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## Front Cover:

Fiona and Chris Dillon with their Minerva at Yarra Glen on the Motoring Heritage day run.

## Letters to the Editor

The 'Flashback to the 1950s' photo from last month prompted a great response.

**Ken Jeremiah**, who lives in Queensland, recognised his parents Tolly Jeremiah and Wyn Jeremiah in their 1904 De Dion Bouton which is still owned by Ken. Ken was unsure of which rally.

**Greg Smith** recognised Tolly and the twin cylinder 1904 De Dion Bouton at an Annual rally and probably to Sorrento Run in the very late fifties or early sixties when it was sponsored by Golden Fleece. Ken noted that the picture has to be fairly early in our club's history, as the De Dion did not have many badges on the dashboard, as later in the piece it was literally covered.

**Hugh Guthrie** said he had an advantage in recognising it as he has the details of most of the early rallies at the moment as we wrestle with the Club History. Tolly was entrant number 13 in the Argus second rally in January 1956. Hugh was there in the Stutz.

**Ralph Provan** also recognised the Jeremiahs aboard the 1904 De-Dion Bouton possibly the first Golden Fleece November 1956 Rally to Ballarat. Ralph and two other members were doing safety checks. He recalls a large turnout and successful rally helped by the sponsorship by Golden Fleece.

**The photo** was taken by the editor's grandfather, Howard Berg, in November 1958 in Dandenong Rd. Oakleigh. The 'Golden Fleece Veteran Car Rally' proceeded from Lansdowne St via Dandenong, Mentone, Mornington and Dromana to Sorrento on Saturday 15th November and back to the Olympic Velodrome on the Sunday. We are not sure if car had the same rally number as Hugh mentioned as the 1956 Argus.

**Many thanks** to those who responded. Tolly was an active veteran car enthusiast in the early days of the club, and a foundation member. His efforts saved many cars from the scrap heap a number of which went to the Parker Collection in Colac and were sold by auction in 1982. Ralph wrote a nice 'Vale' for Tolly in 1997 in Brass Notes.



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## Coming Events

9th June	<p><b>Natter Night</b></p> <p>Graeme Jarrett</p>
17th June	<p><b>Visit to Shifting Gear Exhibition</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 10:30am National Gallery</b></p> <p>Paul Daley 0417 583 064</p>
27th June	<p><b>Workshop Day</b></p> <p><b>Chris Dillon's Motors</b></p> <p>Paul Daley 0417 583 064</p>
14th July	<p><b>Natter Night</b></p> <p>Phil Spender</p>
26th July	<p><b>Model T Ford Day Out</b></p> <p><b>Ford Flathead Festival, Caribbean Gardens 10:00am</b></p> <p>Paul Daley 0417 583 064</p>
11th August	<p><b>Natter Night</b></p> <p>Snr Sgt Daryl Cullen</p>

## Major Events

18th-19th July	<p><b>Mid Winter Rally - Mornington Peninsula</b></p> <p>David Jones 0416 287 797</p>
19th-22nd November	<p><b>Annual Rally - Colac</b></p> <p>Michael Holding 0407 008 895</p>

## National Events

4th-9th October 2015	<p><b>National Veteran Motorcycle Rally - Ararat, Victoria</b></p> <p>John Bourke 0412 821 945</p>
19th-23rd October 2015	<p><b>National High Wheeler Rally in Hahndorf, SA</b></p>
1st-6th November 2015	<p><b>National Veteran Rally Goulburn NSW.</b></p> <p>Rob Woolley (02) 6254 9485 (ah)</p>
3rd-9th April 2016	<p><b>National 1&amp;2 Cylinder Rally - Traralgon, VIC</b></p> <p>Kevin Quigley 0419 300 090</p>
31st Oct-4th Nov 2016	<p><b>National Veteran Rally Hobart, Tasmania</b></p>

# President's Message

This is a special issue featuring a host of cars and parts for sale. The club introduced a dedicated issue for advertisements some years ago and we will continue the tradition if it proves popular. Keep the advertisements coming for all editions however. There are many cars and parts that successfully change hands as a result of advertising in Brass Notes and most of these are not advertised elsewhere.

It is that time of year already! You will find your renewal for July 1 in this issue of Brass Notes. The process has been streamlined as much as possible and forms pre-populated with your personal and vehicle information. All that needs to be done is for you to update the information with changes and corrections and return it with the your fees. This year there is also the option of a reduced fee for receiving an email only version of Brass Notes. We are very interested to see what the take-up on this is.

It is very important that members attend to the renewal straight away. Should you become non-financial, and you have a car under the Vicroads scheme permitted through this club, we are obliged to advise Vicroads. Then the vehicle cannot be used and would need to be re-submitted for a permit, and of course you would need to re-join the club. The club has a number of Life members and Honorary Life members and while no fees are payable for Life Members it is however equally important that the renewal forms be updated and returned. We need to know your correct contact information and vehicle data. A number of people work very hard to administer the club renewal and membership process, and it really does help us if you return a timely and accurate renewal form.

Very shortly you will be sent a Directory with listings of all Veteran Car Club members and their vehicles Australia-wide who are members of those clubs under the auspices of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs of Australia. This will be something to look forward to and our club has produced it. More on this later.

At our last Natter Night Robin Page spoke of his life with cars, mostly MG's. Robin's relaxed and interesting presentation style ensured a great night for those attending. There are many people who have interesting stories to tell and we have scheduled a great mix of speakers at future Natter Nights. And yes, there will be some of particular interest to the ladies!

I am very pleased with the planning of forthcoming club events. Paul Daley has re-invigorated the Events Sub-Committee and it will be meeting soon to ensure we have a varied and interesting calendar well into the future. We would however like to hear from members who are interested to organise and assist with Events, most particularly our three signature RACV sponsored rallies being the One & Two, Mid-Winter and November rallies beyond 2016. Plenty of time to think about it! If you have enjoyed these rallies in the past please seriously consider doing your bit on the organisational

side for these in the future.

Club events are fewer in the colder months but it was pleasing to see the attendance at the National Motoring Heritage Day which afforded some beautiful weather and a great day out. Please note that given the membership Directory is being issued this month and recognising the somewhat (but not entirely!) quieter time of year for club activities, we will be issuing a very much abbreviated Brass Notes edition for July.

*Ian Berg,  
President VCCA (Victoria)*

## MEMBERSHIP

*Ian and Kay Rees from Warrnambool, proposed by Noel Holbrook and seconded by Murray Murfett. Ian has a 1911 Paige-Detroit to be restored.*

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

*The Club's committee and members welcome the following new members:*

- *Barry and Rosslyn Smith*
- *John Stanley and Christina Torio*

*Brown's*  
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Service

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# CLUB STOCK

The club holds limited stock of the following items, and these can be purchased at Natter Nights by prior arrangement or by contacting John Prior on 0418 548184. Postage costs would be additional. Cheques should be made out to the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria).

Please do note that a number of these items will not be able to be re-stocked once sold, and members are encouraged to purchase them while they can.



