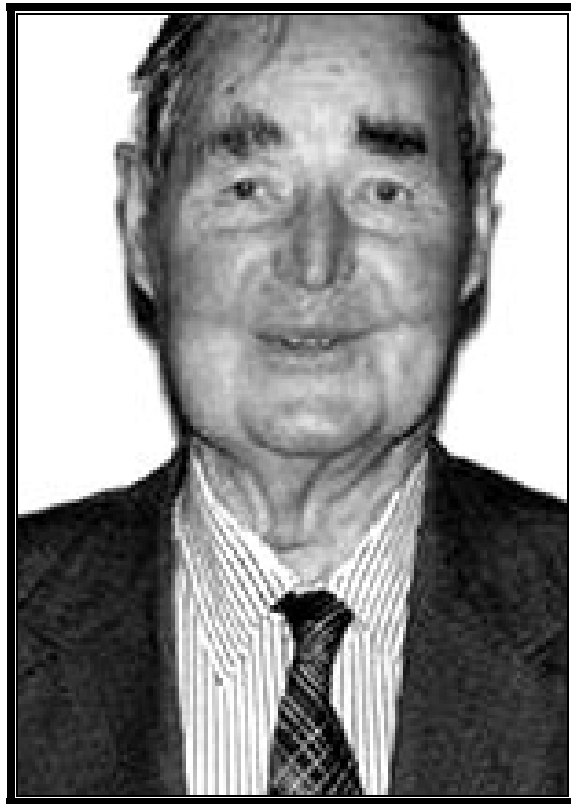




MINOR NOTES

January 2005



Jack Daniels
1912 – 2004
Morris Minor
Designer / Draughtsman

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MEETINGS

Unless otherwise advised in the club Magazine as a combined meeting/outing, meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month (except December) at St Ignatius Catholic Primary School, Grove Street, Toowong (driveway entry opposite Coram Lane off Sherwood Road) at 7.45 pm. Visitors and prospective members are most welcome.

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AIM OF THE CLUB

The aim of the Club is to foster the preservation and active use of all models of the Morris Minor produced between 1948 & 1971, providing a forum for the exchange of general information and technical advice and conducting a variety of motoring and social activities. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person who is interested in pursuing the aim of the Club.

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CLUB CALENDAR – 2005

The club meetings & runs are in bold.

Any runs other than Club designated, the Secretary has the entry forms and contact details if you are participating.

- JANUARY 21st** - **CLUB MEETING (see note below)**
- JANUARY 26TH** - **BAYSIDE VEHICLE RESTORERS CLUB
AUSTRALIA DAY RALLY ORMISTON STATE
SCHOOL 8 A.M.**
- JANUARY 30th - SWAP MEET, GLEN HOTEL, EIGHT MILE PLAINS
- FEBRUARY 5TH & 6TH - SWAP MEET, TOOWOMBA SHOWGROUNDS
- FEBRUARY 13TH - CLEVELAND AUTO SPECTACULAR
CAR & BIKE SHOW AND SWAP MEET
CLEVELAND SHOWGROUNDS
- FEBRUARY 18TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- FEBRUARY 20TH** - **REDCLIFFE PICTURE PALACE, SUTTON STREET
LEVEL ONE (2 SHORTS AND ONE FEATURE FILM)
MORNING TEA PROVIDED. FOLLOWED BY BYO
PICNIC LUNCH AND THE USUAL TYRE KICKING.
MEET AT CLUB ROOMS 8.30am OR PICTURE
PALACE AT 9.45am (Numbers by 11th Feb – need at
least 20 - ring Ricky 3376 5946 or Margaret 3849 8440)**
- SOUTHSIDE RUN TO LOCKROSE MUSEUM
(NUMBERS NEEDED BY 18TH JANUARY).
- SWAP MEET – REDBANK PLAINS RECREATION
RESERVE
- FEBRUARY 26TH - MARYBOROUGH & HERVEY BAY SHOW SOC
UTE SHOW – MARYBOROUGH SHOWGROUNDS
- MARCH 3RD / APRIL 3RD** - **MORRIS MINORS SOUTH EAST QLD TOUR
GROUP - TASMANIA TOUR**
- MARCH 13TH - SWAP MEET – INVERELL, GLEN INNES RD
AIRPORT
- MARCH 18TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- MARCH 20TH - SWAP MEET - ORMISTON STATE SCHOOL
- MARCH 25/26/27/28TH - ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB NATIONAL
ROUNDUP WARWICK - DISPLAY ALLORA
SHOWGROUNDS
- EASTER - QLD VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOC
NATIONAL RALLY QVVA KANKANYA 40TH ANNIV
AROUND BRISBANE

