

P.S.C.A.A. JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Howdy Pardoners and welcome to my first PSCAA Newsletter for 2025 and as President. It's a pleasure to be presiding over y'all. The intent is to publish bi-monthly, so all submissions are gratefully welcome and encouraged. The intent is to keep you all informed and to also get a chuckle.

A big thankyou to Andrew Hamilton and Christine Walton who served the club tirelessly but have called time on their positions as President and Secretary respectively. The club values the contribution both have made over the years.

For mine, Christmas and New Years Eve are now just a memory, but they are great memories, with the kids and their partners with us and all of us fending off the biting from our new hound, Coco. You will likely see her with me on drives...which leads me to an observation I have made: What is the difference between a dog and your wife? The dog is the only one happy to see you when you let them out of the boot!

2025 will be another busy year for the club, starting with the Australia Day Car Show and Parade on Sunday 26 January (the details are in the January Events Calendar attached), Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club Annual Motorfest on Saturday 8 March (open invitation below), Mid Coast Motorfest on Sunday 8 June (flyer below) and potentially a PSCAA Member's Get-away to the Orange region...Charlie Aquilina is a master of organisation of these trips, with 2024's destination to the South Coast another winner. This year we will be taking initial deposits as we get closer to the event.

Overall, the Club averages 7 events per month, so please come along and enjoy the camaraderie of a great bunch of people. Bring your sense of adventure, humour, thick skin, appetite and drivers licence points and enjoy everyone's pride and joy(s).

Yours In Horsepower. Phil Montgomerie, President

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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING

Wednesday 12 February 2025

in the

Crows Nest Room, level 2

Nelson Bay Bowling Club @ 6:00pm

For The Diary

Next Cars and Coffee in the Bay, Long boat Café Fingal, 9.00am Monday 17 February.

Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motorfest Myall Sports Park, Yamba St Hawks Nest Sat 8 March. Display admission \$10.00 per vehicle. Gates open 8.00am and wrap up at 2.00pm.

The Presidential Limousine

By Phil Montgomerie

In light of my democratically elected ascent to President of the PSCAA, I thought it fitting to outline a brief update of the perks of the position.

When it comes to the car of one of the most powerful people in the world, the car needs to be equally powerful. "The Beast" is the nickname of the Presidential car.

Cadillac One

Presidential limos, then and now

The Kennedy limousine, a modified 1961 Lincoln Continental, had virtually no safety features. President Barack Obama's modern limo, called "the Beast," is a mix of car, truck and tank. It is full of features auto experts speculate about but the Secret Service refuses to discuss. Here are some of the features of both:

1963

- Trunk lid grab handles**
Added in 1963 for Secret Service
- Sliding glass partition**
Electronically operated glass panel could seal off the presidential compartment
- Removable and interchangeable roof panels**
Six-piece clear plastic for visibility or two-piece metal for privacy

2013

- Camera**
Night-vision camera sends a signal to interior
- Blood supply**
The president's type is thought to be kept in trunk
- Emergency gear**
Firefighting equipment, oxygen tanks also in trunk
- Armor-plated doors**
are 8 inches thick; doors weigh as much as cabin door on Boeing 757
- Shotguns in door compartments**
- Bulletproof protection**
On the Beast, top layers slow bullet, inside layer captures fragments
- Tires**
Run-flat design; Kevlar-reinforced; puncture-resistant
- Interior**
Can carry seven, two in front, five in rear area
- Gas tank**
Foam-lined, to prevent explosions even if damaged

1964 and 1967 revisions and future service
Later upgrades included armor protection, a nonremovable hardtop and bulletproof glass. President Lyndon Johnson used the revamped car and it remained in White House service until the first year of the Carter administration in 1977.

