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Barry Cockayne in Kermit

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MARQUE MENTORS

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Tuesday of each month starting

at 7:30pm.





President's Report



Well we kicked off February with a combined social run with the Mini Club, for Fish & Chips at Woy Woy. This has been a long standing event in the calendar and it is the first time I have missed it in a number of years. Fortunately, it appears that we may be starting to get on top of the whole COVID thing and now that vaccinations have started, things can only improve which should enable us to hold more social events in 2021. We hope that this will include a mid week meet up at a suitable location and there are also thoughts about another Vive Le difference day, for all our members who have other 'special cars' in their stable.

Some of you may remember that over 12 months ago now, I was doing work on my road car with a view to turning it into a Group Sb race car. This all got put on the back burner for a while as there didn't seem to be any point progressing it in 2021. There is also the fact that I wanted to keep using the car on the road on Historic plates and we must be careful to abide by the rules here. Anyway, February was the month when I restarted this project removed my roll bar which fitted under my hood and was too low for competition, fitted a race seat and had a custom roll bar fabricated to the latest Motorsport Australia standards which now is higher than the top of my race helmet. The roll bar was fabricated by Peninsular Sports Cars in Brookvale where the owner Geoff Morse, just happens to be the Group S eligibility officer, so I could get 2 sets of paperwork signed off in one go. I then took the car round the corner in Brookvale to Tony Pallas of All Classic Car restorations who is a Motorsport Australia scrutineer, for another signature. After bringing the car home I completed all the paperwork, scanned it and sent it off and made my payment. 10 days later my Historic Logbook arrived in the post which I thought was a pretty painless and efficient process. I have removed my Historic plates from the car and they are now on the wall in my storage unit as the car will not be used on the road now.

On that note HSRCA held an event at Sydney Motorsport Park in the evening of Thursday 18th February and I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to give the car a shake down run on the track. I was pleased to see Nick Sebesfi doing similar along with Lance Godbee and John Croft with the usual support crews in attendance. The evening was wet with a wet track and just prior to Nick and I going out in the 'Sports Cars' group there was a torrential downpour. Fortunately when we did go out, it was not raining and the track was soaking. The sports car group contained mainly 60's and 70's sports cars plus the addition of a 2017 McLaren which seemed somewhat out of place. Anyway, we all went out very carefully and behaved ourselves in the wet conditions. There were a couple of spinners but I was not one of them. The McLaren caught and passed me, causing huge amounts of spray as the active aero systems sucked water from the track. On my second session, the track was starting to dry but I noticed some oil on the track exactly on my racing line. My car also started jumping out of third gear. When I returned to the pits I noticed a leak from the gearbox, so called it a day early and put the car on the trailer. Further investigation has found that although the gearbox has performed normally in road use, the stresses of racing such as going down the main straight at full throttle and max revs, was enough to loosen the bolts holding the remote housing to the main casing, hence the loss of oil and the jumping out of third gear. Only 1 thing to do in this situation, but to pull the engine & gearbox out and repair the gearbox, I am pretty good at it these days.

There will be more motorsport antics in march with both the start of the CSCA Supersprint series and the HSRCA racing at Wakefield Park. I hope to have at least 1 of my 2 race cars ready in time.

Finally from a Motorsport Perspective, our very own David Healy, was awarded the Motorsport Australia Service Award, for his long and continued contribution to Motorsport in Australia. These awards are not handed out to everyone and it is a testament to David's standing in the Motorsport community that he has been honoured in this way - well done David.

Finally for this month and a bit further down the track, SCCA will be holding the Sprite Nationals in 2022 and we have a small sub-committee headed up by our VP Greg Holden looking after the organisation of this event, which as usual will be held over the Easter long weekend (2022). Greg is looking for a number of volunteers for various roles, so please lean in if you can and help Greg and his team.





MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

Venue: The Hills Club

Meeting commenced: 7.32pm

Present: Committee members: David Baigent, Graham Wells, Les Payne, Carol Dodds, Leah Holden, Greg Holden, Steve Rivett, Rod Pringle

Members: Harley Pringle.

