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Flashback



This month's FLASHBACK shows an electric supply company vehicle from Geelong. Can anyone identify the year and make?

Andrew Brand recognised the vehicle in Min Innes-Iron's photo (Sept BN page 27. It is a 1922 Pilot Sportster owned by the Wayne County Historical Society, Richmond, IN. Andrew has provided some links to photos of the car:

Before restoration:

<http://www.mtfca.com/discus/messages/179374/190712.html?1298686233>

After restoration:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/waynet/40911330545>

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Coming Events

6 October 2019	Australian National Show & Shine - Euroa 8:00am - 3:30pm, Contact: Ross Holt 0418 599 183
6 October 2019	Spanner in the Works - Alice Anderson Book launch (Meet the Author) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm AEDT Location: Watts River Brewing, 7 Hunter Road Healesville, VIC 3777. Contact: Ben Alcock
8 October 2019	Natter Night - Annual General Meeting - Clubrooms 8:00pm. Election of Office Bearers, Presentation of Honoured Life Membership Awards, Annual Report: Paul Daley
11-13 October 2019	Motorclassica - Royal Exhibition Buildings - Melbourne
2 November 2019	RACV Aussie Classic Car Show Yarra Glen Racecourse
22 - 24 November 2019	Geelong Revival Motoring Festival Waterfront, Geelong
1 December 2019	Combined Clubs Family Christmas Picnic - Como Gardens Contact: Doug Stevenson 9333 6419 events@vdc.org.au
15 December 2019	VSCC Two-Wheel Brake Rally Contact: Peter Donald 0409 224 700 or peterinsteam@yahoo.com.au

Major Events

8 -10 November 2019	RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally - November 2019 - Wangaratta David Nicholls and Jeff Alcock
12 -15 March 2020	RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Hamilton (Vic) Rally Director: Doug Palmer

National Events

11 – 17 October 2020	RACV 2020 National Veteran Vehicle Rally - Swan Hill, VIC Contact: Michael and Claudia Holding 0407 008 895
12 - 15 April 2021	National Brush Rally 2021 NSW Rally Director: Alan Miller - mrcherman@bigpond.com

International Events

3 November 2019	London to Brighton Veteran Car Run 2019
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Front Cover: Abercrombie House on the HCCA International Tour to Bathurst. Abercrombie House was built by the pioneering Stewart family in the 1870s and was purchased in 1969 in a derelict state by the Morgan family. They have restored the house and it remains as their residence. It is a glorious piece of the Bathurst area heritage. (Photo by Ian Berg)

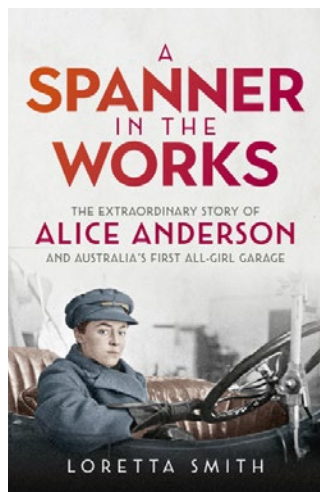
President's Message

By Paul Daley

'A Spanner in the Works'

The Club has been invited to attend the book launch of *'A Spanner in the Works'*, by author Loretta Smith, celebrating the life of Alice Anderson, Australia's first female mechanic and all female garage proprietor. At our Ladies Night back in November 2017, *Deb Alcock* gave an enthralling presentation on the short life of Alice Anderson, and the special place she holds in the ranks of women motorists and women who challenged the norm of the day. She became a successful business woman, garage proprietor, industrial product designer and mechanic. Her original garage in Cotham Road, Kew which Alice opened in 1919 is now gone, but the National Motoring Museum, Birdwood S.A, has rebuilt a faithful version of the garage in its exhibition hall. A famous photo of Alice is when she was on a chauffeur trip and she's holding the hand of another girl. Alice's sister wrote on the back of the photo: 'Alice pretending to be the boyfriend of someone she took on a trip!' Loretta Smith's book was featured some months ago in *'The Australian'*:

'The press affectionately call Alice and her employees 'garage girls'. Fitted out in masculine chauffeur uniforms or overalls, they are often mistaken for boys or men, and rumours of transgressions of all sorts are rife. But they wear the most practical clothing for the job and, thanks to Alice's excellent training and firm guidance, are widely recognised for their professionalism. Alice wears mannish clothes because it is her sartorial preference. However, according to her younger sister Claire, who works at the garage on weekends, she impresses upon her employees that it is not necessary for them to ape men or to lose their femininity.'



Alice Anderson



Alice Anderson (with cap) and friend

On September 17, 1926, Alice was fatally shot in the head at the rear of her garage. The coroner concluded she had accidentally shot herself while cleaning a revolver. She was just 29 years old.

The book launch will kick off on **Sunday October 6** at 2:00pm at the **Watts River Brewing, 7 Hunter Road, Healesville.**



The garage at Cotham Road, Kew Vic

Come and enjoy the beautifully crafted beers while listening to Loretta speak – copies of the book will be available for purchase on the day. A number of us will be driving veterans to add impact to the day and we will be leaving in plenty of time to return to Melbourne before dark.

Alan Flude – Model T Ford Maven



Alan Flude – 'Colonial Radiator' of a 1913 Model T

When it comes to Model T Fords, *Alan Flude* is a walking encyclopaedia who seems to know every aspect of every year of manufacture. I have known Alan since my early days in the hobby and when we caught up at the Ford Flathead Festival he spent time complimenting me on the 1914 Model T Tourer that I was showing. I was fascinated by Alan's knowledge – he pointed to the windscreen – a '13 folds forward while a '14 folds back, look at the 'swage' on the rear tub quarter panel, the '13 body is one inch wider than a '14, '15, or '16 body. My car had a Colonial radiator which held more water for hot climates, my Canadian body had four doors whereas the US body had three doors. And so Alan went over the car point by point.

Alan has been a VCCA (Vic) member now for over 30 years – since 1987 – and having just retired plans to start on an early '13 Model T project that 'he has all the bits for'. One thing I am sure of is that this Model T Ford maven will make sure every single item is true to the year! I came across two evocative photos from 1916 which are featured on page 27, and Alan has supplied the Model T details for us.

Bio of Sarah Maddock (1860 – 1955)...

Quite a number of members expressed interest in the 'Two Spirited Women' article that featured in last month's Brass Notes. Here's an extract of the bio compiled by Diane Langmore:

Sarah Maddock, cyclist, was born on 29 October 1860 at Wolumla, near Eden, New South Wales, daughter of James Porter, stockman, and his wife Mary, née Sullivan. Raised on a dairy farm and educated locally, she became a competent horsewoman. A childhood accident left her blind in one eye. On 22 February 1886 at St James' Church, Sydney, she married Ernest Alfred Maddock (d.1935), a solicitor's clerk, and by 1890 had three children.

Encouraged by her husband, who had begun cycling in England before migrating, Sarah Maddock began riding a bicycle in 1893, and after several months accompanied him on a 300-mile (483 km) ride from Sydney to Bega, averaging 60 miles (97 km) a day.

Her trip was reported as the first long-distance ride by an Australian woman. Next year this achievement was eclipsed by a 574-mile (924 km) ride from Sydney to Melbourne, accomplished in nine days, their progress monitored by local bicycle clubs. Mrs Maddock rode a 30 lb (14 kg) Conqueror safety machine with dropped frame, gearbox and pneumatic tyres. The first woman to attempt such a feat, she was escorted into the city with her husband by members of the Melbourne Bicycle Club.

Despite poor roads, bushfires, tropical downpours and creeks which had to be forded, the Maddocks completed a 1600-mile (2575 km) round trip to Brisbane in 1895; she rode an imported New Rapid machine.

The return, through New England, took 9½ days, averaging 80 miles (129 km) a day. The Sydney Bicycle Club, of which she had been made an honorary member, presented her with a gold medal.



Sarah Maddock with husband Alfred Maddock

At a time when woman cyclists provoked heated controversy, Sarah Maddock disarmed critics by her grace, style and 'sweet womanliness'. Described by one commentator as 'a graceful light-weight with a poetically pale visage', she was tall, slim and fine featured, with a quiet, reserved and self-effacing manner.

