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JULY NEWSLETTER



Revheads Terrorise Tourists On Mitchell St.

More than a couple of MVEC members took part in a public display of horsepower in the GASSERS crooze to commemorate the holding of the annual V8 SUPERCAR RACES at Hidden Valley.

The cruise was held on the Friday night of the event and was started at the 17 mile tavern to cruise into town and to meet at the esplanade to discuss the workings of the good old Otto cycle engine and the benefits and disadvantages of blonde and brunette.

Due to a rather large amount of talking bulldust, a large proportion of drivers, and navigators, never got to drivers briefing until the closing moments. Consequently there were quite a few routes taken so that the vehicles could be seen in Palmerston etc. Nevertheless it was a fine

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Dear readers, This is the last edition of this newsletter from me. I have retired after 172 issues and nearly 20 years. I reckon I have pulled my weight. So this edition is snippets of stuff from the first 10 years or so. If you were around then, it might bring back some good memories, if not it might show a bit of what we were about back then. If you would like to read the rest of the articles, all those old newsletters can be found at mvec.weebly.com

And somewhere in the first publication was the following text

Helpful Lady

One of our members is a very rich prostitute. She is always driven around in her limousine by her chauffer. One day the limo got a flat tyre and it fell on the chauffer to fix it. He duly got out the jack and wheel brace but try as he may, after considerable time he could not get the hubcap off. Seeing the problem and considering she was an MVEC member and an enthusiast, she had a toolbox in the back seat with her. She wound down the window and called out to the chauffer, "would you like a screwdriver" to which he quickly replied "might as well, I cant get this bloody hubcap off."



Everyday's a Corvette Summer in Darwin. Mike O'Malley's immaculate red Stingray. Mike carries a big stick to keep the excess ladies away.

sight to see this procession of 40 odd gleaming vehicles, dripping with chrome and with an exhaust note that meant business. What was unusual about this event was the good nature between creeds. There were hot rods, cruisers and a good proportion of modified modern cars and their younger drivers. And everyone got on great. Each group could
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Hot laps at Hidden Valley



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Paul O'Donnell's 1971 GT Falcon keeps John Lugg's HQ "you'll never be late in a 308" at bay. The Holden eventually got through.

The first edition that was called Transmission. Some pointed out Alice Springs Transport museum already used that name. Tough! Those early editions also welcomed new members. No 3 notes new member Bob Sharp who is a current committee member.

A precious little girl walks into a petshop and asks "have you got any widdle wabbits"



The shopkeepers heart melts, he gets down on his knees so that he's on her level and says "do you want a widdle white wabbit or a thoft fuffy bwack wabbit, or one like that widdle bwown wabbit over there?"

The little girl blushes, rocks on her heels and whispers.... "I don't weally think my pyfon gives a phuk"

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Darwin Defenders

MVEC opened the doors of the hangar on the weekend of 19th Feb as part of the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin. With a nineteen forties theme, a mess hut was recreated in the carpark. When I saw the photos of it taken during the war this was truly a replica and 1940's music quietly playing from a gramophone on the bar really set the scene. It was a beaut place to escape from the crowd when you needed a few quiet minutes. Just like it was

Darwin City Council. All weekend they ferried vets from one venue to the next, leaving some who found the venue interesting and needing a bit more time to digest, to hop on the next bus. One organisation that was well



How many coaches do you reckon you can fit in the yard ?

65 years ago I guess. Inside the hangar was a collection of cars from the era with the military vehicles defending the outside. But Saturday in the hangar was far from quiet. From 9am coaches kept pulling in and discharging large amounts of WW2 veterans and their families and friends. These coaches were organised by



Darwin Defenders. Tony Gillam (R.A.N.), Bernie Lenaghan (R.A.N.) and Bill Hosking (R.A.A.F.) all made the journey from Vic. Well done fellers and thanks!

represented was the "Darwin Defenders" which is a group of military and non-military people that were in the Darwin area in WW2 and their family and friends. Bill Hosking, an ex RAAF member from back in the days told me he was just a teenager when he was here during the war. He handed me a colour brochure which explained the Defenders, some of which I have copied in this publication. There was plenty of interest in the vehicles and exhibits on display, which included a Dodge

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It's a Party!!!!

