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Flashback

FLASHBACK for May. Who can tell us more about this model Wolseley which was seen at a VCCA (Vic) rally in 1989? From memory it was battery powered, and who is the lady in the background? Respond to the editor.

There were no responses to April's two flashback photos. The photo on page 2 shows Colin Anderson's 1916 Buick tourer and was taken at Como Park at the conclusion of the 1971 Annual Rally. The chap with the umbrella is none other than our President Ian Berg. The photo on the inside back cover remains a mystery.



We have another FLASHBACK photo we need identified for the Club History book - see page 7.



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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
21 June 2017	Round the Houses Visit to Ralph Philpot Oil Can Collection. Graeme Edwards: 0418 347 216
13 – 15 October 2017	Motorclassica – Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne www.motorclassica.com
20-22 October 2017	Springtime Above the Snowline John Stanley: john.m.stanley1947@gmail.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

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://vwmccsa.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 Expressions of Interest - Russell Holden, 0422 219 911
29 Sept – 5 Oct 2019	Model T Ford Annual Rally 2019 Maryborough, QLD www.mtoq12.wix.com/mtoq

President's Message

The next issue of Brass Notes will have a focus on classified advertisements, so it is time to really look in the shed and see what you can clear out. Maybe it is the pair of brass lamps that you picked up at a swap meet twenty years ago but will never use, or the spare engine for the car that you sold some time back. If you are thinking of down-sizing the collection then put an advertisement in for the car or bike that you are not using, or will never get to restore. If you are looking for another project or parts, Wanted advertisements are welcome too. We know that Brass Notes gets a huge circulation and is the best forum for selling or obtaining veteran cars, bikes or parts.

Please make sure the advertisements are for veteran vehicles, parts or related material only, be realistic with pricing, and ensure they are succinct and clear, with good contact details. The use of photos is always more effective in our classifieds section.

At the April Natter Night we enjoyed a very worthwhile presentation and subsequent discussion on "the next generation". Thank you to Ben Alcock, James Dunshea and Callum Walsh for leading this. The most interesting part of the meeting was the questions, and discussion that followed, and some really good ideas were generated. We are fortunate to be enjoying membership growth at present but the thinking with this project is how to encourage further growth, and ensure the club thrives and is relevant in the future. May Natter Night will feature an outstanding speaker, Roger Gibbs a former senior executive at GMH, as well as our Award presentation evening. See details elsewhere in the journal, but if you are interested in the development of Holden in Australia this is one not to miss. We will also be providing refreshments at this meeting.

This issue of Brass Notes has a report, thanks to Andrew and Frances McDougall, on the National High-wheeler rally held in Orange recently, and what a spectacle these cars are. Seeing the country slowly and in a stress-free way seems to be the key feature of these rallies. The Four and More Rally was also held late in April and by all reports it too was a great success. Thank you to Rick and Heather Thege for directing this event. It may well be a format to be repeated in the future. There will be a full report next issue. Our next major event is the RACV Midwinter rally in July to be held at Yea, and an entry can be found with this Brass Notes. I encourage you to book early as this will be a popular event.

Until next month,

*Ian Berg,
President VCCA (Victoria)*

MAY NATTER NIGHT

May Natter Night will feature our presentation of the club's personal awards, and we will also enjoy complimentary wine and drinks pre meeting.

In addition, our speaker will be Roger Gibbs who had a stellar career with General Motors and has a wide and varied range of interests.

This will be a great night as we celebrate the past year's successes and the efforts of many.

Ladies please join us and please arrive from 7:30pm for drinks and enjoy what should be a memorable evening.

Our guest speaker Roger Gibbs graduated from Melbourne University with First Class Honours in Engineering and in 1965 joined the Engineering Department of General Motors Holdens. He spent his career with GM not only in Australia but also in England and the USA. He has held all the key Engineering roles, including Mechanical Design, Body Design, Prototype Build, Proving Ground Facilities and Executive Engineering as well as a period as the Executive in charge of Product and Strategic Planning.

He retired in 2003 as the Director of Engineering for General Motors Australia and the Asia Pacific, the latter covering China, India and Thailand.

In his presentation, he will cover highlights of the Holden car from its clay model inception in 1945, and will support his talk with some rarely seen photos and film footage.



LONELY PARTS

Adam Auditori has unearthed this Austin rear axle and it appears as if it is veteran. Can anyone confirm. It may be available, contact Adam if interested.

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Vale Jack Nelson

By Graeme Jarrett

Jack passed away quietly, aged ninety two on Christmas Eve 2016.

He was, from the very youngest age, a motoring enthusiast. In his earliest years became motor mechanic of expansive talents with a yen for both two and four wheels. Except for a few months pattern cutting his first job was in the engine shop at Ansett Airways, for five years up to 1944. Later working for the Department of Aircraft construction, McGan & Millar motorcycle repairs (20 years) and later having his own business in Richmond conduction a restoration business on veteran and vintage cars.

He owned many early motorcycles and cars and was a long term user of his vehicles. It was natural that his interests caused his gravitation to the Veteran Car Club at an early age.

This club, in its formative years was a great joy to Jack; he was there at the very beginning – a foundation member. The service he gave on our various committees is a testament to his love of our hobby. In the VCCA Vic he was a committee member for many years, a member of the Judging panel and later the Chief Judge. Around that period he served on the management committee of the Bentley Drivers Club and was later both President and Vice-President there.