- MARCH 25TH / 28TH** - **12TH MORRIS MINOR NATIONAL RALLY - HOBART TASMANIA**
- MARCH 26TH & 27TH - STREET ROD NATIONALS, PARKLAND SHOWGROUNDS
- APRIL 3RD - DAVID HACK CLASSIC MEET
ARGYLE PROPERTY, WARREGO HWY
OPP. FARMFEST
- APRIL 10TH - SWAP MEET – REDCLIFFE SHOWGROUNDS
- APRIL 10TH - SWAP MEET – CLEM JONES CENTRE, CARINA
- APRIL 15TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- MAY 15TH - SWAP MEET – GATTON SHOWGROUNDS
- MAY 20TH** - **CLUB MEETING & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- MAY 29TH - SWAP MEET – BANYO HIGH SCHOOL
- JUNE 5TH - SWAP MEET – BARR OVAL, BEERBURRUM RD,
CABOOLTURE
- JUNE 6TH - GOLD COAST ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB SWAP
- JUNE 17TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- JUNE 19TH - SWAP MEET – MUDGEERABA SHOWGROUNDS
- JUNE 25TH & 26TH** - **RACQ MOTORING OF YESTERYEAR, VIVIAN STREET, TENNYSON**
- JULY 15TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- AUGUST 19TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- SEPTEMBER 16TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- SEPTEMBER 17TH - SWAP MEET – GYMPIE SHOWGROUNDS
- SEPTEMBER 18TH - **ALL BRITISH DAY, VIVIAN STREET, TENNYSON**
- SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH - HISTORIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DISPLAY,
CLEVELAND SHOWGROUNDS
- OCTOBER 21ST** - **CLUB MEETING**
- NOVEMBER 18TH** - **CLUB MEETING**

NOTE:

Apologies are necessary as I had an editorial glitch when stating that January's Meeting Date was given as the 14th instead of the 21st. Hoping no one was inconvenienced by the error. Remember that meetings are held every third Friday of the month as the Editor can't be trusted to read a calendar.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF QLD INC.
HELD ON FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2004.**

Minutes of meeting of the Morris Minor Car Club of Qld Inc. held on 19th November 2004.

Meeting opened at 8.15 p.m.

APOLOGIES: Peter & Glenys Cross, Brian & Margaret Cannon, Jocelyn Green

Welcome extended to Jim & Hazel Allen Oxley and Kev Wakeling.

Minutes of Previous meeting held on the 15th October were taken as read and moved as a correct record by Dennis Darcy and seconded Bev Cannon

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

TREASURERS REPORT presented by Gordon who moved that it be accepted seconded Phoebe Wright. Gordon mentioned that we were paid up until end of financial year for the hall hire.

