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Flashback

This month we have a T Ford shown at an early rally any idea of who, when or where? Contact the Editor.



April Flashback:

A response has been received from Mrs Jan Flude on the 1914 Hotchkiss in the April Brass newsletter. It is now owned by her father Hugh Tranter who purchased the vehicle from J A Thomas and a Mr Symond's. Hugh Tranter rallied the car extensively from the mid 1960's to the mid 1980's.

It first appeared in the Argus Rally January 1956 driven by a D (Des?) Manton - can anyone shed any information on this person?

Later it appeared in the Annual Rallies between 1958 and 1961 jointly entered by Thomas & Symonds. Hughie fully restored it and it's been in the family for about 55 years.

It is also reported that it was formerly used as a children's playground equipment at an eastern suburbs drive-in (Ringwood?). Can anyone verify this information?

May Flashback:

From Graeme Edwards:

I had a call from Russell Beach who confirms the car in May issue of Brass Notes is a 1910 FN owned then by Sam Serman until c.1965. David Smallacombe then purchased it and later sold it to Brian Hill.

It is now owned by Jonathon Hill in Sydney.

From David Smallacombe:

The FN in "Flashback" is being driven by then member Sam Serman and his friend Fred (I cannot remember his surname). Both of them were workmates of my father Aubrey.

I bought the car from Sam in the nineteen sixties and stupidly sold it about ten years ago, it is now in Sydney.

Coming Events		
13 June 2017	Natter Night - Special Presentation on Towing Speaker: Paul Tsiaris, CEO of Statewide 4x4. More info on Page 4 of this issue.	
21 June 2017	Around the Houses Visit to Ralph Philpot Oil Can Collection. Graeme Edwards: 0418 347 216	
13 August 2017	Rob Roy Hill Climb - Christmas Hills John Cox johnmarg654@yahoo.com http://vintagesportscarclub.org.au	
13 – 15 October 2017	Motorclassica – Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne www.motorclassica.com	
20-22 October 2017	Springtime Above the Snowline John Stanley: john.m.stanley1947@gmail.com T: 0409 001 836	
Major Events		
14 to 16 July 2017	RACV Mid Winter Rally Yea Robert Couper: debirob@dodo.com.au	
9–12 November 2017	RACV Annual Rally Ballarat Michael and Claudia Holding: 0407 008 895	
15-18 March 2018	RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Veteran Rally Cobram Andrew & Frances McDougall: 0417 310 852	
National Events		
11 - 14 July 2017	National Brush Rally Dalby Queensland Graham and Irene Donges: 0417 718 617, Graham.donges@me.com	
17 - 22 Sep 2017	National Veteran Motor Bike Rally http://vvmccsa.org.au/nrv	
24 - 30 Sep 2017	National Veteran Rally, Clare, South Australia Peter Templer: 0417 081 502	
29 October 2017	'Down Under' – London to Brighton – South Australia	
29 Sept - 5 Oct 2019	Model T Ford Annual Rally 2019 Maryborough, QLD	
International Events		
September 2019	HCCA International Tour Expressions of Interest - Russell Holden: 0422 219 911	
29 Sept - 5 Oct 2019	Model T Ford Annual Rally 2019 Maryborough, QLD www.mtoq12.wix.com/mtoq	

Front Cover: David T. Lang enjoying his 1916 T Model Ford on the Maryborough Four or More (photo by Frances McDougall)

President's Message

Please note your renewal form for July 1 is included in Brass Notes. This needs to be updated and returned with payment as soon as possible before July 1 to ensure your continuity of membership. Timely renewals really help the committee!

Our May Natter Night was a great evening including the presentation of awards, as well as a most interesting speaker.

A pictorical report on the award presentation is included in this issue, as well as details of recipients in the Natter Night minutes. We do like to celebrate and honour our members and their special vehicles, and the club has some splendid trophies and awards for this longstanding tradition. It was particularly pleasing to see Beth and Max Cowie who came down from Wagga Wagga. I was also pleased to see Diana Lyon in attendance, as well as Peter and Gwen Amor whom we have not seen for some time.

Roger Gibbs our guest speaker provided a very interesting background talk on Holden cars in Australia and we are very grateful for his unique insight. Roger spent his entire career at GMH, as did his father and we heard many fascinating anecdotes including how the term "FX" came to be, the last-minute US influence of the EJ Holden styling and the unplanned reintroduction of the Monaro coupe in the nineties.

During the last RACV November rally we visited Powelltown and were treated to a tour of the Powelltown sawmill. Powelltown celebrated their Back to Powelltown weekend in May and invited us back as part of the procession. It was a wet but enjoyable day and those club members who attended were made to feel most welcome, including being hosted to a delightful lunch.

Please see included a full write-up of the Four and More Rally held in April, as observed by three different participants. This was an excellent rally, memorable for its informality and relaxed touring as well as neat places to visit. Our next rally is the RACV Midwinter rally and don't forget to book your accommodation early. The entry form was included in May Brass Notes and can also be found on our web-site. Note too, the "Around the Houses" mid-week tour in June being organised by Graeme Edwards.

Finally, we hope you will find something of interest in our expanded classifieds advertisements section in this issue of Brass Notes.

Until next month, Ian Berg, President VCCA (Victoria)

JUNE NATTER NIGHT

June 13



Special Info on Towing

Our June 13 Natter Night will feature Paul Tsiaris, CEO of Statewide 4x4, who will present to us on the legal loading of four wheel drive vehicles. This is an info evening that will give you all you need to know about safely towing your veteran to events.



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4 and More - Maryborough Rally - April 2017

By Jill Bartlett and Brian Hussey, Sherryn Dunshea and Michael Holding (photos from Francis McDougall, James Dunshea and Callum Walsh)



Mount Mitchell Estate Line up

Day One & Two

By Jill Bartlett and Brian Hussey

On Friday, April 21 we travelled from Melbourne to Maryborough, midst heavy rain and fierce winds, fearful of what the weekend would offer. After collecting our rally pack and socializing with participants we all gathered at the Bristol Hill motel for dinner. Good food and conversation followed and a historic perspective of Maryborough was provided by the Mayor, Geoff Lovett, whose sense of humour exuberance and more particularly his passion for his area were inspiring and appreciated by all.

Our **Saturday** run began at 9 am adjacent to the Botanic garden displaying several significant trees. A briefing was provided by the rally director Rick Thege (ably assisted by his lovely wife Heather). Our 120 k journey took us through interesting and varied terrain, Central Goldfields region and Pyrenees region.

Maryborough has a current population of 8000 and presents with many significant buildings. The Railway Station is stunning. The current building was completed in 1897, and is described as a Queen Anne style with hallmarks of Anglo-Dutch gables and faceted chimneys. An impressive veranda covers a long wide platform. Mark Twain described it as a station with a town attached.

Throughout the day we travelled along well -chosen country roads: sometimes flat yet winding, at other

times along ridges accessed by hills. Cattle wandered lazily peering through their huge brown eyes whilst lambs frolicked. Some paddocks were planted as pasture and windfarms were sighted on hills. Where the land was undulating, large boulders were evident. We crossed many streams and large bodies of water. Majestic eucalypts lined many roads then we would enter a town and be confronted by a display of exotic trees either bare limbed or in all their autumn colours-ash, oak, maple, together with displays of roses and flowering perennials. Then, just as suddenly, we would be out again in our Australian bush with the striking trunks and blue foliage familiar to all.

The first coffee stop was in Talbot, a quaint village notable for a well -supported monthly Farmers' Market and evidence of some restoration of buildings. From Talbot we visited Mount Mitchell, a privately owned National Trust property of 800 acres (formerly much larger). The original Homestead was designed by architect Charles Webb who also designed the Windsor Hotel, Royal Arcade and Melbourne Grammar. The main building was completed in 1861 and remained in the Robertson family until 1926.

