

# Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club



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## Works of art



Darwin Rollergirl, Meg, alias "Zka Zka Galore" when she is roller derbying, picked out Trevor's Austin to accompany her in a photo. She was promoting Roller Derby, a sport that I remember years ago as being a bit rough. Meg assures us the sport is back, in Darwin, but with all that strap on armour the modern version isn't so brutal. You can check it out at the Marrara Stadium. Why Trevor's car when there is that beaut red convertible behind her? Easy. The Morris matches her clothes!



*The row of works of art was popular at the Parap Arts Festival.*

**Old cars are art !** We already knew that, but just the other day somebody remarked to me that they weren't. Well the proof is that we were asked by the organizers of the Parap Arts Festival to put a bunch of old cars on display. Being a helpful crowd we obliged with about ten cars. There was lots of interest and lots of cameras clicking but Trevor Feehan's Austin was the only car that had a lady hunt him out to request her photo be taken with it. We expect there will be a please explain from Trevor's wife Pauline.



*Cameras were running hot. Notice that once again the ladies head for Trevor's Austin.*



## **Joe Young and Ruapuna**

Experience should have prepared me. I have been caught before where I have been on a visit to view a particular vehicle, only to find it is merely a facade for a much greater collection of priceless gems. Obviously the name of Joe and Helen Young's property, "Ruapuna" translates something along those lines.

I knew Joe Young owned a 1910 Star tourer and I had seen him driving around in it during the National Veteran Rally in Tasmania. He had



*Joe and Helen drive the Star at the national veteran rally.*

finished reassembling it just before the event and the 880 Kms he and Helen drove it, was the run in period. Joe's workmanship and attention to detail is second to none and they had a trouble free trip. Joe had always wanted a veteran car and when the Star became available back in the year 2000 it had problems with the engine. After pulling the motor out he knew it would be a fair while before it was running again, so Joe adapted a Datsun 1600 motor and gearbox to take it's place. The unit came from a van with a steering column mounted gearchange and with some innovative engineering Joe adapted it to be a floor change in exactly the same place as the original. All the mounts were manufactured to utilise the mounting holes for the original powerplant and transmission except for one extra hole in a crossmember. It all worked so well that nobody even suspected it

*The radiator ornament was cast as a replica. The original is locked away for safekeeping.  
The radiator script is not quite right. Vintage model has script on radiator veteran doesn't, but it looks good.*





*Check out the custom made acorn nuts*

wasn't running as standard. Even passengers in the vehicle never picked the change. After some time Joe eventually let out his little secret and as some of the club members are severe purists, they got upset. Ah well!

To be eligible for the national rally the vehicle needed to be back to standard so after a rebuild including a reground crank, rebabbitted bearings, new rings and other bits, the engine was swapped back again. The clutch was relined with leather as was original. I was interested to find that the leather had to go with the flesh side, or rough side, out, or it would slip. The brakes received some attention during the job and with Tasmania's hills you would be a mug to drive with dodgy brakes. An example of Joe's attention to detail is the nuts on the water jacket cover on the cylinder head. He needed 16 brass acorn nuts and to get them with not only the right shape, the right thread and the right spanner

*A very early Land Rover carefully disguised with other collectibles*



*The International Famous peeks out underneath "stuff". And the bargain magneto that fits it.*



size as the originals, he turned them up himself on his lathe.

But Joe's interests don't stop at the Star. He has a large shed absolutely jam packed full of seriously good stuff plus a couple more shipping containers just as full, and a large yard full of trucks and tractors as well.

There is a 1905 International 4HP Famous engine peeking out from under a pile of "stuff". The story of how it came to be there is fascinating. Joe regularly drove past a certain property and being interested in old machinery, spied the engine in the shed. After some time he decided he should approach the

*Sorry but there is not enough space to name every item in the shed. Just a couple are Sundial, R&T, Lister, Wolseley, International, Seagull. And most things here are in running condition. You can get the vibes that this is one seriously interesting shed.*





owner to see if they would part with it but decided it would not be advisable to do the deed while in the company car or in the company's time. So it was put off and put off until one day he noticed the shed had been cleaned out and the engine was gone!

Aaaaaaaah!!

Years later in the same district he noticed a flywheel protruding from a flooded creek. Later when the water level had gone down he returned and after inspection discovered it was the same engine. Seasons under water had not done it a lot of good but Joe guessed which farm house belonged to this section of creek and approached the owner. Listening to Joe's request for the engine the bloke replied "It's worth a lot of money." Joe eventually talked him down to \$200, paid him and returned later when the creek had dried out somewhat. With the engine winched halfway onto the trailer a gentleman came upon the scene demanding to know upon who's authority Joe was removing the engine. After hearing the explanation the man explained that he was the owner of the

property and the engine. The person Joe had paid the money to was merely a tenant and had since moved on. But not to worry, the landlord still had the tenant's bond and he would deduct the \$200 from it. Joe met the landlord sometime later and expressed his regret for the troubles caused. The landlord replied that all was sweet, "you should have seen the expression on his face when I told him." But the story of this engine doesn't stop



