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Flashback

This month we have two FLASHBACK photos. This was taken in the early 1970s. Identify the rally, car and owner and who is the young chap with the umbrella? (he is not the car owner).

Respond to the Editor - The second FLASHBACK can be found on the inside back cover of this issue.



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Coming Events

9 April 2017	Federation Picnic Ian Clarke 0419 312 304 Graham Bates 0407 512 686 Gary Stocking 0418 140 844 Roger Bowen 0407 568 488
11 April 2017	Natter Night – Next Generation Feature Presented by Ben Alcock and James Dunshea
14 April 2017	Good Friday Hot Cross Bun Run - Braeside Park Doug Stevenson: 0419 319 977
22 - 24 April 2017	The Four or More Rally - Maryborough Rick Thege 0428 518 770
29 April 2017	Back to Powelltown – Special Visit Brendan Pierce 0418 328 409
21 May 2017	National Motoring Heritage Day Bellarine Estate 2270 Portarlington Road Portarlington AOMC – 9558 4829
27-28 May 2017	Historic Winton historicwinton@hotmail.com

Major Events

14 to 16 July 2017	RACV Mid Winter Rally Yea Robert Couper: debirob@dodo.com.au
10–12 November 2017	RACV Annual Rally Ballarat Michael and Claudia Holding 0407 008 895
15-18 March 2018	RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Veteran Rally Cobram Andrew & Frances McDougall 0417 310 852

National Events

3 - 7 April 2017	National High-wheeler Rally - Orange NSW Dave and Larna Perry Phone: 02 6365 0657, Mobile: 0421 985 162
11 - 14 July 2017	National Brush Rally Dalby Queensland Graham and Irene Donges 0417 718 617, Graham.donges@me.com
17 - 22 Sep 2017	National Veteran Motor Bike Rally http://vvmccsa.org.au/nrv
24 - 30 Sep 2017	National Veteran Rally, Clare, South Australia Peter Templer 0417 081 502
29 October 2017	‘Down Under’ – London to Brighton – South Australia
29 Sept – 5 Oct 2019	Model T Ford Annual Rally 2019 Maryborough, QLD

International Events

September 2019	HCCA International Tour – proposed Expressions of Interest - Russell Holden 0422 219 911
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President's Message

Sue and I have just returned from the RACV One & Two Rally at Hamilton. What a great event it was with over 50 entries including enthusiasts from Tasmania, South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia. There is a full report in this issue.

I would categorise the Hamilton rally as outstanding, with some real "learnings" for future events. These included leveraging off the knowledge and assistance of a local car club, in this case the Hamilton and District Veteran, Vintage and Classic Driver's club. Thanks goes to Doug Palmer along with co-Directors Brendan and Callum Walsh, but also to the large contingent of members from the Hamilton club. They did a great job with an excellent rally route, excellent local attractions and the use of their enviable club-rooms as Rally HQ. On top of this their members provided safe marshalling and excellent instructions, all of which provided real peace of mind to the participants.

The rally book deserves special mention with preparation by Brendan Walsh and high quality printing courtesy of Paul Daley. The format of the rally itself is worth repeating in my view, with the Thursday shake-down, a big day on Friday, but having flexibility on the Saturday with quieter options before an afternoon run. It worked very well. Not to mention Hamilton being a great area with many interesting attractions and excellent roads for veteran motoring. Have you got the impression I was impressed? Yes, I was, and that view has been shared by many others who participated. Congratulations to all who made it the event it was.

In April, we have the Four and More Rally in the central Goldfields town of Maryborough. Contact Rick Thege if you want to register as a late entry as by all reports this "boutique" rally is gaining real traction. Then we have the Midwinter to look forward to in Yea, and if you want to plan ahead, next year's One & Two rally will be at Cobram in the week prior to the National One & Two rally to be held in Tasmania.

I note the letter to the editor thanking our Safety Committee and scrutineers for their invaluable assistance to members with vehicle safety. It is nice to see that our scrutineers contribution, which is freely given, is being appreciated.

Our next Natter Night will feature Ben Alcock and James Dunshea presenting their views and plans for the "Next Generation" events, designed to appeal to new and younger members. We hope to have a series of "Next Generation" events in the pipeline. I hope to see you there.

Until next month

*Ian Berg,
President VCCA (Victoria)*

Breakfast Run Report

By Frank Pound

By On Saturday morning 25th February 2017 our regular breakfast run enthusiasts met in Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster. It was a fine cool morning as we set up breakfast. Several members came in veteran cars which were great to see gleaming in the morning sun. After an enjoyable breakfast we had our usual chatting over tea and coffee before returning to our homes. These events are a good way to meet with other members, so please join us at our next breakfast run in April. It is always nice to see David and Kath Wright with their English Airedales Fergus and Luna.

Attendees:

Chris Dillon

1909 Minerva Roadster

Andrew and Frances McDougall

1915 Ford T Roadster

Kevyn Brown

1915 Ford T Tourer

Geoff and Sue Payne

Modern

Kim Coillet

Modern

David and Kath Wright and two dogs

Modern

Frank Pound

Modern



McDougall's T Ford



Kevyn Brown's 1915 T Ford and the Dillon's 1909 Minerva

Vale, Sheila Florence Chenhall

By Kim Coillet

Vale Sheila Florence Chenhall 9.2.1922 – 17.2.2017

Sheila, Ken, 1912 Talbot Doctor's Coupe. In Club life an inseparable trio.

They were regular rally participants over many years, attending their first National Rally with the Club in 1970.

Devoted to Ken and quietly friendly to all, Sheila was fastidious in her appearance – always appearing neat and tidy and always wearing a hat.

Sheila kept their house just as Ken kept their car – absolutely immaculate. The floors were spotless, the walls washed, everything neat and tidy and in its place. Outside, being a keen gardener, the beds were dug over and composted regularly, the paths were swept, grass cut and shrubs trimmed.

Sheila and Ken were great walkers and were often to be seen hoofing along hand-in-hand on their many tramps.

After losing Ken, Sheila moved from their home in Mitcham to Strath-Haven in Blackburn and from there to Covenant House in Bendigo, to be nearer her family.

Sheila passed away in her 96th year and is survived by 2 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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LONELY PARTS

Here we have what appears to be a Veteran Calthorpe engine. Can anyone identify the year and model?

This engine may just possibly be available.

If interested contact Adam Auditori, phone 0428 037755



MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The committee and members welcome the following new members to the Club.

Donald and Lynda McPherson who reside in Katamatite. Donald and Lynda own two (a 1914 and a 1915) T Model Fords.

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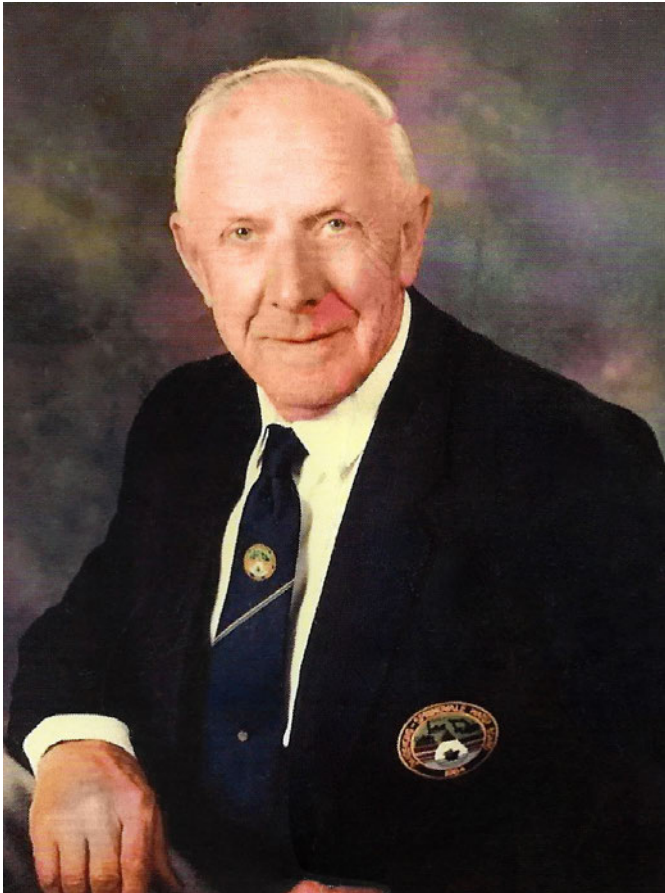
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Vale, Albert Blashki

By Ian Berg

Vale, Albert Blashki, OAM 1919-2017



Albert Blashki, a very well known and respected club member passed away on 19 February this year aged 97. Albert was born in Melbourne and educated at Tooronga Road State School and University High School. He served in the Australian Army Service Corps during the war, and married Patricia (deceased, 2014) in 1945.

Albert started Ace Wire Works a successful wire forming and metal fabrication business that remains in the family. In 1979, Albert became Citizen of the Year for Springvale and was a Springvale Councillor in 1980, and mayor in 1985-86. His generous philanthropic work has spread across a wide range of community groups and organisations, and as a result he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, as was Pat who was equally involved in the community and philanthropy.

