

February 2020



Brass Notes

www.veterancarclub.org.au

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



Dementia Prodest

Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc.
Registration Number A0097964Y

Patron: Mr Geoff Cosgriff,
President and Chairman, RACV

CONTENTS

President's Message.....	4
Valē - Hugh Guthrie.....	9
The FINLAYSON Steamer.....	10
VSCC Two Wheel Brake Rally Report – 15 Dec 2019.....	12
Geelong Revival – November 24th 2019.....	13
RACV 2020 National Veteran Vehicle Rally.....	14
Private Classifieds.....	17
Events.....	18
Membership.....	20
Code Red and Extreme Fire Rating Days.....	20
Natter Night Meeting Minutes.....	21

Flashback



This month's FLASHBACK shows what appears to be an electric vehicle and we think was taken by Val Stocks. We cannot recognise the name on the front of it but it appears to have a NSW registration plate on it. Can anyone identify it and tell us something about it? Respond to the editor.

We have had no response to the December FLASHBACK photo. However a photo of the Vinot also appears in Dementia Prodest (page 46) when it was entered in the 1956 Argus sponsored Annual Rally. It appears to have been entered by L.R. Innes.



The RACV is the principal sponsor of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc.

The RACV supports the:

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



Curry Printing is a long established Mornington business who can assist you with all your printing, photocopying and laminating requirements.

We can also print large format plans and posters and can enlarge or reduce ranging from A4 - AO.

We also offer a complete design service.

FOR ALL YOUR
printing requirements

Factory 3, 1 Newton Ave Rosebud West VIC 3940
TELEPHONE **03 5981 1654**
FACSIMILE **03 8678 3253**
EMAIL **info@curryprinting.com.au**
WEB **www.curryprinting.com.au**



whoosha1@bigpond.com

Jim 0418 588 976

- Tilt Tray
- Trade Towing
- Chain Free Tie-Down
- Car Removal
- Fully Insured

Brown's
Whitemetal & Mechanical
Service

Andrew Brown
0466 061 002



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

Coming Events

1 February 2020	42nd Annual Berwick Swap Meet Akoonah Park, Princes Highway, Berwick
2 February 2020	Midsumma Pride March - Fitzroy Street, St Kilda Contact: David Provan, david.provan@optusnet.com.au, 0409 136 301
9 February 2020	Torquay Motor Show - on the Torquay Foreshore Torquay Rotary Club - 0423 620 009
9 February 2020	Picnic at Hanging Rock Hanging Rock Reserve, South Rock Road - Woodend
11 February 2020	BBQ - 6pm - Natter Night 8pm - Clubrooms Fully catered & complimentary - "Show & Tell" feature
22 February 2020	Breakfast Run - Valley Reserve Mt Waverley Melways Map Ref. 70 G2 - Contact: Frank Pound 9583 7723
23 February 2020	RACV/AOMC British & European Car Show - Display Cars 9:00am Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen
29 March 2020	Shannon's/AOMC American Car Show Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen
12 April 2020	2020 Flinders Motoring Heritage, 10am-2pm Corner Cook & Norman Street, Flinders Vic 3929 - Contact Brian Hussey
18 April 2020	Echuca Swap Meet - Rotary Park Rose Street, Echuca - 0456 010 665

Major Events

12 -15 March 2020	RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Hamilton (Vic) Rally Director: Doug Palmer 0409 010 730
23 - 26 April 2020	RACV Four and More Rally Geelong Rally Director; Ben Alcock
16 - 17 May 2020	RACV Pre 1905 Pioneers Rally, Ballarat Rally Directors: Greg & Denise Smith
18 - 19 July 2020	RACV Midwinter Rally, Mornington Peninsula Rally Directors: David & Julie Jones

National Events

1-7 April 2020	National 1&2 Cylinder rally – Charleville www.vccaq.com/2020-1-2-national
23 - 24 May 2020	National Trust Historic Houses Tour 2020 All pre-'31 (Veteran and Vintage) - Bowral NSW Contact: Evan & Wilga Coutts - (02) 6365 1274
11 – 17 October 2020	RACV 2020 National Veteran Vehicle Rally - Swan Hill, VIC Contact: Michael and Claudia Holding 0407 008 895

President's Message

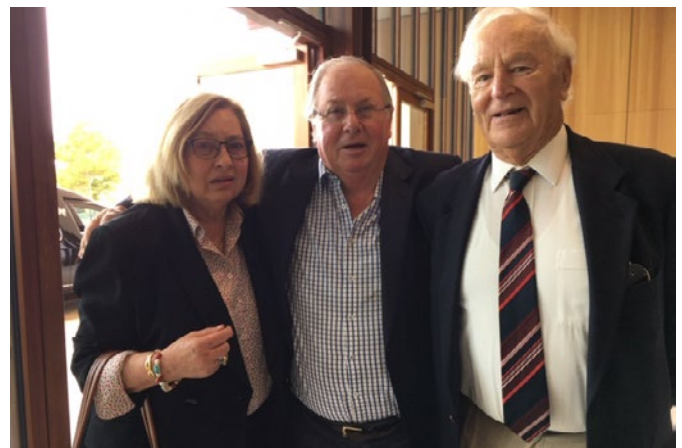
By Paul Daley

TAVCCA 2020 Membership Directory

The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia have just published their 2020 Membership Directory, and it is being distributed by all its member clubs to their members throughout Australia. Victorian Club members will receive it with this edition of *Brass Notes*, and members who have elected to receive the magazine electronically will have the Directory posted to them. The Directory is only distributed to financial members and will not be sent to those receiving *Brass Notes* complimentary. TAVCCA is grateful for the formatting and page preparation of the Directory which was undertaken by *Michael Holding*, and the RACV along with other benefactors generously provided financial assistance for the printing costs.



