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Flashback



In this month's FLASHBACK we have an FN - but who owned it, when was it taken and where is it now? Respond to the Editor if you know.

Daryl Meek has provided the following information on the electric vehicle shown in the October FLASHBACK photo. The vehicle shown is a Baker Electric of the Melbourne Electricity Supply Company. The image itself is part of the archives of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria which are currently held by Museum Victoria.

The Museums Victoria record mentions "These forward control light trucks were made by the Baker Motor Vehicle Co., in Cleveland, Ohio. The body of this vehicle is locally made." I am not sure this description is entirely accurate as the image itself is contained in another folder that includes a handwritten entry stating: "Baker Electric Lorry converted from car at works."

All this makes a more definitive positive determination of the model, and dating of the year, somewhat troublesome. The company produced electric vehicles between 1899 and 1914 producing a range of Commercial Trucks from 1907. In 1914 the company merged with Rauch and Lang (see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rauch_and_Lang>), becoming Baker, Rauch & Lang, with its final Baker vehicles being produced in 1916.

The reference to "forward control truck" is therefore a bit of a red herring as this is actually a locally produced body fitted to a repurposed Baker Electric Car. Perhaps someone else is able to provide more insight to the date of the underlying car.

As a point of interest, electric vehicles in general were far more common in the era than most would realise. In January 1915, The Automobile published an Electric Vehicle Association summary of vehicles operating within the USA. It noted that 21,000 electric cars and 5,200 electric commercial vehicles currently operated on American roads. Move over Tesla!

Coming Events

2 November 2019	RACV Aussie Classic Car Show Yarra Glen Racecourse
12 November 2019	Natter Night - Ladies Night - Surprise 7:30 Pre-Meeting Drinks and Nibbles
16 -17 November 2019	Bendigo Swap Meet Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo
17 November 2019	Inter Club Petanque Competition – VCCA club rooms (Lynden Park) Contact: Andrew McDougall
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
10 December 2019	Natter Night – Christmas 7:30 nibbles for 8pm meeting Sausage Roll Extravaganza!
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

1-7 April 2020	National 1&2 Cylinder rally – Charleville
11 – 17 October 2020	RACV 2020 National Veteran Vehicle Rally - Swan Hill, VIC Contact: Michael and Claudia Holding 0407 008 895
17 - 22 October 2021	National Motorcycle Rally - Manjimup, WA
24-29 October 2021	National Veteran Vehicle Rally - Brusselton, WA
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: Entrants line up in front of the Maryborough Railway Station on the National Highwheeler Rally
(Photo by Frances McDougall)

President's Message

By Paul Daley

Annual General Meeting: Your New Executive Team

The AGM was conducted smoothly and professionally and it is a pleasure to have the new Executive team already functioning. Joining me again is *Ben Alcock* – Vice President/Events Director and two 'new faces': *Darren Savory* – Secretary and *Claudia Holding* – Treasurer. It is so positive to show the movement that we are a Club of diversity with a spread of ages and gender represented on the Executive. We farewelled our Immediate Past President, *Ian Berg* and *David Provan*, whose role as Secretary ceases after five years as per our Constitution. I was able to warmly thank both gentlemen for their superb contribution to our Club, as well as *Peter Hammet* who was our Treasurer last year. Peter was elected to Committee together with *Andrew McDougall* and *Greg Smith* for a further three years.

Passing of Barry Forryan

An estimated 200 members of the Club honoured the life of *Barry Forryan*, at his funeral on Monday October 7. The following day, we again remembered Barry at our AGM/Natter Night with a special segment as members recalled the many humorous events and 'adventures' with Barry. In my introduction I described Barry as a 'prince' of the Veteran motoring movement – a comment that brought some chuckles from some – but I corrected myself and said 'well, a naughty prince!' They roared laughing and *Ben Alcock*, *Daryl Meek*, *Greg Smith*, *Barry Gomm*, *Alan Long* and *Jeff Alcock* all shared stories of times past that could only happen with *Barry Forryan*. Barry joined the Club in 1959, and went on to serve multiple terms as President, as well as serving on the Committee in many roles was awarded an Honorary Life Member of the Club, as well as twice awarded the Montagu Trophy. Barry introduced the *Hot Cross Bun Run* on Good Friday and is also remembered for the new signs he made for rally directions. A Vale by *Graham Fossey* is on page 10.



Barry Forryan as a teenager was already involved with historic motorcycles.



Barry tinkering with his McIntyre High Wheeler.

The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVCCA)

The Annual General Meeting of TAVCCA was held on the Sunday morning at Bundaberg, with representatives from all States participating.

The 2018-19 Chairman was Peter Arnold (QLD), and the meeting was conducted with a spirit of cooperation and a desire to move forward and progress the veteran motoring movement. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:



Sunday morning display, Bundaberg.



Bundaberg... plenty to photograph!

The popular handbook 'Membership Directory', is in the final stages of production, and is being coordinated and managed by *Michael Holding*, with the major sponsor of the printing costs being RACV, with additional contributions from NSW, Rainsford Sponsorship, SA x 2, and QLD. A National website with facilities to host classified adverts, and the roster of coming events has been created: TAVCCA.org.au.

A Dating Committee meeting was held at Bundaberg, and clubs have forwarded copies of dating certificates and policies to the National Secretary.

The National rallies for 2020 and ahead are well underway; posters and signs are already up in Charleville for the 1&2 event, and *Michael* and *Claudia Holding* are well advanced for the RACV National Veteran Vehicle Rally in Swan Hill (Vic).

The National Motorcycle Rally is to be held 17-22 October 2021, based in Manjimup WA, and the National Vehicle (primarily cars) rally is the following week 24-29 October 2021 based in Busselton, WA, these events will be preceded by a short weekend event in Quorn SA for people travelling through to WA. The National All Veteran in 2022 will be hosted by ACT and the location will not be in Canberra but rural NSW.

Andrew McDougall submitted a comprehensive report on the latest from FIVA, and its importance to TAVCCA which, as a national association, FIVA gives it gravitas and credibility. *Daryl Meek* gave a presentation on the AHMF and its role/responsibility in advocacy of the historic motoring movement, and it was agreed that TAVCCA formally supports FIVA for two years, a decision which addresses advocacy whereby TAVCCA retains the FIVA concession with *Daryl Meek* acting as the liaison.

Moving forward to streamline TAVCCA, and drive its agenda, the goal is to have a national Chairperson for up to a three year appointment, and undertake a review of the Constitution, as well as addressing the financial contribution from the States.

The Office Bearers for 2019-2020 are: Chairman – Paul Daley (VIC), Vice Chairman – John Burke (NSW and representing WA), Secretary/Treasurer Hamish McDonald (SA).

Passing of 'Beth' Cowie

The Club is saddened at the passing of long-term member Elizabeth 'Beth' Cowie, who passed away peacefully on October 3, aged 87. The funeral service to celebrate her life was held at the Finley Uniting Church (NSW) on Friday October 11.

Beth and her late husband George were well known in veteran motoring circles with their 1906 Cadillac Model K, 1914 and 1915 Model T's and 1917 International Charabank. The Club's condolences are extended to Max and family.

Thank you David Provan

At the Annual General Meeting it was my pleasure to thank *David Provan* for his role as *Club Secretary* between 2014 and 2019, having served the maximum term of five years pursuant to Rule 59 of the Club's Constitution. In recognition of David's outstanding contribution to the management of the affairs and business of the Club, I presented David with the Club's Long Service Badge and a framed certificate.



David Provan is presented with Service Badge and Certificate.

A 1910 Brush with some history

At Bargara I caught up with *Barry Deeth*, from whom I purchased my 1910 Brush model M which began its 'recent' history with being restored back in the late '80's by *Francis Ransley*. The car was then acquired by *Alan Burr*, who I'm told was an automotive engineer motor trimmer, who together with *Ken Chennells* campaigned the car. Alan will also be remembered for the '12 Talbot which he restored with green fabric covering the body. Barry Deeth owned the car from 2014 – 16 and lives in Dubbo NSW and I bought it back to Melbourne, and its first outing was the inaugural Brush Nationals at Wedderburn 2016.