Apologies: Avis Fowler, Ross Reichardt.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Graham Wells circulated the minutes from the previous meeting. Moved accepted Greg Holden, seconded Carol Dodds. Carried.

Business Arising:

None other than items covered later in the agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Les Payne reported by Email.

General Account:

Opening balance	\$31,963.00
Deposits	\$385.00

Payments: Fair Trading	\$47.00
Closing balance 31/1	\$32,301.00

Savings Account:

Opening balance	\$46,100.26
Interest	\$0.39
Closing balance 31/1	\$46,100.65

Business Transaction Account:

Opening balance	\$4,575.89
Payments: Bank fee	\$10.00
Closing balance 31/1	\$4,565.89

Debit Account

Opening balance	\$3,185.06
Payments: Stationary	\$110.00
Kander, membership refund	\$60.00
Closing balance 31/1	\$3,185.06

Total Cash in Bank	\$86,152.60
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Moved accepted Graham Wells, seconded Steve Rivett. Carried.

Secretary's Report: Graham Wells reported correspondence:

Incoming:

-Barry Cockayne. MSA & CMC reports.

- Magazines/Brochures: Goblins Gazette, Mascot.

Outgoing:

-AGM attendance list to Brian Walton.





MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

Sprite Torque: David Baigent reported.

- January edition went out.
- Elly Baigent needs cover photos and articles.
- Les Payne advised we have a quote of \$100 per edition for front & rear pages in colour.
Moved Greg Holden that we go ahead, seconded Graham Wells. Carried

Regalia photos to go on inner back page.

Web-site & Facebook:

- Harley Pringle reported we have over 600 members. Mainly technical subjects and car sales being discussed.

Sprite & Midget Nationals;

Greg Holden gave a report on the sub-committee meeting. Key issues:

- Race track costs are prohibitively high. The only available tracks are Wakefield & Pheasant Wood, both near Goulburn.
- The last two NSW Nationals have been at Goulburn & following discussions with other clubs it was felt that it was not a popular venue.
- Other country venues were looked at & the best option is Canberra which has a wide range of appeal. There is a small hill-climb at Fairburn Park & this is being investigated as a competition option.
- Les Payne present some costing estimated resulting in \$650 pp for a four day event. If we run a competition option it will be in addition to this. Rough estimates for Fairburn Park are \$200 per entry.
- There are concerns over the COVID situation & if it will deter people from coming. Personal contact for our own members was suggested. Also discussed was a scheme where SCCA would fund a subsidy. This has to be done in a way not to set a precedent for other clubs in the future.
- Graham Wells advised that an initial search for accommodation only yielded three Canberra City venues available at reasonable cost. There are a number of low cost options in Queanbeyan.

The meeting agreed to three points.

- Canberra is the agreed venue.
- The subsidy is agreed upon in principle.
- Graham Wells will book 60 rooms with the preference close to the city and a target of \$600 per room for four days.

Run Protocols:

Les Payne pointed out that the old club convoy protocols are not feasible for today's traffic & can be dangerous. Pulling over on the road side & waiting for others to catch up is out. The proposal is to regroup somewhere off the road at a designated place included in the route instructions. Les will send something to David Baigent for inclusion in Sprite Torque.

General Business:

- Graham Wells reminded event organisers to send a copy of the run sheet to Brian Walton for the Point score. Rod Pringle to send a copy of the run sheet to Les.
- David Baigent commented on the requirement for an event COVID plan. He has something suitable & will put it in Sprite Torque.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Next meeting March 9th, 2021 at 7.30 pm. The Meeting Room, The Hills Club, 2-6 Jenner St. Baulkham Hills.





MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

Coming Event:

Provisional events for 2021 are:

- Friday, February 19th. Drive to Berrima
- Friday, March 19th. Drive to Audley Weir
- Sunday, March 28th CSCA(CLA) Supersprint at Wakefield Park
- Friday, April 23rd. Drive to Cambewarra Lookout.
- Saturday, May 8th. SCCA Supersprint
- Sunday, May 15th National Motoring Heritage Day.
- Friday, May 21st Drive to Mt. Kembla
- Friday, June 18th. Drive to Bowral
- Friday, July 23rd. Mystery Winter Drive
- Sunday, August 15th Shannons Day
- Friday, Aug 20th Drive TBA
- Sunday, August 29th All British Display Day. *
- Friday, Sept 24th Drive TBA
- Friday, Oct 22nd Drive TBA
- Friday, Nov 12th Drive TBA
- Friday, Dec 10th Drive TBA.

*After the meeting it was advised that All British Day had changed from Sept. 12th to Aug. 15th so it has been changed in the minutes.

- Carol Dodds advised she has spoken to the quarantine station & we are getting a deposit refund for the cancelled club 60th birthday event.
- Carol would like to have another associates day later in the year.
- A run to Lane Cove National park was discussed, possibly for National Motoring Heritage Day.
- Carol suggested we have some mid-week evening events when the weather cools down.

Motorsport Aust. Barry Cockayne sent a report on the NSW State Council meeting of February 6th. The report is attached & will be published in Sprite Torque.

CMC: Barry Cockayne sent a report on the meeting on February 2nd. The report is attached to the minutes & will be published in Sprite Torque.

Membership: Ross Reichardt reported by Email

One new application this month.

- Giovani & Helen Furlan of Burra NSW who have a Mk1 Sprite

Moved accepted Graham Wells, seconded Greg Holden. Carried.

Competition & CSCA: David Baigent reported.

- HSRCA are having an evening event at SMSP on Thursday February 18th.
- HSRCA race meeting at Wakefield Park on March 20/21st.
- CSCA first event for the year is CLA at Wakefield Park on March 28th.
- MG Racing at Winton on March 27/28th.

Regalia:

- The advertisement is now in Sprite Torque.





SCSA Covid Safe Plan

This Covid-19 Safety Plan sets out requirements for members and visitors attending a club event while Covid-19 continues to infect our communities.

Wellbeing of members and visitors

- Members and visitors who are unwell must not attend any face-to-face club events.
- Attendees at face-to-face events are strongly recommended to wear a face mask.
- Attendees should have at least a small supply of hand sanitiser with them when attending an event.
- Do not allow others to sit in or touch your car unless you have means to disinfect or sanitise touched surfaces.
- Avoid touching things as far as is practicable.

Physical distancing

- Attendees must book their place before attending a face-to-face event.
- Where reasonably practical, maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing even if wearing a face mask.
- When indoors observe the four sqm per person rule.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Attendees should adopt good hand hygiene practices.
- The club prefers that any purchases or other payments be made by contactless payment options (credit card).
- Attendees should use hand sanitiser before and after handling objects. Detergent or disinfectant wipes will be available to wipe objects regularly.

Record keeping

- Attendees must provide their name and a mobile number or email address. For family groups, one contact is sufficient to support contact tracing.

Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line for information about COVID-19 on [1800 020 080](tel:1800020080).





UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates:

Event Details:

Feb 19th

Drive to Berrima for shopping and lunch
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 10.00am or
Meet at the Robertson Pie Shop - 11.00am
The restaurant will be booked so please let us know if you are
coming. Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.

Mar 19th

Friday drive to have a picnic at Audley Weir
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 11.00am
This drive takes us north along the coast line over the famous
Sea Cliff Bridge and through the Royal National Park.
Bring a picnic lunch and chairs. Take away food is also available
at the cafe.
Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.

April 23rd

Friday Drive to Cambewarra Lookout for lunch
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli for Coffee/chat -
depart 10.00am. Meet at 11.00am - Kevin Walsh Oval, Jamberoo -
depart 11.15am. The restaurant will be booked so please let us
know if you are coming.
Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.

May 15th

National Motoring Heritage Day

May 21st

Friday Drive to Mt Kembla Hotel for lunch
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli for Coffee/chat -
depart 10.30am. The restaurant will be booked so please let us
know if you are coming.
Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.

