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Euro Motorfest, Newcastle - Sun 18 June



If ever you're up Newcastle way in mid June, check out their exceptional *Motorfest*. Run by the Hunter Region MG Car Club, it is an extremely enjoyable day out, featuring a huge display of everything automotive from Europe, plus ample coffee trucks to keep the heart rate up.



The only downside was an early leave from Sydney (or even earlier from the Southern Highlands!) but the outcome was certainly worth the effort, especially after the first coffee of the morning.



Row upon row of classic European vehicles, sprinkled with an array of stunningly unique cars (including my two favourite Ferraris), meant that no two rows of cars were alike: you name it, the car marque was there (OK, I didn't see a Rolls Royce, but maybe I wasn't looking hard enough).



'Interesting' might be a word used to describe some of the cars on display. One in particular, a VW on H plates, featured lowered suspension and, (are you sitting down?), a Mazda Wankle rotary engine! Yes, a German car with a Japanese engine on historic plates. The owner's reply when asked how he managed the combination: "Yeah, I know the guy who does the historic plates." Amazing! No wonder the historic/conditional car scene is under the spotlight from the authorities.



Euro Motorfest attracted a good deal of passers-by, as Foreshore Park is one of Newcastle's most popular places for day trippers, walkers and cyclists, and most of them were very inquisitive about the cars, especially the more quirky variety of vehicles, like Fiats, Renaults, Lancias, MGs, several Morris Minors, Peugeots, Land Rovers, Standards, Volvos, Minis, etc.



An early start meant an early finish, with announcements re prizewinners (people's choice awards: a Morris Minor won!) being made around lunch time. This meant an early afternoon exit from Newcastle and a lack of traffic heading back into Sydney. *Euro Motorfest*, highly recommended for a mid-winter getaway, even if it means an early get-up.



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Citroen 2CVs



Austin Lancer Series I



Morris Minor and Lancia Beta HPE: what do these two cars have in common? A bottle of port to the first correct answer!



Fiat 2300 Wagon



Morris J Van



Minis!



Lots of Morris, some more popular than others (right)





Wankle rotary engine in a VW Beetle?
Sure, that qualifies for the HVS...



Rare Iso Grifo from the late 1960s



Renault 10 (above left), Fiat 125 (above),
Ford Zephyr Mk I (below)



Lancia Montecarlo