Albert and Pat had a tremendous interest in the old car movement and in particular the Veteran Car Club, and the Rolls Royce Club of which he was President of the Victorian branch in the early eighties. He joined the Veteran Car Club in 1962 and served on committee for the 1965/6, 66/67, and 67/68 years.

Albert and Pat participated in many club activities including motoring events, processions and rallies until he was unable to drive - although he travelled safely with Pat, who was an accomplished driver. Along with other members he was a participant in the veteran Hupmobile at the opening of the West Gate Bridge in 1977, in the filming of the mini-movie "The Anzacs" and other events. The Blashki's organised their first rally (a 3-day event) in 1967 and his last in 1980.

Albert owned several Veterans including a 1913 Hudson, 1912 Swift, and a 1910 Talbot as well as well as a one cylinder REO. A number of these cars remain in the club with current members.

Albert was elected President in 1977/8 year, continued in the chair during 1978/9, and 79/80. Relinquishing the role to be Immediate Past President for the next four years, he stepped in to cover any absences, and being an accomplished administrator with Council experience, acting as Chairman for many Annual Meetings of the Club.

In 1983 he was awarded the Club's Presidents award. He was "Guest Speaker Organiser" until 2011, for some 24 years. Pat was the organiser of the Club-night raffle which boosted Club funds for 28 years, as well as being a competitive entrant in many rallies herself. She was Secretary, Vice President, President and Immediate Past president for 10 consecutive years!

Both Pat and Albert were conferred Life Membership in 1993 and were awarded the "Montagu Trophy" for service to the Veteran movement in 2007.

With the passing of Albert, and Pat before him, we have lost a great contributing couple to the Veteran Car Club. Albert is survived by 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.



Vulcan

By Adam Auditori

Adam and Eleanor Auditori participated in the National Rally in Tasmania last year in their 1906 Vulcan. Following on from the rally they decided to continue

touring for a couple of extra weeks. I do note the lack amenities on the early Vulcan, but what a great way to see the Apple Isle.



The Vulcan and hardy crew on the water-front at Hobart. Quite a trip with no windscreen and no top on this very original car (ex the Parker collection)



Parked in period style under the picturesque Richmond Bridge. Built in 1825 by convict labour, this is the oldest bridge still in use, and the oldest stone span bridge in Australia. It is listed in the Australian National Heritage List.

RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally – Hamilton

By Paul Daley (Photos by Cameron Walsh and James Dunshea)

The RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally was at Hamilton (Vic) over March 16 – 19 2017. Hamilton was Victoria's first area of pastoral settlement, and today it remains the heartbeat of a thriving farming district. The rally directors Brendan Walsh, Callum Walsh, Doug Palmer, put together another outstanding rally with a comprehensive programme. Rally headquarters were the Club Rooms of the Hamilton and District Veteran, Vintage, and Classic Drivers Club (HDVV CDC), which are situated in the Pastoral Museum, a historical time capsule of buildings of a bygone era.



Jarrett 1912 LM & Mansbridge 1911 Rover at the Pastoral Museum

The rally kicked off on Thursday at 2:30pm with a welcome and briefing by Doug Palmer and at 3pm the entrants departed for a short 27km shake down run, passing Doling swamp and headed to Mt Baimbridge Look out and then returning to rally headquarters.

The welcome BBQ was catered for by the HDVV CDC with the BBQ 'tong masters' John Bourke and Peter Wilson cooking up a feast. The large barn style facility was set for 100 persons, with tables adorned with sprigs of Acacia setting off the linen table cloths, and Doug Palmer and John Corcoran, both founding members of the local club, hosting the dinner. Callum Walsh assisted by organising an orderly table by table serving with a selection of salads prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary to accompany the BBQ. Local ladies Betty Ralph and Pamela Pollock assisted with the country hospitality serving traditional fruit salad and ice cream for dessert, while their local Club Captain Michael Woodward cleared tables. A highlight of the night was a slide show which Callum Walsh had prepared of the entrants of the day's shake down run and this was a new rally feature.

Friday saw the entrants depart for the town of Peshurst, home to the extinct Volcano Mt Rouse. Anticipating a great day were Jane and Evan Quarmby from Canberra driving a 1911 Renault AX Runabout which they have owned for 7 years, with Jane having her first drive at a rally! 'She's a better driver than I am a navigator' said husband Evan. Robyn Blackwell (nee Ward), and Cliff Ward were also in a Renault – a 1909 AX. Cliff is an old campaigner and has attended

many rallies in the past from his time in New South Wales. Great to see 'Next Generation' members, the McKimmie family who were in the 1906 Model M Cadillac. Rhys, Kylie, Leo and May McKimmie reside in Creswick.

Leaving the Pastoral Museum, the run to Peshurst took us past three large wildlife reserve lakes, Lake Kennedy, Lake Linlithgow (with the Grampians in the background) and Lake Bullrush which at the end of 2016 were all but bone dry and filled up with an extended rain period just prior to last Christmas. In the distance, coming into Peshurst we could see Mt Rouse and an old white homestead sitting on top of a small extinct Volcano with the historic Peshurst cemetery on the left. On parking we split up into small groups with some visiting the History Centre, others the Volcanic Centre and some wandered the township admiring the old buildings and second hand book shop.



Coming into Peshurst

The old original Motor Garage, Schramm's Service Station in Bell Street, which is still standing in its pre closure operational form and is owned by Rodger Warburton and avid collector of memorabilia and petrolania for the past 40 years. The workshop is set up with extensive machinery and genuine signage all pre 1935's. Roger purchased the building in 2009 as an empty shell and has gone to great effort to recreate a bygone era. The Manager's office with its manual typewriter even has a pile of newspapers, 'The Plain Dealer' from Kadina S.A. dated Saturday 27th February 1909. Included in the news the A Grade Cricket scores showing the local team the 'Federals' versus the 'Turks' and losing to the Turks 234 versus Federals 69 – what a flogging!

In the historic Peshurst 'Memorial Hall', which for history buffs was opened by The Right Honourable Viscount De L'Isle Governor General of Australia, Lord of the Manor of Peshurst, Kent on 25/10/1963, lunch was provided by the Peshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. They put on a spread of salad rolls which were loaded with country salad along with homemade cakes; lemon and chocolate hedgehogs, cupcakes and cream, jelly slice and all those wonders just like

Grandma used to make!

At lunch Ian Berg presided and formally thanked Doug Palmer and his team for the outstanding organisation of the rally. Ian took the opportunity to present the 50 year badge to Jack Brittain of Warnambool (1909 Napier, 1914 Fiat). Jack joined the esteemed group of 50 members who have already been awarded this recognition of distinguished membership. Ian presented him with the Club's official 50 Year



David Provan's 1907 Cadillac Model M in front of original 1920s Garage

With a 1pm departure, there was a special request to do a drive-by at the local Hospital and Aged Care facility. The residents were delighted to see vehicles which many of them recognised from their childhood days. We then travelled on past massive lava flows with the windmills of the Macarthur Wind Farm in the skyline. On route to the Stonefield Estate Vineyard, where we parked among the grapevines, our hosts Bill and Vivian Bradley gave a talk on the history of their historic home which was built in the 1850s. Members enjoyed a wine 'tasting' and many purchased local produce to take home. A highlight of the day was the marshals from the local club sporting high-vis vests who manned cross roads, an outstanding safety feature.

The evening Dinner was held at the Grange Burn Motel which was fully booked by entrants with others being accommodated in adjacent motels as well as the caravan park. Once again Callum Walsh set the tone at the Dinner with his slide show of the day's activities. Doug Palmer was the speaker, who spoke on 'The Motor Garages of Hamilton District'. Doug's slide show and presentation covered from the turn of the century onwards with many a humorous anecdote on the exploits of that time. The locals embraced motoring with gusto! For example, imagine driving from Brighton



Enjoying the Period Garage

RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally – Hamilton (Cont.)

Melbourne to Hamilton in just 8 hours and 40 minutes via Geelong and Colac on unmade roads or driving a 50 horse power Daimler from Macarthur to Melbourne via Ballarat in just 7 hours. Modern driving today takes 4 hours!

Motorcycles were extremely popular in the District and at one stage there were three local manufacturers – including Leslie Motorcycles, and Crean Cycles (father of Frank, grandfather of Simon). However, there are very few photographs that survived from the era and Doug's presentation was supported by local newspaper advertisements plus cuttings which told the story. The local garages included D.D Riley Garage, the Western District & Engineering works, the Learmonth Motor & Engineering Works agents, for 'Britton Cars' and 'Riley'. Until the end of the First World War, there were very few Garages as only the landed of gentry could afford motor cars, but by the 1920s the area was booming and there were 14 Garages. Thank you Doug for your very entertaining presentation.