The current owners have promoted it as a wedding venue and many programs are operating within the various buildings and gardens. A tour with the owner, Kate Tol, was in progress when we arrived so a few of the rally group piggy-backed thereon and heard many stories relating to this stunning property.

From Mt. Mitchell we travelled through Lexton to Avoca for lunch and were fortunate to be offered a talk in the Chinese Garden, a recent development courtesy of State Government Funding, on land provided by a local resident. The funding was available to small towns who could demonstrate the community benefit of their proposal. It encompassed many traditional Chinese plants juxtaposed with eucalypts and grasses, with a large emphasis on local boulders and water together with a pagoda. A lovely asset and experience for us.

Our next stop was at 'Wallington', the property of Hayden Pilgrim, to view his extensive collection of cars and memorabilia. He described his collection as a disease. Hayden provided coffee, cakes and an entertaining enthusiastic talk.

Dinner was at the Highland Club and we were again entertained by a local. As is the norm on such events, wherever we travelled locals cheered, waved, engaged through their stories or sought information pertaining to the cars. A great day was had by all in perfect weather. A big thank you to Rick and Heather.



Saturday arvo line



The Holdings in their 1910 Buick Model 10

Day Three

By Michael Holding

Early on **Sunday** morning, Michael Holding was out test driving their 1910 Buick, having spent several hours under the car before dinner the night before. It can be assumed the time spent was in vain as the car was later parked and the Holdings were hitching a ride with Terry Mansbridge in his 1912 Sunbeam tourer. Claudia in the back seat, Michael riding shot gun in the front.

The 53 kilometre circuitous route to morning tea at Newstead took us through a scenic path through Carisbrook, past Tullaroop Reservoir and through Campbelltown. Terry complained about the continuous whine coming from the rear of the car but eventually concluded it was a misaligned dif.

Morning tea at Newstead centred around the bakery. Yet another 40 minutes of pastries and scones.

A short run of 25 kilometres via Guilford took us to the picturesque town of Castlemaine where we were given free rein to purchase lunch. Some dined in; some bought take away and others just ate ice-cream. No judgement.

Our lunch break had a strict deadline as Rick had organised a special treat; to visit local car restoration company, Up The Creek Workshops, owned by Grant Cowie. Although now in a new workshop/storage facility, for more than 25 years they have restored, maintained and preserved almost every marque of prewar car including Delage, Bugatti, Sunbeam, Lancia, Bentley, Alfa Romeo and Hispano-Suiza. The standard and quality of their work was amazing.

One of their most recent projects was reconstructing the engine of the world's only surviving 1914 Delage Type-S grand prix. The project was featured on the ABC's 7:30 Report. (Google it). They needed to replace the engine block. No spares or drawings existed. Working with the CSIRO, the damaged engine was scanned inside and out using a high powered laser.



A Bugatti and a LaSalle at the Up the Creek Workshop

4 and More (Cont.)

By Jill Bartlett and Brian Hussey, Sherryn Dunshea and Michael Holding (photos from Francis McDougall, James Dunshea and Callum Walsh)

The damage was digitally repaired and a sand mould produced using a 3D printer. A local iron foundry then cast the engine before it was machined using tradition machinery. The 103 year old veteran is now back up and running – much to the relief of the entire project team.

The rally continued some 20 kilometres to our next stop. Maldon ...and more food. Most of the rally entrants were aware a theme was developing in Rick and Heather's event; Bakeries and pie shops. Both days - morning Devonshire teas, lunch stops strongly promoting pie consumption, and now again afternoon tea. As if we needed MORE food!

Maldon has been designated "Australia's first notable town" and is notable for its 19th-century appearance, maintained since gold-rush days. The town boasts that it is largely unchanged since the 1850s, and has attracted considerable interest from tourists for its 19th-century atmosphere.

The 40 kilometre run home was a picturesque drive though undulating country side. Livestock could often be seen grazing in distant paddocks. Unfortunately, they were not close enough to see if any had huge brown eyes.

For the intrepid entrants an optional detour to view the Cairn Curran Reservoir was offered on the trip home. Constructed between 1947 and 1956, the Cairn Curran Reservoir is located on the Loddon River. A number cars chose to veto the detour, thinking it was just another Thege trap to consume more food.

Sunday evening, and we were back at the Highland Club for dinner and an entertaining tale presented by our own Stan Bone. Stan related the story of his father and uncle, in the late 1940's, purchasing an army surplus tank in Bandiana and driving it to Yarra Glen. Stan was under pressure. The hecklers had offered him a 7 minute window to complete his story, and then he was fair game. His talk was so entertaining, the hecklers allowed him an additional 4 minutes without interjection. So entertaining in fact, we will share it in the August Brass Notes.



The start at Maryborough on the Saturday, with the Esmores' 1913 Buick at the front.



Avoca line-up



Terry Mansbridges Sunbeam



The lovely FN



Peter and Judy Fitzgerald's 1910 Maxwell alongside David Couper's vintage Lancia Lambda

Day Four

By Sherryn Dunshea

Monday saw a frosty but promising blue sky day of veteran motoring. Starting from our now familiar location in the heart of town, we headed off to Dunolly north of Maryborough. Dunolly is a small historic town with a number of buildings dating from the mid to late 1800s. The buildings provide an insight into the practice of law and justice over the past 150 years, with the Town Hall built in 1863.

The streetscape provided a great back drop to our vehicles for many photo opportunities and the antique stores offered some great bargain hunting. As had become a feature of this rally, yet another bakery provided some lovely choices for morning tea.

We headed off to Tarnagulla and drove a circuit through this former mining town viewing a number of churches and unfortunately many old and derelict buildings. We then headed to the historical sporting reserve which is now used as a camping ground, and on to a tiny stone cottage located just out of town in a bush setting. Rally Director Rick Theige provided an interesting history on the cottage, built by hand by a Welsh miner.

Unfortunately I was responsible for photos at this stop so can add no further detail on Rick's commentary, however I took some great shots of the interesting features, including one of Andrew McDougall peering into the roof rafters from the front porch.

From here we travelled over the Loddon River at Laanecoorie and back to Maryborough for lunch and the conclusion of the rally at the Supreme Court Hotel. We passed by the Maryborough Town Hall and Cenotaph which was preparing for their ANZAC Day commemoration the following day.

These occasions serve to remind us of the time our vehicles were being created and for many, the role they played in service to the many countries they come from.



Andrew McDougall peering into the roof rafters



Stan and Maggie Bone's FN at Dunolly

The RACV Florence Thomson Tour

By Gordon Berg



Florence Thomson at the finish of the Sydney to Melbourne motor contest (photo State Library Victoria)

The inaugural 'Florence Thomson Tour - Celebrating women in motoring' was organised by the RACV on Sunday 30 April 2017. It celebrated the pioneering spirit and contribution of women to Australian motoring. Mrs Florence Thomson of Adelaide was one of Australia's first woman motorists. She and her husband, Adelaide dentist Ben Thomson, were early adopters of motor cars and both competed in their cars in the early years of motoring in Australia. In February 1905 Florence Thomson was the sole female entrant in the Dunlop Reliability Motor Contest from Sydney to Melbourne. Florence Thomson was one of 17 entrants who successfully completed the five day trial, driving a six horsepower Wolseley, over what was then nothing more than 572 miles of horse track between the capital cities.

For women drivers only the 'Florence Thomson Tour', for cars at least 25 years old, began at Coombe Cottage at the historic Melba Estate - home of Dame Nellie Melba another notable early woman motorist - with a morning tea replete with scones, cream and jam and followed by a garden tour. Daniel Johnson, Melba Estate Manager, gave an interesting talk on the history of the Melba Estate. Participants then toured for about 90 km via the picturesque ranges of Yarra Glen, Kangaroo Ground and Kinglake to the RACV Healesville Country Club for lunch. A lovely autumn day made for a very pleasant tour.

