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Flashback

This month we have a photo of a De Dion which we have identified (from the Club Permit plate) as a 1908 model owned by Barry Johnston. Can anyone tell us when and where it was taken? Respond to the Editor



This month we have a response for both September and August flashbacks:

FLASHBACK for August - see page 9.

FLASHBACK for September - see page 17.

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Coming Events

10 October 2017	VCCA (Victoria) Inc. Annual General Meeting
13 – 15 October 2017	Motorclassica – Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne www.motorclassica.com
13 – 15 October	MDHVC 10th Annual Rally - Maryborough Geoff Trengrove: 0417 411 117
20 - 22 October 2017	Springtime Above the Snowline John Stanley: john.m.stanley1947@gmail.com T: 0409 001 836
28 October 2017	Breakfast Run – Karkarook Park, Fiarchild Street Moorabbin Frank Pound 9583 7723

Major Events

9 – 12 November 2017	RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally, Ballarat Rally Directors: Michael and Claudia Holding: 0407 008 895
15 - 18 March 2018	RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Cobram Andrew & Frances McDougall: 0417 310 852

National Events

21 - 25 March 2018	National 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour Tasmania vccatas.org.au
14 – 19 October 2018	Willys Overland Roundup Rally 2018 Les Johnson 0419 288 383
23 - 28 September 2018	AVCCA National Rally, Forbes NSW Organised by the Newcastle Branch of the VCCA (NSW)
22 – 26 April 2019	National Brush Rally 2019 – Goolwa, SA Hamish McDonald brushownersregister@gmail.com
17 – 23 September 2019	National Veteran Rally – Bargara (Bundaberg, QLD) Rally2019@skymesh.com.au
29 Sept – 5 Oct 2019	Model T Ford Annual Rally 2019 Maryborough, QLD www.mtoq12.wix.com/mtoq

International Events

5 November 2017	Bonhams London To Brighton Veteran Car Run
September 2019	HCCA International Tour Expressions of Interest - Russell Holden: 0422 219 911

President's Message

Annual Report, October 2017

With the AGM just around the corner I present this as my Annual report to October 2017. It is also my final report as President.

Over this period, we have had an excellent series of Natter Nights, a high quality monthly Brass Notes publication, and a series of very enjoyable events and rallies. I thank very much all those who planned, executed, and assisted with these events in our busy club calendar. Thank you also to the contributors to our magazine and to our monthly meetings. Your enthusiasm and willingness to give your time freely, has not only ensured the success of the club, but the real enjoyment that we have all had being a part of it.

Our rally sponsors, the RACV, provided support for our signature rallies and we are grateful for confirmation of their continued sponsorship in the 2017/2018 year. Held in Healesville, the RACV Annual Rally hosted over 40 entries, and we all enjoyed the hospitality of the Country Club. The RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally was centred in Hamilton with over 50 entries including enthusiasts from Tasmania, South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia. We particularly appreciated the assistance of a local club, the Hamilton and District Veteran, Vintage and Classic Driver's club. The RACV Midwinter Rally was a three-day event at Yea. We had cold and frosty mornings, a spectacular route and of course our traditional cold start competition. A very special occasion was the RACV Royal Centenary celebration in October 2016 with our club providing 15 veteran cars for the trip from Port Melbourne to the Shrine of Remembrance. This was an important recognition of not only the granting of the Royal prefix to the RACV, but the contribution of Australian motorists of the World War One era in providing transport for returning servicemen.

Other notable events include the new "Springtime above the Snowline" rally held in October last year (and being repeated this year), and the Powelltown Centenary event. We also joined in with the Vintage Sports Car Club with their Two Wheel Brake Rally held in December. In April, a successful Four and More Rally was also held in the central Goldfields town of Maryborough.

We were saddened by the loss of Albert Blashki AOM who held various executive and committee roles, as well as Bruce Lyon who was active in the club for many years. Car Clubs attract people who have a diversity of interests, skill-sets and backgrounds, and while members pass on, we continue to attract new members who bring fresh perspectives and strengths. It is especially pleasing to see a new generation of membership, and this is also reflected in our committee make-up. Current club membership is now a healthy 290 plus partners.

The revised constitution was accepted at the last AGM as was the establishment of the club as an incorporated association. This is a meaningful change and was implemented on schedule in January. Within Brass Notes you will find a summary of our annual financial report to end of July, and we have achieved a modest surplus. Our sincere thanks go to Gerry Howell once again for his audit which I remind all is done on an honorary basis. Given the importance of the history project, note also the significant financial provision made during the year. When completed, this will be a quality record of the club's heritage, including over 450 pages and numerous photographs, many previously unpublished. The book is expected to be printed mid 2018, and will certainly be something to look forward to. Starting with this issue of Brass Notes, we will be including a series of club history features as a lead up to the release of the book.

In August the club received a bequest from the estate of member Cedric Christie in the form of his 1916 Dodge. The club was important to Cedric and we are grateful he wanted the Dodge to be left as his legacy. The car is being sold and proceeds will of course go towards the benefit of the club.

Finally, I would like to thank our committee. The committee works diligently for the benefit of the club. Without a good committee, we do not have a good club. I believe we have an outstanding committee, and a great club which provides a lot to appeal to all members. At the AGM we have two long-tenure committee members standing down, David Wright and Jim McCaffrey. David and Jim have held executive roles with David being Vice-President, then President and Jim was Secretary and then Treasurer. I sincerely thank David and Jim for their huge contributions and their constructive input on many occasions. I am also standing down as President and can say I have very much enjoyed the role, the satisfaction and the experience it has afforded me. Thank you for your trust, and I wish the incoming members of the committee and the executive the very best for the new club year.

With regards,

Ian Berg,
President VCCA (Victoria)



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The RACV supports the:

- RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally
- RACV Midwinter Rally
- RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally

Vale Don Kinsey 'The Voice of Historic Motoring'

By Paul Daley

The Eltham Community Centre overflowed on Thursday September 7th with nearly 500 mourners, who joined together to commemorate the life of Don Kinsey who passed away on August 30th 2017. Don was one of the motor community's most loved and respected members. The service was lead by Ben Hosking, a long term friend and business associate originally from radio 3DB days and tributes were given by Christine Hunsworth of the Royal Children's Hospital and Ian Tate, VHRR, representing the historic motoring movement.

Don Kinsey began his radio career as a young man at Radio 3DB where studio manager Eric Pearce recognised his natural ability, and so began a 20 year career there. In 1976 Don became public relations director of the Royal Children's Hospital, a position he held for 20 years until his retirement in 1996. Christine Hunsworth told how Don was 'the eyes and ears' of the RCH and was loved by all as he would always stop to talk to staff and the children. 'The message is as important as the messenger' Don believed. Don organised the details of the Royal visit in 1988 to the hospital by Prince Charles and Lady Diana. Christine recalled that his memories of their visit was that Diana 'had very long legs!' This brought a chuckle from the mourners. Don lived by the following maxim; 'tell the truth or else you need a damn good memory'.

Don had been interested in motor sport since a young man and many remembered him as the 'voice of motor racing' at the Australian Grand Prix, Philip Island Historic Race Meeting, hill climbs at Rob Roy, Winton and other vintage race meetings and hill climbs throughout the state.

Don lead a distinguished career in broadcasting and charitable pursuits, and his efforts were recognised with an Order of Australia medal awarded in 2008. He

was the epitome of a communicator; his charm, with and warmth were unequalled, everyone felt at ease in his presence and his personal presentation was always immaculate. Don was a guest speaker on two occasions at the Veteran Car Club's Natter Nights, the most recent being the Presentation Evening in May 2016.





