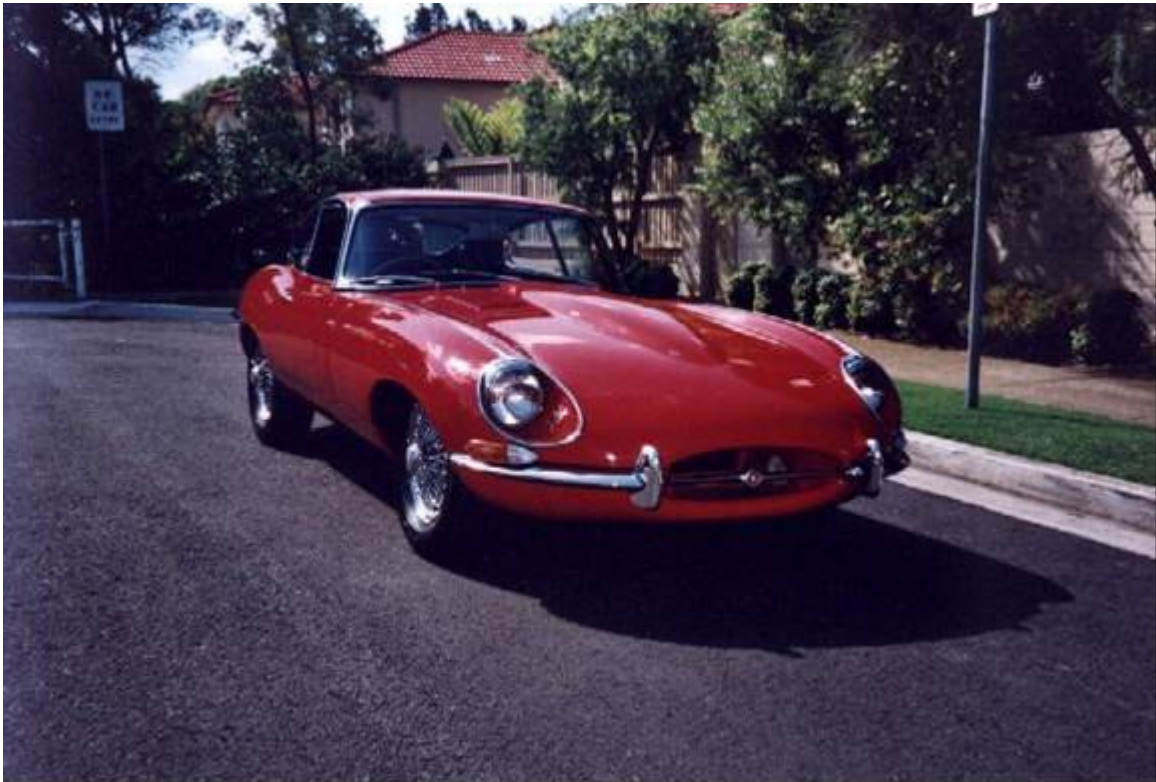
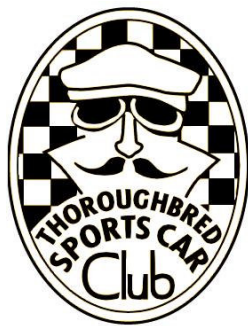


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Colin Watts E Type Jaguar series One-and-a-Half– Refer to article



## 2007 COMMITTEE

President	Vern Kelly	9651 2770 (H)
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Please note these are all honorary positions, carried out by members in their own time.  
If you call them, please accept that they may have to call you back at a time convenient to them.

### General Meetings of the Club

Held on the second Wednesday of the month (except January and December)  
at The Carlingford Bowling Club  
Corner Pennant Hills Rd. & Evans Rd., Carlingford commencing at 8:00pm

### OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

Fostering a better acquaintance and social spirit between the various owners of Thoroughbred Sports Cars in Australia

To help and advance Thoroughbred Sports Cars in Australia

To establish and maintain, by example, a high standard of Conduct and a Respect of the Laws of the Road

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# **PRESIDENT VERN'S**

## **VERNACULAR**



Hello to you all. Well, the year is already off to a flying start.

We have had our first Club Meeting for 2007 on 14<sup>th</sup> February at our first change of Dinner/Meeting venue for 20 years. Feedback to me indicated that everybody was more than happy with Carlingford Bowling Club with its private room facility, extensive & reasonably-priced bistro menu (with generously-sized meals!!), and prompt food service.