- Hydraulic rear seat**
could raise 10.5 inches so crowds could view the president
- Red lights, siren, integrated into the front grille. Security floodlights mounted near the windshield.**

Presidential standard
Flown when president is on board

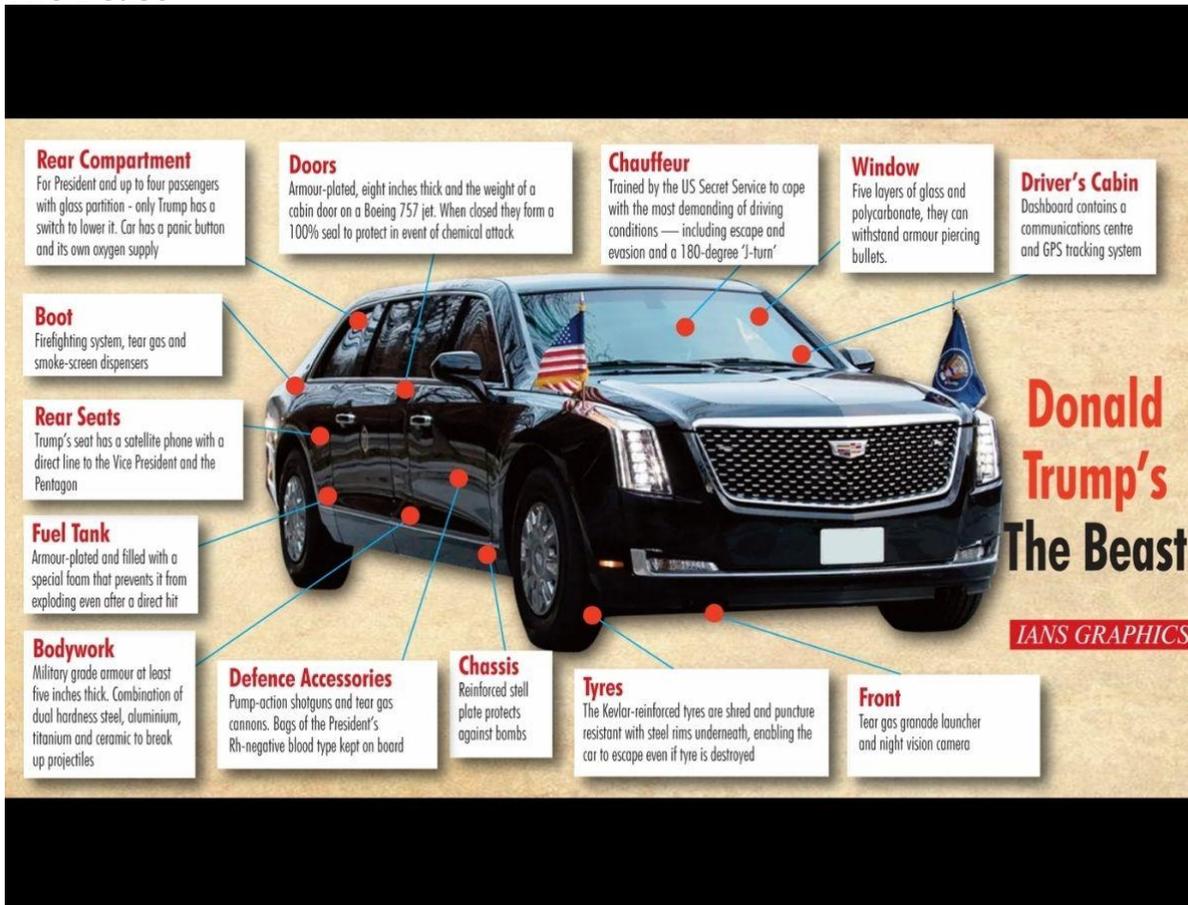
NO 1963 **YES 2013**

SOURCES: McClatchy-Tribune ("Beast" graphics); General Motors; The Sixth Floor Museum; CNN; Popular Mechanics; Car and Driver; Henry Ford Museum; Library of Congress; Boeing

Michael Hogue/Staff Artist

The car looks like a modified Cadillac from far, but when you see it up close, it is totally different from any production model Cadillac. The car is built to protect one of the most powerful people on earth, The President of Port Stephens Classic Automobile Association. When it comes to the safety of the President, things have drastically changed from 1963 after the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Beast



There is absolutely nothing about the sheet metal that is from a production Cadillac. The armour-plated doors are eight inches thick. When they close, it forms a 100% seal to lock out any chemical attack. The door is as heavy as that of a Boeing 747's. The car weighs around 22,000 lbs (9 tonnes). The Beast is equipped to handle any kind of situation. An oxygen tank is hidden in case it is needed. The windows are five fused layers of armoured glass and polycarbonate.

