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Forthcoming Events:

April 3rd 1st Sunday Fish & Chips at
Malua Bay Barry Apps

Next General Meeting:

Monday 4th April. Moruya Bowling Club at 7:30
pm



At the Elrington, Majors Creek

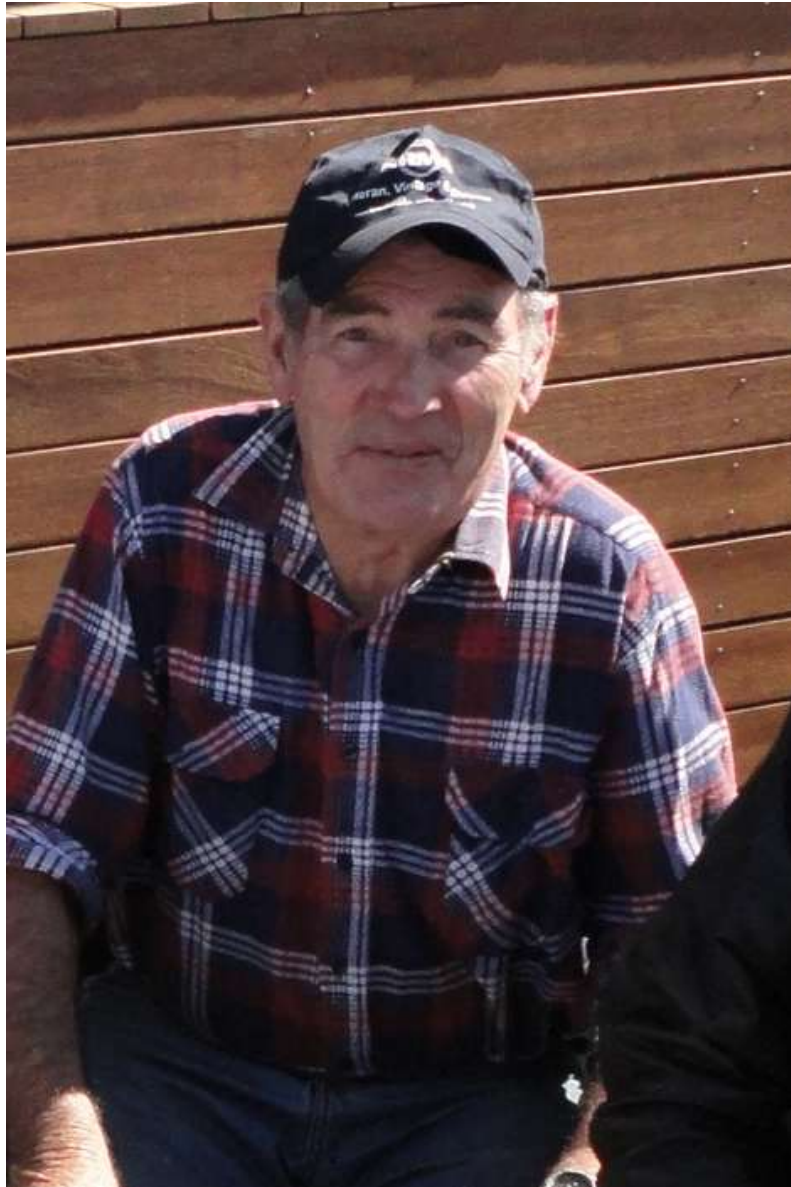
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VALE; John Pawley.

Our Club lost one of its valued and long standing members with the sudden passing of John Pawley on Friday 18th February. John had attended the Wednesday run just two days before and there was no indication of any serious health problems. A large representation from our club attended his funeral at Broulee together with a contingent of his motorbike riding mates. Our deepest sympathies go to John's wife Laurel and to his family.