His ownership of so many vehicles is exhaustive and list herewith some of his machines. These include a Ford model "T" (his first car), Durant (ohv), Delage (DI), Oakland, Buick, Talbot, Dodge, Essex, Citroen (Cloverleaf), Packard, Zedel, FIAT, Sunbeam, Ansaldo, Hispano-Suiza (37.2hp), Minerva(s), Itala, Issotta-Fraschini (tipo 8), Lancia (Lambda), Mercedes, SS Jaguar and many more. He owned a Peugeot of 1922 (6 litres) with a Howard (cuff valve) engine – the best car he claims to have ever owned! There were Bentleys that included the 3.0 litre 4.5, litre and a 6.5 litre models. The 1906 Daimler 30hp (chain drive – poppet valve) car was another of his favourites. That car remains in Victoria.

In spite of all the cars; the motorcycles seemed to be his most abiding interest. He owned many and very often multiples of these and included Douglas, Raleigh, AJS, Triumph, Indian, Scott, Matchless. GCS, BSA, Rudge, Norton, FN, AKD, OEC, Regnis, NSU, Enfield, Yale, Motosocoche, Ariel, Whiting (V4) and many more.

Motor sport attracted Jack for a time and he took to scramble racing; campaigning in outfits (sidecar) for 4 or 5 years, around 1949. In Jack's own words: - *"I was runner-up to Jack Rudd (600cc Douglass) in the All Powers Victorian Hill-climb event Championship. This was largely luck, because most of the fast riders lost chains or fouled plugs and I was able to get through to the final. I did manage to beat a 1200cc Indian with my 500cc Rudge though!"*

We have sadly lost one of our most enduring.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Dot), Kathy and Andrew.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Adrian and Jaymie Thorley who reside in Reservoir and own a 1914 De Dion Bouton.

Jane and Evan Quarmby who reside in Albury, NSW. Jane and Evan own a 1911 AX Renault and a 1911 Hupmobile.

Mark and Gayle Border who reside in Lake Wendouree and own a 1913 T Model Ford.



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Flashback

FLASHBACK photo from Graeme Edwards. Another mystery car as part of the club history. Can anyone identify the two cars in the picture? Contact Graeme or editor.





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61st Annual RACV Kalorama Rally

By Paul Daley (Photos by Gordon Berg)



The Dillon's 1909 Minerva, a T Ford and Ian Berg's 1910 Cadillac

The 61st Annual RACV Kalorama Rally which was held on Sunday March 26th 2017, saw an excellent turn out of Veteran, Vintage and Classic cars. Last year the event was held under a cloud of closure by the local Council. However, the motoring movement was delighted with the decision by the Council, and Mayor Cr. Noel Cliff to secure the event, which is financially the major fundraiser for the local Kalorama CFA. The Brigade is 100% volunteer and services the communities of Kalorama and Mt Dandenong. Members respond to local incidents including bushfires, motor vehicle accidents, storm damage, injured hikers and a raft of other emergencies. The organising committee chaired by Paul Edgar of the Riley Motor Club, energetically promoted the event and visited many motoring clubs encouraging their participation. This certainly paid off with the Kalorama Oval full with a most diverse display of motor vehicles, with the Veteran Car Club once again well represented.

Many entrants commenced the day at the Manhattan Hotel, Ringwood with the Kalorama Mystery Tour 2017. Bill Eldridge who is well known for his mechanical expertise on Veteran, Vintage and Classic Cars, gave the entrants the drivers briefing. And brief it was! Now Bill does not have the charm of Ross and John of 3AW Breakfast's program and when a couple of chirpy



Paul Daley's Model T Torpedo and Jeff Alcock's Overland



Two Ghosts - Robert McDermott's 1911 and a vintage model

entrants at the rear had the temerity to ask a question, Bill batted back with a cover drive 'read the second page. This is not a race!' This year the tour incorporated a choice of two routes, one easier for slow and low powered vehicles and the other embracing the original Terry's Hill Climb at Belgrave.

This challenging route took drivers back to a bygone era of motor racing. The RACV reported back in December 1926 that *'what is considered the most difficult hill climbing contest yet organised by the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria took place at Terry's Hill Belgrave. Weather conditions were perfect and allowed a large crowd to watch the proceedings. Choice of Terry's Hill could scarcely have been better. Rising 330ft, and a distance of 32 chains, the course required considerable judgement as the surface of the road was rather loose.'*

Competitors started in the main road and after a few yards turned sharply into Terry's Avenue which rises at a steep gradient from the main road. This corner was perhaps the most difficult part and a number of competitors lost time from swinging too far out and skidding out and others cutting the corner, the cars bounding over a small mound in the road while the passengers leaned over the side like yachtsman in an endeavour to preserve a balance. The course climbed steadily to the top. The number of bends in the road, although not as sharp as the right angled turn prevented the cars from obtaining any great burst of speed.' Wouldn't it have been wonderful to relive those glory

days of the 1920s however, the Mystery Tour entrants numbering over 100 vehicles, were constrained by today's road rules. The routes of just over 40km ensured the entrants arriving at the Kalorama oval from 11am.

The Veteran Car Club display saw Ian Berg (1910 Cadillac model 30), Paul Daley (1911 Model T Ford Torpedo), Brendan Pierce and Bob May (1913 Hotchkiss), Scott and Caree Staples (1914 Model T Ford Tourer), Chris and Fiona Dillon (1909 Minerva type R Roadster), Robert McDermott (1911 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost), Jeff Alcock (1914 Willys Overland 79T).

