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*The Journal of the Australian Historic Motor Club Blue Mountains*



*Club cars at Shannons CMC Classic, Eastern Creek NSW Sunday  
August 20<sup>th</sup> 2023*

Club meetings are held on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month.

The meeting starts **at 8pm SHARP** at North Katoomba School Hall

Entry via Mistral Street, North Katoomba

## AHMCBM OFFICE BEARERS 2023

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Andrew Moyle
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Bryce Sutcliffe
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Glen Mason
<b>ASSISTANT SECRETARY</b>	Peter Ramsden
<b>TREASURER</b>	Maureen Johnstone
<b>PUBLIC OFFICER</b>	Rex Drummond
<b>EDITOR</b>	Gerard Rummery
<b>WEBSITE MANAGER</b>	Ron Dixon
<b>EVENTS COORDINATOR</b>	Norm Johnstone
<b>ASSISTANT EVENTS COORDINATOR</b>	Ron Sutcliffe
<b>REGISTRAR</b>	Dave Gillmore
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>	Richard Philbrook
<b>Ordinary Club Members for Committee</b>	Ernie Mitchell Richard Philbrook

## **Club Aims and Objectives**

The Club is set up to bring together people who have an interest in road-going vehicles more than **25 years** old

- To promote the restoration and preservation of such vehicles
- To foster friendship and cooperation by meeting together and going on outings
- To promote interest in and use of vehicles which come within the interest of the Club
- To assist members, where possible, by the use of the Club Library.

## **From the Editor**

Hello, welcome to the September 2023 edition of Mountain Manifold e-mag!

This edition is a bumper! In addition to the usual minutes from recent club meetings and a request from Ern Mitchell regarding your club's standing resolutions, we have a great article from Ern about the evolution of the Datsun 240Z/Fairlady, and lots of photos of classic cars, just like a magazine for members of a classic car club should have!

I spent 6 weeks in June & July cycle touring around various bits of France & kept a sharp eye out for old & interesting cars along the way. As luck would have it, I stumbled upon a classic car weekend in a town called Les Deux Alpes, in the French Alps. Stunning scenery & some very cool cars that we don't see here in Oz much!

There are also photos from the recent Shannons CMC day at Eastern Creek, which was another well attended event on a beautiful sunny day.

Car photos from elsewhere are great, but I still think the best content for this mag comes from club members themselves, so please reach out to me to share your stories. Together I hope we can create a rich archive of the doings of the club, it's members and their cars.

Cheers,

Gerard.

## Standing Resolutions request:

This is a draft copy of the Standing Resolutions, drafted by Ern Mitchell. Ern has requested members provide any **comments, deletions, inclusions or recommendations**. If you have some feedback for Ern, please contact him on [emcobuild@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emcobuild@yahoo.com.au).

# A H M C Blue Mountains

## Standing Resolutions

1. The club shall be managed by a set of Standing Resolutions approved by the members.
2. Club is managed by elected office bearers at an Annual General Meeting held and two committee members in accordance with the clubs Constitution.
3. The Club shall meet monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 8-00pm in the general assembly hall of the North Katoomba Public School.
4. The Club may meet at another location and time and venue if decided by members in an open meeting.
5. Club's AGM shall be held each December at the conclusion of the General Meeting. The President shall declare all Committee positions vacant and appoint a returning office. After all officer bearers have been elected the new bearers shall take their elected position. If a ballot is required a past President or Committee member present shall be a scrutineer and distribute and collect ballot papers. Only financial members are eligible to vote.
6. Club's Public Officer shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting.
7. The Club must keep a record copy of all vehicles participating in the Historic Vehicle Scheme and these records are for Club Official use only.
8. Annual member subscription is payable by each member at the current annual fee. This fee must be paid no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.
9. Each member attending a General Meeting must sign the Attendance Book to be covered by Club's insurance.
10. The Club is a member of the Council of Motor Cars.
11. Club has a web site that displays the Constitution.
12. Club web site shall display the Monthly Club runs.
13. For a member to participate in the 60-day Registration Historic Vehicle Scheme, (HVS) shall abide by the NSW Government RMS Rules and Regulations. These Rules are available on:  
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/vehicle-sheets/index.html>
14. A member must be financial with A.H.M.C. Blue Mountains to be eligible for the benefits of the Historic Vehicle Scheme and provide the Club Registrar photographs of that vehicle or Motorcycle.
15. A member wishing to participate in the Concessional Vehicle Scheme must forward the necessary documentation to the Council of Motor Cars after receiving primary club approval.
16. If the member is not participating in the HSV (60-day) they must only use such vehicle in Club organised events. If the vehicle is to be used outside a Club event, then an approved Travel Permit must be obtained from the Secretary.
17. Members are expected to attend monthly general club meeting and club runs as advertised on the web site.
18. These Standing Resolutions may be amended at a general meeting so long as a quorum is present consisting of a minimum of 25% of financial members are present.