This Club Meeting day was also a “special” birthday (one ending in “0”) for Val Dixon, which was appropriately recognised and celebrated, and also happened to be Valentines Day, which was nicely recognised, via a wonderful gesture from Peter & Eve Stefan, by a gift pack of Nivea products for each of the ladies. Thanks Peter & Eve – this exemplifies the camaraderie which our Club is all about.

Your Committee has planned another interesting year’s activities and events, being as usual a mixture of regular Club activities and special individual events. Our next special event will be our participation in the Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club Motorfest on 10<sup>th</sup> March. This will be our first participation in this major event of up to three hundred vehicles, and at this stage we will have eleven cars displayed.

On 25<sup>th</sup> May we have our four day “Back to Bingara Bash”, being kindly arranged by Robyn and Terry Daly. This looks like being a great event.

Here’s to another great year of Club social activities and events. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these.

Happy motoring,

**President Vern**

### **2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE**

Just a reminder that Club Membership subscriptions for 2007 are now due. Payment is required, in terms of the Club’s rules, by the last day in March to enable continued financial membership. Please remember to complete the membership renewal form & send with your cheque. The Club runs on a thin budget and requires a core of funds to meet future needs. Thanks to the many Members who have already renewed memberships promptly.

President Vern

## **WEBSITE**

The Website is now fully operational and has just been listed on Google although it has not yet appeared on the other 2 Search Engines I use (AltaVista and Yahoo!7).

The Membership Form and Calendar Of Events are available for printing on line via the Website.

The next step will be to have a photo gallery page with some photos of recent events as they become available. I decided against using photos of events from last year as I believe the website should be as up to date as possible.

If members have any suggestions for inclusion of any other material/topics please Email me at the following address.

Ian Norman  
Webmaster

Email: [ian\\_norman@bigblue.net.au](mailto:ian_norman@bigblue.net.au)

## WEDNESDAY RUN

21 February 2007

This was the first Wednesday run for the 2007 calendar year, and was organised by Peter and Sue Smart. Unfortunately Peter and Sue were late withdrawals on the morning because of an unexpected and last minute family situation that arose.....oh the joys of being a grand parent!

The destination for today's run was The Imperial Hotel at Mount Victoria which boasts of being Australia's oldest tourist hotel but, be that as it may, the hotel is well known to us, and has a high reputation particularly for its great quality food.

19 starters gathered at our usual meeting place at "The Rest-a-While" café at Richmond. Travellers included:

Chris and Joan Johnson  
Malcolm and Toni Ireland  
John and Karma Watson  
Vern and Wendy Kelly  
Graham and Marilyn Olliffe

Ian Norman and Jan Shearer  
Colin Watts  
John and Val Dixon  
Keith and Carol Reynolds  
Paul and Jan Goddard

Following morning coffee which included a lot of chatter amongst the group who are catching up and renewing acquaintances after the long Christmas break, we proceed towards our destination at Mount Victoria. Our trip takes us through Richmond following The Bells Line of Road through Kurrajong, up Bellbird Hill to Bilpin. On towards Bell and along the way we encounter the usual delays with the perpetual road works that seem to be never ending on this stretch of road. We veer left at Bell and continue along The Darling Causeway which takes us through to Mount Victoria and the Imperial Hotel.



The day was fairly warm (about 30 degrees) so it was decided that to take full advantage of the conditions and ambiance of the surrounds "al fresco" would be the sensible way to dine, so tables in the grounds were commandeered for our dining pleasure. The food was of the usual high standard that we enjoy at this venue and, not to be outdone, a few in the group were seen backing up for desserts to top off their main meal.

The day concluded with some venturing off the various craft and book shops, with others making their way home either by retracing the route taken earlier or

following the highway back through Katoomba. Some also diverted at Springwood and returned home through Richmond.

A most enjoyable day made better by good company.

Paul Goddard

To fill the remaining space on this page, I thought that I would share with you some amazing shots that I took of the Southern Alps during our recent visit to New Zealand. These were taken during a helicopter flight that I did from the township of Wanaka that has Mount Aspiring as its magnificent backdrop.