June 18th

Drive to Bowral (lunch at the Scottish Arms, East Bowral)
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 10.00am or
Meet at the Robertson Pie Shop - 11.00am
The restaurant will be booked so please let us know if you are
coming. Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.

July 23rd

Mystery Winter Drive
Meet at 9:30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli for coffee/
chat - depart 10:15am.
Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.

Aug 15th

Shannons Day

Aug 29th

All British Day





ESCA Supersprint Series 2021

Date:	Circuit:	Host Club:
Sunday 28th March	Wakefield Park	Club Lotus Australia
Sunday 18th April	Pheasant Wood	MG Car Club
Saturday 8th May	SMP South Circuit Under Lights 5:00pm- 10:30pm	Sprite Car Club of Australia
Saturday 17th July	Pheasant Wood	MG Car Club Newcastle
Saturday 14th August	SMP Gardner	Morgan Owners Club of Australia
Saturday 18th September	Wakefield Park	Triumph Sports Owners Assoc
Sunday 31st October	SMP North	Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia



HSRCA Series 2021

Date:	Event:	Circuit:
20 - 21st March	Autumn Festival	Wakefield Park
12 - 13th June	Sydney Classic	SMP
28 - 29th August	Spring Festival	Wakefield Park
27 - 28th November	Summer Festival	SMP





BMC-LEYLAND AUSTRALIA HERITAGE GROUP Inc.

YOUR INVITATION TO THE NEXT MOVIE AFTERNOON

SATURDAY 13th MARCH 2021, 1.00PM

At Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club - 117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde in the Auditorium.

Limited seating will be available for our showing of "Freeway Round Australia" followed by Hal Moloney's presentation of his Rallies Round Australia.

Our Master of Ceremonies, **Will Hagon**, will introduce the "shorts".
Light Refreshments will be taken prior to Hal Moloney's presentation.

Cost \$15.00 per person

In his youth Hal Moloney was a gun rally driver. He first had a crack at a round Australia event in the 1964 Ampol trial driving an Anglia 105E that 'broke in half'.

Then there were Falcons and a Colt 1100 SS. Later he purchased a demo Leyland P76 from the factory in Zetland and ran it in the 1979 Repco Trial, finishing a creditable 39th. For the 1995 Mobil 1 he borrowed his wife's Targa Florio P76 and finished 17th outright.

Hal continues to compete in Targa Tasmania's and still owns several P76s, including the Targa Florio in rally trim and in beautiful condition. (To state the obvious, Hal Moloney is not an advocate of the argument that the Leyland P76 was a lemon.)

Hal Moloney has the reputation as the pre-eminent historian of rallying in this country, in the same league to rallying as the late Graham Howard was to circuit motor racing. No one who loves the 'cult of the flying topsoil'- the term Bill Tuckey's alter ego, Romsey Quints, coined to describe rallying- can afford to miss this upcoming afternoon in Hal's company.



R.S.V.P. 05/03/2021

Bookings essential - please contact Kay - tonkay@optusnet.com.au OR 0410 688 886





Delegates Report - CMC Meeting 2 February 2021

The Council of Motoring Clubs held its first meeting for the 2021 year as above and items dealt with included :

- Each member club is encouraged to conduct its own event to mark National Motoring Heritage Day on 15th May 2021.
- Sydney Classic event at SMP (Shannons Day) is scheduled for 15th August and the areas initially allocated to each club for the cancelled 2020 event will be reserved for them this year, save that Area D at rear of the grandstand will be adjusted due to a planned building development; final details of all allocations etc will be provided at CMC's July meeting.
- CMC is lobbying for the Australian Council of Motoring Clubs to allow proportional representation for its voting as presently each member gets 1 vote irrespective of its size/membership - CMC claims it should be allowed more than one vote as it represents approximately 40,000 members, whereas some in the ACMC have as few as 50.
- There are presently 4882 vehicles on CVS rego and approximately 56,000 on HVS
- There are some contradictions within the RMS re the terms of its recently released Guidelines on acceptable modifications for HVS registrations and further information is probable in due course. Consultations are also underway re issues related to heavy vehicles and ex-military units, and also agricultural vehicles (arising principally from the Porsche tractors enthusiasts).
- Two further clubs were admitted to the CMC, taking membership to 210 clubs
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Delegates Report = MSA State Council Meeting 6 February 2021