Paul Daley meets with Barry Deeth.

The People You Meet

It's often the unexpected people you meet at a National Rally that makes our hobby so rewarding. I had just parked my 1910 Brush in the main street of Childers when strolling down the footpath was a young lady taking a miniature pony for a walk. She stopped and admired the Brush and we introduced ourselves. *Jessica Graham* and her seven year old pony '*Honey*' are locals – in fact three years ago Jess formed her own business – Equine Assisted Support – where she provides a mobile service and brings *Honey* along to meet and interact with clients from Childers to Bundaberg and Hervey Bay. *Honey* is a 'comfort' animal, and as Jess told me when it comes to the sick, disabled or elderly the pony, well 'she works her magic'. The NDIS even funds *Honey's* visits, and she is reimbursed \$65 per hour by NDIS. '*Honey* always forms a connection with people and just seems to know what they need!! Jess started work at sixteen in a dementia unit and progressed into disability support.



Jessica Graham and Honey.

Our visit to SSS Strawberries was for me – Paul the businessman – the highlight of my visit to Bundaberg. So when over 300 rally enthusiasts arrived at the strawberry plantation the Dang family went out of their way to welcome, and feed us with crates of the most delicious Strawberries. With packing/warehouse sheds the size of aircraft hangers, there are 140 acres under cultivation – 2,000,000 plants! But it's the Dang family story that warmed my heart. It was the late 1980's when the family slipped away from Vietnam one night – first in a little boat and then rendezvoused with a larger boat making their way to Indonesia. They faced a four year wait at the Galang Refugee Camp while their applications went through the correct channels - they didn't jump the queue and try to come here without visas. Four years later they arrived in Perth and began working on a strawberry farm. They learnt quickly! In 2005 they made their way to Bundaberg, and made a gamble to start a strawberry farm despite there being only one other farm of its type in the area. Today SSS Strawberries provides Woolworths, Coles, IGA, Bi-Lo and Aldi Supermarkets with fresh A grades

– nothing less. As Mr Dang commented 'we're very very traditional and we stick together like glue – I have been extremely blessed'. And there was a gleaming new white Maserati proudly parked outside reception – Dang's pride and joy also.



The Dang Family.

When *Chris Duncan* and *Catherine Strutt* travel to a rally with their 1911 FN 2400, there's no mod cons of a rig with a 4WD or SUV and trailer with veteran car! They simply drive the FN to every event – in fact they have travelled over 50,000 miles over the years with rallying. They plan their routes – and normally travel on non primary roads, pace themselves at around 250-300km a day, and interestingly never book accommodation ahead! When I caught up with them over dinner with *Stan and Maggie Bone*, they had travelled through three States in the past three weeks. Doug has a wonderful sense of humour and is a world travelled 'fiddler' – of the violin variety. Chris is a pianist and together they have entertained throughout the globe with their particular style of Scottish music.



Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt.

National High Wheeler Rally

The High Wheeler Rally was on its final day of activities when I was able to come and join them from morning tea and the run to Dunolly for lunch. Approaching the first scheduled stop I was surprised to see an ambulance by the side of the road attending to an incident – a buggy had startled a horse which then bolted, throwing the rider who unfortunately broke a leg. *Mick Turner* was able to assist and be with the injured rider until the ambulance team arrived. Morning tea was served at the farm of a local rail enthusiast

who had his own one kilometre of track and motorised vehicles – a real enthusiast! *Brian and Carol Churchill* were also visitors for the day and enjoyed the ‘buggy hospitality’ of *Andrew and Frances McDougall*. Evidently Brian is so chuffed with the buggy experience that there may be an addition to the Model T and Model A already in the garage!

The run down to Dunolly was on a quiet back road and the arrival of the buggies saw the town come to life.



Andrew McDougall with Brian Churchill.



The Queen was all eyes... for President Paul.



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang... they sang in harmony (well sort of).

The ‘village glee club’ of ukuleles sang a rousing rendition of ‘Bang Bang Chitty Chitty’, and with great regal flourish ‘Queen Victoria’ welcomed us all to Dunolly. ‘Off with their heads – off to the Tower’ she cried. It didn’t matter that her namesake had departed this earth in 1901 – a number of years prior to the advent of the high wheeler. She was a real hoot – loud and gregarious – she delighted in getting me in her clutches. Rule Britannia!

It was great to catch up with some of our country members. *Noel and Sue Holbrook* from Warrnambool are the ‘leading lights’ in the buggy movement and keep the constituency informed with an occasional newsletter. *Ivan and June Smith* proud parents of *Greg Smith* who together with his charming wife *Denise*, were Rally Directors with *Mick Turner* – a superb event was put together.



L-R Noel Holbrook, Ivan & June Smith, Sue Holbrook.

Kevin Cadzow was up from St Arnaud, and for once a rally was ‘just around the corner’. *Peter Fagan* travelled from Macclesfield SA to join the rally. *John Hollis* from Maiden Gully was also enjoying the rally – the buggies are too high for his wife *Dawn* to alight. John still enjoys veteran motoring with his 1909 Belsize and 1915 Belsize. John laughing said ‘I’ve been a member for 35 years, and I haven’t yet been to a Veteran Car Club meeting!’ There’s always a first time John! The Bendigo Swap will be featuring the Belsize on display this year.



Carol & Brian Churchill, John Hollis.

RACV – Total Care: Great Service

The book launch of the Alice Anderson 'A Spanner in the Works' at Watts River Brewery seemed the ideal event to introduce a prospective member to veteran motoring. I took along two 'novices' for the run in my 1913 Model T Tourer – newcomer to Melbourne – my wife's niece Quincy Aurellia, and Camberwell local identity Richard Balsille. Richard is an active member of the Camberwell Camera Club and, he produced 'overnight' the days adventures a short video – we featured it at our October Natter Night – and you can view it: <https://balsecars.blogspot.com/> Apart from the trouble free run up to Healesville (from Surrey Hills), on return the car began to 'misbehave'... and to cut a long story short... thank you RACV for the prompt service (within the hour) for a ride home from Lilydale. That's RACV Total Care in action. For the record, while in Bundaberg I learnt that the RACQ will not offer member services to cars built before 1930. How fortunate we are to have the wonderful RACV service.



RACV came to the rescue.

Member News

Andrew and Frances McDougall seem to be almost 'full time' rally participants – popping up at nearly every major event in the nation. Andrew has a well honed sense of humour, and is also a potential participant in 'Dancing with the Stars'! He was spied at the Bargara morning briefing doing a fine gig to the 'Teddy Bears Picnic' music that was booming over the PA. Andrew was seen pirouetting gracefully as the tune climaxed with 'if you go down to the woods today, you'd better go in disguise!' When Andrew caught up with Russell Holden, who looked a little worse for wear after the HCCA Bathurst Tour, it was Andrew's humour again to the front as he delivered a pearler to Russell 'you're looking taller – is that all the weight that's off your shoulders!' I think Russell owes him one in return now!

Phil and Carmelita Ruge – have been rallying their distinctive '15 Model T this year – attending HCCA Bathurst, then onto the Veteran Nationals – Bargara, and to top it off the Model T Nationals at Maryborough QLD. Phil found Bathurst 'a bit challenging' having broken the camshaft on the T Model just 13 days before Bathurst began, delaying his start until day 3 of the event. The Model T is a significant example of

the craftsmanship of Duncan & Fraser Adelaide, with its 'Deluxe' body and distinctive guards. The other known example is a '16 model with the same body but features a Ford bonnet. The bonnet of Phil's T is heavily riveted, and Phil describes the vehicle this way: 'it's a ten pace car – the closer you get the worse it looks!' The first owners were a great great aunt and uncle – now that's keeping things in the family! I first met Phil back in 2015 at Port Fairy while on the 1&2 Cylinder Rally – the Ruges hail from Portland. Phil enjoys 'Brass Notes' – 'you write an extensive and enjoyable President's Report, Paul!'



