

NSW COBRA CAR CLUB

CANBERRA TRIP

3rd/4th March 07

Saturday 3rd March was the beginning of a wonderful weekend, orchestrated by Dick McCaughey, and a job well done indeed Dick, thank you. I would also like to thank on behalf of the NSW CCC the members of the Canberra CCC who showed outstanding hospitality to us. From this weekend we have made lovely new friends, had fun and made lots of good memories.

First meeting point at Pheasant's Nest found us all accounted for and after a coffee stop at Cannonyleigh we were on our way to Canberra. 9 Cobras and 1 BMW – yes, Peter Lloyd's Cobra was STILL in sick bay.



We arrived in Canberra and found our way to 'Mr Spokes' where we were met by The Canberra Cobra Car Club members. And a welcome sight they were !!



'Mr Spokes' is a little cafe on the banks of Lake Burleigh Griffin where one can hire pushbikes and boats. The pushbikes came in a variety of shapes and forms, some with little canopies over a twin bike with a 'could be' comfy seat, single bikes and tandems.



Stuart and I hired a tandem straight away, full of enthusiasm, no problem can't be too hard?!?! Off we went with not much hassle until I realised that being behind Stuart back I couldn't see much and I was missing the breeze, so he volunteered to stop and put my seat up a bit. Very gallant of him. However, at this point we realised we should've communicated a bit better before we started as it is QUITE important when you are getting off a tandem that you both get off on the SAME side. You guessed it – he leaned left as I leaned right. Ooohhh. A bit ugly. We made the necessary adjustments and off we went, we passed Dick cycling around – are you lost Dick?? No...No..not lost. Was that you we saw cycling through the wedding in the park??? No...No...not me.... Audie and Margaret hired the bike with the canopy thingy and we could hear the two of them laughing from across the lake as they peddled furiously!! The other 'bikers', upon finishing, came over to the gathering

spot flushed in the face with perspiration popping, all with a tale to tell of how far they had managed to ride, each one of course topping the previous story !!!!

After lunch and the bike ride it was 'follow the leader' to the top of Black Mountain

Tower ably led by Peter and Beverly Baker. It was lovely to share this experience with other members of the Canberra CCC. We then checked into our motel and on to 'happy hour' before we were warmly welcomed by David and Anne Llewellyn at their home for a barbeque.

We were picked up by the member of the Canberra CCC from our motel and taken to David and Anne's (which meant they couldn't drink so that we could – thank you). The Canberra ladies had busied themselves making salads and extras for us all, which we demolished !





At the conclusion of the evening they again ferried us back to our motel again. Quite unexpected but much appreciated. Thank you.

Sunday morning we again assembled near Lake Burleigh Griffin to embark upon a



'Mystery Run'.

At this point I liked the people in the Canberra CCC.

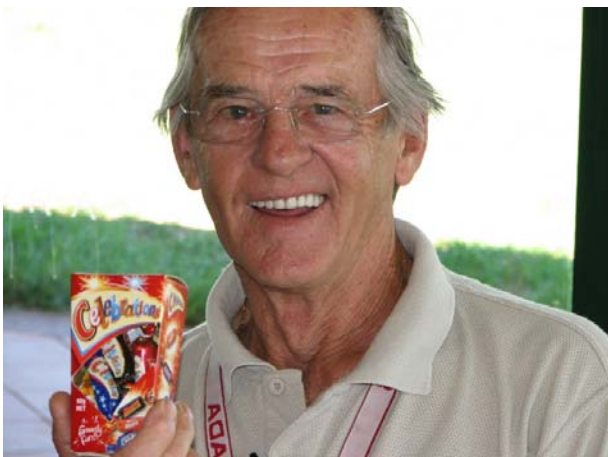
Following a photo shoot we were given instructions for the 'Mystery Tour' and at intervals we took off. All went fairly well for the first few questions. It began to go downhill when we got to Questacon and had to identify which animal Einstein's hair resembled !!!! The answer was actually easy..... "a Cobra passenger after 5 mins on a Freeway".....but unfortunately they wanted the 'right' answer, which turned out to be a 'Dove'. (You would NEVER buy a bottle of Dove shampoo if you saw *this* Einstein on the bottle !!!!) But Dove it was. OK onto the next question and the next. Somehow we caught up with John and Merna Thompson. We had a lovely little *unscripted* tour of ANU and the grounds ALL.. of their grounds ! We were just leaving when we came across Phil and Tracey. "Are you two lost Tracey?" "No...no....not lost" they both offered.

They joined us for an adhoc final tour of ANU, we were able to point out a few places of interest to them, as we were now old hands with these grounds. Phil did ask at one point if WE were lost "no...No.. not lost !".

I used to like the Canberra CCC people.

The answer to one of the last questions was along the lines of "who had access to the parking spot closest to the Tower" or something of the like. My bright suggestion was to bypass going all the way up there to find out...in my mind it had to be 'nature' as there was a 'nature garden nearby. Yes, that had to be it, saved us the trip, question answered.. they all believed me...(?!?!?!?) and so onto the final question and lunch.

Lunch was lovely. We were met at the Kamberra Winery where our time for the 'Mystery Run' was logged....answer sheets collected....(Oh no....we're doomed...no cheating possible !). The food and wines were delicious, the company quite jovial when Peter Baker read out the ANSWERS. Audley Lloyd was the winner,



Margaret could have won, but her time was slower as she stopped and waited for Audie to catch up !!! That's friendship for you !



After lunch we said our goodbyes and thanks to our Canberra CCC friends and meandered our way home.

It was a terrific weekend, we had fun, we were able to enjoy good company and experiences and hope that we can extend the same hospitality to the Canberrans when they come to Sydney.

Thanks Dick for organising this for us. Thanks to ALL Canberrans, particularly Peter and Beverly Baker, David and Anne Llewellyn.

Regards
Kerry Burrows