There was one veteran vehicle on the run, the 1914 Overland driven by Jessica Alcock. It has to be noted that Jessica had just returned from her honeymoon by plane on the morning of the tour - well done! Other VCCA members and their family were present in later vehicles. Annette Newell was driving a friend's 1926 Willys Overland Whippet. Annette's mother Ann also participated in the family's vintage model A Ford and Annette's daughter Shenay drove Annette's 1926 Willys Overland Whippet on the tour on her 'L Plates'. Fiona Lane drove the RACV's Ford Anglia, emblazoned with the sign 'ON SITE VEHICLE TESTING' on the run. There were several members of the Vintage Driver's Club present as well.

On arrival at Healesville the entrants enjoyed the sumptuous tour lunch in the ball room at the RACV Healesville Country Club. Daryl Meek, the Tour Director, addressed the participants and remarked that the event was notable in that there were no breakdowns on the run. There was a delightful display of period dresses from the collections of Fiona Lane and Julia Meek in the ballroom. There were also posters describing a number of notable Victorian women motoring identities. Catherine and Gordon Berg's 1904 6 hp Wolseley, the same model of the car driven by Florence Thomson in the Sydney to Melbourne reliability contest, was positioned centre of stage in the ballroom.

This car is the sole known survivor of this model in Australia. Two of the women RACV Directors were present at the event, one of whom drove the RACV's 1967 Morris Mini deluxe in the tour.

All present were very impressed with and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Our thanks to Daryl Meek and his RACV colleagues, the RACV organisation, and to Daniel Johnson and staff from the Melba Estate, for a wonderful experience.



Overland group at start at Coombe Cottage



Jessica Alcock leads off in the Overland



Wolseley in RACV Healesville ballroom at lunch



Fiona Lane drove the RACV's Ford Anglia



At Coombe Cottage



Antique dress display at RACV Healesville



Lunch at the RACV Country Club Healesville

Back To Powelltown – Centenary Celebrations

By Paul Daley (photos by Frances McDougall)



Procession at Powelltown

When Carmel and Harold Fox contacted the Veteran Car Club and asked if we could participate in Powelltown's centenary celebrations, we were delighted to as one good turn deserves another! Powelltown, which is nestled in the mountain ash timber country, just 15km south of Yarra Junction, was a highlight lunch stop at last year's RACV Annual Rally and memorable to any Club member who attended when we visited the Fox's historic timber mill.

It was a cold and rainy day but the Club put on a good turn out with Andrew and Frances McDougall (1915 Model T Ford Roadster), Paul Daley (1911 Model T Ford Torpedo), Ian Berg (1961 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible), Chris and Fiona Dillon (1909 Type R Minerva), Bob May (1911 Hotchkiss) with passenger John Prior and Brendan Pierce with his 1927 Rolls Royce Phantom 1. Barry Smith (1918 Chevrolet 490 Roadster) was accompanied by John Christie who restored that vehicle some years ago. Other friends from the motoring movement included members of the Model A Ford Club, Brenden Wolfe and Luella Tong with their preservation class 1924 Buick Master 6, together with Ray Gilson. There was a most eclectic group of people including George Driver in his 1926 Dodge Tourer. George was proud to inform us that he was not just a 'driver' but a Driver, no less than a first cousin of the Driver Bus Line family. The group nodded, acknowledging this nuance.

This was a true community event with numerous marquees reflecting the camaraderie of the bush. The CFA had an extensive display which included 'Little Pat' and the community fire prevention van. The Yarra Junction and Community Bank was showcased, together with a photographic display from the Upper Yarra Museum. The Red Cross had its stall of jams, pickles, and crocheted hand crafts. Doing a brisk business was the gem stone stall advertising 'Psychic Secrets' and offering Chrystal Balance together with healing crystals, gemstones and petrified wood, all the

ingredients for a DIY séance at home.

Monica Mains, a Forest and Fire manager with the Department of Environment Land, Water and Planning Yarra District (she agreed this was quite a mouthful), was busy handing out brochures of the local Tall Tree Walk which is located at the Ada Tree Scenic reserve, which is evidently worth a visit.

Timber Town Designs had their handcrafted one of a kind pieces all using timber sourced from the local area and processed at Powelltown Sawmills, including coat racks and other interesting items. The Wild Dog winery from Warragul offered wine tasting of Chardonnay, Shiraz, Merlot hosted eloquently by the proprietor Luke Sermon.

At 11:40am we were advised to form up for the Grand Parade. In the pouring rain Brendan Pierce's Rolls Royce together with the Veteran Brass cars and the Cadillac formed a conga line slipping and sliding some 800 metres through the mud and slush of the timber mill to form up. The Police Pipe Band lead the parade, followed by 2 donkeys, one with a chihuahua dog balancing on its back being lead by a bush character with a cockatoo perched squawking on this shoulder. This was followed by the four draft horses pulling the 1890's lorry (tray truck) with its bales of hay and excited children waving to the crowd.

Then came the cars. A couple of bystanders asked if they could 'jump in'. Brendan Pierce kindly opened the door to let in none other than the Federal Liberal Member for Casey and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Tony Smith in for the ride. Paul Daley was approached by a bubbly woman who turned out to be Cindy McLeish MP, State Member for Eildon who hopped into the Ford Torpedo for the parade.

The parade proceeded down the main street to waves and cheers of the locals – such a wonderful time was had it was decided another run was needed. So, back through the mud and the slush for a second



Andrew & Frances McDougall's T and Ian Berg's Caddie



The donkey with the balancing chihuahua - A risky position for the McDougall's T Ford

time around! Of course with the bagpipes, the second verse sounds same as the first – great fun – or more profoundly 'nothing stirs the blood like bagpipes; inspiring you to either form up in column of rank and march forth into the valley of death, or take your shoe off and throw it at the piper'. We chose to drive.

We were special guests for the Centenary Luncheon which was held in the Powelltown Hall, built back in 1917, (in those days, Powelltown had a population approaching 700). Today we were greeted by the charming Dawn Adams, the Chair and Treasurer of the local Church and the Hall, and leading light of the town! She welcomed everyone and thanked the Veteran Car Club and all who had participated saying, 'it was an absolute pleasure and joy to have you all here today. It has been such a success because it has been done as a team'. She especially thanked the Pipe Band saying some had travelled from Sydney, Albury and even Yackandandah just to see them perform.

All enjoyed a sumptuous smorgasbord luncheon with garden salads, coleslaw, roast pork, roast chicken, tossed salads, a massive spread prepared by the local ladies; washed down with Hardy's 2016 Stamp Chardonnay and 2016 Merlot. The Veteran Car Club enjoyed a convivial table with raconteurs such as Bob May regaling us with his tales of his collection of Ferguson Tractors.



Brendan Pierce's Hotchkiss



Barry Smith's Chev



Paul Daley's 1911 Ford T Torpedo



Brendan Pierce in the Rolls

Grizzly Bear Tour and Bakersfield Swap 2017

By Michael Holding



Built in 1963 this Lockheed M-21 Blackbird - The Blackbirds are the world's fastest planes

When the cat's away, the mice will play. This axiom also applies to the old car hobby.

While Claudia was playing tourist with our daughter in Burma, this little mouse went playing cars in the US. My fortnight of old car nirvana started in Seattle, with a visit to Mike and Donna McGinnis, capitulated into 5 days on the Grizzly Bear Tour (for Tour, read Rally) which then morphed into the Bakersfield Swap Meet including the pre-event tour.

Nine years ago, we purchased our 1905 Cadillac from Mike and Donna ...and we are still friends. Mike sold the '05 due to health issues preventing him from driving the car safely but after years of hearing of the "too much fun" we were having with the car, and now in his eighties, he purchased a replacement Cadillac, a 1907 Model M, and then found a friend to handle the starting and driving.

Seattle: Mike arranged a full schedule for my 4 day stay and, straight off the plane commenced with a "pulled pork sandwich" from a celebrated down town vendor. Sounds innocent enough until you discover it is a football sized sourdough roll stuffed with slow roasted

pork, peppered with more than enough chilli to make your nose run. A side order of chilli beans and a large diet Dr. Pepper and your lunch is complete. Welcome to America.

