



Brass Notes

“DEMENTIA PRODEST”

The journal of the VETERAN CAR CLUB of AUSTRALIA (Vic.) Inc.



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Flashback

FLASHBACK

This month's photo shows a veteran Wolseley at a Wolseley Car Club rally to Science Works in 1996. But we are not sure of the model or owner. Can anyone help? Respond to the Editor.



FLASHBACK for June issue

Peter Ransom from VCCA(Q) responded and recognised the car as a 1915 Napier. Although not his it was probably photographed some time ago in South Australia. Now it lives in Queensland and is rallied regularly.



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



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Coming Events

11 August 2018	AOMC Club Management Seminar More details available from AOMC - 9558 4829
14 August 2018	Natter Night 8pm at Clubrooms Guest Speaker: Paul McRohan OAM
19 August 2018	Rob Roy - VSCC Pre-War Historic Hillclimb Entry Secretary: Mark Burns 0417 002 892 More details available from Daniel Zampatti, secretary@vintagesportscarclub.org.au
1-2 September 2018	Pre 1905 event – Ballarat Greg Smith: 0447 395 233 or schacht09@bigpond.com
22 September 2018	VACC Centennial Cavalcade More details available from AOMC - Iain Ross 9558 4829
7 October 2018	Australian National Show and Shine - Euroa www.australiannationalshowandshine.com.au

Major Events

9 -11 November 2018	RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally – Cape Schanck “Trip Down Memory Lane” Rally Director: Deb Alcock, M: 0412 777 676
14-17 March 2019	RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Bright Contact: John Stanley 0409 001 836

National Events

23 - 28 September 2018	National Veteran Rally – Forbes NSW Organised by the Newcastle Branch of the VCCA (NSW) email: forbes2018@bigpond.com
14 – 19 October 2018	Early Overland Roundup Rally 2018 Les Johnson 0419 288 383 or Jeff Alcock 0425 519 959
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

International Events

30 Aug - 6 Sep 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.mtop12.wix.com/mtoq

Front Cover: Euan and Wilga Coutts in their 1910 SCAT and passengers Geoff and Sue Payne on the RACV Midwinter Rally (Photo by Callum Walsh)

President's Message

Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc.

A telephone conference call took place between Neil Athorn, President of the Federation and your Committee on July 2. The issues at hand were to establish the current position that the Federation has on the Luxury Car Tax impost on importing vehicles more than 30 years old, the role of peak bodies in effectively representing the movement, and the requirement that we correspond with the Federation on the LCT matter via their lawyers. Neil Athorn courteously answered all questions, and there was robust discussion between our Federation delegate *Andrew McDougall* and him. What was achieved and clarified? The Federation's position is that it is now opposed to the Luxury Car Tax, and they insist we liaise through their lawyers on this issue. We remain unhappy with this line of communication. With respect to the broader issue of its relationship with the AOMC, there is little energy at this time for dialogue that would work towards a single combined organisation.

Neil Athorn is positive as to the future of the Federation with four committee members under the age of 50 coming on board, and emphasised that steps were being taken to renew their antiquated and poorly maintained website. After the call, the membership was discussed in detail and your committee voted (not unanimously) to remit this year's subscription fee and place on the agenda for next year the matter of continuing the membership.

Thank you Graeme and Lynette Edwards

The 'Around the Garages' event held in the Mornington Peninsula June 20 attracted over forty members and friends and *Graeme and Lynette Edwards* must be thanked and congratulated for organising the day. Graeme's attention to detail combined with Lynette's home baking and morning tea gave it that special touch. *Hugh Guthrie* has written a report on page 14.

Thank you Daryl Meek and Fiona Lane

The RACV Midwinter Rally held at the RACV Goldfields Resort was another exceptionally crafted event by Rally Directors *Daryl Meek and Fiona Lane*. It was a memorable weekend, especially with some of our new members seen having a wonderful veteran rally experience. See report on page 16.

Steam Vehicles, Safety and Registration

At the June Natter Night, *Bob Ballinger* of our Safety/Roadworthy/Scrutineering team, spoke of the Club's role in registration and safety issues relating to steam vehicles. Bob is supported by *Adam Auditori* of Echuca who is also a qualified steam chap – in fact he posts regularly on Facebook. I was speaking to Adam recently about his steam adventures, and commented on a picture with the local gendarmes questioning the steam vehicles use of the road – 'I got a one day permit

for that one, so all was fine!' said Adam. Why not friend Adam on Facebook, and follow the steam trail?



What have we got here..

Every Car Has a Story...

Our Club had an impressive line-up of brass era cars at the 42nd Historic Winton, and organiser *Paul Goethel* applauds our efforts. What was particularly interesting was the history and provenance of many of the cars that was displayed on tripods. Yes, every car has a story! I have lost track of the number of times that a proud owner has confided in me confidentially in a hushed voice that they believe Dame Nellie Melba once owned their vehicle. I'm sure it's often true... maybe! The Nellie Melba Museum website has a page on her cars, and the introduction states; 'Throughout the years, people have claimed to own a vehicle belonging to Melba. While this section does not claim to have information on every vehicle Melba owned, there are several that have been clearly identified as belonging to Melba. Anyone who has any additional information is welcome to contact us. Her cars include a Russell, Pierce-arrow, Renault, Fiat and Rolls-Royce.'



*An undisputable Dame Nellie vehicle – 1913 Marlborough
Photo taken at VCCA Vic 1965 Annual Rally*

We know she owned a Cadillac and possibly a second Pierce-Arrow.' I recently viewed an advert for a 1933 Rolls-Royce 20/25 with a comprehensive history file accompanying the car, the original purchase certificate and a complete list of owners from 1934 to the present day, with letters and photos dating back to the 1940's. One owner (a Melbourne gangster in the 1930's) purchased the car for his mistress by the name of Cecelia Hale and the car has been known as Cecelia ever since. Yes, every car has a story, and the Editor would welcome the story of your veteran car to publish in Brass Notes.

Misadventure to Cameron Corner

Motoring identity and friend of our Club, Warwick Landy and his son Calvin, met misadventure on the Model T Ford tour to Cameron Corner on July 2. 'Not how my trip in the T was meant to finish. A big hole full of bulldust engulfed my front left wheel, and from there I had no control. Car is fairly busted up after turning over on its side. Calvin and I are both ok, and now continuing on to the Corner in a hire car'. So wrote Warwick on Facebook. I immediately sent him the Club's concern and best wishes for the balance of the trip – it is treacherous country in outback Australia.



Warwick's 1915 Model T Ford... Accidents do happen!

Cape Schanck Resort

The RACV's Royal Auto July edition features the Cape Schanck Resort on the front cover with the night time vista of stars and the Resort nestling in the rugged Mornington Peninsula coastline. This is the base for this year's RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally, November 9-11, and Rally Director, *Deborah Alcock* will shortly release the entry forms. There are 120 new rooms and suites, and each one is blessed with sleek lines and breathtaking views of Bass Strait and Port Phillip Bay. It took 350 workers two years to build this latest and greatest edition to the RACV portfolio. The irregular curves of the building have resulted in more than 20 different room configurations.

Eastlink Great Australian Rally

The Great Australian Rally committee has announced that Eastlink has been appointed as naming rights sponsor for the 2019 Eastlink Great Australian Rally (EGAR). This is excellent news for the motoring movement as although I have my classic vintage, and veteran car's details all registered on my account, I must confess that the speed I travel in some of my cars, at times it feels 'intrusive'. Often I elect to use Frankston – Dandenong Road, for example, in preference to the toll in my slower cars. In January 2017, your Club specifically sought Eastlink's blessing to travel on the Toll to Mornington, in fact the rendezvous point was the Eastlink Ringwood Head Office. Of course common sense always applies when we co-exist with modern traffic, as we wish to both travel safely and positively promote our hobby.

Member News

Barry and Ros Smith and ticking another one off Barry's bucket list driving a Ferrari Formula 1 at Nurburgring, Germany. With the choice of either co-pilot or behind the wheel, we shall wait for their return to recall this unforgettable experience. Barry assures us that they will be back in time for our book launch at September Natter Night.

Visiting Melbourne from far North Queensland are *Keith and Narelle Kelly*, who are guests of *Stan and Maggie Bone*. They hail from 'Compton Downs' – a station which is halfway between Townsville and Mt Isa and have come with parts of interest for Stan's FN. I'm sure that will be an interesting story that Stan the raconteur can spin one day!