The NSW State Council of Motorsport Australia held its first meeting for the 2021 year as above and items dealt with included :

- Coral Taylor has been appointed as a Director on the Board of MSA (joining 3 other female members of the Board thus achieving the statutorily recommended gender balance)
- Motorsport Australia has joined with ANDRA (drags), Karting and the Motorcycling Union to constitute the Australian Motorsport Council to give a greater united voice to Government and others on motorsport issues.
- The Scrutineering Panel advised of the development of electronic data recording protocols for the sport so as to streamline vehicle scrutineering - presently in the consultation phase; the Panel also expressed concern at the need for new volunteers to train in the role as present numbers were barely adequate to meet needs.
- 2021 Regulations for the NSW Hillclimb and Motor Racing Championship series were adopted.
- Congratulations were extended to the Awardees for NSW 2020 MSA Awards, including our own David Healy who received the Motorsport Australia Service Award.

Next Meeting scheduled for Friday 7th May 2021

Release of the Speed Read publication for February 2021 is to be noted.



Conditional Registrations

Changes with the way Roads and Maritime Services and Service NSW process our Conditional Registrations have forced us to also make changes. For now and the future, this is how it will work.

Historic Vehicle Scheme - for unmodified vehicles

You first need to decide whether your vehicle complies with the regulations for “unmodified vehicles” and to do that, read the information on the RMS web site. <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/vehicle-registration/how-to-register-a-vehicle/historic-vehicles/period-options-accessories.html>

If you believe your vehicle complies, you need to bring it to the Club Registrar together with:

1. An Application for Conditional Registration (RMS form 1246) with sections 1 to 11 completed.
2. An Historic Vehicle Declaration (RMS form 1259) with sections 1 and 2 completed.
3. Proof of ownership, which could be previous registration papers in your name or a receipt for the vehicle.
4. A current Safety Inspection Report (aka: Pink Slip).
5. \$25 by cash, cheque or prior EFT to the Club’s bank account.

The Registrar will check the paperwork, sign the Declaration to say that both you and the vehicle comply with the eligibility requirements, and imprint the Declaration with the Club’s stamp.

You are then free to attend your local SNSW office to register the vehicle and obtain your number plates. After you have done this, you must contact the Registrar and advise the registration number as we need to keep this for our records.

Classic Vehicle Scheme - for modified vehicles

If your vehicle does not comply with the requirements for unmodified vehicles, you can still get Conditional Registration through the Classic Vehicle Scheme. You need to bring the vehicle to the Club Registrar, together with:

1. An Application for Conditional Registration (RMS Form 1246) with sections 1 to 11 completed.
2. A Classic Vehicle Declaration (RMS form 1835) with sections 1 and 2 completed.
3. Proof of ownership, which could be previous registration papers in your name or a receipt for the vehicle.
4. A photocopy of a current Blue Slip.
5. \$55 by cash, cheque or prior EFT to the Club’s bank account.

The Registrar will check the paperwork, sign the Declaration to say that both you and the vehicle comply with the eligibility requirements, and imprint the Declaration with the Club’s stamp. You will then need to send the forms to the Australian Council of Motoring Clubs for them to also imprint their stamp, and they will return the Declaration to you. You are then free to attend your local SNSW office, register the vehicle and obtain your number plates. After you have done this, you must contact the Registrar and advise the registration number as we need to keep this for our records.

If you have any queries, please email or phone me.

Colin

Registrar

SCCA

Registrar@SpriteClub.com

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Meet The Club Cars & Owners!

The Sprite Car Club has 380 members, almost all have a special car. Would everyone like to send in a photo and a paragraph about their car to put in SpriteTorque.