Many of our club members have a diverse collection of motor vehicles and took the opportunity to display these. The highlight was George Hetrel's 1936 540K Mercedes Benz. This historic vehicle saw its early days in the Third Reich and on this occasion chauffeured the Mayor Noel Cliff onto the oval to the applause of the crowd. Andrew McDougall who is President of the Alvis Car Club of Victoria took along his 1926 Alvis TE 12/50. This particular car was purchased by Andrew's grandfather in August 1957, and was presented to Andrew on his 17th birthday in 1966 after obtaining his driver's licence in the vehicle. David and Trish Couper dressed as usual in their period correct finery and entered a 1926 Lancia Lambda the superb restoration of which was completed just a year ago. Gordon Berg drove his 1931 8/50 Buick Tourer, a wide bodied car in immaculate condition. Annette Newell was representing the Willys Overland Club and she is in the process of



Stephen Dyne's MGB and Gordon Berg's Buick



George Hetrel's 1936 Mercedes



Marcus Wills Cooke with the award winning 1927 Harley Davidson

61st Annual RACV Kalorama Rally (Cont.)

By Paul Daley (Photos by Gordon Berg)

restoring a 1913 Willys Overland 69 T which she hopes to have ready for the 2018 national event in NSW that is being run by Les Johnson. Stephen Dynes and his father were also in attendance in their lovely MGB.

Strolling among the crowd were James Dunshea and Bruce Nelson and many other members and friends including Bruce Walker who is known to many members for his artisan lining and painting of vehicles.

There were displays of Vintage and Classic fire engines which delighted the children who were also entertained with face painting. Also on display was an 1885 Shand Meson & Co of London metallic horse drawn fire engine, which is designed to be operated by 16 men. New Club members Bob and Sue Watts were seen entertaining their grandchildren Lucia and Jaocuin who were treated with the opportunity of 'driving' Jeff Alcock's Overland. The Yarra Valley Machinery Preservation Society displayed a range of vintage stationary engines.



The Staples T Ford



The CFA had a display of historic and modern fire fighting equipment

The Kalorama Fire Brigade Hospitality Tent catered for the event with delightful homemade cakes, sausage sizzle and hamburgers. Normally the highlight of Chris Dillon's day is a cut lunch, and in fact Chris considers himself an epicure of the humble sandwich and was mortified that the good ladies from the CFA had run out of sandwiches by noon as Chris had his heart set on a well stacked ham and salad item. Should be sorted out for next year Chris!

Marcus Wills Cooke was presented with the Award for his immaculate 1927 Harley Davidson which drew a great deal of admiration from the crowd. Marcus is active in the movement and was an entrant in the 2014 Adelaide to Darwin Rally and his father Terry Wills Cooke is also a regular and was an entrant with his 1910 Buick at the recent RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally at Hamilton.

Looking to the future with the local Council now behind the event and with the strong support from the motoring movement, the RACV Kalorama Rally's future is secured and the organising committee together with our hosts the Vintage Drivers Club are congratulated on the event.

From a fund raising perspective, the Rally was very successful, with the CFA benefiting to the tune of around \$6,000. This money will be put toward much needed equipment upgrades and replacements.



Andrew McDougall's vintage green Alvis can be seen in the background



March Natter Night Speaker - “Workshop Products”

By Chris Dillon

I was asked to talk at the last VCCA meeting on a topic of my choice, after giving it some thought I decided a useful topic for members may be on some of my favourite workshop products that I have used over the years, having been in the trade as a mechanic and Auto Elec for forty odd years and been in my own business for 30 odd years I felt this would be a fairly good topic to talk about.

I will add at this point that these are products that I use in my everyday life as a mechanic and are only recommending them as I have had great success with them over the years.

As more and more fancy products such as glues, fillers, paints etc come on the market, I must admit it has made life a lot easier, as previously one might have had to remake or machine / mill an item or worst case scenario throw it out, one can now quite cheaply reclaim or reuse a part that was otherwise going to go on the scrap heap! So here we go.

1. When it comes to engine oils, I like to use Valvoline XLD 20W50 in a lot of applications, I have had great success with this oil and I use it in a lot of veteran, vintage and classic vehicles, it is high in zinc so is also a good running in oil. Penrite also make some great gear oils, in the end it is important to use the correct engine and gear oils for you application, so I recommend to do some research before putting any old oil in, Oil aren't Oils is now an appropriate slogan, especially when it comes to modern vehicles.

2. A grease that can be used in just about any application is “Mobilgrease XHP222” it is blue in colour, I have used this grease for many many years and had great success with it, as an example I have pulled wheel bearings apart that have been used under extreme conditions to find the bearing and grease were still serviceable, were as other greases in the same application just would not hold up, this grease also has excellent resistance to water washout.

3. Loctite 567 PST pipe thread sealant, great product, have used it with fuel, oil, water, etc., soft setting product, good for applications where there is movement or vibration in threaded areas.

4. CRC Minute Mend Epoxy Putty, is a two part epoxy putty, great for repairs to corroded or perforated castings, can be used on wet or dry surfaces, can be milled tapped, drilled etc.

5. Loctite 222 Low Strength Thread Locker, great for any threaded environments where you don't want them to come undone by itself, also good in an area where vibration may be an issue, but need to disassemble later on for service or repair work.

6. Loctite 515 Gasket Eliminator, Flange Sealant, excellent product! Suitable for gaps up to 15 thou. I used the high temperature version of this product 510 on the heads of my Minerva with great success!

7. Wurth HHS2000, Partly synthetic oil that is extremely resistant to high pressures, goes on as a liquid and then sets like a grease, good for things like clevis pins, slide and pivot points, etc.