Unlike some other female enthusiasts, she rejected 'rational dress', asserting that the most suitable costume for cycling was a skirt, worn with 'black satin under knickerbockers', which allowed it to 'fall gracefully into place after each stroke of the knee'. While recognizing the 'extreme folly and danger of riding tightly dressed about the waist', she advised that 'stays should by no means be discarded'.

Inspired by Sarah Maddock's example and reassured by journals and magazines as to the popularity of cycling among their counterparts in Europe and America, many women in Victoria and New South Wales took to their bicycles. A women's club was formed in Melbourne shortly after her visit and in February 1895.

Sarah Maddock's life did not follow her convictions. From 1914 she lived apart from her husband, devoting herself to her family and furthering her skills as a golfer, embroiderer and woodcarver. Active still, she died on 9 September 1955 at a daughter's home at Double Bay, Sydney, and was cremated with Anglican rites; her son and two daughters survived her.

MECUM Online...

Most mornings when I check my inbox there is a variety of motoring interest online material.

MECUM Auctions in the US has an impressive marketing team and their promotion for upcoming auctions is slick and hits the target.

'Mecum Monthly' is produced both in print and online – the online being free if you register on the Mecum Infonet. If you enjoy the 'big picture' of motoring interests, and have a global perspective of our hobby this magazine has a wonderful diversity and I find that there is always something of interest.

Even if its simply stoking some envy – the sort of 'I'd love to have one of those' – the stuff that dreams are made of! But, a dose of reality never hurts and it's always good to keep in perspective how big the global collector car movement is and also the diversity of interests and budgets.



\$20 million Porsche Flops at Auction Snafu...



Failed to sell – Porsche Type 64

So read the heading of an article in *CNBC, News* which attracted both my attention and sense of humour. Snafu is a widely used sarcastic military expression meaning 'Situation Normal: All Fouled Up' (Yes, I've substituted the obvious). Anyhow, RM Sotheby's put up for auction at Monterey in August a 1939 Porsche 'Type 64', that was designed and driven by Porsche designed and driven by Porsche AG automobiles founder Ferdinand Porsche. It was expected to sell for over \$20 million but the auction was thrown into disarray by a technical error.

CNBC reported: RM Sotheby's auctioneer started the bidding at \$13 million. But the giant screen display in the auction room showed the first bid as \$30 million. The next bid was \$14 million, but the screen showed \$40 million – an error 'I'm saying 17, not 70,' said the auctioneer, Maarten ten Holder. 'That's 17 million.'

The crowd in the auction room – often a boisterous one after a day of parties and events in the area – immediately started booing and shouting at the error.

There were no more bids after \$17 million was below the reserve price – or minimum required by the seller – RM Sotheby's pulled the lot.

'The car didn't meet reserve,' RM Sotheby's said in a brief statement. 'We will make every effort to sell the car post-sale.'

Some attendees in the audience said that because ten Holder is Dutch, his '17 million' sounded like '70 million,' so both the screen operator and audience was confused.

Whatever the reason, the sale debacle was an embarrassing and costly mistake for RM Sotheby's, which expected to auction off nearly \$200 million worth of cars over the weekend.



Back in 1939 - Ferdinand Porsche Type 64

At the Beginning Porsche Saw the Future...



Exhibition Hall – Paris World Fair 1900

It was at the Paris World Fair in 1900 that motor industry pioneer Ferdinand Porsche revealed his motor vehicle that was driven by a pair of electric motors incorporated into the front wheels. Capable of a credible 35kph for up to 50km on a full charge of its acid batteries, the Lohner-Porsche vehicle made a sensation sans the usual gears, belts and drive chains of the era.

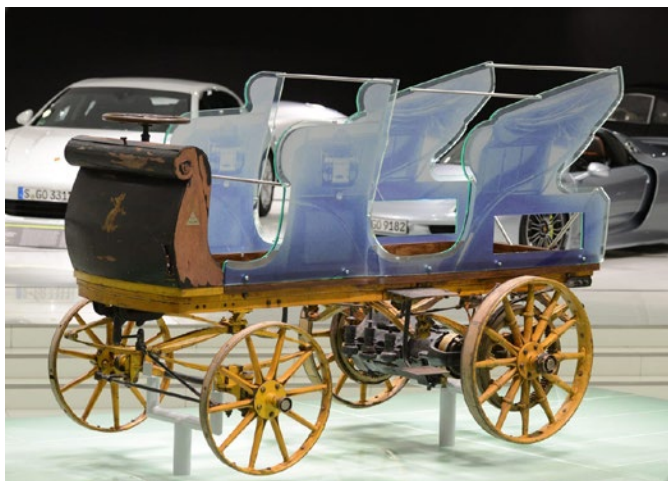
However, it was not long before Porsche followed the other car makers of Britain, Europe and North America and embraced the internal combustion engine that gave both range and capacity flexibility.

It was back in 1898 that Ferdinand Porsche first designed an electric vehicle – known officially as the 1898 Egger-Lohner electric vehicle, C2 Phaeton, known as P1 signifying Porsche's first design. At the time he was working for car builder Jacob Lohner, and although Porsche had no formal engineering training the aspiring Porsche was challenged to design an electric drivetrain. Porsche was just 22 years old, when his 'P1' engraved vehicle (standing for Porsche number one) was test driven on the streets of Vienna, Austria, June 26, 1898. Its brakes had both an electrical and mechanical system and the suspension for the body and electric motor was designed to counteract the very primitive roads of the era.

The vehicle remained stored in an old warehouse in Austria since 1902 – surviving two world wars. With the car was a hand written note from Ferdinand Porsche explaining the significance of the car and requesting its preservation.



The Lohner-Porsche at Paris World Fair



The P1 – polycarbonate body panels illustrate what the P1 looked like.

After WWII, a private collector acquired the vehicle, then in 2013 Wolfgang Porsche, the grandson of Ferdinand Porsche was given the opportunity to acquire the car. It was remarkably well preserved, although the lead-acid batteries and bodywork were missing. Now that’s what you call a real ‘barn find’!

The car weighed only 130kg, and for short periods the 5HP motor could achieve a top speed of 35kph. In September 1899, the vehicle competed in a race from Berlin to Zehlendorf and return where the cars had to travel for 38km with three passengers on board. Ferdinand Porsche drove the P1 across the finish line 18 minutes ahead of the second placed vehicle. Interestingly only four of the field of 19 finished the race, the others ‘failed to proceed’ because of technical problems.

Today the P1 is on display as a welcoming exhibit at the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart.

In 2020, the first purely electric modern day Porsche – the Taycan – will be released, and it’s a high-voltage trailblazer. The powerful rear motor has a compact two-speed automatic transmission. First gear enhances acceleration and at 100km/h switches to second gear. The Taycan can travel from standstill to 100km/h in only 2.8 seconds.



Just released 2020 Porsche Taycan

Porsche Museum Targets Youth...

The Porsche Museum is celebrating its tenth birthday this year and among the millions of visitors, its a popular ‘must visit’ for women’s tennis players. The building is considered spectacular and the interior promises an emotional journey through time in the world of motorsports and the sports car with 600 vehicles of which 80 are on permanent display. The museum targets is particular demographics with its ‘youthful museum’, and lady visitors from the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix.



Croatian tennis player Donna Vekic at Porsche Museum

Member News

Stephen ‘Steve’ Hobbins is a popular member, best known as a ‘jack of all trades’ and a master of many. Steve’s day job is with the City of Maroonah, and his role is managing their Auditorium and Theatre infrastructure, sound system, and technical equipment ensuring that the shows go on. Steve is well known on our rallies as the trusty ‘mechanic’ and navigator for the David Provan entries, but his real claim to fame are the sausage rolls that Steve prepares for our Natter Nights. They’re so popular that they are devoured in just a few minutes! Steve is taking a special interest in assisting Ben Alcock with our set up for Natter Night at the Club rooms, and with Steve’s good sense of humour all should run smoothly



Steve Hobbins

Scott Staples, is well known in the Club for his polyamorous relationship with three veteran Model T Fords, and as reported in our Penny Farthing story last month, he's also enamoured with high wheel bicycles as well. I called by Scotty's business a few weeks back and had a first hand demonstration of his obvious prowess and style in mounting and operating these contraptions, and was amused to see his impressive collection of Penny Farthings.