Please email this information to: editor@spriteclub.com

Thank you Les Payne for the idea.

This Month let's meet: Philip Cuthbert's Cars



This is my brother Paul with his Group T winners tankard and the Toolbox at the close of the October historic race meeting at Morgan Park Warwick Qld.

I'm usually the tyre checker, fuel crew, photographer and crowd control!



Philip Cuthbert running the Electric fuel pump wire in his friend's bugeye.





Fish and Chip Run 2021

The annual Fish and Chip run with the Mini Club has been run despite Co-vid's best attempts to thwart it.

Until Friday we were only allowed 30 people max between the two clubs. A problem given many just turn up depending on the weather. The government realising our dilemma lifted restrictions allowing a max of 50. I am sure Gladys was sympathetic to our problem.

Names and numbers were required prior to the day to ensure Co-vid compliance. Thank you to those who did contact us to make the job easier.

Saturday was a day when the weather forecast said showers clearing with a max temp of 30. Who believes the weather forecast? Well, the true believers who wanted the run to go ahead were rewarded with a great afternoon out in the sunshine.

I left home with the roof up and a window in as it was raining a lot in Penrith. I was certain I would get wet, but as I headed to Mt Colah (new start point) the weather cleared and I was driving my own little sauna. It was so hot and humid heading over Berowra Waters ferry.

As I was running tight on time, I refused to stop to remove the roof. Reaching the start, the group were on the road heading for the next pick-up point at the old tollgates. A quick wave to Peter Stanton in his Bugeye. I had just enough time to get a window out and chat to the Thomson's in their Commodore. Decision was made to be tail end of the group as the Commodore is not greatest round the bends especially compared to Minis and Sprites.

Peter ended up in the middle of the main group following the Minis.

Heading up the Old

Pacific Hwy, the police were out in force. Lucky for those who noticed the highway patrol car was sitting just inside a 40km sign. That was a sudden deceleration, I can tell you from everyone. Just to make sure there was another police car at the other end of the bridge for on comers. It was a paced drive up the old road. I had seen four patrol cars by this stage.

The main group became separated due to a slow car who was on their first run and unsure of speeds and directions. As the slow car lost sight of the main group, the Thomson's and I caught up with them and joined the slow group drive. The slow car having lost its way led us onto the freeway back to Sydney. Young Phyllis (my Sprite) put her foot down and headed to the front of the group to lead them to Woy Woy. We hadn't had lunch never mind missing dinner! We made it to the finish just as the lead group arrived, so all was well.

We had a small but select group from the Sprite Club to join with a large enthusiastic bunch from the Mini Club. Who went and what happened?

Peter Stanton in his Bugeye never arrived at Woy Woy. Why? Unwittingly, following several Minis who had only come for part of the drive, they headed home via Wisemens Ferry. Peter only realised when they were at "The centre of the Universe" (Spencer). By this time Peter decided to head home back to Morisset.





Fish and Chip Run 2021

Meanwhile, Lynne Livingstone arrived at the start to find no-one turned up. After making several calls to find out if the run had been cancelled, it became apparent she was at Maccas McGraths Hill not Mt Colah. Ooops. Lynne made a quick trip up the freeway to meet us at Woy Woy. In the old days this would have earned her the Presidents Award for the month!

Brian and Robyn Thomson in their Commodore had a trouble-free run with their arms getting a good work out on the steering.

Richard Horwood who was holidaying in the area called in to say G'Day.

Commiserations to Kevin Green who pulled out during the week with hydro issues (Mini) to help with Co-vid numbers and Terry Cavendish who opted out on the day.

Lastly, there was Phyllis and I. I took the roof off for the trip home, fabulous weather, not a cloud in sight. As I was heading home a big black cloud appeared, great I thought it is blocking out the sunset that I'm driving into. Fingers crossed we'll be right. But no, 2 kms from home that big black cloud couldn't wait and we got soaked. Luckily, I have electric gates (thank you Dean) and straight into the carport. I am also lucky Phyllis doesn't have carpets and I only needed chamois the inside out. In the end, I was right I got wet.