Phil Ruge – distinctive Model T.

Nigel Wooster has been busy rallying his veteran '17 Dodge Roadster this year, in fact he's already attended eleven rallies this year. Nigel's trying his best to retire but he's still working full time in the Aviation industry and has been able to visit Hervey Bay, Grafton events and won the President's choice Trophy at the Gawler Borossa Run. He certainly gets around and is 'thrilled to bits' with the year to date. At Beechworth it was a comfortable 30 degrees, and it's been 'hood down', with the hood not being up this year. Nigel is active in the Dodge Bros. Club, however it was Deane and Pam Hill who introduced him to the Veteran Car Club, and assisted Nigel with mechanical problems, information and parts. Nigel commented, 'Deane Hill has been an enormous help, and cannot speak highly enough of him.'



Nigel Wooster... busy rallying.

Cliff Ward celebrated his 95th birthday on October 15, and was visited by *David Inglis, Wally Nye, Stan and Maggie Bone*, as well as receiving cards and phone calls from 'long time' friends in the Club. We were able to send Cliff the Club's best wishes at our October *Natter Night*.

Bob Lamond is a member of both the NSW and Victorian Clubs and he has just filed his report on the HCCA International Tour at Bathurst in the NSW '*Spit and Polish*'. Bob writes 'I thoroughly enjoyed the Tour, which I believe will be my last – 85 next year! – thus completing thirty nine years of veteran driving – my 1910 Brush D26 (now with the two cylinder Brush engine), my 1910 Brush D24 – now with a replica Model E 'Top Hat' Coupe body'. On the Thursday run to Newbridge and Blaney, Bob reports 'My Brush with its lower gearing ran well, but 2km on the way to Blaney my Brush spat off its two chains on a steep hill rolling backwards towards other veterans – not good! So I turned the steering and off the road we went over the grass etc. into a good 5 strand farm fence! Amazingly the wires held the back tyres, somewhat strained, but no damage!' On a personal note – when I spoke with Bob recently, he plans to move from his home 'Solbakken', near Mudgee, to be with one of his sons at the historic township of Milthorpe, NSW. One of his Brush's will be on display at the museum there. His wife Alison, is in care at Orange. 'I want to thank all my friends, fellow acquaintances and each of the State's Veteran Clubs, for their help to me and each other over the years – enjoy your veteran cars, drive them regularly – they can cover great distances!' Bob is a great fan of '*Brass Notes*' and the Victorian Club – 'my favourite' – and plans to attend the RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally in Hamilton 2020.



Bob Lamond – dresses up in style at HCCA Tour!

Dept of Fine Dining



Steve Hobbins has been spoiling us at Natter Nights with his scrumptious sausage rolls, and we're getting set for a Sausage Roll Extravaganza at our December Christmas Natter Night. Joining Steve and baking their own take on the sausage roll will be *Helen Ballinger, Glenice Lindsay, Lena Daley*, and we plan to recruit some more willing Master Chefs to put on the Christmas supper. It seems that there is an endless range of recipes – with all having their own 'special recipe'.

Yours in veteran motoring

Paul Daley

President



1910 Brush D24 'Top Hat' together with 1910 Brush D26.

NATTER NIGHT

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

7.30pm - Drinks & Nibbles

8.00pm - Natter Night

Valē – Barry Forryan

By Graham Fossey

Barry Forryan was born in Leicester England on 29th June 1941, and he and his parents migrated to Australia in 1959. Initially settling into St Albans, they moved to Ascot Vale in the early 1960s. Barry joined the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) in 1959 and purchased a Minerva motorcycle, subsequently restoring and riding it on many veteran rallies.

Joan and Barry met at Badminton, their relationship grew, and they were married in 1967.

Starting as a mechanic Barry had a varied working life, becoming a Prison Officer at Pentridge Gaol and then going into Hospitality and became Assistant Manager at the Sentimental Bloke in Bulleen.

Barry purchased his first veteran car, the NAG, from South Melbourne from a collection of cars that Gordon Taylor owned. He restored the NAG and its first run was in the 1969 Annual Rally. Barry and Joan entered the NAG in the 1970 Bicentennial Rally from Sydney to Melbourne, Joan driving the NAG with Barry riding the Minerva Motorcycle. The NAG won first prize in Class 3 of the rally.

Together, Barry and Joan ran many Rallies for the Club. After running a National in Ballarat, the Forryans packed up and moved to Hopetoun to run the Hopetoun Community Hotel Motel in 1975.

In 1977 the Forryans moved again to Moe for Barry to run the Moe Folk Museum and then in late 1978 they moved to Murray Bridge in South Australia to run Greenacres Motel. Daughter Andrea was born at Hopetoun, and Julie was born at Moe. Returning to Victoria some years later, Barry worked for the Caulfield Council and re-joined the Committee of the Club.

Barry's record of involvement with the Veteran Car Club was and is still amazing; He was Secretary from 1971 – 1974, Vice President in 1974 and again from 1990 – 1992, President from 1992 to 1995 and then again from 2008 to 2010, newsletter Editor in 1974, and Committee member from 2012 to 2014. That is more than 18 years of service to the Club. Barry and Joan were awarded the Montagu Trophy in 1975 and 2008 for services to the veteran movement in Australia. In total Barry collected eight veteran vehicles – the NAG, two McIntyre high-wheelers, an Overland which he restored, a Talbot Bus, a Mors, Talbot and a Vinot. When the Forryans ran a rally, the cars were often on loan to members of the Club.

In the past few years Barry had not enjoyed good health. He loved cooking, making salami and sausages, and enjoyed a glass or two of wine. Barry had lots of friends in the Veteran Car Club and his hospitality was fantastic. He passed away at Cabrini Hospital on the 30th September 2019.



Barry Forryan.



Barry & Joan Forryan in the early days.

Geelong Running Board and Foot Peg Run

By Simon Anderson, Western District Historic Vehicle Club

Sunday 29 September 2019

What a great day out, we had 28 vehicles all up including one motorcycle and around 70 people in attendance at the Museum of Motoring start point. It was great to see a variety of vehicles from as early as 1907 all the way up to classic vehicles.

Thank you to those members from the Veteran Car Club and the Vintage Drivers Club who made the effort to come down to Geelong. We had a good run out to the Geelong Grammar school lagoon where a number of people who are able to have a ride in different cars on the way to the lunch area.

The weather held out for us with no rain, but it did get a little chilly as we drove around the bay. Unfortunately there was a bit of a hick up with lunch due to the venue being understaffed, so unfortunately the afternoon drive was cut short and we drove straight back to the finish point at the Western District Historic Vehicle Club for a warm drink at the Showgrounds.

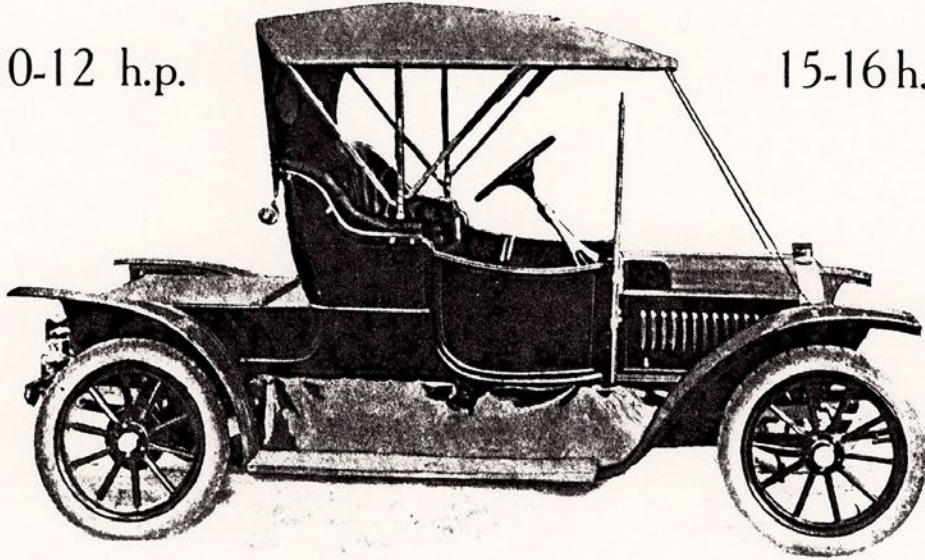
Thank you all for attending, here are some photos from the day.



