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Garden Art!



Garden art can be better than normal garden plants, as you don't have to water them. But this sidecar outfit sits in Shane Reeve's garden just because it looks great and he had fun putting it together, not to mention getting the bits to build it from. You see Shane enjoys stomping through the bush all over the place in search of interesting stuff. The sidecar frame is a real sidecar frame from the 1940's, the wheels came

from Middle Point, the engine is from a Howard cultivator and the piece de resistance is the sidecar body. It is an old shit can from the bush near Meekatharra in WA. (that literally is a night cart shit can)

But there is a heck of a lot more than garden art at Shane's place, A heck of a lot more than I can describe here.



*The body of the bird is a roll of WW2 barbed wire from Hughes airstrip, the beak is a 100 year old pick and it's toes are 50 cal bullet projectiles, WW2 vintage. Neck and legs are vintage decorative fencing. Can you pick the bearing covers off a blitz. And the arrow makes it different for sure!
The dogs body is an air tank, but it started with the head. Shane picked it up somewhere because it looked doggy.*

This article isn't really about garden art or sculptures but I couldn't leave them out just because they are just cool.
And it isn't even about the garden, more about what's in the garden, maybe you could call them garden ornaments, but there is so much neat stuff here that perhaps the garden is an ornament for the old stuff. And remember, what is shown here is but a drop in the ocean.....



Old Chev engine was found at the Virginia boat ramp

Cowl and steering wheel from the scrub at Adelaide River



*Left: Railway carriage chassis from Adelaide River
Above: Home made harrow utilising part of similar railway carriage chassis. Old time farmers could make stuff from whatever they could lay their hands on.*



When you see half a wheel sticking out of the dirt you never know what might be attached underneath. Actually the big wheel was showing just the tip before Shane started digging. Above R: Stamper head from an ore crushing battery. Appears to be unused. Shane almost busted his gut carrying it as it was way in the bush away from the road.

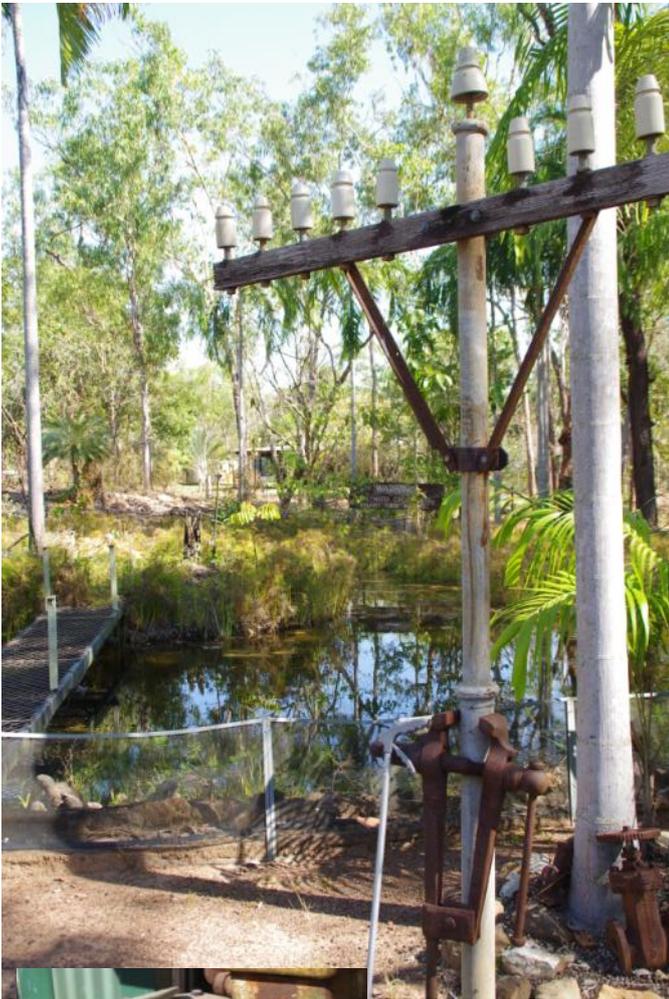
Left: One of Darwin' city's old fire hydrants. These were all over town once upon a time.

Below: Sprocket and shaft from the Rapid Creek bakery. They had to dismantle all the machinery to get it out.

Bottom L: Saw from old workings near Grove Hill pub. The plan is to hook it up to a Ruston engine and recreate a saw-mill.