Scotty rides in style

Evidently there is a group of enthusiasts who meet annually and occasionally and Dan Bolwell, better known as 'Penny Farthing Dan', is the catalyst for the group co-ordinating the annual Penny Farthing Tour each September. Dan is known world over for his bespoke manufacture of high wheel bicycles, and if you are interested in joining this group Dan's contact number is 0417 565 091.



Scott Staples – prowess and style



Dan Bolwell aka Penny Farthing Dan

Well Done Callum and Crew...

The September Natter Night saw a terrific turnout of some of our younger members, supporting *Callum Walsh* and *Stuart McCorkelle*, who challenged us with the way forward for the 'Next Generation' in the motoring movement. It was a real thrill to have a team of visitors join us from the Vintage Drivers Club – we always warmly welcome all to our meetings, and enjoy their companionship over supper. Our October meeting as always is the *Annual General Meeting* and refreshments will be provided from 7.00pm, and as usual a sumptuous supper will be served at the conclusion. This meeting is always well attended and a feature of the year's activities.

Yours in Veteran motoring,
PAUL DALEY

President

NATTER NIGHT

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8


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Annual General Meeting

The 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held at the VCCA (Vic) Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday October 8th, commencing at 8.00pm

7.30pm - Drinks & Nibbles

8.00pm - Annual General Meeting / Natter Night



Club President, Paul Daley will deliver the Annual Report of the Club's activities.

- SUPPER WILL BE SERVED -

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VCCA (Vic.) Annual Report 2018 – 2019

By Paul Daley

The past year has again been one of diverse Club activities. The three RACV signature rallies enjoyed excellent attendance, Natter Nights were vibrant and varied, and members also enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of mixing with kindred clubs in the movement. The growth in membership can be partly attributed to the release of the Club history book, *'Dementia Prodest'*, as well as what could be described as 'green shoots' with membership from younger members increasing. Progressive initiatives were undertaken to encourage a younger demographic to attend rallies, we addressed our role in sustainability and environment and also our relationship with the Traditional Owners of our country, and focused on how to attract younger motoring enthusiasts.

At the May *'Natter Night'*, Paul Daley articulated the characteristics of our Club, many of which set us apart from other veteran car clubs. A summary of these characteristics include:

- VCCA (Victoria) is a growing Club.
- The three signature RACV rallies are recognised by TAVCCA and other clubs as 'outstanding'.
- Published a safety policy/booklet, which is used by TAVCCA clubs.
- The Club celebrates diversity, and the partners of all members are embraced.
- *Brass Notes*, brochures, booklets and the Club's book *Dementia Prodest* are first class productions.
- The Club values, respects and supports its senior members, and those who have retired from veteran motoring.
- All children under 16 can attend events and rallies at no cost.
- The Club respects the indigenous people of the regions we rally and we will arrange a *Welcome to Country* wherever practicable. A Traditional Owners' representative has been appointed (John Stanley).
- The Club cares for the environment; has an environmental and sustainability policy; and has appointed a coordinator (Frances McDougall).
- The Club interacts with other clubs in addition to the clubs of TAVCCA.
- The display of member vehicles to the general public is an essential part of rallies.

These features are addressed in higher fidelity in this report.

Our monthly *'Natter Nights'* have continued to grow in attendance and members have enjoyed a diverse range of speakers. At the AGM in October, Club President, *Paul Daley*, delivered an overview of the past year



The two pictures above are from the highly successful 2019 RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally.

and his vision for the coming twelve months. *Kim Coillet* gave a highly amusing presentation on 'Button hooks' in November, *Sue Watts* delivered a thoughtful Christmas message at the December evening, *Daryl Meek* and *Fiona Lane* presented another 'Show & Tell' session at our February meeting. In March we were privileged to have Russ Kerr and Lisa Vagg from 'Hands on Learning' challenge us with their approach to educating disadvantaged young people and share the successes of HOL. Wing Cdr Robin Page (RTD) was our guest in April where our ANZAC themed evening focused on the role of the RAF in the Cold War. *Paul Daley* delivered the RSL Ode as members stood in reflection. The Presentation Evening in May was attended by over 84 members, and Geoff Cosgriff, RACV Deputy Chairman presented the Club's Awards and guest speaker was *Ian Berg*, who delivered an outstanding presentation on the history of the Rolls-Royce Silver Ghosts that have been involved with the VCCA (Vic). *David Provan* conducted a moving tribute to the following members who had passed on during the year: *Frank Dallimore, Ian Smith, Ralph Quaine, Graeme Edwards, Lorna McManamny, and Alan Burn.*

Our June meeting featured a movie '*Tucker: The Man and His Dream*', and in July we hosted our fourth Henry Ford Oration, presented again by *Brian Churchill*, who presented a challenging overview of Henry Ford and his peers. There was an excellent attendance with a strong contingent of guests from other motoring clubs. *Barry Gomm*, a past President of our Club gave a humorous talk, 'We Shook, Rattled and Rolled in the 1950's' at the August meeting. The September meeting featured *Callum Walsh*, who is one of our younger Committee members and his subject 'The Next Generation' was well received.

The RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally was held at Cape Schanck 10-11 November 2018. Rally director *Deb Alcock* with *Ben Alcock* put together a memorable event with the nostalgic theme 'Remember When...', - a trip down memory lane of a bygone Veteran motoring era. There were 50 entries and over 100 participants with Rally Headquarters the spectacular RACV Cape Schanck Resort. Entrants enjoyed touring a diverse area of rich countryside, countless vineyards, rugged coastline, pastures and forests. On Remembrance Day at 11:00am, *Paul Daley* delivered an overview of the meaning of the 'One Minute Silence', and delivered the RSL Ode.

The RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally, March 14-17, was based in the picturesque town of Bright, and Rally Director *John Stanley* put together an event that was outstanding. Assisted by *Michael & Claudia Holding*, the event had four days of varied activity - a highlight being the Aboriginal Welcome Ceremony by the local Dhu Dhu Roa tribe. A standout feature was the public display on the Saturday morning that saw hundreds of locals and visiting tourists watch RACV Director Alex Downie flag off the entrants for their day's run

at 10:00am. *Paul Daley* hosted the Saturday evening dinner and acknowledged previous Ron Hobbs trophy winners: *Colin Daniels* (2007), *Brian Scudds* (2013) and *Kevin Quigley* (2015). This year's Ron Hobbs winners were *Martin and Tina Smallman*, 1911 Stanley Steamer.

The RACV Midwinter Rally was held at the RACV Inverloch Resort, 20-21 July. Rally director *Ben Alcock* put together two terrific days of veteran motoring in a part of Victoria that was unfamiliar to many. There were 30 entrants and the touring afforded some stunning scenery with very little traffic. The Saturday evening dinner MC'd by *Paul Daley* featured the normal 'Cold Start' wagering, a greeting from RACV Director Alex Downie, and concluded with a fascinating historical presentation prepared by *Fiona Lane* and able delivered by *Daryl Meek*. The Cold Start competition on the Sunday morning saw 10 entrants, with the winner being *James Dunshea* 6.5 seconds.

The RACV has been the Club's major sponsor now for over 57 years and this relationship has been an integral part of the Club's success. At the RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally, RACV Director Alex Downie announced that the sponsorship for next year will be increased to enable RACV participation in additional rallies. *Paul Daley* advised members that in 2019-2020 there will be five signature RACV events: RACV Midwinter Rally, RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally, RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally, RACV Four and More Rally, and RACV Pre-05 Pioneers Run. RACV sponsorship of events must align with the RACV principles of Safety, Connectivity and Community and our events should feature a component of accessibility for the public to enjoy.

The Club calendar seems to be always full of varied events, apart from Rallies. For many years *Frank Pound* has organised Saturday morning 'Breakfast Runs' at various points throughout Melbourne over the warmer months. In mid year we have an 'Around the Garages' and on June 19 we visited 'The Healey Factory' in Mitcham, and then went to the residence of *Penny and Brendan Pierce* for a BBQ lunch and a tour of his collection of memorabilia and veteran and vintage cars. We enjoy the friendship of other clubs, and on July 14 participated in the 'Naked Radiator Run' with the VDC and some of our younger members, *Ben Alcock, James Dunshea, Nick Horn, Stuart McCorkell* were involved. A highlight of our Vice President / Events Director *Ben Alcock* year was our Club's attendance to the 2019 *Kalorama Rally*, 24 March, where our display of 15 veteran cars supported the feature car of the show *Stuart Murdoch's* 1914 Grand Prix Delage. Our Club took out the coveted Best Club Display of the day award.