THE 2011 BAY TO BERMAGUI RUN



At last count there were 60 entries for this event; most are from outside our Club. Those who have participated on previous occasions will confirm that this is a very enjoyable event. All members are invited to participate either by treating it as a normal Club Run on Saturday 16th July or by becoming a formal entrant. Details for entry were published in the January Newsletter and are available on the web-site. The entry fee of \$98 per person covers pre-drink nibbles on the Friday evening, Saturday morning tea at the Moruya Surf Club, Saturday Lunch (fish and chips) at Bermagui, Saturday evening a 3-course dinner with wine and Sunday breakfast. The dinner is of course one of the highlights and trophies for various categories of entrants will be awarded. Entries close on Tuesday 31st May.

Members who choose to come just for the run will need to make their own arrangements for Saturday lunch, as the fish shop used for entrants will be committed to serving paid entrants. The cars will be parked at Bermagui Fish Co-op. Fish and chips are available there. (The pre-paid lunches are at another fish shop). Club members who complete the run-sheet in advance will be provided with morning tea at the Surf Club at Club expense

On the Saturday morning cars will be leaving the Coachhouse at 9:00 AM. Only those vehicles/bikes that have paid the entry fee will be judged.

MID-WEEK AND FIRST SUNDAY RUNS

The mid-week runs are becoming very popular. The Majors Creek run, Sunday March 6th, was a great success with 32 attendees. We met at the back of the Adelaide Hotel for an 8:30 start – a departure from the normal 10:00 am start – apologies for this not being in the last Newsletter, however, Peter Smith sent an email to advise details in advance. (If you are not receiving such emails from Peter please let him know your email address). We were to meet up with others at the Batemans Bay Bridge at 9:00 but we were late and just saw Ward and Lyn Hack's blue Austin 1800 disappearing over the bridge as we arrived. The group stopped in Braidwood for morning coffee and then on to Majors Creek for lunch at the only pub – "The Elrington". A good barbeque lunch was laid on for us at \$18:00 a head. As it was a bit cool there most of us took our food into the dining room. An enjoyable outing - thanks to John Nader for organising it. John incidentally is

now organising the Wednesday morning events with great enthusiasm. Remember! Wednesday runs are for cars and motor bikes.

On Wednesday 9th March we had a good turnout for a run to Tilba and Dignams Creek where we visited an excellent display of Veteran and Vintage motorcycles see photo below. On this run we had three MG TD's, a Triumph TR6, a Holden FJ Ute an early Cortina and a Mercedes but the cars were well outnumbered by the motor bikes. On 16th March the group was invited to the Mordek Factory. The Mordek business seems bigger on every visit.

Wednesday 23rd was a special day. We had a barbeque at Maloneys Beach – an outing that John Pawley would have enjoyed. Over twenty members were present and observed a two-minute silence in memory of John.



BBQ at Maloneys Beach



Visit to Dignams Creek



Dean Price – Saturday at the Air Raid



Lunch at Majors Creek

Merimbula Caravan Park Day February 26th - Approximately 75 cars were on display. There was a good concert, with funds raised for Bega Hospital Oncology Unit. John Merton and Merv Roberts won trophies on the day.

Bermagui Seaside Fair Parade/ Display – A number of members attended. (No report or photos).

MG TD's on a Wednesday morning run at Bodalla



All three are 1951 models belonging to (left to right) Huw Owen-Jones, Eric Wiseman and Jim Gibson

Sixty two years ago

November of this year is the 62nd anniversary of MG's TD, a model that set records, being by far the biggest selling T-type, with 29,664 units leaving the Abingdon works between November 1949 and 1953.

In 1949, a replacement for the TC was announced. It was not as one might have expected, a car with a totally different modern appearance. It was another Midget in the familiar mould, taking its DNA from the TC, but with much that was different under the skin.

The TD had a completely new chassis, which had been developed from that used in the Y-type saloon. It was a much sturdier and stiffer frame than the old Midget chassis, having box-section side rails and cross-members, and was of all-welded construction. Unlike the previous Midgets, the chassis was kicked up over the rear axle. Consequently, the rear leaf springs had a greater camber than previously; they were softer and dampened by lever-arm shock absorbers.

