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Wollongong / Illawarra Region Report.

We are settling in with the change 6 months ago. Wollongong / Illawarra have joined in with the main body on runs to get to know you as well them us.

Our runs coming up the Har's Day will also be a run for our main body so we hope to see them attend in numbers; unfortunately I cannot attend (family matters). They have also made Robertson Railway Heritage Day a joint run. Our run to Burragorang will be lead by Pat (the Rat) Fagan, I know how and where he got the "Propellers", I'll have to find out how he got the nickname "Pat the Rat". Also our run to Tamora will have to be put off for a later time as their Flight Day doesn't co enside with the month we were going. Then there is the run to Thirlmere which will have to wait until after April due to Fire Restrictions

Heard through the grapevine that Colin Stewart had a short stay in hospital and that Rosalynd has been keeping in contact with Patricia and he is home and is slowly recovering.

For those who weren't at our December meeting we were surprised that Santa gave us a visit. I hope the photo's that were taken will be in the Newsletter

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends and hope the forth coming year will be better than the last.

Peter McGibbon

YOU ARE INVITED TO,

‘An evening with shannons’

who will update us with the latest information on what’s happening in insurance for heritage motor vehicles.

Saturday evening,

20 February, 2010,

from 7pm to 7.30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

Also

Mothers polish will be showing car care Products.

This event will be held at Australian Motorlife museum,

Darkes rd, Kembla Grange.

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Australian MOTORLIFE Museum.

Second sale of surplus items

Sunday 14 February 2010, 8am to 2.30pm, at the Museum

Integral Energy Recreation Park

Darkes Rd. Kembla Grange. (Wollongong suburb)

Instruments, lights, radiators, horns, pourers, petrol boxes
and much, much more.

Mostly from the 1920’s, some earlier, some later

All sold as is.

Food & drinks available

www.motorlifemuseum.com.au

Christmas at the Fagan's.

Friday 11th December 2009

Scrooge was sat in his usual place when the guests arrived.

Actually I was getting the tables and chairs out of the shed with the help of Ian ready for the night, whatever the night would bring.

One by one the merry Morrie people arrived, the festive lights were on; Rose had done her magic with two trifles. We also had a lovely cheese cake and mince pies etc.

Every one more or less brought their own food, however, several of us got together to get chickens cut into eight and shared the cost between us.

You would not believe the trouble I had to put that into action, getting McDonald's for the kids and chicken for us. (Why is it that some people in a queue of 10 people deep, arrive at the counter, THEN decide what to have?) Anyway, on arrival with the spoils, I received a big cheer from the old skeletons sat at the table.

We had a very pleasant night, 17 in all in attendance.

Most people had departed by 10-00 pm and after a bit of cleaning up, I was studying the backs of my eyelids by 11-00 pm with the odd release of pressure.

Pat the Rat.

New South Wales Morris Minor Car Club Inc. Wollongong / Illawarra Region Local Outings List.

A reminder, we are now members of the New South Wales Morris Minor Car Club, so all outings listed in our new magazine are your outings also, and you are cordially invited to attend them.

Sunday 20th December 2009 Christmas Run and Party for adults, this is The NSWMMCC party, which we are part of, it will be nice to meet everybody and having a nice time, we need to know numbers attending for catering purposes. More details in NSW Mag.

Friday 25th December 2009 Christmas Day, Breakfast On The Beach, Starts at 0800 hrs. for the greatest start to the day with the best breakfast you ever had, cooked to perfection by our Master Chefs, in great company and a wonderful venue, so please come along and enjoy.

Tuesday 5th January 2010, General Meeting to be held at Fig Tree High School at 7-30pm.

Sunday 16th January 2010 Car check-up day, to be held at Chris Galls for preparation for run to Australia Day. If Mrs.Gall just happens to bake one of her great sponge cakes, the day will be perfect. See you there.

Tuesday 26th January 2010. Australia Day, meet at top of Ousley at 0500 hrs. for drive to Sydney for arrival at Domain car park.

Tuesday 2 nd February, 2010, General meeting to be held at Fig tree High School at 7.30 pm.

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Sunday 28th, February 2010 H.A.R.'S Day, Historical Aircraft Restoration Society, located at Albion Park Air Port, much to see and do, great selection of cars, bikes etc. Flying Aircraft, static displays, lots of people, food, ice creams, drinks etc.etc. or take your own, a good day out. Details to be Advised in next news letter.

Tuesday 2 nd March, 2010. General meeting to be held at Fig Tree High School at 7.30 pm.