L-R Stan & Maggie Bone, David Provan, Steven Hobbins.



Joan & Brian Scudds with Ian Heyme.

Passing of Hugh Guthrie

There was an audible gasp of grief from Club members when I announced the passing of *Hugh Guthrie* at the December Natter Night. Hugh had passed away the previous day, and during his many years with the Club he had made many close friends. This was evident at his funeral when nearly 100 members joined over 200 mourners who farewelled Hugh, and offered their condolences to Rayna and Kristen, Cameron and Melissa. Each of the three children delivered heartfelt eulogies, with Melissa lightening proceedings by beginning her contribution – ‘My Dad named me after a spark plug – KLG – Kristen Lois Guthrie!’, and then proceeded to share many entertaining titbits of family life at the Guthries – ‘as kids we could not understand families who ate in silence!’ And so Melissa was able to add that special touch to the service that made farewelling Hugh just a little easier for the mourners. *David Wright* has contributed a Vale of Page 10.



Jeff Alcock with Bruce Csorba.

Two Wheel Brake Run

Hosted by the Vintage Sports Car Club, the Two Wheel Brake run is the final event on our Calendar each year. This year's event celebrated 40 years since its inception, and *Peter Latreille*, one of the founders of the event was given a round of applause for this achievement. The co-ordinator for 2019 was Peter Donaldson, an articulate medico whose varied hobbies span steam trains and their contribution to Victorian development. Peter was kitted out in a perfectly fitted Victorian Railways uniform, and gave a most entertaining briefing, which was punctuated by good humoured heckling and ribbing by VSCA members – the sort of ‘boys being boys’ chatter and banter that seems to flavour that club's activities. Of course, Peter batted back with ease and a grin. The VCCA (Vic) was well represented again this year, with a number of members opting for vintage vehicles. The route is always through the city and its environs, and the heavy city traffic can be challenging – think Dudley Street West Melbourne and Queen Vic Market on a late Sunday morning – and some veteran motorists have their hands full. *David Provan* always stars with his 1907 Model M Cadillac, its single cylinder's noise distinctly audible above the traffic. *Callum Walsh* has prepared a report with pictures on page 11.



Peter Donaldson briefs entrants



Robert Caffyn – 1912 Talbot.



Nick Horn at the wheel



L-R Andrew McDougall, Darren Savory, David Provan, Callum Walsh.

Bushfire impacted Club members

The widespread bushfires that have impacted our State this summer have, to the best of my knowledge at the time of writing, not resulted in the loss of property to any of our members. I have been in regular contact with *John Stanley*, whose collection of Stoewer vehicles and memorabilia at Tawonga South, was potentially threatened by the Abbeyard fire near Bright. At the height of the emergency on expressing my concern, I received this message from John – ‘Paul, if you look at Google, for the fire to reach us via eucalyptus forest it has to burn downhill from the west. This would almost certainly be burning against the wind produced by updraft. That is why I am confident that I can catch ember start-ups and we can be reasonable safe. Famous last words?’

I had the opportunity to offer my assistance, together with *Peter Hammet*, to assist John to move the cars to a safer area if he wished. John is confident he has things in hand.

Sadly, some of those who are active in the broader historic car movement lost their homes and their ‘old car’ collections. Typical was Geoff Belmore of Mallacoota, who’s been holidaying there for 25 years and lived there for the past four. He lost the unit he planned to live in, and the structure that housed his vintage cars and boats - ‘The whole structure has collapsed. I had a 1977 Corvette, a 1964 Holden Ute and a 1942 Dodge, a beautiful Harley Davidson and a boat with a couple of brand new motors on it and now they’re molten aluminium’. I am mindful that there may be Club members who have suffered loss in this bushfire period or have been devastated by the drought in their region and there are a number of ways in which our Club can assist – please contact me confidentially.

RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Hamilton

Rally Director, Doug Palmer, reports that numbers are building and it is important the entrants book their accommodation and return their entry forms - March 12-15 2020

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor..



All hands to the pump...

My sister Sue and I as children in the 1950's, remember how our Aunt Mary would sometimes play a counting game/nursery rhyme that began:

Tinker, Tailor,
Soldier, Sailor,
Rich Man, Poor Man,
Beggan Man, Thief

As with most poems, songs and National Anthems, it's the first few lines that one remembers (and by the time you reach the second verse you cheat and lip sync!). Years later, and although 'Tinker' is no longer a regular part of our lexicon, it does occasionally pop up and it is a word that has that special sound or 'ring' to it. I'm sure that many of us can trace our journey into the veteran motoring back to early years when we were quite content just 'tinkering' – in a parent's workshop, or a neighbour's shed, simply engrossed in exploring the possibility of bits and pieces and what could be made out of them. Today, the joy of 'tinkering' is often the basic skill which is applied to the restoration of a veteran car project, starting from the ground up, and discovery of an old chassis in a farm and then piece by piece collecting at swap meets and manufacturing those elusive parts. And when it comes to just 'following your nose' and putting things back together after a mechanical repair, the skills acquired over the years simply by 'tinkering' are invaluable.

The Collins Dictionary defines **tinkering**: *the act of making small changes to something in an attempt to improve or repair it.*



Tinkering in a bygone era.

The joys of tinkering...

