



Bugatti Passionistas

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E-Newsletter for members of the BCA.

Presidents Introduction

Firstly, thank you to David Beaumont for putting together this 2nd edition of the e-newsletter. We have received a lot of favourable feedback on the first one and I hope you enjoy this one as well. The primary purpose of the newsletter is to provide an informal means of communication for members between Bulletin editions and to help promote up and coming events.

It has been a busy few months since the last Bulletin with the Spring Run to Beleura House & Garden (Mornington Peninsula) in September, MotorClassica in October and the Pur-Sang run in November.

The Christmas dinner is on the 6 December at Lina's in Albert Park, where we have been before, and it provides a cosy indoor / outdoor location with plenty of parking for Bugattis if your lights are up to it. Please see inside or your email for costs and entry information.

We also received some feedback on the editorial in the last Bulletin where the editorial from the American Bugatti Club's latest Bulletin (Volume 61) was set out. The ABC editorial set out their position that Pur-Sang cars were not welcome at their Club events. I want to be clear that Bugatti Club Australian does not hold this view nor have a policy to this affect. Some may recall a policy voted on by members at GABR XVIII in Echuca in 2000 which went some way to define eligible cars. This policy has been reviewed and is considered redundant on several levels. If you have views on this matter please contact me directly on 0422 001 185 as I would be pleased to receive them.

For your BCA 2016 Diary

Please put the following in your BCA 2016 diary.

Date	Event	Summary
6 March 2016	Summer Run	A great run and lunch around the cooler climate of Mt. Macedon.
7-10 April 2016	G.A.B.R.	Roger Cameron has organised the rally around Mansfield Victoria, with plenty of good driving and eating in this country town at the foot of Mt. Buller. See below for details.
7 Sept. 2016	Spring Run	Expect a casual event perfect to get friends and family to come along and experience the BCA.
15 Sept. 2016	Ettore's Dinner	An annual highlight of Bugatti cars and people celebrating Ettore's birthday.
20 Nov. 2016	Pur-Sang Run	The BCA's turn to organise this combined Ferrari and Bugatti event. Expect a wide range of cars if this years was anything to go by.
4 Dec. 2016	Xmas Dinner	The social end of the BCA year!

For your BCA 2017 Diary

Two two week tours including the alternate G.A.B.R will be held in March 2017, covering Victoria and Tasmania.

Important details on booking for the 2016 G.A.B.R. and the 2017 tours are set out at the back of this newsletter.

Passionistas feedback.

Following on from seeing the 'rollover' photo in the first edition of *Passionistas*, Stuart Saunders has memories of a similar event;

'Many years ago, before coming to Australia my great friend and help with my first Bugatti restoration in the mid-1960's, Hamish Moffatt kindly offered me a drive at Prescott in his short chassis Brescia. Having competed previously only in my T35 I entered the Semi-circle flat out. Half way round, the higher C of G of the Brescia challenged one or other of Newton's Laws and we began to tip over. A sharp Left and headed down the steep slope bouncing from top to top of a couple of levee banks, slowed to a stop and gently rolled over. Driver relatively unscathed but Brescia with one bent front mudguard and windscreen looking rather second hand. The owner, phlegmatic, took it back to the paddock, out with the tool-box and a little later made a fast climb to show me how it should be done.'

Another roll-over was Bob Burnett-Read's front somersault in 40432/438 during which, miraculously, the radiator suffered most.



(q.v. BCA magazine Vol. 61 p.51).

After Passionista No.1 there's more on the Bugatti Veyron's Australian connections.

- There is a Veyron in Melbourne whose owner has said he would like to come to a BCA event.
- Is this it??? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jota6NRO-SQ>



*Shane Warne is pictured in his Veyron.

https://www.google.com.au/search?q=shane+warne+bugatti+veyron&biw=1155&bih=620&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&sqi=2&ved=0CBsQsARqFQoTCP24i8ilm8kCFWUp_godqpUAfQ

EVENTS

Classic Adelaide event SA. 16-18 October 2015.



Jason Nichols (Vic) driver, and passenger Andrew Jones, pictured enjoying themselves in 37R/118. Jason and Andrew, in what was listed as the oldest car in the event, finished in fine style. left: Friday morning, Piccadilly section; right: Saturday morning, Chain of Ponds section. (photos: Vince Johnson and <http://anygivenreason.com/2015/11/the-classic-adelaide-rally-returns/#more-16440>)

Motorclassica.

Royal Exhibition Building. Melbourne. October 23-25 2015.

Featuring 50 Years of the BCA.

From your President.

