ORANGE DISTRICT ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB INC

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1964 TRABANT P - 601

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Meetings are held in the Club Rooms on the 3rd Monday of each month commencing at 7:30pm at Louie Lane, Spring Creek. All visitors are welcome. Note, the editor and /or club members do not necessarily share the opinions that may be expressed in the magazine.

## President's Report

Once again our club has been plunged into sadness with the passing of one of our members. Our Patron Leon McFadden lost his beloved wife Patricia on 19th July. I know with the support of his considerably large family and the friendship of his many friends and acquaintances Leon will get through this difficult time. With Leon being one of our founding members, Patricia was a regular at many club functions over the passed 40 or so years. Her family certainly did her proud at a service held in her honor with lots of stories of her incredible parenting skills. Only a mother knows just how to bring out the best in people when there are tasks to be done in what was clearly a loving and nurturing household, necessary with such a large family, managed with military precision. Our thoughts and prayers are with Leon and his family.

Just a reminder, this month we will be honored with a visit from representatives of the Bush Council. I know all club members will make them welcome and listen to and offer ideas on how to make the vintage vehicle movement in NSW a strong and viable pastime. This can only survive with input from enthusiasts at ground level. So if you have any ideas on how this can be achieved please come along to our August meeting.

A very pleasant day presented itself for our run to Yeoval for the Mulga Bills Bicycle Festival last weekend. An enthusiastic crowd watched the street parade and spent time and money wondering along the many stalls. Among other delights on offer were, I believe, Rabbit Stew cooked over an open fire, provided by the local fire brigade. Next year I will expect to see the Amos Family Penny Farthing making an appearance.

The President's run is only three weekends away. Anyone requiring details please contact me directly.

Everything seems on track for our upcoming Easter Rally 2012. Keith will give a report on that matter at our August meeting. We will also need to put into place some initial planning for the Canobolas Country Rally 2012. Our combined run with the local members of the Australian Sporting Car Club and luncheon to be now held Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October is also on track.

I am looking forward to the second half of the year with plenty on the calendar to keep us all on the road.

Happy rambling. Kerry Risstrom, President.

# Orange District Antique Motor Club Inc

#### **EVENTS CALENDAR 2011**

All events start from Kite Street outside Cook Park at 10:00am unless advised otherwise. For further information on any event contact Ken Gazzard phone 6361 8801 mob. 0400 863 921

#### **AUTHORISED CLUB RUNS**

**AUGUST** 

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Mid Week Run – meet at the Club House for morning tea 10:00 am. Travel to

Carcoar Dam then on to Blayney for a "Hot Pie" lunch at Ryan's Bakery.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Monthly meeting at the Club House 7:00 pm. (note time change for this meeting)

Sunday 21st.

Meet at Lucknow "Coffee and Cane" for morning tea 9:30 am. and travel to

Tarana Hotel for Lunch via O'Connell.

September

Fri.- Sun. 2<sup>nd.</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>.

**President's Run to Canberra** – see Kerry for details and Itinerary.

Sunday 4th.

Father's Day Lunch - TBA

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mid Week Run – meet at club house for morning tea 10:00am then travel to the

Gladstone Hotel Newbridge for a roast dinner - \$12.50 pp.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>.

Monthly meeting at the Club House 7:30 pm.

October

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>.

Lunch at the Club House 1:00pm - Meet with ASCC members 10:00am "Cook Park"

for a short observation run before lunch. Special invitation to older members and

staff from the Dept. Lands & Water.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mid Week Run

Sunday 16th.

Parkes Swap Meet.

Monday 15 .

Monthly meeting at the Club House 7:30pm

November

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Mid Week Run - TBA

Monday 21st.

Monthly meeting Club House 7:30pm

Sat./ Sun. 19- 20<sup>th</sup>.

Temora Air Show. Book your own accommodation.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rego. Inspection Day at the Club House. 8:30am. (note change of date)

Swap Meets and Other Events - non club runs

Sunday 28th. August

Dubbo Swap Meet

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. August

All British Day – Kings School, North Parramatta

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>. September

Cootamundra Father's Day Swap Meet

Sat./Sun. 10-11<sup>th</sup>. September

North West Swap Meet – Gunnedah

Fri. – Sun. 16 -19<sup>th</sup>.September

35<sup>th</sup> National Chevrolet Festival – Tamworth.

Celebrating 100 years of Chevrolet

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. October

Hosted by the Chevrolet Club of NSW

Cootamundra AMC. To be held at Harden Racecourse.

Sunday 30<sup>th.</sup> October

Canberra Swap Meet to be held at Exhibition Park, Northbourne Ave.