Accounts for Payment Raffle \$9.80

Moved Gordon seconded Bob Wright that the account be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

OTHER CLUB MAGAZINES

LETTER FROM JOHN REED BOOK DIST – THEY NOW HAVE “THE NEW ZEALAND MORRIS MINOR STORY”

INVITATION FROM MOTORAMA RE SHOW AND SHINE 20TH NOVEMBER

CARBOOT SALE & SWAP MEET 5TH DECEMBER ROTHWELL CAR CLUB REDCLIFFE TIGERS AFL CLUB

RACQ CENTENARY MOTORING OF YESTERYEAR 25TH 26TH JUNE 2005

EXCLUSIVE TOYS HAND CRAFTED WOODEN REPLICA MORRIS MINOR FROM UK

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP JOHN & NERISSA HERBERT

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM M SMITH

MINUTES FROM COMBINED COUNCIL

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

LETTER WITH KEY RING TO ANDREW NEWTON

ACTIVITIES:

Ricky spoke about the Xmas Party – 5th December – Cria Café – meet Ferny Grove Hotel 11 am BYO Alcohol. Xmas party opened to one and all.

Combined Run on Sunday “Issi Day” with Southside Club

DATING OFFICER:

Bill asked what we do about non members on concessional registration. Combined Council is trying to get that the person has to show receipts to renew concessional registration.

Road use rules and regulations – January magazine articles to appear.

Qld Transport trying to introduce that concessional rego vehicles not to be modified.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A vote of thanks to Dianne Darcy for her folk art contribution to our Xmas Raffle.

Look at organising runs for February.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

FROM THE EDITOR

As stated many times I am open to suggestions to help improve your magazine and Margaret Cannon suggested a LETTERS TO THE EDITOR section and I agreed to give it a try. So as Deano used to say - "keep those cards and letters coming in."

I look forward to your input.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1. Dear Ed: I must take this opportunity to write and convey congratulations and thanks to you on your excellent presentation of the November/December edition of *Minor Notes*, and in particular the Season's Greetings on page 3. Taking things to the extreme, could we not design and produce a Christmas Card with this on the front of a folded half A4 for purchase by members with a small profit going to a charity. We would be willing to assist in this regard if the idea is acceptable.

Brian & Margaret Cannon

Ed.: I'm willing if you are. We'll bring it up at the next Meeting.

2. I would like to suggest a new section in the Monthly Newsletter being an area where fellow members can give their ideas on certain topics. I would like to suggest the following and have the ideas published in order to help keep the newsletter alive.

As I am sure you are aware in 1960 the 1,000,000th *Minor* was produced and to celebrate this achievement it was decided the car and the replicas, should be uniquely different to any other *Minor*. There were some clever ideas like the 1000000 badges and to some not so clever ideas eg Lilac paintwork and White interior.

Your Mission.....

Turn the clock back to 1960. You have been appointed the person to create the 1,000,000th *Minor*. What would you do? Remember you are limited by 1960 technology and some proud BMC heritage so no foreign engines etc.

Let's see how clever you all are.

Regards
Dwight George

Ed.: Thanks for another good idea and it is definitely worth a try, although I'm not sure that there are many PURISTS out there any more so we can wait to see the response. While on that topic, check out the article about the passing of one of the original engineers who designed our lovable little *Morris*s.

See Ya Dennis (Double D)

BIRTHDAY WISHES

JANUARY

LIAM SCANLAN

ANDREW NEWTON

CHRISTINE SHEPPARD

JIM AMOS

JOHN BROUGHTON

GRAHAM SANDS

BEV MC GINTY

MICHAEL ERBACHER

LANCE BLANCH

LAURA CORR

KEN WELLS



BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

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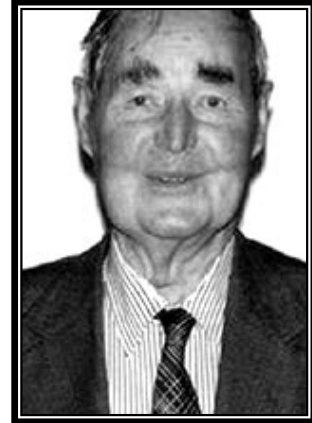
Send your information to (Carolyn@morrisdownunder.com) to be

“CAR of THE MONTH”

If feeling adventurous you may also like to join the Morris Minor Forum to have your say about anything although mainly in relation to Morris.