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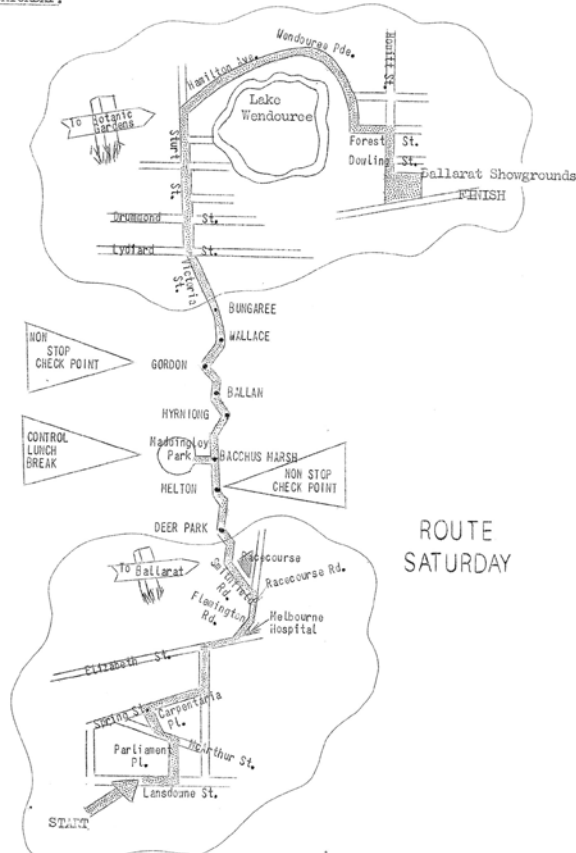


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1957 Golden Fleece Veteran Car Rally

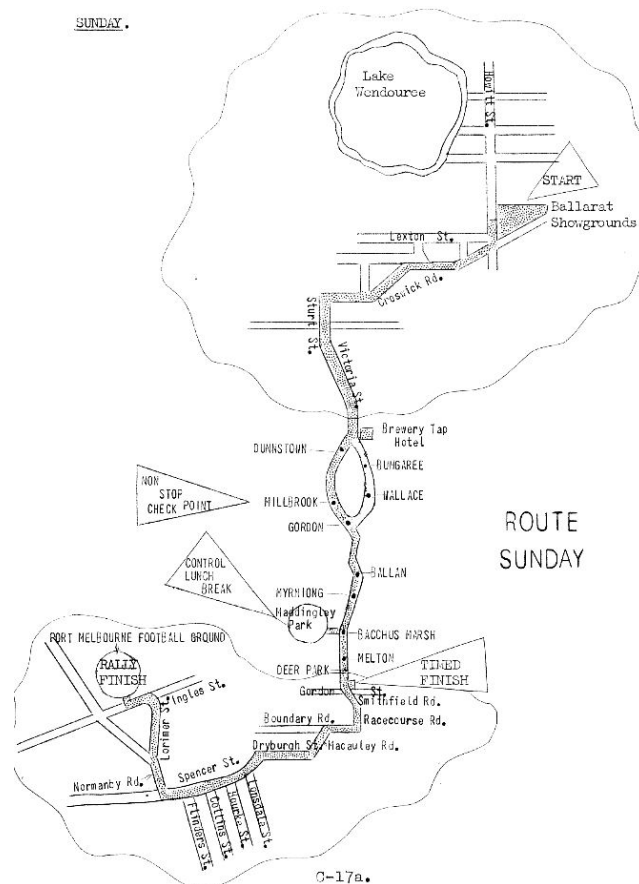
By Gordon Berg (photos from various sources)

SATURDAY.



Saturday Route

SUNDAY.



Sunday Route

With this year's RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally fast approaching, and the Club History Book in its final phase of preparation, we thought it would be interesting to turn back the clock 60 years and have a quick look at what happened in 1957.

In 1957 the second of the Golden Fleece rallies was organised for the weekend of 16 and 17th of November. The event had over 60 cars listed and travelled from Melbourne to Ballarat on the Saturday and returned on the Sunday. Cars ranged from high wheelers to powerful Mercedes and Rolls Royce models and just about everything in between. Seven motor cycles competed. The maps from the Rally Instructions are included here.

Ralph Provan has provided copies of documents for the rally which both he and Lois, John White and Hugh Guthrie entered. Ralph has provided a press clipping from 1957 showing Lois cranking the Renault, and we have included a photo taken at the RACV Midwinter Rally this year of them entered in the same ever reliable car! The other photos shown here are from the 1957 rally. The rally attracted considerable interest from the media and motoring magazines. Australian Motor

Sports magazine from January 1958 carried an article on the rally. It provided an insight of the experiences on several of the entrants:

"Tom in his IHC Buggy was noted as always starting off on the sections before anyone else and also and finishing the stages when all were packed up and just leaving. He was timed on one section as travelling at 1 3/4 mph!"

Describing the cold start competition the magazine describes:

"John Bateman had seven attempts with the Benz, each one meaning a a run from crank to steering wheel, a distance of 8 feet or so. Finally, exhausted, a blocked jet was diagnosed. The Pathfinder of T. Bugg didn't respond as usual due to Bugg forgetting to switch on his ignition, but the Garrett Rolls Royce again did things nicely and recorded 12.8 seconds..... The Mercedes Knight demanded such pre-starting operations that the limit of 3 minutes would have been expended in pumping up the petro tank. As for lubricating the sleeves with three pushes on the pump pedal, Well! By the time these cars had finished their test, the Bebe Peugeot, DeDion and Renault were well on the way, downhill, to Melbourne."



J.A. Irwin's 1903 Cadillac



Markoff Brother's 1911 F.N.



Cranking the Markoff's Talbot at the Cold Start



Mrs R. Provan cranks her husband's 1909 Renault to take part in the Melbourne - to - Ballarat veterans' run.



Here are the Provans again in the Renault at the 2017 RACV Midwinter Rally



A. Rewell's 1912 Trumbull

1957 Golden Fleece Veteran Car Rally (Cont.)



Adrian Garrett's Rolls Royce

There was a short hill-climb included in rally on the Sunday afternoon and Australian Motor Sports Magazine described:

On the road again, the final leg, the traffic thickened considerably and Anthon's Cutting was packed solid with cars, all marshalled by police to the edge of the road to give the Veterans the grates help in the long climb.

A short distance of the hill was timed and the winners were Adrian Garrett, R.R., at 37 sec., J Hutson (Overland), 45 secs., and R. Provan (Renault), at 56 secs., all of their respective classes.

After negotiating the cutting the Rally attracted more and more spectators until at Footscray it resembled Paris-Madrid with its 'Funnel' of humanity, trying to get their toes run over.

According to press clippings only 7 cars didn't complete the event. It is interesting to note that one car, Adrian Garrett's Rolls Royce (known as the 'White Ghost'), entrant number 63, which must have been entered late as it did not appear in the entry list, was brought over from England for the event.

You may recall that two photos of the cars arriving at the Port Melbourne oval were shown on the inside back cover of the February 2017 issue of Brass Notes.

Entrants were greeted by a crowd of spectators, a brass band and marching girls. Such was the public interest in these early rallies.

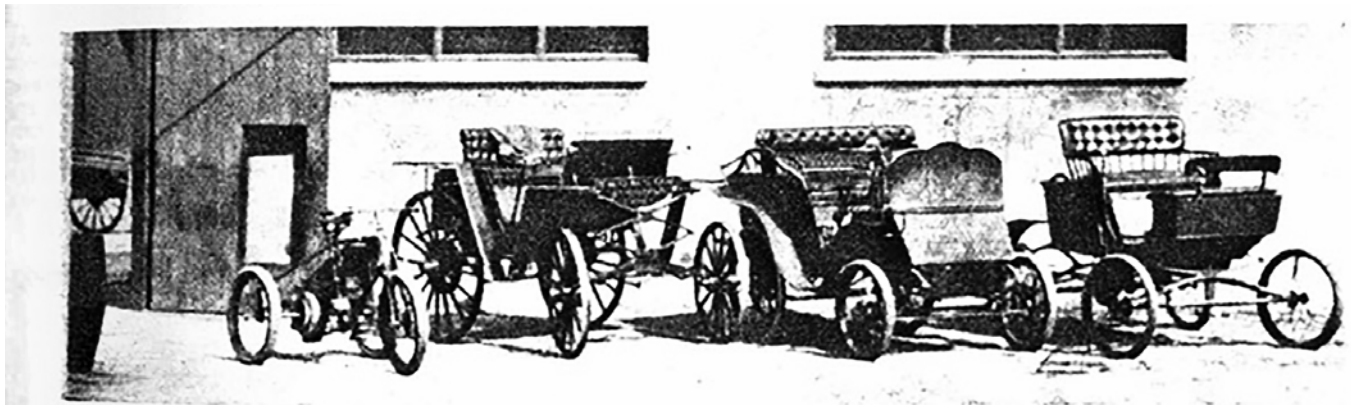
There will be more on the club's early rallies in the forthcoming club history book.



