

Point Cook RAAF Museum Club Run

On August 12, the club run was to the RAAF Museum at Point Cook. Personal confessions first, for years I have traveled past the signs directing commuters to the site. Club Captain Tony Bullen put the venue on the agenda so finally I got to see what I'd been missing for a long time. The event had one of the strongest turn ups of club members in recent years so clearly the venue had serious pulling power.



Photos do not do justice to the quality of the history stored on-site or the experience; dozens of other visitors there on the day of our visit confirmed Point Cook as a sleeper tourism attraction. It's therefore hard to fathom why the site was ever listed for private sale but equally clear why in 2007, Point Cook was placed on the National Heritage List.

The photos highlight the depth of history under care on the site but just to add some weight to the site's importance here is a very abridged history of the highlights.

March 7, 1913 – Point Cook is named as the site for the central flying school

Jan –Oct 1916 – Squadrons 1, 3 and 4 formed at Point Cook for WW1 overseas service

Nov 1919 – First North-South crossing of Australia, departing Point Cook on BE2e

31 Mar 1921 – The RAAF is formed

12 Aug 1928 – Kingsford-Smith and ULM depart Point Cook on the first non-stop, east-west crossing of Australia in the Southern Cross

1939 – 1945 - 2,700 pilots trained at Point Cook under the Empire Air Training Scheme

1998 - Point Cook is listed for sale by Defence "to be disposed in the 2001 Financial Year"

Dec 2004 – Announcement of withdrawal from freehold sale

Oct 2007 – Point Cook placed on the National Heritage List

Mar 2014 – Centenary of the first flight of a military aircraft in Australia



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Stanhope 2018 Jamboree round-up

The Queen's Birthday Club Jamboree to Stanhope was well attended and a great weekend was had by all. Some of us decided to make it an extra-long weekend – because we could – and arrived early.

On the face of it, this was a good idea, offset by the advent of rain on Friday. Good for the tanks but not so good for the campers. Nevertheless, we soldiered on and made sure we had a good time. The rain Friday cleared by the weekend, ensuring that we forgot about the inclement weather by the time everybody had shown up.

There is lots to do and see around the area on this particular weekend, with the Echuca Steamfest, many different markets and lots of interesting places to see. The Steamfest is always a feature with many great cars on display ranging from steam cars and trucks from the very early days through to modern vehicles of many types.

The annual auction was once again a great fundraiser with many interesting items sold. Phone bidders pushed up the price on some articles to record levels.

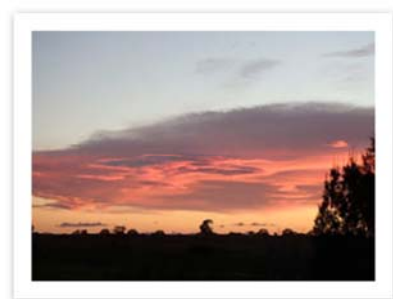
The local Stanhope market always turns something interesting up. Last year it was a couch that was very useful around the evening campfire. This year it was the entertainment afforded by bocce, purchased by Chris. Music and jokes were a highlight of afternoons and evenings spent huddling around the campfire.

The entire range of weathers were on display, with rain on the Friday giving way to a fine mostly sunny weekend, fogs and frosts of a morning and clear starlit nights.

We're looking forward to an even better weekend for next year with the promise of more club-run events, particularly of an evening. Hoping to see at least a Morris Vision Song Contest and maybe Morris Dancing?

Many thanks to all who organised the weekend. It was a great job and a great and enjoyable weekend.

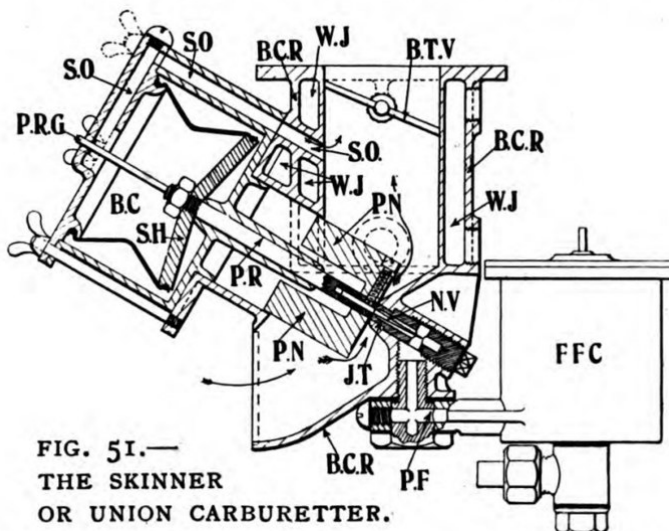
Editor's comment: Words and photos were taken from our Facebook page - thanks Sherry.