Kath McInnes fondly remembers her old friends from the Club, and would welcome them visiting her at Victoria Gardens in Vermont.

Peter and Maree Fleming attended the Echuca Steam Rally and although active in the VSCC, are 'active veteran persons'. Peter is busy restoring a 1914 Morris, and reports that the car is running and hopes to have the project close to finished by Christmas. Another interesting project he is busy with is a 1905 BSA Ladies bicycle – a wonderful veteran era addition to their collection.

Alan Lethborg's 1914 Fiat Zero Roadster was on display at the RACV City Club during last month, and not surprisingly gained much admiration. The car is currently on the market and would be an excellent acquisition with its comprehensive maintenance record.

VDC Presentation Luncheon...

The Vintage Drivers' Club Presentation luncheon was held on June 24 at the Veneto Club, and Lena and I enjoyed wonderful hospitality as guests of their President, John Johnson. Many VCCA (Vic) members enjoy membership of multiple car clubs and it was a real pleasure to see so many of our Veteran members

President's Message

also active with the VDC. Among those who were presented with awards was *James Dunshea*, who won the Economy Trial in his 1911 Hotchkiss with a credible 21.19mpg.

The VDC Executive were wonderful hosts and the warm fellowship of the day underscored the friendship we have with the other clubs who were also represented as guests of honour i.e CHACA and VSCC. There is a real desire to continue to grow the links we have made with such events as the Hot Cross Bun Run.



John Prior, Paula McNicol, Catherine and Gordon Berg enjoy the VDC event



Barry Gomm and Roma Thomson look the part at the VDC event



Craig and Scott Emmerson enjoy the VDC Luncheon

Sold to the Highest Bidder... for \$662,071

It's no secret that I'm a Ford aficionado, and on June 23, Bonhams sold the largest collection of Fords in the world at the Den Hartogh Museum in the Netherlands. The sale was 100% by both lot and value with more than 500 people bidding from around the globe. The notable highlight was a 1905 Ford Model B Side Entrance Tonneau which inspired the longest bidding exchange of the sale achieving a price of AU\$662,071. Check out the 300 lots online at Bonhams.com



1905 Ford Model B Side Entrance Tonneau

A Way With Words...

The press release spiel promoting our Pre 1905 event in Ballarat was the work of a real wordsmith. It captured the era – pompous, snooty, stiff upper lip, gentlemen's club and single malt, creating an advertising piece with aplomb. I asked our Events Director *Ben Alcock* who was the author – and he tells me it was the work of *Greg Smith* and *Mick Turner*. This event has so much potential and there is enthusiasm by a number of entrants to make it an annual feature of our calendar.

50th Anniversary Battles Coral & Balmoral

In 1968, Australian Soldiers fought their largest, and arguably the most hazardous battles of the Vietnam War. Units of the 1st Australian Task Force (IATF) confronted a regimental sized formation of North Vietnamese regular army in fierce actions around Fire Support Bases (FSPB) of Coral and Balmoral.

The first battles occurred as FSB Coral when massed enemy units attacked the base in the early hours of the 13th of May 1968. The Australians drove off the enemy after fierce close-quarter actions. The battle lasted over two hours. The task force suffered 11 killed-in-action and 28 wounded. The enemy left 52 dead, strewn throughout the fire support base.

Over the following four weeks, in further actions around FSPB Balmoral, Australian Soldiers accounted for over 300 enemy soldiers killed. They also captured hundreds of enemy weapons. In return, 26 Australian Soldiers died.

Our **August Natter Night** will recognise the 50 years since this Battle, and pay tribute to those patriots who were killed in action or wounded. Our speaker will be **Paul McCrohan OAM, President**, Tramways / East Melbourne R.S.L., who is an outstanding speaker, who will recall this battle to us.

Yours in Veteran Motoring,

PAUL R DALEY,

President



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A Group of Diggers who Fought in the Battle of Coral and Balmoral.

NATTER NIGHT

TUESDAY AUGUST 14TH



ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF CORAL & BALMORAL

Join us on this special night as we relive this historic battle in South Vietnam. Fifty years ago, just 40km from Saigon, 1st Battalion RAR withstood an intensive attack with the Viet Cong who were attempting to disrupt the Paris Peace talks. The fighting continued for four weeks with heavy losses.

Speaker: Paul McCrohan OAM
President, Tramways / East Melbourne RSL



THE PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE OF THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (VIC)
request the pleasure of your company at the launch of the Club's history book

“DEMENTIA PRODEST”

On TUESDAY the 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018

At Lynden Park Clubrooms Wakefields Grove, Camberwell (*off Through Road*)

7.00pm - 8.00pm - Canapes and Drinks

8.00pm - Natter Night, with book launch and recognition of contributors

Speaker - Ian Berg “The making of Dementia Prodest”

Your allocated copy of “Dementia Prodest” will be available to collect

Dementia Prodest - The History of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria)

We are very excited to advise that the long awaited Club history book will soon be released!

This is a very high quality book of 400 pages, including over 800 photographs, many in colour and many never before published. Material covered includes the veteran era of motoring, the origins and development of the Club as well as the extraordinary history of the Club since its formation in 1955.

A copy of the book will be provided to current members (2017/2018 Club year) for no charge, subject to receipt of the membership renewal fee for the 2018/2019 year, including receipt of your renewal form.

The release date is scheduled for the September Natter Night, and member copies can be obtained

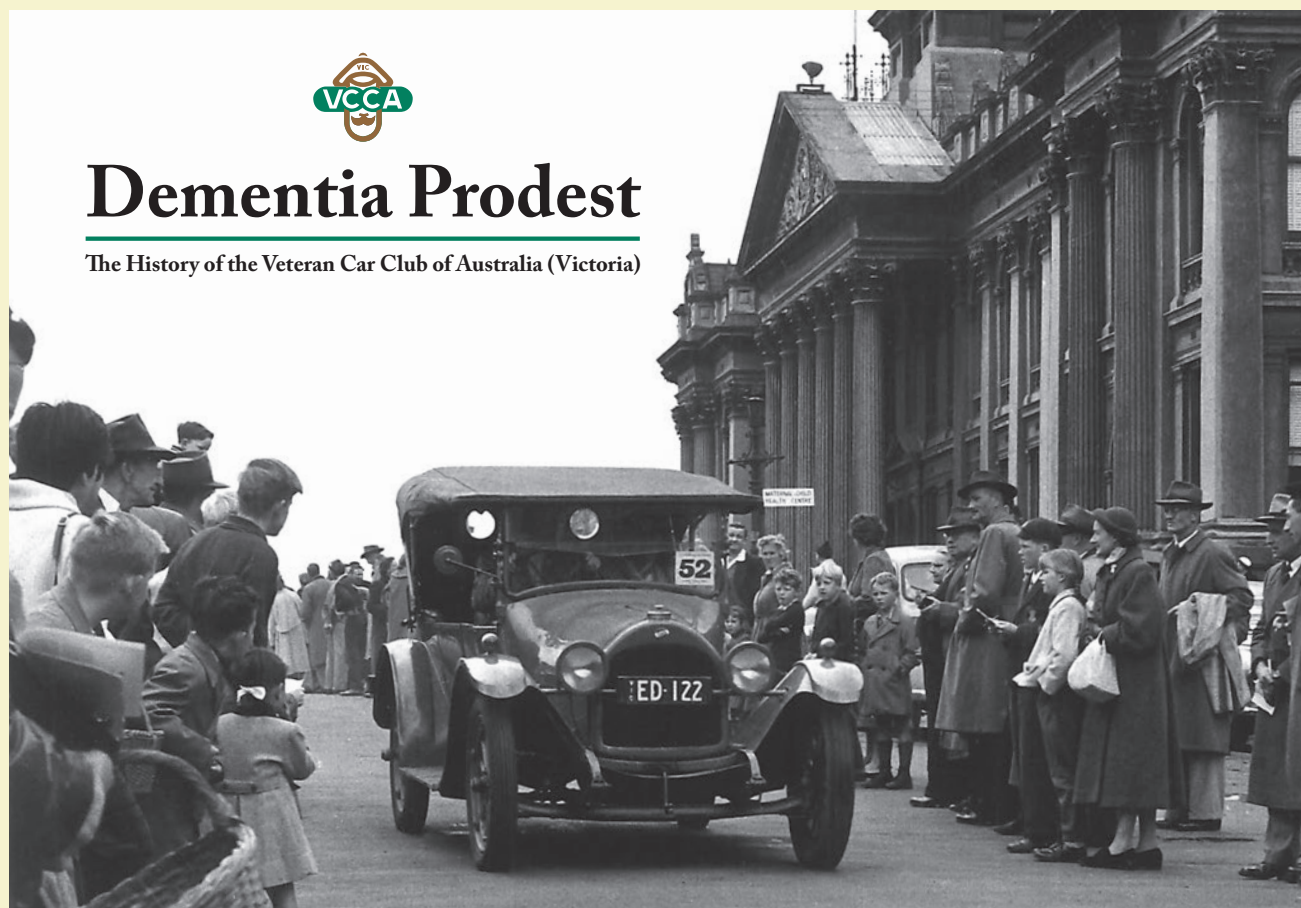
on that night or alternatively the October Natter Night. It can also be posted, individually boxed to your Australian address after the release date for \$18.00, payable with your renewal fee.