## Another Jaguar Birthday

Just in case we have forgotten, 2007 is the 40th birthday of the retrospectively named Series "One-and-a-half" E type. This model, officially listed as a Series One car, was born in 1967, and is interesting in that it was an interim model between the Series One and Two E types and, during its short life of little over a year, contained elements of both series. The early cars retained the Series One toggle switches, door handles and window winders but, during the model run, the rocker switches and recessed door handles and "safety" window winders appeared, which became standard fitment on the Series Two cars. The early cars also had a starter button but later cars had a key start which was carried over to the Series Two cars. In fact, in the "Original E Type" book, there is a photograph of a car with both! Maybe the factory was having a bad day that day!! The Series "One-and-a-Half" cars were the first E types to have uncovered headlights. The treatment was more subtle than those on the Series Two cars which always remind me of frog's eyes (with apologies to Series Two owners!). The headlights didn't poke out as far as the Series Two cars. These cars are relatively rare. An example of this is the fact that only 374 Series "One-and-a-Half" coupes were made in right hand drive. I am fortunate to own one of them. One other feature that was retained from the Series One cars was the small bonnet aperture. This small opening was made 68% bigger on the Series Two cars in the interests of better cooling. In my humble opinion this rather spoils the overall frontal appearance of the Series Two E types.

So, happy birthday to all Series "One-and-a-Half" E types!

Colin Watts

## THE JOYS OF RESTORING OLD CARS

The following article is reprinted from the Club Elite News Letter of February 2007 for Lotus Elite owner's world wide and details the cost to date of one US owners restoration project. Supplied by Terry Daly who owns Elite #1687 pictured below.







### **1096 Restoration Update from Joe Marchione**

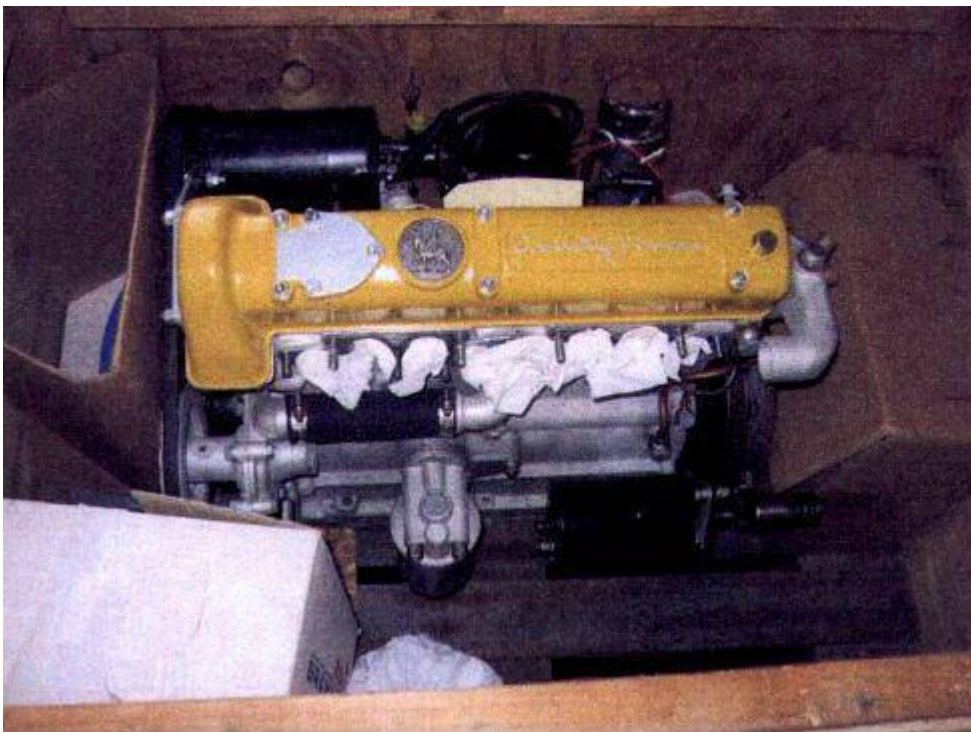
*This is the next installment from Joe Marchione in his quest to restore 1096 to a terrific Elite again. Read what Joe has to say as the bills pile up and progress is made. -Ed.*

The restoration of 1096 is still moving along. It has slowed down some as we've been waiting for some parts to arrive from Bill Hutton. We are also putting together an order (windscreens, lights and various body parts) for David Mousley. We've had to change some things up on the front suspension. 1096 is an S-1 but, due to the previous damage to the left front suspension we've changed to an S-2 trunnion set. It's a much better arrangement and, most importantly, the S1 trunnions are no longer available. Suits me, as I never liked the S-1 trunnion arrangement. Bill is supplying a new set of S-1 wishbones, stainless pipes and resonators and a load of bearings, bushings, mounts, etc, so new blue 1096 should be back on her toes soon. I'm sure I've sent you a photo but just in case here's another shot.