As do many Americans, Mike and Donna patriotically fly the Stars and Stripes on their property but I was pleased to be welcomed with an Australian flag sharing the flagpole for the duration of my visit.

Day 2 was spent at the home and workshops of Scot Taylor. Scot is a prolific and fastidious restorer, a perfectionist, and a gentleman. His collection of vehicles (and the buildings that house them) is mind blowing. Scot does most of his own restoration work. Enough to say - his workshop has polished floorboards.

Day 3: Pat Farrell and Mike Yeakel played host to this itinerate veteran car nut. Pat, in the morning and Mike in the afternoon. Pat is a steam man. His impressive collection of vehicles he has restored is housed in a museum of collectables originally started by his father while running the family second hand goods business. You could spend hours roaming the museum let alone inspecting the Stanley Steamers and his 1909



Another of Mike Yeakel's many veterans - this time a 1906 Model K Cadillac

Kissel Kar. Mike Yeakel is well known in the "antique car" hobby in America. Mike was the President of the Horseless Carriage Club of America in 2012 and, much like Scot turns out restored veteran cars at an embarrassing rate. (Ask yourself "How many cars did you restore last year?")

The Thursday (Day 4) was spent at the Boeing Museum of Flight. This 17,000 m2 complex displays over 150 aircraft including a replica of the Wright Brothers first plane, a Concorde, a Lockheed Blackbird, Richard Nixon's Airforce One, a 737, a 747 and even a 787 Dreamliner.

Mike and Donna were the perfect hosts. Donna even found a Seattle store selling Vegemite to complete my breakfast menu. While enjoying these 4 days of veteran car heaven and Mike and Donna's generous hospitality, we also found some time to work on Mike's Model M Cadillac. Mike would retire for bed early and I would disappear, down to his shed, and fettle.

Grizzly Bear Tour: I flew back to Los Angeles on the Friday to drive to Bakersfield for the start of the Grizzly Bear Tour on the Saturday. I had been offered a ride with the event director, Michael Sullivan, in his 1910 Parry. Of the 600 built in that year, this is the only surviving example. Only one other Parry exists and that was one of the 600 built in 1911.

Although billed as a National Rally, the event only attracted 10 entries which included 4 no shows. Four Model T Fords, a Model F Buick and the Parry headed off at 1pm for the 116 km run through orchid farmland to Lindsay. I could see the snow-capped mountains in the distance and questioned the sanity of both the organiser and the participants.

A welcome dinner that evening at China's Alley Restaurant (actually a Mexican restaurant with the somewhat deceptive name) was a great opportunity for the entrants to meet each other.

The second day was 105 kms into the snow country. The roads had been ploughed but we had up to 2



Scot's 1907 Straight Dash Oldsmobile



Pat Farrell's 1909 Kissel Kar

metres of snow each side of the bitumen. We climbed 2,100 metres to the Montecito Lodge in the Sequoia National Park. This was our home for 3 nights, touring each day to various land marks including The General Sherman – the world's largest living single stem tree; 275 feet tall and 36 feet in diameter. A tourist sign puts into perspective its enormity by stating "if it was the gas tank in a Chev pickup, you could drive around the Equator 371 times without refuelling." Ah, now I understand!

Driving in 100 year old cars, in icy conditions, with snow everywhere you looked, prompted a discussion that night at dinner regarding using anti-freeze vs draining radiators. I couldn't help myself! "Well! Back in Victoria; this is how we do it." By the time dessert was served, I had arranged an impromptu Cold Start Competition in the car park for the next morning. I had contacted Claudia, who was now back in Melbourne; she had typed a copy of the rules, found a copy of the "Cold Start Cranker's Lament" poem and emailed both to me. The rules were distributed to all of the entrants.

The next day we were assembled in the carpark at 8 o'clock, being greeted with an unusually and surprisingly warm morning, about 8 degrees C.

Grizzly Bear Tour and Bakersfield Swap 2017 (Cont.)

By Michael Holding



Grizzly Bear Tour - Always uphill and snow everywhere

The mercury had not dropped below -2 degrees C all night. Luckily for me, running a "book" was not appropriate nor expected. I would have lost my shirt and my thermals. My unofficial favourite, Bill Carpenter (HCCA President 2014) failed to start his 1912 T Model while my predicted slowest starter, the Parry, won the day in under 9 seconds. The other T's had varying success from 36 seconds to 2 ½ minutes. The other T failed to start.

The views (and the road) as we drove down the mountain were spectacular. We had actually entered the park from a longer route because the direct road was considered too steep for the veterans. But that didn't stop us from taking the short cut home.

Following the obligatory stop at McDonalds for lunch, we were back in Bakersfield, capping off 5 fantastic days of veteran motoring and time spent with a great group of people, drawn together through our old car hobby. Thanks must go to Michael Sullivan who every year, plans, plots and organises this event, often only attracting small numbers of entrants.

Bakersfield Swap Tour: The Bakersfield Swap Tour is a traditional, one day event, held the day before the iconic swap meet. Organised by the Model T Ford Club of Kern County, this year's event travelled through the oil fields north of Bakersfield to Hart Park. I was generously offered a ride in Gil Klecan's 1914 T Model Ford, ably driven by his son, Tom and daughter-in law Kristen.

Driving around in a '14 Ford and seeing fields of beam pumps (also called donkey pumpers or nodding donkeys) provides an understanding of the impact Henry Ford had on the American economy and way of life



Bill Carpenter's 1912 Model T Touring and others



Not the biggest of the Sequoias but certainly impressive none the less.

Note our cars at the base

Gil has toured his T Model all over the world, and proudly displays bumper stickers of the countries he has visited: Italy, Mexico, France, Ireland, Monaco, Portugal, Spain, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, Canada and Germany.

Bakersfield Swap: After two weeks of such memorable adventures with my wonderful hosts, the actual swap meet was an anti-climax. I was warned that some years are better than others and there is no real way to predict which will be the good ones. It seems I missed by at least 12 months.

The event is promoted as a "Brass era only" event but it wasn't a good omen when the first 3 stalls inside the gate were offering a Suzuki trail bike, a Honda road racer and a Mazda gearbox. There was however, any Ford T part you could wish for, from any year. A Model Fords were well represented as were some Maxwell parts.

I had arrived with a long list of Cadillac parts but by the end of the day, all I had purchased was a top hat, a set of BA taps and dies, an imperial depth gauge and a leather crank handle strap.

In spite of the low number of vendors and lack of items crossed off my shopping list, it was well worth the visit. Members of the Model T Ford Club of Kern County were welcoming, friendly and generous. They provided a "hospitality suite" in the host hotel each evening for happy hour and a luncheon each day at the swap.

My two weeks in America were fantastic. I met many of the characters whose names I have been seeing on web pages and in magazine articles over the years. They were all warm and friendly, many were knowledgeable and they even made remembering names easy for me: Michael McGinnis, Michael Yeakel, Michael Sullivan but most importantly the happy hour barman Michael Rimmer.

See you on the side of the road.

Michael Holding



My swap meet loot

The Auditori's 1906 Vulcan

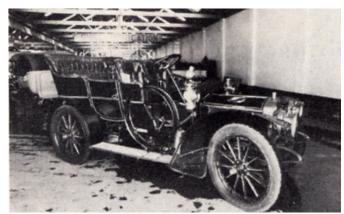
By Adam Auditori

Adam has provided some additional history of his Vulcan which featured in the April edition of Brass Notes.

It is Car No.172 20hp standard Phaeton, I just got the paperwork out and it's a letter from 2/10/1986 that you wrote to Mr Sales who never owned the Vulcan. The Vulcan was owned by Parkers of Colac Victoria and was used for weddings and street parades. It had an original body and upholstery. It was then sold at Auction to Peter Amor in 1982 (see photo from auction catalogue) who appointed the 'Automobilistes' to give it a very serious restoration. They remade everything in the diff, gear box and even made new camshafts for the engine along with almost every other moving part.