This year's *Four and More Rally* was held in Corowa NSW, 25-28 April, with Rally Directors *David 'T' Lang* and *Don McPherson*, organising four days of 'pay as you go' veteran motoring. Local volunteer organisations provided lunches and morning teas,



The photographs above were taken at Forbes on the 2018 National Rally.

and this quaint river town welcomed our visit. With 23 entrants there was a packed programme that included Morgan's Lookout, Jinders Pioneer Museum, Collendina Station and the Corowa Federation Museum, and the Rally Dinner at the RSL.

Our Club magazine 'Brass Notes' is now published ten editions per annum, and the editorial responsibility is undertaken by *Ian Berg* and *Paul Daley*. *Gordon and Roger Berg* prepare the magazine's layout. We are fortunate to have members who provide photographs of our events and we acknowledge the contribution of *Callum Walsh*, *Frances McDougall*, *James and Sherryn Dunshea* and *Gordon Berg*. This popular publication is respected by our peers in the movement and is included with annual membership. This year over 40% of our members receive it in electronic format. *Ian Berg* also sends out regular electronic communications to all members with email and other motoring publications are attached, an initiative which receives many appreciative comments. The Club's high quality rally books are produced by our printing sponsor NEO and we thank them for their support. The route maps of our rallies are produced by *Brendan Walsh* and we acknowledge his practical support.

The second Pre-1905 Pioneers Run at Ballarat was held on the Motoring Heritage weekend 18-19. The organising team was *Greg and Denise Smith*, *Ben Alcock*, *James Dunshea*, *Mick Miller* and they were well supported by other Club members. The event is now recognised as a TAVCCA national event and is growing in popularity with interstate entrants. The Ballarat locale suits this era of motoring perfectly and there was a diverse collection of vehicles participating – Penny-Farthing bicycles, motorcycles, and other assorted vehicles. First time out was: *Daryl Meek* 1904 Oldsmobile, *Tony Duviosin* 1903 Waltham Orient, *Mick Turner* 1904 Clement Motorcycle, and *Russell Holden* 1902 Elmore. The event will be run again next year on the same weekend.

Our responsibility to be custodians of our environment and to operate the Club in a sustainable manner was addressed by the Committee. Plastic rally bags, bag 'stuffers', waste oil disposal and needless items are on our radar, and *Frances McDougall* has been appointed

to the role of *Sustainability and Environment*. This is a non-committee role that demonstrates our commitment to environmental matters. Frances has taken many positive initiatives in this role e.g. recycling/reusing plastic rally name sleeves.

A highlight of the RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally at Bright was the Aboriginal 'Smoking Ceremony!' The Committee has decided to continue this practice at RACV signature rallies and agreed unanimously 'that at future signature rallies, the event director shall consider organising a 'Welcome to Country' and for an acknowledgement of the traditional owners'. To facilitate this action *John Stanley* has agreed to take on the role of our *Traditional Owners Liaison* person.

We have been able to contribute to the wider community this year. At the RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally we raffled a superbly crocheted blanket, the handiwork of member *Barbara Staples*. We raised \$350, which *Paul Daley* presented to the Crib Point RSL – a small community club of 130 members. At the Good Friday Hot Cross Bun we raised by gold coin donation \$812.45 which was donated to the 2019 Good Friday Appeal, The Royal Children's Hospital. *Brian Hussey*, *Ben Alcock* and *Peter Hammet* have agreed to form a small working party to explore ideas as to where the Club can raise funds for charity and support those who are disadvantaged.

The Club acknowledges and is grateful for the ongoing work of our Honorary Auditor, *Gerry Howell*, and the wise counsel and advice we receive from our Honorary Legal Advisor *Michael Tippett*. Working behind the scenes also is our Registrar *Geoff Payne*, who handles membership and CPS, and *Michael and Claudia Holding*, who assist each month with the preparation of accounts and rally advice.

Our Library and Archives continue to grow under the stewardship of *Daryl Meek*. On the last Tuesday of each month a group meet for lunch at the Club rooms and assist Daryl with cataloguing. The facility also benefits from the generosity of our members who have the opportunity to voluntarily give to the Library a donation with their Annual Club Subscription. This initiative raises up to \$800 per annum. The Club is also now uploading selected material on the Victorian



The RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder event in 2019 was held at Bright and included a variety of entertainment for the many entrants.

Collections website, and is the first car club to do so. The Library welcomes donations of books, ephemera, photos and other material from the estate of past members. This philanthropy enables our archives to grow and ensures that memories remain.

The motoring movement is served by two 'peak bodies' – the AOMC and Federation, and our representatives are *Andrew McDougall, Daryl Meek* and *Brian Hussey*. We have been represented by these delegates at both local and country meetings, and have been given regular reports. There is little interaction between the two 'peak bodies' and in January, *Brass Notes, Paul Daley* stated 'It is time to place on the agenda for 2019 he need for a single effective voice that can lobby and effect change for the historic motoring movement'! This remains an outstanding issue for the movement.

Our members enjoy the reciprocal benefits of our kindred clubs throughout Australia. Some of the events we have participated in and reported on were: Early Willys Overland Roundup, Orange NSW, 14-19 October; The Cracked Plug Run February 28 – March 7 Tasmania; National Veteran Motorcycle Rally, 10-15 March; Brush National Rally 22-26 April.

The reviews of 'Dementia Prodest' have resulted in *Ian Berg* and *Paul Daley* being invited to visit other motoring clubs, where Ian has delivered his 'slideshow' and polished presentation on the making of 'Dementia Prodest'. They visited Vintage Sports Car Club, the MG Car Club, the Rolls-Royce Owners Club, and the Vintage Drivers Club. Paul drove his 1913 Willys Overland 69T to display at two of the meetings.

Brian Hussey and *Bob Ballinger* lead a team of talented and dedicated Scrutineers that are willingly 'on call' to assist members with maintaining their standards of their vehicles. The team has recently welcomed well known Gippsland member *Peter Johnson* to the team. This service is particularly appreciated by country members whose vehicles can be inspected at a mutually convenient time.

To encourage the next stage of our membership growth, the Club has embraced a 'Children Free!' policy for all its events. What this means is that children will not be charged for listed activities and meals on our Rally entry forms or at any of our Club day events. We have advised the AOMC and the Federation of this initiative. The Club understands that some of our older members are unable to drive long distances, and may be too frail to continue veteran motoring. To encourage these members to attend the 2020 national event in Swan Hill, the Club will offer to pay the cost of train travel to that event for our Club's senior citizens.

Since 2010 the Club has awarded 50 year membership badges recognising that important milestone in one's life with the Club. 50 Year Membership Awards were presented at the May Presentation evening to the following members joined the Club in 1969; *David and Marge Barnard, Stan and Maggie Bone*, Honorary Life Members *Gordon and Shirley Griffiths, Richard and June Heron*, and *Sandra Splatt*. There are a number of members who are approaching 60 years membership and the Committee has taken the initiative to strike a commemorative 60 Year 'Diamond' Badge for presentation to these longstanding members.

The social aspect of our Club is for many a primary feature, with the supper at Natter Nights organised by *Kath and David Wright* with *Maggie Bone, Rayna Guthrie, Paula McNicoll*, and *Joan Scudds*, and a roster of other ladies who prepare sandwiches. Six of our evenings feature pre-meeting drinks and *John Prior* handles the bar service. Our February meeting is popular with a BBQ dinner and this hospitality which the Club extends to members is warmly appreciated. Our calendar features two *Ladies Nights* in March and November, as well as an *Interclub Petanque Competition* hosted by *Andrew and Frances McDougall* in November.

In October 11-17 2020 the Club will be hosting the RACV 2020 National Veteran Vehicle Rally in Swan Hill. Rally Directors *Michael and Claudia Holding* have been busy planning and organising, and accommodation bookings are already open for the event. For our Club this will be the highlight event for a packed calendar in 2020.