None can roll down except the driver's window. It can only go down three inches. The Beast is built on a truck frame with steel plates lined to handle roadside bombs. The tyres of the Beast are run-flat tyres that are reinforced with Kevlar that eliminate any possibility of puncture or being shredded. The Beast can run on its steel rims if for some reason the tyres cannot make it through a dangerous situation, such as Queensland potholes.

The engine details are classified and only the people from the secret services know about it...but its likely to be a Ford 5.0ltr Coyote engine! The Beast can withstand any kind of attack, be it gunshots, grenades, RPG attacks, chemical weapons, and even nuclear attacks, it's practically a moving bunker.

Belly of the Beast

Inside the Beast, there is a firefighting system, tear gas and smoke screen dispersers, and pump-action shotguns. The Beast also has cameras, night vision cameras, GPS, and a satellite phone that can connect the President to the Pentagon and the Vice President instantly. It also has a mini-fridge that stores two litres of blood that matches the blood group of the current President to carry out blood transfusion in case of an emergency....and a few Tooheys New.

The Beast can also spay oil if being chased. The Beast is a tank in disguise ready to take on any situation that can threaten the President's safety. The Beast also carries a case through which the President can convey the launch codes to a nuclear weapon in case of an emergency.

The Driver of the Beast

The Driver of the Beast is not just an ordinary person. He/she is from the secret services has undergone extensive training and is said to be able to execute a 180-degree J turn while driving the Beast. Looking at the size and weight of the Beast, it doesn't seem like an easy task. They are trained for both offensive and defensive driving while keeping the occupants of the Beast safe, all the time.

THE MIGHTY DAUPHINE

by our illustrious Treasurer Denis Pittorino

It was a typical Saturday afternoon in Bondi. I was out front with my best mate and neighbour Ron fiddling with 179 EH Holden. He was an apprentice electrician with some money, but I was a poor full-time University student. I said I'd love to have my own car but what could I afford? He said let's head for Parramatta Road and see what's out there.

Away we went to do some serious tyre kicking. I guess my approach was 'Have you got anything under \$100?'. The answer was usually negative until we got to one dealer. He said we have a paddock out back which was probably more like wrecking yard. There it was a dull cream coloured Renault Dauphine circa 1958 for only \$60. How perfect was that despite its various rusty panels and only one month of rego remaining. It was love at first sight!

I knew I needed family consent for such a significant purchase. I said I'd be back the next morning with my father and brother to approve my folly. However, Ron pointed out that he and his fiancé had arranged a blind date for me that day to go to a gymkhana. Oh, I thought. Would it work if we pick up the car and I drive it to the event with my blind date? Ron said I guess so.

Sunday morning arrived and my brother Ray arrived with one of his giant Sunday morning hangovers. Dad, Ray and I set off for the dealership while Ron went to pick up his fiancé and my date. We all met at the dealership to examine this automotive marvel. I met my date who seemed nice but a little apprehensive. The car was seen as rather 'dodgy' but Ray declared that young people only learn the hard way. We completed the paperwork and were soon on our way.

Heading down Parramatta Road in this 850cc powerhouse with a three-speed box, I thought I was king of the road. I approached one of the first corners at warp speed and the cars' reaction was anything but predictable. The good lady next to me said something like 'That was bright!'. We got there ok, and I competed in the event without any major damage. I even made it home. Needless to say, I never saw that lady again!

A copy of Denis' Dauphine...what a chick magnet he must have been:



(NB no witnesses can be found to confirm that a woman was ever seen in his car with him)

Council of Motor Clubs 2025 Meeting Dates

CMC meeting dates in Sydney and their website with all the references to various rules, regs and plate requirements.