The body is still original apart from the fire wall front doors and the upholstery was replaced in 1987. It drives very smoothly at 40 mph on the flat, she's not a good hill climber. There's a good article from the 14th May 1907 "The flexibility trials, London to Bexhill" where the 4 cylinder 14hp Vulcan car changed gears only twice and was recorded doing a top speed of 39 mph. By the way Vulcan No.528 is now in the UK it was on the very first veteran car rally in NSW, later owned by Giltrap in Queensland No.172 and No.528 got together in 1988 at the Castrol world rally.

If you are internet savvy search TROVE newspapers the Vulcans came in through Sydney each time a shipment arrived they did a very detailed article covering the body motor colour the new owner and the trial run along with good illustrations.



Vulcan at Parker's Auction in 1982

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members

We welcome Brian and Joanna Williams from Woodend as new members to the club.

Brian and Joanna have recently purchased a 1909 Brush,

Defibrillator Training

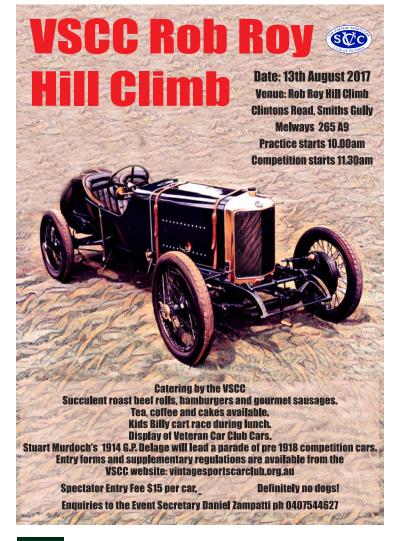
DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING WELL ATTENDED

Potentially life saving First Aid training on the Club's defibrillator was undertaken by the Committee on Monday night May 1st 2017 at the club rooms. Conducted by the St John organisation, the Committee was joined by Sue Berg, Lena Daley, Rod and Maggie Cripps, Brian and Joan Scudds, Chris Payne and Christine Knoop, Marcus Wills Cooke, Sue Pane, Alan and Noelene McKinnon, Dale and Maritta Parsell together with representatives of the Alvis Car Club. Attendees enjoyed a professional presentation by St John team leader Mark and Marcus Wills Cooke who has previously undertaken extensive First Aid training was an active participant.

Following the one hour presentation, a hands on demonstration was given by Marcus and Ian Berg.

This initiative has resulted in Brian Hussey being appointed to maintain the Club's defibrillator, as both the batteries and the pads have a life cycle to be maintained. The Committee is taking steps to have this machine at our rallies where possible.





The VCCA (Vic) has been invited to be a feature display at this year's VSCC Rob Roy hill climb on the 13th of August.

The car park display is always a prominent feature of the VSCC Rob Roy Hill Climb and I am confident the VCC cars will enhance this tradition.

We have arranged that during the lunch break for there to be a Parade run up the hill immediately after the Kids Billy Cart Race. The Parade will be lead by the Murdoch GP Delage, and we invite you to select 10 cars form your membership to participate. During the lunch break the invited cars will need to form up in the start grid as directed by the marshals. If you or your members have any concerns that the vehicle will not be able to climb the hill, they can complete the first half of the hill climb and finish by leaving via the return road, rather than completing the full climb. Trailer parking is available with the competitor's trailers.

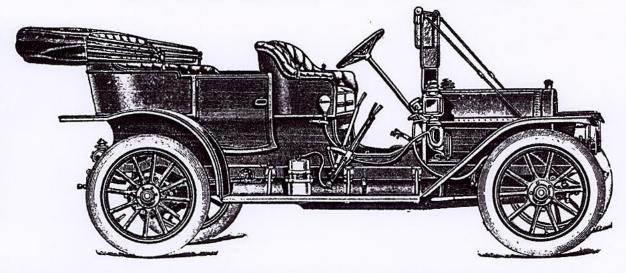
You will be most welcome to have a table or small tent to promote your club. Of course, any of your members that have a competitive streak are most welcome to enter. Watch the VSCC web site or contact me for entry forms.

Daniel Zampatti, VSCC Rob Roy Committee. E: danielzampatti20@gmail.com

Mob: 0407 544 627

1910 **CADILLAC** 25-35

4½ in. x 4½ in. cylinders—copper waterjackets—mechanical oiler—110 in. wheelbase—880 x 120 tyres—solid steel front axle—steering above axle—both brakes on rear wheels—gate change—three speeds and reverse—specially strong springs—high clearance—light weight with great strength.



A car guaranteed for two years, and differs in detail only from the tamous 1909 Cadillac, which latter has already shown its enormous superiority on Australian Roads as follows:—

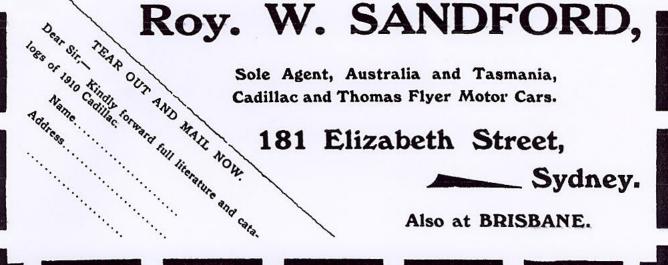
NEWCASTLE TO GULF OF CARPENTARIA, averaging 87 miles per day, with no trouble whatsoever, on same set of tyres.

TOOWOOMBA TO DALBY, directly after 3½ in. of rain, through wet, black soil, passing 6 deserted buggies left stranded on the road.

QUIRINDI TO INVERELL, a journey of 265 miles in 9½ hours, and averaging 25 miles to the gallon of naphtha.

SYDNEY TO FORBES in 10 hours, averaging 25.5 miles per hour, and using only 9½ gallons of naphtha.

Our bad roads demand high power, light weight, great strength, and the Cadillac differs from other Cars in fulfilling these requirements.



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

Natter Night Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9 May 2017 at the

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

1. Opening and Welcome

The Club's President, Ian Berg, opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all members present. The President welcomed the guest speaker Roger Gibbs and his wife Ann.

2. Attendance

There were 65 members who attended the meeting

3. Apologies

David Provan, Ben Alcock, David and Kath Wright, Neil & Betty Ferguson, Cliff & Betty Ward, Geoff Payne

4. Visitors and New Members:

Roger & Anne Ward, Robert Lyon

First time at Natter Night:

Beth Cowie, Max Cowie, Lis Donald

First time for a long time:

Peter and Gwen Amor, Diana Lyon

5. Raffle:

Debra Alcock

6. Events - Paul Daley

Paul reported on the past and upcoming events of the Club

6.1 Past Events

Good Friday Hot Cross Bun run – 14 April 2017 – James Dunshea provided a report

The Four and More Rally (Maryborough) – 22 to 24 April 2017 – Hugh Guthrie and Debra Alcock provided a report

Back to Powelltown – 29 April 2017 – John Prior provided a report

RACV Florence Thomson tour – 30 April 2017 – Fiona Lane provided a report

6.2 Future Events

National Motoring Heritage Day – 21 May 2017. Historic Winton – 27 to 28 May 2017 – Paul Goethel provided a report

Around the Houses – 21 June 2017. RACV Midwinter Rally (Yea) – 14 to 16 July 2017. June Natter Night – 13 June 2017.

6.3 Other Event Issues

Paul spoke about 'The Mildura 500', being held in June 2017 and also advised members that brochures were available for the 'Springtime above the Snowline' event to be held in October 2017

Events Sub Committee Meeting

Paul advised that the next events sub-committee meeting would be held on Monday 15 May 2017 at 7:30pm in the Club rooms and especially invited any female members to join on this evening to discuss the Florence Thomson event.