The Club's Secretary, *David Provan* will retire in October, having served the maximum term of five years as per our Constitution. I thank David for his outstanding contribution and the professional manner and creative yet measured advice provided during his tenure.

As your President, I acknowledge the wonderful support I have received from the Executive team: *David Provan* – Secretary, *Ben Alcock* – Vice President/ Club Captain, and *Peter Hammet* – Treasurer. The Committee has been a delight to work with and this report demonstrates what such teamwork and multiple talents can achieve.

Paul R Daley, JP, FAICD

President

Auditor's Report

By Peter Hammet

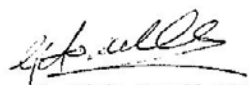
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AUDITORS REPORT TO MEMBERS OF
THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA) INC.
NO. A0097964Y

In my opinion the accompanying accounts being Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th June 2019 and Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2019 have been drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the transactions of the Club for the period and the assets and liabilities as at the close of the period.


G, Edwin Howell, CPA
24th August, 2019

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (Vic) INC.	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-18
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2019	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	137,263	138,149
Inventories	853	800
Other assets	1,142	4,015
Total Current Assets	139,258	142,964
Non Current Assets		
Property Plant & Equipment	41,288	43,778
Total Non Current Assets	41,288	43,778
TOTAL ASSETS	180,546	186,742
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	813	0
Income In Advance	12,210	7,775
Membership Subs In Advance	5,440	12,360
History Book - Postage Prepayments	0	1,242
Total Provisions	0	14,366
Total Current Liabilities	18,463	35,743
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,463	35,743
NET ASSETS	162,083	150,999
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	150,999	139,028
Net Income	11,084	11,971
TOTAL EQUITY	162,083	150,999

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Retained Earnings
	\$
Opening Balance at 1 July 2017	139,028
Profit/ Surplus attributable to the entity	11,971
Other comprehensive income for the year	0
Closing Balance at 30 June 2018	150,999
Profit/ Surplus attributable to the entity	11,084
Other comprehensive income for the year	0
CLOSING BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2019	162,083

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (Vic) INC.

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT 01 JULY 2018 TO 30 JUNE 2019

COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	July18- June 19	July17- June 18
	\$	\$
Income		
Club Event Entry Fees	52,910	49,432
Sponsorship Received	1,200	0
Donations Received	2,833	25,595
Interest Received	2,943	3,501
Natter Night Proceeds	793	856
Newsletter Advertising Received	830	940
RACV Sponsorship - Applied to Events	12,000	12,000
Sale of Club Stock	335	818
Sale of Club History Books	16,038	0
Membership Subs & Joining Fees	22,922	20,953
Total Income	112,804	114,098
Expenses		
Annual Return Expense	58	57
Bank Fees	48	39
Club Event Expenses	64,125	60,806
Club House Expenses	0	300
Cost Of Goods Sold	396	2,571
Depreciation	2,640	2,122
Donations	1,162	0
History Book Project Expenses	1,919	17,907
Insurance	2,321	2,451
Low Cost Asset Write Off	885	161
Maintenance & Repairs	588	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	375	0
Natter Night Expenses	1,486	1,076
Newsletter Printing & Distribution	20,109	10,462
On- Line Communication	1,069	1,138
Postage & Telephone	708	274
Printing & Stationary	1,145	1,001
Rent of Club Rooms	337	330
Subscriptions - Other Organisations	480	533
Swap Meet Expenses	165	0
Trophies & Awards	1,041	624
Website Expenses	663	272
Total Expenses	101,720	102,124
Net Income / Surplus	11,084	11,971

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (Vic) INC.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS RUN DURING THE 2019 YEAR

EVENT		INCOME	EXPENSE	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)
		\$	\$	\$
RACV ANNUAL RALLY	2018	19,025	-17,923	1,102
RACV MIDWINTER RALLY	2018	10,905	-10,563	342
PRE 1905 PIONEER RALLY	2018	4,720	-4,677	43
RACV 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY		24,462	-24,645	-183
4+ MORE RALLY		720	-232	488
PRE 1905 PIONEER RALLY		5,040	-5,441	-401
		64,872	-63,481	1,391

Annual General Meeting

By David Provan, Secretary

A reminder that the 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held at the VCCA (Victoria) Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday, 8 October commencing at 8.00pm.

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS

The executive positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (for a twelve-month term of appointment) as well as three general committee positions (for a three-year term of appointment) need to be filled this year. Members are advised that the following nominations for executive and general committee positions have been received.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Paul Daley	David Provan	Ben Alcock
Vice-President	Ben Alcock	Greg Smith	Callum Walsh
Secretary	Darren Savory	David Provan	Brian Hussey
Treasurer	Claudia Holding	Paul Daley	Stephen Hobbins
General Committee	Andrew McDougall	Daryl Meek	Deborah Alcock
General Committee	Greg Smith	Deborah Alcock	Callum Walsh
General Committee	Peter Hammet	Geoffrey Payne	Andrew McDougall

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

In accordance with the Club's Constitution (Rule 34), each member is entitled to appoint another member as his/her proxy if he/she cannot attend the meeting, by notice given to the Secretary in writing (by hand, post or email no later than 24 hours before the meeting) or the form may be given to the Chairperson before or at the commencement of the meeting. Please contact me and I will post or email the proxy form to you.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VCCA (VICTORIA) 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the VCCA (Victoria) Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday, 9 October 2018.

Opening and Welcome

The President, Paul Daley, declared the Annual General Meeting open at 8.00 pm and welcomed all members present.

Members Present

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Apologies

John Fryirs, John Washbourne, Robyn Blackwell, Cliff and Betty Ward, Paul Goethel.

Proxies

The Secretary, David Provan, stated that there had been no proxy forms received.

Quorum

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 36.2 of the Club's Constitution, the meeting must have physically present (or by proxy) 5% of the members entitled to vote. The Secretary, David Provan, declared that a quorum for the meeting was present.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

Resolution: That the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, as published in the October 2018 edition of *Brass Notes*, be accepted. Moved by David Provan and seconded by Andrew McDougall – carried unanimously.

President's Report

The President referred to his report that was published in the October edition of *Brass Notes*. Paul thanked Deb Alcock for undertaking the role Treasurer during the 2017-2018 year. Paul also thanked James Dunshea and Scott Staples for their contribution to the Club during their three-year term of appointment. James and Scott were both retiring from the committee this year.

Resolution: That the President's Report, as published in the October 2018 edition of *Brass Notes*, be accepted. Moved by Paul Daley and seconded by Brian Hussey – carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer informed members that a condensed version of the auditor's report had been published in the October 2018 edition of *Brass Notes*. Any member wishing to view a full version of the report should contact the Secretary, David Provan.

Resolution: That the Treasurer's Report, as published in the October 2018 edition of *Brass Notes*, be accepted. Moved by Deb Alcock and seconded by Peter Hammet – carried unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor

The President thanked Gerry Howell for undertaking the role of honorary auditor during the 2017-2018 year.

Resolution: That the appointment of Gerry Howell CPA as the Club's auditor (on an honorary basis) be accepted. Moved by Paul Daley and seconded by Scott Staples – carried unanimously.

Election of Office Bearers for the 2018-2019 Year

Ian Berg, the Immediate Past President, chaired the election of officer bearers.

Nominations Received

For the position of President – Paul Daley
For the position of Vice-President – Ben Alcock
For the position of Secretary – David Provan
For the position of Treasurer – Peter Hammet
For the position of General Committee Member – Deb Alcock

Executive Positions

There being only one candidate nominated for each executive position, Paul Daley was declared President, Ben Alcock was declared Vice-President, David Provan was declared Secretary and Peter Hammet was declared Treasurer, all for a twelve-month term.

General Committee Members

There being only one candidate for the vacancies on the committee, Deb Alcock was declared elected as a General Committee Member for a three-year term.

Closure

Paul Daley closed the 2018 Annual General Meeting at 8.18pm.

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like further information or have any questions about the 2019 Annual General Meeting, please feel free to contact me via email at secretary@veterancarclub.org.au or mobile 0409 136 301.

The 7th HCCA International Tour

by Ian Berg (Photos by Ian Berg and James Dunshea)

August 30 to September 6, 2019.

