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CLUB OF THE YORKE PENINSULA"*

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1924 BUICK ROADSTER OWNED BY BILL & DI HICKS

Pictured a couple of days after the car had been delivered from Rainsford Collectible Classics. Di was actually getting out of the car
- not looking back to see where husband Bill was!



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GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, **EXCEPT JANUARY**. 8PM AT THE CHATT CENTRE, ROBERT ST. MAITLAND. VISITORS & GUESTS WELCOME



WATCHES WERE NOT THE ONLY BEAUTIFUL THINGS THE SWISS PRODUCED.

Perhaps the radiator cowl will give the game away. This is an Alvis TA21 but Herman Graber, the Swiss coachbuilder fitted a TC engine, with the later twin SUs & changed the final drive from 4.09 to 3.54, which gives her longer legs for continental touring. Certainly a contrast to the “pre war styling of the “Grey Lady” featured elsewhere in this newsletter. The car pictured is owned by Alvis enthusiast, Richard Tonkin from Melbourne and will be at the 2015 Alvis National Rally to be held in the Barossa Valley. I don't think I'll have my latest acquisition ready by then! Mike.

Photos by kind permission of Richard Tonkin.

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Well, he's away actually, so you'll have to put up with the Editor's Elegy!

What a good month as regards new members with the influx of new members- Bill and Di Hicks with the 1924 Buick Roadster, Neville and Rose Hicks from Moonta Bay with the 1962 Ford Thunderbird and John & Jackie Ramsey, also from Moonta Bay. We look forward to seeing you on future events. It is interesting that a number of new members have the older cars. I personally hope that we can incorporate some runs to suit.

FOR THE LOVE OF CARS

Stirred up by the Austin Healey Club and SA's HMVC, the voices of MAPS members were added to protests about the sudden curtailment of a series on ABC 2. The program featured the purchase and restoration of several cars, such as a Series 1 Land Rover, a Triumph Stag, Mini Cooper and a TC MG. OK, so we could all find faults in the production as well as marvel how restorations could be done so quickly, but there were plenty of laughs and we were waiting to hear how much the restored vehicles fetched when auctioned at the end of the series. ABC took the program off before we got to that.

Several MAPS members emailed the ABC and received similar replies which indicate that someone actually noted the complaints! Well done everyone!

Reply example below-

Thank you for your email regarding For the Love of Cars, and for your appreciation of the show.

I apologise for any disappointment caused by the schedule break that ABC TV has taken in this series, and for the lack of notice given regarding this decision. The series clearly has many fans amongst car enthusiasts and other viewers alike, and the emphatic community response has been noted and made available to ABC Television management.

Regretfully the only information that I have regarding the show is that the remaining three episodes will be broadcast later this year. ABC Scheduling have yet to decide upon the date, so all that I can recommend is to keep an eye on the 'Coming Soon' section of the ABC TV website: <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/>, or to subscribe to ABC TV's online newsletter 'Switched On' <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/connect/newsletter.htm>

Kind regards,

Claire Phillips
ABC Audience and Consumer Affairs

CAR SALES

Well, the club email grape vine pays off some times! On hearing that the Jaguar XJ8 of ex MAPS member Brian Kaehne was still for sale at very reasonable price, I circulated the details. Glyn Morris wisely snapped it up- a nice car I reckon.

The Editor's MGB should have a new home by the time this newsletter is distributed. MAPS member, Margaret Edwards will be the new owner. With the arrival of the new Alvis project, something had to go, but I am glad it will be staying in the club.

As regards parts for cars, Carol Wilkin has an engineless A40, but I spotted one in the remaining items at Barbara Whitelaw's Snowtown property, so that's another car that can be up and running soon. (Doug- get your overalls on!). I will also have a spare gearbox for the Sunbeam Talbot, as a result of looking around the items.

NEW OCTOBER WEEKEND EVENT AT STANSBURY

This event will be known as a "Dusty and Rusty", rather than a "Show and Shine".

The event will open at 8:30 AM and conclude at approximately 2:30 PM but late arrivals will be welcome.

We hope that members will participate in this event Please feel free to contact Don McPhee on PH 0437 382 173 for any further particulars.