All members formally adopted the above Standing Resolution numbered 1 to 14 at a General meeting held on.....

Signed .....

Seconded.....

President

Secretary.

### Meeting Minutes since April:

See below for meeting minutes for September, August, July, June and May:



### Meeting Minutes– September 2023

Minutes of the meeting of AHMC-BM Incorporated operating as the Australian Historic Motor Club Blue Mountains held at Katoomba North Public School, Mistral St, Katoomba NSW, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Chaired by Andrew Moyle: started 8:01pm.

Welcome members (42), visitors (2) Phillip Tillis 1st meeting and John Facchina 2nd meeting.

**Apologies:** (16) Warren Sheppeard, Ken Bolton, Mike Walsh, Kathleen Toovey, Gary Meredith, Stephen Ford, Mark Phillis, Mike Davis, Joseph Dalglish, Rex Drummond, Les Abbott, Kris McDonald, David Pascoe, David Head, Borris Hunt, Lucius Culliton. Accepted Leonnie Paterson, Seconded Doug Peters.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Nil business arising. Accepted Bryce Sutcliffe , seconded Ernie Mitchell.

**Correspondence in:** The usual magazines, some British cars mags from Richard Philbrook and the guide dogs , and our clubs new insurance paperwork.

**Correspondence out:** Nil.

**Treasurers report:** Maureen Johnstone:

AHMC FINANCIAL STATEMENT August, 2023			
	Debit	Credit	Balance
OPENING BALANCE			\$7,795.86
Income			
Various receipts		240.00	
Interest		0.07	
TOTAL		\$240.07	
Expenditure			
TOTAL	\$0.00		
BALANCE ON HAND			\$8,035.93
Bank Statement at 31 August, 2023			\$8,035.93

Accepted Trevor Toovey.

**CMC report:** Nil

**Presidents report:** Apologies for missing last meeting, thanks Bryce Sutcliffe for filling in, and club members for attending runs and to the new members.

**Events report:** Norm Johnstone: last month was the CMC day at Sydney Motorsport Park with over 1,500 cars. It was a warm day, and we all did a lap of the circuit and Sarah took our 8 year old grandson in the MG and he had a great time. On the way home in the MG the front left wheel bearing collapsed, so a tow from Lapstone home ensued.

Next Saturday 9/9/23 is the Daffodil Festival at Rydal.

On the 10/9/23 is Linwood Hall markets run by Mustang car club.

On the 17/9/23 is the all British day at Kings School, 100 years of MG. The holy trinity church at Wentworth Falls are having their fair, that's a good day with lots of stalls and good food on the same day.

Next month 8/10/23 is a run to the overflow museum Castle Hill. Showground road, meet at Bulls Camp 7:30 and go from there. Andrew aiming for another astronomy night at the farm, that's a great night out!

**General business:** Dave Gilmore asked if the registration be moved to November 19th as he will be away in December, all present agreed.

Ernie Mitchell asked myself, the club secretary if I had received an email regarding a survey about costs associated with running an historic vehicle including rego, insurance and all other costs so that the CMC can build a data base to showcase to the relevant authorities as to how much the 60 odd thousand members contribute to the economy. I will forward the email to the President and Treasurer to send out to our members.

Also what about fossil fuels into the future? As these vehicles cars, trucks, motorbikes etc are more than just a hobby, they are a way of life and a passion and also we are preserving history. There is talk of a carbon tax on older cars and already in the UK there is what is called an ULEV or fresh air zones whereby vehicles must meet certain requirements?

New plates for historic vehicles are coming with varying colours?

Ernie also mentioned the disappearance of manual gears in cars, which can enhance the driving experience among other things such as clutch starts and feeling more in control of the vehicle.  
Thanks Ernie!

Raffle and cuppa time.

Meeting closed 8:27pm.



### **Meeting Minutes– August 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of AHMC-BM Incorporated operating as the Australian Historic Motor Club Blue Mountains held at Katoomba North Public School, Mistral St, Katoomba NSW, on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

Start: 8:01pm: Bryce Sutcliffe chaired the meeting in Andrew Moyles absence.