JACK DANIELS

Andrew Nahum
Wednesday December 15, 2004
The Guardian



For 20 years after the second world war, the British motor industry was one of the great industrial engines of the UK economy. Outside America, it was also one of the most prolific and productive, looked up to by emerging competitors, such as Japan, for its abilities in design and production engineering. Jack Daniels, who has died aged 92, was the development engineer and draughtsman who, as right-hand man to the Mini designer Alec Issigonis, brought about a revolution in popular motoring.

Born in Oxford, Daniels came from a farming family and was educated at Oxford Central school, before joining the MG company as a teenage apprentice in 1927. There, he worked on various projects including the advanced R-type racing car, which had the then advanced feature of fully independent suspension.

On the closure of the MG racing programme in 1935, the MG design staff, including Daniels, were transferred to the parent Morris plant at Cowley, where he met Issigonis. Together, the two young men started experimenting with the new independent front suspension ideas coming out of America. Up to that time, British production cars almost universally used "cart" springs and solid axles.

Little came of this work before the start of the second world war, which saw both men working on various military vehicles for Morris. However, by 1942, Issigonis began design work on a new popular car, the Minor, originally called the Mosquito, and got Daniels, who he described as "the best all-round draughtsman in the country", assigned to his project.

Daniels was perhaps the only colleague who could steer the inspirational, if arrogant, Issigonis away from his less practical ideas. When I met Daniels some years ago, while researching Issigonis's work, it was evident why he was the ideal lieutenant to the opinionated design chief. Self-assured, quiet, yet amiable and firm, Daniels seemed quite unlike the combative and chippy characters who abounded in the motor industry. He said of Issigonis, "We got on well together, but he was the gaffer."

"Issigonis basically wanted to design everything," Daniels recalled, and "he got what he wanted, even if it was wrong." But although there was no "intentional delegation", Issigonis relied crucially on Daniels's ability to take his brilliant, impressionistic sketches and turn them into dimensioned engineering solutions - a process which gave Daniels considerable discrete control over interpretation and execution. Daniels always referred to himself as the 'perspiration' behind Issigonis' inspiration.

When their Morris Minor was released in 1948, reviewers enthused about roadholding and controllability that was "streets ahead of virtually any other production car".

Issigonis and Daniels (who now had complete control of the Morris design and development office) then devised two experimental Minors which were to be critical to the future. One was rubber-sprung, fitted with suspension units and devised by another visionary engineer, Issigonis's friend and collaborator, Alex Moulton. The other project entailed adapting the rear-drive Minor to front-wheel drive.

The front-drive Minor had an immense propaganda value within the company, Daniels recalled,

because he parked it under the window of George Harriman, then the boss of BMC (formed by the merger of Morris and Austin), and used it through the awful winter of 1955-56 to travel between company sites, saying, "I'll take the safest vehicle we've got."

In 1956, Issigonis returned to BMC after a spell at the up-market carmaker Alvis with a commission to design a new small family car. With the Suez crisis "oil shock", the brief shifted towards an ultra-small economy car that would become the Mini. Issigonis quickly "grabbed Daniels" and took him up to "the Kremlin" - then the BMC headquarters at Longbridge.

As on the Minor project, Daniels became the right-hand man, running the project on a day-to-day basis, turning Issigonis's sketches into working drawings. Daniels also ran "the cell" - the self-contained project group that Issigonis set up for each car project. Members of those teams recall that "these cars weren't designed in vast offices, maybe six people and a couple of fitters". However, a highly demanding brief is a spur to the creative designer, and Issigonis set out to exceed current standards in handling and comfort in a car no longer than 10 feet (3.04m) and "we fought for every quarter inch". None the less, the project was completed in just over two years, in part because of experience with the front-drive and the rubber-sprung Minors.