7. Membership (Paul Daley)

Brian & Joanna Williams, from Kew – with a onecylinder Brush

8. General Business

Daryl Meek

Daryl Meek spoke about recent donations to the archives, and purchase of new library book by Richard McDonough

Daryl advised that Jim Cooper (1914 Silver Ghost), had donated a couple of boxes of material to be collected from Sydney. The items include badges, cufflinks and photographs.

John Cox

John Cox spoke about the high quality of Brass Notes, and recommendations for improving front cover.

Ian Berg

Ian Berg outlined the offer of redundant club photocopier and projector, available to members for best offer

9. General Business (Ian Berg & Paul Daley)

Presentation of Trophies and Awards

Vehicle Award	Award Recipient
Jean and Ern Cobb Trophy	Best vehicle that is an original or restoration older than 5 years which has been well maintained and held its appearance.
	Brian Hussey - 1913 T Ford, restored 1970 and re-restored 1991.
Personal Awards	
Ron Hobbs Trophy	Persistence and tenacity in presenting and running a 1 or 2 cylinder vehicle during the RACV 2017 1 or 2 Cylinder Rally (Hamilton).
	Cliff Ward and Robyn Blackwell
Bert Lamshed Memorial (Hotchkiss) Trophy	Cold Start Trophy – RACV 2016 Midwinter Rally (Creswick). James Dunshea
Gordon Griffiths Trophy	Hard Luck Trophy for not finishing the RACV 2016 Annual Rally (Healesville) due to mechanical failure. Scott Staples
Norm Strack	Best Lady Driver.
Trophy	Lis Donald

City of	Service Award.
Frankston Award	Kath Wright (Deb Alcock accepted the award on Kath's behalf)
Apollo Trophy	Most assistance during the year to the Editor of Brass Notes.
	Paul Daley
President's Trophy	Most helpful Club member to the President.
	Brian Hussey
50 Year Membership Award	Consistent membership for 50 years.
	(Note: Jack Brittain, Robert Caffyn and John Cox were given their 50 year membership award at Hamilton)
	Peter and Gwen Amor 1965 Joan Forryan 1966 Beth Cowie 1967 Neil and Betty Ferguson (apology) 1967 Neil Gibbs 1967 Diana Lyon 1967

10. Next Meeting:

8.00 pm on Tuesday, 13 June 2017

11. Meeting Closure:

The President closed the Natter Night at 8:53pm

12. Guest Speaker -

Roger Gibbs

Roger joined the Engineering Department of General Motors Holdens in 1965, and spoke about his career in Australia, England and the USA. His outstanding presentation covered highlights of the Holden car from its inception in 1945, and members enjoyed his talk with some rarely seen photos and film footage.

13. Raffle



Andrew Brown (03) 98071236



- White Metal bearings
 - Model T Ford
- Mechanical repairs to all Veteran,
 Vintage & Classic cars

LONELY PARTS

Recently found by Adam Auditori, grazing peacefully, is this engine. It certainly appears veteran but what is it? Note the interesting location of the magneto.

Please respond to the editor.



Also Murray Murfett has the following cast iron exhaust manifold. Total length 535mm, 340mm to centres of ports, hole diameter 40mm. Four ribs. Minor repair. Origin unknown.

If interested contact Murray Murfett ph. 0428 914 848





1910 Monowheel

Private Classifieds

FOR SALE

Pair of "unbranded" headlights



in untouched condition. Price \$620

Pair of very unusual and impressive Castle Side lights



Model 231 Price \$515

Clayton Wright Bros Dekla horn.



Nickel plated horn in very good condition. Price \$195 as is.

All brass vertical horn.



Meant to mount with trumpet at the bottom. Price \$150

Pair of Niroma 300 brass headlights



need a complete restoration.
Price \$135

Pair of French Brass headlights.



Auteroche Reflex lamps. pair of Headlights and forks only. Price \$1020

Castle brand Model 120 all Brass Tail Light.



outstanding condition, complete, ready to fit. Price \$420

All brass Gray and Davis tail light.



Model No. 115. complete, and ready to fit to a car. Price \$450

Unbranded brass and steel taillight.



original condition, requires some restoration. missing top of the burner (cover). Price \$120

For more information regarding condition, completeness, character, restoration work needed, or suitable applications,

CONTACT: Greg Smith, Bendigo Victoria. T: 03 54395233 M: 0447 395233 E: schacht09@bigpond.com

Tailight



labelled on the back as JC Widman, Detroit. Nice patina. Complete, with wick and all. Price \$325 ONO

Large brass generator



with no name plate or identification. Very good condition. Price \$500 ONO

Nice Dodge Brother speedo.



Circa 1616/17. Price \$200

Horn with two legs to mount.



North East Electric co. Model X type 3715 C. Price \$80

Dog Bone Radiator Cap.



Is it Dodge? Internal thread. Price \$100 ONO

Two Dodge Radiator Badges.



Enamel on both seem perfect. Price \$100 each

Pair of Unbranded Brass and steel Sidelights



of U.S origin. Price \$280 ONO

Superb pair of Gray and Davis Side lights



model 113. Fully restored Kero/Electric model. Price \$870 ONO

New Old Stock Bray "Elta" acetylene burners



still in original boxes. Brass with porcelain tip burners. Price \$50 each

New Old Stock Standard acetylene burners.



Y shape unused. \$40 each in original boxes. \$35 each loose without.

FOR SALE

Side light brackets.



They are a nice original pair of brass ones. Price \$75

Herm Riemann Brass headlight



in excellent condition. All complete and ready to fit to a car.
Price \$350

Small spiral horn.



Saddle attachment that may or may not be original, as it has two mounts.

Price \$625

Cicca French horn in original condition.



contains the original braided flex 2 foot long. Price \$145 ONO

Nonpareil horn of unique design and condition.



Price \$660

Pair of E&J nickel plated over brass side lights.



Original untouched condition.
Price \$350 for the pair.

Pair of E&J brass sidelights



with the rarer flared front. Price \$625

Pair of Brass Corcoran lights.



Untouched original condition.
Price \$775 ONO

Pair of brass side lights unbranded. U.S origin.



Missing the burners as they have been converted to acetylene. One door also missing. Price \$350 ONO

For more information regarding condition, completeness, character, restoration work needed, or suitable applications,

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Double Twist Brass Horn.



Original condition, so would require some dents removed and polishing and a horn flex set up.
Price as is \$255 ONO

Double twist brass horn



No Name on this one. All restored and dent free. Just requires brass flex set up.

Price is \$365 ONO

Really nice single twist horn,



No name. Original condition, only been polished, It has a few minor little dings, The mount has been altered or broken at some stage. requires some brass flex tube.

Price is \$190 ONO as is.

Vasco brass and steel taillight.



Original condition with ruby glass to rear and two clear to the sides. complete with porcelain burner.

Price \$220

Dreadnaught nickel plated (brass underneath) taillight.



Dents on rim and rear of light, so would require some restoration work. Missing the red lens as well.

Price \$200 ONO

Lucas King of the Road No. 432 brass and steel.



Really nice condition Price \$475

Lucas King of the Road Taillights.



two all brass and two brass with steel bases. Varied condition all require some type of restoration. Prices range from \$180 up to \$400

Large Boa Constrictor horn.



mint condition and ready to fit, just requiring a rubber bulb. It also requires a nut to go onto the mounting bracket.

Price: \$1100

Private Classifieds

FOR SALE

Unbranded all brass tail light.



Very good condition and really only requires polishing to make it ready to fit to a vehicle. Post mount.

Price: \$260

French Cicca double twist Brass horn.



Perfect condition, unusual, lovely horn Price: \$690

Acetylene Generator



all Brass (JNO Brown?) in restored condition. Price \$1100

Rubes double twist brass horn



in lovely restored condition. Price: \$550

Nice original brass tail light of U.S origin.



Unbranded, Just requires a good polish.
Price: \$455 ONO

Unbranded nickel plated pair of square sidelights



In excellent original condition.
Price \$740 ONO as is.