J. A.G. Campbell's Swift

The DE DION BOUTON tricycle of Doctor Arthur Edward Syme, Lilydale

By Graeme Jarrett



Old cars exhibited by the Vacuum Oil Company at the Victorian Motor Exhibition.
Reading Left to Right—De Dion tricycle, owned by Dr. Syme, Lilydale, imported about 1899. Thomson's steam car, on which he drove from Sydney to Melbourne in April, 1900. A belt-driven Mors car, imported about 1899 by Dr. Syme, Lilydale, now owned by Herbert Syme, Esq., Kew. An American locomobile, imported about 11 years ago, now owned by Mr. Meyers, of Heidelberg.

Tricycle illustrated in The Australian Motorist

FLASHBACK for August - The motorised tricycle shown is a De Dion Bouton.

This genuine DDB tricycle took part in the early VCCA Vic events. It was, at that time, in the custodianship of J.T.S Dennis. The Dennis family are a part of the wider Syme family.

This machine, along with a trailer was bought new by the late Dr A. E. Syme (in 1897) who practised medicine as a GP in Lilydale. After his passing it remained with his family.

I saw this machine in more or less original condition in the 1990's in Sale, Victoria prior to its relocation to the Bellarine Peninsula – still in the same family.



Unrestored tricycle with "trailer" for passenger

Although there are approximately five similar machines here in Australia, this is the only one known to have been here since the earliest days.



Passenger's view showing original De Dion insignia

It has been extensively restored by Mr Jack Hawke. The machine has been variously on display in recent years at locations that include the Ford Centre in Geelong and also a museum in Tasmania.



the restored tricycle

The \$34 Mandrel Bender

By Brian Hussey

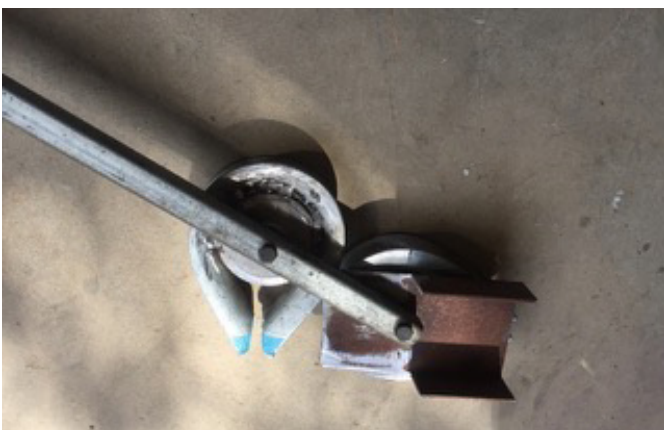


Picture 1

Some of us at one time or another have faced the problem of bending thin walled tube, such as the induction manifold on a De Dion Bouton. Such was my problem. After the usual failed attempts with sand packed tightly into the tube a method was devised that worked a treat. Compared to the thousands of dollars for a mandrel bender that would not shrink the tube on the bend a method was devised with a bit of scrap plate, a length of 20mm rhs and two wire rope thimbles @ \$17-00 each. I hope the following will be of some help to someone.



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5

First picture is the old induction manifold, which was out of keeping for the general standard of the 1906 De Dion Bouton which after much thought I have since sold. It is a totally original car and it was a difficult decision to make a new manifold but it would not run properly with the original manifold in such a bad state.

The second picture is the fixed one of two wire rope thimbles the right section and radius from Nobles of South Gippsland Highway Dandenong. Third is the underside of the made up Mandrel Bender showing how one is fixed and the other pivots on a swivel arm.

Fourth picture shows the bender at work with a little warmth after being annealed to begin with. There was a spring from the spring shop in Dandenong placed into the end of the tubing which was a nice fit and only in as far as the bend (done from each end). The old manifold was taped to the job to get the same shape which is also pictured. A wipe over with a heavily salted wet cloth would provide the much needed patina. The last picture is of the finished item.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Roger,

Congratulations on your cautionary comments in September 'Brass Notes re downhill braking requirements for the forthcoming 'Springtime Above The Snowline'. This brought to mind the day I purchased my first veteran - a large 4-cylinder Renault - in 1958.

The Renault was in Kalorama and although driveable was unregistered so we decided to tow it home to Balwyn. Having no engine braking we reversed the order of 'towing' by lowering the Renault in front of a Land Rover down the long steady gradient between Kalorama and Montrose. I wonder what passers-by thought when they saw a 1908 Renault apparently towing a modern (then) Land Rover.

After taking delivery of the Renault I had no further contact with the vendor, Graham Thorley. I recall that Graham had just returned from a stint of service in the Antarctic and he was a competent amateur artist. Fast forward 59 years to just a few months ago when new club member Adrian Thorley attended his first Natter Night. When I was talking with Adrian he was most surprised that a club member had actually met and remembered his grandfather.

The wheel turns in a small world. For some time I had been wondering what happened to the late Ron Davis' 1914 De Dion since Ron passed away. It turned out that Adrian had recently bought the De Dion from Ron's son. As I had known this car for about 50 years Adrian and I had a mutually informative conversation.

I recall that Ron had a lot of Metallurgique parts stored in his Ringwood garage with the De Dion I wonder where these are now.

Yours sincerely,
David Inglis.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Jack Alcock and Anna Young who reside in Hawthorn East.

Dean Walker and Lisa Devenish who reside in Ringwood and own a 1918 Model T Ford.



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The RACV Motoring Club Presidents Dinner

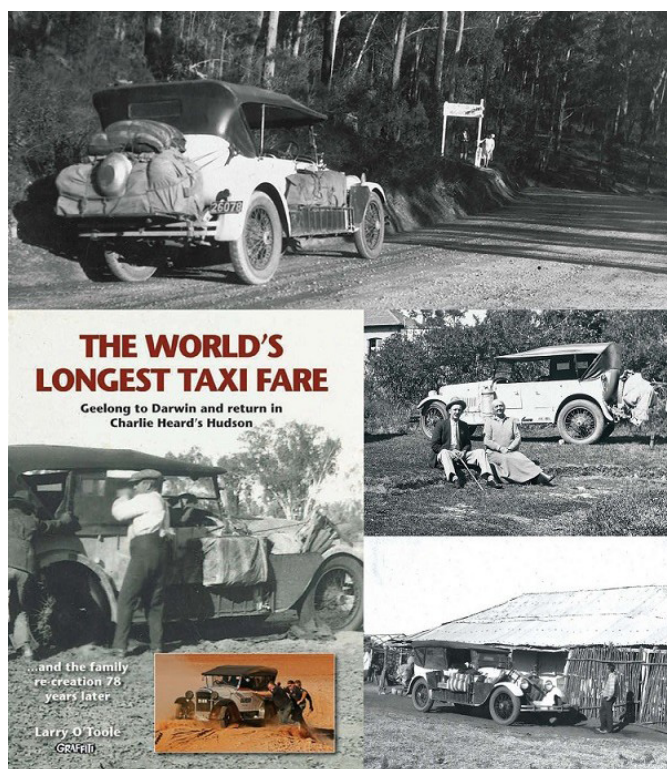
By Paul Daley

The RACV City Club was the venue for The Motoring Club Presidents Dinner, hosted by the RACV Motoring Interests Program on Friday, 8th September. VCCA (Vic) members who attended included: Ian & Sue Berg, Paul & Lena Daley, Gordon & Catherine Berg, Ben Alcock, Matt Hanton, Scott Staples, James Dunshea, Andrew & Frances McDougall (representing the Alvis Club) and Fiona Lane & Daryl Meek. Some of our country members also attended – Callum Walsh, Brendan Walsh, Rick Thege and John Kennett thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Addressing the guests, RACV Director, John Slattery said 'RACV has a proud history of supporting our motoring enthusiasts for over 100 years'. He further ensured RACV's commitment to the motoring movement, one which 'celebrates the rich social tapestry that weaves throughout your hobby'. John, together with his wife Sally, took time to visit each table during the evening.