Subject to availability, additional member copies are available for \$45 for members and \$60 for non-members.

The price for new members (joining after July 1, 2018) will be \$45.

Please see your renewal notice within the June issue of Brass Notes to select the post option, if you wish to have it sent to your address. If you have any enquires, or wish to purchase additional copies please contact the Registrar:
(registrar@veterancarclub.org.au)

Ian Berg



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please note that you must have renewed your membership and submitted the renewal form by the end of August, in order to qualify for your free copy of the book.

You can either collect your copy of the book at the September or October Natter Nights, or include the postage cost with your renewal return to have it sent.

Any other collection times would need to be by special arrangement.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir

This is a true and honourable account of how the Veteran Car Club began with five men.

Theo Van Alkemade who was related to my mother, Marj Provan, hatched the idea to form a club of veteran vehicle enthusiasts. He invited four other men Ashley Dyer, George McKaige, Mr Rintell and R. Alan Provan, my father, to plot the formation of the Club. They met at least three times at our family home at Yan Yean Road, Plenty. My late brother Robbie and I were children at the time and were allowed to stay up for the start of the meetings. It must have been winter because when the men and their wives arrived at the front door it was dark and the porch light was on. Each wife brought a plate of goodies and during the day we would watch our mother bake a sponge and make lamingtons. I remember this well as Robbie and I were allowed to sample them.

I recall one dark night Ashley Dyer turned up with a false nose, moustache and glasses, like an old time driver and everyone had a laugh.

Mrs McKaige was English, as was her husband, and she had beautiful pink cheeks and cream skin and my mother told me she had 'peaches and cream complexion'. Mrs Rintell suggested they should write "minutes of each meeting". My father, foolishly now, said they should wait until they had formulated the rules etc. I remember asking my mother how you could write a minute because I only knew minutes as time.

One winter's night, with the fire crackling, a row started between Ashley Dyer and Mrs Rintell. She had apparently registered every possible variation of the name of the Club so that she could be the only one to choose its name. (My father told me this over many years). Robbie and I were frightened of the yelling as we'd never heard adults speak to each other like this and our mother had to comfort us and take us back to bed where we listened to



the ongoing rantings. After the rules were set, the five men went public asking members to join.

My brother Robbie and I were in the first Moomba Parade in my father's 1912 Willys-Overland. My mother wore a navy and floral smock as she was by now pregnant with my next brother Geoffrey, who arrived stillborn later that year. Our photo was taken by the Herald.

At the request of my father, we took him down to Melbourne for the Club's 50th Anniversary but no one knew who he was. My father was still alert at 92 and we often reminisced about those early foundation meetings, of which he was justly proud as I'm sure were all of the five men who participated in those early formation meetings.

My father died four years ago at age of 92. I'm now the only living person, at the age of 71, who was there at those first undocumented meetings.

Lynette Parrott (Provan)

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

- *Peter and Debra Fagan from Albury NSW who own a 1914 Triumph motorcycle and a 1908 IHC.*
- *Mark Herbstreit from Frankston who owns a 1912 Ford Model T.*



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Historic Winton, 26 May 2018

By Ben Alcock (Photos by Callum Walsh)

Historic Winton is publicised as “Australia’s largest and most popular all-historic motor race meeting featuring over 400 historic racing cars and motorbikes from the 1920s to the 1980s plus a huge heritage display of veteran and vintage vehicles.”

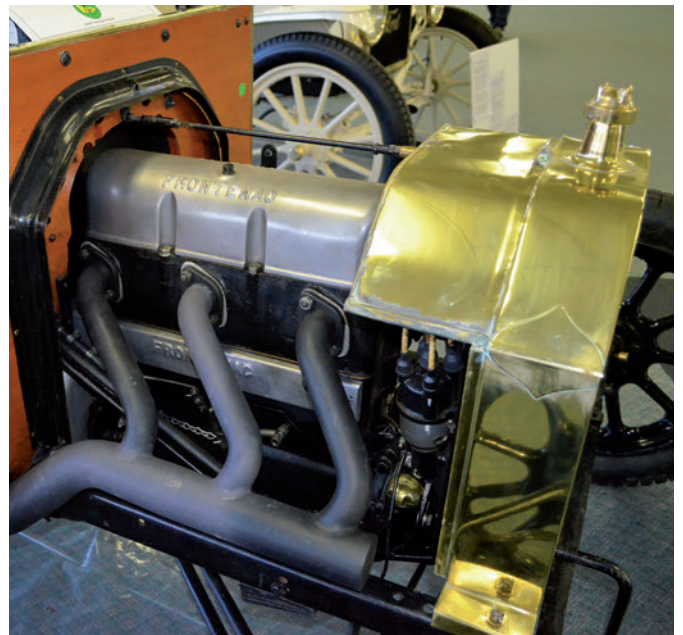
So a display of veterans was required, and display we had. With over 14 veterans (bikes and cars) on display in the catering marquee (and a couple more in the general parking area) with views of the track there was a lot of interest in the cars, especially when the big La France was started up outside! We were again allowed out on the track for the display lap(s) with most of us taking advantage of this. We also managed to take

home the 2018 Outstanding Spectator Vehicle award with the Alcock 1914 Overland.

Another well supported and worthwhile event, whether you do, 1, 2 or 3 days there is plenty to see and do while showing off the cars. Thanks to the Austin 7 club and HMRAV for inviting us.



Part of the veteran display with the Williams' Wolseley in front



Kevyn Brown's Frontenac-engined Ford



Andrew Brown in action at Winton in his T Ford racer



The Benoit LeZebra



Mark McKibbin's Peugeot B   



David Wight's FIAT and Brian Love's Overland



Indians on display



Alan Maden's massive American LaFrance



Wally and Denise Nye in their vintage Austin



Andrew McDougall on his Douglas motorcycle



Motorcycle line-up

55th Echuca Moama Steam Rally

By John Fryirs

9TH – 10TH June 2018

At the Goulburn Swap Meet in March, I met up with 2 mates from the Morris Register, Malcolm who owns, along with his vintage cars, a veteran 1914 Morris Oxford, and his wife's cousin Peter who has a vintage and post vintage Morris. These 2 told me they were going to the Steam Rally in Echuca on the Queen's birthday weekend in June, as the Victorian branch of the Morris Register had been invited to put on display there, and said to me "Why don't you come".

I thought about it and realised it would be a good opportunity to catch up with Victorian friends from the Register that I don't see very often.

On enquiring through the Victorian Register, I was told they hoped to get at least 20 vehicles, and at that stage had 15, I told them I'd enter with a 1908 Renault, but not with a Morris, and was still made very welcome.

Entry was free, with 2 free weekend passes, which was quite a pleasant surprise, so I booked into the same motel as the others, and looked forward to a great weekend.

I travelled down on the Thursday to Cobram calling in on a few car mates on the way. Friday from Cobram to Echuca was heavy rain, arriving at 11am, I checked into the motel then went to Rotary Park, the Rally venue, to book in. What a mud bowl! The display entrance was a mud track already chopped up by the heavy vehicles carrying the huge steam tractor engines, so slip and slide up I went with trailer behind to register and get my pack.