Saturday morning's activities were focused on Hamilton City beginning with a tour of Campe's Motor Museum. The cars then proceeded to the Hamilton Bowling Club forming a display which was well attended by locals. Local security provided by the HDVVCDC members

kept a watchful eye on the vehicles while Doug Palmer hosted a walking tour of Church Hill again giving an in depth history overview of the gracious homes of the area. New club members Bob and Sue Watts commented 'we loved it, especially the diversity of architecture'. With its towering oaks and manicured lawns, the Hamilton Botanic Gardens was visited, and locals consider this to be one of the jewels in the City's crown blending English style grandeur. Its formalised plan was developed by William Guilfoyle, the curator of the Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens. The garden is included on the Victorian Heritage Register as one of the State's most intact examples of a regional Pacific garden. Some visited the Hamilton Art Gallery which holds a vast collection of more than 7,000 works. Hamilton is also steeped in aviation history as the original base of Ansett Airlines. Ian and Sue Berg together with Alan and Margaret Lethborg visited The Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum which is located on the shores of Lake Hamilton with the company's original Fokker Universal Passenger Plane that forms the centrepiece of the exhibition.



Lineup at Stonefield Winery



Lineup at the Hamilton Bowls Club

In its official Guide Book, the Greater Hamilton Council promotes the city shopping area as a destination for 'Retail Therapy', with a reputation for stylish quality shopping in a picturesque setting. Maybe it is the ideal shopping strip for those suffering from the Chadstone malady, the cure being successful as the shoppers were dispersing by 1pm!

Departing Hamilton after lunch the rally proceeded 20km to the Harmans Valley Lookout where we parked in the parking area looking over the massive lava flow which snakes from the mountain down the valley. The signage told the story how that evidently 8,000 years ago, Mt Napier erupted with a spectacular lava fountain that roared several hundred feet high from a lava lake which was 30kms down and erupted at a temperature of 1,200 degrees Celsius. Evidently, there have been eruptions happening over the past 5 million years. Curiously the sign stated that 'the Aboriginal people would have watched as Mt Napier sent a scorching river of molten lava into the valley. They were in little danger as lava flows at about walking pace, although the lava streams in the main channel would have been



Highwheelers in front of the HDVVC Drivers Club clubrooms



Saturday morning start

faster'. A curious reflection, as it is hard to imagine frightened locals not running for their lives as it was raining millions of boulders as the Volcano belched terrifying smoke and steam.

Keeping a watchful eye on the cars was our club's Chief Scrutineer Brian Hussey who rode a classy high end SYM VS150 Scooter, to keep a watchful eye out on the participants. Brian commented that the number of cars had failed to proceed and furthermore borrowing from the Trump lexicon, concluding that they were 'snafued'. The first 'casualty' for the event were John Stanley and Christina Torio who phoned on Thursday night to advise that his Land Rover Discovery towing the trailer with their 1912 Model F Brush had 'failed to proceed' in Ballarat and that John had hired a 4WD and was back on his way. John was fortunate to have RACV Total Care which organised everything as well as providing transportation to get them back to Mt Beauty on Sunday. Thanks RACV!

The Saturday night's formal Dinner is always a highlight of a rally and by 6:10pm the Dining Room was full with a queue at the bar, and Callum Walsh's slide show of the day's events told the story on the wall in the background. Doug Palmer welcomed everyone saying 'thank you for coming and I look forward to you all having the opportunity to see more of the wonderful district of Hamilton, it has been an absolute pleasure to present the rally'. Ian Berg thanked Doug Palmer along



John Cox on his 1915 Rover motorcycle

with Brendan and Callum Walsh for the first class rally. 'There's been an awful lot of work, and what a delight to come to Hamilton and a special thanks to the marshals who contributed to our safety, we really appreciated their help. Thank you Denis and Glenys Pollock, our tail end Charlies and the Club's major sponsor the RACV, we are so thankful for their tremendous support for this rally and the Club'. Ian complimented Paul Daley on the quality of the Rally book he produced and noted that there were 55 entries for the event which included an 1898 Renault as well as 14 later Renaults, 4 Cadillacs, 4 Brushes. 'It was fantastic to also see entries from two motorbikes, said Ian. Furthermore, Ian

RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally – Hamilton (Cont.)

welcomed the entrants who travelled from interstate - Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania. Ian gave an overview of the calendar of forthcoming rallies making special mention of the March 2018 RACV 1 & 2 cylinder rally to be held at the RACV Resort Cobram, hosted by rally directors Andrew and Frances McDougall. (Andrew gave a further briefing on this event later in the evening, again emphasising the support of the RACV).

The Ron Hobbs perpetual trophy from the 2016 RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally was presented to Noel and Sue Holbrook (1909 IHC). 50 Year Membership Awards were presented to Robert Caffyn and John Cox. John exclaimed excitedly 'I'm the youngest 50 year Member!' First time out awards were presented to Bill Lindsay (1910 Brush), Euan Coutts (1911 Renault), Damian O'Doherty (1911 Star van) and John Cox (1915 Rover 500CC motorcycle).

The entertainment for the evening was provided by the jazz band 'The Rag Time Rollers', a tight knit trad jazz band that have notched up 25 years together. Tasmanian entrants Jill and Peter Hawkins (1907 Darracq Model RE tourer) who last year organised two rallies in their state, commented on the superb organisation of the event and the attendance was a good size to manage with the local area of Hamilton a delightful location. 'Great people and great camaraderie' said Peter. Michael Holding commented that the attention to detail made the difference between a rally and just another event.

Many enjoyed the timeless jazz standards such as 'Stranger by the Shore', 'Moonlight Bay', but possibly the most memorable was the blend of the slide show with the IHC and Schacht high wheelers in the rolling volcanic country, with the jazz band evoking nostalgia, 'Give me land, lots of land... don't fence me in'.



Rodney Anderson's 1898 Renault



Holbrooks collecting their National 1&2 Rally Award



Highwheelers in front of Arrandoovong Homestead

RACV Mid Winter Rally Yea 14th - 16th July 2017

Rally Director Robert Couper gives us the latest update on his exciting plans for the RACV Mid Winter Rally Yea to be held over Friday 14th – 16th July.

Friday 14th July:

Arrival ,check in and unpack ,at the accommodation of your choice ranging from Luxury Hotels to camping at the caravan park and all options in between.

There will be a short settle in and shake down run around Yea township followed by an afternoon of entertainment and indoor event . This will be combined with wine cider and port tasting . ” No car is required just a sharp mind”

Followed by Dinner at Royal Mail Hotel.

Saturday

Morning tea and Rally start will be at the Yea historic railway station reserve followed drive to our Lunch destination at Ruffy General Store with open fire going to get us all warmed up again.

Total distance for the morning 51Km (23Km of good GRAVEL ROAD included in this section) with spectacular scenery. The valley we travel through is famous for the unusual rock formations and its geological features. (Only found in two places in Victoria ,the other is Hanging Rock)

After lunch we travel to Highlands Community Hall for heritage talk and afternoon tea , back to Yea in the afternoon to get ready for dinner.

All Sealed roads this afternoon, 49Km from Ruffy to Yea via Highlands.

Our 3 course Dinner will be at the Historic Peppercorn Hotel circa 1860 , exclusive booking in a wonderful character setting. Drinks at bar prices.

Sunday

Cold start competition at the Yea Caravan Park

Morning tea at Yea Wetlands Walk and Discovery tour.

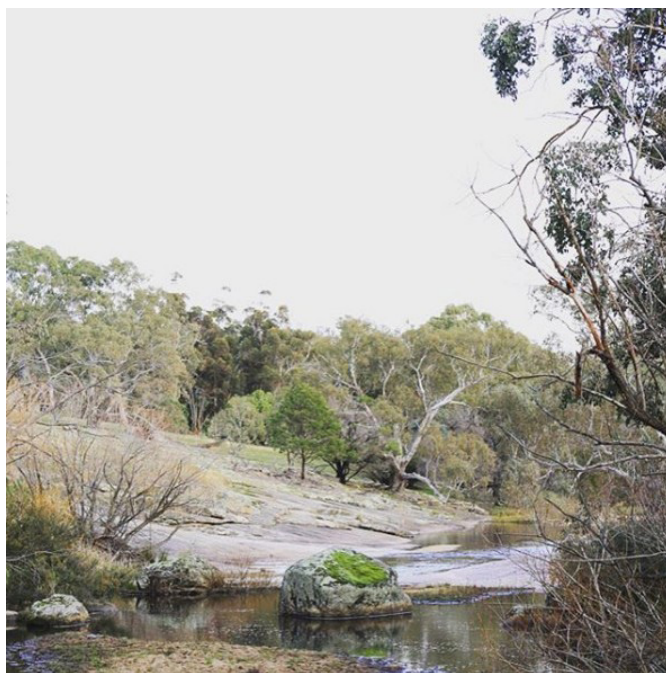
Drive to the Historic handmade red brick railway tunnel and return to Yea for lunch - 20Km round trip.

(4Km good GRAVEL ROAD)

Note : This rally is not suitable for single cylinder cars, and does include moderate hills and some GRAVEL ROADS.