MVEC's 21st bithday party was a blast! With only 1 week from idea to fruition it turned out better than anyone could have hoped. More than 55



party animals rolled up to help celebrate 21 years of being enthusiastic about cars. People came from far and wide. A bunch from Katherine, lots of kids , oldies, everyone had a ball. Food too, no

junk food at this show. The variety of salads and stuff was only overshadowed by the amount of it. We had a birthday cake too. A whopping mud cake with MVEC's logo perfectly reproduced in the icing. The logo got eaten too. With good ol



rock n roll music filling the hangar there was dancing and plenty of bench racing going on too. It said on the invite to come dressed as you were when you were 21. So we had Mods, Rockers, hippies and all and the idea was to act like you were 21. Can you still drink as much as



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Hidden Valley

John Palamountain and Shannons put on another combined car clubs day that can only be described as fantastic or better! To make it easy for MVEC it started at our clubhouse, the hangar. I rolled up a bit late and already there were cool cars all over the place. A quick briefing of what its all about (having fun) and we were off in a cavalcade a kilometer long cruising out to Nightcliff, back through Darwin city and out to Hidden Valley Raceway. After cruising to-



Tim Modra in his E49 cammed Charger shows the modern cars the way. Tim had his navigators Angus (4) and Ty (8) in their child seats. Petrolheads at a tender age

gether around the racetrack for a few laps some retired to the clubhouse to watch the fun from under the shady trees, but by far the majority lined up in pit lane for some faster stuff. Laurie Feehan explained that it wasn't really a race but you could go as hard as you wanted to as long as you were having fun and there would be groups of eight. I was in my Pontiac Parisienne and was anxious to have a go with some other Yank Tanks but

These blokes demonstrated the gentle art of drifting on every corner. It was a pleasure to watch

Cool stuff we used to do. Club 21st party, Hoon round hidden valley...

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PROGRESSIVE

What's a progressive dinner? One a bit better than last time you would reckon? One way to find out is to be there so I cautiously climbed on the bus. We headed out from the Parap hangar and as we cruised along Fannie Bay towards East Point I knew exactly

how a tourist feels. Beer in one hand camera in the other. Great! Just to make us feel more at home as tourists, Jeeves our driver took us for a tour of the military relics at the point only to find they have blocked some of the roads and had to reverse the coach out. Sure enough, a car saw us and drove up



A bunch of terrorists? No Just a bunch of motor vehicle enthusiasts acting like terrorists!

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Do you ever get sick of seeing pictures of the sun falling in the sea around Darwin? Ah well, as long as this devoted bunch of car enthusiasts keep having social events centred around this sun thing, you will just have to put up with them. It's such a beaut place to kick back and socialise. I cant see it's going to slow down in a hurry though. And you don't even have to drive an old car, as plenty of folks come along in their shiny new ones as well. (The old ones are shinier though).



Pancho n Gary doin' it real hard. We were so organised there was even a light so you could find you drink (or tucker) after dark.



All kids of cars roll up to these shows. Darwin sure is a good place for sunsets.

It seems we used to spend a lot of time down the beach at sunset. Hard life!

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MECHANICAL

A concert about motion....
and right here in our hangar

Sunday June 15th was not only the final day of the Motoring Extravaganza, it also was the evening that the Darwin Youth Orchestra and the CYM Advanced Chamber Ensemble were performing at the hangar. The Darwin Youth Orchestra is about 40

young musicians from 12 to 18 years old. It is part of the Charles Darwin University, membership being elite and the children must audition to gain a place in the group. It was actually a good coincidence that this event was on the same weekend as the motor



show. (In this case "senior" definitely does not mean old). Some of these young people are fairly young so the concert was over in an hour but did they pack up and go home? Not likely, they fired up the barbie and fed us too! Every month I write about the beautiful cars and motorbikes I come across and what I write in these columns is the thoughts I get at the time. The likes of the Darwin Youth Orchestra is something I have never come across before, and to see and hear them performing at a venue as unique as our hangar was such a privilege I am at a loss for words.



Make sure you are there next time....



show as a lot of the vehicles normally in the hangar were at the showgrounds.