8. Copper Anti Seize compound, great for threaded areas that are subject to high temperatures or corrosive environments, makes dismantling things a lot easier after time, prevents galling, reduces friction and wear, and basically ensures easy disassembly.

9. “Seal Wel”, this product is a cooling system stop leak and conditioner, I use this product in my Model T and Minerva and have had great results were the radiators are original and may weep a little bit after being flushed out, the procedure I use is, I reverse flush out the cooling system every 2 years, then add one cube of this product with water, you may also add a non-glycol based coolant as well if you wish, PH test coolant after, I recommend to check for electrolysis as well, This product has been around for over 70 years, a lot of engine re conditioners place one block of “seal Wel” in the engine block water jacket just in case there are weeps or leaks when engine fitted, this has saved a number of motors from disaster over time, I don't recommend glycol based coolants in old motors, time has shown me they tend to weep when left standing due to the products low surface tension, it has a tendency to find any weak spots in the cooling system, I have has cases were vehicles have been left sitting for a couple of years only to find glycol based coolant had wept into the combustion chamber and valve ports area's and created a mess as one can imagine.



13th National Highwheeler Rally April 3rd-7th 2017 – Orange revisited

By Andrew McDougall with photos by Frances McDougall



Line up at Bloomfield Orange Car Club rooms

It was with much anticipation that buggy owners and their families converged on Orange in NSW for the 13th National Highwheeler Rally. The previous National Highwheeler Rally in Orange had been held in 1999 and this time there was a 200% increase in the number of participating buggies. Entrants came from all states except Tasmania, plus one from Wales: – NSW 8, Vic. 9, SA 3, WA 2, Qld 1 and Wales/SA 1. All told there were 24 buggies with IHC (Internationals) dominating with 16, whilst there were 3 Schachts, 2 Blacks, 2 McIntyres and 1 Holsman. Most people were staying at the motel, with its excellent spacious parking facilities, whilst a few others were staying in caravan parks.

Sue and Noel Holbrook produced some interesting statistics which showed that all told, across the 13 national events, 51 different buggies have participated and 2 had been on all the events. It would be great to have all 51 on the one event, however so far the maximum participating at any one time has been around 27. Still this is a great number as compared with 8 on the first national. It also must be recognised that Australia has the only active Highwheeler Register in the world and is the only country that uses these fantastic vehicles in such numbers and on significant events and runs. This in large part is due to Sue and Noel Holbrook who have championed the ownership and use of these vehicles.

Vicky Forsyth from Queensland, whose partner Barry Downton passed away last year, did a magnificent job in bringing down the heavy IHC truck, whilst having to make many detours to avoid flooded roads, following Cyclone Debbie's onslaught. Vicky subsequently received a trophy of special appreciation for her efforts and enthusiasm.

Upon arrival at the motel there was a real buzz in the air as people enthusiastically greeted one another and in some cases resumed conversations from the previous national two years ago. This was followed by a welcome barbecue in the motel grounds on the Sunday evening. It was a pleasantly warm night which was a portent for a fine sunny week of motoring to come.

Come Monday morning all the buggies converged on the motel for the briefing, with the exception of the Holsman which was to arrive later in the week and the surprise acquisition of Pam and Dean Hill of an almost complete IHC, but unrestored buggy, which was out of sight on a trailer. This buggy was one of a number sold at the 1982 Parker auction in Colac, but since that time has only had a little work performed on it. There is a lot of restoration and conservation still to be done. The purchase of this buggy has met a long standing desire of Pam and Dean to have their own buggy, rather than borrowing one.

Following the briefing by Rally Director Dave Perry we then made a cacophony of sound and boarded our buggies for a tour around the city centre. The people of Orange enthusiastically welcomed us with much waving and photographing as we drove past. Indications later in the week from Facebook and Twitter provided enthusiastic comments from the town's people, in having the buggies in Orange, being used and not as static displays stuck away in museums.

After the circuit of the town we passed along a magnificent tree lined driveway which went to the wonderful historic Duntryleague House and which is now part of a golf club. Here we were able to array the buggies, (including the Hill's unrestored buggy, now off the trailer and which provided much interest and attention), under the portico and in front of the house for a photo opportunity in a most fitting setting. It was whilst here that we came across a professional photographer, Troy Pearson, who does promotional videos using drone photography. It just so happened that Troy had a few days off work, so he enthusiastically followed our event for the week and has produced wonderful footage of the buggies in motion, from on board, roadside filming and from overhead drone photography.

Following morning tea at Duntryleague House we drove out of town for 10km over undulating picturesque countryside to the home of Dave and Larna Perry, where we enjoyed an excellent catered lunch, the



Deane & Pam Hill 1909 IHC



Darcy's Old Wares Lucknow



The organisers Dave & Larna Perry



Why they call them high wheelers

opportunity to look at Dave's vehicle collection and projects, play quoits and croquet and then as a special treat enjoyed a wonderful operatic performance by a young local soprano, Julia Boag. After her efforts at entertaining us Greg Smith returned the favour by taking Julia for a ride in the Schacht. However before doing so, Greg explained the workings of the buggy and then Julia crank started it with so much ease that even Greg was amazed by how it started.