The evening's keynote speaker was Larry O'Toole, CEO of Graffiti Publications, publisher of a range of magazines that promote Street Rodding as a hobby. Larry gave a fascinating presentation based on 'The World's Longest Taxi Fare', a book they published which tells the story of a Motor Service Provider, Charlie Heard, who was engaged to carry three ladies on a daring outback adventure in 1930. The trip was financed by Ada Beale age 66, who with a wooden leg and resplendent with a fur coat for the entire trip, paid for the hotels, modification to the car, camping and running gear.

Charlie drove them in his Hudson taxi from Lorne in Victoria, up through the red centre to Darwin, and back down to Victoria via Brisbane and Sydney. This was a real outback adventure before made roads existed outside the main cities, and the 7,000 mile epic trip took three months. One question still remains; how much was the fare? We don't know, however Charlie Heard had enough money after the trip to purchase a Motor Garage (Service Station). Charlie's grandchildren recreated the trip 78 years later in a 1928 Essex, and Larry's polished presentation held everyone's attention.



Cover of Larry O'Toole's book "The World's Longest Taxi Fare."
The book can be purchased from Graffiti Publications.

John Johnson, of the Vintage Driver's Club, thanked the RACV for their hospitality and continued support to the motoring movement.

Daryl Meek, RACV Motoring Interests Manager shared with the guests the size of the Victorian Motoring movement today – 115,000 motoring club members with over 150,000 vehicles more than 25 years old, which pump \$1 Billion into the Victorian economy. The RACV sponsors more than 75 events each year with sponsorship, support and resources, and this is handled by the RACV Community Engagement Team, ensuring that the RACV remains committed to the historic vehicle movement. A highlight in 2018 will be the RACV Florence Thomson Tour, to be held in April at Creswick.

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RACV Annual Rally – Ballarat

WARNING! WARNING! By the time you are reading this the rooms we blocked in at the Rally Headquarters motel, The Bell Tower, will be released and will be available to the general public. You can still reserve a room but your options are reducing. Don't be disappointed. BOOK NOW.

One of the many highlights of the event will be the dinner and "Blood on the Southern Cross" sound and light show at Sovereign Hill. This spectacular tells the story of the Eureka stockade, a key event in the development of democracy in Australia. A Rally Badge, featuring the Eureka flag has been struck and is available only through the rally entry form. Note: orders cannot be accepted after the event entry closing date.



The Rally Entry Form was distributed with September Brass Notes and is available on the club website. www.veterancarclub.org.au

Officially, this 2½ day event, based in Ballarat, will begin at 9.30 on the Friday morning and conclude after lunch on the Sunday. However, to provide a more relaxed start to this traditional VCCA event we are encouraging members to arrive earlier (Thursday afternoon) and so we have planned a social get-together that evening.

There are several accommodation options:

The Bell Tower Inn, Ballarat (Rally Headquarters)

(03) 5334 1600.

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Alfred Motel

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This budget style motel is located next door to the Bell Tower Inn and offers basic motel rooms.

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Rally Highlights

Thursday evening:

Pre-rally social get together.

Friday:

Kirk's Reservoir for morning tea, Gordon and then Wallace for lunch. Entrants who cannot arrive for the 9.30am start may choose to rendezvous at the lunch stop.

Friday evening:

Dinner and Sound & Light show at Sovereign Hill: Blood on the Southern Cross. Courtesy buses provided.

Saturday:

Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Society and the Mooramong National Trust Estate (140km round trip.)

Saturday evening:

Rally Dinner at the Ballarat Golf Club.

Sunday Morning:

tour to Lake Learmonth and morning tea at the bowling club, finishing with lunch in Ballarat.

When:

**Thurs 9th
to Sun 12th November 2017**

Where:

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A 1906 Humber at Shoalhaven

The Rolls Royce Owner's Club Concourse

By Ian Berg

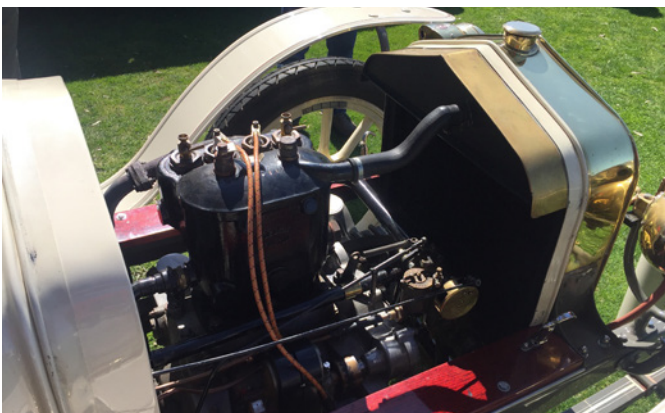
The Annual RROC concourse was held on Sunday September 17 in perfect weather. Once again it attracted a delightful range of not only Rolls Royce and Bentley cars, but many others given the open invitation to other clubs to attend and display. There really were some special cars on display including the very latest Rolls Royce models, reputedly flown in for the event. The day has developed a stylish festival-like appeal and is held within the beautiful grounds of the Glen Waverley campus of Wesley College.

Quite a few Veteran Car Club members were in attendance in either veterans or other vehicles and it was a particular thrill to see Peter and Barbara McBeth

bring out the 1908 2 cylinder model G Delage for the first time. This car has had a huge restoration recently completed. Much of the work was carried out by Brian Hussey, who once described its original discovery as more like an archeological dig than a garage find. The finished car presented beautifully on the day, and we hope to see Peter and Barbara on a 1 & 2 cylinder event in the future.

Members and their cars in attendance that I noted were:

- David Couper, 1926 Lancia Lambda
- Rob & Debbie Couper, 1913 Overland
- Peter & Barbara McBeth, 1908 Delage, 1935 Rolls Royce 20/25
- Chris and Fiona Dillon, 1909 Minerva
- Gordon Berg, 1993 Saab 900 Cabriolet
- George Forbes, 1926 Rolls Royce 20hp
- Peter Jordan-Hill, 1925 Rolls Royce Phantom 1, 1931 Rolls Royce 20/25, 1939 Rolls Royce Wraith
- Brendan Pierce, 1927 Rolls Royce Phantom 1
- Robert McDermott, 1911 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost
- Ian & Alastair Berg, 1921 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, 1934 Rolls Royce 20/25



Delage motor



1908 Delage of Peter and Barbara McBeth



Left to right: Line up of Ian Berg's Rolls Royces and Robert McDermott's veteran



The insignia on the Dillon's Minerva



Brendan Pierce's 1927 Rolls Royce



David Couper's Lancia Lambda



George Forbes' 1926 Rolls Royce

VCCA Enquiry from the Berwick & District Woodwork Club

By Paul Daley



Left to Right - David Provan, Ian Berg with Rick Hoare in the Berwick work shop

The Club website certainly attracts some interesting enquiries from both local, interstate and overseas. Here is just one example; an enquiry from Rick Hoare from Berwick Victoria:

I represent the Berwick & District Woodwork Club. Some years ago the club was presented with some bulky timber objects which we believe to be the timber forms used for shaping the tops of the radiator housings on vintage cars. We have stored these instead of using the timber because we felt that these forms had historical value. We will soon be moving to new premises and we have rediscovered these items under one of our work benches. I think we have five in total and each is marked with a name and date. I.e. Rolls Royce 1909/1915, Cadillac 1911, Britton 1914 etc. Would these be of any interest to you. If so please contact me and I can arrange for you to see them. Photo of Dodge 1915 and 1917 available if required.

This enquiry certainly had us intrigued and Ian Berg, David Provan and Paul Daley drove to Berwick to meet Rick and see what interesting 'goodies' were on offer. Rick was waiting for us to arrive, greeting us warmly as we walked with him to the work shop. There on the

bench were the 'timber forms used for shaping the tops of the radiator housings on vintage cars'. Ian Berg immediately identified them as mounting bases for wooden felloe halves – just what one needs to restore wooden spoked wheels.