Up front, the old beam axle and leaf springs had been replaced in favour of an independent system comprising double wishbones and coil springs. The upper wishbones were formed with the levers of the shock absorbers. The complete front-end design was common to the Y-type saloon and was to form the basis for the front suspension on many future models along with rack and pinion steering, replacing the previous steering box.

The purists were aghast at the use of 15-inch pressed steel wheels rather than the old 19-inch wire wheels. These looked slightly out of place on a car with such old-fashioned and traditional bodywork.

The engine and transmission package was the same as the TC, as was the body style, although the latter was four-inches (100mm) wider and the guards more enveloping because of the wheels. For the first time bumpers were fitted front and rear.

The TD found an even larger market than the TC, selling almost three times as many in a similar four-year production run. Again, a large percentage of the cars produced went abroad, with 23,488 of the total 29,664 TDs produced being exported to North America.

A Mark II version was introduced, having a slightly more powerful version of the XPAG engine (57bhp) with a higher compression ratio and 1½ SUs, fed by two electric fuel pumps. There were also improvements made to the suspension with Andrex shock absorbers bolted on. The one-piece seat back and individual seat cushions gave way to a pair of bucket seats. In 1952 centre-lock wire wheels were offered as an option.

When sales of the TD began to slow, MG had the prototype of its replacement ready to go into production. The car, code named EX175, was based on a modified TD chassis and mechanicals with beautifully streamlined bodywork; it was right up-to-date (eventually it became the basis for the MGA). But at the time it was turned down by the managing director of the now British Motor Corporation (BMC), as a deal had already been signed off to build a similar car - the Austin-Healey 100/4.

Contributed by Jim Gibson

"SIR STIRLING" FLUKE - his story [so far]



Photo shows Sir Stirling with dear friend and navigatrix, Annette Walker ready to set course for Bermagui in 2009.

Born many years ago in old Sydney town, his later passion seemed predestined when held upside down and smacked, he gave forth with "brrrm, brrrm".

Family history records his first words [at 10 weeks] as "I want a Jag."

Growing up on Sydney's northern beaches, with his uncle Johnny [Martin] playing Sheffield Shield and test cricket, it was no surprise when the lad took up "the willow" and spent many a summer toiling under the relentless sun.

A particularly stodgy opening bat and leg spinner lacking control, his attention was also captured when another uncle passed on well read copies of "Modern Motor" magazine. Young Stirl. read voraciously, becoming an authority on the exploits of J. Brabham and S. Moss.

Completing his schooling at the prestigious Forest High, and lacking any idea of a career path, he fell into a job in industrial chemistry and struggled through a T.A.F.E. qualification. Jobs that followed included film processing and as a sales representative for laboratory equipment.

In due season he met a very nice young woman and they married in 1973. Motor sport interests took second place as a house was bought and renovated, and a beautiful daughter was born. Career clarity never really happened, with "Stirl" working in sales administration for Volkswagen, warehouse supervision for Avon Cosmetics, and as parts distribution manager for Toyota Motor Co...

When his marriage ended, a refocused "Stirl", now retrenched from his role as Distribution Manager for Unysis Computer, became active in vintage speedway, purchasing a Valiant powered "Supermodified" and frequenting country tracks in the guise of his alter ego "Dusty" Fluke.

Around 2004, he relocated to Moruya, joining his [not quite so good looking] brother Peter and sister in law Michele in "paradise". To enhance his stable of high performance hobby vehicles, he purchased the mighty '54 Vanguard Diesel Estate Car. The extremely rare 40 b.h.p. "beast" regularly cuts loose on the highway and despite unkind remarks from some, has in fact overtaken another vehicle on two separate occasions in recent years.