That night was a dinner get together for our little group at the local hotel in town.

Saturday, up early with a heavy fog lay over the whole area. I unloaded the Renault and wondered if I should light up the lights, but not much in the fog, and as I was the only one who'd registered the day before, I knew the way, so I had to lead 22 Morris from 1914 to 1960 along the Main Street, up another main road to the right, to the northern highway, and left into the showground, where they all discover we were there for the day, too far to walk back to town.

It was freezing, and the fog didn't lift till well after midday but, despite the weather there was so much going on and so much to see, the time was taken up with sloshing around in the mud to look at the displays, watching the steam vehicles being driven around, checking out the stalls seeing what was for sale, and at 1.30pm we were part of the grand parade, and, oh dear! the Renault was the oldest in the "Morris display" so I had to lead. Stephen Hands (VCCA Victorian Member) was asked to do the commentary as we passed, and of course his humour made comment of a Renault leading the Morrises, and its driver having the car from new.

Saturday night another meal with Victorian friends in town and another Morris Club friend Helen McKee who lives in Echuca joined us, so I invited her to come in the Renault next day.

Sunday dawned a better day and I took off a bit earlier to pick Helen up on the way, her neighbours turned out to flag us off.

Sunday was the better day of the Rally with more people, clubs and displays, much more interesting with more activity, including tractor pulls, grand parade, and they set fire to an old dunny and a horse drawn steam operated fire pump is driven in to put it out, the blokes all in uniform, brass helmets and all.

This day I met up with Adam Auditori who is also a member of the VCCA Vic. With his Vulcan, which he had on display as well as his Leyland 8 ton steam wagon.

Everytime I went to the Renault to get something, I was besieged by a number of people asking questions, telling stories, wanting things explained. It was a wonderful way to meet people and even promote the Veteran Car Club and movement.

The Veteran cars were :- my 1908 Renault - Malcolm Noad 1914 Morris Oxford - Aden Auditori Vulcan and in the Military vehicle display there was a wonderful 1915 Model T Ford - first world war military vehicle.

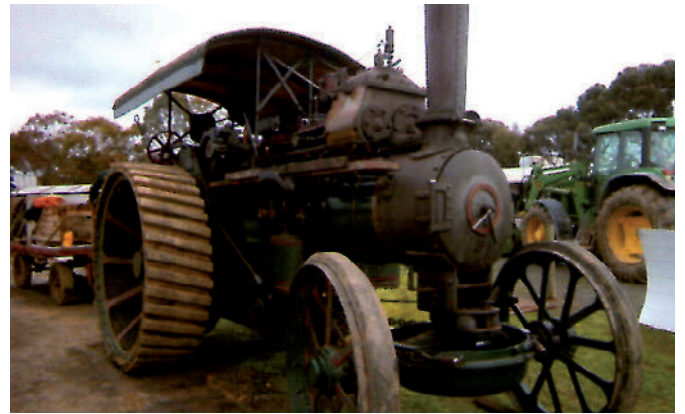
All in all a great weekend, despite the cold and the mud it topped off, as usual with good company, it was well worth the effort - what effort? You should see my Renault, I still have to wash the mud off.



Model steam engine



Vintage Dodge 4 ambulance



Steam traction engines are an imposing sight in action



Adam Auditori's Vulcan



1915 Ford T in WWI military form



John Fryir's Renault joins in with a Bull nosed Morris in the display



Vintage Rugby 'ute'



Rear view of 1915 Ford T



Impressive Cowley Roller

Around The Houses

By Hugh Guthrie (Photos by Paul Daley)

The Not-So-Hidden Gems Of The Mornington Peninsular.

The typical sunny, but slightly chilly Mornington Peninsular on Wednesday 20th June welcomed some 45 Clubmembers to admire three quite different automotobilia collections in the area. It turned out to be a very interesting experience, as it provided some small insight into the psyche of the collector and restorer, and reinforced my realization that our Club fosters an important recognition that owning, collecting and rejuvenating “old motoring things” is not only an entertainment, but an obsession that those old motoring things shall not pass away unrecognized, in this throw-away age.

Graeme Edwards had organised a three-staged “around the houses”. We started at Graeme’s workshop in Somerville. We were welcomed at the door by morning tea and coffee – the highlight for some were the scones and strawberries among other delights provided by the Edwards ladies, amongst a large collection of Hudson-alia and serious workshop equipment. Graeme’s collection has recently welcomed a Reo with, apparently, a small engine problem, but nevertheless exuding charm. This fully restored vehicle (from the outside) is in contrast to Graeme’s collection of veteran Hudsons in various stages of restoration, but all offering majestic Veteran motoring when finally restored.



Graeme Edwards welcomes visitors to his workshop/factory in Sommerville



Participants and the Edwards’ collection



Ian Barton (foreground) gives an overview of his collection



The Ian Barton garage, Bittern

Graeme’s workshop is also housing a range of Indians belonging to Graeme’s son, Shane (motorbikes, so please, no jokes about “where are the tepees?”). Shane owns several Indian Powerplus models, both veteran and vintage. The model on show was a veteran Powerplus, whilst complete, showed evidence of being used as a rifle target – just another challenge!

The travelling circus – by now including several vintage American vehicles and a classic Lancia amongst the galaxy of modern metal, moved on to lunch at the Hastings Club, for grub and gossip. The mention of galaxies leads us to the next “house”, the property of Ian and Judy Barton in the township of Bittern (likewise “twice shy” allusions are not appreciated). This collection is almost impossible to describe, as it represents what I think most of the other visitors would like to own. Housed in purpose-built buildings amongst pleasant surroundings were an interesting collection of automobilia, ranging across competition cars and motorcycles, unusual automotive related equipment, a spectacular speedboat and the greatest range of Texaco (remember the servos?) toys, advertising material and company-labeled auto-oriented “stuff”.

During Ian’s guided tour of his collection, he remarked that Texaco recognized that producing Texaco-labelled toys for children would invariably ensure that children would pressure parents to pull up to the Texaco pump, and this successful play was later recognized by, and

utilized by the Macdonalds chain, with success. This was just one of the interesting stories he passed on, as we circulated past several Jaguars, a KrisKraft speedboat equipped with the original Hercules side-valve motor (nearly veteran!). Now we come to the galaxy reference – in Ian's collection there is an enormous Ford Galaxie Skyliner, with the roof storage system in the boot (trunk?), an enormous convertible with a ridiculously small luggage box surrounded by roof hydraulics.

There are racing vehicles of great heritage, even a Cooper stationary engine and interesting motorcycles. Two aspects of Ian's collection stand out in my mind. One is the breadth of the collection – only a few important examples of selected makes or models, but universal in the range of subjects, and the second aspect was the cleanliness and condition of everything. Obviously all exhibits seem to be in working condition and there is a hardstand area outside the main storage building with car-washing facilities equipped with a device we call a "wringer" but others might call "mangle", for squeezing the wash cloths. It, of course, is labeled "Texaco". We cannot leave this "house" without remarking on the afternoon tea provided by Judy and Ian laid out in a separate building which has a whole wall devoted to a mural depicting two of Ian's cars on the forecourt of a service station – need one mention – it is a Texaco servo! See the photograph in last month's Brass Notes.



Brian Hussey – master craftsman at work

A mere decent pitch of a crankhandle away from Ian's collection is the third "house" – that of Brian Hussey. As it was getting late some of us had to leave, but I was hypnotized (almost) by the story Brian was telling. It was simply a discussion on the work he does and the way he does it. We were beside a De Dion that was under restoration and nearing completion. What this visit to one of Brian's work areas showed us all, was not only the physical aspects of really high quality restoration, but the driving need to only accept perfection in whatever task is involved. I am reminded

that one of the gifts that artists have is the ability to not only recognize this need but to have the ability to translate that into the end result. As one who restored one veteran to certain conclusion, I stand in awe (a much over-used phrase) of those artisans who have the talent to meet these ideals.

The overall feeling resulting from this visit to automobilia collections was one of respect for the work many of our members, in restoring, respecting and collecting the history of motorized transport in this country. The pride in their collections and in their efforts bodes well for the future of the Club and the future enjoyment they will provide for those who want to know what life was like yesterday.

And finally, thanks to the families who arranged and supervised the locations that made this "around the houses" so enjoyable.