With the Mini, launched in 1959, the ideas that had been circulating in the industry and in Issigonis's brain really came together. It had front-wheel drive, with a new ultra-compact engine/transmission layout, it was nose heavy for stability, and it had space-saving independent suspension all round, using Moulton's rubber units.

The Mini revolutionised the world's motoring, and established an architecture for the small and medium-sized car that is universal and still with us. Nevertheless, as Moulton remarked, in industry "one man on his own can accomplish exactly zero". Daniels, who retired in 1977, was the perfect foil to Issigonis and an essential figure in bringing these designs to fruition.

He is survived by a son and daughter. His wife Mabel predeceased him, as did another son.

· William John Daniels, engineer, born February 8 1912; died November 27 2004



Mock up of the Mosquito

Story from 'The Guardian' via the 'Morrisdownunder Forum' – thanks Frosty

MINOR TRIPS**QLD CLUB XMAS PARTY****CRIA CAFÉ, MT MEE**

We started the day by meeting at Ferny Grove – there was not a long wait there as the rain dampened the tyre kicking somewhat. A few males still managed to get in a little bit, even with the rain. Onward to Dayboro for the second meeting point if not going to the restaurant direct. Dayboro was a bit more tyre kicking and because quite a few stopped outside the craft shop, this gave the ladies something to do while the tyre kicking progressed.

All assemble and on to the Café for lunch.

Because of the rain I think the Café staff was a bit unprepared for this onslaught of Club members and friends all at once.

After getting some drinks and having a chat on the verandah, we went to our tables and then were served a very enjoyable meal.

We had some lucky door prizes which were donated by Graham and Pam Sands – a big thank you to them for their donation – were drawn.

After the main course it was decided to start with the multi draw raffle leaving the major prize (the market umbrella) until last draw.

After dessert on with the rest of the raffle draw – in the end Denise & Lance Blanch were winners on the day with the Market Umbrella.

Geoff Cross then thanked everybody for coming and making it a most enjoyable day even though the outlook from the Café (on a good sunny day the view would be wonderful – well worth a fine day out for lunch) was spoilt with the rain. Geoff thanked Graham & Pam Sands for their donation and also a vote of thanks to Dianne Darcy for her art work donation for the raffle. Geoff wished everybody a very Merry Xmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

We then proceeded to make our way home. Most enjoyable Xmas Party.





Story and Photos by Margaret Cross – thanks once again for your reports.



**Bandits
earn a
place in
history**

THE plundering of the Northern Bank in Belfast joins the Brinks Mat job and the Great Train Robbery in the annals of record-breaking crimes.

● In August 1963, the Great Train Robbers' haul was £2,631,784 (\$6,642,000) in banknotes worth about £40 million now. The money was on a train en route from Glasgow to London, where it was to be destroyed, when it was ambushed near Mentmore in Buckinghamshire. The gang members were later rounded up and sentenced to jail terms of up to 30 years each.

Did they use a Morry in the Great Train Robber ???? Check out the white van at the back. Thanks to Margaret Cannon.

FOR SALE

1960 Morris Minor Convertible – Nissan 1200 GX motor, 5 spd, discs, - Previous class winner 97/99 Nationals, fully detailed. \$9500 - Jindalee 3376 5946 or 0414 371 955

1951 Morris Minor fully restored, goes well, 1098 engine and side valve gearbox & diff. Unregistered but ready for RWC. \$3,800 ONO. PH: 07 4124 1546 or 0402 348 112

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Email : hedandles@hotmail.com

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Regalia is available from Christine Sparkes at the meetings. If you are not able to come to meetings or outings and would like to purchase some regalia please use this order form and we will be happy to mail the regalia to you.

CLUB REGALIA

Club Car Sticker	\$1.50
Club Key Ring	\$5.00
Club Polo Shirt	\$25.00
Club Grille Badge	\$25.00

50th Anniversary Regalia

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Cap	\$12.00
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