Welcome members (42) and guests 2 Robyn Austin and John Facchina.

Apologies: Ken Bolton, G Collier, Dave Uden, Les Abbott, Andrew Moyle, Denise Johnson, Kathleen Toovey, Warren Shephard, David Carnall, David Pascoe, Kristine McDonald.

Minutes of last meeting: nil business arising, accepted Ernie Mitchell

**Correspondence in:** Renewal of public liability insurance policy for the club, and the usual conrod magazine.

**Correspondence out:** Nil.

**Treasurers report** read by Maureen Johnstone, accepted by David Gilmore.

AHMC FINANCIAL STATEMENT July, 2023

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## CMC report read by Ernie Mitchell.

### CMC Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July

All delegates present at the meeting were strongly advised to point out to the club that they must keep good and up to date record as it is their legal obligation.

All Club magazine must be sent to the State library. Vehicles modified before 1967 that were converted to an Ambulance or Fire rescue are eligible for HVS plates, recent modified must be on CVS.

In recent times there has been an increase in fines for speeding, incorrect filled in Log Book and false use of plates. Change in the authorises thinking in fitting of seat belts in older vehicles. If seat belts were fitted to the vehicle at time purchase and can be proved by present owner or as per manufacturers workshop manual it is not a problem.

At the Shannon's day 20 August, running time for circuit drive allocated to clubs is 20 minutes, entry is 1500 vehicles. AHMC Blue Mountains run time is 1-20 pm. We are in area C same as last year.

CMC has had 17 enquiries from club to join. To become a member each applicant must complete 9 steps. Most applicants usually only get to two steps.

CMC have so far only 1 application for Robert Shannon Foundation funding.

Tony De luca Volunteer of Year Award so far only two applications have been received, MG Hunter Vally and Western Sydney Truck Association. Australian Historic Motor Club applied to become a member of CMC and were refused as most vehicles are very heavily modified and have been found swapping plates to suit owner's needs.

**President's report:** nil.

**Events report:** Norm Johnstone: last outing was to the pioneer village at Wilberforce, a good day out with miniature trains and tractor rides, we had 7 classic and 2 modern cars.

Next weekend 5/6th august is all holden day and swap meet \$10 entry.

August 20th is the cmc day at Sydney Motorsport Park there are still tickets available. Our lap of the track is at 1:20pm and there are many different car clubs with about 1,500 cars, its usually a great day out.

Next month is all British day at the Kings School Parramatta celebrating 100 years of mg, I have tickets if anybody wants them, and on the same weekend the 16/17th September there is a model and hobby show at Hawkesbury showground with Kenworth trucks, tractors etc, we could make that a club run and have lunch at the Clarendon pub. I also received an email from the Albion



Park airshow for next March, I didn't make last year but heard it was good, it's called Airshow Downunder with parking to display our cars.

**General business:** Bryce Sutcliffe gave a heartfelt thank you to all for their kind thoughts and words for Mr David Harris, his father in law and life member of the club. Greg Harris also thanked the members as his father was much loved by all, much appreciated.

Mike Walsh mentioned that Transport for NSW has been busy checking pink tickets and inspectors etc 65 in 3 days all up; 4 did not comply, 5 were suspended immediately and they will also be prominent at this year's CMC day, they will have their own booth if you want to ask questions or abuse them, up to you!! They also went up north checking trucks, light trucks, delivery vans, caravans, etc & also attended a four wheel drive 3 day event called a tuff truck challenge, they checked 76 vehicles, 22 complied, 54 defective with 37 minor tickets, 17 major ones that needed to get reinspected and 4 grounded immediately, could not be driven from the event. Needless to say there were quite a few disgruntled 4x4 owners!

Also if you have a homemade trailer be sure to keep the rego up as new ones being made are on the hit list with new regulations? Norm Johnstone told a story about his father Stan and his army sergeant which I'm sure would be a good story for the magazine.

No further business: meeting closed at 8:23 pm



### **Meeting Minutes– July 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of AHMC-BM Incorporated operating as the Australian Historic Motor Club Blue Mountains held at Katoomba North Public School, Mistral St, Katoomba NSW, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Prior to commencing the meeting Andrew paid tribute to a much loved life member of the club, David Harris who's funeral was today and attended by many, including 3 cars from the club in honour of David Harris and sent condolences to the Harris and Sutcliffe families and friends.

Meeting commenced at 8:03pm

Andrew Moyle (President) chaired the meeting and started by welcoming 30 members and 3 visitors

**Visitors:** Mark Phillis was welcomed as a member as this was his third meeting, as was Alexander Polatos. Alan Starkey was on his first visit and has a collection of British cars.