I was both amused and reflective as I read an interview in 'Hemmings Daily' by author Michael Lamm who interviewed himself in a most revealing piece. Here's a few extracts, as I'm sure it resonates with many members who started the journey into 'old cars', by first being 'tinkerers' as youngsters (I certainly did – tinkering on model aircraft in the 1950's and onto FJ Holdens to the mid 1960's). Here's an abridged insight

from Michael Lamm:

Here's the question: *Do you think we tinkerers are a dying breed?*

M: Well, if you look at our generation—the great geezer generation—we grew up with mechanical things, and it was natural...nearly a compulsion...to take those things apart. When I was a little kid, and even in my teen years, I must have ruined half a dozen cheap clocks and watches taking them apart. I always felt guilty when I couldn't put them back together.

M: *Didn't your folks get mad at you?*

M: Oddly enough, no. They didn't encourage me to ruin things, but they didn't stop me either. I think they knew I was learning.

M: *Learning what?*

M: A lot of different things. Even though I never did figure out how to put those clocks and watches back together, I did learn what made them tick. But more importantly, it gave me the courage to take things apart. I think a lot of younger people today don't



have the guts to do that—to open something up to see what makes it work. And if they're not brave enough to break open a clock or dig down into the bowels of, say, an old phonograph, they're not likely ever to work on their own cars or the dozens of gadgets around the house that break or go wonky.

M: *Why do you think that is? Are today's kids more fearful? Or do they lack curiosity?*

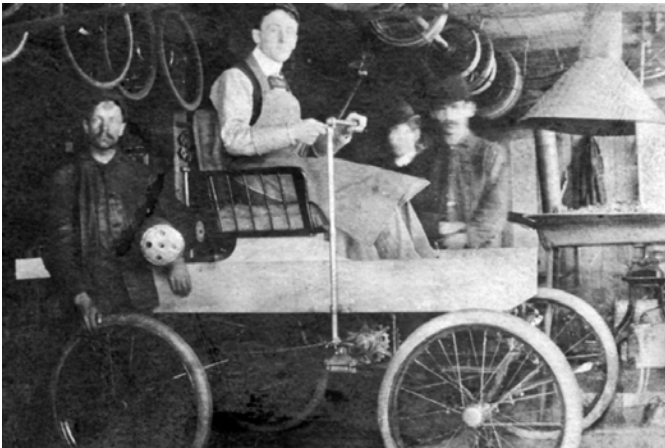
M: Well, for one thing everything's more complicated nowadays. Complex machines tend to be intimidating, especially if they involve electronics. And it's rare to find anything that doesn't include a microchip or some form of mini computer. Plus modern gadgets are often sealed. The manufacturer doesn't **want** you to see or know what's inside.

M: *Does that mean a modern teenager will **never** learn, say, how to work on his own car? Or fix a leaky faucet? Or take things apart for the sheer joy of seeing what's in there?*

M: Never say never. Some kids—and a few late bloomers—will work up the courage to see how something works and will even figure out how to fix it. We now have a smaller population of tinkerers, and there'll probably be even fewer (relatively speaking) in the future, but they won't go extinct. So tinkering might be a dying art, but it's not dead by a long shot and probably never will be.

Our March 2019 Natter Night speakers were Russell Kerr and Lisa Vagg from Hands on Learning, and this innovative approach to encouraging young people to learn within mainstream education stressed the importance of embracing kids who love to 'tinker' – these are where the future generations of both 'old car' hobbyists and most importantly mechanics who will take the baton to maintain and restore our veteran cars.

Fossmobile – Canada's first internal – combustion automobile



George Foss with the Fossmobile 1897.

There are many wonderful Canadian history lessons, but one that has often been overlooked, is that of inventor and carmaker, George Foote Foss, from Sherbrooke, Quebec. More than 120 years ago, a prosperous mechanic, blacksmith and bicycle repairman named George Foss invented Canada's first gasoline engine automobile, which was referred to as the Fossmobile.

The Foss family has re-opened the "Foss Family Archives," to better document his remarkable accomplishment and to find ways to share this historic Canadian event with automotive enthusiasts and historians alike. The family, as a means to build networks, foster collaboration and share important historical memorabilia, has established "Fossmobile Ent."

George Foss' grandson, Ron Foss has talked with automotive historians and sought the help of other potential experts in "Vintage Automobile Restoration," for a very special project. The goal, to use reverse engineering (the reproduction of an inventor or manufacturer's product), to create a tribute (as close as possible) of George Foss' invention: the first gasoline powered automobile built in Canada: the Fossmobile.

There are no original drawings, so the tribute automobile will be based solely on detailed scrutiny of original Fossmobile photos. Ron has acquired vintage parts from the era, with a plan to build this automobile, replicating parts only when it is absolutely necessary. He will provide oversight for this process and collaborate with automobile historians and experts, when necessary. Along the way, he will document the journey while ensuring attention to detail. The plan, is to honour his grandfather's legacy and bring to greater light this significant chapter of Canadian history. With its completion, this tribute automobile will be a tangible embodiment of the first gasoline car built in Canada.

There is a growing interest to showcase the completed tribute Fossmobile in classic automobile shows, however it will be eventually donated to a Canadian museum to enhance historic education for future generations. Ron Foss speaks warmly of his grandfather – 'He was a tinkerer, even later in life', Ron said. 'He wasn't much of a businessman, and he

didn't see a business value in the car.' He didn't even invest in Ford Motor Company when Henry Ford later approached him directly with the opportunity.