BRASS MIRROR  
\$100.00



HORN REED  
\$30.00



MOTOMETER  
\$95.00



VCCA CAR BADGE \$45.00  
VCCA TRANSFER \$0.50  
VCCA LAPEL BADGE \$6.00



HORN BULB - SMALL  
\$40.00



HORN BULB - LARGE  
\$45.00

## Has anybody heard of the Palmer Cycle?

By Bruce Nelson

The following article on the "Palmer" cycle was published in a 1913 report on the progress of Camperdown and District (Vic):

*"If one searched the whole of the state they would not find a more energetic -versatile- popular cycle builder, nor a more thorough and experienced mechanic than Mr George Palmer, who, during the past 5 years has been building the renowned "Palmer" cycle.*

*Today one finds the "Palmer" special winning prizes on almost every important racing track in the state. One of the reasons of his great success and big turnover is in the building of a first class machine. They more than hold their own against the rest of the world, either on the racing track, the road, or over ruts, stumps and ditches on a bush track."*

Now the question is: Does anyone know whether any "Palmer Cycles" exist today?



# Advertisements - For Sale

**Set of 4 Hood Bows**  
to suit Large Early Veteran  
\$1500.00



**Dietz Acetylene Gas Generator**  
No 5 Excellent Condition  
\$650.00



**Tyres**  
30 x 3 1/2 Beaded Edge  
440 X 23 Straight Sided  
Overlands  
500 X 24 Dodge and other  
Veterans  
525 X 21 Straight sided  
The entire above are brand  
new, have tubes & rust  
bands to suit.  
Prices on Application.

**Magnum Concave Mirror  
Glasses** suit 7' Rushmore's  
and other Acetylene Gas  
Lamps Lancaster Made  
NOS \$500 the pair.



**For Sale**  
1913 Hudson Model 4-37  
An opportunity to own a  
rare genuine 40HP car.  
Original all electric car with  
a starter motor. Has Six  
new tyres (875 X 105 ) new  
Rims and Wheels A lot of  
restoration has being done  
The car is an unfinished

project. See Photos  
POA.



**Graeme Edwards**  
**Mob 0418 347 216**

**1909 Cadillac Touring**  
This early Cadillac model  
30 has copper water  
jackets 5 litre 4 cylinder 3  
speed transmission and  
large 2 wheel brakes these  
are great touring cars and  
well sort after. This older  
restoration needs a little  
TLC, has a rebuilt motor  
\$75,500 ono.



**1908 Buick Model  
F touring**, original  
body, sand blasted &  
undercoated frame &  
running gear, new Firestone  
30 x 3 1/3 tyres fitted, new  
"Buick" script running  
board mats, very complete,  
needs full restoration  
\$32,500



**1915 Chev Baby Grand**  
Touring original unrestored  
new tyres, with re-build  
motor, \$35,000 firm



**1909 Cadillac Speedster**  
project, complete with  
monocle windscreen  
\$26,000 ono

**1916 Cole V8 Coupe**  
this is one of 3 Tour  
Coupes know to survive  
and the only 1915  
production 1916 model,  
nice wire wheels and well  
sorted, \$65,000



**1918 Cadillac Sedan**  
this very rear veteran sedan  
needs a full restoration  
however very complete.  
\$26,500



**Cadillac 1903-04 model A  
& B Firewall ends**  
\$250 pair



**Brass rail brackets for  
rear tub** - \$300 set (may  
suit Model A & AC Ford  
also)

**1909 Cadillac  
Model 30 parts**  
Speedo - Standard  
Thermometer "Made for  
Cadillac" \$500



Radiator cap Bakelite  
Cadillac script \$500

Demi / roadster cowl  
Set Demi / roadster fenders  
Gearbox  
Touring Car Frame  
Touring Car guards

**1910 Cadillac  
Model 30 parts**

Demi / roadster cowl  
Set Demi / roadster fenders  
Touring Car frame & 100  
Touring car Steering  
column \$300  
Gearbox \$2000  
Radiator cap Bakelite  
Cadillac script - \$500

**1911 Cadillac  
Model 30 parts**

Set Demi / Roadster  
fenders in need of  
restoration.  
4 pistons & conrods  
Cylinder bore \$500

**1912 Cadillac  
Model 30 parts**

Motor lower end, sump,  
crank case, crank shaft,  
cam, \$2000  
Timing gear cover \$250



Water inlet pipes, \$500



Steering box touring car  
Roadster steering column  
firewall mount \$100  
Tail light Grey & Davis  
made for Cadillac



**Russell Holden**  
**Ph 0422 219 911**

# Advertisements - For Sale

Speedo - Standard Thermometer "Made for Cadillac" with bakelight cap for wires but no hood for light.



## 1913/14 Cadillac parts

Front axle with stub axles  
Tail lights  
Speedo  
rear fenders  
front fenders (touring)

## Parts - Brass era

Grade Meter, Garvin grade meter 0 - 35% show the grade you are driving on up and down the hills, grade meters are rare, circa 1910 - 1915 patent applied for (no date) \$800



## Oilers

4 point drip oiler (no brand) circa 1900 - 1905, brass and cast iron construction, 10 wide, 4 1/2" cylinder with glass oil level viewer in on end, adjustable drip rate and glass sight at base, \$600



McCord 4 point mechanical oiler, model B patn. 1906 -10, ratchet drive, \$800



Lavigne 5 point Drip Oiler This is an excellent condition Lavigne drip oiler, 5 port. \$1,200



## Lights

Pair of 7 1/2" head lights, very nice condition with the backs narrowing back to 6" yolk for mounting \$1000



Pair Dietz Head lights 6" fork Mount \$1200 pair (Nice condition for Driver need very little work for Concourse)



C.A.V. Divers helmet tail light. VGC, \$800



Dependence tail light, made by J & R Oldfield Birmingham London this is a very interesting tail light with the clear side glass pointing back at 45deg. \$550



## Coil boxes

Spitdorff single cylinder coil box with switch & Key, Bat & Mag type \$350



K W 2 cylinder coil box, will need some refurbished Model T coils but a nice box with the correct internals, \$200



J & B 4 cylinder Coil box \$1200

Other 1 2 & 4 cylinder coil boxes available

## Carbide Generators

Solar acetylene generator 15" high, 6" base, complete with basket VGC, \$1150



## Horns

Rubes double twist large all brass horn, 7" 1/2 bell with bulb and extension, nice sharp note, very good condition \$650



Desmo straight through firewall horn VGC \$350



Desmo Horn with 4' extension and new bulb, great condition \$650  
Scroll horn 2 1/4 twist 4" round face with screen \$350

Steering column horn Single twist 5" round mount VGC \$250  
Baby Boa Constrictor Horn, 2 3/4" mouth with correct mounting bracket, 3ft tapered tubes with 2t straight tube extension new bulb, \$1150



## Whistles

Airmore 4 tube exhaust whistle, longest tube 13" shortest tube 7" very nice condition \$300



4 tube flat exhaust or steam whistle, very nice flat tube longest tube 8" shortest 4", \$400



## Misc

Buick Brass radiator cap thread dia 2 1/4" \$60  
Kellogg's 4 cylinder air compressor circa 1910, popular on the big American Cars, \$400 ono



**Russell Holden**  
Ph 0422 219 911



# Advertisements - For Sale

Stewart Speedo Gear  
(for the wheel) 16 teeth, 8  
pitch, 6 1/4" dia, (#31260)  
\$80



Rear entrance door latch  
with built in lock \$120



Rim spreader, 3 to chose  
from all sandblasted,  
undercoated, top coated  
and lubricated, \$125ea



Pair of veteran touring car  
side baskets These lovely  
baskets are original circa  
1900 - 06 and are in good  
original condition \$2000  
pair



A set of original wooden  
guards circa 1902-1907,  
\$300 set

H & B Self Generating  
headlight, Projector Model  
#1110, needs some TLC  
\$1500