On Tuesday we all gathered at the caravan park for the briefing as we were heading out of town that way to Lucknow for morning tea and a visit to Darcy's Old Wares and the old Wentworth Gold Mine. It was here that Alan Miller said that he had seen a broken oil pump drive belt many kilometres back down the road. On investigation I found that the belt was missing from my buggy and luckily I hadn't damaged the engine, due to having put excess oil into the crankcase. This "O" ring belt had lasted from the Esperance Rally in 2005. A spare "O" ring belt was fitted and we were on our way across country on narrow sealed roads to Millthorpe for lunch at the huge machinery museum. It was here that the general comment from the entrants was that "veteran motoring doesn't get any better than this". Also listed on a wall were many Australian inventions, many of which didn't receive venture capital and as a consequence went overseas to provide employment

for others and for us to buy back at inflated prices. We headed back to Orange via the old Forrest Reef Pub which provided great opportunities for filming the buggies on the road from the drone. Some buggies progressed steadily whilst others rounded them up at "break neck" speed – great fun!

Wednesday saw us take the buggies on a short run to the outskirts of Orange to the Botanical Gardens and an adventure playground for young at heart Warwick Bayley to have a play. Here we were joined by a couple with a collection of late 19th C bicycles, tricycles and a Penny Farthing. We were permitted to ride these around the car park and many of us enjoyed the experience of the predecessor to the motorised buggy era. There was more excellent drone filming. The buggies were returned back to our accommodation where we got into our modern vehicles for a drive via Molong and the most wonderful scrap yard we have ever visited, before going onto a farm along the Cumnock Road where we visited a huge private collection of restored tractors, including what is reputed to be the world's oldest remaining restored and operational tractor – an English manufactured 1903 Ivel. From here we moved onto Manildra where we were treated to an excellent lunch in a former NRMA garage (with many old film posters on the wall and projection equipment) next to the historic "Amuzu" Theatre. Following lunch we were

13th National Highwheeler Rally April 3rd-7th 2017 (Cont.)

By Andrew McDougall with photos by Frances McDougall



Drivers & vehicles in front of Duntryleague House



13th National Highwheeler Rally April 3rd-7th 2017 (Cont.)

By Andrew McDougall with photos by Frances McDougall

treated to a great experience of watching early movies, documentaries and advertisements in the Amuzu Theatre.

On Thursday morning we initially went modern, due to road and traffic conditions to the Heifer Station Winery where we enjoyed an excellent morning tea, some wine and cheese tasting and viewing of the animal menagerie. Then it was back to collect our highwheelers for a drive out to the Nashdale Public School where our buggies were surrounded and climbed upon by very enthusiastic junior school students. The students as part of an exercise had a questionnaire to complete about the buggies and their owners. Having collected our lunch packs from a nearby hall we then drove to the picturesque picnic ground at Lake Canobolas where we enjoyed our lunch by the lake's edge. By this time the, one family ownership, Ellis, original unrestored 1906 Holsman buggy, had arrived on a trailer. It was unloaded and then proceeded to drive around the car park with a sweetly running, smoke belching engine. It made a wonderful sight and it is great to see it in such a good state of preservation. Lake Canobolas provided the first water supply for Orange and fortunately, the now unused, but preserved, original huge twin cylinder engine and belt driven pumps remain in the original pump station building for viewing. There were also the remains of the charcoal burning gas producer used to supply fuel to the engine.

Friday's run was of a shorter duration so that buggies could be loaded back onto their trailers before the final evening dinner. The run took us to the outskirts of town where we traversed a portion of the Gnoo Blas Racing Car Circuit at which many famous names had raced, including Jack Brabham. Then we continued a short distance and parked by Gosling Creek Reserve which is the site of the second water supply, but now unused, for Orange. It now provides a beautiful aquatic reserve. Before heading onto the ODAMC (local car club since the early 70s) clubrooms, in the old Bloomfield School for a barbecue lunch, we were taken via a wonderful section of gravel road winding through bush and farmland, where photos were taken of the buggies in an appropriate and perfect setting. At the conclusion of the week's running all the operational buggies commencing the week were still going, a few needing some minor repairs along the way and 3 needing tyres repaired. All in all it was a great result and a demonstration of the durability and practicality of these primitive vehicles.

Of particular note, was that 3 buggies were accompanied by families of 3 generations: the Smiths with Ivan, Greg and Brenton and with Brenton sharing the driving of the IHC with Ivan; the Martins with Neil, Peter and young Harriette; and the Clarkes with Ron, Paul and Tiffany. Tiffany had recently got her "L" plates and with these she drove the IHC for quite a bit of the rally – very well done. Of course Vicky Forsyth drove her IHC truck and Julianne Hein shared the driving of her

father Ross' IHC buggy. On ladies day they were joined by Haf and Chrissie, both in their respective IHCs. The future of the veteran movement looks assured.

Unfortunately the rally had passed all too quickly with only the final dinner to go, back at the wonderful historic house of Duntryleague. Whilst enjoying the excellent meal there was much chatter of what had been enjoyed during the preceding week of fantastic veteran motoring. The opportunity was also taken to present the trophy to Vicky Forsyth, wish Ivan Smith all the best for his 87th birthday, thank Dave and Larna Perry and their helpers for all that they had done in organising a great week of rallying and also to thank Troy Pearson for his wonderful filming of the rally, whilst we sat there watching it on a screen. Ross Ainsworth from York in WA took the opportunity of reading a portion of the eulogy written on the passing of great highwheeler stalwart, Geoff Spencer, who after almost recovering from a fall from the top of a windmill on his property, lost the fight to cancer. Ross and Geoff's son were able to take Geoff for a final, much appreciated, ride in his IHC, a couple of weeks before he passed on.