Despite the advancing years "Sir Stirling" remains in robust health, speaking regularly with his mother and "dear friend" Annette both in Sydney, and his sister and family in San Francisco. He will become a grandfather later this year [many opine though that he doesn't look old enough] and is looking forward to inculcating a youngster into the ways of classic motoring. He still wants a Jag..

Guy Fluke

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 7th MARCH 2011

Meeting opened at 7.37pm with V.P. Paul in the chair.

Apologies - The Smiths, The Pearsons, Ken Evelyn, The Kellys, the McCallums, The Gordons, Merl Ziegler, The Nettles, The Fullers, Arthur Hurrell, Don Monteith.

New Member - Rudi Langeveld [re-joining]

Minutes of the February Meeting per newsletter - moved that they be accepted - D.Petts, seconded - J.Marsden - passed

Matters Arising - nil

Treasurer's Report - Graham Wilkie reported in detail on our financial position. In summary total funds equal \$13,986.10. Details filed with Secretary.

Secretary's Report -

Correspondence in -

- 2 x invoices from Signs Plus [5 badges]

Affiliation notice and census from Council of Heritage Motor - Clubs NSW ["Bush Council"]. To be completed by Secretary Guy [cheque required]

- Statement from Sapphire Office Supplies

- Invoice and Statement from Bayprint [member cards]

- Australia Post - renewal of P.O. Box - Graham to send cheque.

- Other club newsletters

Correspondence Out - nil

Events Report - Graham Thomas reported on upcoming events viz.

Wed. 9/3/2011 - Tilba and Graham Freud's bike collection

Sat.12/3/2011 - Bermagui Seaside Fair

Wed. 16/3/2011 - Local tour including Mordek visit

Wed.23/3/2011- Maloney's beach BBQ

[In memory of John Pawley]

Sun.3/4/2011 - Malua Bay

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Merv Roberts reported on the Merimbula Caravan Park day [weekend for some]. Approximately 75 cars on display, a good concert, with funds raised for Bega Hospital Oncology unit. John Merton and Merv won trophies on the day.

Eric Simes spoke on the Rutherglen run - 10 cars will be on this tour. Thirsty participants will be well catered for with visits to wineries, a brewery, and a distillery.

B2B Report - John McCarter reported 60 entries so far with sponsors covering the cost of all trophies. The committee is still seeking a speaker for the dinner function.

The lunch at Bermagui should work better this time with 4 fish 'n chip outlets now operational.

General Business -

Guy mentioned an excellent HiLuxe Ute for sale [not his]

Details will be in the newsletter

David Petts will be visiting a vintage wiring harness business in Melbourne - any members about to source such gear could contact David for pick up while he is there.

Guy asked for a member with expertise and equipment [lap top?] to facilitate showing slides or movies of interest at club meetings. The Bowling club screen is available and as an alternative to guest speakers a short motoring film would round out the night.

The Raffle 1st prize [\$50 meal for 2 at the Air Raid] was won by [Lucky] Lance Brazier with second prize [\$20 voucher from Moruya Newsagency] cleaned up by Ray Stubbs.

The next meeting will be Monday April 4th

Guy Fluke - Secretary

For Sale

Triumph 1970 650 TR6P Trophy, approx. 4000 miles since restoration by Central Motorcycles in Victoria. Matching numbers and very original. Fitted with electronic ignition & full flow oil filter conversion. Last model pre- oil in frame. Bike is on club rego (not transferable), well sorted & ready to be enjoyed. Price \$9,700. Phone Andrew 4474 2886.

REGULAR RUNS AND EVENTS

General Meeting at Moruya Bowling Club

First Monday of each month. Discussion on coming month's events and other matters including organised talks 7 for 7.30PM

Coffee mornings.

Every Saturday morning at the Air-Raid Tavern Moruya, Bodalla Old Bakery. South Bank café Batemans Bay. Please register in run sheet book at the venue.