With the title of the concert "MECHANICAL" how could we go wrong. Before they started playing, the conductor, Merilee Mills, told us that the hangar was considered a great place to perform. It wasn't until they started playing that I understood her comments. To be surrounded with mechanical "stuff" while these beautiful young people performed was absolutely captivating. Their first piece was "The great Locomotive Chase" then an arrangement from then soundtrack of "Titanic" had my total attention but there was more to come. "Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines" was pretty good as was "Chattanooga Choo Choo" but you could not get a more fitting title for our club than "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang". There was more classical music including a piece by the Advanced Chamber Music Ensemble which was the more senior members of the



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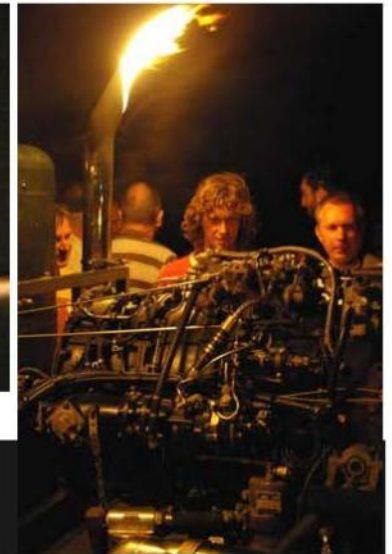
Now most of you petrolheads out there reckon a wingnut is a little nut with bizzos on so you don't have to use a spanner to undo it. You are quite right, but since I met Richard Luxton, I discovered he belongs to a crowd of aviation enthusiasts who refer to themselves as wingnuts. After giving a beaut talk about the history of the area around Adelaide River at our monthly MVEC meeting he invited us all to a gathering at his Coomalie property. They call the show "Merlin Night". The wingnuts like to start up their Merlin engine at these shows and because it actually generates a bit of high level "music," they do it away from the densely populated areas. I accepted Richards invite and cruised down to Coomalie. A bunch of MVEC enthusiasts did the same. Coomalie airfield is wholly on Richard's property and was host to a bunch of Beaufighters during WW2 and being cared for privately, it is still in much the same condition. As I drove in a few light aircraft landed and there were quite a few already parked. Something made me look skyward and way up yonder was the unmistakable silhouette of a DC3 but below it the sky seemed littered with more parachutes than I have ever seen at one time. There was none of that rubbish where they land way over yonder. They all came down right in the midst of us spectators. It was great. Then the DC3 came through for a beat up or two. You didn't have to look up at it as it was right there in front of you, and the sound of those two massive radial engines was soooooo good! It eventually landed right there and the pilot parked it right amongst the small planes and pitched his tent under the wing. After the sun set and during the twilight a Yak took off



The Pratt & Whitney patiently waits for it's cue.



MAD'S mighty blitz. Flaming exhaust stacks are beaut for inspecting the powerplant after the run.



normal run of the mill SWB Blitz with a set of chrome car wheels, but bolted on the tray is a whopping Rolls Royce Viper jet engine. It used to live in a Macchi jet aircraft. (Remember this is an aviation night) With flames permanently belching from the exhaust stacks he lit up the afterburner a few times to singe a few eyebrows and get everyone in the right mood then released the brakes and disappeared down the airstrip. With that afterburner lit up you always knew where he was. Quite a sight in the pitch black bush. Dropping back to an idle (jets idle?) he chucked a U turn and blasted off back towards us. It sure kept you warm on a cool night.



And there were fireworks too!!

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BIRDUM

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bit to wait while they towed a brand new F250 4WD out of its bog? Then I engaged low gear and cruised straight on through, his bog holes making the T bump a bit! Well that little episode certainly raised some eyebrows, but my thoughts had been that my T was brand new in Katherine in 1921 and there weren't any roads at all at the time. So I figured it would be able to handle the tracks around Birdum. But I can hear the thoughts bouncing off the shed walls... Where

Hooning with the wind in your face. Mark Swaby's Fairmont M15, 1 cyl (large) 2 stroke. Neat!! Brought it from Vic in his ute just so he could take me for a ride!!

