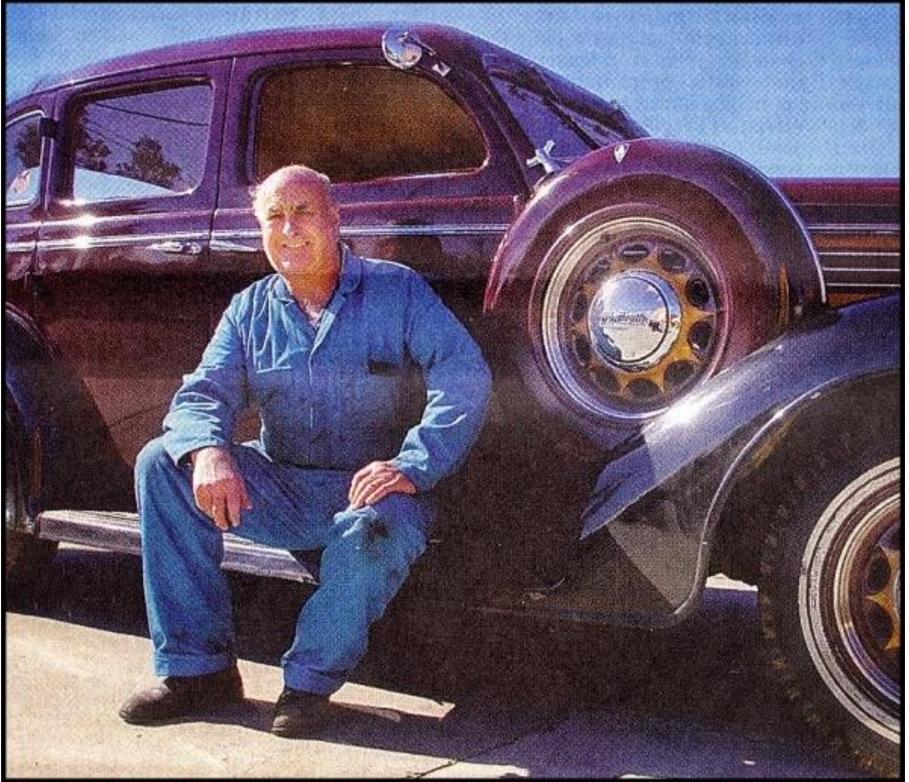


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WHEN: 8pm; 1st Tuesday of each month (except January)

WHERE: Girl Guide Hall, Erin St, Queanbeyan.

Contributions should be submitted **before the 15th of the month** for the following month's issue. Articles covering events, members' experiences, automotive/mechanical items or photographs welcomed. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject or modify any section of any article submitted for publication.

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Cover photo

Albert Neuss with his 1936 Plymouth

My last Issue

What an amazing experience it has been for me to be your editor. It has been my pleasure to collate and publish STHARC information and stories from issue 191 to this issue, 233.

I was handed the batten from 190 great issues thanks to the previous editors. From this I have slowly added my touches such as in the format and editorials. Now I am looking forward to seeing the next issues of the magazine from the fresh eyes and new ideas of the incoming editor.

Your Clubs AGM

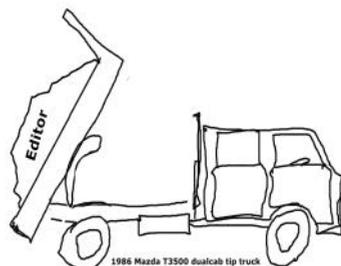
STHARC Annual General Meeting Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at 8:00pm.

EV ravings

I am impressed how open minded (tolerant) members are about my Electric Vehicle ravings in The Wheel. Probably because like me you can see that interest in historical vehicles will continue, if not grow, as the car industry goes through this "Kodak" phase. The enjoyment of restoring, repairing, hearing, smelling and skill of driving a historical vehicle will maintain our clubs vitality.

Eventually I believe your everyday car will be electric so if you want to see and talk about what EVs are currently available then I recommend the EV Expo at Epic on 6-7th August.