In 1901, George Foss moved to Montreal and, though he took the Fossmobile with him, he didn't use it much afterward and a year later sold it for \$75. Once he's finished the car, Ron Foss said he intends to produce a documentary on it and eventually donate it to a Canadian automobile museum to 'bring to greater light this significant chapter of Canadian history.

Ron Foss speaks warmly of his grandfather "**He was a tinkerer, even later in life,**" Ron said, "He wasn't much of a businessman, and he didn't see a business value in the car." He didn't even invest in Ford Motor Company when Henry Ford later approached him directly with the opportunity.

For more information about the Fossmobile project, visit Fossmobile.ca

2020 Midsumma Pride March – Celebrating Diversity



Midsumma.. celebrating diversity.

On Sunday February 2, the Midsumma Pride March will celebrate its 25th Anniversary and more than 7,400 entrants will participate, cheered by estimated audiences of over 50,000 along St Kilda Fitzroy Street. This year a number of VCCA (Vic) members will participate and four of our veteran vehicles will lead the march, assisting with transport for the elderly and infirmed. At the December Natter Night *David Provan* briefed members on the role they will play with veteran cars being entered by *Scott Staples, Ben Alcock, James Dunshea and Adam Auditori*, and other members (who would not normally be aligned with this event) are joining the march as a display of solidarity and support and also a celebration of our diversity and inclusion. Members' who have decided to participate in the Midsumma Festival event will walk down Fitzroy Street with other organisations and clubs such as Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, MFB, CFA, KPMG, The City of Melbourne Highland Pipe Band, RACV, V/ Line, Melbourne University, Vespa Club of Melbourne, Australian Red Cross, Royal Children's Hospital, Anglicare Victoria, the St Kilda Football Club, just to name a few. David received a warm round of applause from many of the Natter Night attendees, and if you wish to join in this day contact David Provan – 0409 136 301.

Edge Machining... quality workmanship

Steve and Kara Fleming are the proprietors of Edge Machining at Dookie (Vic) – a small country firm that are specialist vintage and veteran engine rebuilders, plus white metal bearings, general engineering, and distribute Edge Parts, Hose Pistons and Parts. The Dookie firm was founded by long term Club member *Bruce Feldtman*, and I was fortunate to have them completely rebuild the motor from my 1904 Oldsmobile Curved Dash. It was an extensive project and Steve Fleming and Dwight Dahal rebuilt and remanufactured many of the components. Their workmanship is simply outstanding, and the wait to have it completed was worth it! While in Dookie collecting the finished motor I caught up with Bruce, who is well known to many of our members. Bruce showed me a project that he was busy with – a 1906 vehicle that he has been collecting parts for over the past 30 years, beginning with a two cylinder Star motor plus many bits successfully located in South Australia, as well as a differential found in Swan Hill and a chassis discovered near the Murray River, Swan Hill. Bruce is a hands on chap and made a new crankshaft and machined a new gearbox casing.



L-R Dwight Dahal and Steve Fleming.



Bruce Feldtman with Star Project.

Can you help the Catering Team?

Kath and David Wright lead the co-ordination of a group of ladies who are rostered to prepare sandwiches and even salads (on occasions) for our popular Natter Night suppers. The roster is not onerous, and most participants assist with a plate once or twice a year. Kath and David would welcome some extra help with this important role – please call them on 9887 9401 and offer your assistance.

Natter Nights are Popular...

By *Andrew McDougall's* reckoning the attendance at the December Christmas Natter Night 'was a record number', and all who attended had a most enjoyable evening. We start the new year off with another popular evening, with plenty of time for social interaction. Our BBQ tong master *John Prior*, will be manning grill from around 6:00pm and the bar will be buzzing with plenty of chilled beverages. *Kath Wright* and the team will be assisting with salads, and the evening, as usual will be fully complimentary. **So join us on Tuesday February 11, 6:00pm Drinks and BBQ dinner, followed by Natter Night 8:00pm, featuring Daryl Meek and Fiona Lane** with 'Show and Tell' and the usual scrumptious supper to conclude. We'll be catering for another big turn out of members

NATTER NIGHT

February 11, 2020



6.00pm at the Clubrooms with refreshments - we supply everything for a great start for the year

8.00pm - Natter Night

with Daryl Meek & Fiona Lane presenting their popular



feel free to bring something of interest to show as well!

Valē - Hugh Guthrie

By David Wright

Hugh Guthrie passed away peacefully at Mornington on 5 December 2019. Hugh's passing was a huge shock as he had been so active for all his 88 years. A true gentleman with a delightful sense of humour, Hugh was devoted to his wife, Rayna, and his family. The large attendance of VCCA (Vic) members at his funeral service was a fitting testament to the respect in which he was held in our club.

My first knowledge of Hugh's motoring interests was in 1962 when I was a very junior member of Monaco Auto's racing team where Hugh took his Cooper open-wheel racing car for engine modifications. But 10 years prior to this, Hugh rescued an extremely rare 1916 Stutz Bearcat from a scrap metal yard in Dandenong and became one of the very early members of VCCA (Vic). Hugh brought this car back to life for the first two-day rally which was held in 1956. This was followed by his entry in the 1957 Golden Fleece rally where he engaged in a spirited duel with a Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost which he won. Hugh was sternly reprimanded for this and it remained a talking point in the Club for many years. Also, in 1957, Hugh became an assistant editor for the Newsletter and provided much assistance to the fledgling club in other ways.

