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from
ACT MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARIEL REGISTER

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A.A.R. Activities in the ACT

The ACT A.A.R. members conduct all local rides under the Veteran, Vintage & Classic Motor Cycle Club, ACT, Inc (VV&CMCC). Details on rides held by the VV&CMCC can be found on the VV&CMCC website at <http://www.vvcmcc.org/>. Local and Interstate members are welcome to attend these rides, which unless otherwise stated in the program of events shown at <http://www.vvcmcc.org/comingevents/index.htm>, start from the car park at the Australian Spanish Club, Narrabundah (behind the motel next to the Harmonie German Club) and leave at 10:30 AM on the advertised date (nearly always a Sunday ride).

Canberra VV&CMCC Annual Australia Day Rally – 2013

Ariel Bikes

Wayne Smith – 1950 VH
Stuart Jones – 1954 FH
Frank Simpkin – 1955 VH
Stephen Murray – 1954 VH

AAR Members on non-Ariel bikes:

Allan Boyd – 1956 BSA didn't make it so rode a 1983 BMW R80
Bob Courtney – 1945 Triumph 3H
Graham Whitty – 1972 Honda CB500
Ian Hearn – 1964 Honda Dream
Dick Stubbs – 1976 Honda 350
Col Hill – 1969 Triumph T120
Peter Jessup – 1970 Ducati
Tony Gosling – 1926 BSA S26
Mark Hewson – 1973 Izh Jupiter (Russian)
Phil Sell – 1948 Triumph 5T

2013 Canberra Swap Meet

The Canberra Swap is organized by the ACT VV&CMCC (ACT) that is the primary club for most of this region's AAR members.

So what better way to promote the AAR and our Ariels than to display our Ariels in one of the main pavilions of EPIC (Exhibition Park in Canberra); a mention at VVCMCC's October meeting and a few phone calls later brought together enough Ariels to fill two indoor sites!

Col Hill, Chris and myself are involved with various tasks in running the Swap, and Lyn Meredith offered to "man" the site and hand out promotional items and sell some AAR regalia.

We had a wide variety of Ariels on display ranging from Col Hill's 'Black Ariel' as well as his Ariel 4G, John Waldren's Ariel pushbike and VB600, Peter Jessup's VG500 (in quite original condition), my 1951 Twin to Chris Hillbrick-Boyd's Ariel Arrow.

There was a surprising amount of interest in the Ariels that resulted in us selling some regalia and signing up two new members for the AAR (and VV&CMCC). One new member for both clubs was Garry Stratton whose brother Alan Stratton is well known to many AAR members with his Ariel KH 500.

Another interesting Ariel enthusiast was a Malasian man who is attending university in Canberra and who owns two Ariels back in Malasia.

On display were some of our AAR photo albums dating back to 1994 and they were very popular with many motorcycle enthusiasts, whether Ariel owners or not, to peruse and reminisce about their much younger days and riding motorcycles.

The Swap usually winds down about 2.30-3pm, then starts all the packing and cleaning up. In all a great day and warm and sunny weather to match.

Finally a big thank you to our AAR members who brought along their Ariels for display, and who also helped to set up and pack up the other display items.

Until next year, "Keep those Ariels on the road".

AAR Members & Bikes Roll Call at Swap Meet

Col Hill	1926 Ariel Model "A"
Col Hill	1937 Ariel 4G
John Waldron	1927 Ariel pushbike
John Waldron	1946 Ariel VB 600
Peter Jessop	1948 Ariel VG 500
Allan Boyd	1951 Ariel KH 500
Chris Hillbrick-Boyd	1960 Ariel Arrow ("The Flying Arrow")
Lyn Meredith	Desk Minder

