

# THE JAVELIN

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#### **CLUB NEWS**

Since our last issue, the club has had an outing to the Maroondah reservoir, which considering the weather, was quite a successful outing. Some nine cars turned out, and upon arriving there, we found ourselves in the midst of a Rolls Royce outing, which made for distinguished company. The flying ladies looked very good, and so did one 3-litre Bentley, which was a beauty.

One impressive spectacle apart from cars was the dam overflowing for the first time since 1960, with about foot of water going over the spillway, and cascading into quite a water fall below.

As far as the day went, one thing stood out, that was the spare parts auction conducted by the vintage boys.

Someone produced a boot full of parts and they were in business. I thought at the time, it could have possibilities in our club, and would possibly stimulate a little more interest. Someone may have parts in their garage which they do not need and what would be a more novel way of disposing of them. Better than the tip!

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#### **SOCIAL OUTING**

The next outing will be a run to SOMERS, on the Mornington Peninsula on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>. The cars will meet in the parking area at Myer's Chadstone centre on the Dandenong Rd. side at 10:00 am. Keep this date free, it is a very nice spot, and boasts a very nice beach. So help your club to make it a good day out!

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**DON'T FORGET – OUTING SUNDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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## PERSONALS

Congratulations to John and Robyn Taylor, who are now proud parents of a fine bouncing baby daughter. Also congratulations and best wishes for the future to John Marion on his recent engagement.

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## OVERSEAS DOINGS

Recent overseas mail was the New Zealand newsletter and as usual was very interesting. We on the committee are very interested in the Kiwi members of the club, they are a very keen crowd over there and very many fine Javelins are to be seen on the N.Z. highways.

They held their second annual meeting earlier this year.

This was held on a Saturday afternoon, and was followed up by a 'dine and dance' dinner function. This seems to be a very good idea and indicates the enthusiasm of these folks.

They have several branches of the club in N.Z., Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch; these operate independently for such things as social events, and for the annual general meeting, some members of these branches travel quite long distances to be present.

Membership of the club stood at 213 at the end of their last financial year. Congratulations, N.Z. you are doing a good job over there, and obviously get a lot of satisfaction from your activities.

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## MICHELIN 'X' TYRES

Mr. George Mitchell, of Kleish (**Cleish**), Scotland, reports he has been using these tyres on all wheels, and gets well over 30,000 miles per tyre. He runs them 32 lbs on the front and 30 lbs. on the rear wheels, with good roadholding qualities.

So there you are members, someone has tried them.

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**DON'T FORGET – CLUB OUTING ON**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**TO**

**SOMERS**

**MEETING AT MYER'S, CHADSTONE**

**CARS MOVE OFF AT 10:30 am SHARP!**

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## CARE OF YOUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Your Battery:** This part of a car's workings are I think the most taken for granted parts of your car. We abuse it, winter and summer, grind away on a winter's morning, and curse roundly when it gasps and goes 'flat'.

In most cases, this could have been avoided, unless the battery is of course old and dies a natural death.

Most batteries however are ruined by sheer abuse, neglect and lack of simple maintenance. Here are a few points to pay attention to, in respect of your battery:

1. Never allow your battery to remain in discharged condition for any time. This spells rapid deterioration, due to sulphation.
2. Always keep the cells topped up with distilled water. (M.M.B.W, water is sufficiently pure for this).
3. Rapid charging ruins more batteries than I could care to number. This does the same thing as 'grinding away' on the starter on a winter morning. The starter draws almost 100 Amps from your battery, and will buckle the plates inside. When this happens, you can throw your battery away.
4. A must in every home garage I think, is a battery charger – slow charge variety. Regular charging is of great benefit to your battery; at a slow rate, about 1-2 amps say once a week, overnight particularly if you have been doing much night driving. Also a useful device is the hydrometer, which measures the specific gravity of the cells. This should be about 1240 for a fully charged battery, and varies from this to 100 when completely 'flat'!

5. Keep the terminals clean, and keep corrosion right away. A good plan is to remove the battery regularly and hose it down with water, This cleans it up well. Clean the terminals with emery cloth, and grease the terminals before replacing the cable connectors.
6. I have been carrying out this routine ever since I have owned a car, and it has paid dividends. The battery in my Javelin has been there for four years and it is still going strong;

**The Electrical System:** This part of your car is very much taken for granted, and the average motorist knows very little about it. In fact he does not give it a thought until it fails. It is a very reliable part of the car, but electrical faults can and do happen, and tend to bamboozle the average driver. In many cases, a little maintenance would possibly have avoided the trouble.