His immense enthusiasm for motoring was but a part of the vigour and zest for life that Hugh applied to everything he became involved with. After leaving school, Hugh's long career with PMG / Telecom as a telecommunications engineer involved the development of extremely advanced technology and his preparation of important training manuals.

Hugh had a sabbatical from VCCA (Vic) and became active in the Sporting Motor Club and Stutz Owners Register. He re-joined our club after this break and carried-out a very high-standard restoration on the Bearcat. He then served on the committee and organised many events, most notably veteran car participation in the annual Great Australia rally at Mornington. Hugh was always accompanied and supported by Rayna.

Until returning to its native North America, the Bearcat had been owned by Hugh for 64 years which is possibly the longest single ownership recorded for this marque.

The Club history book, *Dementia Prodest*, could not have been produced without Hugh's untiring efforts. He was fully committed to this project and persevered for many years as others gave up. I had countless meetings with Hugh during the research and preparation of the manuscript and our discussions ventured well beyond the content of this book. I will always treasure this wonderful time that we spent together.

In 2009, the acquisition of a large river boat to explore the water ways in France showed a great spirit of adventure and the love of that country which he and Rayna shared.

With Hugh's passing the movement has lost a true motoring enthusiast.

And, along with other members of our club, I have lost a very dear friend.



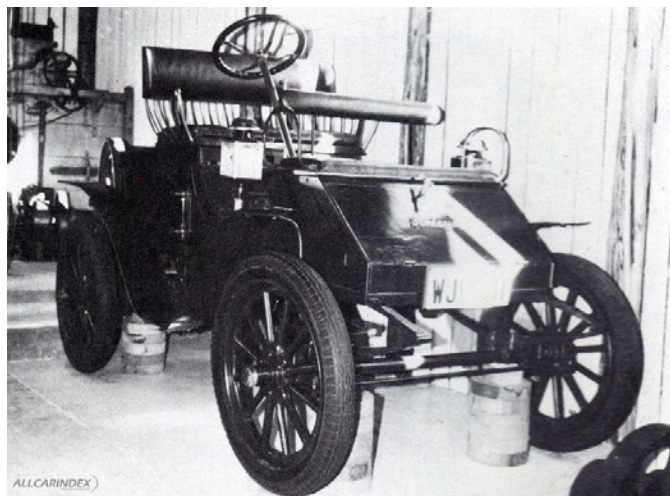
The FINLAYSON Steamer

Compiled by Ian Berg with photos from Ian Wells

The bulk of the following article was published in the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Newsletter in November 1964. Since then a number of photographs of Finlaysons have come to light so we thought it would be of interest to republish it. We are unsure who the author was.

The Tasmanian firm Finlayson Bros. and Co. in Devonport produced several cars and buses around 1900. The subject of this article is a 6hp 2 cylinder steam car which originally had tiller steering. Fortunately the car has survived and is reportedly in the Folk Museum in Swansea, Tasmania. The story of its survival is covered in the VCCA article from 1964. The accompanying photographs have come from a number of more recent sources.

“Having just returned from a two weeks business trip in Tasmania, which included a trip through the Wild West, and the new Murchison ‘highway’, (if you really value your car, then go in someone else’s), I took the opportunity whilst in Devonport and Launceston to look up a few members and cars. Of particular interest, was the Finlayson steamer, and Bill Buchanan really did a job here.



The 1900 Finlayson following restoration.

Doug, has it in a garage under the house, where it only just goes in, that is with the highest part, the steering wheel, taken off. Hope Doug’s foundations never move, or he will need more than a head of steam to get it out. The car was on display at Ansett’s Booking Office in Devonport for two weeks, and it is estimated that 2, 000 people came in to see it. During this time, the appended information was supplied for the edification of all those interested.

Another car of particular interest was the Orient Buckboard of Ernie Simms. This is a remarkable vehicle with its rear engine and friction drive giving an infinitely variable gear ratio. Many thanks to the members in Tasmania who gave me two pleasant evenings talking shop.

THE FINLAYSON

The car was built in 1900 and is known as the Finlayson after its builders, the Devonport firm of engineers, and was the only Steam car they built. It is probable that this was the first car ever to be driven in Tasmania. Like many other erstwhile motor manufacturers at the turn of the century, Finlayson’s evidently discovered that motor manufacture in Australia was not an economic proposition at that time.

Nevertheless, between 1900 and 1904, the firm made nine other vehicles. These include a twelve passenger bus and three eight passenger cars, which were built for tourist trips on the Launceston to Mt Beauty run.

These vehicles were probably the first petrol-engine public transport vehicles to be driven in Australia.

STORED AWAY

The car which Bill Buchanan has restored is the first that Finlaysons built. Unlike so many other early Australian-made cars which were dumped and eventually rotted in the open, the Finlayson steam car was stored away in the firm’s pattern loft.

There it was discovered by Doug Wells, a local Devonport farmer and veteran car enthusiast who persuaded Finlaysons to let him have the car restored.

In turn, Mr. Wells contacted Bill Buchanan in Melbourne. Buchanan is well known among veteran car owners for many similar restoration jobs. The only information on the original car came from a statement by the late George Finlayson, managing director of the firm, and from the garbled and often hazy memories of one or two of Devonport’s residents who worked on the construction of the car in 1900.

Some of the remains were in first-class condition - others were only fit for scrapping. The original car had solid rubber tyres mounted on wooden wheels. It was powered by a twin-cylinder, 6hp, double-acting type steam engine fitted with Stevenson reversing gear.

When the car had to go backwards, the engine worked in the opposite direction.

