

Sydney Report

Hello fellow Morris Minorists...

It seems colder this year than other years or is it just my imagination... too cold to be out and about in a Morris Minor maybe... nah, not quite.

Outings: The Anniversary Run to Kangaroo Valley on 19 June went ahead, even if we had to go the long way round to get there. It was a good day out (cold though), the BBQ was fired up and with boiling water on the go we were all kept warm by hot food and drink, and of course, warm conversations too.

Next up we had our wet **Breakfast with the Cars at Oran Park**. A really nice place and most had a hearty breakfast and good chat with other members followed by a short drive down to the nearby Grandstand Park, which has a large outline of the old Oran Park Racetrack and is placed at the site of the old grandstand (hence its name). The café owner asked when we would be back next so maybe this could become another semi-regular place to go. Sadly only 2 Morris Minors were there but the weather was to blame for that.

Lunch in Sutton Forest is up next, sadly without the Christmas part. Please note the time change: arrive at 1.30 for a 2.00pm lunch.



Technically my car is on wheels...

August 9 is our **General Meeting** combined with our second (dare I say the word 'annual') auction night. Be sure to attend, it was great fun and a lot of laughs last year, there'll be some bargains to be had too, I'm sure.

Also, don't forget our monthly **Shire Breakfast Run** on the first Sunday of every month - 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November and 4 December.

Shannons Sydney Classic is on (finally) on August 14 so get revved up for that as it's a cracker of a day, so many classic Morris Minors to see there, and so many other cars too!

Regalia: Is it colder this year than other years... well, if like me, you think it is, then get ready for the latest edition to our regalia list: beanies. That's right, beanies. Soon we will have some navy beanies with our club logo embroidered on the front, and for the bargain price of only \$20 each, they are sure to keep your noggin warm. Let me know if you want one because I'm sure our first batch will sell out fast. The new jackets have been popular too so please let me know if you need anything.

My car: Wow, first I was worried that my car had never been more apart than it is right now - now I'm worried about it being spread halfway across Sydney. My engine is getting a makeover at one



We're going to need a bigger garage!



place, my gearbox and diff are getting a seeing to at another place, and my starter motor, generator, and steering rack are getting a spruce up at another place. Not to mention all the panels and 'spare' parts that are piling up in my garage. Spare a thought for my credit card too, it's getting a thrashing, with all the bits and pieces I need to order, technical things I've never heard of before but all integral in getting my lovely little car back in good running order.



Brushing up on my restoration skills,
with John Bowmer supervising

I'm told it will be better than new when it's back on its legs wheels again, and I almost can't wait... At last the scraping is all done too, so now it's just painting and then putting back together, sounds easy doesn't it...

Cheers,

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