Thanks to Michael Benton of the Mini Club who took charge and made sure we were all Co-vid compliant and we look forward to another run next year.

Avis Fowler



Beyond Bitumin Rally 2020 It did happen in November

Well it did end up going ahead in the middle of November, Paul had to retire the Sprite as it came back broken from the Bathurst Week-End Bitumen Run. So we got out the Falcon Ute, made a few changes like the wheels, put on some Sunraysia Rims with with 4 wheel drive tyres. Did some wiring for lights, 2 way radio, and a 3 piece power port for Naumans, phones and trip meters.

We meet @ the Aster Hotel in Goulburn for tea and to get our paperwork & trip notes for the next 4 days. Most teams stayed @ the Aster Hotel that night.

The next morning (Friday) we meet at Veolia Arena, Goulburn for Vehical inspections and review Safety Equipment, leaving about 8.10 then on to Braidwood where the Country Womens Association put on a great lunch for us, then we passed through Nimmitabel & Dalgety on plenty of dirt roads before arriving at Jindabyne for our overnight stop, we stayed at the Banjo Paterson Inn over looking the Lake.



Team Sprite Ute (Paul Barbara & Rod Pringle)



Map of Beyond Bitumen Rally



Lunch at Braidwood



Braidwood



Nimmitabel

Then on Saturday we leave Jindabyne and head north, when we get to Berridale we head back into the high plains with its classic "onion skin" rocks. Stopping at Cooma for morning tea. We head through the Scabby Range Nature Reserve and Namadgi National Park on to National Aboretum Canberra for lunch. After leaving Canberra we head west over the Brindabella Ranges into Tumut, then took all the back roads to Wagga via Wantabadgery, also known as "The Way to Buggery". Finishing at the Turf Club Wagga for our overnight stay in Wagga.





Beyond Bitumin Rally 2020 It did happen in November



One of the cars went bush on the way to Wagga



Stopping at the Ettamogah Pub

On Sunday we meet at the Turf Club so we can depart at 8.30, heading to Coolamon for morning tea, then on to Narrandera for lunch. Plenty of dust some places we could hardly see a 50 meters in the front of us. After lunch we head to Albury stopping at the Ettamogah Pub for a couple of quick drinks, (Paul had a couple of Lemon Lime & Bitters) I signed the counter.



Dusty Roads



Not so Dusty

Our last day Monday we were doing our last leg of the Rally, we left Albury and meet at Thurgoona going through Jingellic and beyond. As we approached the Victorian border there were police set up to stop any of us diverting into Victoria, got caught in the middle of a Sheep Herd, going over a bridge, nowhere to go so we had to stop and wait, then we headed along a classic dirt road which followed the Murray River ending up at the Men's Shed Tumbarumba. Then after having lunch we headed of home back to Sydney. Thanks to all who donated to Team Sprite, we ended up raising nearly \$3000 all up, not quite as much as last year, but it has been a hard year. Looking forward to this year as a year of recovery, it can only get better.

Team Sprite Rodney
Pringle & Paul Barbara

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Highway patrol officers are petrol heads

I have had two separate episodes with highway patrol officers while driving my h plated car. One time not so long ago, I found my self early one Sunday morning, travelling along a four lane, very wide industrial area road near my home.

For those who know my car, "the Slotus" there is little room for a front number plate to be screwed to the body, so the plate is mounted on the dash, vertical and readable.

The police officer, travelling in the opposite direction, did a flip turn and pulled me over. He asked about the plate and accepted my solution to the obvious problem. He then asked for my log sheet. It was filled out to his satisfaction, I then received a lecture regarding the log book if it is not filled out you are driving an unregistered vehicle and subject to the penalties. He also noted that the club would be subject to disqualification of club plate status.

All good information , he then spent 45 minutes talking about my car. Most Highway patrol officers are petrol heads.

Don't forget to fill out your log books.

Regards

Andrew Woodall





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