



RIVIERA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

# ROA Australian Region Newsletter

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## Rivs at Tassie Nationals

The Australian Buick National Meet was recently held in Tasmania and Rivas were well represented with 23% of the Buicks entered being Rivas.

Despite the unusually low number of entrants at the Nationals, there was a good line up of Rivas -

- 1965 - Ross and Jill Nye, Victoria
- 1965 - Tony and Barbara Gentilcore, New South Wales
- 1965 - Mark and Renee Nye, Victoria
- 1965 - Robert and Lyndal Croxford, Victoria
- 1972 - Ray and Mary Cook, Victoria
- 1978 - Brian and Linda Hall, Queensland.

Adrian Dearling from Queensland had also entered with his 1965 Riviera but unfortunately Adrian could not attend due to a sudden trip to hospital for treatment of a heart condition. We were sorry Adrian missed the trip but we are pleased that Adrian is now making a good recovery. Hoping you are back driving your Riv again soon, Adrian.

This was the first real outing for Tony and Barbara's newly restored '65. And it sure does look good! Tony reports that the Riv drove faultlessly for the whole tour of Tasmania and proved to be a most enjoyable and comfortable car to drive.

We are pleased to say our recently acquired '78 LXXV travelled beautifully all the way. We allowed ourselves 4 days to get to Melbourne giving us some time for touring on the way. We chose to travel south via the Pacific Highway then the Hume Highway with stops at Port Macquarie, Goulburn and Seymour before arriving at the wharf in Melbourne where we met up with other Buick Club members, ready to board the Spirit of Tasmania for the crossing to Devonport. Unfortunately we left Queensland in rain, and it was still raining when we arrived in Tasmania, but much colder in the southern states.

The Show and Shine day attracted a lot of people to come and look at all the Buicks on display. It was a very impressive site having such a great collection of beautiful Buicks on display on the dockside in Hobart.

Rivs at the Nationals





Rob and Lyndal Croxford's '65  
Ray and Mary Cook's '72  
Brian and Linda Hall's '78  
Tony and Barbara Gentilcore's '65

## Shannons Queensland Autospectacular

The 2012 Shannons Queensland Autospectacular was held on Sunday, 15th April 2012 at Willowbank Raceway. The Autospectacular has been hosted by the Buick Car Club of Australia Inc. (Qld.) for the past 12 years and has grown in popularity each year. It is now the largest combined car and bike show and swap meet in Queensland.

Despite rain in a lot of surrounding areas on the day, there was still a great turnout of cars and bikes of all ages and types with over 1,000 vehicles on display. Just over 6,000 spectators filed through the gates to see the great array of cars and bikes, visit the many trades stalls, browse amongst the hundreds of swappers, watch the exciting Rocker Cover Racing Championships, enjoy the noise of the Dyno and Sound Off displays, and be fascinated by the speed and manouvreability of the 1/10th scale drift car display.

Due to the wet weather, unfortunately the 1/4 mile test'n'tune on the drag strip had to be cancelled. But there was still plenty to see and do at the show.

There were a number of Rivieras on the Buick club site including Brian Hall's 1967.



## ROA Australian Region 2012 Meet

With the Buick Nationals now behind us, we can look forward to our next ROA Australia Region Meet to be held in Griffith in September.

Entries are now coming in for this event and we are very pleased with the response at this stage. We know of at least 18 members who have either entered, booked their accommodation or are intending to do so - and we are still 3 months out. If you are intending to join us at Griffith, we would encourage you to book your accommodation. The Kidman Wayside Inn are offering special rates for our group until July. **Please mention you are with the Riviera Owners Association when you make your booking.**

Griffith was selected for our ***“Rivieras on the Riverina”*** event so as to be accessible to a greater number of our members Australia wide. The Riverina area is widely known for its agricultural industries particularly wine growing, citrus farms and rice fields. Griffith lies within the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA) - a system of canals which, thanks to the forward thinking of the early pioneers around 1904, has for many years provided water for the variety of farms in the area.

As many members will have travelled a long distance to the event and in response to expressions of interest from some members, it is planned to hold a **3 1/2** day event this time. However, if you can't make it to Griffith for the Thursday night, you will be most welcome to arrive on the Friday.

Our Meet will commence on **Thursday, 6th September 2012** with a casual evening of Meet and Greet Welcome Drinks and Pizza night at our host hotel. (Details of host hotel listed below.) Registration will be available from 3.00 p.m.

Over the next couple of days we will be touring Griffith and surrounding areas, taking in interesting places in Leeton, visits to wineries, a gourmet food outlet, lavender farm, country pubs, markets and historical places. Our Show and Shine will be on the Sunday morning and we hope to have the local car club join us for this event.

Our Meet will conclude with a Presentation Dinner on the Sunday night.