Optional secure Veteran car and trailer parking has been arranged at the Yea Riverside Caravan Park for all to use regardless of where you decide to stay.

Cold start competitors are required to park at the Caravan Park overnight.



ACCOMMODATION

All accommodation is to be booked and paid directly with the accommodation venue yourself

Reservations have been made at the following:

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Tartan Motor Inn
P: 5797 2202
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Rooms from \$120.00

Yea Riverside Caravan Park
P: 5797 2972
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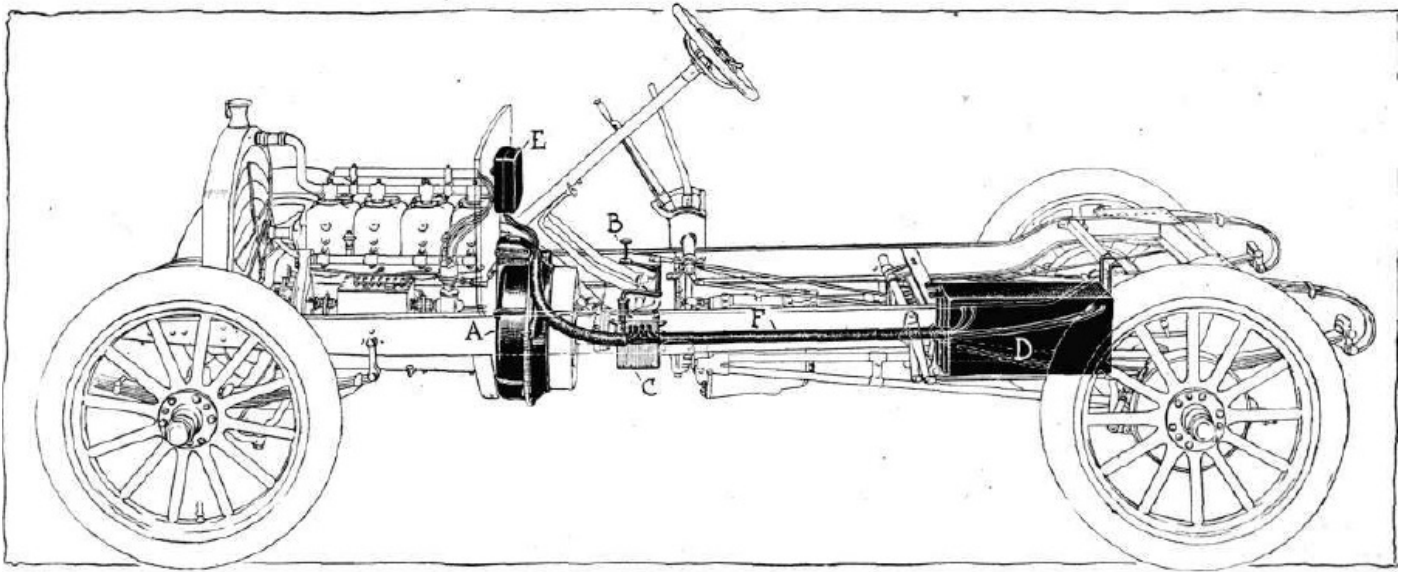
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**THE RACV MIDWINTER RALLY ENTRY FORM
WILL BE PROVIDED IN MAY BRASS NOTES**

The Interesting U-S-L Starter/Generator in 1913 Overlands

By Les Johnson



Starter Mounting: A. Motor Generator; B. Control; C. Starter Switch; D. Battery; E. Regulator; F. Conduit.

Les Johnson has provided the following information on USL starter generators fitted to Overlands for a short period of time. He has asked if anybody may have any USL Parts hanging about or have seen any parts, as he is trying to collect any USL Starter Generator parts. He thinks there may only be (8) eight remaining Overlands left in the world with this USL Starter Generator system.

Any Help would be greatly appreciated

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U.S.L development of a motor/generator. To replace the flywheel, originally simply as a starter. Early starters were enormous and heavy, but by connecting the new unit directly to the crankshaft in the 1912-'13 (I think), they simplified things. Made by United States Heating and Lighting Company (U.S.L.), it was completely automated: It functioned as a motor when starting, drawing from a 24-volt storage battery, then switched to generator mode when the engine engaged, with a regulator to prevent overcharging. The big spinning armature served as the flywheel.

So far, this is just a clever starter, but there was one difference: Because there was no gear reduction, you could safely use it to get the car under way. In fact, taking the car up to about 5 MPH before starting seems to have been a preferred way of getting it going. That's right: At low speeds, it was an electric, and then switched to petrol. Right down to the location of the generator, this is the way a Honda Insight works today.

Also From Todd Paisley: The USL system was used on a number of cars during the early to mid-teens. Among them, that I have encountered, were Mercer, Rambler, Jeffery, Simplex, and of course you're Overland. The Overland cars that were factory equipped with the

USL system were noted by an 'E' added to their model designation (i.e. 69-TE versus 69-T for the Touring Car). Overland only offered the USL system for one year, 1913. I am only aware of 2 examples of them in existence, one is in the AACA museum, and the 2nd was once part of the Harrah collection, but I don't know what ever happened to it. You might want to expand your search through the other makes that used the system, as there are some interchangeable items that might help. The carbon pile regulators and "Touring" switches should mostly be interchangeable.

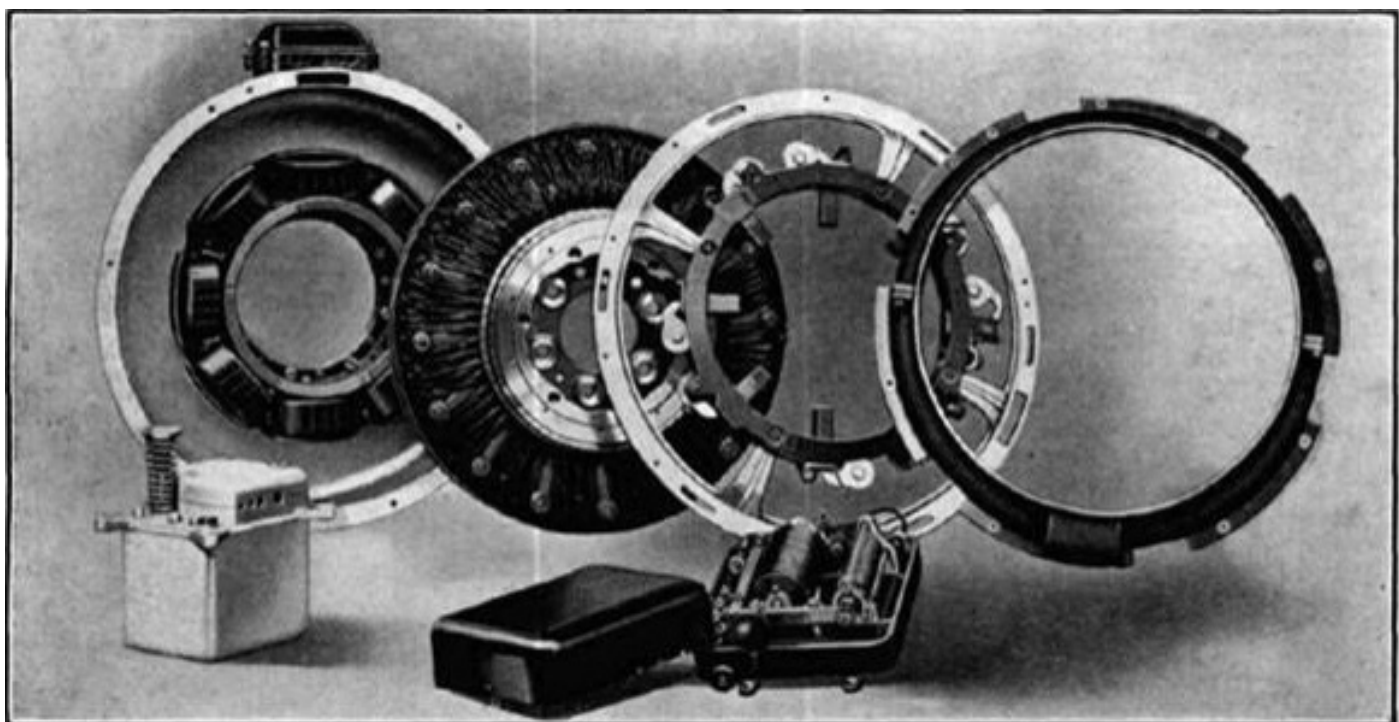
I would say that the most difficult item would be the main "flywheel" commutator, as all of the other ones that I've looked at were somewhat larger than the one used on the Overland.



Starter /Generator Fly-wheel



Les's 1913 Overland



The 24-12 volt external regulator U-S-L motor generator disassembled.

Recognition of Francis Ransley



Recognition of Francis Ransley by the Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia

Long time VCCA member Francis Ransley was recognised recently by the AVCCA with an award and presentation for his services to FIVA. AVCCA have provided the following detail.