This national event is in Canberra this year so why not check it out. See p19.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings members,

Welcome to another edition of the Wheel. Our next general meeting which will be held Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at 8:00pm will be followed by our Annual General Meeting. At this meeting, all committee positions will become available, so please consider putting your hand up or nominating someone you think might like to take on a position. Fresh eyes and new ideas are always welcome. Nomination forms went out with the last edition of the Wheel, but there will be more at the meeting for you to complete. There will also be nomination forms for Club Person of the Year for you to nominate a club member who you think deserves this honour.

We received sad news this week that one of our Foundation Members Albert Neuss passed away. As well as being a Life Member of the Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club in Canberra, Albert has been an integral part of STHARC since the beginning. He was our registration inspector, events committee member and also Vice President at one time.

Many members remember Albert as a softly spoken man with a friendly helpful manner. He always had time for you, and he helped many people with their restoration projects. He worked on their cars and checked them for registration. Albert's passion for heritage vehicles especially Chryslers is evident in his varied collection, one of which is his beloved 1942 Chrysler sedan. This vehicle was once a commonwealth car which was as a staff car used by Ben Chifley. Albert restored this vehicle to its original condition. Closely following this vehicle as a favourite is a 1936 Plymouth sedan which he restored and clocked up many miles travelling about the country. Another of Albert's vehicles was an FJ sedan which is now on display at the National Museum Canberra. This vehicle is still in original condition. These are only a few of Albert's heritage vehicles.

Albert was a good friend to many but particularly Bob Cannon. Not only did they share their passion for historic vehicles but went on many caravan journeys together.

No matter what interaction you had with Albert he was a great all-round person and will be sadly missed by those who knew him and a great loss for the heritage vehicle movement.

STHARC send its sincere sympathy to Albert's family.

Pam Corbett, President

MEETING SUMMARY from Bruce McCarron's minutes

Tues 7 June 2022

Meeting Commenced: 7:58pm

Welcome by President Pam Corbett who thanked members for coming out on such a cold evening and leaving their warm homes.

Minutes of 7th June 2022 meeting accepted with no business arising from them.

Visitors:

Nil

Treasurer: Christine Brown:

Expenses:

- ⇒ Apparel
- ⇒ CACTMC affiliation fees,
- ⇒ Wheel postage.

Deposits:

- ⇒ Membership renewals,
- ⇒ Raffle.
- ⇒ Donation from Shannons

Christine noted that the annual donation of \$700 to the Girl Guides for hall usage is due in July, and the CACTMC affiliation fees are due at the end of June.

Secretary: Bruce McCarron:

Correspondence In:

- ⇒ Newsletters from other clubs.

Correspondence Out:

- ⇒ Congratulations card to Queanbeyan Citizen of the Year 2022, Christine Butler, Brownie Junior Guides District Manager.
- ⇒ Notice to members re: Parkes Swap Meet on Sat 15 October; Coota Hoota on 29 June

Registrar: John Corbett:

Apologies

Editor: Darryl Bourke:

More stories please, especially from our newest members.

The Editor post will be vacant at the AGM, so members are encouraged to nominate.

Nomination form is at the back page of the Wheel.

Webmaster: Malcolm Roxburgh: Apologies.

Website up-to-date. The Webmaster post will be vacant at the AGM, so members are encouraged to nominate.

Nomination form is at the back page of the Wheel.

Membership Secretary: Maureen Vavra:

Payments and renewals:

Request members to complete the renewal form particularly if there are any changes to contact details, especially emails.

A reminder that vehicle historic registrations are void if membership lapses.

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Events: Tony Brown on behalf of Doug McMahon and Bill Grzeskowiak.

Next Events:

23 July —Day run: Goulburn.

Leave Guide Hall Saturday @ 9.30am. Federal Hwy picking up members on the way.

War Memorial and Soldiers Club. Gold coin donation.

14 August. — Half day trip to Action Bus Depot in Tuggeranong.

Hi visibility vests will be required.

John Corbett is the contact.

3 September: Cooma Car Museum

2 October (long weekend):

Boorowa Running of the Sheep.

Doug McMahon has made tentative bookings with Boorowa hotels for accommodation and needs members to contact him to confirm bookings.