Sunday March, 2010. Trip to Burratorang Look Out, leaving top of Mount Ousley at 0900 hrs. for steady drive to site, please see article below for sure at this stage] as could be Thirmerer Railway Museum if steaming at that time, more details next newsletter

Tuesday 6 th April, 2010, General meeting to be held at Fig Tree High School at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 5th April 2010 Easter Sunday, Robertson Railway Heritage Day, held at the station park in Robertson, meet at 0830 hrs. in Albion Park for 0845 hrs departure, arrival when we get there, lunch in Bowling Club or Robertson Pub, or where ever, or take your own, plenty of nice cars, train history, lots of nice people, plus Pat the Rat.

April 2010 a run on a steaming day to Thirmerer Railway Museum, take your own picnic lunch or buy from Kiosk, it's a long time since we last ventured out to visit the Museum and there has been many changes to the place in that time.

so with that in mind, could turn out to be a great day, there are steaming days with steam loci's, but only when the fire danger is over which will be about April 2010. The Museum, now run lots of steam train excursions all over N.S.W. Date not set.

Prospective outings;

Burratorang From Wollongong, drive along the Picton Road until you come to Picton Town centre, turn left, then take the next right, this will lead you to Oakdale, on arrival at Oakdale, follow road to Burratorang which is a few kilometre's, on arrival, there are some great views from high ground of dam water area, new toilets, plenty of seats, electric B.B.Q'S., a really fantastic place to visit as a club outing. Follow Pat the Rat on the day
Thirmerer? Railway museum, on a Steaming Day.

Darling Harbour, Maritime Museum.

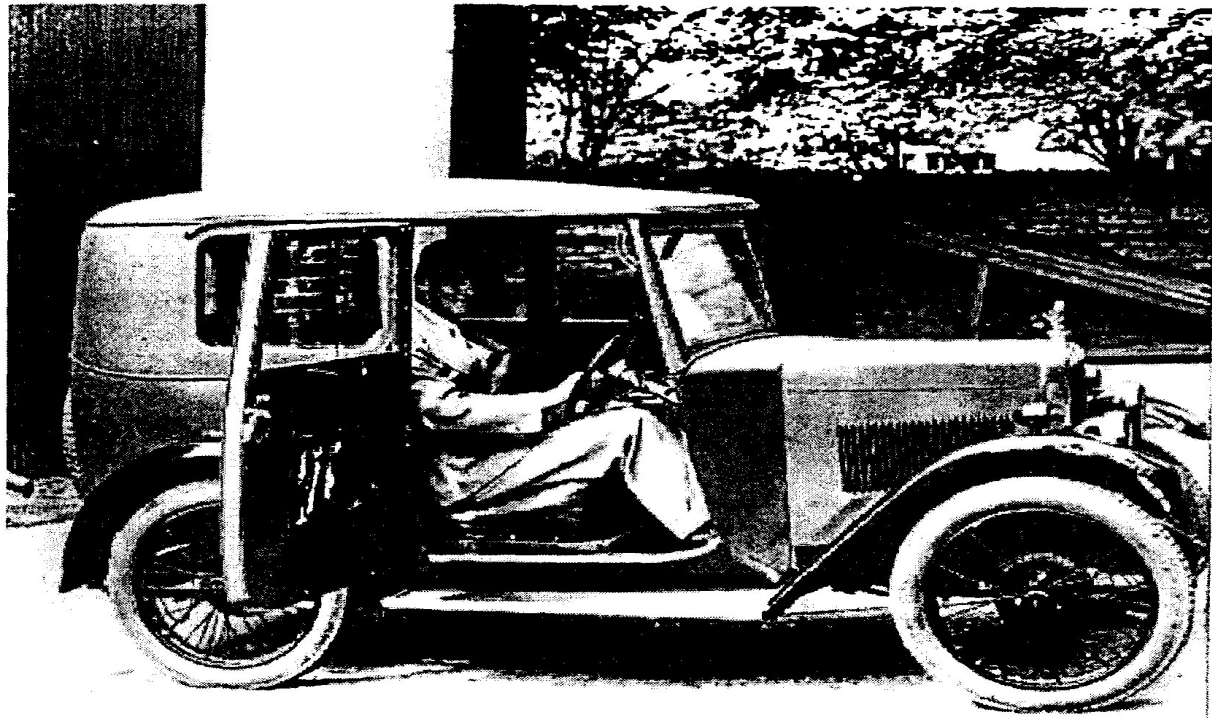
Sutherland Tram Museum, trips by tram to Audley Weir, and Bar B. Q.

Museum of fire, at Penrith.

Jenolin Caves! Wombian Caves day out.

Taronga Park Zoo.

Goulburn, "Roundhouse" train museum, I'm informed it's a great tour and well worth a visit.



The First Morris Minor of 1928-1934

The first Morris Minor was a forerunner rather than an ancestor of the Morris Minor of 1948-1971. It is thought that the later Minor was so named in an effort to appease a hostile Lord Nuffield (William Morris) - seen here at the wheel of the fabric bodied Morris Minor saloon.