The engine was driven by steam at 160 psi produced by a semi-flash, boiler. In this the water is converted into steam by a primus type burner while passing through a metal coil, Power from the engine is transmitted by a chain drive to the rear axle.

The original steering was by tiller, but as reports indicated that the original owner returned the car to the makers to have the tiller replaced by a wheel (like those he had seen illustrated in overseas motoring journals) the restored car is also fitted with a steering wheel.

A cursory glance might delude a modern driver into thinking the controls are not so different from those he knows today. He would be wrong.

20 M, P. H. ON THE LEVEL

There is no handbrake. A hand throttle controls the supply of steam to the engine while kerosene is automatically governed by a steam pressure control. There are two foot pedals. One activates the Stevenson link to reverse the engine and the car; the other pedal operates the original greenhide handbrakes fitted to the rear wheels and the differential.

1 MPG (WATER)

There is no condenser to reclaim used steam and the range of the car is governed by the 22-gallon water tank (possibly original) which is depleted at the rate of a gallon a mile. The 41/?_ gallon kerosene supply will last 100 miles. On level ground the Finlayson car can travel at 20 m, p, h. The original chassis was complete and seemed to have been made in Tasmania. The steering gears were obtained from a 1904 Minerva. The wheels from a Model T Ford have been fitted with pneumatic tyres. The original boiler could not be found and the car now has a boiler and burner which Mr. Buchanan had to construct. The driver will have a single rearvision mirror, but must use it not only for traffic at the rear, but also to observe the level of the waterglass, fixed to the tank beneath the driver's seat. Two gauges, recording steam pressure and air pressure to the kerosene burner, are relics of Mr. Buchanan's earlier work. They were made by Herbert Thomson at Armadale in 1898 and he claims they are of superior quality to those made today. The car is started by heating a primus type burner with a blowlamp after water has been hand-pumped from the tank to the boiler, and once running there is an automatic water pump driven by the engine."



One of a number of buses produced by Finlayson.



The 1900 Finlayson as found.



The Finlayson alongside an original curved dash Oldsmobile.

VSCC Two Wheel Brake Rally Report – 15 Dec 2019

By Callum Walsh

The 41st iteration of the Vintage Sports Car Club of Victoria's Two Wheel Brake Rally celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of Melbourne's revolutionary electric train, the first heavy rail operation in the Southern Hemisphere and the first outside of Europe and North America.

Like the 40 prior events, entrants gathered on Dallas Brooks Drive next to La Trobe's Cottage early in the morning to tour the city streets before there's too much modern traffic to contend with. Unfortunately, traffic lights don't sleep-in on Sundays too, as it seemed as we were stopped by every single one of them! Points of interest on the tour included the former St Kilda Railway Station, North Fitzroy Substation, the relics of the Inner Circle Railway, the Newmarket Substation, Newport Power Station, Newport Substation before finishing at the Railway Museum Workshops in Williamstown where organiser Peter Donald shared some of his vast knowledge of the railway system with the group.

Several VCCA Vic members decided to accept the invite from the VSCC and take advantage of a lovely Melbourne day. Some of whom opted for the more 'modern' vintage or post-vintage transport, myself included. The veteran vehicles present were the Provan Cadillac, Daley and Savory 'T's, Caffyn Talbot, Peter Hammet's De Dion Bouton, Peter Latreille's Isotta Fraschini FENC, Stephen Hands' Trench Warfare Cowley and the Holding's Buick who joined us at the finish.



Paul Daley and Bob Watts, 1913 Model T Tourer.



The Savory family Model T.



Darren Savory at the crank.



Peter Donald sharing his knowledge with the group at the Railway Museum Workshops.



David Provan and crew with the Cadillac.

Geelong Revival – November 24th 2019

By Callum Walsh

Now in its 8th year of the new format, the 2019 Geelong Revival was the biggest and most popular to date. However, the appetite for pre-war cars is becoming less and less each year with the following for classics, muscle, modern and modified dominating this side of the bay. The number of veteran cars present very nearly outweighed vintage with a grand total of four veterans! Geelong locals Simon and Graeme Anderson 'flew the flag' in the display field with Simon's Hupp and Graeme's Adams. Out on the track the three generations of the Brown family were flaunting the speed of their well campaigned 'T' Fords, each managing fastest times of around 18.6 seconds according to the results published online.



The Anderson's veterans drew a lot of attention in the Steampacket Gardens display.



Simon Anderson's 1909 Huppobile.



Graeme Anderson in period dress with his 1912 Adams.



Kevyn and Andrew Brown's Model T Fords in the Pits.

RACV 2020 National Veteran Vehicle Rally

By Michael Holding

It seems many veteran enthusiasts are planning to

Rally to the Mallee

This will be a big event.

With 8 ½ months to go the latest rally stats are:

Expressions of Interest (EOI's) received - 155

Confirmed accommodation bookings – 128

The event planning is well underway.

- Destinations, venues and activities are locked in.
- Routes and route instructions have been completed. Most of the catering has been finalised.
- Rally newsletter No. 1 has been distributed to EOI respondents, all TAVCCA clubs and is included in this Brass Notes.
- And this report is almost written.

Claudia and I are now escaping, running away and hiding. (Might be back for Natter Night)

At the December Natter Night we explained that one of the main considerations of the rally is to minimise queues and bottle necks – parking, meals and activities etc. To do this we need to be organised and have lots of helpers.

We will be asking all VCCA (Vic) rally entrants to assist by simply sacrificing half a day during the 6 day event to take on a task.