Tony Brown happy to be the phone contact on behalf of Doug.

Property: Ray Malam:

Warm jackets available, beanies \$10 each.

Morning Teas: Sandra and Brian McInally

July: Friday 29 July

Café at the Chifley shops.

Councils' Delegate: Allan Boyd**CACTMC:** Highlights:

- President Richard Jackson will step down at the AGM
- Affiliation renewals – 34 out of 78 clubs have renewed
- 1 new affiliation: Heritage Nissan – Canberra Region
- Events:
 - ◇ 19 June Battle of Waterloo
 - ◇ 11 September Super Heroes Cruise
 - ◇ 05 November Cooma Motor Fest
 - ◇ 14 November Marques in the Park
 - ◇ 18-20 November Bombala Motorcycles

CHMC: *Allan Boyd*

Highlights:

- Dinkum Oil #20 July 2022 is now available.
- Historic and Classic Car Industry Working Group (HCCIWG): CHMC is working to improve the framework determining originality, period options, accessories and safety items for HVS registration.
- The framework is a work in progress and the list that remains on the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) website is in draft form only.
- CHMC committee has revised the previous CVS procedures and copies have been forwarded to clubs with CVS vehicles, and are also available from the CHMC website.
- CHMC intends to run further Governance Workshops this year. These will be a revised version of those offered last year. When arrangements are finalised the CHMC Secretary will contact clubs with an invitation.
- CHMC Half Yearly Meeting: Saturday 29 October, Tamworth. Chris and I will attend this meeting as it is the CHMC business meeting.

Raffle:

1st prize: Geoff Rudd,

2nd prize: Ian Robinson,

3rd prize: John Kaczmarek.

General Business and Members Welfare:

Nil

Next meeting:

Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 8pm AGM

Meeting closed: 8.22pm

Meeting followed by Joe Pam showing a video of “The Plank” that was well received by the members.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED:

All STHARC runs start from the Queanbeyan Girl Guides Hall, Erin St Queanbeyan.

BYO chairs, tables, picnic ware, drinks & food, sunscreen for all runs.

Day/Date	AUGUST EVENTS	CONTACT
Sunday 14th	<p>Action bus depot tour</p> <p>Half day event, tour of Action Bus maintenance depot at <u>Belconnen</u>, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch.</p> <p>Very important, for catering purposes John needs to know attendee numbers so please contact John and let him know if you are coming on this run.</p> <p>Also, we will need to wear hi vis vests on the tour. The club has a limited number of vests, however if you have one of your own please bring it with you.</p> <p>Leave from the Guide Hall 10:45 hrs.</p>	<p>John Corbett</p> <p>0412295177</p>
Friday 26th	<p>July morning tea is at the Red Baron in Symonston.</p> <p>10.00am meet-up.</p>	<p>Sandra and Brian McInally</p> <p>0408634162</p>
All Month	Happy motoring	Darryl

Check STHARC's Website regularly for details and updates.

Day/Date	SEPTEMBER EVENTS	CONTACT
Saturday 3rd.	<p>Day run to the Cooma Car Museum. Travel to Cooma via Bredbo for morning tea. Museum open from 1000hrs to 1500hrs with \$5.00 entry. Lunch at the Serviceman's Club, or local cafes in Cooma. If planning to have lunch at the Serviceman's Club please contact Steve Ahearn as he needs to know approximate numbers. Leave Guide Hall at 08:30hrs. Club members not leaving from the Guide Hall can meet up with the main group at the intersection of Old Cooma Road and the Monaro Highway</p>	<p>Steve and Rhonda Ahearn 0466 891 063</p>
Friday 30th	Morning tea TBA	<p>Sandra and Brian McInally 0408634162</p>
Day/Date	OCTOBER EVENTS	CONTACT
	TBA	

MAY MORNING TEA

Friday 24 June 2022

The Gathering at Bungendore proved a popular spot with sixteen members coming along for morning tea.

We ended up having to split up with the ladies and blokes on separate tables – something we haven't done for quite a while.

It will surprise no-one that the ladies bagged the table near the fire!