Jones Speedo 60 mph.



May suit early Ford as well as other U.S make vehicles. Price \$500

Fully Enclosed trailer



suitable for Veteran Car. Length to start of the Vee 3.60 metres, length to end of the Vee is 3.95 metres (12 foot), Width 2.04 metres (6ft 6 inch) Between wheel arches 1.51 metres. Height 1.60 metres (5ft 3 inch). Plenty of registration, good tyres, and tows extremely well. Brand New Electric winch available. has drop down tail gate for ease of loading with nonslip strips. Would suit the cartage of a small veteran. Price \$6000 neg.

For more information regarding condition, completeness, character, restoration work needed, or suitable applications,

CONTACT:

Greg Smith, Bendigo Victoria. T: 03 54395233 M: 0447 395233 E: schacht09@bigpond.com

FOR SALE

1914 Fiat Zero roadster



Full history available, with many extras.

Price \$70,000 ONO

CONTACT: Alan Lethborg T: 03 9560 8299

FOR SALE

De Dion Bouton,



6HP single cylinder, Model Y, 3 speed, 2 seater, VCCA (NSW) dated 1904, but is a 1905 model. In good restored condition.

Price \$55,000 ONO.

CONTACT: Andrew McDougall, Melbourne

T: 03 9486 4221 M: 0427 220 249

E: amfi@dunollie.com.au

FOR SALE

1911 Wolseley-Siddeley L4 Limousine



These were more prestigious than Rolls at the time. A rare car in excellent immediately usable condition. Full history of car available, reliable, superb runner and large veteran (5 seater) heaps of brass, original engine, carburettor and air inlet system, transmission, differential. Price available on request. (please only enquire if genuinely interested in purchasing).

For more photos, information and inspection, (also advertised on prewarcar.com with additional photos & and an advertised price of \$65,000AU)

CONTACT:

Dave Hume M: 0459456358

E: davehume09@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Circa 1910's Alldays and Onions engine.



Turns over, no Mag or carburettor.

Price \$500

CONTACT: Andrew Provan T: 03 5231 2603 (B/H)

FOR SALE

De Dion Bouton 1905

8 HP single Cyl three speed expanding clutch type A. L.

An extremely original unmolested matching number car. Believed to have been imported to South Australia from England when new. Original four seat rear entrance tonneau coachwork with detachable rear section, mainly original leather trim with careful refurbishments, silver plated brightwork, new Austin Parkinson contact breaker and inlet valve springs. Black with red pin lining it has spent the most part of its life in museums. This is a very special opportunity for someone









to have a car which is a very true example not only of the Marque but of a real veteran car with a patina to match. It is intact and running well.

Price: \$76,500

FOR SALE

FIVE, Phelps Mnfg Co wire wheels.

These wheels do not have unsightly studs pocking through the wheel centre they are proper INTERNAL splined hubs. Caps, locking rings, spanner and spare wheel bracket are all included. The cost of import would be too embarrassing to reveal.

Will sell for \$5000-00 complete with everything.

CONTACT: Brian Hussey M: 0418 561 910





FOR SALE

1913 Hudson Model 4-37



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

Price \$27,500 ONO.

Bosch DU2 Magneto



(Made in France) No 376581 Price \$600

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

Veteran Front Axle



Price \$50.00.

Splitdorf Low Tension Magneto

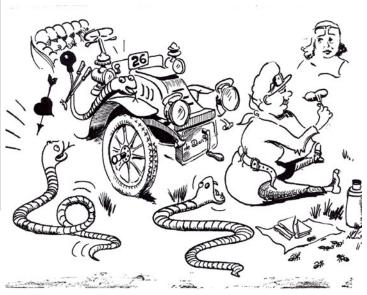


in working order Price \$500

Acetylene Magnum Concave Mirror Glasses



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



Be careful when choosing accessories (courtesy A McInnes)

Events

THE MILDURA 500

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

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

When: Friday 9th – Monday 12th June

Where: Ballarat to Mildura
Contact: paul.daley@neo.com.au

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

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

When: 9th to 12th June Where: Wagga Wagga Contact: 0407 145 525

www.wwvvmcinc.wordpress.com

JUNE NATTER NIGHT

Special Info on Towing

Our June 13 Natter Night will feature Paul Tsiaris, CEO of Statewide 4x4, who will present to us on the legal loading of four wheel drive vehicles. This is an info evening that will give you all you need to know about safely towing your veteran to events.

When: 13th June

AROUND THE HOUSES

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

We will meet in the carpark of Stamford Hotel Cnr's of Wellington Rd & Stud Rd Rowville 3178 (Mel Map 82 H2) at 9.30am where directions will be given to Ralph's house. After viewing Ralph's collection we are returning back to the Stamford Hotel for lunch. In the afternoon there is a planned visit to see Bill Sides collection of Minerva's at 25 Mackintosh Rd Wheelers Hill 3150 (Mel Map 71 F6)

When: Wednesday 21st June 2017
Where: Stamford Hotel Cnr's Wellington

& Stud Rds Rowville

Contact: Graeme Edwards 0418 347 216

MARY POPPINS FESTIVAL VCCAO RALLY MARYBOROUGH

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

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

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

Contact: VCCAQ

NATIONAL BRUSH RALLY 2017 DALBY QUEENSLAND

A Happy New Year to all fellow Brush owners. It is shaping up to be a busy 2017 as the US Brush Owners have decided to wind up their association and accepted our offer for their members to join our Brush Owners Register of Australia. This follows invitation extended to any interested Brush owner to join the growing international membership register and continue to develop an appreciation for, and enjoyment of, all things Brush. Brush Historian Bob Lamond was successful in reaching out to the American Brush Club inviting them to join the Australian membership as well as sharing communications of events and mailing lists.

It's full steam ahead for the 2017 National Brush Rally in Dalby. Registration will be from Monday 10th July 4pm preceding happy hour until the welcome dinner at 6:30pm. Each morning will begin in Myall Street at the

Tourist Park entrance to receive the day's instructions. Distances each day are between 80 and 100klm, mostly on quiet roads although occasionally we venture onto the highway.

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

When: 10th – 14th July 2017
Where: Dalby Queensland

Contact: Graham and Irene Donges

0417 718 617

Graham.donges@me.com

RACV MID WINTER RALLY YEA

Award winning magician Frank Agius is booked as the headline entertainment act for the Saturday night dinner. His table to table magic work will be something special, and who knows what will disappear! Rally Director Robert Couper gives us the latest update on his exciting plans for the RACV Mid Winter Rally Yea to be held over Friday 14th – 16th July.

Note that you can join this rall on either Friday, or Saturday, as the start time on Saturday allows plenty of time for arrival that morning.

Friday 14th July:

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

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

Followed by Dinner at Royal Mail Hotel.

Saturday:

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday:

Cold start competition at the Yea Caravan Park

Morning tea at Yea Wetlands Walk and Discovery tour.