Attendees:

Graeme & Lyn Edwards, Shane Edwards, Warwick Bayley, Paul Daley, Daryl Meek, Stan & Maggie Bone, Neil Roberts & Friend, Alan Long & Friend, Wally Nye, Graham Fossey, David Smallacombe, Brian Hussey, Dean & Pam Hill, Hugh Guthrie, Ivor Austin & Graham, Geoff Hood, John Washbourne, John Prior, Brian Churchill, Peter Matthews & Pat, Brian Feim & Heidi, David Couper & Trish, Kim Coillet, John Brehaut & Kim, Barry Smith.



Brian Churchill and Rob Rush – members of multiple clubs



Keith Kelly visiting from QLD, chats with Barry Smith

RACV Midwinter Rally - Creswick 21-22 July 2018

By Ben Alcock (Photos by Callum Walsh and Frances McDougall)



The RACV Midwinter Rally is becoming more and more popular, with numbers of members bringing veteran cars out to brave the cold increasing each year. The facilities at RACV Goldfields are always inviting and the fireplace in the foyer is a great place that you can always find members warming up and catching up around the warmth.

A number of entrants arrived Friday for a relaxed informal dinner in the restaurant, discussing the weather forecast for the weekend and praying the rain stayed away, which it did for the most part.

Saturday morning came around and the carpark was full of cars, members and the pre rally buzz was alive! After a relaxed morning tea of scones, jam and cream, we departed the RACV resort and made our way to Clunes via a 'long route' option. This saw us driving through small country towns and sealed

back roads where we could enjoy driving with other veteran vehicles and also the local farm animals, a few members even stopped to get up close and personal with some roaming sheep and cows.

The locals of Clunes were out in force to see us arrive and park in their historic main street, one used for the filming of many films and soon to be used for the new Ned Kelly movie. A homely country pub meal for lunch was enjoyed and a special thanks to the stand in chef who fulfilled our order after the normal chef called in sick (who knew we had that effect on people). We spent the afternoon enjoying Clunes and all it has to offer with plenty of antique shops, wine sampling and sightseeing done by all. The short drive home had us back in the warmth, out of the wind in time to relax and get ready for the Saturday night dinner.



Greg Orde in the Itala (centre car) lines up with the other entrants at the RACV Goldfields Resort start



Terry Mansbridge in his 1912 Sunbeam



Greg Smith and crew in the Ford T

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The Holdings indicate the long and short of it



Pub lunch at Clunes

We were treated to a talk by Fiona Lane, about the original owner/restorer of Greg Smith's motorbike (Sovereign) and the amazing story of how Greg got to meet 3 relatives of the original restorer recently in Tasmania by pure luck – a fascinating story! As customary, the cold start starters were announced and the excitement, nervousness and heckling began with the Hotchkiss trophy on display.

Sunday morning saw the traditional, hotly contested cold start competition take place with a number of new faces joining the ranks. As always, a big crowd gathered around the cars to heckle and encourage the starters who were busy pacing out there running track around the witches' hats. As always, there were a few cars left in gear, switches not turned on and a few other surprises along the way (check out the gallery on our Facebook page or website for the videos). Congratulations to Peter Caffyn on his phenomenal effort and to all that participated, a great way to start the day.



Beautiful touring in countryside Victoria - Peter and Joan Hammet 1914 De Dion with Paul and Lena Daley 1914 Overland

	Placing	Time (Secs)
Peter Caffyn	1	8.23
Greg Orde	2	8.62
Scott Staples	3	9.51
Kevin Sullivan	4	9.70
Jack Alcock	5	10.00
Brenton Smith	6	12.20
Nathan Mansbridge	7	17.80
Jeff Alcock	8	21.80
Paul Williams	9	25.20
Darren Savory	10	29.02
James Dunshea		DNF
Wilga Coutts		Scratched

Following from the cold start competition, we departed RACV Goldfields and headed on a leisurely 40km drive to the Creswick Wool Mills for lunch, and judging by the number of bags most people put in their cars, plenty of shopping was done (we all have warm clothes and blankets for next year's rally).

As always, a great weekend of driving on veteran suitable roads and the weather held out for us. Well done to Daryl and Fiona for organising another great event for us.

Annual General Meeting

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS

WHEN

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Lynden Park Clubrooms, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell on Tuesday, 9 October commencing at 8.00 pm.

POSITIONS

If you would like to be involved in the management of the affairs and business of the Club, please consider nominating for a position on the committee. The executive positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (for a 12-month term of appointment) need to be filled and there will be two general committee positions available (for a three-year term of appointment).

NOMINATION FORM

A nomination form will be available at the August and September Natter Night meetings. If you are unable to attend a Natter Night meeting, please contact me on 0409 136 301 or secretary@veterancarclub.org.au and I will post or email the form to you.

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS

Pursuant to the requirement of the Club's Constitution (Rule 54), nominations must be given to the Secretary (by hand, post or email) on or before Tuesday, 11 September 2018. Mail the completed form to the Secretary, Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria), P.O. Box 2300, Mount Waverley, Vic, 3149 and please allow at least 5 days for delivery. Alternatively, scan and email the completed form to secretary@veterancarclub.org.au.

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me on 0409 136 301 or email secretary@veterancarclub.org.au.

David Provan, Secretary



Entrants in Creswick



Peter Caffyn wins the Cold Start



Entrants shout Hooray at the Cold Start



Lunch at the Creswick Wool Mills

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Melba's Pierce Arrow Given Back Its DNA

By Murray Murfett

At the height of her singing career Dame Nellie Melba was said to be the most famous woman in the world, with an annual income of \$3million in todays terms. Born in Richmond as Helen Mitchell (1861-1931), she was an opera singer famous throughout the Continent, Great Britain, USA, Australia and New Zealand and had adopted the surname 'Melba' in recognition of her home city. Her interest in motor vehicles, as an owner and driver is also legendary. (refer to the Website - Melbas cars - Nellie Melba Museum). Two of her now veteran cars remain in Victoria and are well documented.

Up until this years Ballarat Swap Meet, my connection to Melba and her vehicles were limited to listening to her operatic voice on scratchy old 78 rpm records and phonograph cylinders, and also sitting in her immaculately restored 1909 Renault in Dean Montgomerys as yet, private Warrnambool Motor Museum and in November 2016, enjoying Devonshire tea in the former motorhouse at her Coldstream residence 'Coombe Cottage' during the 2016 RACV Healesville Veteran Rally.



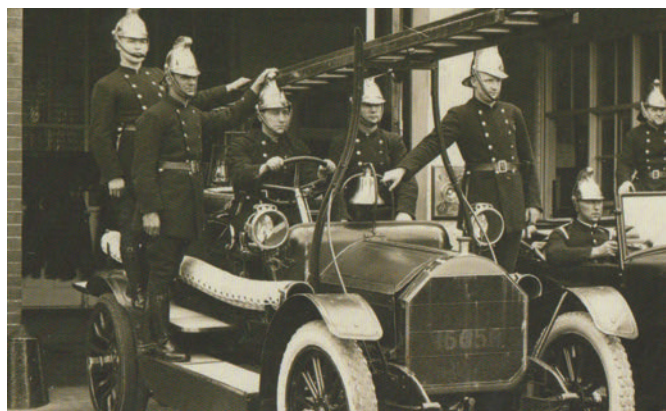
Detail of identification plate

On route to this years Ballarat Swap from Warrnambool together with a car load of veteran and vintage car enthusiasts (Jack Brittain, David Rentsch, & Erik Carlsson), I received a text 'out of the blue' from car enthusiast Roy LeMessurier, which included an image of a rectangular brass Pierce Arrow Identification Plate with a query 'would anyone be interested in this'. The tarnished plate listed the Model No. as 48 h.p. and the Car No. (and Engine No.) as 8342. Well that certainly livened up the car conversations, which immediately led to further research. The VCCA's current Vehicle Index did not list any veterans in captivity in Australia amongst its membership, but we were given a clue by the the Pierce Arrow Society of Americas Website, which dated the vehicle at 1911, based on the Cars ID Numbers. The penny then dropped, that the only veteran Pierce Arrow we knew of was now proudly on display at the Fire Services Museum in Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. We were all fired up and by the time we got to the Swap Meet, and with some

urgency, we sent out instructions to Roy, the finder of the Identification Plate, to check out the Pierce Arrow on display at the Museum the very next day. And to our excitement, his casual enquiry found that its identification numbers were in fact identical to the brass plate. Bingo!