Not being a spoke wheel expert, your correspondent went online and researched 'Wood Spoke Wheel Restoration', and as you would expect, there is a plethora of interesting information. Here's just a couple:

Contributing to the AACA Forum, Rusty O'Toole writes 'The flexibility of the wood spoke wheels was a designed in feature, and considered desirable in the teens and twenties.

I have seen a picture taken about 1907, of a heavily laden touring car on a so called road covered with rocks the size of your head. The rear wheels were wedged between 2 rocks and the bottom of the wheels must have been a foot closer together than the top in other words the top bent out 3" on each side and the bottom bent in.

They got the car out with jacks and pry bars, the wheels sprang back and were good as new.

You could not get away with that on wire spoke wheels.

Wooden wheels were tough and resilient, and absorbed noise and vibration. The first steel disc wheels in the 20s were thought to make more noise, and give a rougher ride than wooden wheels.

In those days wooden wheels were more practical, wire wheels and disc wheels were just something fancy. Wire wheels could be trued up better for racing but for ordinary road speeds, wood was better.

From the perspective of today it is hard to see any advantage to wooden wheels at all, but before 1925 or so they saw things differently. Or as Franklin used to ask, would you rather break rocks with a wooden handle hammer or a steel handle hammer?’

Armed with this background information from Rusty, a contribution from Terry Bond (Past AACA National President) gives us an introduction to Wood Spoke Wheel Restoration. Terry writes ‘Subscribing to the popular theory that the best way to “restore” old wood spoke wheels is to make new ones, I had Bill Calimer make a pair of front wheels for my 1914 T. The wheels on it were redone years ago using sound originals, but over time, the felloe has loosened up and I’m starting to see evidence of some wobble between wood and rim. The tell-tale red dust is a good indicator that things are not as safe as they once were and it’s time to restore. Bill does a nice job and has all the correct spoke shape samples. I supplied him with all the steel/iron parts - two new clincher rims, two NOS hubs, bolts, nuts, and plates to fasten the felloe halves together. First step in the process was to create some sort of mounting system so I could get the wheels into a position where I could easily work on them. I also wanted them free to rotate so I could do a better and more thorough job painting them.

I cleaned up a couple of old spindles and we mounted them into a angle iron bracket that holds the spindle and also the arm so they are stable. Once we put the new bearing races into the wheels, we were all set to mount them on the spindles. This bracket can be mounted into my old Black-n-Decker workmate. It puts them at the right height so I can sit in a chair and sand-away at them easily. I can seal, prime and paint them right as they are. Will use some old hubcaps and dust seals to keep things clean at the bearing areas.’

The VCCA (Vic) has stored these items in the archives and members are welcome to use these felloe bases. We welcome donations of interesting items for our archives.

The Berwick District Woodworkers Club Inc is located in the historic ‘Old Cheese Factory’ precinct in homestead road Berwick. The Club commenced back in June 1986 before establishing their permanent home at the Old Cheese Factory and members have converted an old machinery shed into a workshop that was extended in 1998 to include a meeting hall,

kitchen, office/library and storeroom. There is a storage shed which is used to store both wood and also an area to paint toys. The Club has over 100 members, (there are nine women involved as well) the majority of whom are involved in one or more of the club’s activities which include general woodworking, wood turning, demonstrations of wood craft and toy making. The Club makes and donates more than 600 toys each year to disadvantaged children within the district and holds a farmers market on the second Saturday of each month. Volunteers run classes and while we were visiting ‘Bill’ was conducting a wood turning course combined with ‘How to Maintain Lathes’.

The Berwick District Woodworkers Club is open 6 days a week and welcomes visitors.

Flashback - September

FLASHBACK for September - Bill Sides and Greg Smith recognised the car. It now resides at McFeeters Motor Museum in Forbes. Previously it was owned by the late Bruce Bone and prior to that the Markoff brothers. It is a 1905/6 16 HP Minerva. The car when photographed was fitted with an early Mercedes motor that was later replaced with its original T headed Minerva engine.

Greg Smith saw this car a couple of weeks ago at the Museum, when he was picking up his parent’s 1909 Holsman Highwheeler, which had been on loan there.



Private Classifieds



FOR SALE

1909 model G REO

PRICE: \$27,500.

Vintage copy wood lathe

to reproduce timber spokes ex paint-brush factory

PRICE: \$3000.

CONTACT: Adam Auditori

M: 0428 037 755

T: 03 54 823 653



FOR SALE

Complete Renault gearbox

Suits 1908 - 1909 model AG and possible 4 cylinder of the same era. Excellent condition - nice matching number brass cover - everything moves freely and easily. Appears ready to simply drop into car.

Price \$2,000 firm.

4 beaded edge rims in sound condition

Internal diameter 55cm. Distance between rim edges is 50cm.

Price: \$50 the lot.

CONTACT: David Inglis

T: 03 9878 0496



FOR SALE

1909 Sizaire et Naudin single cylinder four seater

I have driven this car over 10,000Kms it has been a great car, many repairs have been undertaken during that time to bring it up to scratch. As the work is now done it's time for me to move onto the next project.

If you are after a fully sorted, fast One Cylinder car and would like to join the exclusive group of 4 ¾ Sizaire et Naudin's in Australia and less than 40 worldwide here is your chance before it is advertised overseas.

The asking price is \$60,000

CONTACT: Mark McKibbin

T: 0419 515 606

mark@mckibbin.net



Is this an 'Old Crocs Rally' or an 'Old Croc's Rally'?

Events

MOTORCLASSICA 2017

Motorclassica has become Australasia's premier event for the classic, vintage and veteran motoring movement, attracting the most beautiful and prestigious classic cars from collections around Australia and the world.

When: 13th – 15th October 2017

Where: Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne

MDHVC 10TH RALLY

A special request has been made by event organiser Geoff Trengrove for the participation of Model T Fords in this event. This year marks the 10th annual MDHVC Rally to be held 13th – 15th October showcasing the Maryborough and surrounding areas. Rally entry forms and accommodation information can be obtained from committee members (see below contacts) or from the Maryborough, Clunes and Creswick Tourist Information Centres.

When: 13th – 15th October 2017

Where: Maryborough Harness Racing Complex, Chaplins Road Carisbrook
Contact: Geoff Trengrove 0417 411 117
griffin.storage@bigpond.com
Val Barry 03 5460 5352

SPRINGTIME ABOVE THE SNOWLINE

Late entries for this event should urgently contact rally director John Stanley as there is an opportunity to accommodate just a few more entries for the second Alpine Tour, Springtime Above the Snowline from Friday 20th through to Sunday 22nd October with a leisurely return home on Monday 23rd.

A weekend of challenges and the amazing scenery of the Kiewa Valley beneath Mt Bogong 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.

Please book your own accommodation. Two motels are suggested.

1. The Snowgum Motel is located in Mt Beauty
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.

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 Valley beneath Mt Bogong and Falls Creek

Contact: Veteran Car Club Secretary
PO Box 2300, Mt Waverley VIC 3149
secretary@veterancarclub.org.au
www.veterancarclub.org.au

BREAKFAST RUN

Please come and join us for our first Spring Breakfast Run in a delightful park and lake setting

Bring your own breakfast.

NOTE: Take all your rubbish home.

When: Saturday 28 October 2017
8.00 am onwards

Where: Karkarook Park
Fairchild Street Moorabbin
Melways Ref. 78 E8
Enter park at first road and park in first car park. BBQ's are to left, follow path.
NOTE Road is oneway traffic

Facilities : Electric BBQ's, tables and seats under cover, children's playground, clean toilets

Contact: Frank Pound 95837723

RACV VETERAN CAR CLUB ANNUAL RALLY – BALLARAT

Refer to page 13 for an update on this event

When: Thurs 9th to Sun 12th
November 2017

Where: Ballarat, Vic

Contact: Michael & Claudia Holding
0407 008 895
mholding@netspace.net.au

BONHAMS LONDON TO BRIGHTON VETERAN CAR RUN

In 2017 the London to Brighton Run is to be held 5th November with a starting time of around 7:02am.