The Heritage Vehicle Clubs of NSW SW Slopes get-together hosted by

Sat./Sun. 12-13<sup>th</sup>. November

Bendigo National Swap Meet, Bendigo Showground

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Terribly British Day to be held in Canberra

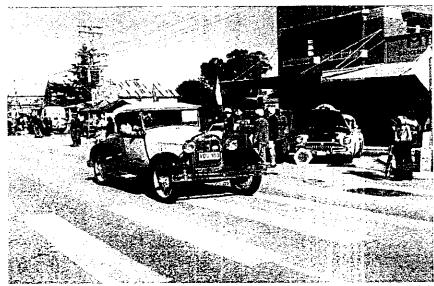
# Supper Roaster

August	Bev Holland	September	Dave Kain	October	Don Marriott
	Dick Jane	Berkeley King			Rob McKenzie

## Mulga Bill Festival

#### Report by Bob McNeill

A nice early start on a fresh Orange morning saw us heading towards Cumnock for a warm cuppa; some chose the cafe while others had theirs in the park. Onwards to Yeoval to park in the main street and a wander around before the parade. Time to eat with various venues being supported by members of the group. As the afternoon crept up some headed home while a few finished up at Dons for a cuppa and cake, thanks Dot and Belinda, we made it home just as dusk settled. ODAMC was well represented with at least 9 cars. Ian H came down from Dubbo in the modern, Bob.



Kevin Penson's A model Ford in the Parade with Bob McNeill's FJ ute parked in the street.

## All Holden Day

#### Report by Bob McNeill

Over the w/end we attended the 26th All Holden Day. Leaving on Friday afternoon we motored along at 45mph until a coffee stop at Lithgow, with all lights blazing [ as well as 45 watt 6 volt lights do ] we headed into the dark, converting several car loads into the urgent need for a 4 lane road over the Bells Line. At 6.30 on Sat morning we left Dad's place at Kurrajong and arrived at the Swap meet around 7.00, not as many stalls as normal, I think the prospect of showers kept a few away. We had lunch with Jessica [ our sons girlfriend ] in Richmond. Early Sunday had us lining up with the other 750 registered entrants to get straight in and set up in the selected areas, leaving those who came on the day to go thru the paper trail and not get a Goodies bag. Parked just behind us was the Monaro that the Whites sold a couple of years ago. Left the showground at 4.00pm,out to Agnes Banks and Yarramundie, up to Spingwood and on to Lithgow. With a meal at Mt Lambie arrived home around 9.00pm. - Side note OUR trophy is tucked away on the mantle shelf. Thanks to the organizers for a great day, lots to see and well catered for in the food line, to PINKIE the M.C. for the day, well done.



Bob and Marg were awarded the trophy for "Best Car of the Day" in the Most Original class donated by the Hawkesbury Towing Service.

# Trabant

The Trabant is a car that was produced by former East German auto maker VEB Sachsenring Automobilwerke Zwickau in Zwickau, Sachsen. It was the most common vehicle in East Germany and was also exported to countries both inside and outside the communist bloc. The main selling points was that it had room for four adults and luggage in a compact, light and durable shell and that it was fast (when introduced) and durable. With its mediocre performance, inefficient two-stroke engine, noxious fumes and production shortages, the Trabant is often cited as an example of the disadvantages of centralized planning; on the other hand, it is regarded with derisive affection as a symbol of the failed former East Germany and of the fall of communism (in former West Germany, as many East Germans streamed into West Berlin and West Germany in their Trabants after the opening of the Berlin Wall in 1989). It was in production without any significant changes for nearly 30 years with 3,096,099 Trabants produced in total. The name, meaning 'satellite' or 'companion' in German, was inspired by Soviet Sputnik. The cars are often referred to as the Trabbi or Trabi, pronounced TRAH-bee. Since it could take years for a Trabant to be delivered from the time it was ordered, people who finally got one were very careful with it and usually became skillful in maintaining and repairing it. The lifespan of an average Trabant was 28 years. Used Trabants would often fetch a higher price than new ones, as the former were available immediately, while the latter required the infamous long wait. There were four principal variants of the Trabant, the P50, also known as the Trabant 500, produced 1957-1962; the Trabant 600, produced 1962-1964; the Trabant 601, produced 1963-1991; and the Trabant 1.1 produced 1990-1991 with a 1,043 cc (63.6 cu in) VW engine (making the "1.1" a slight misnomer). The engine for the Trabant 500, 600 and original 601 was a small two-stroke engine with two cylinders, giving the vehicle modest performance. At the end of production in 1989 it delivered 19 kW (26 horsepower) from a 600 cc (37 cu in) displacement. The car took 21 seconds from 0 to 100 km/h (62 mph) and the top speed was 112 km/h (70 mph). There were two main problems with the engine: the smoky exhaust and the pollution it produced—nine times the amount of hydrocarbons and five times the carbon monoxide emissions of the average European car of 2007. The fuel consumption was 7 L/100 km (40 mpg; 34 mpg). Since the engine does not have an oil injection system, two-stroke oil has to be added to the 24-litre (6.3 U.S. gal; 5.3 imp gal) fuel tank every time the car was filled up, at a 50:1 or 33:1 ratio of fuel to oil. Gas stations of the time in countries where two-stroke engines were common served premixed gas-oil mixture from the pump. Today, owners normally carry a container of two-stroke oil in the car for this purpose. The earlier models have no fuel gauge; a dipstick is inserted into the tank to determine how much fuel remains. ... The Trabant was a steel monocoque design with roof, bootlid/trunklid, bonnet/hood, bumpers/fenders and doors in Duroplast, a form of plastic containing resin strengthened by wool or cotton. This helped the GDR to avoid expensive steel imports but, in theory, did not provide much crash protection, although in crash tests it allegedly performed superior to some contemporary Western hatchbacks. Because the car lacked a fuel pump, the fuel tank was placed high up in the engine compartment so that fuel could be fed to the carburettor by gravity; a trade-off of this design is an increased fire risk in front-end accidents. The Trabant was the second car to use Duroplast, after the "pre-Trabant" P70 model (1954-1959). The duroplast was made of recycled material, cotton waste from Soviet Union and phenol resins from the East German dye industry, making the Trabant the first car with a body made of recycled material.