Website: <https://www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au/>

CMC MEETINGS FOR 2025	
Committee Meetings at Revesby Workers Club	
General Meetings at Revesby Workers Club	
Committee Meetings	General Meetings
Wednesday 08/01/25	Tuesday 28/01/25
Wednesday 12/03/25	Tuesday 25/03/25
Wednesday 14/05/25	Tuesday 27/05/25
Wednesday 09/07/25	Tuesday 29/07/25
Wednesday 10/09/25	Tuesday 30/09/25
Wednesday 12/11/25	Tuesday 25/11/25

Cars & Coffee in the Bay



Longboat Cafe
Fingal Bay (3rd Monday) 09:00

- 17th Feb
- 17th Mar
- 14th Apr*
- 19th May
- 16th Jun
- 21st Jul
- 18th Aug
- 15th Sep
- 20th Oct
- 17th Nov

*2nd Monday due to Easter

PSCAA Membership Report – Newsletter December 2024

Laurie Nolan – PSCAA Vice President and Membership Officer

Two new members have been approved this month – please make them welcome when you meet them:

- Justin Felsbourg – 1968 Valiant VE
- Clive Jones – 1990 Mazda MX5; and 2010. Mazda MX5 (re-joining the club after a few years absence)

Two new Life Members were approved at the AGM in November – Charlie Aquilina and Andrew Hamilton. Well done to both of these hard-working and dedicated members.

Currently we have 5 Life Members, 102 Full Members, and 75 Associates. Total PSCAA membership is 182. **At this time we are still awaiting 8 Members to renew for 2025, so if you're one of them.... Please renew ASAP.**



Club Plates News

Don't forget to ring before you renew, contact Terry Appleby on 0498 266 764 to arrange where he will stamp your papers.

Make sure you have your pink slip with you when you get your declaration form stamped. Terry is supposed to sight it when he processes your form and as one of our members found out last year, if the staff at the Motor Registry notice that the pink slip is dated after the date on the stamped Historic Vehicle Declaration form, they will reject the renewal.

Lastly, we need to see your car, Terry is required to certify that the car meets the eligibility requirements of the historic vehicle scheme, and he can't in good faith do this if he hasn't seen the car recently.



Unique Application

We have had an application that perhaps stretches the Constitution definition of what a classic vehicle means.

The constitution defines a "Classic Vehicle" as:

"A Vehicle manufactured at least 15 years prior to the current year, and that in the opinion of the Committee is a classic vehicle and/or motor bike, or a Vehicle less than 15 years old that in the opinion of the Committee, will become a classic vehicle and/or motor bike. In consideration of the eligibility of a classic vehicle for Membership, the Committee may reject a classic vehicle that has modifications which are not sympathetic to the essence of that particular model, and which deviate substantially from the original design or silhouette."

The applicant Mr Chris P. Bacon believes his vehicle should be allowed, as it meets the qualification of being a future classic. As for the silhouette, it has a standard 2006 Shelby front end on a Ford F100 chassis and tray.

I have argued that the wheels don't appear standard and maybe rejected on those grounds.

Chris seems a lovely chap with interests in BBQing and long drives in the country with the 1972 Burt Reynolds/Jon Voight movie "Deliverance" his favourite.





Top Gear: EV NIRVANA (OR JEFF SINCLAIR'S WORST NIGHTMARE...)

By Chris Bult



During a Viking cruise around the South China Sea in 2023, the bride was so impressed with the voyage she had us signed up for another in September 2024 whilst still onboard. Not being the best sailor and developing hypothermia at anything below 25 degrees, I was amazed when she said: 'How about Iceland'? Now even I know that the North Atlantic will not be as smooth and benign as the waters around Vietnam and Singapore, but what the hell, I'd always wanted to see the Northern Lights, polar bears and volcanoes.

And it's those very volcanoes and all the associated activity that go with them that make Iceland such a perfect place for the polarizing electric vehicle. It turns out Iceland is perched on the divergent North American and European tectonic plates. They are moving apart by a few mills every year, but just enough to create all kinds of excitement in the earth's crust, from geysers, earthquakes and of course volcanoes. And not just one - Iceland hosts some thirty volcanoes in varying stages of activity, and they go by wonderful but unpronounceable names such as Eyjafjallajokull and Huannadalshnukur.

So, it's all this underground rumbling that provides 85% cheap electricity to a population of nearly 400,000 in the form of geothermal power, aided to a lesser degree by rapidly melting glaciers creating numerous huge waterfalls producing hydroelectric power. Superheated steam is then conveyed to turbines by huge pipes zigzagging across the countryside, and zig-zag they do, as it was soon discovered straight line pipes do not flex well in earthquakes and tremors, a regular occurrence. And this in turn means more than 50% of all vehicles on Iceland's roads are full EVs. In other words - nature has joined all the dots in Iceland to provide the ideal environment for the proliferation of pollution free vehicles. Needless to say, this fortunate situation applies to few other countries. Iceland is small compared to Australia and the average trip rarely more than 200 kms. Even Route 1, which circumnavigates the island, is only 1332 kms long. In addition, Reykjavik, the world's most northerly national capital, is home to almost half that population, with many others in nearby coastal towns, so overnight charging is easy.