It was then time to bid everyone farewell and wish them a safe journey home and to look forward to the next National Highwheeler Rally, which will be held in Victoria around Kyneton or Maryborough. Greg Smith, with assistance, will be running this rally with a proposed timing of late March/early April 2019.



Julianne Hein driving the 1908 IHC passing the Bayley 1907 McIntyre



1906 Holsman & a group of admirers

Tri Club Hot Cross Run

By Gordon Berg

Braeside Park 14 April

Good Friday dawned cool but bright and sunny. The clouds had rolled in by the time we arrived at Braeside Park around 10am but there was a very good turn up of vehicles of all ages, including six or seven veterans. This year the event was hosted by the VDC and a hot cuppa and buns warned us up in time for some drizzly showers to come in. We were fortunate that most participants could shelter under the covered eating areas. The showers persisted until late morning but did not dampen our enthusiasm for this enjoyable event - mind you it probably did dampen the clothes of those in cars without hoods on their return home. As is customary the event collected donations for the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal and Rod Adler from the VDC could be seen with a bucket full of donations.

The donations of the combined members of our three clubs totalled \$603.00 and has been forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



Bill Side's Minerva



Veteran line up



Minerva motor



The Daniels' Renault AX



Just enough room for all to keep dry.

Private Classifieds

FOR SALE

Self generating headlamp missing badge.

\$1,200 ONO.



Lucas tail lamp for parts.

\$60.



Peerless coil box switch and badge.

\$120.



Large Lucas right hand, side lamp model 744.

\$220 ONO.



CONTACT:

John Horswell
T: 03 9739 5148

FOR SALE

1910 Ford T engine number 10,841.

Fully rebuilt, has narrow rare one-piece sump and trans cover, aluminium 'Ford' script with cross bars cast into the cover underneath. Complete, running, unrestored, in excellent condition. With 'automatic windshield frame'. On club permit.

\$50,000 firm.

1912 project T Ford tourer

New American built body, all original sheet metal. Fully complete upholstery in , original in good condition. Materials all correct. Has open valve engine and one piece sump, square hole trans cover, 'Ford script'. Engine number 61,600.

\$29,000.

1913 Roadster T Ford project

All mechanicals correct. Have some upholstery. Needs wood and I have the tack strips around the seat top. New bootlid, turtle deck with wood. 'B' series engine B3477 Dec 13. All lights E&J.

\$16,000.

CONTACT: Bill Formby

T: 03 5625 2344

M: 0488 288 164

FOR SALE

Large veteran water pump brass c. 1905/8.

\$150 ONO



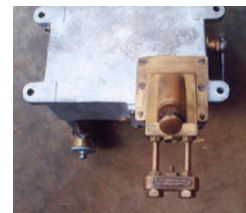
French SPE branded 9 inch fork mounted headlamp. Fork fits through holes in lamp case.

\$125 ONO.



French oil box 'Le Febure'

\$650 ONO.



Early veteran carby c. 1900.

\$250 ONO.



Zenith 26 HAR triple diffuser with choke control.

\$150 ONO.



Early veteran car clock with mount angle base.

\$475 ONO.



LaCoste et Battmann engine brackets.

Beaded edge rims 820X120 and 765X105.



FOR IDENTIFICATION

Cylinders, bore 85mm (3 3/8 inch) as per photo. Thought to be Franklin. I have 3 NOS.



CONTACT: Brian Arundale (VCCA Tas member)
T: 03 6391 8698

FOR SALE

Clement Bayard 2 cylinder, ready to run for 1&2 cyl. rallies, includes trailer, fully galvanised, electric brakes, winch & ramps 3m 1.5m (10' x 5').

\$39,950

**CONTACT: Bob Hobson
M: 0493 031 934
or Phillip Hobson 0408 118 057**



FOR SALE

1917 T Ford Roadster

Engine fully reconditioned and balanced in 2014 -



with A Crank, Stipe 280 camshaft, Ruxstell diff, rear disc brakes, Kevlar bands, spent \$15,000 - for highly successful 10,000 kms Francis Birtles Centenary Rally incl. VCCA Vic Adelaide to Darwin Rally as reported in Club Magazines. Side curtains and full tonneau cover.

\$20,000 ONO

**CONTACT: Bob Lamond, Mudgee
M: 0409712101
E: lamond2@bigpond.com**

FOR SALE

1904 Curved Dash Oldsmobile.

Well known Club car. Ideal 1&2 Cylinder participant.



The car holds a VCCA Dating certificate and is London-to-Brighton eligible.

Includes a spare cylinder and a trailer. Ignition recently overhauled.

\$40,000.

**CONTACT: Bruce Humphries
E: Bruce@Humphries.com
M: 0407 545 037**

FOR SALE

1913 Hudson Model 4-37.

A rare genuine 40HP car with original electrics and starter motor. Restoration has commenced an unfinished project.

\$27,500 ONO.

Bosch DU2 Magneto

(Made in France) No 376581

\$600.00.



Splitdorf Low Tension Magneto

in working order

\$500.00



Acetylene Magnum Concave Mirror Glasses

suit 7" Rushmore and other Gas Headlamps. Made by Lancaster Glass who made the replacement ones for Model T Ford NOS \$500 pair. See photos 4 & 5



Veteran Front Axle

\$50.00.



**CONTACT:
Graeme Edwards
T: 9776 5611
M: 0418 347 216**

Private Classifieds

FOR SALE

I have a number of unrestored veteran American cars available for sale, and am in the processing of importing them at this time.