Each role will have complete instructions, explaining the task and requirements. Once the task is finished, the rest of the rally is yours.

There will be many tasks on offer.

Meeters & Greeters

Basically, ushers, with big smiles, at each function to guide people to where they need to be, answer questions and explain where and when. eg. "Lunch is served in that dining room, drinks can be ordered at the bar, rest rooms are through there."

Traffic & Parking Marshals

Self explanatory. Each parking area will have a co-ordinator who will need marshals to assist in efficiently directing cars into an orderly parking arrangement.

Tail End Charlies

Although we will have RACV roadside patrol support, we will require a Tail End Charlie on several runs, in some cases to simply ferry drivers back This role will be spread across many people. You won't be committed to the task for the entire rally

Corner Safety Marshals

We have 3 locations where we will need to cross potentially busy roads. These marshals will assist the cars negotiate these intersections. They must also smile and wave.

Direction Sign Puter-outerers and Retrievers

Self explanatory. This task will be spread across many individuals over the week.

Chair Trailer Hauler

We have hired a trailer with 150 stackable plastic chairs for venues with insufficient outdoor seating. We will need people to tow this trailer to the various venues.

Function and Activity Assistants and Helpers

At every function and venue we will need assistants to be available to help the co-ordinator on the day. You might be a ticket collector (door bitch), squirt people with sun screen, setup table decorations, etc. etc.

Club Marquee, Banner and Signage Seter-upers

We propose to utilise the club's signage at many of the venues. Numerous people will be required to assist with this setup across the week.

At the February Natter Night we will be pencilling in names for the tasks for the various days and activities. But don't panic! If we miss you at the Natter Night, we will contact you - we know where you live!



RACV 2020 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY

11th to 17th October 2020

**Newsletter — No 1
January 2020**

SWAN HILL

www.veterancarclub.org.au
nationalrally@veterancarclub.org.au
Directors 0407 008 895



Rally to the Mallee

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to the first newsletter of the 2020 national rally.

This series of 6 newsletters, leading up to the event will keep you up to date on planned activities, accommodation and many other things you might need to know.

The event is organised by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) and is held under the auspices of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia. [TAVCCA]

The RACV is the Principal Sponsor of the event but we are also grateful for the generous support of the Rural City of Swan Hill.

(Continued on page 2)

Suggested New Year's Resolutions:

1. *Register your "Expression of Interest" (if you haven't already done so)*
2. *Book your accommodation for Swan Hill*

In this edition:

- Welcome
- Heartbeat of the Murray
- Accommodation Update
- Trailer overflow parking arrangements
- Happy Hour — Spreading the Love

Dates to Remember

March 2020— Newsletter No 2

April 2020 — Entry forms and activity/meal forms are being prepared but will not be released until April.

These forms will be distributed to all Expressions of Interest respondents. They will also be available on the VCCA (Vic) website and through TAVCCA member clubs

August 14, 2020 — Closing date for entries.

Heart Beat of the Murray

One of the highlights of the rally will be the opportunity for all entrants to witness the Heart Beat of the Murray.

Set on the banks of the river, the world class Heartbeat of the Murray is a 360 degree multi-media spectacular. Employing water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the story of the Murray, you will be transported back 30 million years, then travelling forward through time to the Murray River as we know it today. This state-of-the-art show is the first of its kind in the world to use a natural river environment and setting as the background.

As audience numbers are limited to 110 per session, we have booked the venue for 3 screenings over 3 nights. At registration you will be offered Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evening. We will announce a full



rally itinerary well before the event so you can arrange to attend with friends on a given night.

Special discounted pricing has been negotiated.

Director's Guarantee: If you can look me in the eye and convince me you didn't get your money's worth — I will pay for your ticket! (T's & C's apply)

STOP PRESS

We have been informed there will be a cyclist group travelling through Swan Hill on Thursday 15th October and are booking accommodation.

**Don't miss out.
BOOK YOURS NOW.**

Welcome

(Continued from page 1)

We are still more than 10 months out but we have more than **140 Expressions of Interest** and over **120 confirmed accommodation bookings**. We are expecting this to be a huge event.

Each newsletter will feature one of the planned activities including Heart Beat of the Murray, our 1910 Edwardian Garden Party and the Lake Boga Catalina Flying Boat Museum.

This event is suitable for all veterans including 1 & 2's and steam cars.

Accommodation Update

By now you should have booked your accommodation but if you haven't, check out the recommended properties below.

We have added another motel to our list of recommended properties:

Pioneer Station Motor Inn
421 Campbell Street., (03) 5032 2017
www.pioneerstation.com.au



Happy Hour

Spreading the Love

Happy Hours, either formally planned or impromptu, have become a tradition at national rallies: an opportunity for entrants to catch up after a day on the road to solve the world's problems.

Typically they are held at Rally Headquarters and officially run from about 5 to 6pm.

However, at Swan Hill we will be spreading the love: we will be hosting 3 official Happy Hours but to promote camaraderie and inclusion will rotate the venue across the recommended accommodation properties. All will be revealed in the Rally Book.

Trailer Overflow Parking Arrangements

Not all of the recommended accommodation properties will be able to cope with our trailers during the rally.

Pickering Transport has generously offered secure trailer



parking to entrants during the event.

Located just across the river, their property is less than 900 metres from rally headquarters.

Full details will be advised as the event draws closer, however contact the Directors if you need to know now.