When: Sunday 5th November

Where: Hyde Park, London

Contact: vcradmin@goose.co.uk

BENDIGO NATIONAL SWAP MEET

The 2017 Bendigo National Swap Meet is to be held over the weekend of 18th – 19th November.

A full range of catering is available on site provided courtesy of local service groups. Ticket prices start at \$5 for adults for Sunday only, \$15 for Saturday and a full weekend pass will cost \$20, children under 16 years are free.

When: 18th – 19th November

Where: Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Road, Bendigo

Contact: Swap hotline 0434 730 822
www.bendigowswap.com.au

Events

RACV 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY

Cobram – 15th to 18th March 2018

Rally Directors Andrew and Frances McDougall have reported that the initial response for expressions of interest in this event have been outstanding with over 30 registrations. Customarily the Victorian Club holds its RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally over the third weekend of March. It follows the form of arrival on Thursday morning (for those people who can get the time off) and a short shake down run on the Thursday afternoon. This is followed by two full day runs on the Friday and Saturday and a half day run on the Sunday, for the return trip home in the afternoon. The runs are generally on quiet sealed roads, 25km for the shake down, notionally 100km for each of the day runs and a little over 50km for the Sunday run.

On a number of occasions the event has been held at Cobram (north central Victoria), based at the RACV Resort, where generally all entrants stay at the one cabin/camping based facility. There are expected to be sufficient cabins, of varying classifications, for all those who wish to have a cabin and with even the opportunity to share if you wish. The facility is well located to attract some entries from the neighbouring states of South Australia, NSW and Tasmania.

For those people contemplating attending the 2018 National Single and Twin Rally in Tasmania from the 21st to 25th March, with registration and the welcome function on Tuesday 20th March, there can be a progression from the Cobram event to the National event in Devonport. This should be of particular interest to interstate owners, especially those further afield from Queensland and Western Australia. Here you can get to enjoy the use of your single or twin vehicle on two events for the one trip.

Interstate owners who come to the run in Cobram will be able to stay at the RACV Resort an extra night on the Sunday evening (accommodation for this night being provided at half price by the RACV), prior to driving down to Melbourne on Monday to catch the evening ferry. This then ties in neatly with the Tasmanian welcome on the Tuesday.

Specific details and an entry form for the Cobram event will be issued later in the year, around October. This will provide an outline of the runs and venues, detail accommodation options and costs (which are being held at this year's rates) and meals and their associated costs. All evening meals will be at the RACV Resort.

When: 15th to 18th March 2018
Where: Cobram Victoria
Contact: Andrew and Frances McDougall
424 Wellington Street, Clifton Hill,
Victoria, 3068
Email: amfi@dunollie.com.au
Phone/Fax: 03 9486 4221
Mobile: (F) 0417 310 852; (A) 0427 220 249

VCCA NSW INVITATION RALLY

1 & 2 CYLINDER VETERAN CARS AND BIKES

The Invitation Rally for 1 & 2 Cylinder Veteran Cars and Bikes, will be held 25th – 27th May 2018 at Yamba. You are invited to come to Yamba on the NSW North Coast for a short 1 & 2 cylinder Veteran Car and Bike Rally next year. Yamba is at the mouth of the Clarence River 670km north of Sydney and 270km south of Brisbane. The Pacific Highway has improved greatly and most of the major works will be completed by next May.

The rally will be based at the Calypso Tourist Park in the centre of Yamba phone 02-66468847 calypsoyambaholidaypark.com.au There are good facilities with plenty of trailer parking. I have made tentative bookings for cabins and powered sites in my name.

When making your booking, please tell the reception you are with the Veteran Car Club and mention Rod Holmes' name.

The proposed programme is as follows:

Friday - a short shakedown run of 25km around Yamba with stops at the beaches, marina, lighthouse and town area. Evening:- happy hour, then a BBQ featuring local foods, Yamba prawns, Dorrigo Beef and potatoes, Coffs bananas, local salads and fruit. All these events will be held at Calypso, BYO chairs, plates cutlery and drinks is required.

Saturday – a 75 km run to Maclean then along the river on Woodford Island through cane fields and farms to Brushgrove Hotel for lunch then back the other side of the island and home. All travel for this day will be on flat, quiet rural roads. Saturday night – Dinner at Yamba Bowling Club

Sunday – 35km South to Angourie and Lake Woolewayah, which will be flat with short hills.

Period Dress is strongly encouraged for Saturday and for the dinner to really make the event memorable.

We look forward to seeing you next May.

When: 25th – 27th May 2018
Where: Yamba, NSW
Contact: Rod and Ruth Holmes (E):
rodrutholmes@gmail.com
(P) 02 6657 2765
(M) 0427 572 765

AVCCA NATIONAL RALLY FORBES NSW

The Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) is hosting the National Rally at Forbes NSW from 23rd – 28th September 2018. The local chapter of the Club has been actively involved in planning the runs and things are well in hand for a memorable tour. The event is

fortunate to have a diverse range of accommodation available from caravan parks to motels, hotels and entrants will be given details to enable them to book their own accommodation. The committee is busy preparing an Expression of Interest form as well as a Facebook page and these will be distributed following the National Tour in Clare. More details will be available in the next Brass Notes.

When: 23rd – 28th September 2018
Where: Forbes NSW
Contact: TBA

WILLYS OVERLAND ROUNDUP RALLY 2018

Information on motel accommodation will be made available in the very near future as motels are not currently taking bookings for October 2018 until the end of October 2017, however there are a few caravan parks recommended:

Colour City Caravan Park – 02 6393 8980

203 Margaret Street Orange NSW 2800

Debbie Mara dmara@orange.nsw.gov.au,
colourcitycaravanpark@orange.nsw.gov.au

Highly recommended for trailer storage next to Orange show ground and event Head Quarters

Canobolas Caravan Park – 02 6362 7279

166-172 Bathurst Road Orange NSW 2800

canobolascaravanpark@colourcity.com

When: 14th – 20th October
Where: Orange, NSW
Contact: Les Johnson 0419 288 383
frogshollow1@bigpond.com.au

NATIONAL 1 & 2 CYLINDER TOUR 2018

Tasmania does it again! Following on from a most successful 2016 National Tour, the 2018 National 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour will again suit your veteran vehicle down to the ground.

The Tour is open to cars and motorcycles built before 1st January 1919, and will be travelling on minor sealed roads for most of the time. For those who join this tour, you can expect inspiring views and a chance to experience the fruits of the region all around the area of the township of Deloraine, which is located half way between Devonport and Launceston.

Make it double, by crossing the strait after attending the Victorian 1 & 2 event to join in the 2018 National 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour in Tassie! – What a holiday! Veteran Motoring at it's best!

Expressions of interest in the 2018 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour to be held between the 21st & 25th March 2018 are now invited. Expression of Interest forms can be downloaded from the VCCA (Tas) website vccatas.org.au under the 'Most Recent News' section. Please fill out the form and post to Tour Committee at PO Box 182, Launceston, Tasmania 7250 as soon as possible to join the mailing list for future updates.

When: 21st – 25th March 2018
Where: Deloraine, Tasmania
Contact: Tour Committee, PO Box 182
Launceston, Tasmania 7250
vccatas.org.au

NATIONAL BRUSH RALLY 2019 GOOLWA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

All Brush enthusiasts are called to register now for the next National Brush Rally being held in Goolwa South Australia 22nd to 26th April 2019. Following the highly successful Rally in July 2017, plans are well under way to make the 2019 event even bigger with a huge push to encourage members from the UK and USA to join us. It would be great if we could get 20 cars!