There is much to like about Iceland other than very quiet cars. Reykjavik is a modern city with lots of interesting attractions and traditional Nordic architecture. The large working harbour boasts many fishing vessels, the main industry, with tourism gaining fast. For some reason we never determined, cats are highly regarded in town and along with numerous feline murals, can be seen everywhere, taking pride of place in many shops with signs warning 'Do not disturb'. The countryside itself is rather bleak and mostly treeless, but oddly appealing with plumes of steam spouting magically from the ground as a constant reminder of 'what lies beneath'. When first seen

and to the untrained eye, they resemble small bushfires when spotted from a distance. Indeed, in one small town we were told there was no cemetery, as 6' down it was 90C and poorly suited for the gentle decomposition of one's dear Auntie Gladys. Chess champion Bobby Fischer liked Iceland so much he is buried in the town of Selfoss, having no doubt first confirmed the good earth was permafrost and not simmering mud. There are countless stunning waterfalls, black volcanic beaches holding back a heaving North Atlantic and numerous glaciers to be explored including Vatnajökull, Europe's biggest. At over 8100sq kms, it covers 8% of the island and in places, 1 kilometre thick. However, it should be said electricity is about the only thing cheap in Iceland, considered the most expensive country in Europe, but international surveys also show it nearly always tops the list of the happiest population too.

Might have something to do with despite having no standing army and just a small fleet of Coast Guard patrol boats, Iceland remains a fully paid-up member of NATO, hopefully deterring Putin from annexing this unique country to add to his property portfolio. And part of its uniqueness being it may be the only place in the world that can nominate exactly when it actually became a sovereign state. The first permanent settler on this then totally deserted island was Ingolfur Arnason, a rich and influential Norwegian chieftain who sailed there in 874 AD. Together with his wife Hallvdeig Fradadottir, they built a homestead and called it Reykjavik. To this day, the official Icelandic language is Old Norse, spoken by the majority of the population and virtually unintelligible with modern Scandinavian languages. Fortunately for tourists, most locals also speak perfect English.

Our electric taxi delivered us safely to the cruise terminal to begin our Viking voyage south to the warmer climes of Barcelona and we departed happy to have been there and wishing we could have stayed longer. We failed to see any Northern Lights (cloudy) and no polar bears...although apparently, they do occasionally turn up on icebergs floating in from Greenland. NB: long flight – add another 3 hours from Heathrow, but well worth it.





Fridge Edition
John Kerr 0421 459 577

January 2025

There is no Association Meeting or SWB this month

Monday 6 January - Monday Morning Coffee Run

Monday Morning Coffee at the **Pacific Dunes Golf Club**, at Medowie.
Please meet at the Pearl Servo for a 9.30am departure, to enable us to do a head count and advise the venue of numbers attending.

Thursday 9 January – Pizza Night at Sip and Slice (formerly Uncle Franks)

A regular get together for a meal at **Sip and Slice**
(next door to Jax Tyres at Salamander Bay). **Meet at the Venue at 6pm.**

Wednesday 15 January – Jims's Long Run

This one is for the driver in us all.
Long runs are usually lunch runs with a round trip greater than 200 Km.
Led by **John Kerr**, destination **Nabiac** via **Stroud** and **Gloucester**.
Meet at the Pearl Servo for a 9:00am departure.

Friday 24 January - SMB

This months venue is the **Lexies at Stockton**.
Meet at the Pearl Servo 7.30am.

Sunday 26 January – Australia Day Car Show

Once again this year, the Nelson Bay Australia Day Committee will hold a car show for PSCAA classic vehicles. There will be 3 trophies on offer – Best Australian, Chairmans Choice, and Best in Show.

Meet before 7.30am in the carpark on the western side of Nelson Bay Bowling Club for the procession to Fly Point. Please note: participants must be prepared to stay until the Trophy presentation at around 1.00 pm.