Joe M.

Hi Greg, You asked me if I was getting afraid of the project costs? Afraid to is a good way to put it. Yes, restoration projects - Be afraid

... be VERY afraid!! When I first decided to take this step, I had intended to attack the most glaring issues, (shell integrity, left suspension, and motor rebuild) and put on a fresh coat of paint and go driving. HA! What a joke. How naive. The first step on this path to financial ruin was choosing a shop who I knew could do the job - right. What I should have done is drag it down to the local body guy who would have slapped a little resin on her and sprayed 'er up real good (this is a joke of course although I do know a guy who could have done a fair job on the body but, as it turned out, there were much deeper issues - some could have killed me). Of course once the paint came off you could see the extent of the work that needed to be done to get her right. Not the disaster that I've seen some guys tackle (and god bless those industrious souls) but serious stuff. As much as I gasp at every invoice, I'm really glad I took the path I did. Hutton did a fantastic job on the motor and I could not have had a better guy working on the shell. What attention to detail. Greg is a real glass and paint artist. So what has it cost?



\$8.8 K for the motor. \$35 K so far to R&R. \$5.5 K for trans, rear rebuild. \$3 K for suspension parts (so far). So that's what? About \$50 K+?

And what's left. More parts, glass, interior, put it all together. Another \$25K? Does it ever end?

No, but at some point soon 1096 will be cool and beautiful and mechanically correct again. Although I've had a fair amount of anxiety about the process and **the money** (did I mention **the money**?), I'm beginning to believe it will all be worth it. Our Elites are little jewels. Automotive works of art. Unique in look, and design. The only car I know of ever produced in such a revolutionary way. I felt I had an obligation to 1096 to bring her back. It was either do it or get her into the hands of some other enthusiast.

I'll keep you up to date on progress and contribute more to the news letter when we get to the next significant point.

Thanks for keeping it together for all us guys.

Joe Marchione [mccjoemarchione@aol.com](mailto:mccjoemarchione@aol.com) New Jersey, USA

## WHY MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE

What do you expect from such simple creatures?

The following is likely to spark yet another gender debate but I think it might just get a few laughs as well, hence my sharing it with you!

Your last name stays put  
The garage is all yours  
Wedding plans take care of themselves  
Chocolate is just another snack  
You can be prime minister  
You can wear a white T-shirt to the beach  
Car mechanics tell you the truth  
The world is your urinal  
You never have to drive to another petrol station because this one is too icky  
Same work, more pay  
Wrinkles add character  
Wedding Dress - \$5000; Tux rental - \$100  
People never stare at your chest when you are talking to them  
The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected  
New shoes don't cut, mangle or blister your feet  
One mood, ALL the time  
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat  
You know stuff about tanks  
A five day vacation only requires one suitcase  
You can open all your own jars  
You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness  
If someone forgets to invite you to something, he/she can still be your friend  
Your underwear is a \$8.95 three pack  
Everything on your face stays its original colour  
Three pairs of shoes is more than enough  
You don't have to stop and think which way to turn a nut or bolt  
You never have strap problems in public  
You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes  
The same hairstyle last for years, maybe decades  
You don't have to shave below your neck  
Your belly usually hides your big hips  
One wallet, one pair of shoes, one colour, all seasons  
You can "do" your nails with a pocketknife or the ute keys  
You have the freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache  
You can do the Christmas for 25 relatives on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December, in 45 minutes

Yours in masculinity!

Colin Watts, S.N.A.G.