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

(4Km good gravel road)

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

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

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

ACCOMMODATION

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

Reservations have been made at the following:

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

Rally Headquarters:

Peppercorn Hotel 5797 2000

4 double Rooms reserved

\$150.00 including cont Breakfast

Yea Motel 5797 2660

9 rooms - Including family

rooms reserved Rooms from \$120.00

Tartan Motor Inn 5797 2202

13 rooms

Rooms from \$120.00

Yea Riverside Caravan Park

5797 2972

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

Royal Mail Hotel 5797 2515

Rooms \$220.00

5 rooms

When: Friday 14th July

Where: Yea

Contact: Robert Couper: debirob@dodo.com.au

T: 9753 6424 M: 0488 207 058

ENTRY FORM IN MAY BRASS NOTES OR ON CLUB WEBSITE

Events

ROB ROY HILL CLIMB

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

When: Sunday 13th August Where: Christmas Hills

Contact: John Cox johnmarg654@yahoo.com

http://vintagesportscarclub.org.au

FEDERATION CLUB MEMBERS

VETERAN AND VINTAGE RUN TO CASTLEMAINE

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

FEDERATION PICNIC AT MORONG

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

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

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF WA (Inc) RALLY WEST 2017

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

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

When: 10th – 16th September 2017

Where: Geraldton WA

Contact: Bob Beames 0419 276 411

bobbeames@westnet.com.au

NATIONAL VETERAN MOTORCYCLE RALLY

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

When: 17th to 22nd September
Where: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Contact: National Veteran Rally

PO Box 278

Henley Beach SA 5022

Web: http://vvmccsa.org.au/nrv Email: nrv@vvmccsa.org.au

NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY 2017 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Register early and book your accommodation as already the caravan park is booked. Plenty of rooms are still available at the Country Club and other motels, but there is a lot happening at Clare at this time. Join the 2017 National Veteran Vehicle Rally in the picturesque and historic Clare Valley, South Australia. Coordinated by the joint efforts of members of the Sporting Car Club of SA and the Veteran Car Club of SA the 2017 rally will be based in the regional township of Clare, the focus of the Valley's rich blend of attractions and activities, including vineyards and wineries as well as regional mining and pastoral commerce.

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

When: Plan to arrive Sunday 24th September for the evening welcome reception and check-in. Leisurely departure from Saturday 30 September after a sumptuous farewell dinner on Friday evening!
Where: Clare, South Australia (140 km north of Adelaide)

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

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

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

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

When: 24-30 September 2017

Where: Clare Valley, SA Enquiries: Peter Templer,

Mobile: 0417 081 502

Email: temple34@bigpond.com

MOTORCLASSICA 2017

Entries are now open for the 2017 Australian International Concours d'Elegance at Motorclassica. This year, in addition to our regular concours classes, we will be celebrating a number of marque anniversaries in their own special celebration classes. Once again we will judge a separate class for Restoration of the Year, awarded to the restorer responsible for the best restoration completed between October 2016 and October 2017.

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

When: 13th – 15th October 2017

Where: Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne

SPRINGTIME ABOVE THE SNOWLINE

October will see the start of the second Alpine Tour, Springtime Above the Snowline from Friday 20th through to Sunday 22nd with a leisurely return home on Monday 23rd. The weekend will begin with a gathering for a welcoming pre-dinner drink at the Settlers Tavern at 6pm. Participants can choose to eat at the tavern or from The Stockpot restaurant across the road.

A weekend of challenges and the amazing scenery of the Kiewa Valley beneath Mt Bogon and Falls Creek will be in store for all participants where you can choose just how extreme you wish to take it. Spring will be in the air but entrants are cautioned to dress warm as in an open car, the air can be freezing. One and two day excursions are planned with the exact schedule being determined by the weather but the challenge of Test Hill at Brooklands followed by the climb from Mt Beauty to Falls Creek is currently set as the excursion for the Saturday. Foolhardy challenges aside, your car is not suitable for this run if you cannot be certain that your engine/gearbox is capable of controlling your downhill speed and that in an emergency your brakes will be capable of stopping you on a grade of 7% without engine assistance. On the climb, your engine must be powerful enough to carry you for 200 m up a 7% slope and your radiator needs to be efficient enough to remain cool for the duration of an extended climb. As was experienced in 2016, most cars of the Veteran period that are in reasonably good condition should have no difficulty with this climb/decent. In 2016, the little Vermorel hardly raised a puff. But remember, this is not a race and the traffic on the road should be minimal. So, select low gear and sit back and enjoy the sound of the lyrebirds and forest scenery. The road surface is good and the air temperature will be cool. A very thorough description of the route can be seen on: http://theclimbingcyclist.com/climbs/alpine-nationalpark/falls-creekmt-beauty-side/. The recovery run on Sunday will be a leisurely tour of the area on sealed

Rally entrants should be prepared to organise their own lunches on a BYO basis or taking advantage of the lovely eateries of the area.

Please book your own accommodation. Two motels are suggested.

1. The Snowgum Motel is located in Mt Beauty but is walking distance from the trailer parking area, Settlers Tavern with bistro and the Stockpot Restaurant. Cooked breakfast is available in the \$10 to \$20 range. There is ample parking for your Veteran plus modern car. The cost for a double is \$109 per night but there

are only about 10 rooms. Check it out at: www. snowgummotel.com.au or call 5754 4508.

- 2. The Mountain Creek Motel is located in Tawonga South about 3 km before Mt Beauty. It is virtually across the road from Roi's Italian Restaurant where we are planning to dine on Saturday evening. An advantage of this motel is that there are 15 rooms with covered parking for the Veterans, plus another 15 rooms if we need them. All rooms have a Queen and two Single beds. The only breakfast option provided in-house is Continental but there is a communal kitchen available. The cost for a double is \$112 per night. Check it out at: www.mountaincreekmotel.com.au or phone 5754 4247.
- **3.** Accommodation Option 3. The Mount Beauty Holiday Centre has cabin accommodation for from 4 to 10 persons. It is pet friendly. A cabin with double plus two singles costs \$105 per night. It is located very close to the Snowgum Motel and facilities nearby. Check it out at: www.holidaycentre.com.au or call 5754 4396.

There is no entry fee as it is a minimal organisation rally. Please book your own accommodation as soon as possible and notify John Stanley, john.m.stanley1947@ gmail.com of your details including accommodation, number of participants and mobile contact number.

When: Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd October

Where: Mt Beauty/Tawonga South in the Kiewa

Valey beneath Mt Bogong and

Falls Creek

Contact: Veteran Car Club Secretary

PO Box 2300, Mt Waverley VIC 3149 secretary@veterancarclub.org.au www.veteran carclub.org.au

RACV ANNUAL RALLY - BALLARAT

Scheduled for the weekend between Cup Day and the Bendigo Swap Meet, this iconic event returns toa VCCA stomping ground, not visited for some years. Although planned as a 2½ day event, running from Friday morning till lunch on Sunday, we will be starting out with a social night on the Thursday evening for those who would prefer a more leisurely drive and to settle in prior to the start. The event will traverse some ideal veteran touring routes but will also capture Ballarat's rich historical past that has engendered the Aussie character. A full programme has been planned, so don't miss out. Accommodation details and discounts will be announced in the July Brass Notes, so watch this space.

When: 9th to 12th November 2017

Where: Ballarat, Vic

Contact: Michael & Claudia Holding

0407 008 895

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www.veterancarclub.org.au

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VETERAN CARS & THE VCCA

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

BRASS NOTES

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

JP SERVICES AT NATTER NIGHTS

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

CLUB MEETINGS

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

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





Brian Hussey -Jean and Ern Cobb Trophy



Robyn Blackwell (and Cliff Ward - apology) - Ron Hobbs Trophy



James Dunshea - Bert Lamshed Memorial (Hotchkiss) Trophy



Paul Daley - Apollo Trophy

Annual Awards were presented at the May Natter Night



Scott Staples -Gordon Griffiths Trophy



Lis Donald -Norm Strack Trophy



Our Vice President Paul Daley is pictured along with Beth Cowie, Gwen and Peter Amor, Joan Forryan and Diana Lyon with the President - more 50 year award recipients.



A 50 year membership badge was awarded to Beth Cowie at the presentation evening, and here we see Maree Dobbs (grandaughter), Max (son) and Wayne (son-in-law, holding great grandson Archee) along with the President, Ian Berg



Roger Gibbs our guest speaker provided a very interesting background talk on Holden cars in Australia and we are very grateful for his unique insight.

Roger spent his entire career at GMH, as did his father and we heard many fascinating anecdotes including how the term "FX" came to be, the last-minute US influence of the EJ Holden styling and the unplanned reintroduction of the Monaro coupe in the nineties.



Rick Thege's Sunbeam on the 4 or more rally



4 or more rally - First time out for new members the McPersons in their 1914 Model T Ford