Bottom: Howard cultivator. Note the similar V twin engine to the motor bike outfit. This one is water cooled.





Shane's lake. It wasn't all that long ago that the telegraph pole you see here was carrying telephone conversations to the south. And it also wasn't all that uncommon for fiends to steal the copper wire that the poles supported. (they used to reckon it was me because I lived close by)

Below: The warning sign at the lake may seem familiar. It used to live near the boat ramp at Buffalo Ck. Shane's mate had the job of replacing it and handed it on.



L: Briggs and Stratton marine engine is extremely unusual.

R: Lake surrounds include fencing from wooden railway sleepers and a crane recovered from the bush near Greening Australia.



Burner/cooker from WW2 site. Fashioned from unusual drum stamped 1937.

Below: Elderly gent said Shane could have this blacksmith's swaging block as he was the only person who knew what it was. Shane bought it off him



Boiler door from Robey steam engine. Anything cast iron with the name cast into it is cool. Being a bit busted gives it that olde look.

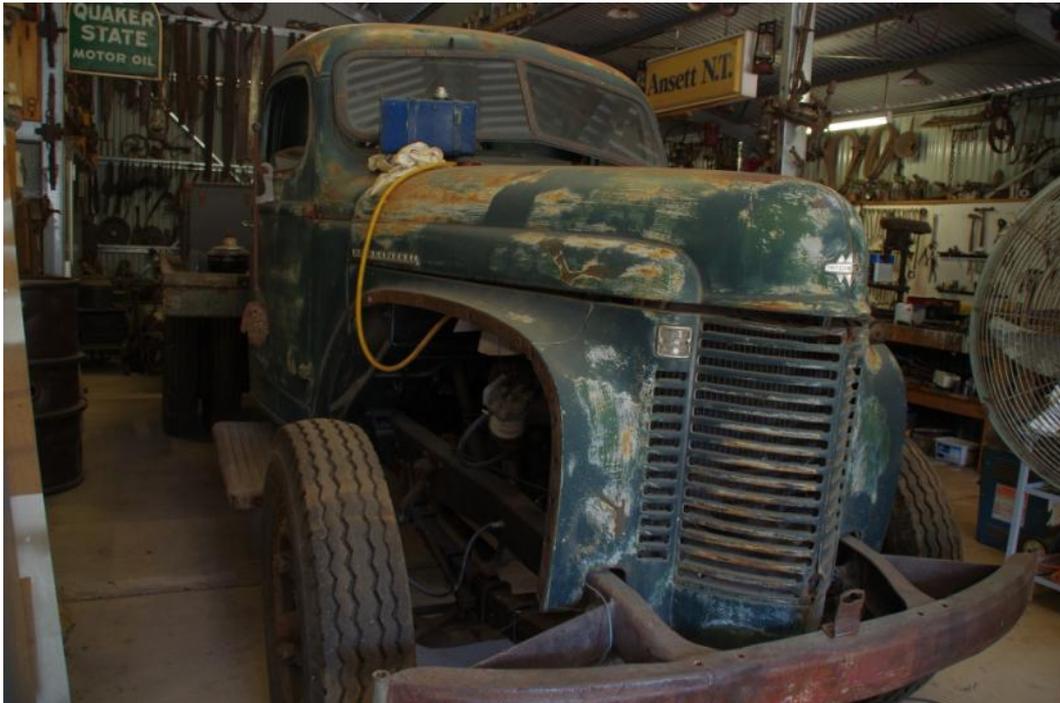




And then there is the main shed. *Some might say it's full but any serious collector realises there is always room for good stuff. And what could be a better fascinator above the door than a Thornycroft radiator complete with a genuine Thornycroft piston and conrod. Where would you find such an item, why the Darwin dump shop of course!*

Right in the middle of the shed is this KS5 International truck from about 1943. Shane found it in a "Just Trucks" magazine. He bought it sight unseen from outback Qld from an old gent who admitted he had used it up to about 5 years ago when he had upgraded to an AL model (which is about 1950's). He did point out Shane would have to put some oil in the gearbox .