1. The generator is the heart of the system, and is complimentary to the battery. It normally only requires occasional lubrication – unless you know what you are at, take it to an auto electrician if it gives trouble. Keep the fan belt tight, to prevent slipping.
2. Keep watch on the wiring, see that the insulation does not fray, and cause a short circuit, Make sure that the fuses are the correct rating, and are tight in the holders. Under no circumstances use nails as a substitute. There is no excuse for this one! Always carry a spare tin of fuses.
3. See that all your terminal connections are tight. An occasional check of this is useful, and could save you some trouble on a dark country road.
4. The voltage regulator regulates your rate of charge of the battery and normally requires no attention. Once again, unless you know what you are doing, don't touch it. If it gives trouble. It's a job for an auto electrician. You can send the whole lot up in smoke if you do the wrong thing here, including burn out your generator — so, HANDS OFF!
5. Carry spare globes at all times, remember stop lights are now compulsory; I suggest fitting a stop light indicator, which lets you know if your stop lights are faulty.
6. Have your head lights checked occasionally for beam height, badly adjusted lights are a menace and illegal.
7. A good plan is to install an amp meter, as it indicates the rate of charge of your battery, or discharge, and could be the means of detecting a fault before it gets to the smoke stage, see your garage about this one!
8. These few points may help you to prevent faults, and could be the means of avoiding an anxious time on the road one night. .

If you do not know anything electrically, don't meddle – you can end up in more strife than you dreamed of. BUT, it does not require electrical knowledge to attend to the points I have mentioned. Prevention is better than cure!

## **FOR SALE**

Javelin Saloon, PB Model. Not going. New clutch recently fitted, body sound, gear box O.K. Engine needs overhauling. Offers?

Anyone interested contact Mr. Dodd, or myself. M. Dodd's phone number is 874~4538 and mine (Secretary) is 88-2343.

Bill Fock has a PD Javelin with PC motor, Not registered, for sale, £35.

## **DON'T FORGET – CLUB OUTING – DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **HERE ARE SOME OVER THE COUNTER PARTS WHICH SUIT THE JAVELIN**

Holden water pump seals fit the Javelin without modification

Ford Zephyr brake linings (1951-53) will fit PC model

Austin A40 valve stem seal is interchangeable with Javelin centre stud seal.

Ford V-8 conrod locking tabs will suit.

Fan belt as fitted to 2-litre Riley of same vintage.

Engine mounts 'Silentruba' A633  
Shocker bushes – front 'Silentruba' S162.  
Oil filter cartridges – Vokes: 'Ryco' R244-V; 'Fram' S244-V  
Fuel pump kit – 'Goss' 966 VC.  
Rear brake cable, PB. P.B.R. C 956  
Front wheel bearing Seals – 'Repco' P-3069-C182.  
Rear hub seals – 'Repco' P-3837.  
Rear inner seals – 'Repco' P-2397.  
Rear wheel bearings (PB) 'Timken' 1427-B.  
Distributor Caps – 'Lucas' 409635.  
Front brakes, PB – Wheel cylinder seals 'PBR' P-4189. Wheel cylinders 'Girling 390010/11.  
These are a few parts that are obtainable from 'Repco', I have purchased all of these at various times and are listed for the interest of members.

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This week, I changed the front universal joint on my car for the first time, it had done 67,000 miles, I only hope the replacement rubbers do as well. As you know, you can recondition these yourself.  
All that is required is to drill out the rivets, replacing them with high tensile bolts of suitable size. Remove the old rubbers and replace with 'Silentbloc', and bolt it together.  
It saves throwing away an otherwise good coupling, and costs you the 'price' of the rubbers only.

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Another interesting note this week, was that our treasurer, Bill Fock is fitting 1961 VW rear tail lamps to his car. They look very smart too.  
Also, there is to be something very special from the Dodds stable very soon, I cannot say exactly what yet, but watch out you traffic light stakes experts, you will see this Javelin as it passes you!!  
I hope to make it to Sydney during January, per Javelin and in the next issue may have something of interest to write about.

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And thus my friends, we come almost to the end of another year – this will be the last issue for this year; with Christmas almost upon us, it is only a month to go, I would like to thank all for their help during the year. In the committee, I hardly need say what we all feel, but it has been a very pleasant year, we meet every fortnight and the boys always turn up.  
So to all members, and affiliates overseas, I would like to extend our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.  
Cheers for 1964, Signed: Graham McLeod. Hon. Secretary.

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