Porsche, followed by the three ladies in the Triumph Stag which presented a spectacle as the rear seat passenger climbed into the front.
- Saturday night session with Shirley Roses' "stick it out until lunchtime" joke and the parcel games generously provided yet again. Concerns over the fish hooks in one parcel and was Trevor Clerk really into body piercing?
- Then it was Rod Nixon's censored joke session.
- The arrival of the Beans in the Cranbrook, but requiring the RAA to diagnose what Trevor had told them—it was stuck in top gear.
- The Clare Police Stables where the pram was closely studied by Greg and Wanda. Are they having to get married we asked.
- Overwhelming the "Beans and Books" at Penwortham with the coffee orders as we travelled to the lunch stop.
- Finding a book that I thought might have been payback time for Dick Penhall's prank a while back when he left a book called, " How To Have Better Sex" on the seat of the MGB. The one I found was called "The XYZ of Sex" but as there were no pictures, I gave it a miss. Nearly bought another one in the same book section entitled "Lean on Me".
- Great lunch at the Royal Hotel, Balaklava— quick and friendly service with the roast just \$8.50. We'll go there again.
- Heads under the Muirheads' Rolls Royce bonnet as it was thought to have drunk more water than some of the campers had beer. All OK with just an air lock in the system— the car that is!
- Stop at Port Wakefield for a cuppa on the way home.
- Last, but not least, the enthusiasm of so many people to have another weekend away, so Melrose and Corny Point are already in the process of being planned.

Mike O.

- Pictures; Who's not talking!
- Greg and Wanda—the waiting game, but is the pram on Historic Rego?
- Pat Nixon talking behind Rod's back.
- Treasurer Ken Heinrich on a roll.



BRISTOL AND CHRYSLER MODELS SHARE THE SAME HEART?

For many years, hand built Bristol cars were the product of an aero plane manufacturer, powered by an excellent two litre Bristol unit, but as the cars developed and became heavier, a move was made to fit the Canadian sourced Chrysler V8 into the new 407 model in 1961. Fitted with a Torqueflite 3 speed auto, it took the car's performance into a higher range.. The later 409 version pictured on the front cover used a slightly upgraded power unit (318 Cu inch), but still retained the push button auto transmission, albeit in the traditional wooden dash.

Leather reclining seats give the car the air of a gentleman's club.

A proven, box-section chassis design uses wishbone-and-coil-spring independent front suspension and a live rear axle on torsion bars. What warranted the new model number was a Canadian Chrysler V-8 enlarged by a mere 5 cubic inches and sporting the same nominal power ratings as the previous 313-cid version.

Gains in power and torque since 1961 (or perhaps the latest styling was more aerodynamic) for top speed was now up by 8 mph, to 130 mph, and 0-60 mph acceleration was quicker by 1.1 seconds, to well under 10 seconds; not bad for car that weighs about 33cwt (1650 kg) There was also a change in the braking department: still four-wheel discs but supplied by Girling rather than Dunlop who were closing out its brake business and Girling was taking it over.

As with earlier Bristols, early 409's were available only with manual steering, but optional ZF power assist became available later, making this latest Bristol was more civilized and "gentlemanly" than even its most recent forebears. Type 410 and 411 models would take this trend several steps further. However, many of these later cars used items in the trim and fittings areas that were clearly from mass produced cars and to my mind, not so attractive.

Forty-eight years on since the first sight of this low volume hand built series with a Chrysler unit, the latest models use the V10 model, propelling cars to speeds that approach that of some of the aircraft after which they are named!

One unusual feature on this range of cars are the storage for spare wheel and battery; the hinged lower halves of the front wings. However, these cars are never likely to be "in a flap", as they are simply too well mannered! However, with all that power, they are perhaps a wolf in sheep's clothing.

The car featured came from Emerald in Victoria, and was owned by Dale Allen, a hot air balloon expert. Prior to that, it belonged to a medical specialist in QLD. As used cars, these vehicles have

represented very good value, compared to many others. You could easily pay five or ten times the price for an Aston Martin which might also cost more to run and repair. However, in recent years, people have woken up to the value these cars represent, so the Bristol cars change hands with little advertising



required. The number of Bristols in Australia is probably small, although the earlier distinctive six cylinder types were readily exported. South Australia is now home to this particular car, following a shopping trip by myself, Mary and Molly in early March. Long standing members may recall that this is not the first time a MAPS member has owned a Bristol, as former member Mary Jervies owned a rare convertible 402 for a number of years.

Once a number of jobs which I knew about at the time of purchase have been completed, we think the car will be a nice addition to our garage. Regular engine parts should not be too much of a problem—we hope! As for the Bristol parts, the UK office quickly answered my email and sent off parts by return. Bristol Cars restore and update many of the early cars, offering warranty on them. In the meantime, I've been cleaning off the underneath and tidying up the engine bay.

Mike O



POINTS FROM MINUTES for General Meeting Thursday, April 2nd 2009.



Meeting was preceded by sausage sizzle from 7 pm and for those who wished, an inspection of the Town Hall's Supper Room area.