Regular runs: 1st Sunday & every Wednesday

All runs are for cars, bikes and moderns. The runs **depart** from behind the Adelaide Hotel Moruya at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

One of the Run Captains will have the Run Sheet; please remember to sign it. Contact one of the Run Captains if you have any questions.

CVMCE EVENTS PROGRAM 2011

March 31 st -April 5th	"Six Day Away Trip" to Rutherglen Area	Eric Simes
April 3 rd	1st Sunday Fish & Chips at Malua Bay	Barry Apps
April 25 th	Anzac Day Parade	Graham Thomas
May 1 st	1st Sunday picnic run to D & I Petts sheds	Ingrid Petts
May 14 th	Narooma Oyster Festival	Graham Thomas

May 15 th	National Motoring Heritage Day	Peter Smith
June 5 th	1st Sunday picnic run to Tilba Winery	??
June 12 th	Bodalla School Fair	Paul Rehardt)
July 3 rd	1st Sunday picnic run to Ulladulla	??
July 15-17th	Bay to Bermagui Event	Roger Pearson

OTHER EVENTS

April 3 rd	Shannons American Classics at Queanbeyan Showgrounds.
April 3 rd	Ulladulla. Blessing of the Fleet Static Display
April 23-25 th	Forbes NSW. Austins over Australia.
April 23-26 th	Bush Council Easter Rally at Forster / Tuncurry.
June 8-10 th	Albury-Wodonga. Cortina Nationals.

SWAP MEETS

March Swap Meets

Sunday 27 March 2011	Launceston Autumn Swap Meet TAS
Sunday 27 March 2011	Orange Swap Meet NSW
Sunday 27 March 2011	Woodside Swap Meet SA
Sunday 27 March 2011	Werribee Swap Meet VIC
Sunday 27 March 2011	Jindera Swap Meet NSW

April Swap Meets

Sunday 3 April 2011	. Goulburn Mulwaree Swap Meet NSW
Sunday 3 April 2011	. Broadford Swap Meet VIC
Saturday 9 April 2011	Horsham Swap Meet VIC
Sunday 10 April 2011	Castlemaine Swap Meet VIC
Sunday 10 April 2011	Croydon Park Swap Meet SA
Sunday 10 April 2011	Morwell Swap Meet VIC
Sunday 17 April 2011	Wangaratta Swap Meet VIC
Sunday 17 April 2011	Lancefield Swap Meet VIC
Sunday 17 April 2011	Tanunda Swap Meet SA

Note: If you go to the CVMCE Web Site, the underlined links for the above will give you the web address for further info.

CVMCE CLUB SHIRTS

A range of Club shirts is available at each monthly meeting or contact Colleen McCallum on 4474 2397

Prices are as follows:

Polo shirts	\$25.00
Chambray shirts	\$30.00

THE CLUB LIBRARY

The Club has an extensive library. The Club web site has a list of items held. For more information contact Librarian Peter Gordon on 4471 2766

C.O.M.C.E. Regular Wednesday Runs

No.3

All runs are for all members. Departure from behind the Adelaide Hotel, Moruya 10am Sharp. One of the Run Captains will have a run sheet. Please remember to sign it. Feel free to contact anyone of the Run Captains for any questions.

RUN CAPTAINS:

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Geoff Radcliffe 0427023585 John Nader 44744062
John Wiegold 44744999 Peter Smith 44742241

March 30thNarooma Surf Club - Michaels

April 6thZorans Coffee Shop - Clock Tower Plaza, Mogo Ph.4474 2233-Sarah

April 13thRunnyford BBQ - Owen Mass is organising this event at his property north of Mogo. He will have some guests who will entertain us regarding their experiences with motorbikes. Note:2.5k of good gravel road. Ph. 4472 4701

April 20thAntons, Kianga. Ph. 4476 1820

April 27thMossy Point, Muffin Shop. Ph. 4471 8599

All of May has been listed, and will be advertised later.



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