Mike O

Dusty & Rusty
Saturday 4th October 2014
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Pitt Street Adj.
the Stansbury Seaside Market
Free entry for exhibitors & visitors
See our display of historic:

- Cars
- Motorbikes
- Trucks & Tractors
- Boats
- Machinery

Engines start up at 11am
We are seeking exhibits in an "as is" condition

MAPS EVENTS CALENDAR 2014 .

GENERAL MEETINGS- 8pm FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH EXCEPT JANUARY

VENUE- CHATT CENTRE, MAITLAND. Light refreshments served

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| October 4th | "Dusty & Rusty" - vehicle display at Stansbury | Don McPhee | See Poster |
| Oct 19th | Visit Clem Smith's Museum at Mallala | | Depart 10 AM from Federation Corner to arrive at Mallala approx. 11 AM. BYO lunch or dine at local |
| Nov 1st/2nd | Campout at Tanunda Tourist Caravan Park. | | 10 ensuite cabins and 14 PS reserved. Book Your Own More details on www.tanundacaravantouristpark.com.au Phone- 8563 2784 |
| Nov 30th | MAPS Christmas Luncheon | Osbornes 88373158 or email | YP Veteran Centre, Kadina. \$18 per head Booking by November General Meeting |
| Dec 4th | Brief Christmas wind up meeting followed by BBQ supper | | |
| Dec 19th | Ardrossan Street Party Parade | Osbornes | Meet near RSL at top of main street from 5.30PM for 6 PM start |
| January 1st | Port Vincent Gala Day | Clerkes 88 537 191 | Display your car in the street and BYO lunch at the Clerke's house in nearby Talbot Road |
| January 26th | Combined MAPS, Barossa HVRC, Gawler VVCVC & NARC Kapunda get together. | | Venue to be advised |
| Feb 22nd | "Around the Houses" in the Copper Cast area with visits to two members collections | | |
| March 22nd | Peterborough Campout | | |
| May 24th | Cavalcade of Cars, Wallaroo to Kadina | | Options of entering the run, or meeting at picnic spot along the route |
| FURTHER 2015 EVENTS | 30th Anniversary Dinner, date to be advised Probable events; Three Club Day meeting at Maitland. Minlaton Rifle Club day Gulnare visit Don Loffler Visit |  | SPEAKERS WANTED FOR GENERAL MEETINGS! |

A ROLLS ROYCE AND A LAGONDA UNDER THE TREES AT THE BETHANY RESERVE ON OLD CAR DAY



INVITATION EVENTS 2014

These are events which might appeal to members. If you see or hear of similar events, please let the editor know and they can be added to the list. The Federation's web site is the place to look for many more. <http://www.fhmcsa.org.au/>

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| Sept | 28th | Bay to Birdwood Run |
| Sept | 28th | Snowtown Garage Sale Day |
| Oct | 3rd | Bristol Owners Club Australia Murray & Great Ocean Road Coastal tour |
| Oct | 4th | Copper Coast Show'n'Shine, Kadina. See www.coppercoastshowandshine.com.au Enquiries- 0419 808 804 or Entries 0448 340 481 after 5PM |
| Oct | 10-12th | Burra to Morgan Run, organised by NARC . Secretary has entry forms |
| Oct | 17-20th | Monaro Nationals , Barossa Valley. See www.monaronationals.net |
| Oct | 19th | Roseworthy Agricultural Museum Heritage Machinery Day |
| Oct | 26th | "Down Under" London to Brighton Run for veteran vehicles from London Road Mile End to Brighton. Enquiries- 0413 023 178, email nevskurr@adam.com.au |
| Nov | 1st-2nd | Moonta Antique Fair |
| Nov | 7th | SCCSA's John Blanden's 2014 Climb to the Eagle and Northern GP Tour. |
| Nov | 9th | Rootes Group Day, |
| Nov | 28-30th | Geelong Revival Motoring Festival |

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| Jan | 17-18th | MILANG VINTAGE MACHINERY CLUB CONTACT GAYE CHAPLIN. PO Box6 STRATHALBYN 5255 or COLIN almanaccd@hotmail.com 08 85363938 0428 526 659 |
| | 26th | Strathalbyn Auto Collectors' Club " Aussie Car" show |
| Feb | 7th | Kaniva Car and Bike Show -Kaniva Lions Club Ph. 0428 922 335 |
| Mar | 19th- | R & S Valiant Club's 6th Nationals NSW |
| April 27 to May 9th | | Federation's Meet the Clubs Outback Odessy. Editor has one info pack |
| May | 24th | Cavalcade of Cars, Copper Coast NOTE CORRECTED DATE SWAP MEETS - go to http://www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm |

FOR SALE

1976 FORD FAIRLANE MARQUIS V8

Auto, Power steering & air con, tape deck & all original factory fitted options.