Production of the Trabant on April 30, 1991 reached 3.7 million vehicles.

**Members please note:** There will not be a publication of the "Restoration Ramble" next month (September) as my wife and I will be holidaying in New Zealand. For information on all Club Runs, please contact Ken Gazzard.

# **TRABANT MOTOR VEHICLES**



P50 First Model 1957 - 19625



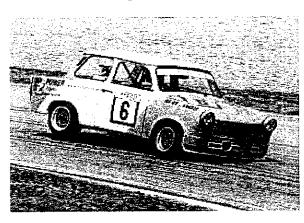
Some owners used them to tow caravans



Universal Estate Wagon



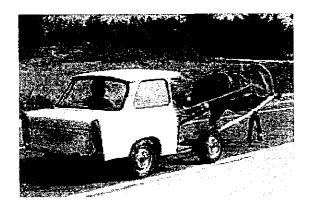
P -601 Family Sedan



Some owners raced them!



Trabant Tramp – The jeep look-a-like



One horse power model



Also used by the German Army

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#### FOR SALE & WANTED

Please note, advertisements will run for three months unless you advise the editor to the contrary.

For Sale: 1951 Jaguar Mark 7- 4 Door, Black Duco, Red leather interior in good con.

Some rust in footwells, factory fitted (rare) 3.4 litre 6 cycl. Xk 120 motor.

Contact Andy for more info. Ph. 0428 261 242

For Sale: 1924 Studebaker Motor just done 1,000 klms. New tyres,

Condell Park \$23,000 Trading Post

For Sale: 1966 Humber Vogue Auto, good tyres, orig. tools, workshop manual

In running order, no rego. tidy appearance Contact Bill Robertson Ph. 4681 8767

For Sale: 1974 Volvo, white, 164E showing 245K's, unregistered for last 11 years. Always

sheded, very straight, leather seats. Deceased estate.

Offers Kevin Penson: 63645202

For Sale: 1923-24 Rugby New radiator, gearbox & diff overhauled, all new bushes, king pins

and shackles. Engine not rebuilt, lots of spares. Contact Richard Cormick Ph. 4889 9655 (Berrima)

For Sale: 1947 Rover 12HP Saloon Earlier restoration, engine & gearbox rebuilt,

New tyres, good leather seating, lots of new & used parts, Historic rego

Contact Jon Sibley Ph. 02 6368 7147

For Sale: 1926 Dodge Tourer Semi restored, mechanically fully restored, new brakes

Needs trimming, some parts available. \$10,000 or offer

Contact Bruce Ph. 02 6342 4410

For Sale: 1973 Triumph 2500 – Jasmine white, in good cond. On club plates. Ready to rally

Contact Noel Ritchie Ph. 6942 2520 (Cootamundra )

For Sale: 1979 XD Falcon Wagon, 4.1 - registered till Sept. genuine 128 K's, towbar

1 owner who is surrendering licence. Asking \$2000. Tony Ash 63627213

For Sale: 1963 MGB VGC, red with black trim, recon gearbox, new clutch, electronic ign.

unleaded head. Rego MG.009 \$18,000 ono

Contact Ed Gilmore 02 4232 3087 (Wollongong)

For Sale: Triumph TR3 A - 2 Litre engine rebuilt & used on road for 3,775 miles, low port

head, extractors, HS6 SU's, thin belt pulley conversion, rack & pinion steering, disc brakes roll bar, chassis gusseted for extra rigidity, spare set of wheels & tyres, lots

of other modifications & bits. Used in Regularity from 1991-2002.

Repainted in Le Mans Red. (car is currently unregistered)

Offers around \$22,000. Contact Alan Mitchell (02)6361-4732 (Orange).

Wanted: 1949/1952 Ford V8 F1 18cwt truck. Contact Bruce Marriott (02) 63677225