It is a ripper truck . Has 2 speed Eaton diff and tipper tray. The front



guards are off to have some rust repairs but the bloke doing the repairs has matched the faded and patchy paint perfectly after welding in the panels he has fabricated. You would never pick there was a repair. Shane intends to paint the whole thing with clear to preserve the rustic look. He has however pulled the engine and transmission out to replace the bearings and seals to keep that new oil in the gearbox, but the engine is intact. It is still as International put it together. The tyres are a different matter. It needed 6 new



tyres and after sitting outside the shed for a few days Shane was surprised to see both the duals on one side flat. Unusual for both tyres to get punctured at the same time. Bloody termites had eaten through them. Then the truck wouldn't start. He wanted to get it back in the shed so after problems winching it with a block and tackle, he pushed it in with his ute with a couple of tyres used as a buffer. After jacking it up he then closed the roller door to come back next day. The next day the door seemed to be bulging out and would not open. There are 2 other doors into the shed but they were locked and the keys were inside the shed. The truck had rolled off the jack and into the door bowing it and jamming it. The only way in was to unscrew a sheet of tin but with a shed so full of stuff around the walls, where to unscrew?



The cab is missing the passenger seat. It was lost years ago to fit in another hay bale or two.

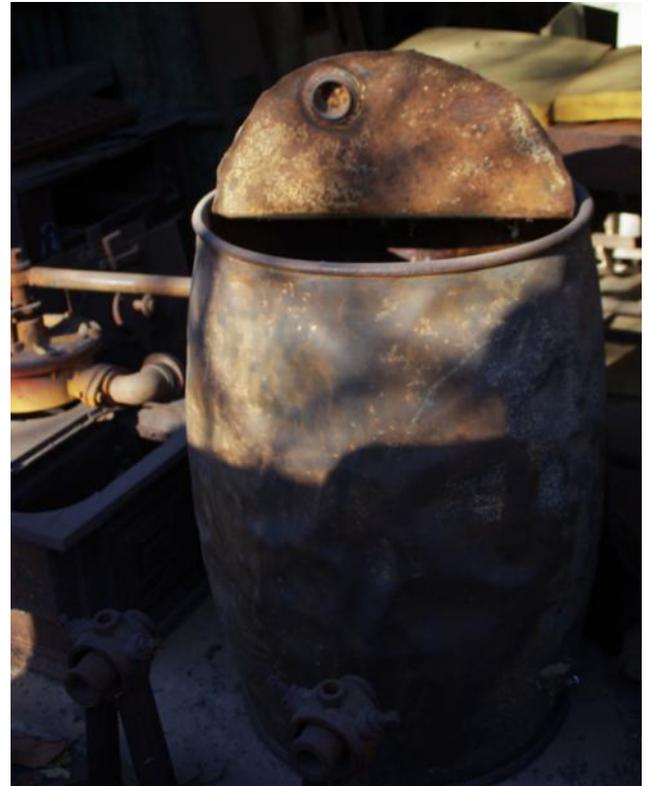
The tipper tray (left) has signs of use. Also is handy for somewhere to put other engines and stuff.

Welded up cracks in the cab roof indicate a hard life but these will be preserved under clear paint.





Signs can always make a shed look good, but these are the actual signs from all the stops along the old North Australian railway. And the explosives sign is the sign from the entrance to Snake Creek ordinance depot near Adelaide River. Shane found it laying in the long grass.



Shane also has a thing about collecting old drums. There are mobs of different varieties. Years ago Shane found a whole 44 gallon drum full of drum lids at the Noonamah airstrip. It would appear someone back in the days had the same interest and cut the ends off a great assortment of drums but forgot to take them with them. And how about the barrel shaped drum? It is stamped 1909 and was found sticking out of the black soil near Adelaide River.



Round, but of a different nature are these cast iron gun barrel covers. The one at left is marked 250 Lb 1943 and was found in the bush at Berrimah. The other is 1000Lb and found at Leanyer dump. Both are for covering up the end of your gun barrel when you are not shooting out of it.





A brand new condition sword with scabbard from an Aussie light horseman. A mate bought it in Sydney years ago, then one day out of the blue gave it to Shane. Guess he reckoned it needed to be part of a greater collection..

Below: A pair of hubcaps are all that remains of Shane's FX Holden collection. Back in the early 70's he lived in Alice Springs (the original dump there was a treasure trove of old car stuff, especially from the war years) Shane was mates with Peter Kittle, son of Len Kittle the owner of the Holden dealership in Alice.. Len wanted to clear out all the early Holden parts and would sell them to Shane at \$10 a boxful. The sad part is when Shane moved from Alice he not only sold his beloved FX but heaps and heaps of brand new parts. There were lots of X2 twin carb manifolds, cams heads, guards from FJ's to EH's and all sorts of stuff. It wasn't until he set himself up a permanent pad again that he could get back into some serious collecting. 20 years has passed now and I reckon it is fair to say this collection is a bit on the good side.