Imagine how I felt. I had trailered my T model Ford to Larrimah to burn around the district during the back to Birdum celebrations. Someone said "you can't drive an old car like that to Birdum, you need a 4WD" Someone else said something about old cars like that only go from museum to car show. "You don't take em on rough dirt tracks". How do you reckon I felt when I had to stop in one very sandy

and what is Birdum? Birdum is as far south as the railway line from Darwin ever reached. It was supposed to go all the way to Alice Springs but due to the depression in 1928 they ran out of dough and stopped at a place called Birdum. Because this was the railhead, a small town sprung up around the siding. Come WW2, Birdum was an inconvenient place to drive to because of swamps. Due to a drier location and lots of road traffic transshipping war materials from Alice onto the train to Darwin, the railhead was moved 8 km north to what is now Larrimah. The town followed, they even dismantled the pub and used the bits to build the

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Aussie



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It's great to be an

Aussie

Darwin sure is a good place to be on Australia Day. No matter what your interests are there is sure to be something on to keep you busy. For petrolheads there is the Aussie Day Ute Run and for a double bonus, afterwards we were invited to Shani and Tim's place for tea with a difference!
As we have come to expect, the ute run was a blast! I can't begin to describe how many utes there were because I can't count that good! But there were

new utes, old utes, dirty utes, little utes and some real bloody big ones. It's getting bigger every year and to demonstrate there were a couple of Prime Movers. There were a few rock ins too. That is cars that weren't utes. I have to admit guilt here. I took my "63" Falcon.

It's a sedan but no one threw rotten eggs. Absolutely everything had Aussie flags on it. Some vehicles you could barely see due to the number and size of the flags. The cops provided an escort for the first 100 cars. Rest assured a hundred was merely a drop in the ocean but the rest of us settled

into a beaut cavalcade and the route was well serviced with spectators and the interaction between the cars and the crowd was great. One spectator held up a large hunk of cardboard with "honk your horn" on it. My musical horns had a bit of laryngitis at the start of the day. They were loud and clear by the end of it.
And as the arvo became evening we were at Shani and Tim Modra's. Tim has built a beaut wood fired



There were Aussie flags and utes and even more Aussie flags!

oven in his back yard. By farming out his vehicle collection across the country he made room for a bunch of us Vehicle Enthusiasts and with a 2 min-ute instruction course by a master chef even the most hopeless of cooks (me) was able to create a pizza

masterpiece. They had all the goodies to top any pizza you could imagine, plus some stuff that you might not have imagined. The dough was all prepared in balls which you could fling like they do in the movies or roll with a rolling pin. Even I was able to do it and the result was so good I ate it all

Feb 2009 was an early ute run plus an afternoon at Tim Modras creating pizzas in his wood fired oven. It also has an article on the building of Leo's Oldsmobile replica.

1904 Oldsmobile



I mentioned a car made with stuff from, amongst other bits, a 1924 Chev, a model T Ford, a marine engine and a vintage stationary engine. Someone said "sounds like a real hotrod!" Maybe it is, but that's not exactly what the sculptor has in mind. Leo Izod came up with the idea of building a working replica of a 1904 Oldsmobile. Why Oldsmobile I asked? Back in the days Leo's Dad owned Izod motors the GM dealers in Darwin and one of the brands they sold was Oldsmobile. In 1948 there were 6 of them imported into Australia, 3 came to Izod motors. They sold 2 and Leo's dad kept the third for himself and Leo learned to drive in it. That was the link with Oldsmobile. The 1904 model was built from photos on the net and some very basic dimensions. He knew it was 66" wheel-base. With some line drawings of the vehicle he was able to calculate all the other measurements necessary to build the replica. In the photos the appearance of the diff looked identical to a model T Ford A great place to start. There was one great difference. The Olds was chain driven. No problem for Leo! He attached a sprocket to where the crown wheel goes and cut windows in a Ford Diff housing

Dual spark plugs!

and threaded a chain through the holes. It looks just like it was like that from new. The hubs need to be Ford to fit on the axles and the rims are Ford but a smaller diameter than the average T. The very last model T's sported the smaller wheels. Up front the stub axles and hubs are 1924 Chev with Ford T rims and spokes. The front axle is fabricated by Leo with springs cut down from 24 Chev items. There is another cantilever pair of springs which connect to the tiller steering. They came off a horse buggy. Tie rod is Ford T. The rear springs are from a 1920 Dodge.



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Cruizin with TRUCKS! The Australian Trucking Association Kids Convoy



The marshalling area at the start. That's Les Wilson's International in front of my Model T Ford

I just go in these things for a bit of fun. The NT Trucking Associations Kids Cruise was no exception. But after finishing an hour late, the boss lady hunts me down and as I am eating my lunch and she fills my arms with goodies. She explains, I had the oldest truck!