“Never has so many wonderful Australian Bugatti’s been seen by so many in such a short time” says a notable member when explaining his thoughts on Motorclassica. 17 Bugatti’s covering T23, T40, T37, T35, T43, T44, T51, T52(R) and T57 were represented including two cars not seen for 50 or so years being the Michael Miller T37A and the Fullard T43.

Thank you to all involved in attending cocktails (members and Next Generation), bringing their car, coming along generally, assisting on the book sale table, and coming to dinner. This includes those who made a big effort, defined as putting a car together for the event and coming

from outside Melbourne, interstate or overseas to attend, the notable ones in these categories included Geoff Fullard, Michael Miller, Stuart Saunders, Colleen Hemming, David Beaumont, Richard Longes, Richard Stanley, Stuart Anderson, Michael Pidgeon, Neil Rankine and Min Innes-Irons. I should add that all of these folks were supported by a son, a friend, a wife (a mix) and to them also I thank you. Also, for those who do not attend these events very much a special thank you to the Rob, Peter and David Watson and George Hetrel.

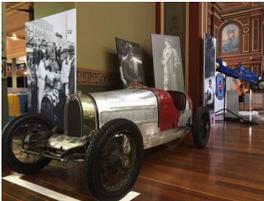
A few more thanks to Michael Anderson for the design, Aldo for the T52(R) stand and Roger Cameron for the fabric screens, a very professional and polished presentation.

Michael Watts won the best Bugatti prize and the Q&A panel told some great stories and provided a lovely mix of perspectives on the cars, the exploits and the attraction of a Bugatti.

The event was a great and different end to the formalities around the club's 50th anniversary celebrations. Cars and people we had not seen for a long while attended, the public enjoyed the experience and the enthusiasm for the marque and its presence made a strong impression.



Geoff and Keith Fullard spent over a week getting the car ready and attending the event, with Keith coming from North Queensland and Geoff from Warrigal



Michael Miller came down several times from Hong Kong to work on the car with Richard Stanley and then more work in Sydney to get it in a rolling chassis type form, without the engine or gearbox. This was the first time the car was seen in public for 63 years and the first time Motorclassica had a barn find type car on display.



Min Innes-Irons in T23 Brescia 2467/912, about to enter (but not be swallowed by) the Motorclassica pavilion.

(photo: Innes-Irons).



Neil Barter (40403) and Bob King at Motorclassica with Michael Miller's 37A to the rear.

(photo: Bob King).

Motorclassica: Specialty Class Awards presented in honour of 50 Years of the BCA.

Three judges were allocated for the Bugatti Class to be assessed, using the Motorclassica set criteria. All seventeen BCA Bugattis on display were judged. The result being that a Motorclassica Rosette was placed on each of two selected Bugattis on Saturday with the Class winner being announced on Sunday.



Overall BCA winner

1926 Type 23 Brescia 2784/1155 – Mike Watt (Vic).

photo: <http://www.motorclassica.com.au/australian-international-concours-delegance-2015-winners/>



Runner-up; Stuart Murdoch's Type 57 Atalante 57788/72C.

(photo Stuart Murdoch).

All Motorclassica awards can be seen at: <http://www.motorclassica.com.au/australian-international-concours-delegance-2015-winners/>

Vale:

Ernest ('Ernie') K. Edwards 1925-2015.

Long time continuous and very early member of the BCA (from the early 1960's) and a man who maintained over 50 years of Bugatti passion – a true Passionista.



(photo: Doug Gordon).

Michael ('Mick') Edwards driving, with his father Ernie as passenger, in Brescia (2068)/438 off the start line, at the 60th anniversary of Collingrove Hillclimb, SA, Sept 2012.

In 1962, the Brescia was given to Ernie for free, as mass of parts, on the condition that he remove it and take it away from underneath a house in Ascot Park SA. Ernie spent many of the following years diligently building up the Brescia with Molsheim parts. Since 2003 the car has been in Mick's hands and he continued with the rebuild project.



photo: Michael Edwards –Age Developments.

Mick moved, with the car, to Qld in 2014 and recently won the Noosa Beach Classic Car Show best pre-1950 award (pictured).

More history of this famous Brescia has recently been uncovered by Peter McGann and Bob King and will be the subject of a subsequent article.

Ernie also owned the highly desirable 49333/49, which he sold ca.1983 to Eric Rainsford for about \$20,000. That car was beautifully restored by Eric Rainsford, SA, and much to Ernie's dislike, who wanted the Bugatti to stay in Australia, left Australia in 1998, sold to USA and is now in Texas.

FOR SALE

BC57/37(R) for sale.



photo Mark McKibbin's car with the bonnet up, on display, at a recent event.