This presentation was specifically made to Francis in recognition of his continued and outstanding service as the Federation Internationale des Vehicules Anciens Australian National Authority under the auspices of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia. Francis has continued and supported the historic car movement for all Australian owners of historic vehicles from member AVCCA clubs as well as individuals from outside the AVCCA. Francis has maintained and administered this role internationally working with other FIVA technical officials from around the world.

Whilst this recognition alone is significant and demonstrates the outstanding commitment and contribution Francis has made, in a wider context, the AVCCA would like to recall the recognition he received in 2006 as recipient of the Montague trophy and build on his wider contributions as a member of the veteran car movement.

Wayne Aberdeen (past Secretary of the AVCCA and the 2016 Montague Trophy recipient) would like to share the following about what he knows or thinks he knows about the involvement Francis has had in the veteran car movement.

One thing I have to come to realise that there is a lot I do not know! He has been involved a lot longer than me, and the little I know is since after he became more active at a national level.

I think the first time he was directly involved nationally was just after the 1988 Bicentennial Rally. I was significantly involved for a few years up to and including the rally, but was transferred to South Australia early September 1988. I think the 1988 AGM of the then Veteran Car Club of Australia was the first time Francis appeared as a Tasmanian National delegate. I was basically then on the fringes until about 2000 when I again became involved nationally on behalf of Qld. However, whilst "on the fringes," I did get to know a bit about Francis but only met him once or twice directly.

Even back early in the 90's, there were similar issues being discussed and debated as there have been over the last few years. Francis was recognised as a very strong advocate for national standards and dating. If I remember correctly, he was one of the first to talk

about the need for a national dating database to share dating information and to assist all clubs with the dating process. I think I recall George Roberts (who up until the early 90's or so was the Veteran Car Club's FIVA dating officer), having a National Technical Committee (which he chaired) and Francis was the Tasmanian delegate on that committee.

The early 90's saw changes to the VCCA constitution (not reached non-acrimoniously), renaming of the national body, and an internal debate over the continued membership of FIVA. I think there was talk of the (now) Historic Motoring Council (I forget its name then) taking over Australian FIVA membership. However, after a while (year or two – I think it dragged on a bit), this did not eventuate.

In about 1993 two things occurred. VCCA decided to pull out of FIVA (with no potential replacement Australian early motoring body ready to take it over) and Francis was Director of the FIVA World Rally in Tasmania. Again if I remember correctly, he was able to negotiate excellent sponsorship from BMW for this event. I think he was also national President of the VCCA in about 1993. This was an interesting time as it was about then that a couple of states dropped out of the “national body” and Francis was therefore trying to keep things afloat in difficult times.

With his commitment to technical issues and his strong belief that Australia needed to maintain an appropriate level of membership in FIVA, (I think that there was even talk of CAMS making a play for that membership), Francis influenced the VCCA-Tasmanian to be the Australian FIVA member. This continued well past 2000. I cannot remember exactly when the AVCCA again took it over. But when I again became a national delegate in about 2000, Tasmania was still the FIVA member. At many AGM's Francis kept telling us that AVCCA should be the member and not just the Tasmanian Club. He really wanted Australia to continue as part of the International historic vehicle movement. We eventually took his advice.

Francis has been at every AGM I was at from about 2000 onwards. Francis was national chairman of the AVCCA when I came back in 2000. That was his second time as national president/chairman.

When Tasmania took over the FIVA membership, Francis would also have taken over the role of FIVA technical and dating officer from George Roberts. (Can't be sure when this changeover occurred). However he continued in this role until the last AVCCA-AGM in November 2016.

He was awarded the Montagu Trophy in 2006.

Whilst this recognition reflects and acknowledges Francis' work with FIVA and the AVCCA, it is only right that we recognise this work in the broader context of his involvement with the historic car movement here in Australia.

To this end, we recognise the service he has contributed specifically to the veteran car movement, as witnessed through the tremendous help and assistance he has provided to all members within his own state club, at a national level and internationally. Through his openness and willingness to help anyone, he has fostered a strong network of close friends all around the country.

On behalf of the AVCCA, its Delegates and all the member veteran car clubs that make up the **Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia**, we pay tribute and offer our thanks to Francis Ransley for his many **years of service** with this plaque.



YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD

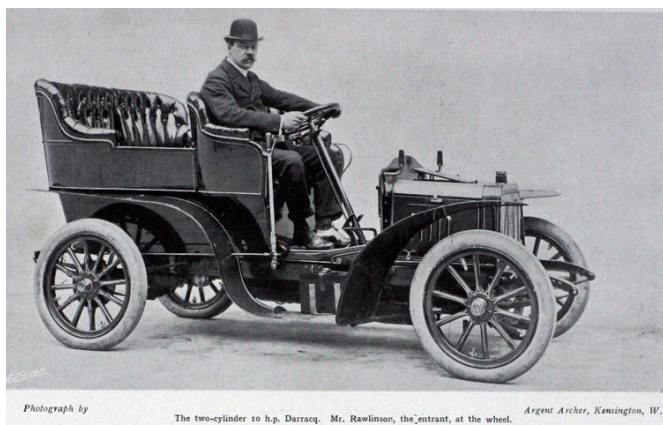
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Albert Francis Ransley OAM

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2017



Photograph by

The two-cylinder 10 h.p. Darracq. Mr. Rawlinson, the entrant, at the wheel.

Argent Archer, Kensington, W.

41st Historic Winton

Friday 26, Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 May 2017

41st Historic Winton, Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla, Victoria, Australia

Conducted by the Austin 7 Club Inc A0003290N with the assistance of the HMRV

Historic Winton - Honouring the Past – Australia's largest and most popular all-historic motor race meeting presents two big days of non-stop racing. The event will feature over 400 historic racing cars and motorbikes from the 1920s to the 1980s plus a huge heritage display of veteran and vintage vehicles.

CELEBRATIONS AT 2017

HISTORIC WINTON INCLUDE

110 years	Douglas and Excelsior motorbikes
90 years	Volvo, Ford Model A, Austin 16
80 years	Lancia Aprilia, Vauxhall 10-4, Austin 18, Rob Roy Hill Climb
70 years	Ford Pilot, Austin Princess, Austin Sheerline, Peugeot 203, Standard Vanguard, Austin A40, Jowett Javelin, Lambretta
60 years	Jaguar XK150, Fiat 500 Nuova, Lotus Elite, Lotus Seven, Nissan Skyline, Wolseley 1500, Toyota Corona, Vauxhall Victor, Wahgunyah Speedway
50 years	Aston Martin DBS, Chrysler VE Valiant, Fiat 125, Ford Falcon GT, Holden Torana, Simca 1100

Historic Winton displays:

Shannons Classic Car Park

featuring car and bike clubs plus special interest vehicles

Heritage Display

featuring vintage tractors, steam engines, vintage caravans, vintage speed boats, model planes, vintage speedway cars and bikes, micro cars, cycle cars, pedal cars, push bikes, dragsters, veteran and vintage cars/motorcycles. Spectator access to the **Competition Paddock** with fabulous old racing machines on open display

Raceway entry fees:

Sat \$30, Sun \$35, weekend \$60, children 16 and under n/c, competition paddock \$5

Friday 26 May 2017

Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour

Be part of the *Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour* assembling 9am on *Friday 26 May* in front of the Benalla Art Gallery, situated in the Benalla Botanical Gardens. No gravel roads. Red plate vehicles welcome.

The tour concludes with a 'Shine & Show' display. For details, please contact the Benalla Visitor Information Centre on 03 5762 1749.

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41st HISTORIC WINTON

27th 28th MAY 2017

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LETTER TO THE SECRETARY

To David Provan,

Honorary Secretary,

Veteran Car Club Victoria

Dear David,

I would like to offer a word of praise for the Safety Committee and its scrutineering service. The members of the group are unstinting in their help and advice to club members. I am transferring the Briton to my son Alan. Brian Hussey made the long drive in heavy traffic from Flinders to Alan's home in Leongatha within a day of being asked. He checked the car, adjusted the transmission brake and issued the safety certificate. Such members, generous with their time and knowledge, are the essence of our club.

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Ironside

AOMC February Club Delegates Meeting

Monday February 27th, 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting Notes

**Venue – Jaguar/Austin Healey Rooms
23 Rosalie Street Springvale**

Chair:

Keith Mortimer, President AOMC.

There were 112 delegates in attendance representing 82 clubs.

Chairman Keith Mortimer welcomed delegates to the new AOMC meeting and office venue. As well as the office and meeting facilities, the Engine Number Records storage facility, also at this venue, has been upgraded to make it easier and safer to access.

He also thanked Keith Taylor and the Chevrolet Car Club for all the years that the AOMC was based at their facility. Delegates received a pack of windscreen stickers to give out to their club members.

The stickers are not for their CPS vehicles, but rather their full registration 'daily drivers'. On the stickers, you can write the date your registration is due for renewal, so you know when to expect it, and will also know if it doesn't arrive. Each club has been allocated one sticker per member.