Peet Menzies, being tied up with trucks forever came up with the thought that a bunch of old trucks tagging along behind a bunch of smicko new ones would look good so a bunch of us MVEC enthusiasts rolled up with our assortment. Peet and grandson Adam were in the club's 1952 Foden aircraft refueller, Les Wilson in his 1948 KB5 International, Trevor Feehan's 1929

Dodge 1 ton truck, Stan Perron's 1928 Dodge ute and me in my 1921 Ford T Omnibus. (well the organisers reckoned it was a truck!)

The roll call for the newer trucks was amazing! There were eighty something of them. Most of em being bloody big shiny prime movers of every brand. In there were concrete trucks and traybacks but no trailers. Trailers were not permitted along Mitchell St in the city. There were also a few mining trucks which were restricted in speed so the plan was for us and the mining trucks to cruise together at the rear of the convoy. With a cop escort they fired em up and it was a wonderful sight and the sound was just as

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Gone Fishin!



Rick loves trout fishing. Big deal you say, this magazine is about cars. Read on and you will see the connection.

Rick Brown, from USA, travels all over to pursue his love of trout fishing. Along the way gained a friendly rival, a Pommie bloke named Graham. After a bit of fierce competition Graham told Rick about the vintage Rolls Royce he had acquired. Rick was

sucked in like the fish to the fly. Soon he had his own 1923 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost. It was good but not in perfect condition and after pulling the carburettor down and reassembling it the car wouldn't run. Old mate Graham, from England, came straight over to sort the problems out. After a bit, once the car was up to scratch, Graham suggested they have a race. Now Rick likes a bit of a

The story of MVEC member Rick Brown crossing the Simpson desert in his 1923 Springfield Rolls Royce Silver Ghost

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Gangsters !



Da Godfather Mike was out to get the mug that spilled beer on his Red Corvette at the Gangsters Ball. With Daniel driving and Camille distracting the guards he had his revenge. They used Steve's Rugby for the raid and as you can see they copped the odd bullet but got away successfully! Steve's car was awarded the best Gangster car despite those bullet holes!

The first MVEC Gangsters ball. Brought out the worst in normally meek members

The Gangsters Ball was a blast. It was the greatest gathering of criminal minds in the history of the Northern Territory. About 130 impeccably dressed hoodlums of both genders set out to impress. And impress they did. For the gents, double breasted suits were the order of the day with their lady partners lifting their dresses to reveal a lot of leg, always topped with a garter often retaining a most ladylike handgun. Some ladies were not so discreet and used their bra. And there were the teenage gangsters too, and gangsterettes, always armed of course.

Family gangs were the name of the game. Chelsea, Rachael and Carolyn take it easy but Trevor has always got the Tommy Gun close just in case!



The band, the "Cellmates" performed impeccably as they were released on parole for the night. They didn't have time to change from their prison garb and had to perform with their clothes emblazoned with the broad arrow. And to dance without getting tangled up with your gun was a skill that had to be learned during the night. There was at least one undercover cop at the function but being so overwhelmingly outnumbered there were no arrests.



Colene is totally cool to the goings on behind. Stan is attempting to unload some of his counterfeit loot and Bob is having none of it. Maureen is worried about the spent bullet shells hitting her. Shirley is happy as she is the only one in a safe place!

Steve Hall, thanks to his bunch of thugs using stand-over tactics was awarded the best gangster car despite it having copped the odd bullethole from a gangland shootout during the evening. And regardless of the point on the flyer that counterfeit money would not be accepted, Stan Perron tried to pass off a bunch of it. Not bad copies either. Lucky Dan the doorman had his Tommy Gun loaded!



Young wiseguy Jack Coles found being a gangster is a hard life with Rachael and Chelsea Gargan pushing him around

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Cruizin to Mandorah

On a dry season day



Perfect weather for convertibles! In the distance is Rod Barker and his 1974 MGB, Peter Van Den Herik's 54 MGTF, Geoff Smith's Corvette and Shirley and her newly acquired Capri.

An overnight camp at Peet & Judy Menzies place at Mandorah beach was a regular dry season event

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An absent minded bunch of vintage car enthusiasts socialising in the middle of the highway trying to get run over?
Well apart from the getting run over bit, that's about it. MVEC members were invited to be part of the opening of the NT Governments new zillion dollar shortcut from Palmerston to Darwin, and this bunch were actually the first cars on the new highway. There wasn't much chance of any more traffic running them over as the pollies were still involved in back patting and nibbles in the middle of the road. So it was a once in a lifetime chance to hang out on the road and be safe.

