

From The Central West

A couple of days starting at minus 3 to minus 5 degrees and no water for a shower till 9am tells me winter is here. To top all that off I woke to find a busted roof-mounted water pipe on my shed, filling all my restoration parts and tools with water. I do feel for those farmers with livestock who have to go around with an axe to break up the ice on top of water troughs so stock can drink. It won't be long and spring will be here.

I have managed to sign up a new member from Nashdale, near Orange, and hopefully we will catch up in the spring. There are also a couple other local owners I am following up.

Past Events

Not a lot to report this month; I have attended a couple of Cars & Coffee in Dubbo with lots of interesting and valuable cars, sometimes up to eighty vehicles, but alas only ever one 'Morrie'.

The annual Manildra Picture Show day was a washout this year (or should I say a snow out) with snow falling in the area; one of our members actually could not get his car out meaning we were not represented at all this time.

Some other local clubs that did attend were all in there moderns; perhaps they should move the day to a better time.

All British Day

Tom & Maureen Deveigne with Sue and myself attended the All British Day on 23 September at Kings School. We travelled down together, staying at the Mercure Motel at Rosehill, only a short run from here to the show on Sunday morning. However, I had forgotten the bad Sydney traffic - it took 11 traffic light changes to get onto James Ruse Drive!

What a great day it turned out to be, with all sorts of cars to look at but so hard to get around to see them all. It was also a chance to look at other members' cars from

the Sydney area. Both our cars went well - Tom and myself won a trophy each.

Cars and Restorations

A bit of restoration work went on in winter and I believe John Hepburn has fitted a new wiring harness to his Traveller; not an easy job, I have done one myself, so congratulations to him.

Tom Deveigne has a mystery problem as, driving to Cars & Coffee last month, the brake pedal went to the floor. A top up of fluid did fix it but he has no idea where the fluid went.

Colin and Jandy Dray have their 2nd Morris project up for sale. I hope it goes to someone enthusiastic and the job is completed.

As I said, a very watery shed has been cleaned up and I am under way again. The restoration parts I had in plastic tubes that were submerged have been cleaned and dried. At least the shed looked good after we cleaned up!

I have to thank Club members for parts I have received to help my restoration. I have just sprayed the engine bay of my ute with a nice blue enamel, so now I can fit it on the completed chassis and add the front end. This will make it easier to move around.

Cheers,

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No more watery shed - the resto continues