Did you Know?

The original SU Carburettor design incorporated a leather bellows which was replaced by a piston. The image (right) was published 1908 and 1909.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SU_Carburettor



**FIG. 51.—
THE SKINNER
OR UNION CARBURETTER.**

(B.C) Bellows. (B.C.R) Body of carburettor. (B.T.V) Butterfly throttle valve. (F.F.C) Float feed chamber. (J.T) Nozzle. (N.V) Taper needle. (P.F) Petrol duct. (P.N) Plug. (P.R) Spindle. (P.R.G) Spindle guide. (S.H) Head of bellows. (S.O) Communication between mixing chamber and interior of bellows. (W.J) Hot jacket.

Did you know? 2

Skinner Union (S.U.) carburettors were widely used not only in William Morris's Morris and MG products but Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Rover, Riley, Turner, Austin, Jaguar, Triumph and Swedish Volvo, Saab 99 automobiles for much of the twentieth century. S.U. also produced carburettors for aircraft engines including the early versions of the Rolls-Royce Merlin, but these were of the conventional fixed-jet up-draught type rather than the firm's patented constant-depression design.

Source-https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SU_Carburettor

From the President



Welcome everyone to this month's magazine. This month's Point Cook run was well supported by members and friends on a cool, but thankfully dry day. It was great to see everyone enjoying the air show put on by the museum staff. The live display was a small historical training plane owned by Murray whom flew it down from Kyneton for the afternoon demonstration.

Debbie and I will be away for the month of September traveling around Canada, so Stephen, the club's Vice President, will be your point of contact.

Members as per the club calendar, this month's event is the Show n Shine, so get your vehicle out from under the sheets and get it polished; for any further information regarding the show-n-shine call club captain Tony for details.

Debbie and I attended the August delegates Federation meeting held at Casterton Victoria, gee what a cold part of the world it is at this time of the year. Not a lot to report from this meeting, I will gather my notes for the October meeting.

Thanks members and friends for getting behind our club, we are still growing with new people joining that have great interest in Morris & BMC products.

Yours sincerely, *Tim*

Under the Bonnet - The SU carburettor "Dashpot" oil top-up

By Rod Bowers

Gday, those of us with Skinner Union (SU) carburetors share a love hate relationship with these deceptively simple devices.

How can anything with basically three moving parts cause so much trouble? For those of you sufficiently motivated to find out how they operate I have included two links to YouTube as below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60Bj_2cZQnc Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GRAcqDySog> Part 2

For those of you who are already underwhelmed, don't give up, the following maintenance tip is absurdly simple and should result in an improvement in general driving performance.

Anyway, one of the ways they cause trouble is that the "dashpot" oil which damps the up and down movement of the piston (see below) disappears due to leakage or evaporation or both.