Welcome visitors;... Ben Heinrich from Maitland, Holden HR Premier

MATTERS ARISING FROM March meeting minutes;

Cruising Classics event – we have opted for the Field Day option. With tea/coffee etc at Kulpara.

- Rex Fox items – to be dealt with later.
- Clare Visit highly successful
- Bonfire at the Heinrichs on Saturday 13th June to include subs and rego processing.
- Corny Point November 14/15th. Discussion about change of dates with Melrose. It was suggested that we exchange the Corny Pt and Melrose event dates. This would leave Christmas Lunch in late November which was popular with many members as regards commitments. Postponing the November campout would leave too short an interval between that and the Christmas Lunch. John Ingham moved we leave dates as in current program, but make November the Melrose venue., seconded Greg Chittleborough. Passed AIF

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from Joy and Derek Birkin was read out in which the past dealings and possible future of the WLA Harley and other machines were detailed. The letter was addressed as being requested "to be read before any decision or vote is made on sale of bike." Copies of the letter were made available for members present. Both the Secretary and the President gave details of their dealings with the Fox bequest. It was underlined that there were no conditions as to what MAPS did with the bequest, either before or after receipt of the items. An earlier request to purchase one by a short term member had been turned down and the last meeting minutes said that valuations would be made and any sale would be subject to a secret vote by all members, as minuted at the last meeting. Circumstances might change as regards the Club's outgoings or the current homes might no longer be available. Discussions were ongoing with the Bublacowie Military Museum as to a place for the Harley WLA. Rosemary Fitzgerald, Jim Davies and others said how good the BMM was now. Jim Davies said the Harley machine might be under insured at present
- Federation minutes mentioned the need to ensure that vehicles not seen regularly on runs remained as conforming to the CHRS scheme as regards specifications. This might mean those members not attending events having to undergo a check on a designated day. President/ HRO said currently MAPS had few issues and he was not keen to instigate an annual check of all vehicles. Checks were made on vehicles and log books during club runs.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Bute Day; Chairman thanks Malcolm and Heather McDonald for their part in making the day a success. The only problem was with a slow car procession, overheating occurred, common to similar events.
- Chatt Centre; Prior to the meeting business, members were invited to inspect the Supper Room area in the Town Hall which was available to us under the terms of our current lease, but subject to it not being in use by others. The Secretary said that he was aware that there was criticism about the Club Committee opting to use the Chatt Centre as a venue, with costs being mentioned. He repeated what had already been clearly stated in the meetings and in the newsletter that the current use of the Chatt Centre was at no cost to the Club. Should a charge commence from July, it would be \$30 per month which was about the same as donated for tea/ coffee. Use of the Supper room might not always be available. Facilities there were inferior as regards décor, ventilation and lighting, added to which seats had to be obtained from a store. The present venue supplied tea and coffee; items which had been previously provided by committee members. There were comments about the old club room being space confined, especially on a warm night. The Chairman asked for opinions on the Chatt Centre use and its use was 100% supported. He thanked the Secretary for his work in negotiating the arrangement.
- Melrose and Corny Point Campout Weekends ;
Secretary gave details of prices and accommodation for both venues. Secretary is to try to reserve 4 cabins and 12 sites at Melrose, if possible with a date for cancellation.
- Cavalcade of Cars; It was discussed if we could participate as a group, or have a club area after the parade. It was felt this was not possible.
- Raffle Result- Lucky Squares, \$15 each to Bronte Giesecke, Mar Lomman, Alec Anderson

Happy Birthday was sung to Rod Nixon

Meeting closed at9.15 PM.

Next meeting: May 7th

ANOTHER NICE MGB FOR SALE!

Seen on the grapevine, John Sherman's 1972 MGB Roadster with hard and soft tops, plus the vital electric overdrive, yellow mustard in colour with Minilite alloy wheels. It would be hard to find a better car of the much sought after chrome bumper variety. As I don't have a photo of the car, I thought I'd use something that might draw you attention to the text! Price of the car? I understand it's \$18000 ono. Phone John on 88232 682

LIKE A VINTAGE CARAVAN? HARRIS SA EMBOSSED ALLOY 13FT X 7FT CARAVAN.

Two single beds, all original. Fittings and lots of extras. Looks to be 1950 or 60's. Contact Greg Chittleborough on 88232346 or 0418 859442 for details.

(I bet he needs space for that pram on page 6. Mike O)



TO

FROM; MAITLAND AUTO PRESERVATION SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 86, MAITLAND S.A.5573.

MAPS thanks the Ardrossan Progress Assn for their kind assistance in printing this newsletter

Steve Muirhead could not resist this very smart 1948 Wolseley 18/85 when he saw it for sale at the Clare Swap Meet. Watchers of TV series "Foyles War" may recall a similar car in the series; the lower powered 14/65



Members will have a chance to see it for themselves on the Snowtown Shed Day on Sunday, 31st of May. Meet up opposite Kadina Police Station, leaving there 9.15 AM sharp. Morning tea will be provided by our hosts and lunch is BYO pooled finger food.

Footnote; British Leyland revived the 18/85 model label for a version of the front wheel drive 1800.