Coincidentally one of our entourage to the Ballarat Swap, David Rentsch told us that back in the 1960's he had seriously considered purchasing this very vehicle, to restore it back to its original landau condition. However, he was deterred by its extensive modifications and missing components. He could not recall whether its Identification Plate was affixed at that time.

This is what we were able to discover about Dame



Contemporary photograph of Pierce Arrow as used by MFB



Pierce Arrow as found, prior to restoration

Nellie's Pierce Arrow:

- The 1911 Pierce Arrow landau she purchased in the USA during her 1913 tour was used extensively in the US, Britain and Europe before being requisitioned by the French government for the war effort during her tour there at the start of World War 1. After it was returned to her in poor condition in 1918, she sent it home to Melbourne, to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade for their use.
- During 1919 it was radically modified in the MFB workshops at the rear of the Eastern Hill Fire Station to carry a 400 gallons per minute Kelly & Lewis pump.

To become known in the brigade as the 'Melba' Pump, stationed in North Melbourne, its gracious landau body had been removed, the chassis had either been lengthened or replaced, solid rubber tyres were fitted to the rear axle to carry the weight of the pump, and it was generally stripped of its refinements.

- Sold off by the MFB in 1933, its history is disjointed but was variably reported to have spent time at sawmills in Gippsland, owned by an antiques dealer or veteran car collector in the Bendigo/Kyneton area, and rumoured to have been used as a 'prop' in the 1959 'end-of-the-world' movie 'On the Beach', (starring Gregory Peck & Ava Gardner).
- At some stage it was owned by a Mr J. Davies of Flora Hill, Bendigo who on sold it to a Mr Standerwick of Vermont who later took it to display in his Car & Folk Museum at Lakes Entrance around 1965.
- In 1978, the vehicle was put up for sale by the Lakes Entrance Museum for \$7,000, and to prevent it leaving Australia, the MFB Historical Society put on a holding deposit of \$100. The 'Sun-Herald' newspaper started a public appeal with a donation of \$250 and with further contributions from various State Govt. Departments, the balance of the funds were made available to save this important vehicle.
- Now owned by the Melbourne Fire Brigade Historical Society, its restoration was completed in 1991 to a fully operational condition and can be seen during the Fire Services Museum open days at the former Eastern Hill Fire Station located in Victoria Pde, East Melbourne, where it is parked next to a 1914 Hotchkiss fire engine.
- On Mothers Day this year, David Rentsch, Erik Carlsson and Murray Murfett travelled down from Warrnambool and, together with the finder of the identification plate, Roy LeMessurier, presented it to the Museum, to give Dame Nellie Melba's 1911 Pierce Arrow back her DNA.

Footnotes :

-The engine has 6 cylinders, cast in pairs, rated at 48 h.p., with side-valves, a dry sump, dual chain drive to rear wheels with solid tyres. Originally had dual ignition. Total weight is 39 cwt.

-As further research for this article, I twice watched the 'On the Beach' movie, much of which had been filmed in Melbourne and surrounds. There was no clear evidence of the Pierce Arrow being used as a prop however at the 92 minute mark in the movie there was an early, wooden spoked vehicle parked on a dark and stormy night outside the Narbethong Hotel, make unknown.

-On failing to proceed with the purchase of the derelict Pierce Arrow in the 1960's, David Rentsch never lost his interest in fine machinery and is currently restoring a veteran Napier, after practising on Delages !

-Murray Murfett recalled seeing the Pierce Arrow in its unrestored condition in the late 1980's following its purchase by the MFB Historical Society. He also retained his interest in veteran cars and is currently restoring a 1911, Model 32 Buick, (which cost US\$800 when new). Interestingly, a Pierce Arrow manufactured in the same year cost 5 times that amount!

- The July 1979 front cover of Brass Notes, carried an image of the Melba Pump from MFB files, with a captioned request from Harold Paynting looking for further details.

-The Museum has put together a good quality booklet of large, reproduced photos of the wide range of vehicles modified for MFB use in Melbourne from 1891 to 1920. Motorised vehicle makes featured include Merryweather, Argyle, Hotchkiss, Daimler, Clement, Garford, Itala, Dennis, Morris, Fiat, Napier, Pierce-Arrow, American, Everett, Clement Talbot, Thompson Steam Car, Humber, and Hispano Suiza.

- Much of the historical information and images for this article were gleaned from the Museums records, with the generous assistance of Museum volunteers

- It is interesting that the official Dame Nellie Melba Website states that the vehicle was donated to the MFB for its use, however MFB records indicate that it was in fact bought by them, for 822 pounds!

-The Fire Services Museum is fascinating and a guided tour provided by the dedicated retired members is highly recommended, perhaps as a Sunday Club outing (see their Website for opening times).



Presentation of Identification Plate

-Further enquiries revealed that the brass identification plate had been found amongst junk during a deceased estate house clearance many years ago and was saved from the rubbish dump by a sharp-eyed car enthusiast. It was not known how or when the plate found its way there, or when it became separated from its vehicle.

Vale Frank Dallimore

By Darren Savory

Frank lived just around the corner from us with his wife, Dot, and we have shared a friendship and passion in cars together for many decades.

Back in January 1976 the Dallimore family and Savory family went to Warburton for a camping weekend. An early fond memory of fishing and totem tennis with the two families when I was 10.

For many years my Father, Howard, would take our modern cars to Frank to be serviced. Frank would drive them to D.H. Bradshaw Auto Service in Canterbury where Frank ran the workshop. So our cars, along with many others, were test driven before and after the complete service was done, always with honesty and integrity.

When Dad was working on our T in the late 1980's, Frank came around and helped out. He gave advice and more. I have a photo of Frank's T Model's hood and bows on our car to measure it up as a comparison for our upcoming hood and bows.

Once our T was finished in 1989, Frank's green "Henry" and our red "T" were often seen together travelling to rallies and coming home from rallies behind one another. The green one was always going a bit faster!

An adventure we had together was travelling to the Barossa Valley for a National T model Rally in 1995. This has been the only time the T's were on trailers going on an interstate rally together, rather than chugging along under the sweet sound of their engines.

Frank encouraged me to join him to run a Winter Rally to Warburton in 2000 with Barry Vinen, which we did. Over the years Frank has been very involved with the Veteran Car Club. He enjoyed the club on many levels, from President to participant, and everything in between. A friend to many car enthusiasts and always in his T model for rallies, runs and breakfasts.



Frank and his cars have been on the front cover of the Royalauto, have been in The age, in the local newspaper and no doubt other publications.

Frank's cars always looked spot on. His brass was polished so well. His brass was turning white as it had been polished so often. It was my challenge to present my car as well as Frank's Henry.

Frank was such a gentleman, a knowledgeable and passionate man about cars in general. Frank helped me out whenever I had a T Model or motorbike problem, no question asked. Both my father and I have learnt so much from Frank's expertise over the last forty years. We shared rides to Natter night, my family enjoyed the ritual of visiting Frank and Dot on Christmas Eve, so many good memories.

Love to Dot, RIP Frank.





Going Ford is the going thing.

8 o'clock in the morning back in 1970, Frank Dallimore climbed aboard his pride-and-joy at Warwick Farm, Sydney.

Nerves taut and with high hopes he waited for the starter's flag.

Down it went and away roared Frank.

Smoothly his machine cut through the field of 484 starters which included some of the greatest names in the automotive world—Rolls Royce, Bugatti, Delage, Stutz, De Dion.

After 6 days of fearless driving averaging a heady 18 miles an hour (he once topped 35), Frank

took the chequered flag in Melbourne. Outright winner in the biggest car rally ever held in Australia—the 10th International Rally for Vintage and Veteran Cars.

Frank's sleek beast? A Ford Model T. The world's largest selling model ever (sales over 15 million) and you could order it in any colour you liked, providing it was black.

What's it prove? A lot of fun and the prompting of the thought that reliability and performance have been in the Ford family for a long, long time.

Thanks, Frank.



Frank and Dot's 1916 Ford T is one of the best known cars in the VCCA.

Frank was the outright winner of the 1970 Australian International Veteran and Vintage Rally and the car has featured in motoring advertisements over the years including this Ford advertisement in the the program of the 1978 Australian International Veteran and Vintage Motor Rally.