Please contact me for details

1912 Cadillac

solid original car with all the important bits, including the 6/24v running board electrical unit (no lid), both distributors, & the deco ignition switch, correct carbie, windscreen, etc, motor, transmission & rear end all turn freely, correct 27" wheels, original body with restoration started, been in a barn for 30 years.

\$33,500.



1911 Franklin, Model G, Touring, 100"

wheel base, air cooled 4 cylinder, stalled restoration with lots of work completed, very solid original low mileage veteran,

\$49,500



1916 Buick, model 45 six cylinder

older California restoration of solid original car, rare "camping" body with fold down back of front seat to create a bed. NSW Club rego not transferable, needs new top material.

\$36,500.

1910 Sears model H

complete with original body, in need of restoration.

\$31,000.



1909 REO twin cylinder

mechanically very complete, good water & petrol tanks, nice bonnet and new radiator tubes and fins, needs new body.

\$23,000.

1905 REO single cylinder, runabout,

that is being presented as the oldest surviving REO?



Regal Underslung (basket case)

CONTACT: Russell Holden

T: 02 6372 4509

M: 0422 219 911

LONELY PARTS - APRIL RESPONSE

Response to Brass Notes, April 2017 offering.

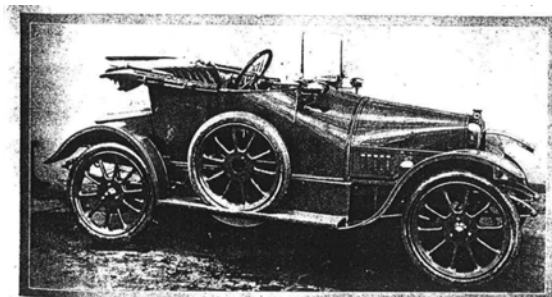
Further to Adam Auditori – Calthorpe engine.

This engine looks to be that fitted to the Calthorpe "Minor" light car – production of this model began in 1913 and continued into the 1920's. Rated at 10 horsepower it was a four cylinder unit – 62 x 90 (1091cc) giving off 25 bhp. In approximately 1916 it was enlarged to 65 x 95 (1291cc) and produced approximately 40 bhp, in this form.

Over its production life the Minor was subject to a number of mechanical improvements by the factory; these included a longer wheelbase, larger engine (as above), stronger chassis and larger radiator.

A very high percentage of the car, including the engine, was built in-house at Calthorpe's own factory; an unusual practise for this time and that type of car. The carburettor, magneto, multi-plate clutch (by Heli-Shaw) and lighting were made by outside suppliers.

The Minor was a popular and quite capable light car of creditable performance. It took a number of high speed records at Brooklands (UK) and performed well in motor sport. Being light in weight; this gave it a distinct advantage over its contemporaries.



A well-known light car: the smallest Calthorpe in touring trim.

A good number of these Minors came to Australia and New Zealand in the early years. Of the 47 Calthorpe cars registered in South Australia (circa 1906- 1927) many were Minors (approximately 35 in number). A similar, but larger, number were also registered in NSW during that period.

A few Minors do survive and some parts do exist variously. A rolling chassis (without complete engine) for one of these is currently having a rest in my garage.

Graeme Jarrett

Natter Night Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 11 April 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 8.04 pm and welcomed all members present.

2. Attendance

There were 45 members who attended the meeting.

3. Apologies

Paul and Lena Daley, Cliff and Betty Ward, Bruce Nelson, Jeff Alcock.

4. Visitors and New Members

The President welcomed Rodney Anderson and Jennifer Atherton to the meeting. There were no new members present at the meeting.

5. Member News

Alan Long said he had purchased a Volvo. Kevyn Brown informed members that he had sold his 1915 Ford Model T speedster to Bruce Csorba. Daryl Meek advised members that Adam Auditori was importing a 1906 Reo that he had purchased at an auction.

6. Treasurer's Report – Jim McCaffrey

Jim reported that (as at 31 March 2017) the cheque account balance was \$7,805, cash management account balance was \$28,356 and the term deposit balance was \$92,348.

7. Events – Ben Alcock

Ben reported on the past and upcoming events of the Club on behalf of Paul Daley.

7.1 Past Events

RACV One & Two Cylinder Rally (Hamilton) – 16 to 19 March 2017. Andrew McDougall provided a report.

Annual Kalorama Rally (Kalorama Reserve) – 26 March 2017. The President provided a report.

National High-wheeler Rally (Orange, NSW) – 2 to 7 April 2017. Greg Smith provided a report.

7.2 Future Events

Hot Cross Bun Run (Braeside Park) – 14 April 2017.

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

Back to Powelltown – 29 April 2017. Brendan Pierce provided an update report.

May Natter Night and Presentation Evening – 9 May 2017. The guest speaker will be Roger Gibbs.

National Motoring Heritage Day (Bellarine Estate, 2270 Portarlington Road, Bellarine) – 21 May 2017. Daryl Meek provided an update report.

Historic Winton (Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla) – 27 and 28 May 2017. Andrew McDougall provided an update report and said he had free entry tickets for this event if anyone was interested in attending.

RACV Midwinter Rally (Yea) – 14 to 16 July 2017. Robert Couper provided an update report.

RACV Annual Rally (Ballarat) – 10 to 12 November 2017.

National Veteran Rally (Clare, South Australia) – 24 to 30 September 2017.

8. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

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

9. Membership – David Provan

David welcomed the following new members to the Club.

Adrian and Jaymie Thorley who reside in Reservoir and own a 1914 De Dion Bouton.

Jane and Evan Quarmbay who reside in Albury, NSW. Jane and Evan own a 1911 AX Renault and a 1911 Hupmobile.