MVEC vehicles were the first to drive on the new Tiger Brennan Drive. We opened the road!

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Darwin's first parking ticket



Back in 1911, just after the ceremony that gave the name of Darwin to our fair city, the Chairman of the newly named Darwin District Council, Matthew Zarimis, writes the first ever parking ticket. After all there are signs that clearly state "No vehicular entry to the mall"

MVEC was involved in the commemoration of 100 years since the change of the name of the city from Palmerston to Darwin and copped the first parking ticket from the then first mayor.

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SHOWTIME



Sometimes it seems a bit difficult to coax motor vehicle enthusiasts out of their sheds and to bring their lovely old vehicles out into the sunlight. But we have found the answer to that problem. Mention the word "SHOW" and out they come in droves. The Royal Darwin Show invited us to be part of the grand parade and out of the woodwork they came. How many? I have no idea. I can't count that far but rest assured there was plenty of shiny paintwork and gleaming chrome. Unreal!

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Merry Christmas!



Sarah is running the show for Santa this year. There are so many presents and the car is so full she has to sit out on the back. You'd better be good!!

Dec 2011 also reported on MVEC's first ever motorbike event...



MVEC's first ever motorbike run was a total blast. One newspaper reported it as a "heritage ride". Rest assured there were plenty of modern bikes present and the only thing on everyone's mind was fun riding their bikes. Noonamah Pub was overrun. It was so full of motorbikes you couldn't find a park. There were riders that liked to go fast and others that were happy to cruise along. Some that liked to talk and some that just wanted to ride. So we all headed off at different speeds to meet at Batchelor for a photo and off to Wangi Falls. They closed the place for swimming the day before we were there but since riding was the main interest, and it is a beautiful road with some nice bends, there were no complaints. Matter of fact everyone kept raving on how good a day it was. One thing was a bit obvious. The motorbike riders in this club are a lot more enthusiastic than the car drivers!

Midway stop at Batchelor store. 18 bikes in the photo. Some didn't stop at Batchelor, about 20 in all. Not bad for the first bike event.



Plenty of modern bikes here at the start.



Some wanted to talk, others would rather ride!



There was one of just about every brand but Triumph was the most popular marque on this day



On the way home at Batchelor



1925 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Barker Torpedo Tourer

The ex-Maharaja of Kotah "Tiger Car"

Chassis no. 23 RC - Engine no. CT 15

"Equipped for hunting Bengal tigers and other wild game, this especially opulent and intriguing 1925 Rolls-Royce Torpedo Sports Tourer was originally commissioned by India's Umed Singh II. Also known as Sahib Bahadur, Umed Singh II was the Maharaja of Kotah from 1889 until his death in 1940. An avid big game hunter, the Maharaja enjoyed ample opportunity to engage his passion on the extensive grounds of his family's private estate. Monarchs, world leaders and titans of international industry frequently hunted alongside him, as his guests."

This vehicle comes completely equipped for a night's spotlight shooting. Apart from the spotlights in every conceivable position, there is an arsenal of seriously large bore guns including a gatling gun mounted on wheels and a small cannon strapped across the back. You had to ask for the price of this car. I wasn't game enough.

Nothing to do with MVEC events, just something in one of the issues

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Steams Up!

You may recall last months article where Rowan commented that it was unlikely that the historic Sandfly locomotive would ever run. These sweet ladies kindly posed with the engine during the preparation of "A Minutes Warning".
If you listened carefully you could hear it steaming!

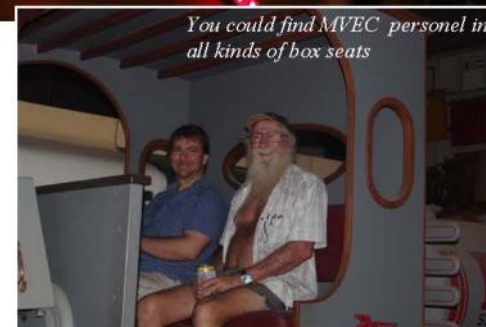
From left: Peta Squires, Hannah Woerie, Jessie Weyand, Emily Arthur, Elizabeth Bolton, Janelle Aupa'au, Sian Tiedeman

A Minutes Warning!