**Apologies:** Glen Orriss, Mike Walsh, Rex Drummond, Kathleen Toovey, Ken Bolton, Warren Sheppheard, Bryce Sutcliffe, Ron Sutcliffe, Stephen Ford, Tim Sanford, Kris McDonald, Anthony Caines, David Peters, Dave Gilbert, Boris Hunt, Lucius Culliton, Gary Meredith, Graham Collier and Barry McMahon. Apologies accepted by Trevor Toovey and seconded by Paul Gray. All in favour.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Nil business arising. Accepted by John Siccardi and seconded by Jeff Burchell.

**Correspondence in:** The usual magazines etc.

**Correspondence out:** The club sent a card to Malcolm and Alison Kerry on their 70th wedding anniversary.

**Treasurers report:** Read by Maureen Johnstone. Accepted by Trevor Toovey. All in favour.

AHMC FINANCIAL STATEMENT June, 2023			
	Debit	Credit	Balance
			<b>\$7,763.85</b>
OPENING BALANCE			
Income			
Various receipts		25.00	
Interest		0.07	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25.07</b>	
Expenditure			
B/Pay -- Heritage Day BBQ supplies	74.20		
B/Pay -- Stationery	283.92		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$358.12</b>		
<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>			<b>\$7,430.86</b>
<b>Bank Statement at 30 June, 2023</b>			<b>\$7,430.86</b>

**CMC Report:** Nil

**Presidents Report:** Andrew Moyle - unfortunately I missed the last run due to family commitments, thank you to all the members for keeping the club going and to the new members including some fresh young faces, thanks to all.

**Events Report:** Norm Johnstone, last month June run was to the Valley Heights Rail Museum. Keith and some volunteers from the museum really looked after us. We parked our cars in front of the roundhouse, we had 18 cars turn up, he threw in the train ride for free at 11am and then we did the tour including the workshop where they had just finished work on a 2 storey tram car and other interesting things. The canteen was open and the coffee and pies went down well. We had a great day and other visitors appreciated our club cars on display. A well attended run.

Next Sunday 16th July is to the Australiana Pioneer Village at Wilberforce. Costs:- \$10 entry, pensioners \$5.00. Open from 10am till 4pm. You can bring your own food if you like, there are bbq facilities there or you can purchase food and drinks on site. There are train and tractor rides and plenty of activities for young and old alike. Come along, it should be a fun and interesting day.

Also on the 16th July is the All French Day at Silverwater. Paul Moine usually goes along.

The CMC day is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Maureen has about 10 tickets left at \$25.00 each and \$5.00 from each ticket goes to prostate research. It's a great day with lots of cars from various clubs, getting bigger each year and you can also do a lap of the Eastern Creek track (Sydney Motorsport Park)

In September on the 17th there is the All British Day at the Kings School at Parramatta and also the annual arts and crafts fair. There are a lot of amazing vehicles, well worth a look.

**General business:** Glen Mason thanked Peter Ramsden for filling in on secretary duties for the June meeting. Much appreciated.

No further business meeting closed 8:20pm



### **Meeting Minutes– June 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of AHMC-BM Incorporated operating as the Australian Historic Motor Club Blue Mountains held at Katoomba North Public School, Mistral St, Katoomba NSW, on Wednesday 7 June 2023.

Meeting opened at 8:00 pm by Andrew Moyle with 32 members in attendance.

**Visitors:-** Mark Phillis and James Branley

**Apologies:-** Glen Mason, Joseph Dalglish, David Head, Jeff Burchell, Kathleen Toovey, Graham Collier, John Hatswell, Anthony Caines, Kris McDonald, David Pascoe, Gary Meredith, Boris Hunt and Lucius Culliton.

Minutes of last meeting were emailed: Accepted Dave Gilbert, seconded Dave Gillmore

**Business arising from minutes:-** Nil

**Correspondence In.**

Australian Sports Car Magazine

**Correspondence Out.**

None

**Treasurer's report:-** Attached. Accepted Rex Drummond, seconded Ern Mitchell

**CMC report:-** Attached

**President's report.**

Tickets for Eastern Creek with Maureen – only 20 available.

**Events Reports**

Norm gave an update on the Bathurst Gold Country Rally that some of our members attended - Nice soup for lunch – cold hall. Members Dave Uden and Chris Parker won trophies for their vehicles. Maureen won a Gerni pressure cleaner in the raffle.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June run is to Valley Heights Heritage Steam Museum. Book online for tickets which will include a train ride and tour of the workshop.