## CALENDAR 2007

	DATE		EVENT	ORGANISER	PHONE
JAN.	Fri 26	S	NRMA Motorfest	Roland Clark	9653 2866
FEB.	Wed 14	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Wed 21	F	Wednesday Run	Peter & Sue Smart	9630 1050
MAR	Sun 4	R	Oran Park GP	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Sat 10	S	Tea Gardens Hawkes Nest Motor Club Motorfest	John Burton	4997 1859
	Wed 14	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Wed 21	F	Wednesday Run	Roland & Stephanie Clark	9653 2866
APRIL	Wed 11	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Wed 18	F	Wednesday Run	Kevin & Robyn Leggott	4959 5771
	Sun 22	R	Eastern Creek	Lester Gough	9799 3209
MAY	Wed 9	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Wed 16	F	Wednesday Run	Greg & Kayelene Menzies	9871 7352
	Sun 20	S	Hunter Valley Bus Tour	Keith & Carolyn Reynolds	9634 6342
	Sun 20	R	Wakefield Park	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	25 - 28	S	Bingara Bash	Terry & Robyn Daly	9488 9590
JUNE	Sat 2	S	Restaurant Night	Peter & Evelyn Stefan	9624 8331
	Wed 13	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Wed 20	F	Wednesday Run	Chris & Joan Johnson	9875 3691
	Sat 30	R	Oran Park GP	Lester Gough	9799 3209
JULY	Sun 1	S	Ladies Day/Xmas in July	Paul & Jan Goddard	9481 9715
	Wed 11	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Wed 18	F	Wednesday Run	Keith & Carolyn Reynolds	9634 6342
	Sat 28	R	Oran Park GP	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Sun 29	S	AHOC "Brass Monkey" Run & O'night Stay	Les & Roselee Johnson	9412 1838
AUG.	Sun 5	R	Eastern Creek	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Wed 8	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Wed 15	F	Wednesday Run	John & Karma Watson	9980 8981
	Sun 19	S	All British Day, Kings Schl	Ian Norman	9674 2717
	Sun 26	S	Shannons Eastern Crk	Adrian Walker	9987 4299
SEP.	TBA	S	Orange Blossom Festival	Malcolm Ireland	9416 3031
	Wed 12	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Sun 16	R	Wakefield Park	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Wed 19	F	Wednesday Run	Paul & Jan Goddard	9481 9715
	TBC	S	Temora Air Show Weekend	Graham & Marilyn Olliffe	9630 3971
OCT.	Wed 10	M	Monthly Meeting	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Wed 17	F	Wednesday Run	Peter & Kathy Eaton	4360 1700
	Sat 20	R	Oran Park South	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Sun 28	S	Pride Of Ownership Day	Vern & Wendy Kelly	9651 2770
NOV.	Wed 14	M	Monthly Meeting/AGM	Val Dixon	9403 6905
	Sat 17	S	Mystery Activity	Keith & Carolyn Reynolds	9634 6342
	Wed 21	F	Wednesday Run	Colin Watts	9624 8202
DEC.	Sat 1	S	Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night	Vern Kelly & Malcolm Ireland	9651 2770 9416 3031

### NOTES:

- The events above are club sanctioned for the purposes of using club plates. Other events listed elsewhere may be sanctioned upon application at a monthly meeting of the Club.

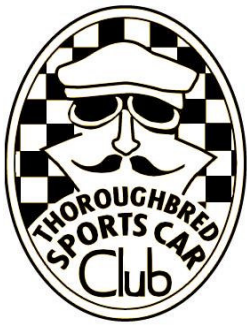
**LEGEND:** M = Club Meeting (3 Points)

S = Social Events (2 Points)

R = Racing Event (1 Point)

F = Fun Run (No Points)

**CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR:** The above points are awarded to members for participation in the events specified in the TSCC Calendar as printed, and any later amendments. With racing events, one point is awarded either for racing or attending as a spectator. Also, you will be awarded two points for contributing an article to **Top Gear** (to a maximum of 10 points)



Thoroughbred Sports Car Club

**2007 Membership Form**

**Membership Year: 1 March 2007 to 28 February 2008**

Mail form and cheque to the Treasurer,  
Mrs Wendy Kelly, 76 Ravensbourne Circuit, DURAL NSW 2158

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal          <input type="checkbox"/> New Member	Surname	OFFICE USE ONLY
	Given Names	
	Address	
	Post Code	
	Birth Date / DAY / MONTH (Year not required)	
	Telephone (Home) (Work)	
	Fax (Home or Work)	
	Mobile Phone	
	E-Mail	
	FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING IF JOINING UNDER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	
Spouse/Partners Surname		
Given Names		
Birth Date / DAY / MONTH (Year not required)		

CAR(S)						
	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	REGO. NO.	COLOUR	MAN./AUTO
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

I agree to abide by the rules of the Club  
MEMBER/APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ x

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	ANNUAL FEE
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<b>\$50</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<b>\$60</b>

ENTITLEMENTS/CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES
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