*Howard DH22 tractor. the only bit not made in Australia is the magneto. Has overhead cam and roller rockers. Not bad for 1932. DH model is named after initials of Mr Howard's wife Daisy.*

*1929 Dodge truck. The tray is well utilized to store more items*





*Lend Lease looking truck was actually assembled at Fisherman's Bend in Vic for use by the RAN. Crane is a lift and slew device and the vehicle still has its Royal Australian Navy brass id badge on the dash.*

there. At a swap meet Joe came across a particular magneto. It had been cleaned up and mounted on a wooden plinth and used as a fancy paperweight. This magneto had a rubber drive wheel which was driven by rubbing against a flywheel. It had a bob weight governor which lifted the rubber wheel off the flywheel when up to speed. This was a low tension magneto with the points inside the cylinder, the points opening causing a spark across themselves which ignited the charge. Joe recognised the magneto as the one off the International. The seller stated "\$1000 not negotiable," Joe paid him. The bloke said "I would have taken less." Joe replied "I would have paid \$2000!" Any shed can only hold a finite volume of stuff but Joe has taken on the challenge to see how much interesting stuff you can fit in and still have enough room to work on the rest of the treasures. Amongst lots of other things in there is a very early 1950 Land Rover. This model is permanent 4wd with a one way clutch to allow the front diff to turn faster than the back. There is a 1929 Dodge truck plus numerous stationery engines and innumerable of those other priceless items you find in sheds. And he turns up some fancy parts on the lathe. Just for the challenge. And it seems every item in the collection is seems to have a story and in most cases a history. So just when I thought I had visited the ultimate collection, Joe lets me know about his latest addition.....the Bulldog.



**K&L Bulldog** Most readers would be familiar with the Lanz Bulldog tractor. Kelly & Lewis, an Australian firm made a copy of them from 1948 to 54. It was called the K&L Bulldog, but they only made 863 of them as financially it was a failure.

Joe's grandfather bought no 577 in 1952 and used it till 1965 when he bought a new Fiat. He then parked the K&L in the yard with a tin over the exhaust pipe and there it sat for the next 47 years. Soon after it was laid up he borrowed the rear wheels for a job but they never quite got back on the tractor but they did make it into the shed. So the 3 tons of Bulldog sat on a couple of wooden stumps and as they rotted it sank slowly into the ground.

When Joe was a child in the mid fifties his dad worked on the family farm and he has fond memories of riding on the mudguard while pulling a 14 plate disc plough. "What a beautiful noise!" Way back in 1970 Joe asked his uncle to sell him the tractor but was told it would never leave the farm, but persistence paid off and in Nov last year with a price of \$10000 he became the new owner. He had to upgrade his truck to get it home. Even though it was on a truck, the tyres expired during the trip. And being on the same property since new the tractor came with the original blow lamp, tools, operators book and lube chart!

The tractor weighs just over 3 tons, it has six fwd speeds and two reverse. The parking brake is a 10 inch drum on the outside of the transmission attached to the diff pinion shaft. It is fitted with a conventional PTO shaft, and with the right hand fly wheel cover removed it can do belt work (Belt pulley is controlled by the clutch)

The engine is a single cylinder low compression 2 stroke hot bulb engine with a 9 inch bore and a 10.25 inch stroke giving a swept volume of around 10.5 liters and delivers heaps of torque and 40 HP at 600 RPM. To start this crude oil tractor a blow lamp is used to heat the nickel-cast iron hot bulb on to which the fuel pump, via an adjustable atomizer, squirts the required fuel at 150 psi. The fuel then starts to burn in the hot bulb and the expanding gasses enter the cylinder and push the large piston back down the massive bore. The incoming filtered air is drawn in to the rear of the crank case through a bank of reed valves and forced up through the transfer ports helping to expel the exhaust and charging the hot bulb area ready for the incoming fuel and the next power stroke.

When all this is happening it is sort of poetry in motion, so good in fact that orchestras have been known to use the idling Bulldog as a large metronome/ bass instrument. Check out these videos. But beware! You may catch the bug and need to own one.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGH7iAV8gPc&feature=related>



*For 47 years the K&L Bulldog rested here. Note the tin on the exhaust. But it still seized. And the wheels were in the shed!*

*Pic: Joe*

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*It may be seized but there is no keeping a good tractor down. A new set of tyres and Joe gets a push at the three day "Agfest" is Tassie. Pic: Joe*



## The Gangsters Ball

To find such a large portion of Darwin's criminal society out at the same time made it a bit obvious the local judiciary were having a special sale on bail applications. All these mobsters were strutting their stuff at the Gangsters ball. Even normally level minded citizens flaunted their real personalities with gentlemen openly carrying automatic firearms and ladies brazenly flaunting their femininity to attract the attention of these power broking men. With all this firepower on hand it was a bit surprising the only injury was one lady's lacerated finger, obtained in a knifefight .

And she did not require hospitalization.



*"The Don" alias Terry and Maureen were judged the best dressed. That decision saved them the trouble of wasting the judges.*



*Mike the ruthless hitman made sure everyone paid up for a ticket*

*The Joker alias Dave and Sue was a bad feller but was no match for the Don's shotgun*



*Lorraine discovers the best way to settle a domestic with Garrey*





You can tell by the black Tommy Gun that Lyn is the hardened criminal. Brian is the backup with his fancy silver pistol.