**General business**

Wakefield Park proposed opening later this year

Leuralla auction 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July

Swap meet Bathurst Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 6:00 am to 3:00 pm

Gandenang clearance sale 24<sup>th</sup> June

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

<b>AHMC FINANCIAL STATEMENT May 2023</b>			
	Debit	Credit	Balance
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>			<b>\$7,827.79</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Various receipts		85.00	
Interest		0.06	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85.06</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>8/Pay - Western District Trophies: name badges</b>	85.00		

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>		
<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>			<b>\$7,763.85</b>
Bank Statement at 31 May, 2023			<b>\$7,763.85</b>

### CMC Report- June Meeting

Club participating in Log Book scheme and a member of that club not on HVS being pulled over by police may find they will not accept his/her minutes from Club magazine and insist that the member should have a Day Book Permit. If this happens the member is advised to collect all relevant information and details of the incident, present it to CMC through Club channels and CMC will see if, they can resolve the matter.

CMC web site is now up to date.

CMC face book has had 264,000 hits in 4 weeks. Greatest number are from overseas.

Tractors on HVS scheme are still under discussion over fitting of indicator lights, seat belts, head lights etc, these were never fitted and never will be fitted. CMC working through this with TfNSW

CMC are still asking Clubs to participate in the Tony De Luca Volunteer of Year Award. So far, they have only one entrant. Nomination by email to:- [cmc.nsw.members@gmail.com](mailto:cmc.nsw.members@gmail.com).

Fitting of seat belts to a car that was never designed to meet this requirement is still an issue. If as an owner, you fitted seat belts to a vehicle and had not had them certified by an engineer you can face a penalty.

Site layout for Shannon's CMC day will be available at July meeting. Tickets for CMC meeting in August have been issued to us. **Only 20 available at \$25-00 each.** We are in area C same as last year. Members must remember that a speed limit of 80kph is the maximum on the drive around the circuit. It was mentioned at the recent meeting last year some person clocked 180kph down the straight and put it on face book.

Bill Buckle has passed away, for members that do not know of him he had a Sydney car dealership, produced a Fibreglass Spots car called the Buckle fitted with a Ford Zephyr engine. He also manufactured the Goggomobile in various forms with permission from Germany.





Minutes of the meeting of AHMC-BM Incorporated operating as the Australian Historic Motor Club Blue Mountains held at Katoomba North Public School, Mistral St, Katoomba NSW, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

Meeting commenced at 8:00pm

President Andrew Moyle welcome 33 members and 3 visitors.

**Visitors:** Alan Hicks, Jeannie Hicks and Harry Mayberry. As this was their third attendance Alan and Jeannie Hicks were welcomed as new members, all members agreed.

**Apologies:** Mark Phillis, Graham Collier, Kathleen Toovey, Joseph Dalglish, Stephen Ford, Bryce Sutcliffe, Ken Bolton, Kris McDonald, David Pascoe, Gary Meredith, David Peters, Boris Hunt, Lucius Hunt, Dave Uden and Warren Sheppheard. Apologies accepted by Paul Gray.  
Minutes of last meeting: - nil business arising. Accepted by Maureen Johnstone and Seconded by Ron Dixon.

**Correspondence in:** A 1983 Daihatsu for sale if anyone is interested contact Sandra. Paul Deane is also looking to join the club. We will send him some info and the usual magazines.

**Correspondence out: Nil.**

## Treasurers report:

<b>AHMC FINANCIAL STATEMENT April, 2023</b>			
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>			<b>\$7,757.72</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Various receipts		70.00	
Interest		0.07	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$70.07</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>			<b>\$7,827.79</b>
<b>Bank Statement at 30 April, 2023</b>			<b>\$7,827.79</b>

Accepted by Mike Walsh.

**CMC report:** Nil.

**President's report:** Andrew Moyle thanked everyone for attending on this cold night and for attending the club outings.

**Events report:** Norm Johnstone. Our May run is the National Motoring Heritage Day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Wentworth Falls Lake. Our new bbq will be set up and sausages, onions bread sauce etc will be available, courtesy of the club.

Also in May on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> the Gold Country Rally at Bathurst, it's a great weekend this is our 7th (Norm & Maureen Johnstone) in a row and it's run by the Bathurst Historic Car Club, we are going to Black Springs for morning tea, then onto Rockley for lunch and back to the Goldfields Motel at the top of Mount Panorama for dinner. Entries are still open, there are still a few spots.