A couple of views of "stuff" in this shed. The more you look the more familiar stuff from yesteryear you will see. In every photo the things of interest are in the background as much as the subject.

To give a comprehensive coverage of this collection would take something along the length of War and Peace.





Cast iron name plate states "John Fowler & Co Ltd Leeds"



A saddle makers horse.



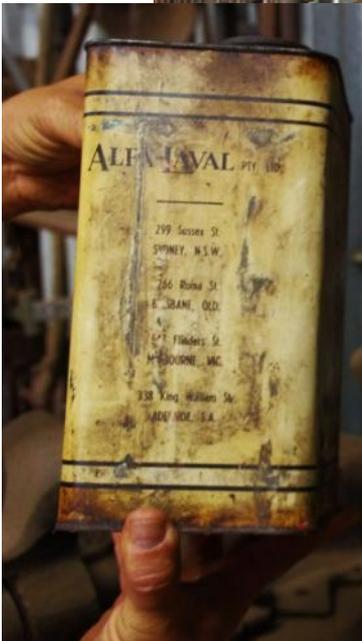
A Douglas coil winding machine



Any long time NT resident would remember being annoyed by these signs.



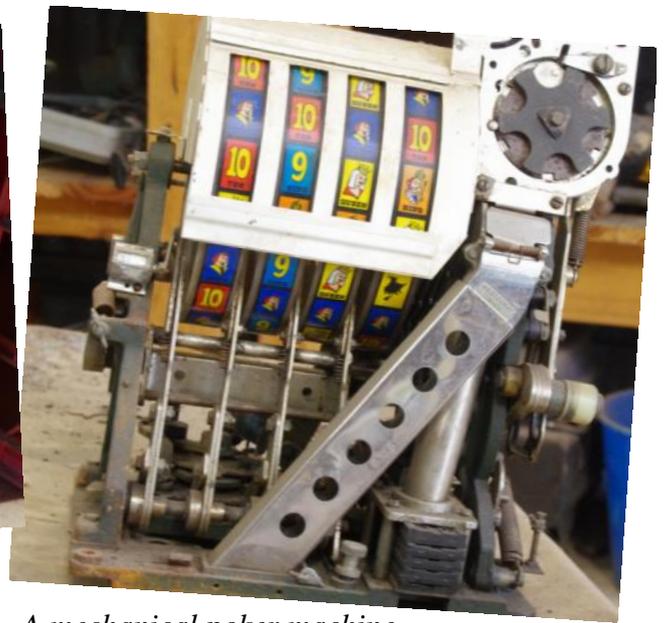
The original VICTA "turn grass into lawn" mower.



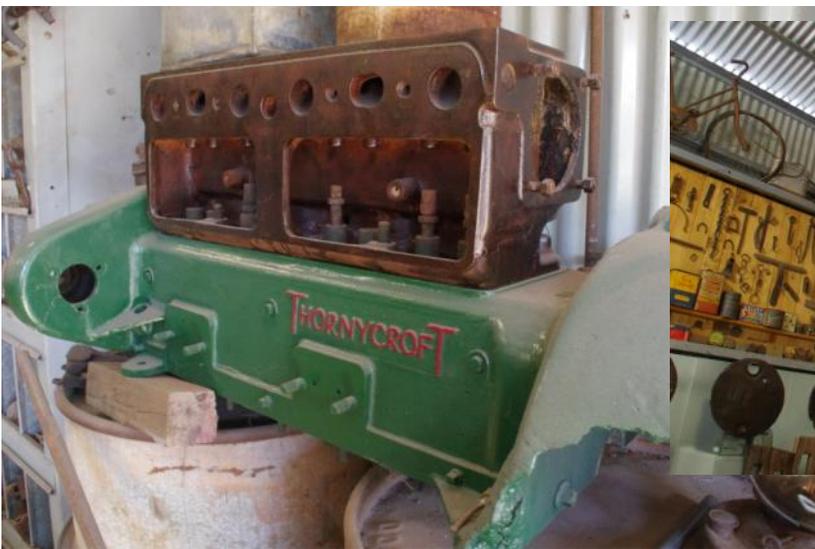
Alfa Laval separator and the oil can that went with it.