Mark and Gayle Border who reside in Lake Wendouree and own a 1913 Model T Ford.

10. General Business

History Project

David Wright said he was pleased to report that the copy for the history book had been completed. The next phase of the project is the selection of photographs for the book.

Defibrillator Training

The President advised members that the entire committee will undertake defibrillator training on Monday, 1 May 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm. This training is offered to any member and their partner (at no cost) should they be interested in participating in the St John Ambulance Australia (Vic) one hour program.

Acting Secretary

David Provan said that he will be away during May and June. During his leave period, Ben Alcock has volunteered to be the Club's acting secretary.

There were no other items of general business.

11. Next Meeting

8.00 pm on Tuesday, 9 May 2017.

12. Closure

The President closed the Natter Night meeting at 8.31 pm.

13. Presentations

Next Generation Initiatives

Ben Alcock, James Dunshea and Callum Walsh delivered an inspiring presentation about the initiatives planned to promote the benefits of joining the Club to people who are interested in veteran cars and how important it is to use social media to achieve this objective.

Video – 1914 Delage Type-S

Daryl Meek presented a video of a segment that was recently screened on the ABC 7.30 Report. The story was about recreating the engine block using digital technology for the only surviving 1914 Delage Type-S grand prix car in the world. This Delage was rebuilt in Castlemaine after the engine block cracked and a local iron foundry cast the new engine using a 3D-printed mould, before it was finished with traditional manual machining. It was interesting to learn that in 1914 just three Delage Type-S cars were made for a premier race in Lyon, France.

Events

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 HMRV 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

THE MILDURA 500

The Model T Ford Club of Victoria invites all Veteran Model T owners to join the 2017 Mildura 500 Run. This event, running over the weekend of 9th – 12th June, is designed for Veteran and Vintage cars and a challenge ideal for 'tops down' Model T driving. Over the four days participants will drive through prime Victorian countryside including towns of Ballarat, Avoca, St Arnaud, Donald Warracknabeal, Hopetoun, Patchewollock, Ouyen and of course Mildura. A wealth of activities and the challenge of driving approximately 250km per day, presents an outstanding adventure!

Entries close Saturday 13th May and being the long weekend, accommodation is limited so please register without delay! Once registered a list of accommodation options will be sent to you. Mildura has absolute stand out appeal and many of The Mildura 500 will stay on for a while before returning to Melbourne or Adelaide.

When: Friday 9th – Monday 12th June
Where: Ballarat to Mildura
Contact: paul.daley@neo.com.au

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.wvwmcinc.wordpress.com

AROUND THE HOUSES

Ralph Philpot a member of the Hand Tools Preservation Assoc. of Australia has invited members to visit his extensive collection of Oil cans. Ralph has amassed a large collection over a 50 year period, of some interesting and rare Oil Cans. Ralph has also printed a book on the history of Oil can thru the ages, which will be available on the day.

We will meet in the carpark of Stamford Hotel Cnr's of Wellington Rd & Stud Rd Rowville 3178 (Mel Map 82 H2) at 9.30am where directions will be given to Ralph's house. After viewing Ralph's collection we are returning back to the Stamford Hotel for lunch. In the afternoon

there is a planned visit to see Bill Sides collection of Minerva's at 25 Mackintosh Rd Wheelers Hill 3150 (Mel Map 71 F6)

When: Wednesday 21st June 2017
Where: Stamford Hotel Cnr's Wellington & Stud Rds Rowville
Contact: Graeme Edwards 0418 347 216

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

A Happy New Year to all fellow Brush owners. It is shaping up to be a busy 2017 as the US Brush Owners have decided to wind up their association and accepted our offer for their members to join our Brush Owners Register of Australia. This follows invitation

extended to any interested Brush owner to join the growing international membership register and continue to develop an appreciation for, and enjoyment of, all things Brush. Brush Historian Bob Lamond was successful in reaching out to the American Brush Club inviting them to join the Australian membership as well as sharing communications of events and mailing lists.

It's full steam ahead for the 2017 National Brush Rally in Dalby. We would still love to see more sign up, especially a few international members. Please don't put the tyranny of distance down as a reason for not taking part... Australians are a great group of hospitable people and there are now very reliable and reasonable priced shipping services to get your vehicle directly to Queensland - come and enjoy the sunshine!

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.ourwesterndowns.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

Award winning magician Frank Agius is booked as the headline entertainment act for the Saturday night dinner. His table to table magic work will be something special, and who knows what will disappear! 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.

Events

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 accommodation venue yourself

Reservations have been made at the following:

When making your booking please advise you are with the Veteran Car Club

Rally Headquarters:

Peppercorn Hotel	5797 2000 4 double Rooms reserved \$150.00 including cont Breakfast
Yea Motel	5797 2660 9 rooms – Including family rooms reserved Rooms from \$120.00
Tartan Motor Inn	5797 2202 13 rooms Rooms from \$120.00

Yea Riverside Caravan Park

5797 2972
8 Cabins ,Plus Caravan
sites and Camping
Cabins from \$120.00

Royal Mail Hotel

5797 2515
Rooms \$220.00
5 rooms

When: Friday 14th 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
bobbeames@westnet.com.au

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

It is important that you quickly register and book your accommodation as already the caravan park is booked. Plenty of rooms are still available at the Country Club and other motels, but there is a lot happening at Clare at this time. Join the 2017 National Veteran Vehicle Rally in the picturesque and historic Clare Valley, South Australia. 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,
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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

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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,
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