June 27<sup>th</sup> run is to the Valley Heights Rail Museum. We have to be there by 9:30am and we can park in the roundhouse, we will get a free tour which includes the workshop and there is a cafe there with railway tucker. Cost is \$18 per person and if you wish to ride the train you have to book online and the cost is \$55 which includes entry.

**General business:** Walter Aiken has free tickets to this weekend's Sydney Antiques Fair at Randwick Racecourse on 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May if anyone is interested.

Norm brought in Ian Bathgate's old club jacket as a guide to what we may like to purchase as well as having our club logo embroidered or made up as a patch/badge type to sew on shirts and jackets etc.

Tim congratulated the club on its outstanding website, all applauded Ron Dixon for his efforts.

Dave Gilmore will be away for the December registration day so it was changed to Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

Dave, Norm and Andrew will be attending the Registrars Meeting on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May on behalf of the club.

Norm Johnstone's MG motor is back in after about a \$3k rebuild.

A discussion on seatbelt fitment arose concerning cars that predated seatbelts, either they must be fitted into the car manufacturers pre fitted hardware or else if they are fitted by the owner to a car without the proper mounting bolts etc they must be engineered.

Trevor Toovey mentioned the Macquarie Towns Rally will be held on the last week in July for those motorcyclists interested, it's over 2 days.

Ernie Mitchell asked about the Clubs email to be put in Just Cars magazine instead of his which is on the clubs website.

Ernie also mentioned the clubs standing resolutions are being drafted and put on the website/magazine to be discussed and possibly tweaked by the club members and if agreed to be put in place, which the CMC has encouraged clubs to do.

No further business meeting closed at 8:29pm

## Datsun 240z/Fairlady- Some Facts and History

### Origins

Hashimoto founded the Kaishinsha Motor Car Works in 1911. The first prototype of 1912 was completely unsuccessful, but the second chassis built the following year was much better and received first prize at Tokyo Expo in 1914. In recognition of the help Hashimoto received, he called his cars Dat. In 1925 Kaishinsha changed its name to DAT Motor Car Manufacturing Co Ltd. Around this time and up to 1923 there were only fewer than 15000 in the country. However, a devastating Kanto earthquake of that year brought a flurry of import trucks and buses from the USA.

Demand for American vehicles was great for Ford and General Motors. Dat managed to remain in business, but in 1931 Dat was taken over by Tobata Imono who made its fortune as a foundry manufacturing component for the motor industry. DAT was reorganised in Osaka with its products renamed Datson. The Datson 91 was the first car to appear after the takeover in 1932. It was pointed out to Imono Son can be taken to mean a loss or disadvantage. After a typhoon flooded the DAT works management took this as an omen and changed the name to Datsun in 1932



*Prototype Datson, 1931.*

In December 1933 in Yokohama a new company was formed by Tobata Imono and Nihon Sanyo. In 1934 Nihon Sanyo became the sole owner (Nissan) and formed Nissan Motor Co Ltd. Nissan kept making light cars under the Datsun name so if it failed it was not related to Nissan. Some even made their way to Australia.

In 1936 Japan changed the Law leaning towards Military manufacturing. This influenced Ford and GM closing completely in 1937, and Japanese vehicle production reached its peak in 1941. The major produces were towards military use.

In 1945 General MacArthur granted permission for Nissan to produce a Nissan 180 truck.

The rest is history.

### Fairlady 1500 & 1600

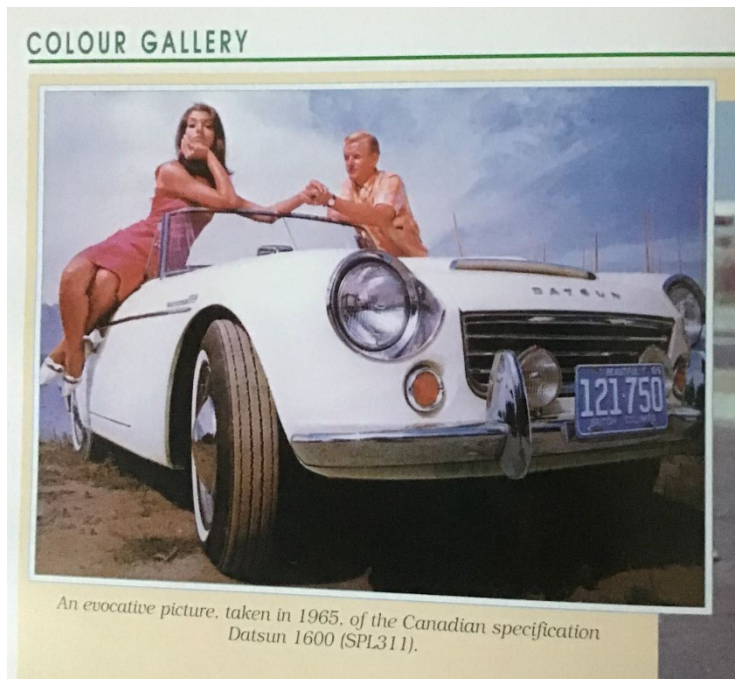
The first Datsun Sport Car of the modern time recognised in Australia is the Datsun Fairlady 1500 (1488cc) Code No SP310 producing 80bhp. This was superseded by Datsun Fairlady 1600 (1595cc) Code No SP311 producing 90bhp.