Club cars in attendance:

Chris & Allan's 1971 VW Beetle "Ringo",
Barry's XF Falcon and John's Ford Falcon.



Attendees:

- ⇒ Pam Corbett,
- ⇒ Ronda Cornwell,
- ⇒ Kay Carratt,
- ⇒ Christine and Tony Brown,
- ⇒ Jantje Brown,
- ⇒ Chris Hillbrick-Boyd,
- ⇒ Allan Boyd,
- ⇒ Barry Stewart,
- ⇒ John Kaczmarek,
- ⇒ Geoff Rudd,
- ⇒ Ray and Barbara Malam,
- ⇒ Krystyna McLeish and
- ⇒ Brian & Sandra McInally.

Apologies:

Darryl Bourke



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Some more energetic and enthusiastic SRHARC members enjoying morning tea and comradery at The Gathering in Bungendore.

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AUGUST MORNING TEA

WHAT;

For the August morning tea, we are going back to an old favourite.

The last few weeks have been a bit challenging for us to get out and check out new places (yes, Brian and Sandra had a visit from a new friend – COVID!) So, we decided to go back to a favourite with a number of our members – Red Baron at Symonston.

It will be a nice spacious but warm & comfy spot to see off the winter.

WHEN

Date is Friday August 26th at 10.00am.

WHERE

Red Baron at Symonston.

BE THERE



ALBERT NEUSS'S PLYMOUTH



“You can just see dad [Roy] and my grandfather [Charlie] coming out of the pub, where they probably enjoyed a drink while waiting for the punt to cross the Clyde River,” explains Albert, whose brother Val, sister Shirley and grandmother are posing by the car. (Nelligan, circa 1939)

“Back then, it took two days driving from their home, in what is now Namadgi National Park, to get to Batemans Bay,” reveals Albert. “They camped overnight at Cabbage Tree Creek [at the bottom of the Clyde] on the first night.”

As to the mystery long object in the bag visible on the passenger side of the car, “Oh, that’s their tent, there wasn’t enough room for it in the car so they wedged it between the spare tyre and the bonnet for the trip,” explains Albert. “It would have blocked the driver’s view but they didn’t worry about that in those days”.

Albert used the car to get his licence and later bought it from his father. “It then received a change of lifestyle including a few stints at the Mt Ginn speedway on a Sunday afternoon.” Albert upgraded the car and after a couple of years sold it, but he came to regret it.

“For many years I wondered what had become of it. In the early 60’s I became interested in restoring cars and was always on the lookout for a 1936 Plymouth.” Then one day he was told one was for sale in Sydney, so he bought it. “When we arrived home, I realized just how rough it was- the rust etc. I initially thought it was too much to restore so for a while it just sat there.”

Then Albert’s father died. “When going through his papers, I found the original registration papers and keys for the family Plymouth. I decided to check the engine and chassis numbers to see how close they were to my new purchase. You wouldn’t believe it but they were the same. Yes, I had unknowingly bought the old family Plymouth. The spare wheel and the keys all fitted, so that gave me the determination to restore it.”

Albert restored the Plymouth back to its former glory and in the 1980s he rephotographed it in front of the original Steampacket Hotel.



This article used extracts from the Canberra Times 2019 and the STHARC website.

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ALBERT'S 1955 FJ HOLDEN

This Holden Special Sedan was built in July 1955 and purchased new from Beazley & Bruce, Canberra, by Molly Goodall of Tharwa.

Molly took great care of her new Holden. The car was mostly driven from the family's sheep farm at The Angle, into Queanbeyan until it became too difficult for Molly to see out the rear of the vehicle.



The FJ was sold to Albert Neuss sometime in the 1980s. Albert's association with the vehicle, however, dates back to 1955 when he performed the first service on it at Esmonds Motors, a subsidiary of Beazley & Bruce.

Albert rarely drove it, as he wanted to keep the miles down. The only changes he made to the vehicle were a partial paint respray and the installation of indicator lights.

Albert sold the vehicle to the National Museum in December 2003.

Information from the National Museum of Australia website

http://www.nma.gov.au/collections/recent_acquisitions/

ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

The National EV Expo is being held in Canberra this year.
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