Keith then spoke about the RACV "Free to Go" program, which gives free RACV membership for 18 year olds for the first year of their obtaining a license to drive. They are also offered concession rates for the 2 subsequent years. As well as RACV membership they will have Total Care included.

Correspondence:

Letters had been received from both the Rolls Royce Owners and the Veteran Car Club acknowledging the work of Iain Ross over his many years of service and as president of the AOMC.

Presidents Report:

Keith Mortimer reported that AOMC are finalising the office relocation and are also working on a new website.

Daryl Meek:

Was notified recently of an upcoming auction at Rams Springs, part of which was an archive of 60 years worth of cards on every spring the gentleman had ever made. The cards contain information on over 200 makes that the springs were made for.

The RACV in conjunction with AOMC the Vintage Drivers Club and the Vintage Sports Car Club combined to successfully acquire the archive at the auction.

The under bidder was going to put the cards onto eBay as separate items in frames, so they would have been totally broken up. The cards are temporarily being stored with the AOMC, they will eventually be digitised and made available for clubs.

Philip Johnstone:

then gave a presentation on the history of the VicRoads engine number records, which the AOMC now owns. Before 1909, no registration was required; it was a free for all on the roads.

The Motor Car Act of 1909 introduced vehicle registration with registration numbers issued. By 1910 there were 2722 cars and 2122 motorcycles registered. A new system was introduced in 1930 with a two-card system.

One card would record owner's details, the second card would have the vehicle make, registration number and engine number details. In 1984, these records were sent overseas for digitisation. The cars with the owner's details were destroyed, the cards with the vehicle details were acquired by AOMC in 1990. The cards have been stored at the Jaguar/Austin Healey facility since 1993.

There are approximately 5 million cards in 260 filing cabinets covering 150 makes. The records can be used to prove a previous registration; to find the original engine number; to find the original registration number; and also for family history purposes.

A basic search costs \$85 and usually takes an hour to process. More information is available on the AOMC webpage, and queries can be sent in via email. Phillip stressed that email was the best method, as you get all your details down.

Treasurer:

Angelo D'Ambrosio introduced himself. He is a member of the Victorian Torana Club, and is an accountant and financial advisor. Currently AOMC has \$218,000 in cash assets, mainly in term deposit. All indications are that a small profit has been made on the Classic Showcase from February 19.

AOMC Events:

Classic Showcase:

was successful despite the rough weather, with 845 cars in attendance. Thank you to volunteers and Lions Club for assistance, thanks to Maureen Ross.

American Motoring Show:

is on Sunday March 5th. Volunteers are needed to help running of event.

National Motoring Heritage Day:

Sunday May 21. This year's event hosted by AOMC and RACV will be held at Bellarine Estate vineyard, on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Business Seminar June 17:

This seminar is aimed at club management, and will cover the statutory requirements for running a club, club publications and social media.

Restoration Seminar Saturday July 22:

Colin Jenkins is organising presenters and displays. Any suggestions for presenters will be gratefully accepted.

Delegates Reports:

French Car Festival has been cancelled due to double booking of venue. To be held later in the year. Historic Winton on 27/28 May. Myrniong Sprints on April 9. Phillip Island Historic on March 17-19.

Keith Mortimer thanked everyone for attending, and especially thanked the meal providers for the night. The money collected from that will go to the Salvos Restos project.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Natter Night Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, 14 March 2017 at the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc. Clubrooms
Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell**

1. Opening and Welcome

The Club's President, Ian Berg, opened the meeting at 8.03pm and welcomed all members present. The President encouraged members to take a brochure and booklets that were available free of charge at the front table.

2. Attendance

There were 35 members who attended the meeting.

3. Apologies

Rob Couper, Geoff Payne, Peter Caffyn, Robert Caffyn, Ben Alcock, Cliff and Betty Ward.

4. Visitors and New Members

No visitors or new members were present at the meeting.

5. Member News

Alan Long commented on the excellent service provided to him by the RACV and NRMA after he 'popped' a back tyre on his motorcycle.

6. Treasurer's Report – Jim McCaffrey

Jim reported that (as at 28 February 2017) the cheque account balance was \$18,349, cash management account balance was \$28,196 and the term deposit balance was \$92,348.

7. Events – Paul Daley

Paul reported on the past and upcoming events of the Club.

7.1 Past Events

RACV Classic Showcase (Flemington Racecourse) – 19 February 2017. Daryl Meek provided a report.

Breakfast Run (Ruffey Lake Park) – 25 February 2017. David Wright provided a report.

Shannons American Motoring Show (Flemington Racecourse) – 5 March 2017. David Provan provided a report.

7.2 Future Events

RACV One & Two Cylinder Rally (Hamilton) – 16 to 19 March 2017.

Classic Car Show (Minerva Cars 1902 – 1938) – 19 March 2017.

Annual Kalorama Rally (Kalorama Reserve) – 26 March 2017.
Hot Cross Bun Run (Braeside Park) – 14 April 2017. James Dunshea provided a report.

The Four and More Rally (Maryborough) – 22 to 24 April 2017. Fiona Lane provided a report.

Back to Powelltown – 29 April 2017.

Historic Winton (Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla) – 27 and 28 May 2017.

RACV Midwinter Rally (Yea) – 14 to 16 July 2017. Ian Berg provided a report.

RACV 2018 One & Two Cylinder Rally (Cobram) – Andrew McDougall provided a report.

7.3 Other Event Issues

The Mildura 500

Paul spoke about 'The Mildura 500', an inaugural event that has been organised by the Model T Ford Club – 9 to 12 June 2017.

'Springtime above the Snowline'

Paul informed members that he and John Stanley will organise the 'Springtime above the Snowline' Spring Alpine Tour again, which will be held in October 2017.

Events Subcommittee Meeting

Paul reported that an events subcommittee meeting was held on Monday, 20 February.

In summary, Natter Night speakers have been booked for all meetings in 2017, a 'Remember When' rally will be organised for November 2018, and Ben Alcock and James Dunshea will deliver a presentation about 'Next Generation' initiatives at the April Natter Night meeting.

8. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

Nothing reported. The President indicated that a future edition of Brass Notes will feature cars and parts wanted or for sale.

9. Membership – David Provan

David welcomed new members Donald and Lynda McPherson. Donald and Lynda reside in Katamatite and own a 1914 and a 1915 T Model Ford.

10. General Business

Andrew McDougall

Andrew McDougall spoke about the "De Dion Bouton: An illustrated Guide to Type and Specification, 1899-1904" book, which he has donated to the Club's library. Andrew also donated the 40th anniversary badge of the RACV Federation Vehicle Australia Day Display. Andrew said that delegates received a pack of windscreen stickers at the recent AOMC meeting. Members can write the date that the vehicle's registration is due for renewal on the sticker, so they know when to expect the renewal notice. This will also help them to know if the renewal notice is not received. These stickers are available free of charge.

Daryl Meek

Daryl said he had donated the Tasmanian 2016 National Veteran Rally DVD to the Club's library. A national rally will held in 2020 in Albury/Wodonga. Daryl reinforced the need for safe driving given the fatal accident that recently happened at Tidal River during the Bugatti Club Australia tour.

Hugh and Rayna Guthrie

Hugh and Rayna commented on the importance of having information boards in front of vehicles displayed at events such as the RACV Great Australian Rally at Mornington.

Ian Berg

Ian spoke about 'The Bulb Horn' magazine of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America and an email he had received from a lady seeking advice about the value of 1997 Veteran Series 'Lest We Forget' plates.

There were no other items of general business.

11. Next Meeting

8.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 April 2017.

12. Closure

The President closed the Natter Night meeting at 8.46 pm.

13. Presentation –

'Meet the Members' Chris and Fiona Dillon

Paul Daley interviewed Chris and Fiona Dillon about their early life, work, family and interests. Chris then presented a selection of his favourite products (which will be published in a forthcoming edition of Brass Notes). Chris and Fiona's presentation was very interesting and enjoyable.

Events

GAWLER TO BAROSSA VETERAN & VINTAGE RUN

This run is designed for your older pre 1931 vehicle with an easy run from Gawler to Greenock, no traffic lights, moderate hills and a morning tea stop at Lyndoch.

Dust off that old vehicle in the shed you haven't used in years, or if you can't drive it consider offering the opportunity to another club member to drive for you. I am sure they would cherish the experience.

If not entering directly consider participating as a spectator, lining the route with your classic vehicle to cheer on the "Old Timers" and attending the display on Greenock Oval – FREE entry

Please pass on to any other interested parties, event is open to all enthusiasts.

Entry is \$10 including morning tea running from Gawler to Greenock, vic Lyndoch, Tanunda and Seppeltsfield. Participants will meet at the Gawler Tafe car park Lyndoch Road at 8am for a 9:30am start.