**Russell Holden**  
Ph 0422 219 911

## Carburettors

Rayfield Model G3 1 1/2"  
throat, looks to have been  
restored \$850



Rayfield Model LE2 1 1/4"  
throat \$550



Schebler Model R 1 3/8"  
throat \$200



Rayfield Model F-I-F 1 1/8"  
throat \$150

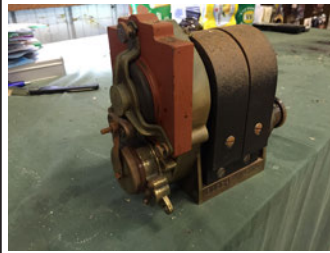


Very early Zenith  
carburettor \$700



**Brian Hussey**  
Ph 0418 561 910

Very early Bosch DR4  
Magneto in good working  
order. \$1000



Coil box  
complete with points etc,  
missing lid. \$300



Battered Lucas tail lamp  
\$150-00



Herm. Riemann Self  
generator h/ lamp 12' high  
6" bezel, needs font \$1000



Lucas tail lamp  
in perfect order \$600



Rare Neverout tail lamp  
(not perfect) \$500



Pair Fully Restored nickel  
plated Deutz majestic  
number 5 h/ lamps  
8" bezel \$1100.



Brass Deutz Magestic  
h/lamp in full restored  
condition \$450



1 pair of E.J. Sidelights  
\$200 the pair

2 Lucas King of the Road  
Left hand only  
No 721 - No 726  
Price \$200 each

**Alan Lethborg**  
03 9560 8299

## Talbot Motor Parts

Could be circa 1908/09  
Dismantled 50 years ago  
2 blocks of 2 Cylinders,  
Crankshaft, Rods & Pistons  
Crankcase (damaged) but  
no sump  
\$350 ONO

**Howard James**  
Ph 0418 134572



# Advertisements - For Sale

## Clayton Wright Bros Dekla horn.

Nickel plated horn in very good condition. Mounts through dash. Front screen mesh has come away slightl. Great sound. 13 3/4 inches front to back, 3 1/2 inches across trumpet. Price \$195 as is



## French sidelights

in excellent original condition. Superb original glass with the original green square on the left hand light unique ornate design, so typically French. Price \$525



## Small P&H acetylene Generator in unused NOS condition.

new old stock generator. It still has the original operating instructions. Original nickel finish that is in excellent condition. Approx 8 1/2 inches high, approx 4 inches wide. Price is \$550



## Pair Brass headlights.

A pair of "unbranded" headlights in untouched condition. Both missing locking rim closer nut. Suit small car like a Brush. Approx 7 3/4 inches across front rim, narrows down to

approx 5 3/4 inches in the body, approx 6 1/2 inches mounting width. \$690



## Pair E&J No. 74 Headlights

This is a pair of E&J No. 74 headlights in original unpolished condition. Superb set in unmolested condition. \$1300



## E&J Square side mount generator

The acetylene generator is a nice small E&J type suitable for a small car like a Brush. Side mount. Nice original patina, that is only missing the water filler cap. \$700



## Pair of Solar headlights

A pair of restored Solar 856 headlights. These are from the period circa 1908. Nice drum lines that are the smallest of this variety, suitable to a small car. approx 6 1/2 inches across the light. Mounting holes approx 7 inches across. new mirror reflectors. \$925



## Dreadnaught Pair of Headlights

Pair of Dreadnaught headlights that are in excellent restored condition. Dreadnaught is a brand which is a rebadged H&B (Howes and Burnley) English origin. They measure 7 inches across the front rim, and the body is approx. 5 inches across, so you can see they taper right down from the flared rim. Mounts are approx. 6 inches apart. \$1200



## Pair of Gray&Davis Side lights #99

All brass sidelights, presently painted black with nickel plated top, rim, and bases. More petite in size being approx. 9 inches high and approx. 4 1/2 inches across the front rim. They are both kero and electric. No burners. Have some dents and one glass is broken. I hope the photos show there condition. \$170 ONO



## E&J Brass Taillight

in very good condition with the three coloured convex lens. (Red , Blue and Clear). All polished \$485 ONO



## Boa Constrictor Horn

in wonderful condition and all polished ready to fit to a car. Nice Boa Constrictor badge. It measures approx. 41 inches (104 cm's) in length. The trumpet opening is approx. 3 inches by 2 1/2 inches. \$345



## Radium Pair of Headlights and Generator

This is a very cute pair of lights in excellent restored condition ready to fit to a small Veteran car. Complete with superb mirrors and lovely burners, all catches, gas inlets and outlets. The generator has had some repairs to it and has a few dings. Will not separate the three items. They measure approx 6 inches across the rim, and the glass is approx. 4 1/4 inches across. They measure approx. 5 inches front to back. The body measures approx. 4 1/4 inches across and flares out to the rim. They measure approx. 5 inches across the mounts. \$920 the set



**Greg Smith**  
03 54395233  
0447 395 233

# Advertisements - For Sale & Wanted

## WANTED

Frankonia No 37 sidelamp (either side). Early French tail lamp. Reimanns self generating sidelamp spade mounted. De Dion 6 h.p. carburettor - buy or can trade a Longuemare.

Email [alan.meredith@bigpond.com](mailto:alan.meredith@bigpond.com)

## WANTED

2 x connecting rods to suit twin cylinder reo Circa 1907 to 1910 Big end are hinged with 1 bolt

Ph Andrew Provan  
BH 03 52312603  
AH 03 52311417

1914 Model T Gas brass headlights and sidelights. Some further work required to use. Price negotiable.



1914 Model T coil box. Ready to use. Price negotiable



Pre 1910 timber body, type unknown.

Body no. 5107. Boot complete with key. Base 35" wide by 88" long. Single seater with entry on passenger side. Price negotiable.



## James Flood Books of Early Motoring.

Complete set of all four books. Good condition. \$400 the lot.

## Garage Spring Clean.

Pair of cowl mounted adjustable windscreen brackets to take single timber framed screen appropriate for an English or European car circa 1911 - 1915. Original set of hood irons and fittings (mostly brass) for a five bow veteran tourer hood. Triple trumpet French horn unrestored. Pair of early style professionally restored P & H self generating head lamps.

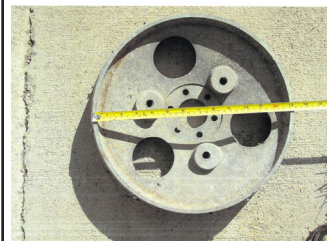
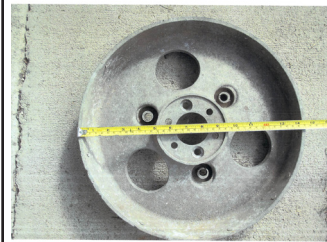
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1909 IHC Autowagon  
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Geoff Chennells  
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0439 572 746  
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## Miscellaneous brass lamps and horns

as shown in the attached photos. Please call for more details, open to offers on individual items.



Andy Avard  
Ph. 0418 315425



# For those who have not been

By Ian Berg

Sue and I recently spent some time in the US as part of an a month overseas, and took the opportunity to see some excellent museums and places of historical interest.

Our trip started off with the Horseless Carriage Club of America Bakersfield tour and swap meet. This event has been going for over 20 years with the swap renowned for being dedicated to brass cars and parts.

It is not huge and can be readily walked around in the day, in fact probably twice over. But of course there are many distractions along the way! Also in attendance were VCCA members Russell, Chris and Andrea Holden as well as Graeme and Lynette Edwards.