“FAFNIR” CARS,

10-12 h.p.

15-16 h.p.



An Open Invitation.

We cordially invite all actual or prospective motorists to call and let us give them a demonstration of the merits of these cars.

Also 14-18 h.p. DENNIS & 24 h.p. LANCIA
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6-10 FLINDERS STREET, MELBOURNE.

Mention of the "Australian Motorist" when writing to Advertisers will ensure Prompt Attention.

Seen at Motorclassica

by Ian Berg

The tenth anniversary Motorclassica was held in the Exhibition Building Melbourne between October 11 and 13. On display this year was the single cylinder, 1904 De Dion Bouton of Geoffrey Mitton. This car was used originally by a doctor for a number of years before being laid up in the late 1920s. It then appeared at the first ever South Australian veteran car rally held 1934, having been found by Percy Wein Smith. Percy was Geoffrey's grandfather. Percy went on to be a foundation member of The Sporting Car Club of South Australia and rallied the De Dion for many years, including on a number of Victorian rallies. Geoffrey is maintaining the tradition and this very original De Dion can still be seen on veteran car rallies today.



In 2019 Motorclassica celebrated milestone anniversaries of Bentley, Citroen, Bentley, Mini, Abarth and Alvis. The little De Dion Bouton was the only veteran car on display this year.



Photographed at Port Melbourne Cricket Ground at the conclusion of the 1956 Golden Fleece Rally. It had been one of a number of South Australia rallies on entrants on this the first of the Cub's November rallies. Refer Dementia Prodest.

THE CLUB LIBRARY

Members are welcome to borrow books from our Library which is open each Natter Night.

Daryl Meek is continually adding new acquisitions to this invaluable resource.

TAVCCA Montagu Trophy Recipient 2019

Having first attended the international rally in 1970 at age 6 with his parents in their 1916 Hupmobile, John Burke joined the Veteran Car Club NSW (Inc) as a junior member at age 16. With a career in the Defence Force since 1980 he has worked in Queensland and Victoria where he continued to be involved with car and motorcycle clubs.

John returned to Newcastle and was elected as Chairman of the Newcastle Branch of the VCCA NSW Inc branch, a position he has held for the past 30 years, and in that time has organised numerous branch tours and day runs. John was involved in the redrafting of the VCCA NSW constitution, and became a Life Member of the VCCA NSW in 2009. He is currently the NSW Dating Chairman. Of particular interest is motorcycles and he was the driving force in establishing the national veteran motorcycle rallies. These rallies are conducted every two years attracting over 100 motorcycles. John was the Rally Director for the very successful 2018 TAVCCA national rally in Forbes NSW. This success highlights his involvement with the Association of Veteran Car Clubs Australia, holding the positions of NSW delegate since 2008 and having been the Chairman on two separate occasions.

Together with father Max, John has restored many veteran cars and motorcycles and he maintains a very impressive collection. We congratulate John on his contribution to the veteran vehicle movement, and his deserved recognition in being awarded the 2019 Montagu Trophy.



John Burke hosting the opening function at the 2018 National Rally at Forbes.

The 2019 National Rally Bundaberg (Bargara)

by Brian Hussey (Photos by Frances McDougall, Ben Alcock, James Dunshea and Brian Hussey)



Bundaberg, with a population of 69,000, lies 369 km North of Brisbane. Established in 1870, Bundaberg's first industry was timber. This was replaced by corn but disease and pests were to devastate that industry. Experimental sugar growing followed and a new and exciting sugar industry grew employing mostly Kanaka labour. Bundaberg boasts the most equable climate of any Australian City and in this capacity it is ranked 5th in the world.

Rally H/Q was at Bargara Beach not far from Bundaberg and with all the things the area has to offer this made for an ideal rally location. A pristine place known for its turtles, a delightful village and relatively safe swimming.

Registration was followed by a Reception where the usual guest speakers were tolerated. Great high quality nibbles and drinks were handed out in abundance. Familiar faces were greeted, a few new restorations and a fabulous display of beautifully restored motorcycles were displayed at the entrance. The rally pack was a high quality gift package, it included a CD of the Bundaberg Rum Distillery. This excellent production emphasised the importance of Bundy Rum to the economy and culture of Bundaberg.

For those wishing to have a shake-down run before the official rally commenced, there was a visit to George Punter's Model Engineering Workshop. This was the most exquisite example of perfection in micro

mechanics and miniature engineering most had ever seen.

A 'Sheila Shack' had been set up adjacent to HQ, where period costumes were displayed and could be purchased. Period costume was encouraged and made a real feature throughout the rally.

Tuesday: Day 1 - A bright and enthusiastic briefing by Terry Lewis who was one of the five-strong Rally Coordinating team, was followed by a run to Elliot Heads and a tour of the Bundy Rum Distillery. Happy hour was hosted by the QLD Club. The dress code for which was Queensland formal, i.e. Hawaiian shirt!

Wednesday: Day 2 - A visit to Historic Childers (Coast to Country) included a beautiful drive through mane fields and Macadamia orchards to a most authentic historic village, very much alive and conscious of its significant heritage. The fully operational 'Old Paragon Theatre' was open to rally entrants. Happy hour was provided by the VCCA (Vic.) It was enjoyed and attended by many. Paul Daley introduced it while Ben Alcock had been busy arranging great nibbles and informed a sizeable and very interested crowd of our coming events.

Thursday: Day 3 - A steam day was held at Oaks Beach, with a most impressive display of cars, traction engines etc. This was to coincide with the 'Ladies High Tea', part of which was a period costume fashion parade including a riotous parade of Victorian



swimsuits, both male and female. Later the 'Gaslight Parade' through the Bundaberg CBD was viewed by a huge and enthusiastic crowd. Getting home to Bargara after dinner in the dark was a dicey adventure, but nevertheless enjoyed, with the car performing well in the night air.

Friday: Day 4 - SSS Strawberry and Golden Pacific Macadamia facility visits were heartfelt experiences. The SSS Farm planted and developed by a refugee family, was a special example of an integral unit in family pulling together, in hard work, but the success and scale of it was a shared responsibility. The Principal's Maserati parked in front of the Veterans was proof of hard work and astute business acumin rewarded. The NSW club hosted happy hour.

Saturday: Day 5 - The Northern Coastal Run was a brilliant run of 118 km via the Cross Family Farm. The scale of this farm was immense and the owner most welcoming. We were guided through the cherry tomato sorting and packing section by the bare-footed man himself, who was a gem if ever there was one. Lunch at Moore Park Beach with a Festival in swing was great. Moore Park Beach boasts one of the longest and most pristine beaches in Australia and is the home base for the turtles who enjoy a totally unmolested environment. The scenery for driving was wonderful.

Sunday: Day 6 - This was a short run to the Bundaberg Botanic Gardens where we enjoyed the wonderful

location and weather. There was plenty of interest including the Historical Museum, the Hinkler Hall of Aviation featuring a world class exhibit around the life of local pioneer aviator Bert Hinkler, Fairymead House which was an original sugar mill homestead now set up as a museum for the sugar industry, and a small steam train providing tours of the garden. Our vehicle display was greeted by the locals with a huge amount of interest with crowds inspecting the cars all day. That evening the feature was a Charity Gala Spectacle and a showing of 'Genevieve'.

