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Next meeting is ? due to COVID-19 pandemic

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Bonjour Renaultphiles

Bonjour Renaultphiles Our last meeting on 19 March was supposed to be our AGM but COVID-19 put an end to that as it did to other events planned by other clubs. We had also received advice from Shannons that it could no longer offer its premises for club meetings for the same reason. Given this situation, it was resolved via email that current office holders from the President down would continue in their current positions pending further advice from the Pug Club on the proposal to merge to form a new French car Club of Canberra.

The Pug Club were to consider a special resolution on this matter at its general meeting on 24 March but again COVID-19 intervened as their venue at the Raiders Club became unavailable. They were to vote on the proposal by proxy voting but I have now been advised by Brad Pillans, the President of the Pug Club, that some of their members still want a joint discussion of the matter. At present, Brad is looking to organise some sort of teleconferencing among his members to progress the matter.

In the circumstances, we need to wait a little longer to see an outcome.

In the meantime, with self isolation imposed on all of us as a result of COVID19, we can usefully undertake other tasks if one like me is retired or if you have unfortunately been stood down temporarily from your job. At this stage, I have re-stained all of our timber decks and refurbished my garage door that was showing the ill effects of weather since it was last done in 1992. However, most of my time so far has been spent on my 1969 A110.

Luckily, I was able to travel to/from Melbourne to pick up my 5-speed gearbox from Rob Sealey before the borders were closed off. I have since reinstalled it in the A110 and based on a test, done while still up on wheel stands, it seems to be working OK. I will be testing it out on the road shortly once I have done the brakes. It would have been ready in time for another run with other Alpines through the Victorian Alps starting at Bright in mid- April but that has been postponed for obvious reasons.

Now that the F1 season and AFL have been postponed, as well as other events, I will just have to figure out what to do next – tidy up the garage, rebuild a retaining wall in the back garden....Whatever you are doing, keep safe and have a happy Easter.

Keep Safe

Barry McAdie

Secretary's Notes

RENAULT OWNERS CLUB of CANBERRA MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND GENERAL MEETINGS Shannons, CANBERRA,

Our March meeting and AGM were cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic regulations.

Social Report:

French car drives in 2020

Program of French car drives together with Peugeot and Citroen clubs, 4th Sunday of even months.

All drives currently suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic, those we are not able to run will be postponed to 2021.

April 26: Braidwood- visit local museum or historic house

June 28: Tharwa- afternoon tea at Tharwa Country Store

August 23: Queanbeyan- visit local history museum and print museum, lunch or coffee at local cafe, <https://queanbeyanmuseum.org.au/>, <http://queanbeyanprintingmuseum.com/>

October 25: Hillbrook Hygge-lunch

December 6: Christmas BBQ

Local and interstate events for 2020:

Jugiong motorsport weekend. 10-11 April

Postponed until later in 2020.

Wheels of Wamboin, April 18, 8am – noon. This event is now cancelled.

Reports on past events:

We have had no events since the last publication, and unlikely to be able to hold any for several months to come.

So, with all this spare time to spend in the garage, could you please send me photos of the projects that you are working on for the next newsletter

I took my R12 for a drive recently to charge the battery, exploring the ACT western border dead-end roads of Belconnen. Stockdill Dr ends at the sewerage treatment works and Parkwood Rd ends at the old entrance to Ginninderra Falls. But the roads leading there are quite scenic and great views across the Murrumbidgee River.



R12 outside the gate to sewerage works, West Belconnen.



R12 on Parkwood Rd with views of Brindabella Mountains.



I used to enjoy visiting Ginninderra Falls in the late 1980s. Entrance now looks like a scene from a Mad Max film

Another project that I am working on, restoration of this 1976 Peugeot mixte bike.



Other bits and pieces: From Renault Vintage Facebook group, 1976 was a good year for Renaults