The Fairlady 1500 and 1600 were available for home and export in left and right hand drive. They were powered by a four (4) cylinder engine fitted with two Hitachi HJB38W-1 carburettors on the

1500, while the 1600 was fitted with HJB38w-3 carburettors. Each were fitted with wind up side windows, seat belts, clock, radio, cigarette lighter, alternator, heating and windscreen washers.

The 1600 was the first to be fitted with synchromesh gearbox on all four gears.

While no figures are available of sales in Australia, in America between 1962-70, 38577 in total were sold.



## Datsun 240Z

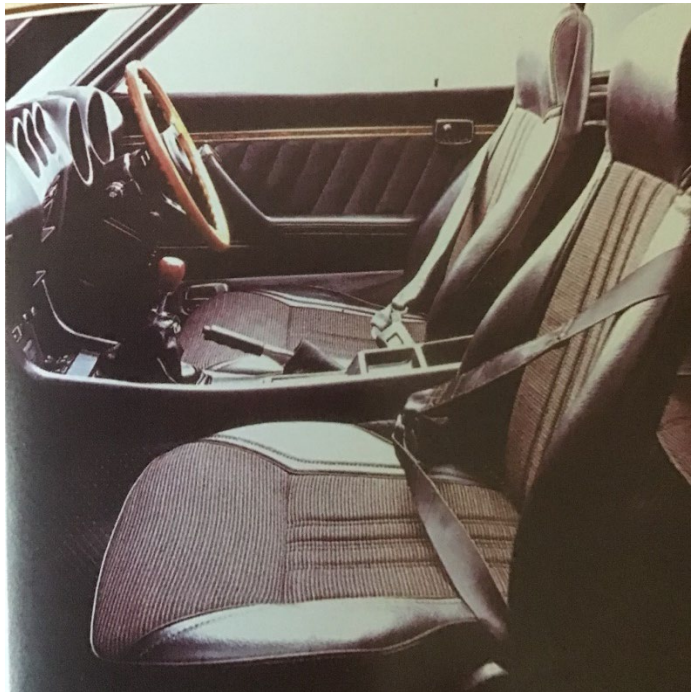
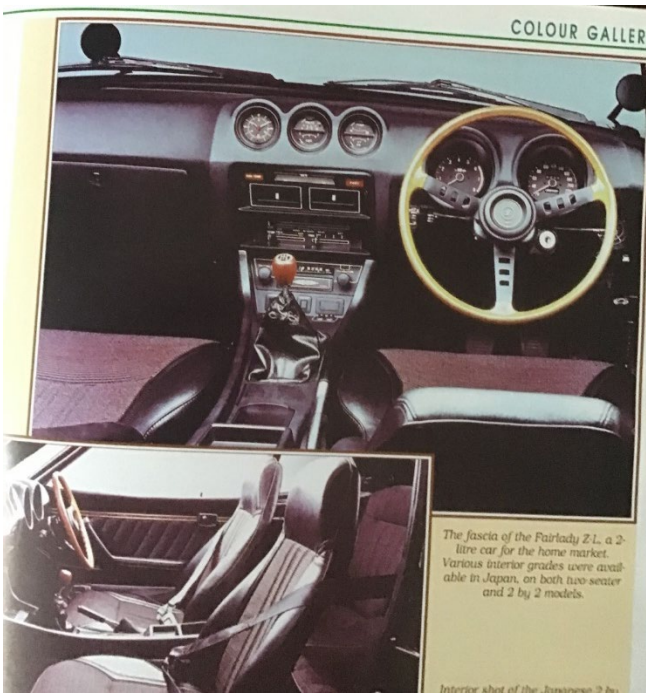
Datsun 240Z or as the Americans call them ZEE was launched on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1969 at the Tokyo Motor Show. In Japan they are known as Fairlady and were fitted with an L20 or S20 six-cylinder 2 litre engines to meet Tax Laws.