Mark McKibbin (0419515606) now has his BC 57/37(R), pictured, for sale at a reduced price - \$280,000. Please refer to Mark's advertisement in the BCA Bulletin Vol. 61, p.97 for some details of this terrific car.

Pur-Sang for sale.

'Throttle Shop' - Sydney www.classicthrottleshop.com/

The Throttle Shop had until recently, on their web-site a Pur-Sang for sale (\$300,000) but it has now been withdrawn from their listings – result unknown.

The car is believed to be the Les Green's Pur-Sang 35B.

Motorclassica Display items For Sale

Historic Bugatti Scenes on Free Standing Fabric Screens

The free-standing framed fabric screens used as part of the Bugatti display at Motorclassica are for sale. The screens are from original scanned images provided by the Bugatti Trust UK. The prices of each framed screen are set out below.

Description	Comment	Size	Price
50 Years of BCA	Club logo / theme	2100 w x 2400 h	\$970
Grand Prix Grid	Many in period T35's – large	5000 w x 2400 h	\$1,250
Grand Prix Pits	In period T35	1500 w x 2400 h	\$600
T52	Small child in car	800 w x 2400 h	\$485
T52	Child / car / gentleman	1865 w x 2400 h	\$670

Eiffel Tower	1920's Eiffel Tower	2500 w x 2400 h	\$1,100
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Photos available on request.

These would make great Xmas presents and helps us cover our costs on Motorclassica – please contact Roger Cameron
r.cameron@evanevans.com.au.

Bugatti Memorabilia for sale.

Bruce Smeaton (ex: 44417) has some Bugatti memorabilia for sale including; decanter, books, cuff-links, stamps plus more +++, please contact and deal with Bruce direct on 0458590773, for all details of what he has for sale and prices.

Trailer for sale:

Good condition, modified 155 cm wide, with wind reflector, pneumatic lift for ease of loading and unloading.

Absolutely ideal for your GP, Brescia and a type 40.

Please call Roger Cameron 0419108157 Price: \$5500.00



NEXT EVENT.

Please contact Margaret Puttman 0407518437 for the following event

BUGATTI CLUB AUSTRALIA

**CHRISTMAS DRINKS AND DINNER
6th December 2015**

at

**LINA 'S
BISTRO A VIN**

**114 Bridport Street
Albert park 3206**

From 7.00pm

Please complete and return this form with payment to John Shellard at P.O. Box 1122 Central Park, Vic. 3145 or by email to john@shellard.com.au no later than the 2nd December 2015.

Please reserve Places at the Bugatti Christmas drinks and dinner at the cost of \$60.00 per head. (note that drinks are not included—these will be available at bar prices)

Name

Guests.....

Phone/email.....

Total payment made: \$.....

Direct Credit details for Bugatti Club Australia

Bugatti Club Australia A/C
BSB 063-155
A/C No. 1004-3453

The big one for 2016.
GABR XXVI – Mansfield Victoria – 7-10 April 2016

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION – ROOMS WILL ONLY BE HELD UNTIL 23rd JANUARY 2016

The rally has been organised around the accommodation at the "Alzburg" Resort in Mansfield for the four nights. The rally will generally travel north, east and west over the four days and visit a number of excellent restaurants in Mansfield and the region.

To book your accommodation at the "Alzburg" please call Mansfield Visitors Information centre to book and pay for your accommodation, an automated answering machine will answer, follow the prompts:

Phone free call 1800-039-049 - press 3 for Group bookings - Booking is under Bugatti Club Australia at the Alzburg resort.

Room Rates:

- 18 x Standard motel Rooms \$137.00 per night based on two persons
 - 8 x Hotel spa rooms \$150.00 per night based on two persons
 - 2 x two bedroom apartments \$215.00 per night based on four persons shared occupancy
- 50 % deposit is required with the balance payable by the 6th March 2016.
You will receive email confirmation of your payment and booking.
Allotment of rooms will be first in first served.

GABR PROGRAMME.

Thursday 7th April 2016

1. Drinks 6.30 pm -7.30 pm At Alzburg Resort
2. Dinner 7.45 pm " The old Fire Station" TBC

Friday 8th April

1. Lunch "Dal Zotto" Vineyard Whitfield
2. Dinner "Among the Sticks" TBC and bus will collect us from the resort at 6.45 pm and return at 10.00 pm

Saturday 9th April

1. Lunch " The White Hart Hotel" Longwood

2. Dinner “The Magnolia” Short walk from the resort.

Sunday 10th April

1. Lunch: “Ruffy General Store”
2. Dinner: “The Produce Store” short walk

The cost will be around \$500.00 per head for the 7 meals it excludes accommodation and drinks as all venues have agreed to a cash bar, (Final costings will be available by mid-December).