Trevor's a laid back hoodlum. His only worry is Pauline keeping an eye on him



"Dressed to kill" takes on a new meaning when a lady uses a gun as a fashion accessory. Toni smokes and Olga drinks to relieve the stress of their pistol packin' mate.

See more gangster pics at <http://s175.photobucket.com/albums/w132/themummesrevenge/Gangsters%20Ball/>  
To keep the feds out the password is *moonshine*. Once in click "view as slide show"



*It would have been so easy for the cops to arrest this entire bunch as over half of the hundred odd criminals camped the night.*

*Our Judges Sylvia and John Hallden were quietly smuggled in from Geraldton in WA so we could have an unbiased opinion. But graft and corruption rules!! Something about a horses head in bed from the Don and obviously Peet the Godfather came*

*up with a pallet of grog to pick his Studebaker in front of my Vickers machine gun powered Oldsmobile. Check out Sylvia and John's fantastic collection in Transmission No 34 Aug 2009.*



*Godfather or not, Jude demands answers. Peet, where did the dough for that pallet of bribery come from?*



*Can't find your lady? A bloke with a shiny gun has no problems.*



*Melda & Susana were busy attracting attention away from the crime scene.*

*Even the band "The Mobstars" was coming on with the heavy stuff. "Have fun or else" That's pistol packin Bill and Alan.*



### **All I wanted was an oil filter**

I went shopping for an oil filter for my latest toy, a 1970 Oldsmobile. I dropped in to one of the larger car parts distributors and explained my needs. "For a what?" the saleslady replied! With a frown on her face she sent me on my way. A couple of minutes on the net when I got home and I had the part number...

At our monthly meeting a gent from a new car parts shop "Anything Auto" gave us a presentation. The show included an amazing product which is a spin off from NASA. I would guess they invented this stuff to glue bits back on the space shuttle while they were in space so they could get back to Earth. Amazing stuff! You could glue a split radiator tank while it was still full of coolant or glue a EFI fuel filter canister. Then test pressurize it and have the high pressure hose burst before the glue repair did. Anything Auto sell this stuff as well as the normal automotive accessories, parts and oil and oil filters. The thought "oil filters" popped into my mind while cruising past Winnellie and I decided to drop in and try this new firm out.

Well I did get a surprise when they told me the price! It was the cheapest oil filter I have bought for quite a few years and I was just some Joe Blow who walked in off the street, not someone asking for special discounts. And the brand on the filter was the same brand I have been buying from the opposition for years.

No flash showroom here. Just a big shed full of car stuff and a counter. Friendly service and from an indication of my initial purchase.....cheap prices.

## **1977 Triumph Stag,**

Hard top soft top, 3L V8 automatic, body work and paint job in good condition, complete motor rebuild 2 years ago with low mileage since and all receipts available, starts runs and rides just beautifully. ☺  
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a large two door sports coupe with distinctive styling and amazing engineering - front wheel drive with 455ci (400hp from factory) big-block engine and auto transmission - LHD - imported approx 10 years ago and has spent its life in Australia in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs only (dry environments) - good original condition inside and out - power everything - has some original paperwork - rose plum metallic paint with a bit of sunburn - full rego and roadworthy - used each week by my brother in Alice Springs - his weekend cruiser - only selling as the brother is newly married and needs/wants/must... put together a deposit for a residence - looking around \$20,000 but open to offers as must be sold

Please contact me with any questions - the brother is very difficult to contact due to his work.

Jared - home 8988 4562 // work 8999 8292 // mobile 0415 360759 // [jared.archibald@nt.gov.au](mailto:jared.archibald@nt.gov.au)

Email for more pics



### **Jaguars**

**Mk V 1949**

**Mk 8 1957**

Straight and original but very untidy

\$10000 each

Barrie 89278029

## **WOTS ON THIS YEAR**

**Lots!! Come along and enjoy**

On the 2nd Wed of every month there is a members meeting at the hangar 7.30 pm plus bbq beforehand.  
Also there is a working bee at the hangar the following Sunday.

- July      17 CHCC/MVEC Shannons Trophy Cricket Match at Batchelor  
Frid  22 Royal Darwin Show Grand Parade - (meet at 1.30pm inside Tate Place entrance – drivers only will be given free entry). Vehicles and drivers to depart showgrounds after parade.  
30 31, 1st. Rejex Rally
- August    21 Club run Jim Coopers amazing Ford collection & have a barbie while you are there  
27 Club Run Katherine festival or Alice Springs Transport Hall of fame reunion
- Sept      4 Fathers Day Open Day HANGAR. Show off your cars.  
18 Club run
- Oct       8 AGM  
23 Club run Daly Waters pub anniversary
- Nov      20 Club run  
26 Christmas dinner at CAZALYS

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Dec      9 Chris and Kathy's Christmas show

### **Sister Mary's Gasoline**

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting home-bound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Texaco Gasoline station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, 'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic.!!!'