Monday: Day 7 - The final dinner was actually a lunch which following a seaside breakfast sausage sizzle. At the dinner the preview film of the Victorian Club's 2020 National rally (which can be accessed though our website) was shown, and the response to this was very positive.

Overall this was one of the most comprehensively planned and executed national rallies held. It was action packed and the days had appeal for all. For the Victorians it was a long way with a veteran in tow. However, the Queenslanders did a wonderful job and it was worth every bit of the journey. The weather was beautiful and the country amazing. Victorians represented 14% of the 146 strong entry. To me, the colour of the soil was a highlight. Cost of fuel there and back was \$2,000. Cost of fuel in the veteran for the five days was very little!

A Bundy Great Time

by Doug Fulford, President of the VCCA (NSW) and grateful National Rally entrant!

I thought that I should try to tell
As best as I can
All about this great rally
In lines that rhyme and scan

The rally first got going when
With passion Aunt Cheri
Spoke about our cars in a
Welcome to Country

Many of us had already
Been to the 'Sheila Shack'
For other entertainments
We clearly didn't lack

You could watch bananas grow
(In Bundy they grow fast)
They, of course, were all quite straight
The bending happens last

Or head off to Barolin
That historic home to see
And about its varied life
As retold by Suzee

Or visit George's workshop 'cos
His models are renowned
It seems that with amazing things
this region does abound

Tuesday's Southern Coastal Trip
Was a heap of fun
And thanks to that "good dirt road"
Truly a shakedown run

We had all collected 'smoko'
Although it soon transpired
The Hoskins' had prepared a spread
Such that it was not required

Lunch followed at the bowling club
With great reverie
And followed with a 'drinks break'
At the rum distillery

Later on the Queenslanders
With spirit and aplomb
Put on a happy hour
And served vipers' venom

On Wednesday our rally route
The Coast to Country Run
Took in the town of Childers
A most historic one

Lunch was for you to find
Nothing had been planned
We dined at the Grand Hotel
Which seemed far from grand

Then we found the Paragon
And rushed there to be seated
Collected our free ice creams
With which we all were treated

We settled in our low slung seats
Then the lights turned low
The cartoons sure were humorous
A truly splendid show

On Thursday all the men made sure
That their brass did gleam
And headed off towards Oaks Beach
There to let off steam

The ladies all – so I've been told
Had fun at the High Tea
And when men modelled underwear
They clapped their hands with glee

That evening crowds had gathered
For the big gas light parade
The locals sure were keen to see
Our cars and clothes displayed



When I grow up, I want to be a Phoenix – Ashburns' 1913 Phoenix next to the Prodger's 1915 Morris Oxford.



Joe and Maria Sciacca at the Picnic with Veteran Cars in the Bundaberg Botanical Gardens.



Any idea where all that noise is coming from? Sally and Rob Yorke in Whitey (1912 Overland).



Crossing the Bridge at Bundaberg.

The bu the light of gas or kero
Or electricity
We ventured back by instinct and
The little we could see

On Friday we all headed off
For the Inland Run
Stopping on the way out for
Some berry picking fun

Then we cranked up once again
And headed on to Bucca
Where Meals on Wheels treated us
To some good bush tucker

This time the dirt that we traversed
Was fairly free of ruts
And on the route that brought us home
Some purchased bags of nuts

That evening at the happy hour
Some drank refreshing ales
Whilst eating dim sims all thanks to
New South bloody Wales

On Saturday our rally route
Was to the Northern Coast
Where the Cross Family Farms
Were to be our host

We were shown around the farm
By the inspiring Trevor Cross
Who likes to go bare-footed just
To prove that he's the boss

Then we headed on to Moore Park
Where we all had the chance
To purchase packs of biscuits to
Help fund their ambulance

That evening many entrants chose
The pub at Burnett Heads
Where they enjoyed fine pizzas
Before heading off to beds

On Sunday we displayed our cars
So everyone could see them
And marvelled at the clothes displayed
In the park's museum

Many enjoyed the steam train rides
Which some were given free
And listened to a talk about
The Armstrong Siddleley

Then doing as we'd all been told
At that morning's brief
We headed off back to town
To the centre named Moncrieff

The scene that was created there
Could well make you believe
That you were at the premiere
Of that classic, 'Genevieve'

We saw men behaving badly
With great hilarity
I wondered if at some times
There's a touch of that in me

Monday morning was a fun beach time
With games and a great breakfast
It saddened us that this day
Had to be the last

Then we set off back in to town
For the farewell lunch
Which may seem like an ending
But I have a hunch

Its really just a pausing
Of fellowship until
In another twelve months time
We meet up at Swan Hill

With the great car rallies
This event most surely ranks
So to Terry, Reggie and the team
Go our heartfelt thanks.



1911 FN2400 - Chris Duncan & Catherine Strutt.



Chris Sorenson's 1906 Model F Buick.



The Bundaberg Rum distillery.

14th National Highwheeler Rally

By Andrew McDougall (Photos by Frances McDougall and Sue Holbrook)

Maryborough Victoria, September 29th – October 4th, 2019

How fortunate were Frances and I to transition from the excellent National Veteran Rally in Bargara to the excellent and most enjoyable National Highwheeler Rally in Maryborough. I don't think that there is any such thing as overdosing on veteran motoring!

Arriving mid afternoon on the Sunday it was great to catch up with enthusiastic highwheeler owners from all states of Australia except for Tasmania. You have to take your hat off to those folk who have towed their primitive vehicles such great distances in order to enjoy the company of others who appreciate and drive these highwheelers. In particular it was great to have Stuart, Haf and Manon with us, all the way from Wales. We also had Rodger and Janie Stewart from NZ join the rally as guests of Andy Burns. We caught up with many people who we only get to meet every one or two years as well as some new people who were out in their buggies for the first time.

There were 24 highwheelers including some not previously seen by us, including Brian and Margaret Kelleher in a 1908 Schacht, Bruce and Margaret Weller in a 1909 Sears (formerly owned by David Holden and Peter May), Peter and Josie Williams in a 1910 IHC, Alan and Eva Cole in their newly restored 1912 Little

Giant (an oxymoron if there ever was one) and Gavin Mutton and Loretta Marron in their recently acquired 1909 Economy (and economical it is in its design and construction).

We were welcomed on the Sunday evening by the Smith clan who provided the meal of pizzas and sticky date pudding down by the historic railway station. The evening wound up fairly early as there was some buggy fettling still to be done and people were tired after the drive to Maryborough.

Monday morning was the start of a great week of highwheeler motoring supported by generally excellent weather. We all gathered with our vehicles at the nearby Ron Sinclair Reserve for our briefing prior to a shorter shakedown run. The opportunity was taken to get a photo of the highwheelers lined up whilst we had a full complement. Today's run took us to nearby historic Talbot where we enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea before returning to Maryborough and having lunch by Lake Victoria. The ducks were very interested in any dropped crumbs. We then assembled in front of the historic Railway Station (Mark Twain once described it as a railway station with a town attached) for a photo shoot with the aid of a cherry picker for elevation. The photo shoot was memorable for the excellent setting with the buggies and also for the aggressive station



On a suitable road for veterans.

mistress who must have taken angry pills when she got out of bed in the morning. Permission for the photo shoot had been obtained from a higher authority and certainly the assembled townsfolk enjoyed seeing the highwheelers there. We had covered 43km for the day in the buggies. We then swapped to modern vehicles and drove across to Kyneton to view Ivan Smith's eclectic collection of veteran vehicles, International Harvester trucks and tractors vehicles with connection to the Smith's time in business and the best collection of Valiants to be seen.