Needs tune up, o/s door regulator and minor items. Very good original interior trim. White duco. Beige vinyl roof. Tow bar. SXB 950

\$7500 o.n.o

Contact Kevin 0431 140299 Ardrossan

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LOOKING FOR 5 INCH VALIANT STEEL RIMS UP TO AND INCLUDING VF, PLUS 'CHROME PLATED' WHEEL TRIMS TO SUIT 1962 S SERIES VALIANT, AS PICTURED.

Ashley

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THE MISSION- TO RESTORE A GREY LADY TO HER ORIGINAL GOOD LOOKS

I blame it all on the ALVIC newsletter! There I was, having finished the third major car rebuild in the decade, including an Alvis TD21 and more recently an MGB, when I started mulling over two Alvis TC21/100's for sale in NSW. Yes, I had seen them for sale for a while, but with two sheds full of cars and having made the statement, "We'll buy one that's fully done by someone else next time", I thought I was safe.

But then I'm the guy that takes in a stray dog when I've already got one. The fate of rare pre war Alvis cars is generally safe, but until recent years, the post war Alvis cars, especially the TA & TC models, has not always been a rosy future. The cost of restoration remains high compared to the final sale value.

Having recently taken our TA 21 drop head to a rally and come home with a prize against some strong opposition, made me realise what a nice car can be made of these cars. With better brakes and a taller diff ratio, they make a great touring car.

The car I ventured to see in NSW is one of the rarer models in that it has the wire wheels and bonnet scoops, but as with the all the later versions, it has larger side windows as a result of thinner frames, plus a bigger rear window.



I have some notes on how the car was shipped from the UK to Melbourne on 1955 and little then is known until it was sold in a very poor state in 2001 (as pictured above) to Bob Anderson in WA. Bob acquired two of these models and carried out substantial work until he passed away about 5 years ago. His work on the replacement of wood work looks good, but I think it fair to say that spray painting was not one of his better skills.

The cars then passed to Phil Dadd in NSW and his aim was possibly to interchange items such as the wire wheels and diff on his existing car. However, he became stricken with a major back problem, preventing him from carrying out the work he had planned. The interior has been retrimmed in leather and new carpets and headlining fitted. However, whilst the engine has had the crankshaft reground and new rings etc. fitted. It had not run for some time.

The car had petrol that smelt like varnish, so this was drained, battery cables cleaned, but even with new fuel and a good spark noted, the engine would not fire. Jim Sewell and I spent some time checking the basics, only to find the timing was out 180 degrees! To puffs of smoke and the beat of a blown muffler, the car fired up. However, the block soon got hot but the radiator was stone cold. The problem looked to be the thermostat housing choked up so cooling system flushed and refilled.

Then it occurred to me that the cylinder head might not have been retorqued after the rebuild. MAPS member Richard Duns came to the rescue with a C spanner which allowed access to the 25 head bolts. Shortly we found out why a can had been wired under the front of the engine- a leaking gasket.

However, the strip down has become gradually bigger and deeper, so the engine was dismantled and gone off for major surgery. As TW Engines at St Agnes have done some engine work for me previously, I have opted for them again.

In the meantime, the brake system, electrics and steering will undergo refurbishment. Very helpful and friendly chap at Power Brakes at Gilles Plain when I dropped the boxes of bits in. Got some good advice on replacing usual brake fluid with silicon.

Best summarized as "Ensure every drop of old fluid and grease is removed, or corrosion will still occur."