Full details of the event are attached to this Newsletter together with Registration form. If you need more information, please contact us.

### Accommodation

The host hotel is the **Kidman Wayside Inn**. The Kidman offers a variety of good quality accommodation all with reverse cycle air-conditioning, satellite TV, fridges, mini bar, hair dryer, ironing facilities and direct dial phones. The hotel is set on spacious grounds with good parking for our large cars and a pool should you wish to have a swim. Wireless broadband and guest laundry are also available.

The Kidman have generously offered us a group discount for a minimum of 10 rooms and are holding a variety of rooms for our event. Group rate prices are -

Standard Queen Room - \$98 per night  
Superior Queen Room - \$108 per night  
Deluxe Room - \$118 per night.

These discount rates will apply for either a 3 night or 4 night stay and will be available until July 2012 but they would appreciate earlier bookings. There may still be rooms available after this date but discount rates may not apply.

Contact for the Kidman Wayside Inn for bookings is Phone: 02 6964 5666 Fax: 02 6962 4436 Email: [kidman@inet.net.au](mailto:kidman@inet.net.au)

Sabrina is the lady looking after our booking.

**Please mention you are with the Riviera Owners Association when you make your booking.**

The ROA Australia Region Meet in 2012 will be a lot of fun with great food, great wine, great cars and even better fellowship.

So mark your calendar and make your bookings to come to Griffith in September for a great weekend of ***“Rivieras on the Riverina”***.

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## **ROA Annual Meet**

The ROA Annual Meet for 2012 is nearly here and will be held in the picturesque coastal town of Monterey, California, June 4 - 7 2012. For those able to make the trip to the US, the Meet provides a great opportunity to see some really great Rivieras and meet some really great people. Toronados are also on show as the Toronado Owners Association will join the ROA Meet.

The host hotel is a hacienda-inspired hotel in old town and is within walking distance of shopping, dining and many sites, including Fisherman's Wharf. Nearby attractions include Pebble Beach, Carmel by the Sea, Big Sur, numerous wineries and countless golf courses.

**It's not too late!** We know some Aussies are going to the Meet and if you would like to go too, the Registration form and Schedule of Events are on the back cover of the *Riview*, or just go to the ROA website - [rivowners.org](http://rivowners.org) - and click on International Meets.

**It's easy!** Just send your registration form, book your flight and you too can be part of the ROA Annual Meet in Monterey.

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## Have a Laugh

Only the Irish have Jokes Like These!

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road.

A cop pulls him over.

“So,” says the cop to the driver, “where have ya been?”

“Why, I’ve been to the pub of course,” slurs the drunk.

“Well,” says the cop, “it looks like you’ve had quite a few to drink this evening.”

“I did all right,” the drunk says with a smile.

“Did you know,” says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, “that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?”

“Oh, thank heavens”, sighs the drunk.

“For a minute there, I thought I’d gone deaf.”

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## Suppliers and Repairers members have been happy with

If you have had a job well done from a repairer, then why not let others know about it. Send in details of your good experiences so they can be printed here.

Dan’s Classic Auto Parts of Portland OR - [www.dansclassic.com](http://www.dansclassic.com)

Rob Croxford has had dealings with this firm and advises their prices are reasonable, their communication is terrific and they are very good to deal with.

BJ Panel Restoration and Fabrication,

Thornlands. Qld.

Bill - 0403 120 921

(panel beating, rust repairs, fibreglass repairs, modifications)

Bill works in conjunction with -

Carr Creation Auto Refinishing,

Graham Carr - 0411 588 272

Thornlands. Qld.

(spray painting specialists).

Annvid Auto Upholsterers,

24 Smith Street,

Capalaba. Qld. 4157

Tel: 07 3390 3444

Mt. Cotton Auto Electrics,  
57A Island Street,  
Cleveland. Qld. 4163  
Mob: 0429 193 815

Spectrum Rubber and Panels Pty.Ltd.  
P.O. Box 328,  
St. Marys. N.S.W. 1790  
Tel: 02 9623 5333 Fax: 02 9833 1041  
Email: sales@spectrumrubber.com.au  
Website: [www.spectrumrubber.com.au](http://www.spectrumrubber.com.au)

*Tim Harper advises they list specific gear for the '63 - '65 Riv as well as '72. Thanks, Tim.*

Tim also advises that he has been able to purchase a new K & N E-1360 Aircleaner and HP-2003 Oil Filter from his local Repco dealer who had them in the SA Warehouse. The Aircleaner has quite a range of Buick and Riviera applications.  
<http://www.knfilters.com/search/applications.aspx?Prod=E-1360> and the HP-2003 oil filter has hundreds of applications including the Nailheads.  
<http://www.knfilters.com/search/applications.aspx?Prod=HP-2003>

Note: This is not in any way an endorsement of these businesses. It is just giving members leads to businesses that other members have had a good experience with.