Tuesday saw us on a longer run heading to Avoca for lunch. On the way we traversed an excellent and atmospheric gravel road to Haydon Pilgrim's private collection at what he calls the "The Church". He goes to church every day and pays homage to his vehicles and hugely varied memorabilia. He seemed reluctant to hand over a sizeable gold nugget that was found on the property – one the Chinese and the prospectors missed. Haydon is a larger than life character and he arranged for us to be made welcome in Avoca's main street and at the Chinese Garden. Many of us enjoyed the renowned bakery pies for lunch. Upon return to Maryborough we had covered 75 km. Our exhaust manifold came adrift but a visit to hardware stores provided materials for a temporary repair. Some other owners were experiencing greater challenges.

Prior to the commencement of Wednesday's run we paid our respects to the passing of Barry Forryan who was a stalwart of the Veteran Vehicle Movement and highwheelers in particular. The morning run took us over wonderful quiet, single bitumen strip country roads passed magnificent displays of canola and wheat crops. This was quite unlike the devastatingly dry country we passed through in NSW and Queensland on our way to Bargara and return. Morning tea was at Tullaroop Reserve overlooking the lake. After morning tea we headed to Strangeways, again having the opportunity of passing over a section of excellent gravel road on our way to lunch and the viewing of a magnificent private collection of horse drawn vehicles. Due to the gravel road section being open we were able to save 17 km and so the day's run was just over 80 km.

For Thursday the pressure was on as we had to leave by 8.30am for Maldon in order to catch the specially arranged steam train ride with accompanying lunch to Castlemaine and back. Again the quiet roads and picturesque countryside was ideal for highwheeler motoring, however approaching Maldon there were some challenging hills. With judicious use of the advance and retard lever and throttle I was able to coax the IHC with a full complement of passengers over the



Ivan Smith 1909 IHC.



Noel & Sue Holbrook 1910 IHC.



Trouble with the Economy.



At the Avoca Railway Station.

hills in top gear. All told the number of buggies going to Maldon was around eight, with others either out of action or their owners choosing to go modern. The train ride and lunch was terrific with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. Some local club members volunteered to keep an eye on our buggies whilst we were away from the Maldon station and so we thanked them by taking them for buggy rides around the town upon our return. Seventy eight kms were covered on the day, excluding the train trip.

All too quickly our final run day had arrived and it was as though the weather sensed it, as a change had come through with some clouds and cool wind. Our run was via the Bet Bet to the historic town of Dunolly At Bet Bet we visited a most unusual hobby and collection. The hobby and collection served to indicate to our partners that we are relatively sane when it comes to veteran vehicles. This hobby entailed the laying of standard gauge rail, sleepers and points in the adjacent paddocks and then running a collection of motorised service cars on them. Each sleeper costs \$40 and the installation takes a lot of effort, especially when the summer temperatures undo the installation work through expansion of the rails. However many of us enjoyed a run along the lines on service vehicles whilst having morning tea. Next it was off to nearby Dunolly, via quiet roads where the townsfolk were out in force to welcome us. Queen Victoria was also there in person to welcome us and for some worthy members the receipt of a knighthood. Paul Daley our Club President was up for the day to witness our

highwheeler enjoyment and to congratulate all those involved in putting on the event. There are many interesting buildings in Dunolly and the local people have gone to a lot of trouble to preserve history. It is a town well worth visiting although I am not assured that Queen Victoria will be there to welcome you. There are a number of plaques which make reference to her. Again we enjoyed an excellent catered lunch in the park before heading back to Maryborough mid afternoon so that we could load up our buggies before the final dinner. I think that by this stage the attrition rate had left us with only 14 operating highwheelers. Whilst this means some rectification and sorting out work has to be done, people get a lot of enjoyment from just being with like minded enthusiasts and amongst the buggies. Today's run was 50km.

Frances and I, throughout the week enjoyed having passengers accompany us in the IHC. It is great to be able to share the experience.

An excellent final dinner was held at the local club with a power point slide show of the week's activities on display. Fiona Lane presented a most interesting story on the research done by herself and Pam and Deane Hill on the first owner of the IHC buggy restoration project owned by Pam and Deane. The first owner was a South Australian entrepreneur by the name of Robert Stirling McLeod. Whilst lots of information was on hand about Mr McLeod, frustratingly no picture of him has been located of him or him with the buggy. It is always interesting to learn as much as possible about the early life of our vehicles.



Picnic lunch.



Morning Tea in Talbot.



Private carriage collection.



Morning briefing.

Of course events such as this rally just don't happen by themselves. We are very much indebted to the excellent and thoughtful work put in by Greg and Denise Smith, with the support of their helpers, the extended Smith family and Mick Turner who assisted with the route planning, the putting out of signs and providing tail end Charlie back up. The various service club members, commercial food providers and the owners of the collections we visited all contributed greatly to the success of the week. The Highwheeler Movement is unincorporated so we very much appreciate the support we receive from incorporated bodies. It this case we wish to thank the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) for allowing the event to run under its auspices. The rally book with its normal contents of instructions, maps and entry list was augmented by wonderful period photos of highwheelers. It is an excellent publication for which we are very much indebted to Paul Daley for its provision and publication. A special thanks must go to Sue and Noel Holbrook who had the foresight to initiate the Highwheeler movement in Australia and the associated national rallies.

Sadly this is the conclusion of another outstanding National Highwheeler Rally and now we have to look forward to the 15th National, in two year's time, in Mount Gambier.



Greg Smith starting the 1909 Schacht.



On the train Maldon to Castlemaine.



Mick Turner - the sign man.



Andrew McDougall 1909 IHC Dunolly.



Peter Fagan 1909 IHC.



Mike & Shirley Sheehan winners of the travellers trophy.

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Privacy Policy

1 What information will we hold?

Generally, we will keep a record of one or more of the following types of information about you:

- 1.1 Information that identifies you, such as your name and address and other information provided by you
- 1.2 If you are applying for membership of our association, we hold the information that is requested of you on that membership form

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We collect and hold information about you when you:

- 2.1 Complete a registration or other type of form;
- 2.2 Provide us with your email address through receipt of an email
- 2.3 Supply us with your personal details via your member TAVCCA Club
- 2.4 Generally, we only collect personal information about you from you.

3 How may we use your personal information?

We use your personal information to:

- 3.1 Effectively manage and administer all services

we provide to you including rally registrations/details, membership or classifieds details to third parties, publishing via print (e.g. roster) or electronic (e.g. website), and from time to time (for example we may use your email address to communicate with you about event updates or other interesting information that cannot be included in a TAVCCA affiliated club newsletter, other);

3.2 Carry out our member database maintenance – either in print or electronic.

3.3 Occasionally where shared interests with like-minded clubs or associations that can have a benefit to the membership of the TAVCCA affiliated club or members - we will share your contact details for a specific 'once off' purpose. The information shared will be destroyed/deleted by the other user(s)/association(s) upon conclusion of its use.

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We must get your consent before we tell anyone about you (other than for the reason stated in 3.3). We may at other times give you more details about our disclosure practices - for example on the forms we use to collect personal information about you.

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Your personal information may be used by the

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WANTED

Peter Schofield is a WA Veteran Car Club member who is researching Queens Bridge Motors at 31 Queens Bridge Street South Melbourne during the period from the 1950s to the 1970s. He is looking for photos of Delivery Vans EH HOLDEN in the 1960s.

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How's Your Clutch?

By Alan Esmore

Well, my 1911 Berliet Clutch has always JUST been there. Since I put her on the road in 1986, the clutch, which has a brake, will slip on full power?, well, full throttle up hill, and now with a "drive into" trailer, I came to the end of my tether at the Cowra Veteran Rally recently.

So whilst working on various makes of vehicles (most autos) at work, I kept in mind what I needed. So I came up with at Subaru WRX, pull type diaphragm clutch. I gathered up second hand parts from a mate and made a plan.