The two things you are being asked to do right now:

1. If you are a Brush owner and you haven't already registered for the Members Forum, please do so via any of the following:

- a. the website <http://brushownersregister.com/>
- b. email brushownersregister@gmail.com or
- c. post to Brush Owners Register, PO Box 440, Willunga, SA 5172

2. Reserve your accommodation:

Goolwa Motel

30 Cadell Street

Goolwa SA 5214

08 8555 1155

info@motelgoolwa.com.au

TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE 2019 NATIONAL BRUSH RALLY

HCCA INTERNATIONAL TOUR 2019

See brochure included with this issue

When: September 2019
Where: Bathurst NSW
Contact: Russell Holden
russell@oldworldlamps.net

Natter Night Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, 12 September 2017 at the
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc. Clubrooms
Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell**

1. Opening and Welcome

The Club's President, Ian Berg, opened the meeting at 8.03pm and welcomed all members present.

2. Attendance

There were 48 members who attended the meeting.

3. Apologies

Graham Fossey, Cliff and Betty Ward, Kim Coillet, Paul Goethel, Kath McInnes, Fiona Dillion.

4. Visitors and New Members

Visitors – Rod Adler and Keith Mortimer. New members – Jack Alcock and Anna Young.

5. Member News

Adrian Thorley informed members that Jaymie recently gave birth to their first child.

6. Treasurer's Report – Jim McCaffrey

Jim reported that the Club's auditor Gerry Howell CPA had completed the end of year financial audit. These reports, along with the auditor's letter, will be published in the October edition of Brass Notes.

Jim informed members that (as at 31 August 2017) the cheque account balance was \$10,608, the cash management account balance was \$27,015 and the term deposit balance was \$92,348.

7. Events – Paul Daley

7.1 Events Subcommittee Meeting

PD informed the members that the next events subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, 16 October at the Clubrooms.

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

7.2 Past Events

Rob Roy Hill Climb (Smiths Gully) – 13 August 2017. Darren Savory provided a report.

The Motoring Club Presidents' Dinner hosted by the RACV Motoring Interests Program – 8 September. Scott Staples provided a report.

7.3 Future Events

RROC Concours Display Day (Wesley College) – 17 September 2017.

National Veteran Motorcycle Rally (Barossa Valley, SA) – 17 to 22 September 2017.

National Veteran Rally (Clare, SA) – 24 to 30 September 2017. 'Down Under' London to Brighton (SA) – 1 October 2017.

Australian National Show and Shine (Euroa) – 1 October 2017. Motorclassica (Royal Exhibition Building) – 13 to 15 October 2017.

MDHVC 10th Rally (Maryborough) – 13 to 15 October 2017. Springtime above the Snowline – 20 to 22 October 2017.

RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally (Ballarat) – 9 to 12 November 2017.

RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally (Cobram) – 15 to 18 March 2018.

Andrew McDougall provided an update report.

National 1&2 Cylinder Tour (Deloraine, Tas) – 21 to 25 March 2018. Andrew McDougall provided an update report.

Historic Winton, Winton Motor Raceway (near Benalla) – 26 and 27 May 2018. Expression of interest form in September Brass Notes.

HCCA International Tour (Bathurst, NSW) – September 2019.

Details will be published in October Brass Notes.

8. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

Andrew McDougall informed members that Mark McKibbin is selling his 1909 Sizaire Naudin with an asking price of \$60,000.

Daryl Meek informed members that George Hetrel is selling his collection. Nine vehicles have already been sold and there are three veterans still for sale being the 1896 Benz, 1903 Peugeot and 1914 Fiat.

Ian Berg informed members that Allan George has a large quantity of vintage and veteran parts for sale. Refer to September Brass Notes for further details and contact information.

Daryl Meek informed members that a 1906 Reo located in NSW is for sale.

9. Membership – David Provan

David welcomed the following new members to the Club: Jack Alcock and Anna Young who reside in Hawthorn East. Dean Walker and Lisa Devenish who reside in Ringwood and own a Model T Ford.

10. General Business

10.1 Bequest to the Club from Cedric Christie

The President reported that Cedric Christie, a 50-year plus member of the Club who passed away recently, generously left his 1916 Dodge to the Club. The committee made a decision to sell the vehicle to an enthusiast via a no reserve invitation to tender process. Refer to September Brass Notes for further details.

10.2 Donation to the Club by the Berwick District

Woodworkers Club

Paul Daley advised members that the Berwick & District Woodwork Club had donated five mounting bases for wooden fellow halves. Stan Bone said that the fellow halves were probably made by the late Peter Braven who lived in Berwick. Peter made the wheels for Stan's 1910 FN.

10.3 Quirky Emails

David Provan spoke about two 'quirky' emails that the Club had received during the month of August. The first was an email from New York USA thanking the Club for an excellent website and the second from a guy who wanted to join the Club because he owned a 'really old car'. The vehicle was a 1972 VW Kombi.

There were no other items of general business.

11. Next Meeting

AGM and Natter Night Meeting at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 10 October 2017.

12. Closure

The President closed the Natter Night meeting at 8.43 pm.

13. Guest Speaker – Keith Mortimer, President of the Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC)

Keith is the current President of the AOMC, one of the peak bodies representing motoring enthusiasts in Victoria for over 40 years. Keith delivered a fascinating presentation about his interest in motor vehicles along with his vision for the AOMC and the current and future directions of the Association.

Financial Statement

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2017		
	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	129,989	125,967
Inventories	2,953	3,410
Other assets	250	2,432
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	133,191	131,809
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property Plant and Equipment	33,920	34,597
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	33,920	34,597
TOTAL ASSETS	167,111	166,406
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	126	3,787
Income in advance	13,591	19,827
Total Provisions	14,366	4,776
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	28,083	28,390
TOTAL LIABILITIES	28,083	28,390
NET ASSETS	139,028	138,016
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	138,016	138,128
Net Income	1,012	-112
TOTAL EQUITY	139,028	138,016

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017		
	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue	73,529	103,117
Newsletter printing and distrib	-11,871	-13,950
Postage and telephone	-844	-263
Printing and Stationery	-730	-537
Club Event expenses	-39,667	-77,250
Cost of Stock sold	-906	-2,189
Insurance	-2,024	-1,995
History Book expenses	-12,000	0
Bank Charges	0	-74
Maintenance & Repairs	-385	0
Rent of clubrooms	-323	-319
Trophies and Awards	-523	-590
Computer and copier consumables	0	-67
Audit fees	0	-2,751
Subscriptions to other Organ'ns	-365	-435
Depreciation expenses	-1,059	-942
Miscellaneous expenses	-981	-1,045
Internet expenses	-839	-822
Profit (Loss) before income tax	1,012	-111
Income tax expense	0	0
Profit (Loss) for Year	1,012	-111

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017	
	Retained Earnings \$
Opening Balance at 1 July 2015	138,128
Loss attributable to the entity	-112
Total other comprehensive income for the year	
Closing Balance at 30 June 2016	138,016
Profit attributable to the entity	1,012
Total other comprehensive income for the year	
CLOSING BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2017	139,028

SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS RUN DURING THE YEAR			
EVENT	INCOME \$	EXPENSES \$	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT
ANNUAL RALLY	19,985	19,550	435
1 & 2 NATIONAL RALLY	15,397	13,672	1,725
MIDWINTER RALLY	6,578	6,180	398
TOTAL	41,960	39,402	2,558

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

In my opinion the accompanying accounts being Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th June 2017 and Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2017 have been drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the transactions of the Club for the period and of the assets and liabilities as at the close of the period.


G. Edwin Howell, CPA
4th August, 2017

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held at the VCCA (Victoria) Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday, 10 October commencing at 8.00 pm.

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Paul Daley	Paul Goethel	Peter Caffyn
Vice-President	Ben Alcock	Ian Berg	Paul Daley
Secretary	David Provan	Ian Berg	Paul Daley
Treasurer	Deborah Alcock	John Prior	Stan Bone
General Committee	Daryl Meek	Ben Alcock	James Dunshea
General Committee	Geoff Payne	Paul Daley	James McCaffrey
General Committee	Brian Hussey	David Provan	Ian Berg
General Committee	John Prior	Paul Daley	Ben Alcock
General Committee	Callum Walsh	Daryl Meek	David Wright

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

In accordance with the Club's Constitution (Rule 34), each member is entitled to appoint another member as his/her proxy if he/she cannot attend the meeting, by notice given to the Secretary in writing (by hand, post or email no later than 24 hours before the meeting) or the form may be given to the Chairperson before or at the commencement of the meeting. A proxy form will be provided on request by contacting the Secretary (0409 136 301 or email secretary@veterancarclub.org.au).