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Others for 2016.

The following are additional 2016 events that BCA members may or may wish to enter and support:

21-22 May - Winton (Vic)

August - VSCC Rob-Roy Hillclimb (Vic)

September VSCC Alpine Rally (Vic)

2 October - Collingrove Hillclimb (SA)

15-16 October - Mt Tarrengower Hillclimb (Vic).

mid-November - Classic Adelaide (SA).

(exact dates t.b.c.)

N.S.W. Event

“Casual” Racing Goulburn – 16-17 January 2016

Members have been invited to attend the regularity event at Wakefield Park Goulburn NSW. Noel Cunningham is leading the charge and would be delighted to chat to those feeling they should exercise their car in a different way without the stress or license requirements of normal circuit events.

The meeting is not a race meeting as such but rather a regularity event where you drive as fast as you like provided that you drive in a sportsman like manner e.g. not overtaking on corners. The winners are selected at random according to the time of day they cross the line, colour of the car or size of the bribes provided to timing officials. There are classes for most pre 1960's cars.

There are 2 major events - the Bol Dor regularity race for vintage cars under 1100cc; all pre 1930 cars can participate but only the 1100cc cars can win the historic Bol D'or trophy previous awarded by the VSCC NSW. This event runs for ONE HOUR and includes pitstops determined by drawing an envelope from a hat. The second is the Goulburn GP open to all pre 1960's GP cars or cars similar to the competing GP cars - so look alike specials are also eligible. This is a regularity over 19 minutes with the winner being the first car to cross the line after 19 minutes 27 second - winning time of the first Goulburn GP in 1927.

There are numerous other events. Last year we had 2 hours on the track and were offered more - all for an entry fee of \$160.

This is clearly not an event for real racers but may appeal to the members of the Bugatti Club who would like to experience a regularity event at speeds with which they are comfortable up to near racing speeds and conditions.

Please contact Noel on noel.a.c@bigpond.net.au to discuss further or GEAR on <http://gearclub.com.au>.

For your February/March 2017 Bugatti Calendar

TOURS OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

Members have already been advised of the tours of Victoria and Tasmania coupled with the Rally in the alternate year to the G.A.B.R. In March 2017, and a number have responded expressing interest. We have also had serious interest from near 20 overseas teams, and although some will not eventuate, we should have a representation of international entrants from countries including: Belgium, France, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Switzerland, U.K. and U.S.A. We also have a number of local members who have expressed interest in one or both tours. Suffice to say that if everyone who has expressed interest did wish to participate; we would have almost filled the available places as numbers will be limited.

Planning is progressing well, and many accommodation reservations have been made. The tours will each be of 14 full days and will be reasonably gentle with two or more nights spent in most venues. The tentative plans, subject to minor change, are:

THE VICTORIAN TOUR – Will start with a welcome dinner in Melbourne on Sunday, 26 February 2017, and will depart next morning for two days on the great Ocean Road and the Otways, then on to the Grampians, Ballarat, Echuca, Mount Hotham, Lakes Entrance and on to Inverloch for four nights for the three day annual rally, and return to Melbourne on Monday, 13 March (Labour Day). We have found some interesting and different venues for visits and meals.

THE 3 DAY BUGATTI CLUB AUSTRALIA ANNUAL RALLY – Will be over the Labour Day long weekend, starting on Thursday 9 March with participants returning home on the holiday Monday 13 March, and will be based at the beautiful RACV Inverloch resort, with touring in the beautiful South Gippsland area. Numbers for this will not have the same small limit as the tours, but may be limited by accommodation.

THE TASMANIAN TOUR – After three nights in Melbourne, those proceeding to Tasmania will take the ferry overnight on Thursday 16 March. Whilst the tour will incorporate much of the area covered in 2008, we will also go into some quite different areas such as the north-east and north-west, and a recent visit amazed us with new things to see. Basically, the tour is planned to start with two nights at Cradle Mountain, then visit the North West, the West Coast, possibly four nights in Hobart, then the East Coast and North East to return from Devonport to Melbourne on Thursday, 30 March.

The final cost is some time away from being finished, but we estimate that the daily cost for the tours will be in the range \$500-\$700 per day, with Tasmania being a little more expensive than Victoria due to the cost of the ferry.

If you have not already expressed your interest, please do so now.

For this exciting event please contact:

John Shellard 0408354445 john@shellard.com.au

One from the Archive.



Stuart Murdoch's Type 30 (4704/541)
Photo dated 1943 - somewhere in Melbourne ???
(photo: ex Durant Turner SA).



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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