I machined a Subaru flywheel down to fit inside the Berliet recessed flywheel. I then made an adaptor to hold the spigot bearing and welded the Subaru gearbox shaft to the Berliet shaft. The thrust bearing was a breeze, as the width of each was the same.

I did extend the adjustment rods a little, but assembling was easy! And now works just great, although a bit heavier to operate, but it does operate perfectly, and with 100 years between the vehicles, I could hardly believe how easy it was to do!

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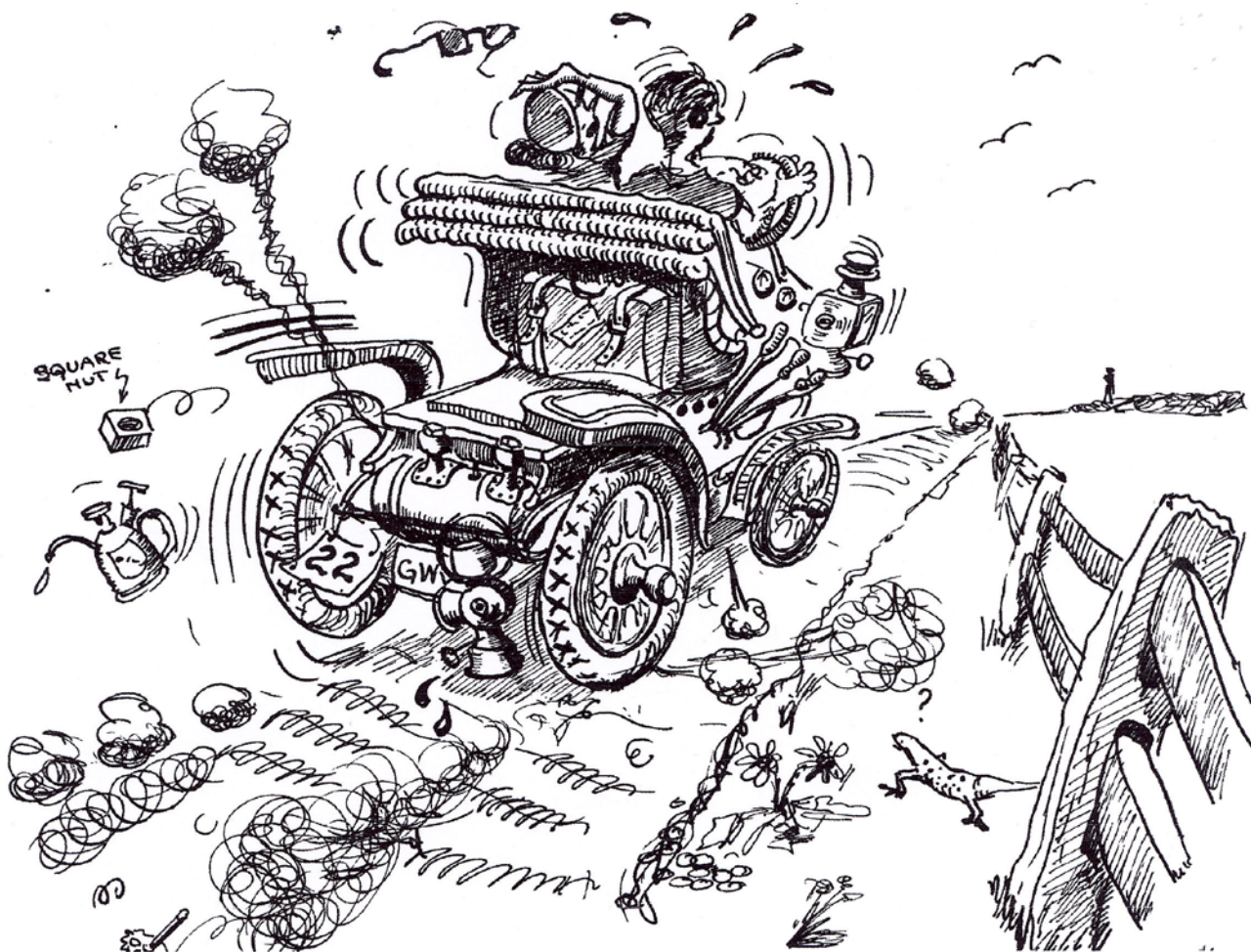
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One of a series of cartoons by Alan McInnes in the early 1960s.

Events



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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

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Entry form was in September *Brass Notes* or can be found on the website.

INTER-CLUB PÉTANQUE / BOULES / BOCCE COMPETITION

COMPETITION: A social occasion with friendly rivalry between the Alvis Car Club - Victoria, Armstrong Siddeley Car Club of Victoria, Bristol Owners Club of Australia, Daimler & Lanchester Club of Victoria, Jowett Car Club of Australia, and the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) competing for the David Wischer Trophy.

DATE: Sunday, 17th November 2019

VENUE: Hosted by the Veteran Car Club Australia (Vic), located at the Lynden Park club rooms in Wakefields Grove (off Through Street), Camberwell, Melway ref: Map 60 F4

CAR PARKING: There is plenty of car parking available in Wakefields Grove adjacent to the clubrooms.

TIMING & FACILITIES: Arrive at 11:30 am for socialising prior to lunch from 12:00 to 1:00pm. As usual, it will be a total BYO lunch, and BYO alcohol is allowed (sign-in required on entering club rooms). Gas BBQ facilities, tables & chairs, plus hot water for tea/coffee are provided by the venue. If the weather is inclement, the clubrooms will keep us dry. The event will be complete by 4:00pm.

COMPETITION: The friendly pétanque competition will commence at 1:00pm and is expected to conclude around 3:00pm, followed by the presentation of the David Wischer Trophy. Pétanque sets will not be available from the Camberwell Pétanque Club, and so those attending should bring along their own sets if available.

COST: Gold coin donation to cover barbecue gas, power, and cleaning up afterwards.

BOOKINGS: Bookings are essential: Contact your club representative by 10th Nov 2019.

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.

Events

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
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RACV 1&2 CYLINDER RALLY

The 2020 RACV 1&2 cylinder Rally will be held in Hamilton, Victoria, starting on Thursday afternoon with a short shake-down run around Hamilton before a welcome barbecue at the Hamilton Vintage Car Club rooms (rally headquarters). The aim this year is to run a country style rally taking in the sights and sounds of Victoria's Western District. Bring a thermos and remember your VCCA Name Tag. Entry forms will be out in the December Brass Notes, below are the accommodation details so that you can secure your room for the weekend.

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When: March 19 -22 2020
Where: Hamilton
Rally director: Doug Palmer
douglaspalmer@bigpond.com
Phone: 0409 010 730

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

Last month we launched the web site pages for the national rally. The pages included our On-line Expression of Interest form (and a hard copy link for those who prefer a printed sheet)

In the 26 days since the launch we have received 93 Expressions of Interest.

We already have over 70 bookings for motel rooms, cabins and sites.

This is going to be a big event!

BOOK your accommodation NOW!

Cabins at the rally HQ are fully booked but powered sites are still available. The Big4 Swan Hill has cabins, powered and ensuite sites. The Lazy River budget motel has rooms available.

All the information you need is on the rally pages. Click on the National Rally link on the club website www.veterancarclub.org.au

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
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Natter Night Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday 8 October 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 8.37pm.

2. Members Present

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3. Apologies

Callum Walsh, Fiona Lane, Rick and Jill Cove, Ralph and Lois Provan, Priya De Mel, Cliff and Betty Ward, Robert and Debbie Couper, Scott and Caree Staples, Graeme Moody, Brian Hussey, Jennifer Atherton.

4. Visitors

Paul Daley welcomed Richard Balsillie to the meeting.

5. Member News

Paul Daley reported that David Provan and Ben Alcock had birthdays on 7 and 9 October respectively and that Cliff Ward will celebrate his 95th birthday on 15 October.

6. Bereavements

Long-term member Elizabeth 'Beth' Cowie passed away peacefully on 3 October.