When: Sunday April 9th 2017
Where: Gawler Tafe Car Park
Contact: David Prest 0438 112 266
vvrn@gawlercarclub.com

FEDERATION PICNIC AT SCORESBY STEAM CENTRE

At the February Natter Night, Andrew McDougall encouraged members to diarise this annual event which has become very popular on the movements calendar. The event is a relaxed display day and members are encouraged to attend. Last year we had a good turn out and as usual, our veteran cars created a lot of interest. Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc, this year's Federation Picnic Scoresby is to be held at the National Steam Centre, Scoresby. The event will be held Sunday 9th April.

When: Sunday 9th April 2017
Where: National Steam Centre 1200 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby (Melway map 72, D9)
Contact: Ian Clarke 0419 312 304
Graham Bates 0407 512 686
Gary Stocking 0418 140 844
Roger Bowen 0407 568 488

TRI CLUB HOT CROSS BUN DAY

The organisation of this event is shared by the Veteran Car Club Vic (VCCAV), Vintage Drivers Club (VDC) and Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA). This year will be hosted by VDC.

Free Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee will be provided.

Where: Enter Braeside Park from Lower Dandenong Road. Rosella Oval is the last oval on the left hand side before the exit back onto Lower Dandenong Road. Please note this is a ONE WAY circuit.

Housekeeping: No animals are allowed in the Park. Please take your litter home with you. Do not feed or handle the wild life. Note: Braeside Park is closed on CODE RED fire danger days and the event would be cancelled.

When: Good Friday 14th April
Time 10.00am
Where: Rosella Oval / Picnic Area – Braeside Park
Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside.
Melway Map: 88 E8
Charity Event: Donations to Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.
Contact: Doug Stevenson 0419 319977

VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY EASTER SUNDAY 16TH APRIL

The Flinders District Lions Club is holding a community fund raising event on Sunday April 16th 2017. Registrations for the display of Veteran and Vintage Cars in the Flinders Village from 10am to 4pm are invited to raise funds for community needs. To register your interest in participating please contact Peter Dawson by Friday 7th April 2017. Cars will be displayed in the cordoned off areas on the lawn in the Community Hall in Norman Street in Central Park in Cook Street.

When: Sunday 16th April
Where: Flinders Community Hall,
Norman Street, Flinders
Contact: Peter Dawson 0428 788 855
pdawson1952@bigpond.com

FOUR AND MORE RALLY

The 2017 Four and More Rally is being held in the Central Goldfields town of Maryborough over an extended weekend just prior to Anzac Day. Maryborough is a two hour drive from the Clubrooms via Ballarat, Creswick and Clunes. For those able to arrive on the afternoon of Friday 21st, registration will be available from 3pm at the Bristol Hill Motor Inn followed by a short shake down run around town.

Saturday will cover a distance of 120km, travelling in a loop through Avoca, Amphitheatre, Lexton, Talbot and Majorca. Sunday's run will be of similar length visiting Newstead, Castlemaine and Maldon. The rally will conclude on Monday with lunch in Maryborough after a morning's drive to the towns of Dunolly and Tarnagulla.

Bookings have been made for group dinners at local establishments on all three evenings, so there will be ample time for socialising.

The entry form can be found in February Brass Notes or on the web-site where you will find information

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regarding motel accommodation and entry fees. There is no meal booking form as the Four and More is taking the form of a "pay as you go" rally. Secure trailer parking will be available at a local bus depot.

Entries will close on Friday 31 March.

When: 22-24 April 2017
Where: Maryborough
Contact: Rick Thege 0428 518 770

BACK TO POWELLTOWN – SPECIAL VISIT

The weekend of April 29th – 30th is set for a special 'Back to Powelltown' celebration for this historic timber mill town in the timber country about 60km from Healesville. Our Club visited there as part of the RACV annual Healesville rally last November and the hospitality extended to us by Mrs Carmel Fox at the Timber Mill was one of the highlights of the weekend tour.

Brendan Pierce has been asked to gather some Veteran Cars and travel to Powelltown on Saturday April 29th. Brendan is handling all the arrangements and the cars will perform an important part of the historical recreation of a bygone era.

Contact Brendan and join other members to make this a very special day at Powelltown!

When: Saturday 29th April
Contact: Brendan Pierce 0418 328 409

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY DRIVING/DISPLAYING HISTORIC VEHICLES ON THIS DAY

The National Motoring Heritage Day (NMHD) was developed at the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Motoring Federation (AHMF), of which the AOMC is a member. The aim was to promote and display Australia's strong motoring heritage and also show the community, business and government the strength of the Australian motoring movement. This year's National Motoring Heritage Day will be held Sunday 21st May at the Bellarine Estate in Portarlington, sponsored by the AOMC.

It is most fortunate that the Australian climate has been relatively kind to old motor vehicles and a varied range of early vehicles from Europe and North America still exist - some of which are believed to be the last remaining! All motoring clubs are encouraged to participate in the event because, without promotion of our hobby, government and community support may gradually fade and concessional registration schemes may be lost.

When: Sunday 21st May
Where: Bellarine Estate
2270 Portarlington Road
Portarlington
Contact: AOMC 9558 4829

HISTORIC WINTON

The Austin Seven Club and HMRAV presents the 41st Historic Winton on 27th and 28th May, 2017. In past years, the classic car display has been a big success and a great compliment to the races, so we hope you can come along and make the most of the event. Importantly, please email your expressions of interest for Complimentary Passes by 1 January 2017 to historicwinton@hotmail.com

Celebrations at 2017 Historic Winton include a Heritage Display, 110 years of Douglas and Excelsior motorbikes, 80 years of Volvo and the Rob Roy Hill Climb, 60 years of Nissan Skyline and Toyota Corona, 50 years of Ford Falcon GT and Holden Torana and more. The Heritage Display will feature vintage tractors, steam engines, caravans, speedway cars and bikes, micro cars, cycle cars, and veteran and vintage motorcycles. We hope to see you at Historic Winton. Many clubs attend Historic Winton as a weekend or day run event. Please contact Noel Wilcox on 03 5428 2689 or noelwilcox@rocketmail.com with any questions or alternatively further information can be requested by email to historicwinton@hotmail.com.

When: 27th – 28th May
Where: Winton Motor Raceway,
Benalla, Victoria
Enquiries: 03 5428 2689

WAGGA WAGGA VETERAN & VINTAGE MOTOR CLUB INC 50TH ANNUAL JUNE RALLY

You are invited to join the Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club Inc in celebrating their 50th Anniversary Rally over the Queen's Birthday long weekend 9th to 12th June 2017. Eligible vehicles for the event include Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage & Classic Cars, Commercials and Motorcycles manufactured prior to 31st December 1987. Veteran and Vintage machines are especially encouraged for this event and both short and long runs will be organised to cater for the capabilities of all vehicles. This rally is renowned for its activities, entertainment and good food and this special celebration will be no exception.

When: 9th to 12th June
Where: Wagga Wagga
Contact: 0407 145 525
www.wmvvcinc.wordpress.com

MARY POPPINS FESTIVAL VCCAQ RALLY MARYBOROUGH

As a lead up to this year's big National Brush Rally you are invited to attend the Mary Poppins Festival VCCAQ Rally at Maryborough to be held Tuesday 27th June to Monday 3rd July. With so many fascinating heritage attractions, arts and culture events on offer in and around the old port city, we will have a fun filled and interactive week. The plan is to arrive Tues 27th June and rally Wed 28th-Mon 3rd July.

It will be a relaxed rally with scenic drives, a nice selection of happenings and enjoyable recreation. We will have a gas light parade Friday night around the CBD and historic areas of Maryborough.

Saturday in the Park is the main festival event, which will be held in Queens Park (one of Australia's earliest botanic gardens) - with the Mary Ann steam engine in full puff - and in the Portside Heritage Precinct.

Our vehicles will be on public display in a privileged spot with spectacular river views and, perhaps with a chance for some to drive in the parade! The public are encouraged to period dress and we have been approached to possibly assist with the judging.

It is of course during the school holidays, so kids - young (& old) - are very welcome! It is proposed to base ourselves at the Wallace Motel & Caravan park, 0741213970 (contact person: Gavin) www.wallacecaravanpark.co.au. They have a range of sites and accommodation types, with sufficient space for trailers and several covered meeting areas. Across the road is the Blue Shades Motel (contact person: Kelli) www.blueshades.com.au.

Both places are well recommended and will offer a 20% discount. Check out their websites, then phone direct quoting VCCAQ. The festival attracts many visitors so booking accommodation as early (as possible) is strongly recommended.

When: 27th June to 3rd July
Where: Maryborough QLD
Contact: VCCAQ

NATIONAL BRUSH RALLY 2017 DALBY QUEENSLAND

At last count the number of entries for the 2017 National Brush Rally are equal to that of last year. We would still love to see more sign up, especially a few international members. Registration will be from Monday 10th July 4pm preceding happy hour until the welcome dinner at 6:30pm.

Each morning will begin in Myall Street at the Tourist Park entrance to receive the day's instructions. Distances each day are between 80 and 100km, mostly on quiet roads although occasionally we venture onto the highway.