We then managed to visit the Nethercutt Museum just outside Los Angeles. This is the most impressive museum of cars and also mechanical musical instruments you can possibly imagine. It is free to the public but bookings are required for the tour which is the highlight. We moved onto Detroit and included visits to the Henry Ford (Museum) and Greenfield Village. The village is a re-creation established in 1927, and pays homage to Henry Ford's and other early industrialists lives. In addition we visited the Gilmore Car Museum near Kalamazoo in Michigan. All of these are world class facilities and should be on any enthusiast's bucket lists. Attached is a photographic selection of some aspects of our visits.



This is a 1907 Mitchell at he Bakersfield swap which was 80% restored and sold very quickly for a reasonable US\$30,000



Lynne and Graeme Edwards enjoyed the Bakersfield tour and managed to share a ride in this rare early Regal.



This was an unusual car - a 1907 Columbus Firestone High-wheeler. it was barn fresh but missing some parts and available at the swap for US\$15,000.



A 1909 Sears motor buggy available



A large, rare and possibly unique 1908 Glide in a typical swap meet setting



There is always a good selection of T Fords and parts available at Bakersfield



# Hahndorf Rally Report SA

By James McInnes

I would like to report on a highly successful South Australian Rally recently held in the beautiful Adelaide Hills and based out of Hahndorf starting Friday 27th March to Sunday 29th March. The wonderful rally organising trio team - Neil & Gaynor Francis, Dianne Barber & Howard Filtness, and David & Michele Chantrell - achieved near perfection in Veteran Rally organisation and touring.

Due to an overload of work and interstate travel to Victoria, I was not ready with my White Steamer until midday Saturday of the Hahndorf Rally but we were able to meet everyone at the Echunga Pub and return to the Hahndorf resort where I "unwillingly" entertained a large audience with Steam Car Antics! I will leave David Chantrell to describe the painful details.

What a wonderful bunch of people attended the rally including Brian & Jill Hussey from Victoria, who entertained and transported us on the Sunday run in their fabulous Model T Ford. As an ex Ford Research Engineer from Detroit USA, I am thoroughly converted with the simplicity, reliability and robustness of T Fords. And I am now actively seeking one to use on windy rally days when it is difficult to keep the 1906 White Steamers pilot alight and maintain one's eyebrows intact and one's dignity. I love my 1906 White Steamer but take a look under my White and then under the T Ford. Beneath the "T" there is nothing but an enormous space and a ginormous rubber band! (Brian's "T" has the largest rubber band of any - it goes up hills like a rocket even with 5 passengers) - No really the triangular bracing and simplicity of the T Ford is a credit to Henry. Having visited the Henry Ford Museum on a weekly basis for 12 months when I lived in Detroit, I checked out most crevices and found a 1907 Model G White and a White Steam car twin cylinder compound marine engine. I also highly respect Henry Ford in that he built the Henry Ford and Greenfield Museums for the general public. Compared with other automotive Giants, his spending on his family and himself was quite frugal. He also regarded Thomas Edison as his mentor, and guess what - Thomas Edison owned TWO White Steamers at the same time! I also thank everyone for making

my partner Juliet and my special guests Ken Russell and Julie (Li) Zhu from Victoria and 80 year old Ron Smith & his daughter Catherine Smith from Adelaide so welcome. Ron is a retired Toolmaker who recently sold me his unrestored 1959 Goggomobil, which he use to drive from South Plympton to the Bendix furniture company in the early 1960's. He then moved on to work as a Runner and Messenger for Don Dunstan and Members of the South Australian Parliament.

Back to the Hahndorf Rally: Sunday was a wonderful day visiting Strathalbyn and Glenbarr Homestead. A delicious scones, jam and cream morning tea filled our rumbling tummies, followed by a very well informed and entertaining tour guide who trundled us through the Glennbarr Homestead.

I am a Steam/T ford/Goggomobil fan but I also love French cars and French Engineering. The 2 Renaults owned by The Le Busques and ..... made a beautiful photo and the Archibald V8 De Dion even caught David Chantrell's eye and seemed to mesmerise him? I hope he was not thinking about doing something naughty with the Kangaroo Radiator Cap motif? BTW: The French made one of the best Steam cars (No Julian - not the De Dion), the Serpollet. White Steam Car Records show Rollin White visited Leon Serpollet



Brian Hussey's delightful 1913 Ford T



A pair of AX Renaults



A stunning 1924 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost



# Yarra Glen

By Gordon Berg

before Serpollet unfortunately died racing one of his cars. Leon Serpollet set the Land Speed record in his "Easter Egg" ( Oeuf de Paques) at 75.06 mph on the Promenade des Anglais at Nice on 13th April 1902. Webb Jay in the White Whistling Billy designed by the Mechanical Engineer Rollin White, set the World dirt track record (48.35 seconds) for the Mile in 1905 in a racing steam car using the same engine that was developed for the 1906 Model F, the same as my 1906 White Steamer. Fred Marriott finally set a very long standing World Speed record in the Stanley Rocket in 1906 at 127.659 mph on Daytona beach. The same 30hp engine was beefed up and is used under my 1912 Stanley Mountain Wagon 12 Passenger Bus soon to appear on Veteran Rallies. Stanley and Whites both owe some of their development paths to French ingenuity. Most probably Leon Serpollet.

I am also partial to Citroens, which were my Family's cars from 1963 to 1970, so make sure you lock up your beautiful red chariot Duddley!

Once again thanks to the Trio team for a wonderful and enjoyable Hahndorf Rally.

This day was organised by the AOMC as part of a National Motoring Heritage day and has several venues around the state for car enthusiasts to display their vehicles. The Yarra Glen race course was well attended with cars from a variety of clubs. The VCCA (Vic) had three veterans on display including the Dillon's Minerva, Bone's FN and the Pierce's Humber. All accompanied by good weather and a very pleasant picnic atmosphere. For those wanting a bit more there was a free shuttle bus to the nearby Yering Station farmer's market.



Brendan Pierce's Humber

## The Last BBQ for the year

By Geoff Payne

We all know Frank Pounds aptitude for organising a good BBQ breakfast venue and most times the weather smiles in gratitude as well..

However on this 18 April morning the weather was a little bleak, so off to meet at Surrey Park, Box Hill. Nearly there (in a modern) the phone rang.

The park is closed, fenced off. We duly arrived and met with the others to decide to cancel or try another-- -Try another was decided and we set off for The Valley Reserve at Mt. Waverley.

All arrived safely but a couple of Veterans decided to add a few more kilometres to the run, seeing the weather was a little moist (missed a turn and got lost!).

It did not matter! You guessed it, The Valley Reserve was closed for renovations as well.

This was too much, having to be sensible and think about where to go again, especially with a grumbling stomach. We decided on Reg Harris Reserve in Oakleigh.

At last, upon arrival, no barriers and the BBQ's had been upgraded as well. The rest is history as they say. A good and jovial breakfast was eaten and the sun shined! Smiles all around.

Good on you Frank, we look forward to next seasons BBQ Breakfasts.

So, why don't you join in as well, starts off a good weekend.



Stan Bone with his FN

# The Tarrant

By Ian Berg

Tarrant was a Melbourne based seller of cars, and a motor body builder in the early part of last century. Tarrant built bodies for many makes including Ford and others. We featured the FN body that David Couper had recently acquired in our April issue of Brass Notes. This is reputedly a Tarrant body. However Tarrant also built cars for a period of time, and the Tarrant story is a fascinating one.