Just imagine. A bunch of Darwin's loveliest ladies strutting their stuff around the stage right in the middle of our cars and trucks and machinery at the old QANTAS hangar. I wasn't dreaming either. This was the 70th anniversary of the day Darwin had the heck bombed out of it by the Japanese and the Hangar didn't miss out, it still sports some serious cannon holes compliments of those aforesaid Japanese fighters. One local young lady, Matilda Alegria, designed and directed the event entitled "A Minutes Warning". There were 22 pieces of wearable art, each told the story of a specific part of the attack. The main hall of the hangar saw the normal assortment of cars and trucks moved aside to make way for a large stage. That was adorned by various relics of 1942 including mortars, machine guns and shells. Lots of speakers and lights set the scene and as the advertised time of 6pm came closer the largest crowd ever to fit in our hangar kept getting bigger and bigger. A singing duo attempted to keep everyone entertained until the sun set enough to get the required ambience, but you could tell the crowd was anxious to see the main show. And when the first model stepped out, deliberately but slowly, to the eerie metallic noise of a bombed



*Armour model: Brodie Carr
This piece represents the protection required during war. The dress is constructed from aluminium, a common material used in military equipment.*



You could find MVEC personel in all kinds of box seats



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Trevor Feehan's truck never looked so good. Story overleaf....



*Model: Louise Weber
Photograph: Fiona Morrison
Vehicle: 1929 Dodge truck
Shoes: "Ideal Husband" by Marlene Kranz*

Another fashion shoot in the hangar. By the way, did you realise all the vehicles in the movie "Australia" came from MVEC. Same deal with movie "Balibo". We even supplied extras.

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Motorcycle louts invade Litchfield National Park



Good things come in lots of two dozen. A carton of stubbies of beer and the number of motorbikes that turned out for the MVEC ride to Wangi Falls. Apart from the motorbikes a couple of classic cars rolled up too and a couple of moderns for fellers that wished they were riding but because of rotten circumstances, couldn't.

Ah, those Nortons, they just can't help looking good!

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Ghosting up the Canning Stock Route



More of Rick Brown's amazing adventures

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**Happy birthday Old QANTAS hangar.
Happy birthday Leo Izod.
They are both 80 this year!**



The birthday cake was so big Leo had to help the NT Administrator , Sally Thomas , cut the cake.
Leo really dressed up. New shirt, done up, and matching Sally's dress too!

This event was accompanied by the biggest open day and car show ever.

Need a battery?

We have received reports that our previous recommended battery supplier, Exide, have stopped giving good deals, so we recommend you try Battery Power Centre. They have proved to be helpful and have promised wholesale prices to our members. Give em your support and things can only get better.

Sorry folks, the address was wrong in Dec issue. You will find them at 3/422 Stuart Hwy Winnellie.
And I have tried them out. The battery I paid \$160 at Exide last year cost me \$110 last week at BPC.



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A blonde was on vacation and driving through Darwin. She desperately wanted to take home a pair of genuine crocodile shoes but was very reluctant to pay the high prices demanded by the local vendors. After becoming very frustrated with the "no haggle on prices" attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the blonde shouted, "Well then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own crocodile, so I can get a pair of shoes for free!" The shopkeeper said with a sly, knowing smile, "Little lady, just go and give it a try!" The blonde headed out toward the river, determined to catch a crocodile!

Later in the day, as the shopkeeper is driving home, he pulls over to the side of the bank where he spots the same young woman standing waist deep in the murky water, shotgun in hand. Just then, he spots a huge 3 metre croc swimming rapidly toward her. With lightning speed, she takes aim, kills the creature and hauls it onto the slimy banks of the river. Lying nearby were 7 more of the dead creatures, all lying on their backs. The shopkeeper stood on the bank, watching in silent amazement. The blonde struggled and flipped the Croc onto its back. Rolling her eyes heavenward and screaming in great frustration, she shouts out.....THIS ONE'S BARE- FOOT, TOO"!

A parting note...

Over the years I have been told many times that this newsletter gets forwarded all over the place and all over the world. Just as a matter of interest I would love to know just how far it got. If you are a recipient and I didn't send it to you, that is, someone else did, I would appreciate a quick note to let me know where you are located.

Also, should I get bored in my retirement and should I come across some neat stuff that needs its story to be told, I may write the odd newsletter at random, not affiliated with any club or organisation. If you would be interested in receiving such a publication, send me an email.

All the best
Ted