The Australian Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA) tour has been a long time in the planning and Russell, Chris and Andrea Holden pulled it off superbly at Mount Panorama in Bathurst, New South Wales. The HCCA has never held a tour in Australia before, and with Russell being on the board of the club he was keen to see a major event here. There were 50 pre-1916 vehicles entered and 120 people which included 19 from the USA and four from Canada. Don Pumb, Vice President of the HCCA, Keene Brewer Treasurer and Tracy Lester, Editor of the HCCA Gazette also attended. Gil, Tom and Kristan Glecan brought their 1914 Model T Ford out from San Diego for the tour and planned to drive it on to the National Rally in Bargara, Queensland later in the month, then on top of that attending the Model T Ford National Rally in October - a fantastic effort.

Rally headquarters for the event was the Rydges Hotel, overlooking the Mount Panorama circuit and many entrants were able to avail themselves of the camping and motorhome facilities within the circuit.

With so many 'swaggies' a special effort was made at each of the morning briefings to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to travel in a veteran car and this

encouraged many new friendships and acquaintances. We visited places that Sue and I had never heard of including the historic Abercrombie House and the incredible 85 acre Mayfield Gardens, as well as numerous delightful country towns including Tarana, Oberon and Blayney. Touring was typically 120-130 km most days and the roads were for the most part clear of modern traffic, which is just as well for some of the smaller cars as there were some challenging hills. On more than one occasion the Ford Model T trick of going up the hill backwards was employed and yes there were some cars towed up. But this is all part of the challenge of driving the earliest of cars as we know. There were some breakdowns but a number of the cars were able to be returned to the tour following some resourceful repairs. Notably Graham and Irene Donges in the 1909 Brush were able to get back on the road after a heroic rear axle re-manufacture (see sidebar story)

A novel and successful feature was the hat seminar and workshop put on by Robyn Betts which was very popular. As many know Robyn and Bill are always to be seen in splendid period costume on tour and this was a great chance to share in Robyn's ideas and experience in setting up for the correct attire and most of all having fun doing it.



We had superb weather throughout the event. Here the cars are lined up in front of Abercrombie house.

Our congratulations to Russell, Chris and Andrea as well as their many helpers who made this event a big success.

VCCA (Vic) entrants included Ben and Deb Alcock in the 1914 Overland, Ian and Sue Berg, 1910 Cadillac, Stan and Maggie Bone, 1910 FN, David and Jan Dryden, 1909 Ford, James and Sherryn Dunshea, 1911 Hothkiss, Shane and Lyn Edwards and David Carlson, 1908 REO, Peter and Judith Fitzgerald, 1912 Rover, John and Val Hanley 1910 Brush, Russell and Chris Holden, 1902 Thomas, Michael and Claudia Holding, 1905 Cadillac, Daryl Meek and Fiona Lane, 1913 Fafnir, Damian O'Doherty and Ruth Wood, 1912 Flanders, John Stanley, 1911 Empire, John Wards and Terry Cook, 1916 Benz, David and Kath Wright, 1911 Fiat.



Russell Holden had on display in the foyer of Rydge's Hotel his magnificent Model H Cadillac from 1906. This is an extremely rare Cadillac and will be of great interest when the restoration is completed.



Robyn Betts hosted a very popular hat seminar. Everybody enjoyed it - including Robyn herself it seems!



The lineup of cars in Pit Lane at Mount Panroama.



The Rally badge - no stone was left unturned in the organisation of this tour.



The gas light tour with Maggie and Stan Bone in the FN.



John Wards had the big Benz on the tour. Famously he even had it down to first gear on one of the steep-hill runs.



Russell Holden found time to tour in his 1902 Thomas.



Inside Abercrombie House.



Pictured are Craig Emmerson, Russell Holden, Scott Emmerson, James Dunshea and Deborah Alcock.



Don Plumb, The Vice President of the HCCA speaks at the opening of the tour which was held in the National Raceway Museum. Also present was the Mayor of Bathurst, Graeme Hanger.

The advantage of wooden axles - how to make one mid-tour.

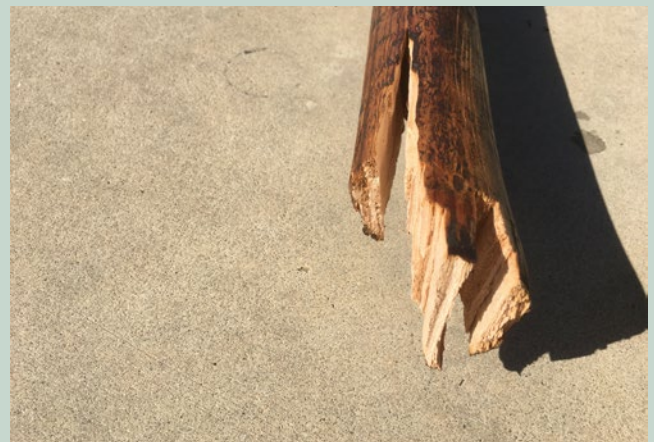
Graham Donges had an early failure on the 1909 Brush when a major split developed on the timber axle. The first attempt to bandage it was not really successful and hence the prospects of completing the tour did not look good. As often happens on tour in country towns however somebody knew somebody from *The Woodies*, the Central Tablelands Woodcraft Inc. This is a local community group with a fully equipped wood-working shop. A suitable piece of stringy bark was sourced and provided gratis, then the job of recreating a new turned and tapered axle generously undertaken by the members of the group. The result was a perfect front axle which was quickly remounted and Graham and Irene were back on tour.



The initial axle 'bandage' did not work adequately.



The 'slug' was a crack free seasoned piece of stringy bark.



The break in the original axle is very evident.



On the wood lathe courtesy of the The Woodies.



The finished product now reinstalled.



Back on the road.

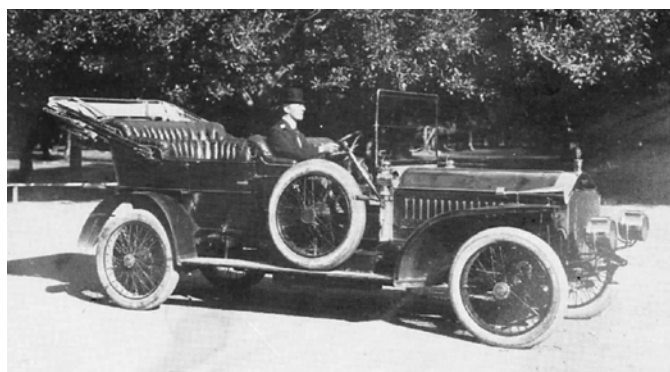
The EE Wagstaff Continental Eight Day Clock

By Peter Latreille

Brass Notes August 2019 immediately directed me to what I had already written as 'A Fascination with Motoring Along the Coorong Desert'. Ian Berg has more than introduced Mr Ernest E. Wagstaff, a leading motorist from Melbourne, with memberships of the automobile clubs of Victoria and NSW, and who was managing director of the British Imperial Oil Co. It was Wagstaff's huge Daimler that had previously caught my eye with several historical connections with the two veteran cars that I am involved with. Closer still, it is Wagstaff driving his Daimler across the inhospitable and roadless Coorong Desert, and the clock from Wagstaff's Daimler itself.



The actual clock from EE Wagstaff's Daimler now in the possession of Warwick Anderson.



The 1907 Napier (courtesy SCCSA/George Brooks book 8)

Connection ONE is from Warwick Anderson with whom I restored the 1908 Isotta Fraschini Voiturette. This brass clock was given from Wagstaff's Daimler. The engraving on the rim of the clock records the historic drive where the Daimler was the first heavy motor car to drive the inhospitable, and roadless Coorong desert, with a change of passengers for the return trip.

TO E. E. WAGSTAFF.