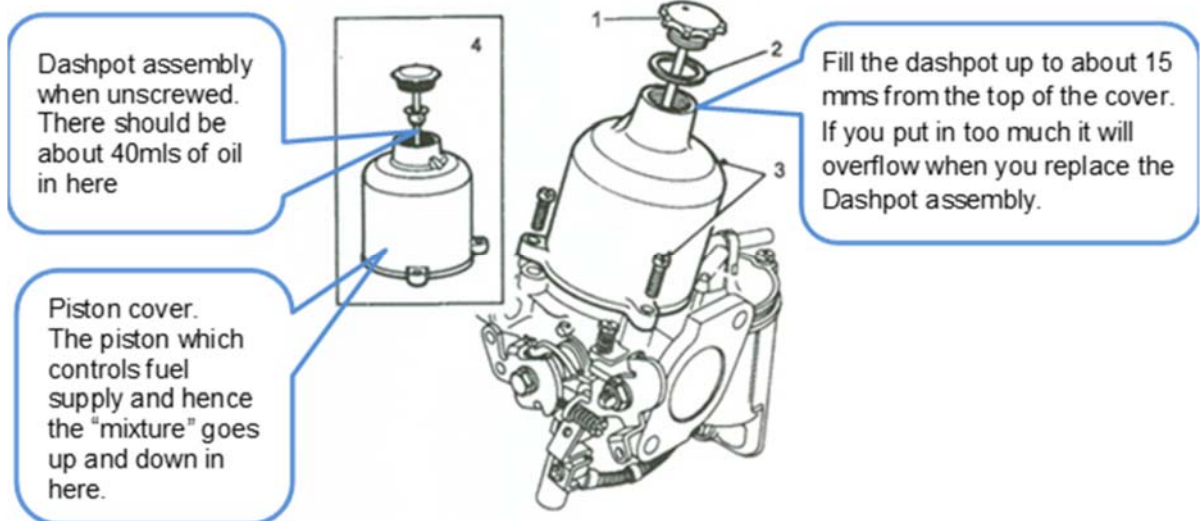
If there is insufficient or no oil in the dashpot, under acceleration, the piston will rise faster than it should, and the mixture will go very "rich" resulting in the motor coughing and hesitating for some seconds.

The oil is 10-20 weight mineral oil. For comparison, sewing machine oil is about 10W and transmission fluid is 10W. So it's fairly thin and hence does evaporate quite readily. It also leaks quickly due to wear inside the dashpot and finds its way into the engine and is burnt during operation.

There is a good argument for using 20W-50W engine oil instead of the thin stuff because it will last longer, even so, on a worn carby you may need to top up at least once a month.

Try the heavier oil first and see what happens. The dashpot should unscrew by hand, if not, use pliers carefully, the top is plastic.

The above comes from my direct experience, as, for my sins, I'm blessed with two of them fitted to Gidget.



Happy motoring, Rod

Editor's comment: sincere thanks Rod for your excellent contribution.

Events, meetings & things to know

Month	Meeting Date & Place	Club Event
September	September 4 Pascoe Vale RSL Dinner from 6.30 onwards Meeting 8pm	September 16 Annual Show 'n' Shine Meeting point: Calder Park BP out-bound n the McDonalds car park 9.30– 10.00am departure. Hanging Rock for a picnic lunch. Afternoon tea at <i>Top Of The Range Tea Rooms</i> . Entry fee for Hanging Rock is \$10
October	October 2 Pascoe Vale RSL Dinner from 6.30 onwards Meeting 8pm	October 7 Werribee Park Meeting point: RSL Club 40 Cumberland Rd, Pascoe Vale. 9.30-10am departure. Bring a picnic or buy your food onsite.
November	November 2 Pascoe Vale RSL Dinner from 6.30 onwards Meeting 8pm	November 10 Club Run to Yarra Glen - Sugar Loaf Reservoir See details right
December	December 4 Pascoe Vale RSL Dinner from 6.30 onwards Meeting 8pm	December 9 Club Christmas Function Galli Winery Restaurant 1507 Melton Hwy, Plumpton VIC 3335

Club runs, outings, events – Please have your say

At the September meeting we will dedicate some time to discuss your ideas about the activities for 2019.

Tony is keen to lock in the dates and to do the preparation needed to ensure our activities are of the highest standard. For example, does the club want to have a family fun day? If yes, what sort of activities do you think we should include? Where would you like to have the day?

If you cannot make it to the meeting, send me an email or give me a call so I can add your ideas to the discussion on the night. Stephen

Contribute to future Bull's-Eye editions

Contributions from members are encouraged. The content should be around 400 to 500 words and if possible, have photographs to increase appeal and encourage readership.

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Show 'n' Shine

Earlier this week a flyer was distributed via email about the route for the Club Run to Hanging Rock for our annual Show 'n' Shine event.

For those coming from areas outside of Melbourne and are not likely to participate in the Run, the following information should get you to where we will be meeting at Hanging Rock.

We have booked a BBQ shelter at the Rock. It is **the south west shelter** if you take the first left inside the main gate it will take you to the spot. There is a \$10 per car charge levied by the managing agency of Hanging Rock.

A basic BBQ lunch will be provided by the club for a gold coin donation.

If you want to brush up on the format for this year's Show 'n' Shine, the assessment sections can be found on the MCCV Website in the 'News' section.

Stephen Whitworth

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