Before they invented chain blocks there were endless chains



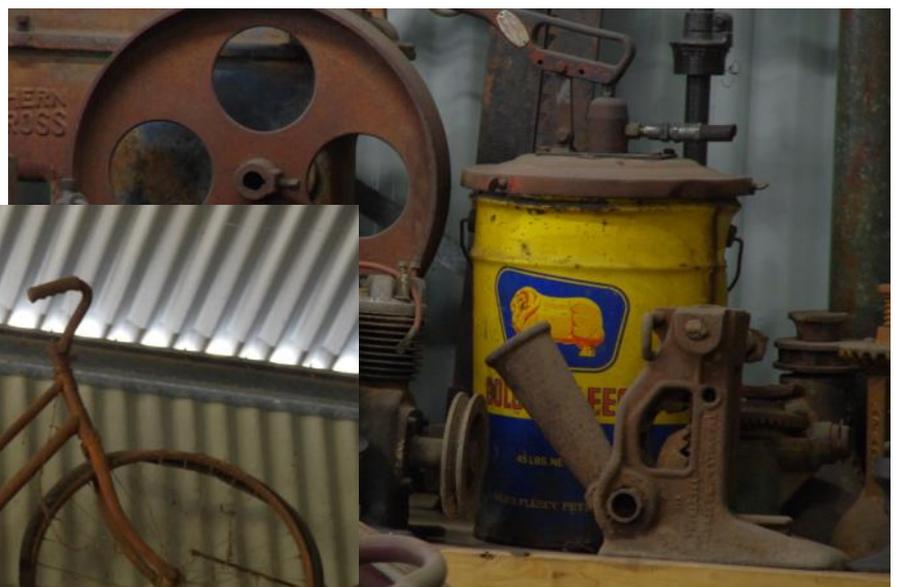
A mechanical poker machine



Any serious collector has a Thornycroft block.



The old pushbike looks a bit normal but the bottom of the rims are rusted off.. The dump master thought it strange that Shane wanted to buy it.



The Golden Fleece tin had been flattened. The owner of the lawn sale was amazed that Shane asked for a price on it and told him to take it away.

Shane's more recent acquisition is this showroom condition 1925 Chevrolet. It was no secret Shane was on the lookout for an old Chev, but out of the blue came a phone call from a mate who advised he had just been offered such a car to purchase but since he already had

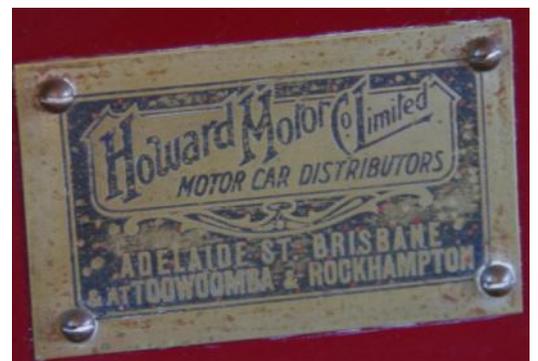


enough old cars he forwarded the contact to Shane who wasted no time in following it up. The car didn't actually go but as soon as Shane laid his eyes on it he bought it. The feller selling it reckoned

the problem was in the vacuum operated fuel pump, so once Shane got it home he pulled it off and to bits and cleaned a mess out of it so it was back to good as new. But to no avail, the car still wouldn't run. Shane was certain the prob was fuel associated so to prove a point, temporarily put a modern electric pump on it. It still wouldn't run. That meant the prob was further back still, leaving the fuel tank as the only obvious culprit and out it came. The first thing he noticed was the connector where the fuel is drawn from had been botched and where it was meant to be screwed on, had been brazed. Removing the fitting revealed that when that braze job had been done, the solder holding the



pickup pipe inside the tank had also been melted. Since the job was probably done on a bench and the tank was upside down at the time, and with the solder holding it melted, gravity had taken over and the pickup pipe which previously curved down to the bottom of the tank had swivelled round and down to which was now the top of the tank. When the tank was reinstalled in the car the pickup was now drawing fuel from the top of the tank and consequently ran out when it was still full. With that problem and the connector put back to how it was meant to be, and mobs of gunk from a previous attempt at fixing a rusty tank, the car now starts and runs just as sweet as can be and has no issues at all. And with the paintwork perfect and the trim perfect all is left to do is drive it.