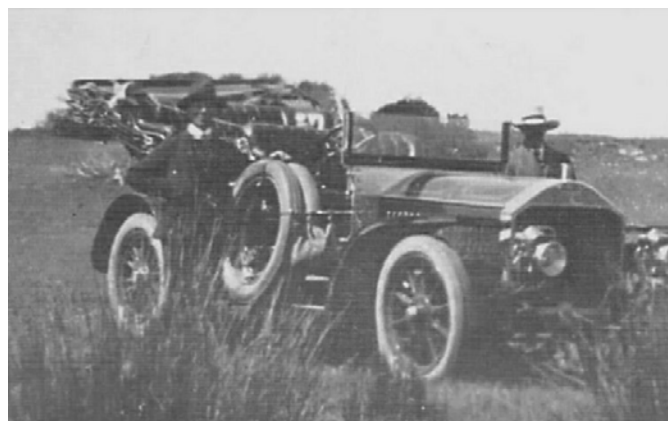
IN MEMORY OF DRIVING THE FIRST HEAVY MOTOR CAR BOTH WAYS ACROSS THE S. A .90 MILES DESERT OCT-NOV 1908.

Engraved also are the passengers names: Dr Levin and Mr E.F. Pollock Melbourne to Adelaide and Mr E. Edwards and Mr G. Cummings Adelaide to Melbourne. We may assume that Mrs Wagstaff was given the opportunity to occupy a front seat.

On the way to Adelaide, when along the Coorong, Wagstaff later reported to 'The Motor in Australia' journal of the time, that: "After leaving Cantara Station in the direction of Meningie....at about the fourteenth mile post...a small lagoon...I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Bertie Barr Smith's 60 hp Napier, with Mr Murray Aunger, of Adelaide to Port Darwin fame, at the wheel. The meeting in the first place was interesting, inasmuch as they were stopped on one side of the lagoon just previously mentioned, while I was stopped in the other, both of us bent on making an examination as to a safe passage across or a good track around. The latter was resolved upon.'

The Napier, with Aunger and Barr Smith, continued towards Melbourne, on what was reported as a 'pleasure tour', but was in fact to set a Melbourne to Adelaide record. However just before reaching Casterton the car was severely damaged when 'sinking into a deep, sandy gutter, struck a boulder, tearing the front axle away from the springs, disarranging the steering gear, and making a large dent in the engine crankcase.' The car was trucked to Melbourne on 2 February 1909, and was soon repaired by Charles Kellow's workforce in Russell Street, with a test run to Geelong and back two days before the record attempt commenced at the Melbourne GPO at 9 pm, Monday 8 February 1909, after '... a pleasant little dinner to entertain the passing motorists at Hosie's Café.'

The attempt to drive the distance in less than 24 hours was soon reported in the press with 'Melbourne to Adelaide within a day. Time 22 hours 24 minutes.' When Barr Smith's 1907 60 hp Napier, registration '340', arrived in Adelaide at 7 pm the following day, it was met by a cheering crowd at the Adelaide GPO.



Another view of the Napier.

Connection TWO, is that a pair of little Isotta Fraschini voiturettes that you may be familiar with in the VCC were then, by mid 1909 displayed for sale in Charles Kellow's showroom.



You may recall the August Brass Notes centre-spread photo of the Wagstaff Daimler at Bathurst in 1909 with the Royal Hotel in the background. Here is the same building today as photographed on the recent HCCA tour.



The two Isottas at Kellows Russell Street (courtesy State Library Victoria)



Another view of Kellows in 1909 with the two Isottas.

Connection THREE is that 'our' 20 hp 1911 Prince Henry Vauxhall, registration '813', driven by Murray Auger and new owner Harold Bowman contested the 'Dunlop Relay Ride, a Military Despatch Race' that ran from the Adelaide to Sydney. Starting at the Adelaide GPO on Good Friday 1912, their time to Kingston, again along the same paths of the inhospitable Coorong coast, was faster than that of the Napier by 1 hour 45 minutes, before they were then delayed by 'torrential rain and a northerly wind' on their way to Mount Gambier. That is yet another yarn, as are those of the many record breaking attempts between cities, but none so severe as the Coorong, or perhaps the man made 'V gutters' of the long road to Sydney town.



Photograph of our Prince Henry Vauxhall C10.9, registered in South Australia '813' at start of Coorong, Good Friday 1912 (courtesy State Library South Australia)



Photograph of the Vauxhall as it is today at the 2011 MotorClassica show

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Letter to the Editor

THANK YOU TO SHANE EDWARDS

Kath and I took the Tipo 1 Fiat to Bathurst for the recent Horseless Carriage Club rally had a most enjoyable time until I experienced an unexpected problem with my health. I spent two days in the Bathurst hospital and was not allowed to drive when I was discharged.

This created a problem as Kath has no towing experience. The Victorian participants in the rally were most supportive and Shane Edwards most generously drove our car and trailer back to Melbourne. Fortunately, we had the back-up of RACV Total Care and the offer of a friend to store our cars and trailer at Bathurst, but Shane got us out of a very tight spot.

We are extremely fortunate to have such caring people in our club and we are most grateful for this support. Thank you so much Shane.

David Wright

Correction to DeDion starter fitment article in September Brass Notes (p. 9)

Brian Hussey advises the process involved fitting a fletch plate with ring gear attached from a Toyota Land Cruiser was used.

The centre of the fletch plate was machined out to fit the outside of the original de Dion flywheel, set up and tacked on.

The picture pretty much tells the story.

The important thing is that it did not involve fitting a Toyota flywheel to a de Dion.

Events

Australian National EUROA SHOW & SHINE

This year's event theme is **The 1970s Fashion Parade** - Prizes for the best dressed costume for both men and women

Show Vehicles \$10 including driver
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General Public \$5
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Where: Allnutt Park, Wheatley Road McKinnon
Parking off Wheatley Road
Melway Map Ref : 68C11

What: Bring your own breakfast
Facilities: Electric BBQ's, tables and seats under cover, clean toilets

Contact : Frank Pound 95837723

THE 2019 RACV VETERAN CAR CLUB ANNUAL RALLY

The 2019 RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally will be based in the picturesque North East region of Victoria, Wangaratta.

Friday: If you can get to Wangaratta on Friday there'll be a short drive from about 2pm to get you out and about for the afternoon. Friday night Dinner will be a get together with 'substantial' finger food.

Saturday: We will start on Saturday morning at 9:30am. We will depart the Wangaratta Gateway Motel for a drive to the Benalla Aviation Museum where we will enjoy morning tea. Driving through to Tatong where we'll be lunching at the Tatong Hotel.

On Saturday evening a three course dinner will be held at the Wangaratta Gateway Motel

Sunday: Sunday morning we'll be heading to Eldorado and Milawa. If you enjoy wines we'll be able to have a visit to Brown Brothers Winery prior to lunch at the Milawa hotel. There's also the Milawa Cheese Factory and Milawa Mustard's to visit. This is not far out of Wangaratta so we'll have time to enjoy a country pub lunch with an easy drive back to load your vehicle for departure.

Trailer Parking: Secure trailer parking is available a short distance from the Wangaratta Gateway Motel.

Accommodation: Options are endless in Wangaratta for accommodation, rally headquarters will be at the Wangaratta Gateway Motel, however there are caravan parks, motels, hotels all close by.

When: 8 to 10 November 2019
Where: Wangaratta
Contacts: David Nicholls
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Jeff Alcock
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Entry form was in September *Brass Notes* or can be found on the website.

Events

COMBINED CLUBS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PICNIC COMO GARDENS

Our annual Christmas celebration for all the family will be held again at the beautiful Como Gardens, home of George and Pat Hetrel who have generously welcomed us over the years.

This is a BYO everything event, lunch, picnic tables and chairs, and enjoy the activities in this outstanding garden setting. By special arrangement, Father Christmas will be arriving at 2.00pm.

He will give out gifts that you will have clearly labelled and left discreetly in the designated VDC car near the entrance gate. Children will receive a drink and some lollies on arrival.

Vehicles entered for the Vintage Driver's Club Concours Trophy 2019 will be judged during the day. Please remember this is a private home, and make sure you pick up all wrapping paper and other rubbish before you leave.

Note: If severe weather conditions occur this event will be cancelled.

When: Sunday 1st December 2019
11.00am onwards.

Where: Como Gardens, Basin-Olinda Road,
The Basin. (Melway 65 K8)

Contact: Doug Stevenson
Phone: 9333 6419
Email: events@vdc.org.au

2019 VSCC TWO-WHEEL BRAKE RALLY

Members of the VCCA (Victoria) have, once again, been invited to participate in the 2019 VSCC Two-Wheel Brake Rally.