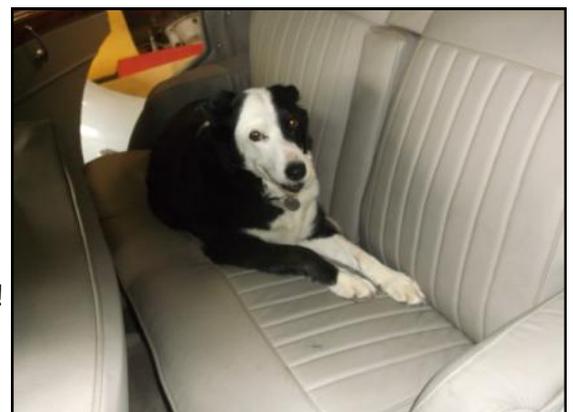
Alvis ownership is a very much friendly family of owners, past and present, confirmed by the fact that June Anderson, widow of a previous owner, posted me the missing wiper motor when she heard I had the car. Likewise, I received a called from the President and Editor of the Alvis Club of NSW, Heather Goldsmith, congratulating me on the purchase. As that came just after the car's engine had expelled a lot of water, I joked that a sympathy card might be more appropriate!

The positive side of the project is that I have all the parts from a similar model I dismantled some years ago. However, the Alvis marque is well served by specialists, including Red Triangle Services in Kenilworth UK. This company was formed when the Alvis company ceased car production in the late 1960's. The service is remarkable and friendly. Some parts may appear expensive, but when I bought some ball joints for my Sunbeam Talbot, they were 60% more expensive than the similar Alvis item.



Pictured above the car on the trailer heading back to SA and below, Molly, the mechanic's mate takes a back seat while I get all the dirty work to do!

Mike O



TICKING ALL THE BOXES!

Pam listed all the features she wanted to find in the next Classic Car to fill our garage.

I think I've 'Ticked all the boxes'!!

- Bucket Seats
- Automatic gear box
- Powerful motor ... (V8 should do!)
- Easy access to seats
- Generous boot space (sure has!)
- Lots of chrome
- Low mileage ... (only driven to church!)
- Prefer Australian made
- Must be a head turner(Definitely!)

She was thinking.... Sports Car.....

I bought..... a Hearse!!!!

Choosing the right car can be SO confusing!!

Peter Wilton

'His and Hearse'



Love the "Ticking all the boxes" title. Laughed so much I nearly had a **coughing** fit! Editor

ST KILDA TRIP

We had an early start on Sunday, meeting 21 MAPS members, at Federation Corner before 9.30am.

With the 6 classic cars in the lead, we travelled in a convoy of 10 vehicles, to St Kilda, arriving around 10.30; to find many other families had chosen the St Kilda picnic area as the place to be on Father's Day!

While Trevor and Jeanette Bean took the Rolls for a quick lap of the car park, the rest of us waited in the boat trailer parking area. It was decided to stake out our claim on the raised bank adjacent to the trailer park.

Before lunch, at least one member got adventurous at the playground while 11 of us headed for the Mangrove Boardwalk.

It was a perfect day to stroll along the level walkways, checking the information boards, peering into the pools of water and enjoying being among the trees. We hope to do the walk again at high tide to see how different it would be.

Some of Clerk family joined Trevor and Lyn for Father's Day and Birthday celebrations. Thanks Lyn for sharing the cake! Following our picnic lunch, it was off to the Tram Museum. We arrived in time to take the 1013 to the Playground and return.

(Some in our party enjoyed the views of the yards as we passed.....Did anyone go and ask about the Morris Minor, HQ Ute with accommodation or the Gemini?). Before the 360 left we had time to check out the trolley bus depot, the southern depot which houses the horse drawn trams and the Tram Barn, filled with at least 8 tramcars including dining cars, combination cars, toast racks and 'H' class trams.

The Tram Museum has been operating since 1957. It was great to see some young enthusiast volunteering and helping to keep this wonderful 'treasure' running.

Thanks to Trevor and Jeanette Bean for organising a wonderful outing, enjoyed by all those attending.

Pam Wilton

OLD CAR DAY, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1st.

"None but the brave" was my thought for the day as we headed off to Mallala to meet up with the Gawler group and then on to Bethany. Misty rain was hardly the weather we wanted as along with the Sewells and the Harveys to Mallala where just one car and two occupants were sheltering. However, things got better as although the Bethany Reserve was very quiet when we arrived, it was later filled with over 80 historic cars and their owners.

We got some wood and lit the fire, got the urns heated up and had a great day, meeting up with so many people, including Bob & Ellen Haywood.

The Gawler club did a good trade selling tickets for their raffle of a Triumph Dolomite car which has been fully restored by their members as club project. Tickets are \$5 each and I have some for sale if you fancy a flutter. Our trip home was in fine weather. Well done to all those involved in making it another good day out in a lovely location.

Mike O