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2016 VCCA (VICTORIA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 11 October 2016 at the VCCA (Victoria) Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell.

Opening and Welcome

The President, Ian Berg, declared the meeting open at 8.03 pm and welcomed all members present.

Members Present

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Apologies

John Prior, Terry Wills Cooke, John Washbourne and Judy Lewis, Cliff and Betty Ward, Margaret Lethborg, Chris and Fiona Dillon, Frances McDougall, Bruce and Diana Lyon, Priya De Mel.

Proxies

The President stated that proxy forms had been received from John Prior and Terry Wills Cooke. The proxies appointed the Chairperson to vote on their behalf in accordance with their stated wishes.

Quorum

The Secretary declared that a quorum for the meeting was present pursuant to the requirements of Rule 14 (a) of the Club's Articles of Association.

Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

Resolution: That the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting, as published in the October 2016 edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by Geoff Payne and seconded by Alan Long – carried unanimously.

President's Report

The President commented that the Club's membership number was 292 as at 11 October 2016 and represents positive growth given that, at the end June, the membership number was 285. The President thanked Michael Tippet (Honorary Legal Advisor), Gerry Howell (Auditor) and Kevin Quigley (retiring General Committee Member) for their efforts and invaluable contribution to the Club.

Resolution: That the President's Report, as published in the October 2016 edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by Scott Staples and seconded by Andrew McDougall – carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Resolution: That the Treasurer's Report, as published in the September edition of Brass Notes, be accepted. Moved by Ben Alcock and seconded by Andrew McDougall – carried unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor

Resolution: That the appointment of Gerry Howell CPA as the Club's auditor be accepted. Moved by Ian Berg and seconded by Hugh Guthrie – carried unanimously.

Election of Office Bearers for the 2016-2017 Year Nominations Received

- For the position of President – Ian Berg
- For the position of Vice-President – Paul Daley
- For the position of Secretary – David Provan
- For the position of Treasurer – Jim McCaffrey
- For the three vacant positions of General Committee Members – Ben Alcock, Andrew McDougall and Greg Smith.

Executive Positions

There being only one candidate nominated for each executive position, Ian Berg was declared President, Paul Daley was declared Vice-President, David Provan was declared Secretary and Jim McCaffrey was declared Treasurer, all for a twelve-month term.

General Committee Members

There being only three candidates for the three vacancies on the committee, Ben Alcock, Andrew McDougall and Greg Smith were declared elected to the committee for a three-year term. The President welcomed Greg Smith to the Committee.

Special Business

The President stated that the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) was initially incorporated under the then Commonwealth legislation as a company limited by guarantee on 1 October 1956. At that time this was the only vehicle that was available as no State legislation had neither been enacted nor foreseen at that time. After an exhaustive review process over the past 12 months, it is recommended that the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) convert from a company limited by guarantee to an incorporated association.

The Consumer Affairs Victoria Model Rules for an incorporated association provides a set of best practice guidelines for the management and good governance of small not-for-profit organisations such as car clubs and the like.

A note of thanks was made by the President to the many members who had provided feedback, comments and suggestions after reviewing the draft Constitution. The President responded to questions from Graeme Edwards and Robyn Blackwell.

The Secretary read the special resolutions for the members' to consider and, if thought fit, to pass, them being:

- (a) That the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) be wound up as a company limited by guarantee pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Corporations Act 2001.
- (b) That the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) be established as an incorporated association pursuant to the requirements of the Victorian Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.
- (c) That the new Constitution of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria), as presented and made available to members, be adopted with effect from the end of the annual general meeting.
- (d) That the members elected at this annual general meeting as executive office holders (for a twelve-month term) and general committee positions (for a three-year term) shall be members of the new committee under the incorporated association entity.
- (e) That the current general committee members, who were elected at a previous annual general meeting for a three-year term and their terms are yet to expire, shall be members of the new committee under the incorporated association entity for the duration remaining of their current term of appointment.
- (f) That all assets held by the Club as a company limited by guarantee be transferred to the Club as an incorporated association.
- (g) That the transition from being a company limited by

guarantee to an incorporated association shall take place on or before 11 January 2017.

Motion: That the special resolutions be accepted. Moved by Ian Berg and seconded by David Provan. The President invited members (by way of a show of hands) to vote on the special resolutions. The result of the vote was:

For

58 plus 2 proxies

Total votes 60

Against

Nil

The President declared that the special resolutions had been carried unanimously.

Closure

The President, Ian Berg, closed the 2016 Annual General Meeting at 8.21 pm.

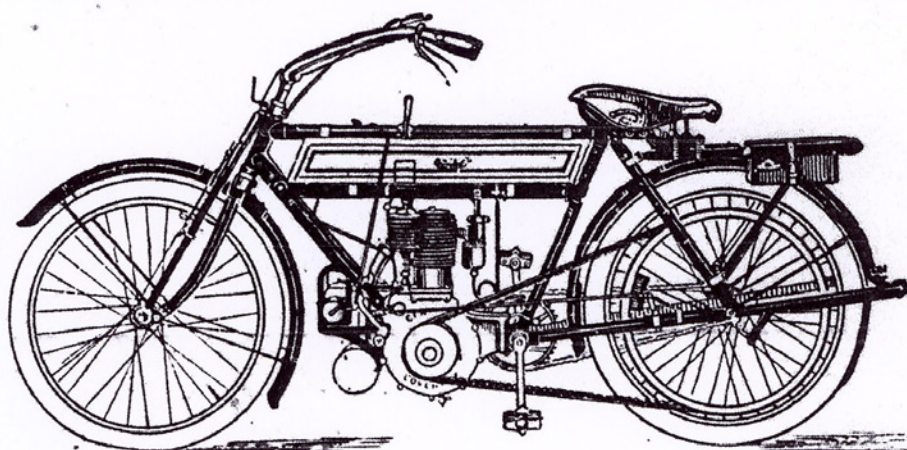
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*David Provan,
Secretary*

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

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JP SERVICES AT NATTER NIGHTS

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

CLUB MEETINGS

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

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



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The Motoring Club *Presidents Dinner*

The photos on this page show some of our members who attended the RACV Presidents Dinner.

VCCA (Tasmania) member Chester McKaige's 1927 Delage was also on display in the RACV Club foyer at the time.



L-R Scott Staples, Daryl Meek, John Kennett



L-R Ben Alcock, Matt Hanton, Fiona Lane



L-R Catherine Berg, Lena Daley, Lyn Johnson (VDC), Sue Berg



L-R Rick Thege, Gordon Berg, Ian Berg, Scott Staples



Vehicle History

The DM Delage was first introduced in 1926, with most models wearing bespoke saloon bodies. At the time, Delage was regarded as the "Best car produced in France", a claim borne out by the high-quality finish of castings and components.

Established in 1905, Delage manufactured a total of 42,000 vehicles during its 48 year existence, before production ceased in 1953. Australia is home to a significant number of surviving vehicles.

This car was imported new to Australia through the Melbourne Delage dealer, Joubert and Joubert. Whilst much of the early history is unknown, the vehicle was eventually acquired for restoration, spending many years on display at a motor museum in Perth in chassis form, it's original body long gone.

The current owner acquired the complete chassis and commissioned "Dune Bodyworks", in the Melbourne suburb of Carrum Downs, to build the new body. The brief was simple - build a typical French body that would not have looked out of place on the streets of Paris when the car was new.

Features such as the "oyster" mudguards, bonnet sides and windscreen are typical of the French period, as is the dark blue colour scheme. The timberwork is Fiddleback Blackwood sourced from Tasmania and steam bent to shape.

RACV thanks club members Chester and Sally McKaige for making this magnificent vehicle available for the enjoyment of members and guests.



Chris and Fiona Dillon's 1909 Minerva at the Rolls Royce concourse at Wesley



Rob & Debbie Couper's 1913 Overland at the Rolls Royce concourse