The Morris Minor, launched on 1st of September 1928 was William Morris's attack on the small car market - specifically the Austin Seven. It boasted several minor innovations such as, a dry plate clutch, coil ignition and wire wheels, but the most significant innovation was in fact the overhead camshaft Wolseley derived 847cc engine. The sporting edge provided by this magnificent engine resulted in the first MG Midget, Britain's first truly practical, cheap, small sports car.

The overhead cam engine was later removed from production in 1930 and resulted in no small Morris car using overhead valves until after the Second World War. The period over which the first Morris Minor was produced saw Morris's market share plummet from 51 to 27 percent - due mainly to the effects of the depression and too great a model range.

Graeme Clarks late model 4 door sedan.

Graeme's car, as we know it, started when it was given to Pat and Rose Fagan, by Terry Booths brother Colin down in Narrawaren, VIC. and was complete. (Almost)

Combining a family visit and a Touring Club meeting, Pat and Rose set off, trailer in tow down to the coolness of VIC.

On arrival, the trailer was duly pushed up the drive (well, the road was very busy and it had to be done quickly) all ready for loading.

With great excitement, the garage door was opened, the gearbox put into neutral and the hand brake released. NOTHING. A little push was what was needed. NOTHING. Not even big pushes would work. The brakes were well and truly stuck on.

Next the trailer winch was used to drag the Morrie onto the trailer. (Most undignified.)

Two hours later, they were ready to go.

Back home and another two hours later, with the aid of a chain block and the centre brick post of the garage, the beast was in the driveway.

Still excited, the plugs were cleaned; oil was put in the bores and it was gently cranked for five minutes. Next came new battery terminals, some water, fuel and a spare battery. It had lights but couldn't be started as there were no keys. Not a problem said Pat, as most Morrie keys are worn enough to work in any car.

After a tap on the fuel pump, it started first time.

After about a year???? Work began on restoring the car. Everything was pulled apart so no two pieces were together, cleaned, repaired and or replaced.

The painting was a bare metal respray, with acrylic up top and enamel underneath.

The motor, gearbox and diff are standard 1000. Extractors, brake booster, major rims, along with rubbers, lenses, radiator, new brakes, wiring and alternator, a CB, C.D / UHF radio and a heater were added along the way.

A lot of the work was carried out by Pat, with a bit of outside help from friends.

The total job took about a year.

One week after completion it was off to Darwin. (It never missed a beat)

Would he have done anything different? Perhaps a 120Y motor with an auto box, and a complete reupholstering of everything.

Other than Darwin, it's been to Victor Harbour, Murray River, Albury, Croocwell, Lake Conjola, Sydney and lots of local places.

As for Graeme, he is happy to leave it as it is for now and is looking forward to many happy motoring trips.

THE INTERNATIONAL SMASH HIT STRICTLY LIMITED SEASON

Dear Group Booker,

WEST SIDE STORY has been described as "a masterpiece of musical theatre"
- The Daily Mail (UK) and "a musical landmark" - The Guardian (UK).

After wild critical acclaim in Paris, Tokyo, Beijing and London, Joey McKneely's vibrant new stage production of the classic dance musical arrives at the **Lyric Theatre, Star City from July 2010**. 53 performances only - no extension is possible as Melbourne awaits.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE ROYAL CRICKETERS ARMS.

We met at the top of Ousley at the arranged time for the 10.00 am departure.

The journey to Prospect was a fair bit quicker than was expected, (one and a half hours) as the traffic was light.

In attendance were Mary and John, Wendy and Ted, Gwen and Ian and Rose and Pat. Ros and Peter made their own way there, after dropping their daughter off in Sydney.

It turned out to be an overcast day, which was perfect for the outing, not too hot and not too cold. (Just right ?????)

The 100 year old Pub was a first class venue, (apparently Ted remembers it being built) full of character, or was that characters, no bandits or jut boxes etc. There were several outside covered and open areas for eating and plenty of space inside as well.

Live entertainment was by a rather pleasant girl singer, with a great voice. Didn't like her choice of songs, particularly "Way out man."

A big turn out from Sydney members and it was good to see Barry Parsons there, he looked very well and in good spirits.

The choice of food was either a BBQ or a set meal, which was very enjoyable. Lots of great sweets as well. One of the beers was Squires and on tap was a light beer served in pints or schooners as required. The party started around 12.00 but Rose and I had to leave about 3.30 to go to Canterbury to pick up my grand daughters cousin and bring her to our house for Christmas.

The raffle was won by Graeme Gould with second prize going to Terry Cullen.

The organizers are to be congratulated on a first class party and in a great place.

The pub staff were also a pleasant bunch as well.

GREAT STUFF.

Pat the Rat.

Special thanks to Martin and Graeme for all their time and effort in helping Alex and Pat in getting Morrie Moments to something that looks like a newsletter.

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