In 1903 Colonel Harley Tarrant built a 2 cylinder vehicle of 8hp which went on to win Australia's first properly organised car race held at Sandown Park Racecourse. Colonel Tarrant also won the first long-distant event in Australia, the Dunlop Reliability Trial but he was driving an Argyle. A Tarrant went on to win a number of 1000 mile races in subsequent years.

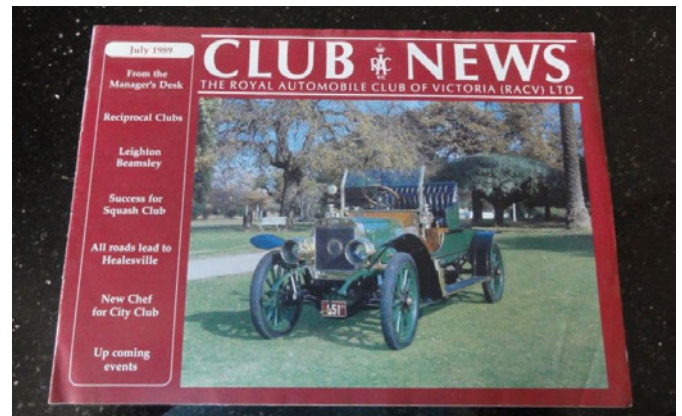
Tarrant built about 16 cars in total between 1900 and 1907. The only surviving Tarrant, a 1906 model was discovered by Maurice Shmith, a former employee of the Tarrant Motor Company, in 1932. Shmith presented the car to Kenneth and Peter Holmes, grandsons of its creator in 1960. They painstakingly restored the car with their mother, the late Mrs Doreen Holmes, employing elderly tradespeople to apply the original methods of production.

Colonel Harley Tarrant was also a founding member of the RACV and there remains a strong connection with the RACV given that the surviving Tarrant vehicle is now owned by the RACV. It is normally on permanent display at their city headquarters. The RACV acquired the car in 2002. The connection with the Veteran Car Club is also very strong as this car participated in our first Annual Rally 60 years ago.

The Tarrant is currently on display at the exhibition, *Shifting Gear: Design, Innovation and the Australian Car* at the Ian Potter Centre in Federation Square. This exhibition is well worth a visit and runs to July.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

**If you would like to see a special viewing of the exhibition we have one scheduled for June 17. Our Guide will be Helen Stitt who is the Heritage Collection Curator for the RACV, and will provide a tour and exclusive presentation to our members about the exhibition. Please arrive at the Ian Potter Centre at Federation Square by 10.30am. While bookings are not essential it would be helpful to advise Paul Daley of your attendance. For more information please call Paul on 0417 583 064**



The RACV Club News of July 1989 featured the Tarrant

## LONELY PARTS

By Alan Meredith

Imperial threads lead us to the conclusion that this early axle casing is of English manufacture. Unfortunately there are no identifying marks and the internals are missing. The overall width is 1280

mm and the distance between the spring pad centres is 787 mm. An identical axle attached to the remnants of a tubular chassis survives in New South Wales. What is it?





# Advertisements - For Sale

## Niroma 300 brass headlights

need a complete restoration. They would require some spinings to make them again presentable \$150



## Brass Universal No. 4 taillight

made from the New York Coach and Auto lamp Co. Complete, and ready to fit. All lens excellent. Suit any U.S veteran. Price \$245



## Boa Constrictor large Horn

The Boa Constrictor is one with a large trumpet. It is 8 inches in diameter complete with screen in nice condition. It is complete with legible badge. The bulb is a cheap reproduction. It has a mounting bracket that is not the correct one. The condition is really good with no dents and the tubing is all good. The sound is not really good, so it would require a bit of fettling. It is approx 68 inches long. \$500



## French taillight

The light is an Auteroche. It is all steel construction and is complete except for the red rear facing lens. It has the wick and winder and works well. The clear number plate facing lens is fine as is the door closer. \$70 ONO



## French taillight

The taillight is branded dmac? It is steel and Brass in construction. It is a nice light ready to fit to a car. It is complete, with a nice insert. \$240 ONO



## French Horn

French Brass horn "L INVICTA" SMA Paris Really unusual design with part of the horn going through the trumpet section of the horn. Complete with mounting bracket and flexible tubing. Has a wonderful deep sound, ready to mount \$520 ONO



## Solar No. 805 brass Taillight.

Excellent condition brass Solar 805 taillight. This is electric and kero. With convex clear glass and excellent convex ruby glass, and small blue

convex glass. It is all complete and ready to fit \$260



## Solar Brass Taillight

Solar Brass taillight. This is a kero and electric powered taillight in very good condition. It has a nice convex red ruby lens to face the rear, and a blue convex lens, and a clear flat glass to face the number plate. Complete missing the knurled knob as the door closer. \$235



## BRC Sidelight

BRC sidelight of large proportions. It is approx. 13 1/2 inches high. Nice original condition and complete. Needs a clean up. Has an unusual wick winding mechanism under the bottom. \$135



## Unidentified square side light.

It is all brass except for the oil reservoir which has steel bottom and brass top. Good for parts. \$70



## Brass Headlight Pair Continental

Probably French.No brand. All complete except the front glass, as they have the reflectors, burners, catches, and fork mounts. Require restoration. They are approx. 8 inches across the front rim. \$520



## E&J Model 12 taillight.

Superb example. It is complete in every respect. The lens are in good condition (this model only has one red and one clear), the body is perfect with no dents and the top which is the only thing brass is faultless. It says E&J Detroit model 12 \$220 ONO



## Potato head horn

A most unusual potato head Question Mark brass horn. Patent date 1909. Great condition and sounds lovely. Ready to fit to a car with mounts approx. 3 ft 6 inch brass flex. \$500



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# Advertisements - For Sale

## Brass horn double twist

Nice double twist brass horn in original condition. Almost dent free. \$150 ONO



## Escargot French Horn

Large French brass horn with double twist. Almost dent free with damage at last bend. 200 mm across trumpet opening. Needs reed. Price \$110



## Signal Horn

Nickel plated of unique design. Has a good sound. Quite a few dents, and mesh has a small hole. Comes with mounting bracket. \$130 ONO



## Unique Pattern Double twist horn

Unique design. Totally complete and restored. Brand new bulb. Almost 6 1/2 inches across the trumpet. \$440



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## Horizontal Brass Horn

Extremely nice horizontal horn complete with flex tube, screen and mounts both ends. Terrific sound and polished ready to fit \$425



## Dekla Side light

Small brass sidelight (passenger side). Complete and operating with nice convex glass, burner, catches, locking screw. A couple of small cracks on bottom tier. \$85



## Steel and Brass Horn with flex.

Has reed and works. Mounting bracket needs repair. \$220 ONO



## Rear window frames and Glasses.

NOS set of rear window frames with glasses and screws. Three separate windows, and directions to marry to hood. \$75



## Smith & Son side light.

This is a re-badged P&H side light. Suitable for parts \$55



## Electric side light.

All brass painted shell and nickel rim. 7 inch across front rim. Drivers side. Pins on both sides of rim the light \$45



## Small Brass Curly horn

Superb small horn all complete including mount. Lovely sound, but bulb will need replacing. Approx 4 1/4 inches across trumpet. \$325



## Brass side light

unbranded. Nice convex glass, and all complete except it should have a bale (handle). Possibly Neverout brand. Passenger side, and in original condition. \$155 ONO