Frank sold the car to our member Brian Churchill in recent years.

Recently seen at the RACV headquarters in Melbourne



In 1897, Louis Renault was a 19 year-old draughtsman working for Delaunay-Belleville. A keen amateur mechanic, Louis set up a workshop in a shed at the family home in Boulogne-Billancourt and set about building a simple vehicle of his own design and for his own personal use.

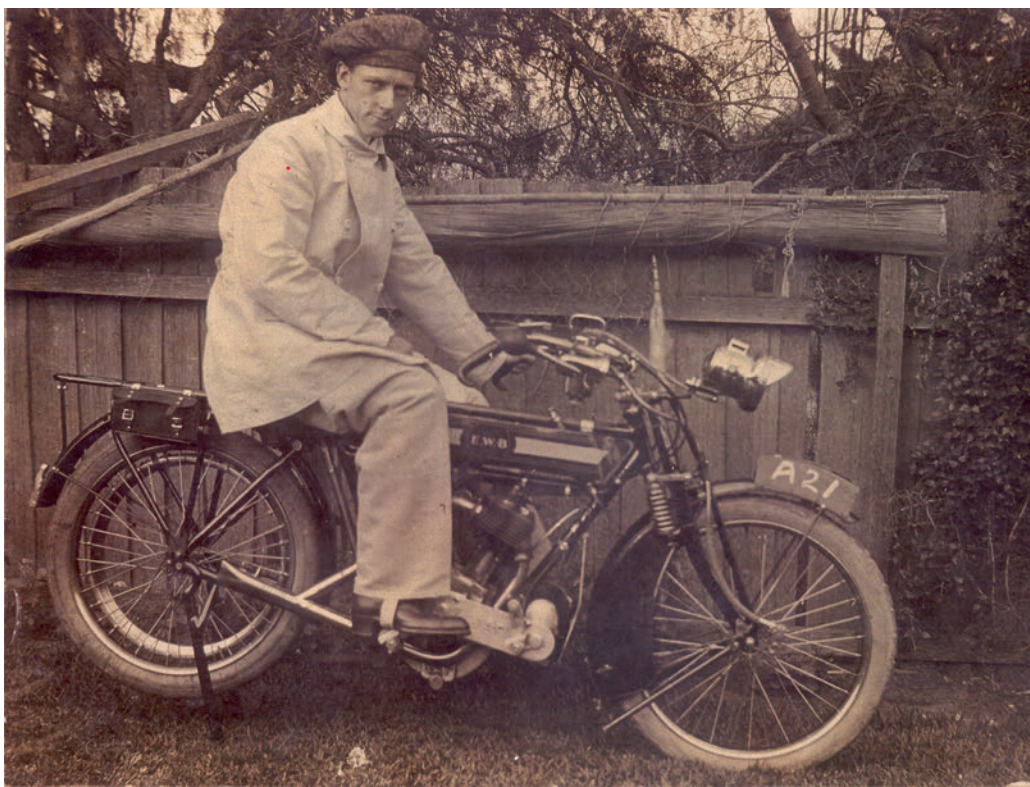
The voiturette was finished by the end of 1898 and on Christmas eve, Louis, and a number of acquaintances, drove the vehicle up the steep incline of the Rue Lepic in the Montmartre district of Paris. On 25 February 1899, following this epic climb by Louis, the Renault Empire was created. Interestingly, Renault Freres was founded by his brothers, Fernand and Marcel, as Louis had told them at an earlier age that he was not interested in business.

This lightweight vehicle exhibits many of the features associated with the modern automobile including a front-mounted engine, transmission by shaft and universal joint and a direct-drive gearbox.

Incredibly, it has taken more than 100 years to finally discover that this magnificent automotive relic is the authentic voiture essai (test car) constructed by Louis Renault prior to the establishment of the company bearing his family name.

RACV is extremely grateful to the owner for the privilege of making this outstanding piece of automotive history available for the enjoyment of members and guests.

More on the EWB



More on Graeme Splatt's EWB motorcycle

Graeme has sent us another photo of his motorcycle, which was pictured in FLASHBACK in the May Issue of Brass Notes. It shows the motorcycle when brand new with its original owner Les Daniels.

Graeme purchased it from him in the early 1960s, restored it in 1965, and has participated in it in many rallies. EWBs were made in Swanston St. Melbourne.

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Events

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“Managing now and setting future directions”

When: 8.30am, Saturday 11 August 2018

Where: Jaguar Healy Rooms
23 Rosalie St
Springvale (Mel. 80 A8)

Registration: T: 03 9558 4829
E: secretaryaomc@aomc.asn.au
(for catering purposes)

Website: www.aomc.asn.au

PRE 1905 EVENT

The true “Pioneers” are coming out to play!

Rarely do we get to see these historically significant vehicles, but on September 8th-9th, we are officially running an event in Ballarat based at the Bell Tower Motel.

The response from our expressions of interest, was to say the least, extremely promising, so we are so excited that the concept is now actually taking place, and pre 1905 cars, motorcycles and tricycles will take to the road.

The event will be tailored to meet the needs of these “pioneers” with a weekend of short runs designed not to overtax the vehicles or pilots. A public display is also on the agenda.

Can you imagine the sight? “Pioneer” vehicles touring Historic Ballarat in a weekend never before seen, and one never to be forgotten. Make sure you don’t miss this very special event.

When: 1-2 September 2018

Contact: Greg Smith 0447 395233 or
schacht09@bigpond.com
Ben Alcock 0404 917366 or
events@veterancarclub.org.au

AVCCA NATIONAL RALLY FORBES NSW

You are invited to join the 2018 National Veteran Tour which is currently being organised by the Newcastle Branch of the VCCA (NSW). The Tour is proposed to run as a hub event from the beautiful town of Forbes in the Central West of NSW. Daily runs will be on roads that are well suited to veteran motoring, following routes that are flat to gently undulating.

To assist with planning we are now seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the 2018 Veteran Tour to be held between the 23rd September and 28th September 2018. The Tour is open to veteran vehicles built before the end of 1918.

When: 23rd – 28th September 2018

Where: Forbes NSW

Contact: The Tour Secretary,
PO Box 6110, Gorokan NSW 2263
email: forbes2018@bigpond.com

EARLY OVERLAND ROUNDUP RALLY 2018

What could possibly be the largest gathering of Early Overlands in the one place since the end of the 1919 in Australia, the next Willys Overland Roundup Rally is only months away. The event is already promising to be one not to be missed with the rally finishing on the 100 year anniversary of the day Fred Eager and Wally Webb set off on the record breaking Sydney to Brisbane trip.

When: 14th – 20th October 2018

Where: Orange, NSW

Contact: Les Johnson 0419 288 383
frogshollow1@bigpond.com.au
Jeff Alcock 0425 519 959

REMEMBER WHEN.....

Save the date for the 2018 RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally.

This year’s annual rally will be a hub rally from the RACV resort in Cape Schanck. An optional Friday night dinner will kick off the weekend followed by scenic touring showcasing the rallies of old. The ‘Remember When’ theme will feature throughout the weekend and to help capture all of the old memories we are seeking your help. Whether it be a route we took, place we visited or something someone did on a rally, we would love to hear from all of our members about your favourite memories of rallying with the Veteran Car Club.

So we are asking you for:

A photo(s) of you at your earliest rally

Paragraph on your favourite rallying memory

To be emailed to events@veterancarclub.org.au or call Deb Alcock on 0412 777 676 to discuss.

Entry forms will be in the August Brass Notes, so please join us on this trip down memory lane.

When: 9 – 11th November 2018

Where: Cape Schanck – RACV Resort

Contact: Deb Alcock on 0412 777 676

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!

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

HCCA INTERNATIONAL TOUR 2019

This 7 day event is Australia's first international veteran tour for many years. It's taken a long time but based on the excitement it is generating, it will be worth the wait. With expressions of interest from all over Australia and 6 other countries, this event will become a "Were you part of the Bathurst HCCA Tour?" benchmark.

Russell and Christine Holden have been quietly planning, plotting and negotiating to put together 7 full days of the best that our hobby offers.

The big drawcard of this event will be the experience of being a part of an international veteran car tour that brings together some rare cars that have never been seen in Australia but more importantly, that rallies a group of like-minded enthusiasts from around the world to enjoy our hobby.