Brass notice on the running board of the Chev.

Indicator blues. Do you own one of those GM or other brand vehicles that have the brake light double as the rear indicator? Well the good news is the authorities have made them legal for

cars built in 1972 and earlier. No need to bodge up the wiring and put on inferior amber ones anymore. Whoopee, I am gonna change mine back to standard !!



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Motor Vehicles Act

Exemption from Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations

Brake Light Exemption

I, Simon Phillip Saunders, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to section 59(2) of the Motor Vehicles Act, exempt a class of vehicle, as described in the Schedule, from the requirements of Rule 98(6) of Schedule 6 of the Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations.

Schedule

An exempt class of vehicle is a vehicle that:

- has a pair of brake lights fitted to the rear that function as both brake lights and direction indicator lights; and
- is a motor vehicle with 4 or more wheels; and
- is built before 1 January 1973.

Dated this 23 day of August 2016

S. P. Saunders
Registrar of Motor Vehicles

There have been quite a lot of members coming in to the hangar to get their R42 forms signed only to have the request denied until they become a financial member. In every case they have been surprised that they were unfinancial.

Friends..... Do you realise all memberships expired on June 30th and if you haven't renewed since then that you are currently unfinancial?

The club allows 3 months grace to renew that membership, that period expires midnight on Sept 30th.

If you have a vehicle on club rego then that date has an impact on you.

A condition of club registration is that you are a member of an approved club. After Sept 30 you will no longer be a member and your vehicle will be technically unregistered.

If you decide after 30th Sept to renew your membership you will have to pay a new joining fee of \$15 as well as your membership of \$35.

Haven't received a renewal form in the mail? That's because they weren't mailed out this year, due to the high cost of postage. Instead the renewal form was in this newsletter back in June. It saves hundreds of dollars of the clubs funds. That way the membership fee can be held down to a paltry \$35.

So if you haven't yet renewed you membership, and would like to keep being a member of MVEC, pay your subscription, fill out the form and send it in.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR 2016 / 17

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Wanted known

I want to start a Jaguar Car Club in the Northern Territory, so if anyone knows of any Jaguar car owners in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs, can you let me know or ask them to contact me.

Thanks.

tony-dale@bigpond.com

Ducati - \$4000.00

- 1989 750 Nuevo sport
- Rego: DUC89
- Only 13,500km
- Owner's manual and factory manual
- Silver black colour (only 90 made this colour)
- Spare rear tyre, air filter, and other bits and pieces.
- Has had forks and rear shock rebuilt (Darwin motorcycle wreckers) (PG: I know this bike and the previous owner, it's not had a hard life).

Harley - \$4000

- 1993 1200 XLH Sportster
- 42,000km
- Registered
- Aftermarket workshop manual
- 2 extra handlebars flat and original set has ape hangers fitted
- Tool bag
- Small cissy bar

Triumph - \$6000

- 1977 T140v Bonneville, Matching Numbers.
- Complete Bike, needs restoration but it does run.
- Includes \$2,500 in new parts.

Nick Walker 0418 856 944

Mitsubishi Triton 4WD single cab ute

4D56 turbo diesel engine. 247700 km. 2 owners only. Quirky tray built by previous owner has steel frame & plywood panels. Good goer but I've got a new ute. \$2500 ono

Peter 89277040 0428957912

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WOTS ON THIS YEAR

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.

24 Sept Distinguished gentleman's ride. Have a classic, vintage or custom motorbike? Dress yourself up as a dapper Pommie gent and have some fun.

http://www.gentlemansride.com/sponsor/country/australia?ride_id=283

<http://www.gentlemansride.com/launchvideo>

29 Oct Katherine show n shine

Stuff on the net

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office.

They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car.

They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Jewish, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show --

Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.

Darwin woman saves herself in Crocodile attack using a small walking stick

"While out walking along the edge of a creek near our house in Darwin, with my soon to be ex-husband, angrily discussing our property settlement, kids and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 5 metre crocodile, which suddenly lunged from the murky water and charged at us with its large jaws wide open!

The croc must have been protecting her young and her home because she was extremely aggressive.

If I had not had my little \$5 walking stick with me, I would not be here today!

Just one hard whack to my husband's knee cap was all it took....The croc got him easily and dragged him into the creek. I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible, and I got the lot"