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## Market Place

Please note: I will continue to leave For Sale and Wanted ads in unless you advise me otherwise.

### **For Sale**

1972 Riviera - only 3rd owner - have replaced exhaust with stainless and all belts, hoses and tyres, overhauled the carby and dissy - 90,000 miles believed to be genuine. Ill health forces sale of this car. \$25,000 negotiable. Test drive any time. Car is located in Caboolture, Queensland. Dennis Jennings - 0417 291 290 email: [wildsiderv@hotmail.com](mailto:wildsiderv@hotmail.com)

### **For Sale**

1972 Riviera - LHD, 455 ci Turbo 400 - Solid rust free, strong motor - \$29,990 ono. NSW Historic Rego 34622H showing 8,780 miles on the clock but I would add 100,000 miles to that. Column auto imported in 2007 from Phoenix Arizona. The previous owner had the interior beautifully custom trimmed. Absolutely rust free with good paint and chrome. Drives beautifully with plenty of power, no smoke or fluid leaks. New tyres, new brakes including rear wheel cylinders, rebuilt distributor and custom exhaust. This is a very reliable car you can drive anywhere or just enjoy around the city.  
Contact Tony Canella, Frenchs Forest. NSW 0409 524 248 [susancannella@hotmail.com](mailto:susancannella@hotmail.com)





### **For Sale**

Parts for 1964 Riviera

Good door sill plates alum., horn, door window crank (vents), seat belt sleeves (black), door panel chrome that holds switches for window left and right, two L brackets that fit around headlight, inside door handle, centre cap with tri shield, windshield hoses and metal nozzles that fix under hood for spraying on windshield, cigarette lighter for console, trunk lock with key and inside latch, hood ornament, dimmer switch, choice vacuum pull off, head light switch, distributor cap, front and back stainless wheel well trim, right hand chrome door trim bottom 375-298RT.

John Williams, Charleston, IL. [jjwilliams@consolidated.net](mailto:jjwilliams@consolidated.net)

### **Parting Out**

1968 Riviera, complete car, was weekend driver before rear end smash.

Car is in USA but can be dismantled and parts posted to Australia or packed in my next container coming over for nominal shipping fee.

Ring Doug Hawkins. 0418 631 233 or 07 5543 6927

**For Sale:** 1 x 1968-69 n/s fender with small marker light, excellent cond., no rust or damage.

1 x 1966-67 headlight motor, good working order, includes one flexible coupling.

3 x 1968 rear side marker lights (tri shield design).

1 x 400-430-455 waterpump used or will trade on any 1965 parts.

Steve Moore 02 6884 9904 Email: [riviera.1965@hotmail.com](mailto:riviera.1965@hotmail.com)

**For Sale** Riviera Parts

66-67 hood lip chrome in one piece

66-70 3.07 open diff

66-67 Rear window exterior louvre ( smooth and for vinyl tops.)

66-67 Riviera Tow Bar- very hard to find.

Tony Gentilcore. 0408 964 217 e-mail [tonyg@mako.com.au](mailto:tonyg@mako.com.au)

**For Sale:** Riviera parts

1966-67 door shells R,L, straight, no rust \$300 each

1966-69 door window glass R,L \$90 each

Electric window motor \$120

1966-67 air grille panel (base of windscreen) \$30

1969 RH front mudguard straight, no rust \$300

1969 rear window guides \$25

1969 sun visors (black) \$80 pr

1975 tail light assemblies \$90 each

NEW - Riviera script, the one with large R, early 60's ? \$80

1963-65 lower chin parking light assemblies VGC \$250 pr

1975 bonnet emblem (new) \$70

Riviera Sales brochures -

1963 - 8" x 10" colour 6 pages \$40

1966 - 10" x 10" colour 6 pages \$40

1968 - 10" x 10" colour 8 pages \$40

1995 - 5" x 10" colour 4 pages foldout \$20

Ron Noonan 02 9631 4763 Email: [buickron1@bigpond.com](mailto:buickron1@bigpond.com)

## Articles Wanted

Our thanks to those members who have very kindly sent in stories or information for our Newsletter. Articles about you or your Riviera are always of interest to other members.

Please help us put the next Newsletter together by sending us news of your Riv.

How did you acquire your Riv? Got a story about your Riv? We'd love to hear from you and other members would love to read your story. We welcome Australian R.O.A. members stories and photographs. Please e-mail to us at :

[brianhall.hall@gmail.com](mailto:brianhall.hall@gmail.com) or post to : Brian & Linda Hall, P.O. Box 383 Cleveland Qld.4163

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## Membership

Please encourage any Riviera owners you meet to join the R.O.A.

It's simple, just log on to the R.O.A. web site :- [www.rivowners.org](http://www.rivowners.org)

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