A funeral service to celebrate the life of Barry Forryan was held at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery, on Monday 7 October. Ben Alcock, Alan Long, Daryl Meek, Greg Smith, Jeff Alcock and Barry Gomm delivered moving tributes by sharing their stories and fond memories of Barry.

7. Events

Ben Alcock presented information about the following events and rallies.

7.1 Past Events

National Veteran Rally – Bargara (Bundaberg, Queensland) – 17 to 23 September 2019. A video of the highlights of the rally was screened.

Darren Savory spoke about The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, which he participated in on 29 September. Darren said that he had raised \$963 for men's mental health and suicide prevention programs. Darren said that if a member would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, they should log on to www.gentlemansride.com/fundraiser/darrensavory160159

National High Wheeler Rally (Maryborough, Victoria) – 29 September to 5 October 2019. Andrew McDougall provided a rally report and thanked Greg Smith and his team for organising an outstanding rally. A short video of the rally was screened.

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. A video of the event was screened. Paul thanked Richard Balsillie for producing the video.

7.2 Future Events

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

Bendigo National Swap Meet – 16 and 17 November 2019.

Combined Clubs Pétanque Day – 17 November 2019.

VSCC Two-Wheel Brake Rally – 15 December 2019.

RACV 2020 National Veteran Vehicle Rally (Swan Hill) – 11 to 17 October 2020. Michael Holding provided a rally update report and presented a promotional video that is available to view on the Club's website www.veteran-carclub.org.au. Michael demonstrated the electronic functionality to lodge an 'expression of interest' and thanked Scott Emmerson for producing the video.

7.3 Other Event Issues

Alan Long informed members that the Pegasus Rod & Custom Club is holding their annual swap meet and show and shine event this year on Melbourne Cup Day (5 November).

Barry Smith reminded members that the annual combined clubs family Christmas picnic will take place at Como Gardens, the home of George and Pat Hetrel, on 1 December.

8. Library and Archives Report

Daryl Meek 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.

9. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

David Inglis has a Nissan car badge to give away.

Kevyn Brown has a vintage Ford Model T Speedster for sale.

10. General Business

There were no items of general business.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will commence at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 12 November 2019. The theme for this meeting will be 'A Night of Surprises'.

12. Closure

The President closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Draft Minutes Of The 2019 Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 8 October 2019 at the VCCA (Victoria) Clubrooms

Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell

1. Opening and Welcome

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

2. Members Present

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3. Apologies

Callum Walsh, Fiona Lane, Rick and Jill Cove, Ralph and Lois Provan, Priya De Mel, Cliff and Betty Ward, Robert and Debbie Couper, Scott and Caree Staples, Graeme Moody, Brian Hussey, Jennifer Atherton, Andrew McDougall.

4. Proxies

The Secretary, David Provan, stated that he had received proxy forms from:

Rick Cove who appointed Andrew McDougall as his proxy; and Andrew McDougall who appointed Frances McDougall as his proxy.

Frances McDougall voted on behalf of Rick and Andrew at the AGM.

5. 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.

6. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Resolution: That the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, as published in the October 2019 edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by David Provan and seconded by Geoff Payne – carried.

7. President's Report

The President referred to his report that was published in the October edition of Brass Notes.

Resolution: That the President's Report, as published in the October 2019 edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by Paul Daley and seconded by Kevyn Brown – carried.

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer informed members that a condensed version of the auditor's report had been published in the October 2019 edition of Brass Notes. Any member wishing to view a full version of the report should contact Peter Hammet.

Resolution: That the Treasurer's Report, as published in the October 2019 edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by Peter Hammet and seconded by Barry Smith – carried.

9. Annual Membership Subscription

The Treasurer informed members that the committee had made a decision that the annual subscription and joining fee shall remain unchanged. The annual subscription is therefore fixed at \$85.00 for a hardcopy of Brass Notes, \$55.00 for an Ecopy of Brass Notes and a \$20.00 joining fee for the 2019 – 2020 year.

Resolution: That the annual membership subscription and joining fee for the 2019 – 2020 year be accepted. Moved by Peter Hammet and seconded by Jeff Alcock – carried.

10. Appointment of Auditor

Resolution: That the appointment of Gerry Howell CPA as the Club's auditor (on an honorary basis) be accepted. Moved by Peter Hammet and seconded by Geoff Payne – carried.

The President thanked Peter for undertaking the role of Treasurer during the 2018-2019 year and Claudia Holding for assisting Peter.

11. Election of Office Bearers for the 2019-2020 Year

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

11.1 Nominations Received

For the position of President – Paul Daley

For the position of Vice-President – Ben Alcock

For the position of Secretary – Darren Savory

For the position of Treasurer – Claudia Holding

For the positions of General Committee Member – Andrew McDougall, Greg Smith and Peter Hammet

11.2 Executive Positions

There being only one candidate nominated for each executive position, Paul Daley was declared President, Ben Alcock was declared Vice-President, Darren Savory was declared Secretary and Claudia Holding was declared Treasurer, all for a twelve-month term.

11.3 General Committee Members

There being only three candidates for the three vacancies on the committee, Andrew McDougall, Greg Smith and Peter Hammet were declared elected as General Committee Members for a three-year term.

12. Honorary Life Membership Awards

Paul Daley said that pursuant to Rule 9(2) of the Club's Constitution, an Honorary Life Member shall be a member of longstanding who has performed outstanding and distinguished service for the Club.

A rigorous process over a four month period was recently undertaken by the committee to assess four nominations. The criteria used to assess each application included:

- be highly respected and of unquestioned integrity;
- be an active and financial member for a period of not less than 15 years;
- has shown significant initiative, innovation and dedication to furthering the objects of the Club;
- has demonstrated a continuing involvement and enthusiasm 'beyond the call' in the promotion of the Club, the success of an event(s), and/or the advancement of the veteran motoring movement;
- has served on the committee or the executive for a significant period of time;
- has been a chair or member of a subcommittee for a significant period of time and fulfilled a role that was essential to the efficient/effective running and wellbeing of the Club; and
- any other relevant information.

The appointment of a member to Honorary Life Membership is the ultimate expression of the Club's gratitude to that member for their generous support of the objects of the Club. Paul highlighted the extraordinary contribution that both Ian Berg and Greg Smith have made to the Club.

Resolution: That Ian Berg and Greg Smith be appointed Honorary Life Members. Moved by Paul Daley and seconded by Peter Hammet – carried.

Paul then presented Ian and Greg with an Honorary Life Membership badge and a framed certificate.

13. Other Business

Paul said that David Provan, in his role as Secretary between 2014 and 2019, had served the maximum term of five years pursuant to Rule 59 of the Club's Constitution. In recognition of his contribution to the management of the affairs and business of the Club, Paul presented David with a service badge and framed certificate.

14. Closure

Paul Daley closed the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 8.28pm.

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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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New membership application enquiries to Darren Savory, mobile 0438 873 053, email secretary@veterancarclub.org.au.

Download the application form at veterancarclub.org.au.

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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.



Honorary Life Membership Awards

At the Club's Annual General Meeting, October 8, President Paul Daley had the pleasure of installing Ian Berg and Greg Smith as Honorary Life Members:

Paul said that pursuant to Rule 9(2) of the Club's Constitution, an Honorary Life Member shall be a member of longstanding who has performed outstanding and distinguished service for the Club.



Greg Smith receives Honorary Life Member Badge and Certificate. L-R: David Provan, Paul Daley, Greg Smith, Ben Alcock.



Ian Berg receives Honorary Life Member Badge and Certificate. L-R: Paul Daley, Ben Alcock, Ian Berg, David Provan.



John Washbourne needs a push in the Humberette on the National Veteran Rally at Bargarra (Photo by Frances McDougall)



Geoff and Helen Hood in the 1914 Sunbeam on the National Veteran Rally at Bargarra (Photo by Frances McDougall)