This year the rally will travel via St Kilda, Fitzroy, Newmarket and then to Newport to visit the Newport Railway Workshops.

When: Sunday 15 December 2019
Where: Dallas Brooks Drive, South Yarra (off Birdwood Avenue). Arrive from 7.00am for briefing at 7.45am and the cars will leave from 8.00am (to beat the heat and the traffic)

Cost: \$10 per brake drum, first drum free
Distance: About 32 Kilometres to Newport
Lunch: Williamstown (pay as you go)

Register/Questions:

Contact the organiser Peter Donald on 0409 224 700 or email: peterinstead@yahoo.com.au

RACV 2020 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY SWAN HILL

The Bundaberg Nationals are over, so now it is our turn.

We have switched on our rally website pages. You will find a link on our club website - www.veterancarclub.org.au

On these pages you will find our on-line Expressions of Interest form. Fill it in now to stay up to date with rally information.

We also have hard copy EOI's that can be printed and submitted.

You will find we have posted our promotional video (be sure to turn up the volume).

We already have over 65 bookings for motel rooms, cabins and sites.

Accommodation options are listed but at writing, there is only one 2 bedroom/2 bathroom cabin available at rally headquarters.

All the information you need is on the rally pages, but be sure to – **Book your accommodation NOW!**

The rally starts with a Mayoral Welcome, Sunday afternoon, October 11th 2020 and finishes with breakfast on Saturday morning October 17th.

When: 11 October – 17 October 2020
Where: Swan Hill, Victoria
Contacts: Rally Directors Michael & Claudia
Holding 0407 008 895
nationalrally@veterancarclub.org.au



Our Secretary David Provan with his Cadillac in front of Brian Hussey's Ford T on one of the VSCC Two wheel brake runs (Photo by Brian Hussey)

Natter Night Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 10 September 2019

**Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc. Clubrooms
Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell**

1. Opening

The Club's President, Paul Daley, opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Attendance

There were 42 members who attended the meeting.

3. Apologies

Ian Berg, Kim Coillet, Jennifer Atherton, Cliff and Betty Ward, Robyn Blackwell, David Wright, Stan and Maggie Bone, Alan and Margaret Lethborg, Wally Nye, Paul Goethel, Daryl Meek.

4. Visitors and New Members

Paul Daley welcomed Richard Balsillie, Iain Ross, and Arnold and Glenda Chivers to the meeting.

5. Member News

Paul Daley reported that David Wright, Brian Hussey and Paula McNicol had recently experienced health issues, but they were all making a speedy recovery. Andrew McDougall said that John Stanley was recovering well after his recent medical procedure.

6. Events

Ben Alcock presented information about the following events and rallies.

6.1 Past Events

HCCA International Tour – 30 August to 6 September 2019.

Videos of the Pre-1905 Pioneers Run (Ballarat), the cold start competition at the RACV Midwinter Rally (Inverloch) and the recent HCCA International Tour (Bathurst) were shown.

6.2 Future Events

National Veteran Rally – Bargara (Bundaberg, Queensland) – 17 to 23 September 2019.

National High Wheeler Rally (Maryborough, Victoria) – 29 September to 5 October 2019.

Model T Ford Annual Rally 2019 (Maryborough, Queensland) – 29 September to 5 October 2019.

Western District Historic Vehicle Club event called the 'Sunday Running Boards & Foot Pegs Rally' – 29 September 2019.

Spanner in the Works (Alice Anderson book launch) – 6 October 2019.

RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally (Wangaratta) – 8 to 10 November 2019.

6.3 Other Event Issues

Members were advised that the Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club of Wangaratta will hold its 'wheels and wings' event on 14 and 15 September 2019.

Darren Savory spoke about The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride in which he will be a participant on Sunday 29 September. The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is a global motorcycle fund-raising event, raising funds and awareness prostate cancer research, men's mental health and suicide prevention programs on behalf of Charity Partner, the Movember Foundation. To donate, go to The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride website at www.gentlemansride.com.

7. Library and Archives Report

Paul Daley informed members that the Club was the successful tenderer for the complete collection of Automobile Quarterly from the Vintage Car Club of Queensland. The funds raised through the very generous donations from members were used to purchase the collection.

8. What Makes Us Tick?

Geoff Payne delivered a short presentation about the role and responsibilities of the Club's Registrar.

9. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

David Inglis has a Renault rear-view mirror for sale. Price \$150 o.n.o.

Shane Edwards has eight Zenith carburettors for sale.

10. General Business

Paul Daley briefed the members on a number of key committee issues and decisions.

10.1 Penny Farthings

The first was about a group of penny farthing enthusiasts who meet annually. Dan Bolwell, better known as 'Penny Farthing Dan', coordinates the annual Penny Farthing Tour. Greg Smith intends to contact Dan to invite the group to participate in the 2020 RACV Pre-1905 Pioneers Run.

10.2 60 Year Membership Badges

Paul said the committee had made a decision to award 60 year (continuous) membership badges, the presentation of which will commence at the 2020 presentation evening and annually thereafter.

10.3 The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVCCA)

The AGM of TAVCCA will be held on 22 September at the National Veteran Rally in Bargara. A number of key initiatives are planned for discussion in order to revitalise TAVCCA, such as:

To extend the membership to other clubs, which cater for veteran vehicles.

To change the voting to two votes per state with the South Australian clubs having one vote each.

To elect an independent chairperson at the AGM. That elected chairperson may be eligible for re-election to the position for a 3 to 5 year tenure. It is Victoria's turn this year and Paul Daley will be elected chairperson at the 2019 AGM.

10.4 Committee Succession Planning

Paul Daley said that the committee was turning its collective mind to the importance of succession planning. Succession planning is essential for identifying and developing new leaders of the Club who can replace members when they retire from the committee.

10.5 ARMO initiative "Take a Kid to a Car Show"

Paul Daley said the committee had reviewed an initiative that came out of America by the ARMO, which has been embraced by the AOMC. The initiative is called 'Take a Kid to a Car Show' with the objective of encouraging young people to participate in the motoring movement. The committee is exploring the idea of implementing a similar initiative, which will be called 'Veteran Motoring for all the Family'.

There were no other items of general business.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting commencing at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 8 October 2019.

12. Closure

The President closed the meeting at 8.38pm.

13. Speakers

Callum Walsh and Stuart McCorkelle delivered a very entertaining, interesting and thought-provoking presentation about the Club's 'next generation' initiatives.

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Geoff Payne and David Provan

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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. Chair – Ben Alcock, Participants - Paul Daley, David Provan, David Wright, Daryl Meek, James Dunshea, Ben Alcock, Chris Dillon, Robert Couper, Brendan Pierce, John Prior, Michael Holding.

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John Prior and Jim McCaffrey

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VETERAN CARS & THE VCCA

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NEW MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

New membership application enquiries to David Provan, mobile 0409 136 301, email secretary@veterancarclub.org.au.

Download the application form at veterancarclub.org.au.

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JP SERVICES AT NATTER NIGHTS

As a service to VCCA (Victoria) Inc. members our 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.



Flinders Lane, Melbourne circa 1915 – 1916

Compiled by Paul Daley and Alan Flude



What marvellous pictures of early Melbourne, love those cars! Our Model T Ford guru, Alan Flude writes: I believe these were taken in circa 1915 to 1916, during WW1 with most cars displaying a Red Cross (or hospital/ambulance cross) logo on the windscreen. Regarding those cars, most are Model T Fords with an unknown vehicle (with cross logo) following the 2 horse drawn buggies in the middle of the road.

Right side vehicles:

Front car a 1915 Model T Ford Tarrant Roadster (Tarrant body), may be a 1916 model?

The following 3 cars lined up behind appear to be the same as the front car.

Left side vehicles:

Front car a 1915 Model T Ford Roadster (Canada body), with 'Commercial' trunk fitted (replacing the turtle deck).

Second car a 1913 Model T Ford Roadster (Canada body).

The following 3 cars lined up behind, appear to be the same as the front car.





David and Kath Wright in the 1911 FIAT on the HCCA International Tour to Bathurst (Photo by James Dunshea)



Ken Hall and John Read in the 1907 Aerocar on the HCCA International Tour to Bathurst (Photo by James Dunshea)