## NOS burners for acetylene lights.

Still in original wrappers and boxes. Bray "finax" 10

1/2 litres. \$10 each



## P&H steel and brass taillight No. 515.

Missing burner unit. Nice ruby red rear glass and two clear side glasses. Nice condition. \$120 ONO



## Rubes large brass horn.

Needs some work as it has a number of dents. Quite ornate with lots of twists. Trumpet measures 6 1/4 by 8 1/4 inches. The tubing is the original and is starting to fray. \$195



## Small Brass side light of English origin.

Unbranded, and has a porcelain burner. Missing handle (bale) and door catch. Drivers side. \$95 ONO



## Rochester Square Acetylene Generator.

Rare complete unit that is a side mount. Would be a fine addition to a car of U.S. origin. In excellent restored condition. 10 1/2



# Advertisements - For Sale

inches high, 7 inches wide and approx. 4 inches deep. \$1080 ono



### Solar 933 Pair of side lights

Excellent pair of Solar 933 side lights in lovely restored condition. All complete and operating, with outstanding bevelled glass, and correct solar burners. Approx 13 inches high. \$600



### Small Brass sidelight of English origin.

It is all complete except for the chimney top. Nice porcelain burner and fittings to secure it to the bracket. Has some dents. Price \$100 ONO



### Bobjon 275 Steel and Brass headlight.

Could be used for motorcycle or small car. 6 1/2 inches across front rim. Nice reflector and fluted front glass. All fittings are there including burner inlet and burner. \$270 ONO



### NOS Alco Acetylene burner pair

still in original boxes. Patent date dec. 1907. \$95 for the pair



### Attwood-Castle Taillight

All brass taillight that has been painted over the brass. Handle on the back, so they could use it to get indoors. The model no. is 120 A and matches the pair of 104 A sidelights I also have available. Looks to be complete in all respects with burner, latches \$310 ONO



### Pair of Attwood-Castle side lights

Pair of sidelights model 104 A from Attwood-Castle. They match the taillight 120 A I also have available. Will require restoration \$315



### Rubes brass horn

to suit T Ford and other U.S origin cars. In good original condition with only a few minute dings. \$180 ONO



### French --mors 1912

All mechanics chassis wheels radiator lamps hub caps springs back wings body details and box of Handles knobs and gauges> this is a full restoration required Offers around \$ 15,000.00



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### Veteran running board luggage clamps.

Adjustable, very early, and would be fitted with leather straps. \$100



### Running board tool box

brass or teens era. With attractive brass latch which has a break but is definitely repairable, measures L 17, W 9 1/2 and H 11 inches. \$150



### Veteran radiator cap

mounted front license number bracket, New Old Stock \$100



### Veteran brass Cadillac script for radiator

suitable single cylinder or four cylinder Cadillac. Measures 9 1/2 inches. High quality reproduction item with attached mounting screws \$150



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# Events

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## GRAEME JARRETT – “NICKEL PLATING”

### JUNE NATTER NIGHT

9th June

Graeme Jarrett joined the VCCA Vic in 1978 largely as a result of his late father-in-law, Bob Gardiner having bought the 1912 Marlborough Cyclecar. They campaigned this car on events together, and a few years later that car was replaced by a Dodge of 1918.

Graeme bought a 1912 Little Midland Cyclecar in 1983 and still drives it in events over 32 years later. The famous 1913 Burrell Cyclecar has been in my ownership for over twenty years now! It appears sporadically – as its temperament permits.

There have been other veteran vehicles including a 1903 Quadrant Fore-car that I took to the 1995 London-Brighton Rally in the UK.

Graeme initiated and ran the first 1 & 2 Cylinder Rallies in the Victorian club. These were held at Castlemaine in the early 1990's, and was Editor of Brass Notes for over eleven years, as well as serving on the committee

Graeme's subject at the June Natter Night will be: **“NICKEL PLATING - DO IT AT HOME – IN YOUR OWN WORKSHOP”**

The idea of being able to do Nickel plating of small and medium size parts is appealing to people for veteran and vintage vehicle parts. This plating process can be achieved quite safely and relatively inexpensively.

There are a number of Nickel Plating Kits available on the market – here in Australia and from overseas. They vary in price depending on size and items included in the kit.

Electro-Nickel plating is an easy process and can be achieved with a car battery or similar low voltage power source.

The chemicals and materials used in the procedures are relatively safe and easy to handle in a home workshop.

I will be describing the following simple process procedures to achieve a quality result.

1. Cleaning and polishing.
2. Preparation for plating.
3. The plating process.
4. Tips and advice

## MID WEEK VISIT TO: SHIFTING GEAR: DESIGN, INNOVATION AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAR

Wednesday 17th June 10:30am

From steam-powered 'horseless carriages' and the classic Aussie ute to muscle cars, racy V8s and dazzling concept vehicles, Australia has a rich legacy of innovative car design. In a first for an Australian art

gallery, the National Gallery of Victoria celebrates this history with an exhibition of cars from 6th March 2015, Shifting Gear: Design, Innovation and the Australian Car.

Shifting Gear presents 23 of Australia's most iconic vehicles alongside ephemera including design sketches, illustrations, photos, car engines, racing trophies and the original 'Holden Lion' plaster maquette.

Through a vibrant exhibition display Shifting Gear will present the stories behind the development of some of the great Australian vehicles and reveal the designers who styled them. Shifting Gear guest curator Harriet Edquist, Director of the RMIT Design Archives, commented that Australia has an astonishingly vibrant history of ingenious car designs.

'The exhibition shows the diversity and ingenuity of Australian automobile design in the variety of cars it has brought together – not only the family car but also racing cars and sports cars, high-performance production cars and concept vehicles never intended for production, demonstrating Australia's significant past and future role in research and development', said Professor Edquist.

Shifting Gear also explores the ongoing role of the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV) and Australia's early history of niche automobile production, which involved dozens of small companies who produced fully-manufactured cars and original body styles. Shifting Gear: Design, innovation and the Australian Car will be on display at the Ian Potter Centre:

**When:** Wednesday 17th June 10:30am

**Where:** NGV Australia at Federation Square.

Meet at entrance for: 10:15am  
for 10:30am Morning Tea

**Enquiries:** Paul Daley 0417 583 064

## WORKSHOP DAY AT DILLON'S MOTORS

June 27

Here's a chance to get your car ready for the RACV Mid Winter Rally. Starting at 8.30am at Dillon's Motors 7/10 Pilgrim Court, Ringwood, you will have the opportunity to seek advice on how to fix those niggly problems. Chris Dillon will be happy to give you his professional advice and point you in the right direction. (Mel Ref 49 D12) Paul Daley 0417 583 064

**When:** Starting at 8.30am

**Where:** Dillon's Motors 7/10 Pilgrim Court, Ringwood

**Enquiries:** Contact Paul Daley 0417 583 064



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## PHIL SPENDER TO SPEAK AT JULY NATTER NIGHT

July 14

Just a few days before the Mid Winter Rally, the July Natter Night will feature ex Ford Motor Company Executive, Phil Spender.

Phil Spender joined Ford in New Zealand in 1975 as a Product engineer and then spent most of his early career in manufacturing in a variety of supervisory and Management roles. In 1985 he moved to Ford Australia in manufacturing and went on to be plant manager of the Plastics division, Stamping operations in Geelong and Broadmeadows Assembly plant.

Phil commenced assignments on foreign service in 1998 before retiring in 2010. These included: President & Managing Director of Ford India, President of Auto Alliance International and Director of Manufacturing for the 05 MY Mustang program in the US, President Changan Ford Mazda and then COO for Ford China, and corporate Vice President and Company Officer of Ford Motor Company and Executive Vice President of Mazda with global operations responsibility.