Please contact Brian Turner on 0412 496 180 or by email at bkt54@icloud.com if you want to enter your car.



Fridge Edition
John Kerr – 0421 459 577

February 2025

Sunday 2 February – Picnic in the Park

Picnic in the middle park at **Bagnalls Beach**. Vehicle access is (city bound) on **Sandy Point Road** just before the roundabout at **Bagnalls Beach Road**.
Easy access to the dog friendly off-lead beach. Lots of parking and public toilets.
No cooking facilities and limited seating, but lots of shady trees.
So, bring a chair and anything you want to eat or drink.
Meet at the venue around 11.30 am.

Monday 3 February - Monday Morning Coffee Run

Monday Morning Coffee at the **Pacific Dunes Golf Club**, at Medowie.
Please meet at the Pearl Servo for a 9.30am departure, to enable us to do a head count and advise the venue of numbers attending.

Tuesday 11 February - Jims's Long Run

This one is for the driver in us all.
Long runs are usually lunch runs with a round trip between 200 - 300 km.
Led by **John Kerr**, destination is the **Corrugated Café at Peats Ridge**
via **Millfield** and **Wollombi**.
Meet at the Pearl Servo for a 9:00 am departure.

Wednesday 12 February - Assoc. Meeting

Will be held at the **Nelson Bay Bowling Club** in the **Crows Nest Room** on level 2,
followed by dinner at **Fin & Scales Restaurant** (for those who are up to it).
Meeting commences at 6.00 pm.

Wednesday 19 February - SWB

This months' venue is **Nelson Bay Golf Club, Nelson Bay**. Please text Lindy on 0400 828 217 if you are attending as we need to advise the venue re numbers.
Meet at the venue at 1.00 pm.

Thursday 20 February - Pizza Night at Sip and Slice

Our regular get together for a pizza at Sip and Slice (next door to Jax Tyres at Salamander Bay).
Meet at the Venue at 6pm.

Friday 28 February - SMB

This months' venue is **Thynk Cafe** on Bowden Way at **Beresfield**.
Meet at the Pearl Servo at 7.30 am.



Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club Inc

PO Box 177, Tea Gardens 2324

OPEN INVITATION

Date: 23rd October 2024

Dear President and Members,

The Committee and Members of the Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club are pleased to formally extend a warm invitation to your Club to participate in our annual Motorfest, which is now in its 20th year. **The date is Saturday March 8th, 2025 at Myall Sports Park, Yamba Street Hawks Nest. Please save the date.**

This event has proven to be very popular with Motor Clubs, local residents, our Business Community and visitors since its inception. Through Motorfest we have raised in excess of \$100,000 to assist many local community aid groups such as our Rural Fire, Red Cross, TGHN Surf Club and our free Clinic Bus.

At our 2025 Event we really want to focus on presenting a great display of Classic Cars, Hot Rods and Motorcycles, including such as those owned by the Members of your Club. We will be awarding a good selection of Trophies covering a wide range of Classic Cars, Hot Rods and Motorcycles and as usual, we will run our Monster raffle. Plenty of good food, drinks and entertainment will be on offer, and as Myall River Festival is on the following day we are expecting a strong turnout.

Classic and unique cars and motorcycles are always a huge attraction and a display by your Club would very much assist us with making our Event very special.

Gates will open at 8.00AM and we will wrap up from 2.00PM. Display admission is \$10 per vehicle.

Should you wish to pre-enter for your group please contact us with your details/numbers and watch out for further correspondence when we launch our new website at www.teagardenshawksnestmotorclub.org where we will provide updates.

Looking forward to seeing you in March.

David Jones, MotorFest Committee Chair

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Great Lakes Historic
Automobile Club Inc.
Presents



MID COAST MOTORFEST 25

Sunday 8th June, 2025 – 8am-2pm

**FREE
PUBLIC
ENTRY**

**John Wright Park
Tuncurry**

Judging Starts 9:30am 

**\$15
TO DISPLAY
VEHICLE**

- » Hot Rods » Motorcycles
- » Veteran, Vintage & Classic Cars
- » Stationary Engines » Street Machines
- » Rocker Cover Racing

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