Stay tuned for the Australian Brush Website nearing completion where you will be able to keep up with 'All things Brush'. In the meantime you can browse accommodation options at www.ourwesterndownloads.com or contact Graham Donges for more information on the Rally

When: 10th - 14th July 2017
Where: Dalby Queensland
Contact: Graham and Irene Donges
0417 718 617
Graham.donges@me.com

RACV MID WINTER RALLY YEA

Refer to page 13 of this issue for event details.

When: Friday 14 to 16th July
Where: Yea
Contact: Robert Couper: debirob@dodo.com.au

ROB ROY HILL CLIMB

Members of the Veteran Car Club are invited to participate once again in the VSCC Rob Roy Hill Climb to be held 13th August 2017. Details are still being confirmed at this early stage but mark your calendar to take part in a static display and competitions.

When: Sunday 13th August
Where: Christmas Hills
Contact: John Cox johnmarg654@yahoo.com
<http://vintagesportscarclub.org.au>

FEDERATION CLUB MEMBERS

VETERAN AND VINTAGE RUN TO CASTLEMAINE

Saturday 26th August 2017, Veteran and Vintage Vehicles leave Bendigo in convoy at 9:30am and will meet vehicles not participating in the convoy at Western Reserve Castlemaine

FEDERATION PICNIC AT MORONG

One of Victoria's largest displays of unique and historic vehicles and machinery to be on show Sunday 27th August 2017. Lunch will be available from the local Rotary Club.

All enquiries on the above Federation events contact Neil Athorn 0408 033 839

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF WA (Inc) RALLY WEST 2017

The Veteran Car Club of WA (Inc) will be hosting the Rally west 2017 Rally at Geraldton. The rally is open to any motor vehicle manufactured before December 31st 1940. This Rally will travel from Perth to Geraldton, a regional hub of Australia's Coral Coast offering beautiful beaches and a friendly country town feel.

Expression of interest forms can be downloaded from the Club website www.veterancarclubofwa

When: 10th - 16th September 2017
Where: Geraldton WA
Contact: Bob Beames 0419 276 411
bobbbeames@westnet.com.au

Events

NATIONAL VETERAN MOTORCYCLE RALLY

Expressions of interest and enquiries can be forwarded to Leon Mitchell as organiser for the National Veteran Motorcycle Rally. This event is to be held 17th – 22nd September based on Muriootpa in the Barossa Valley South Australia.

When: 17th to 22nd September
Where: Barossa Valley, South Australia
Contact: National Veteran Rally
PO Box 278
Henley Beach SA 5022
Web: <http://vvmccsa.org.au/nrv>
Email: nrv@vvmccsa.org.au

NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY 2017

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Coordinated by the joint efforts of members of the Sporting Car Club of SA and the Veteran Car Club of SA the 2017 rally will be based in the regional township of Clare, the focus of the Valley's rich blend of attractions and activities, including vineyards and wineries as well as regional mining and pastoral commerce.

Daily outings planned will include the historic towns of Burra and Mintaro, Kadina at the Copper Coast, Anlaby Homestead and Bungaree Station. The terrain is mostly gently undulating and serviced by good sealed roads (for all but part of one of the outings).

When: Plan to arrive Sunday 24th September for the evening welcome reception and check-in. Leisurely departure from Saturday 30 September after a sumptuous farewell dinner on Friday evening!

Where: Clare, South Australia (140 km north of Adelaide)

What's on: Daily runs between 80 and 200km round trip from Clare

Roads: All sealed (except 20 km on the Anlaby day but there may be an optional bus available). Roads in excellent condition with only one or two climbs.

Extras: Motorfest SA outings based in Adelaide from 18-23 September and the outstanding Vintage Collingrove Hillclimb on 1 October on your way home! Don't miss out on this fantastic adventure. Book now to avoid disappointment and don't forget to check out accommodation as spots will fill up fast!

For more information, please check out the website <http://vccsa.org.au/events-2/National-Veteran-Vehicle-Rally-Clare-2017>

When: 24-30 September 2017
Where: Clare Valley, SA
Enquiries: Peter Templer,
Mobile: 0417 081 502
Email: temple34@bigpond.com

MOTORCLASSICA 2017

Entries are now open for the 2017 Australian International Concours d'Elegance at Motorclassica. This year, in addition to our regular concours classes, we will be celebrating a number of marque anniversaries in their own special celebration classes. They are as follows:

- 70 Years of Ferrari
- 100 Years of Holden Coach Building
- 110 Years of Lancia
- The Golden Years of Midget Speedcars
- Moto Guzzi

Please remember that cars and motorcycles which have been judged at Motorclassica previously are not eligible for selection for three years.

Once again we will judge a separate class for Restoration of the Year, awarded to the restorer responsible for the best restoration completed between October 2016 and October 2017. In a slight change to these conditions, entrants for restoration of the Year must be nominated by the restorer. Owners and custodians may still enter the vehicle separately in the appropriate concours class.

Entry Forms and further information can be found at www.motorclassica.com.au

When: 13th – 15th October 2017
Where: Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne



Darracq

Private Classifieds

FOR SALE

1916 Model T Ford Tarrant body

Touring Car in original unrestored condition. Engine number C68024, casting date 12th Jan 1916.



Has been in the same family for 100 years. Almost complete (missing radiator cap, coil box lid, some top hardware, etc.) Will require complete restoration. Comes with spare vintage engine, rear axles, front axle.

\$8000 negotiable.

CONTACT Ethne (Violet Town)

T: 0408 287 976.

(& for further info speak to Chris Dillon, Andrew Brand, or Bruce Csorba.)

FOR RELUCTANT SALE

1911 Armstrong Whitworth 14hp.
1 of 13 known surviving A/W's worldwide.



This is a reliable, quality car that is fantastic to drive. Dual ignition. Spare motor, gearbox, chassis, magneto and other parts included.

\$95,000 neg.

Phone or email for more pics and details.

CONTACT: Min Innes-Irons

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LOST

On the 1 & 2 cyl. rally in Hamilton. 1 brass hubcap from our Renault AX. Inscribed "Renault Freres". Loss only discovered on arrival home, so could have been lost anywhere on the rally. Interstate Entrants from SA & NSW please keep a lookout, as the blistering speed at which the Renault travels may have resulted in the hubcap crossing the border either west or north. I doubt it will have travelled south, as the little critter knows it can't swim.

Any information gratefully received --- or if you have one for sale, please contact

Kim Coillet.

P:0429 408 253

E: jingella@bigpond.net.au

FOR SALE

1914 Fiat Zero roadster.

Full history available, with many extras.

All states please copy.

\$75,000 ONO



CONTACT: Alan Lethborg

PHONE: 03 9560 8299

FOR SALE

1909 Belsize

14/16 HP "Roi de Belges"

Recently completed ground up restoration.



Opportunity to own a classic English brass veteran motor car.

\$79,000.

CONTACT: Don or Sue Le Busque

T: 08 8522 2116

M: 0428 834 352

FOR SALE

Complete Renault gearbox

Suits 1908 - 1909 model AG and possible 4 cylinder of the same era.



Excellent condition

- nice matching number brass cover - everything moves freely and easily.

Appears ready to simply drop into car.

\$3,000 firm.

CONTACT: David Inglis

Phone 03 9878 0496

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EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Events Subcommittee meets in February, May and October to plan the Club's forthcoming events, which are published annually in the Club Calendar with regular updates in Brass Notes.

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VETERAN CARS & THE VCCA

A veteran vehicle is any mechanically propelled vehicle built on or before December 31, 1918. The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic.) is open to all persons interested in the preservation and restoration of these vehicles, and ownership of such a vehicle is not a condition of membership.

Please refer to our web-site for a membership application form and additional information.

BRASS NOTES

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If you require your vehicle safety inspected, and verified for Vicroads eligibility, please review the Vicroads permit requirements on their web-site, and contact Brian Hussey or Bob Ballinger. They will assist with the process for obtaining a permit, and advise of a club Scrutineer who can inspect the vehicle at a mutually convenient time.

JP SERVICES AT NATTER NIGHTS

As a service to VCCA (Victoria) members our Vice-President Paul Daley JP and Secretary David Provan JP, in their capacity as Honorary Justices of the Peace for the State of Victoria, are available at Natter Nights or by appointment to provide document witnessing and certification services.

CLUB MEETINGS

Monthly meetings (Natter Nights) are held at 8:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (excl. January) in the Club Rooms:

*Lynden Park Club Room,
Wakefields Grove, Camberwell, off
Through Rd.*



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FLASHBACK: Another photo from Graeme Edwards which we are trying to identify for the club history project is this Hotchkiss which took part in the 2nd Argus rally Jan 1956. It was entry no 46. Respond to the Editor.



Jill & Peter Hawkins 1907 Darracq Model RE on the Hamilton Rally



Rodney Anderson and Jennifer Atherton in the 1898 Renault on the Hamilton Rally



Bruce Humphrie's 1900 Locomobile steaming away on the Hamilton Rally