Exported 240Zs were fitted with an L24 SOHC (2393cc) cast iron block, this gave 151bhp at 5600rpm and 146lbft torque at 4400 rpm. The cylinder head is aluminium with twin HJG46W-8 Hitachi carburettors. The engine is almost an exact copy of the Mercedes Benz block fitted into the Datsun P510 with two extra cylinders added.

The 240Z was wind tunnel tested to reduce wind drag. It had full independent suspension and rack and pinion steering, which was rare for Japanese cars of the time. Brakes were dual circuit split front to rear, 10.7 in disc on the front and alloy drums rear complete with limiting valve and booster by Bendix Servo.

A full set of gauges were fitted with adjustable light, clock, radio, lockable glove box, heater, and ventilation system. Other features included clutch footrest, map lamp, under bonnet trouble lamp with extending power cord, dipping rear view mirror, bootstraps to secure luggage, twin storage in boot for jack and tools and spare wheel placed under boot floor. Outside of Japan America was the largest importer of 240Z, also known as "240 oz".





In Japan, Fairladys (240Z) were available with various models such as Z, ZL, Z432R. The Z was standard, ZL luxury and Z432R high performance. Z432R only available to a small number of dealers and are much sought after. All were fitted with L20 or S20 (1998cc) six cylinders.





*Datsun 240Z Z432R*

The 240Z came with a standard body and fittings while the ZL was fitted with the G nose and luxury fittings. The G nose made the Z look similar to a Ferrari of that time.

The 240Z in Australia came with a 5-speed manual or 3 speed automatic and was fitted with a L24 SOHC (2393cc) six cylinder engine rated at 150bhp. They were available in 6 colours and fitted with a 6mm safety glass windscreen. The Interiors were almost exclusively black.

The G nose added an extra 190mm in length and were homologated for Race and Rally.

The 240Z competed in International Rally and Racing in production class in SCCA (America) and were successful as well as in Japan. The 240Zs are also appearing in numbers in Historic racing in Australia. The best known racing Z was BIG SAM raced very successful by Win Percy in Britain.

If you are interested a firm in America are restoring Zs to as new condition for purchase.

## **Sales**

### **240Z sales in America**

1970 (9977), 1971 (26733), 1972 (465370), 1973 (52556)

### **240Z sales in Canada**

1970 (1201), 1971 (3440), 1972 (4024), 1973 (2537)

### **240Z sales in Australia**

1970 (319), 1971 (894), 1972 (362), 1973 (783)

### **240 sales in UK**

1970 (2), 1971 (72), 1972 (602), 1973 (774), 1974 (161)

## **Specifications**

Length	4115mm
Wheelbase	2305mm
Width	1630mm

Front track	1355mm
Rear track	1345mm
Height	1285mm

This information was obtained in a Book (DATSUN Z Fairlady to 280Z). Author Brian Long.  
Published by Veloce.

***Ern Mitchell.***

## **The French Connection**

Your editor spent 6 weeks in France this year in June and July, mostly touring about on a bicycle. I kept an eye out for interesting cars and have included a selection here for your interest! Running a classic car is a more expensive proposition in France, so the ones you see tend to be quite well preserved, apart from the ubiquitous Renault 4s, 2CVs and Meharis!



Heaps of rusty old R4's around! Foreground is my wheels while I was there...





Matra V4 belonging to a friend of ours.



Renault Estafette van





Very tidy Saab 900 Aero



Another 2CV, seems to be a custom cabriolet. Pretty sure Citroen didn't do this!





Marcos GT, a British sports car manufacturer. A rare one indeed!





Citroen Mehari. Heaps of these around!





VW Kombi camper conversion.



2CV. About as French as you can get...





Renault Juvaquatre / Dauphinoise



Peugeot 505 wagon with factory 4x4 conversion by Dangel.





Someone in Deux Alpes having fun, fun, fun 'til Daddy takes their T-Bird away.



This seemed to be a legit Shelby Cobra. Cross plys & all.





One of several Renault Alpine 110's spotted prowling Les Deux Alpes



I thought this was a Morgan, but it's a Panther Lima. Another small British sports car maker.





Volvo P1800



Renault Alpine 110





Triumph Stag





Fiat 1500 Spider



Citroen Dyane





Piaggio Ape. A popular choice for tourist-based street vending in Paris.

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