Since retiring to Melbourne he has served on the board of Tokyo Boeki, a Japanese trading company, and consult to Jaguar Landrover. Phil is an avid motorsport fan, does a little historic racing in his 66 Mustang GT350 and enjoys touring in his Job1 05 MY Roush stage 2 Mustang Coupe.

At Natter Night, Phil will talk a little about his life at Ford and then move on to give some insights into launching the 05 MY Mustang program.

## 2015 MID-WINTER RALLY - MORNINGTON PENINSULA

The Mid winter Rally will be held on the Mornington Peninsula over the weekend of July 18-19, and entries must be sent in promptly.

Arrangements have been made for participants to trailer their cars to a traditional start at RACV Noble Park. On the Saturday morning you will be given instructions for Saturday's touring around the hills etc, and we are hoping for an 11:00am start for a leisurely jaunt around the less travelled laneways of the area, prior to ending up at the Red Hill CFA for a boxed lunch.

We have chosen then, the least hilly way to our accommodation at Rosebud Country Club.

Saturday night's function will offer a 3 course dinner, a guest speaker, and of course the regulation Cold Start discussion on entrant's form, ability and potential for knobbling! Sunday morning will present the perfect conditions for the annual Cold Start Comp, followed by breakfast at the Country Club. The Observation run will commence at 9:30am for 10:00am. Briefing will be at 9:30am.

The instructions for the Observation run will be given 3 minutes prior to departure. Cars will be sent off in reasonable intervals still to be determined dependent on the number of entries. Prizes will be awarded at our Sunday Lunch destination. Last time we did this event down on the Peninsula, we had over 30 cars participating, so all come down the Peninsula and we will try to have another successful event.

**When:** July 18 & 19  
**Where:** Mornington Peninsula  
**Enquiries:** David & Julie Jones 0416 287 797

## MODEL T FORD DAY OUT

Here's a chance to take the Model T Ford for a run and meet up with others who delight in this quirky car. The VCCA (Vic) has over 60 – yes sixty, Model T Fords on it's register, so let's show our colours (yes we know there's not only black) and join in this T party.

The inaugural Ford Flathead Festival will be held at Caribbean Gardens, Scoresby on Sunday 26th July from 10:00am to 2pm. Food and drink is available on site or BYO. This is a combined display day for all Flathead (S/V) Ford and has been organised by the Model T Ford Club of Victoria, Early Ford V8 Club of Victoria, FORCA.

The event also celebrates the annual Henry Ford birthday celebration held every July, and is a day on the global motoring calendar, this year being the 152nd Anniversary! Dust off the Model T, and meet at Caribbean Gardens.

**When:** Sunday 26th July from 10:00am to 2pm  
**Where:** Caribbean Gardens, Scoresby  
**Enquiries:** Contact Paul Daley 0417 583 064

## RACV Annual Rally - COLAC

Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd November 2015

The recommended accommodation properties are reporting a rush of bookings. If you want your choice of motels/caravan parks you had better book now. Many of the interstate contingent have already staked their claim and booked together. We are expecting more interstate VCCA members than usual due to the event starting just 12 days after Goulburn and 4 days after Bendigo Swap. Don't let them have all the fun. BOOK NOW! This event will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the formation of our club. To mark the occasion, the rally is being organised and promoted as a 4 day event. (A Saturday/Sunday option has been included for those who can't attend the full rally.)

The event will start on the Thursday with an afternoon shake down run around Colac, taking in the Botanical Gardens, Lake Colac and some rusty iron and then

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dinner at the Union Club Hotel. Quiet touring roads will traverse some of the magnificent undulating landscapes of Victoria's dairy grazing country with 360o panoramic views from various natural lookouts. The National Trust Barwon Park Mansion will provide the perfect setting for a period clothing lunch on the Saturday. The rally dinner will be held on the Saturday evening with courtesy buses available. The event will conclude, following lunch on Sunday, at Beeac, 20km north of Colac.

"2 Day Entrants" can drive or trailer to Lara on Saturday morning and meet up with the others for lunch at Winchelsea. Secure trailer parking has been arranged at both Colac and Lara. Tailend Charlies will cover both routes.

Accommodation discounts have been arranged but you must book early. Please see May Brass Notes for recommended accommodation details

For more information contact Michael & Claudia Holding 03 9742 6900 or 0407 008 895 or mholding@netspace.net.au

## **RACV VETERAN CAR CLUB NATIONAL 1 & 2 TOUR Lalorbe Valley, 3 – 9 April 2016**

The 2016 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour will feature excellent facilities, good (and good value) accommodation, interesting runs and an innovative programme. The Lalorbe Valley is bound on both sides by spectacular mountain scenery, lush valleys and many historic towns. There are numerous places of interest. It is ideal touring country, not too demanding, but with sufficient variety to interest everyone.

### **Register On Line!**

For the first time the Club is offering on-line registration and payment. This will ensure you get rapid confirmation of your registration and you never miss out on an update. Its easy. Go to the Club's website and click on the entry form.

<http://veterancarclub.org.au/>

**Enquiries: Kevin Quigley 0419 300 090**

## **INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL MODEL T EVENT September/October 2016**

The model T Ford Club of Victoria is holding the National/International Model T Ford Rally in late September/October 2016, within the Gippsland region, just a short hop from Melbourne. Many of your members who own Model T's may or may not be aware of this open event for all Model T's and ask if we can possibly slide our event within your calendar of events for the 2016 events year.

There is an excellent website to refer to:

**[www.mtfvic2016.org.au](http://www.mtfvic2016.org.au)**

We are expecting to close this event off at 200 T's (approx.. 500 entrants and families) for the 8 days of this all points of Gippsland tour. Tour Rally HQ is Lardner Park where we can accommodate all entrants ( who have access to a caravan, RV or tent), with covered shedding based car parking.

We plan to have many attractions happening on our mid-week open day, if the veteran car club would like to participate on that Wednesday open day at Lardner Park with displays etc, please let me know, we have 300 acres to play with for the week.

The entry cost as of Jan 2015 is \$ 324.00 per driver and vehicle, and passengers and youths and kids are significantly less. A full list of entry entitlements is listed in the newsletter and rally entry form on the web-site as are regular Rally UPDATES.

## **CAR CLUB SHOWCASE**

It seems that Melbourne is always buzzing with activity and if you are stuck for something interesting to do on a Sunday here's some suggestions:

See your favourite cars up close and meet the proud owners at the Fed Square Car Club Showcase – a free monthly motor show in the heart of Melbourne.

On the last Sunday of every month car aficionados transform the Flinders Street frontage of Federation Square into the most glamorous car park in town. Classic cars one month, vintage the next and modern sports cars another. All lovingly restored and cared for. Don't forget to circle October, our friends from CHACA are featuring!