Based at Rydges at the iconic Mt. Panorama race track in Bathurst, NSW, day runs will be of varying distances with destinations including Carcour Dam, Milthorpe, Lucknow and Wattle Flat. Highlights will be a Gaslight Parade through the main street of Bathurst, a "Show and Shine" in Pit Straight at the circuit and "Date Night" at Rydges.

An HCCA International Tour Website is about to go on-line and will provide real time updates and information. Watch this space!

Initially, entry forms will be sent in September 2018 to people who have lodged Expressions of Interest and then to veteran car clubs across Australia and around the world. Entries have been capped at 200 due to catering constraints. (400-450 people)

Don't miss out! Contact Russell and get your name on the list.

When: 30 August – 6 September 2019
Contact: Russell & Chris Holden, Rally Directors
on 0422 219 911 or
email: russell@oldworldlamps.net

2019 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY

Bundaberg/Bargara Queensland

Planning is now underway for our 2019 Queensland National Rally. The Rally runs Tuesday 17th – Monday 23rd September 2019 and for those who wish, either side of the event (Friday 13th–Thursday 26th Sept) we will arrange a selection of pre and post rally "enjoyments & excitements".

The dates were selected to fit between the HCCA International Tour based at Bathurst Friday 30th Aug- Friday 6th Sept and the Model T National Rally Maryborough Sunday 29th –Saturday 5th Oct. What a great festival of historic vehicles September 2019 will be, we encourage you to come and enjoy all. If you would like to leave your vehicle here between rallies we can arrange free storage ...but leave the crank handle!

We ask you to please forward a completed Expression of Interest (Eoi) form which can be found on the VCCAQ website (www.vccaq.com). From the Eoi we would like to get a general idea of your requirements and it may help us negotiate accommodation discounts, etc.

When: 17th – 23rd September 2019
Where: Bundaberg/Bargara Queensland
Contact: Rally2019@skymesh.com.au or
John & Pam Handley 0423 000 675
Chris & Jenny Sorenson 0427 244 847
Peter & Linda Arnold 0417 615 149
Terry & Regie Lewis 0404 647 359

2019 MODEL T FORD NATIONAL TOUR – MARYBOROUGH QLD

Model T owners QLD Inc (MTOQ), welcomes all Model T Ford enthusiasts to join us in 2019 for the 13th National Model T Tour. This tour is to be based in the city of Maryborough, Queensland from Sunday 29th September to Sunday 5th October 2019 on the banks of the Mary River. Just a short 3 hours' drive (250km) north of Brisbane, Maryborough is a thriving and vital city on the banks of the Mary River, filled with meticulously maintained Heritage Listed buildings, just a short Model T drive from the beautiful Fraser Coast and Hervey Bay.

For all enquiries and entry details visit the website www.mtoq12.wix.com/mtoq/2019-national or email MTOQ2019rally@hotmail.com for an information pack. Tour Director Peter Cameron has already begun his tour of duty preparing newsletters to keep everyone informed of the planning process and uploading them to the website. Peter's tip for this tour: book your accommodation from the list on the website!

When: 29th September – 5th October 2019
Where: Maryborough QLD
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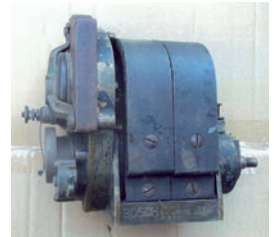
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Membership renewals are now due so please ensure you make payment and submit your renewal forms prior to the end of August at the absolute latest. Renewal forms can also be emailed to the Registrar;

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Natter Night Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday 10 July 2018 at the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc. Clubrooms
Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell**

1. Opening and Welcome

The Club's President, Paul Daley, opened the meeting at 8:02pm and welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting.

2. Attendance

There were 58 members and visitors who attended the meeting.

3. Apologies

Cliff and Betty Ward, Jeff Alcock, Peter Hammet.

4. Visitors and New Members

The President welcomed Madelyn Schultz, Helen Stitt, Dot Dallimore, Joy Kremler and Stuart McCorkelle to the meeting.

5. Member News

Paul Daley acknowledged Kevyn Brown, Graeme Edwards and Rayna Guthrie who were experiencing health issues. Robyn Blackwell informed members that her mother, Betty Ward, had moved into an aged care facility located in Box Hill.

6. Treasurer's Report – Deb Alcock

Ben Alcock, on behalf of Deb, reported that (as at 30 June) the cheque account balance was \$26,710, the cash management account balance was \$27,916 and the term deposit balance was \$95,660.

7. Membership – David Provan

David welcomed the following new members to the Club:

Peter and Debra Fagan from Albury NSW who own a 1914 Triumph motorcycle and a 1908 IHC.

Mark Herbstreit from Frankston who owns a 1912 Ford Model T.

David reminded members that membership renewal fees were due by 31 July, and of the importance (if paying via an EFT direct deposit) to include the member's name in the 'reference on recipient's statement' field.

8. Events – Ben Alcock

8.1 Past Events

Around the Garages (Mornington Peninsula) – 20 June 2018. Graeme Edwards provided an event report.

8.2 Future Events

RACV Midwinter Rally (Creswick) – 21 and 22 July 2018. Daryl Meek provided an update report.

Pre-1905 Pioneers Rally (Ballarat) – 1 and 2 September 2018. Greg Smith provided an update report.

RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally (Cape Schanck) – 9 to 11 November 2018. Ben Alcock provided an update report.

9. Library and Archives Report – Daryl Meek

Daryl reported that the library and archives was a 'work-in-progress' and talked about the recent acquisitions to the Club's library. A Saturday afternoon library and archives working bee will be organised. Daryl thanked Kim Coillet who had donated a Super 8 Camera to the Club.

10. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

Kevyn Brown said he would like to source some red rubber acetylene gas hose.

Graeme Edwards spoke about a veteran Minervette that is for sale in Queensland.

David Inglis offered a Ford labeled shirt and jacket to anyone who was interested in the garments. David also said he had a supply of brass wood screws for sale.

Daryl Meek advised members that Don Liddle's 1907 Reo is for sale, price \$55,000 negotiable, with some spares.

11. General Business

Fiona Lane reported that she is now the proud owner of a 1916 Ford Model T, which Daryl had purchased for her.

Paul Daley read the following message that had been printed on a card and were available for members to take home. Time passes so quickly, you literally do not even notice it until it begins to show. So, don't wait to use the good china, go on the trip, eat the cake, watch the late movie, read your favourite book and take a chance in life ... the time is now. Tomorrow is promised to no one.

There were no items of general business.

12. A Reading From the Book

Paul Daley provided members with an update in relation to the Club's history book Dementia Prodest. It will be launched at the Natter Night meeting on 11 September.

Paul delivered a reading from the book.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will commence at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 14 August 2018.

The guest speaker for the August Natter Night meeting will be Paul McCrohan OAM, President of the Tramways/East Melbourne RSL, who will deliver a presentation about the Battle of Coral-Balmoral.

14. Closure

The President closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

15. Speakers

Madelyn Schultz delivered a moving tribute to her late grandfather, Frank Dallimore.

Helen Stitt, RACV Archivist and Collection Manager, presented a fascinating talk titled 'Living with the Motor Car', which was about the international symposium that the RACV organised and hosted in 1964.

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The Events Subcommittee meets in February, May and October to plan the Club's forthcoming events, which are published annually in the Club Calendar with regular updates in Brass Notes.

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CLUB MEETINGS

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

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Pictured is PM and JE Thomson from Adelaide with their 1914 Humberette. They participated in a number of early South Australian and Victorian veteran car rallies, including the 1958 Golden Fleece rally to Sorrento. The car eventually became a part of the Parker collection in Colac, and was sold at the auction of that collection in 1982.



The same car is pictured here at the 2010 National One and Two Cylinder rally in the Swan Valley in Western Australia when owned by David Holden. David, together with Mavis Hinton rallied in the little Humberette for many years. The car is now owned by John Washbourne and was seen most recently when entered in the 2018 Cobram One and Two Cylinder Rally.



Paul and Kim Williams' 1911 Wolseley on the RACV Midwinter Rally (Photo by Callum Walsh)



Peter Fagan's IHC highwheeler with passenger Brendan Walsh on the RACV Midwinter Rally (Photo by Callum Walsh)