### **2015 Schedule:**

- 28 June – Volvo Car Club of Victoria
- 19 July – Toyota MR2 Owner's Club of Australia
- 30 August – Volkswagen Club of Victoria
- 27 September – RS Owners Club Victoria
- 25 October – Classic & Historical Automobile Club of Australia
- 29 November – Victorian Mini Club

**Where:** Flinders Street  
(<http://www.fedsquare.com/#map>)

**When:** Last Sunday of the Month 11am – 2:30pm

**Note:** Change of schedule in July to Sunday 19th July  
11am – 2:30pm

**Price:** Free



# Natter Night Meeting Minutes

Held on Tuesday, 12 May 2015 at the VCCA (Vic) Clubrooms

Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell

- 1. Opening:** Ian Berg opened the meeting at 8:03 pm.
- 2. Apologies:** Jim McCaffrey, Kim Coilett, Daryl Meek, Fiona Lane, Frances McDougall, Geoff Hood, Jeff Alcock, Margaret Lethborg, Frank and Dorothy Dallimore
- 3. Member News:** Darren Savory recently celebrated his 50th Birthday.
- 4. Visitors:** Robin and Jenny Page.
- 5. New Members:** Barry and Rosslyn Smith. John Stanley and Christina Torio.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** carried over to June Natter Night in Treasurer's absence.
- 7. Events**
  - Past Events**

Breakfast Run, 18 April 2015
  - Future Events**

Malvern Valley Primary School talk & display – Thursday 14 May 2015

National Motoring Heritage Day – 17 May 2015

Natter Night – 9 June 2015. Guest Speaker will be Graeme Jarrett.

Natter Night – 14 July 2015. Guest Speaker will be Phil Spender

Mid-Winter Rally – 18 and 19 July 2015

Natter Night – 8 September 2015. Guest Speaker will be Burnie McKeegan

Natter Night – 13 October 2015, Guest Speaker will be Brian Churchill

Natter Night – 10 November 2015, 'Ladies Night'. Guest Speaker, Charles Leskey

2016 1&2 Cylinder Rally - Two thirds of bookings have been

received on-line

'Mystery Visit' to be announced by Graeme Jarred at June Natter Night

Events sub-committee formed to plan events calendar for 2016

## 8. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

No items were raised.

## 9. Membership (JA)

Application for membership has been received from:

Ian and Kay Rees of Warnambool. Proposed by Noel Holbrook and seconded by Murray Murfett. Ian and Kay own a 1911 Paige Detroit.

## 10. General Business

### New Audio Visual Equipment for the Club (JA)

The Club now has the benefit of new assets including a laptop and date projector that were recently purchased.

### June issue of Brass Notes

Brass Notes in June will carry a special Parts for Sale feature.

Membership renewals will also be included in June Brass Notes. Members were requested to renew promptly to meet VicRoads CPS regulations.

### VCCA Members Roster

The new edition of the VCCA Members Roster is expected to be completed by the end of June.

### Other Matters of General Business

There were no items of General Business.

## 11. Next Meeting: 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 9 June 2015

**12. Closure:** The President, Ian Berg, closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

**13. Speaker:** Robin Page provided an informative and entertaining address of his life-time motoring experiences, particularly with MG cars.



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Meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Club Rooms at 7.30pm

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## BRASS NOTES CONTRIBUTIONS

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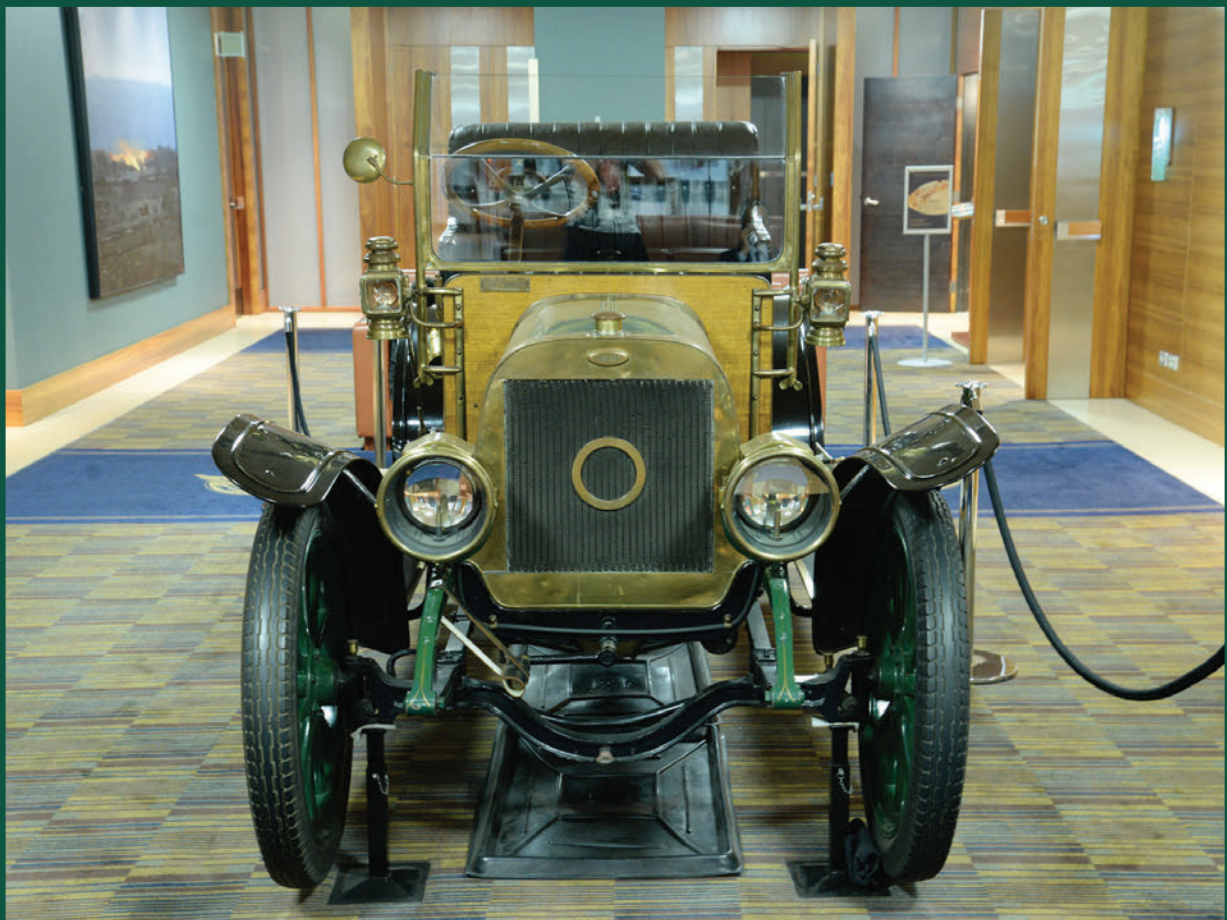


*FLASHBACK to 1969 VCCA (Vic) rally - name the car, driver, rally and location - respond to the editor*



*James McInnes' 1906 White Steamer being driven by Ron Smith at the Hahndorf Soath Australia Rally in March. Ron was a "Runner/Messenger" for the South Australian Government, often working with Don Dunstan and other Ministers. He drove his 1959 Goggomobil to work regularly. The Goggomobil was sold to James McInnes earlier this year and has already progressed in restoration. Catherine Smith (Ron's eldest daughter) is sitting beside Ron*





*The 1906 Tarrant as displayed in the RACV Bourke Street building. The car is currently on display at the Shifting Gears exhibition at the Ian Potter Exhibition, Federation Square. See details of our special viewing within this issue.*



*Sue Berg standing next to a very rare and elaborate 1909 Gobron - Brillie Model 70/90 Touring on display at the Nethercutt Collection in California during Sue and Ian's trip in April. This huge car is thought to be the only 1909 model in existence and was originally built in Paris. The car has a gigantic 679.6 cubic inch 6 cylinder engine with dual opposed pistons!*

*The interesting part to this story is that the car was originally delivered to Australia. It was sourced by the Nethercutt collection and restored in the seventies. Does anyone remember it here?*