BIG4 RIVERSIDE	Lazy River Motor Inn	BIG 4 Swan Hill	Pioneer Station Motor Inn
Rally Headquarters	1.9 kilometres from HQ all in the 60 kph speed zone	1.9 kilometres from HQ all in the 60 kph speed zone	On the edge of the CBD. 1.3 Kilometres from HQ
Cabins fully booked. Powered and un-powered sites available	Motel rooms still available but be quick. See STOP PRESS on front page of this newsletter.	Only a couple of cabins available. Ensuite sites and powered and un-powered sites available	More than 20 rooms available but are filling fast. See STOP PRESS on front page of this newsletter.
1800 101 012	(03) 5032 2123 www.lazyrivermotorinn.com.au	1800 990 389	(03) 5032 2017 www.pioneerstation.com.au
Book directly with the property and mention the Rally	Book directly with the property and mention the Rally	Book directly with the property and mention the Rally	Book directly with the property and mention the Rally

Private Classifieds

FOR SALE

1. 'Renault Freres' AX brass identification plate. Reproduction but excellent detail. Price \$65.00
 2. Pair of reproduction car cast iron steps for small car. Price \$100.00 for the pair of steps plus the pattern to make more.
 3. Nine (9) Lucas King of the Road badges as affixed into vintage headlamps and side lights. Price \$10.00 each or \$75.00 for the lot.
 4. 'Renault Freres' brass rear vision mirror (probably not original). Detachable rim. Price \$125.00
 5. Correction to For Sale in last months BRASS NOTES.
THE CROMPTON PARKINGSOM, PARKINGSON electric motor is ¼ HP, NOT 4 HP VERY HEAVY DUTY
- CONTACT: David Inglis**
T: (03) 9878 0496



FOR SALE

Two brand new 760X90 Beaded edge Dunlop Cord Tyres well stored for some years and still most usable \$350-00 the pair firm

Contact: Brian Hussey
M: 0418561910
E: brihus@bigpond.com



FOR SALE

Tandem Trailer 3600mm x 1600mm internally. Perfect for the small to mid sized veteran. Although you can squeeze an Overland on it. Roller rocker springs, new tyres and wheel bearing. Tows well.

CONTACT: Annette Newell
M: 0417 344 670

FOR SALE

Matchboxes with a range of vintage cars as artwork.

CONTACT: Tim Allen
M: 0402 581 344
E: timallenphoto.net



WANTED

Second hand beaded edge split rim 880 x 120 for Hotchkiss 1913.

CONTACT: Arthur Hayes
M: 0408 339 439

CLOCK'IT

PRECISION MADE, SUPERIOR QUALITY CABINETS

Scott Staples
T 03 9720 6580
F 03 9720 9152
M 0419 710 039
E scott@clockit.com.au

Makers of Custom Cabinets
Domestic, Commercial, Industrial

All Cabinets Designed and made
to your Specifications

Please visit our web site

www.clockit.com.au



MODEL T & A PARTS

HENRY'S

EARLY V8 ~ HOT ROD



*Supplying Veteran Model T Parts, and other
restoration supplies to early vehicles.*

*Our service is only a call away!
Keith and Glenys Eastwood*

*Web: www.henryspares.com.au
Email: kg@henryspares.com.au
129 Ballanee Rd, Ballan Vic 3342*

T: (03) 5368 1088 F: (03) 5368 1007 M: 0402 194 723

Events

MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL PRIDE MARCH

For the first time, a number of Club members have decided to participate in Melbourne's iconic Pride March. The key purpose of the event is to celebrate diversity and inclusion in our community, organisations and clubs.

When: Sunday 2 February 2020

Where: Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

Meet: Ian Johnson Oval up the top end of Fitzroy Street near Lakeside Drive no later than 10.30am for a 11.00am start

Vehicles and Walkers: Four veteran vehicles have been approved and will assist with transport of the elderly and infirmed. Nominations for additional vehicles have now closed. Everyone is welcome to walk with the Club in the parade. Just turn up on the day!

Bring: Comfortable walking shoes, hat, water, sun protection, family and friends

Contact: David Provan, 0409 136 301, david.provan@optusnet.com.au

BREAKFAST RUN

Saturday 22 February 2020

When: 8.00 am onwards

Where: Valley Reserve Mt Waverley
Enter from Wills Street
Melways Map Ref. 70 G2

Why: Please come and join us for an enjoyable breakfast in a lovely park setting

What: BYO Breakfast

Facilities: Tables and seats under cover,
Electric BBQ's, clean toilets

Contact: Frank Pound 95837723

RACV/AOMC BRITISH & EUROPEAN CAR SHOW.

Trophies in several classes, Club displays welcome. Display car entry from 9am, spectators from 10am. Food and children's entertainment available. Admission \$15 for display cars, spectators \$8.

When: 23 February 2020

Where: Yarra Glen Racecourse

RACV 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY, HAMILTON

The 2020 Veteran Car Club 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally will be based on the highly productive Lava Plain of the Western District of Victoria.

Thursday: On arrival at Rally Headquarters (which is the Clubrooms of the Hamilton & District V.V.C. Drivers Club) within the Pastoral Museum complex on the corner of Hiller Lane and Ballarat Road. You will be quite welcome to park your Tow vehicles and Trailers within the locked up complex for the duration if you wish. There will be a hot cuppa available on arrival.

In the afternoon there will be a short 'Shake-down' drive through the extensive German settlement areas of the district followed by a 'bar-b-cue' tea in the Rally Headquarters.

Friday: At 10.00a.m. we will begin a drive through the extensive cropping and grazing areas North of Hamilton and on into the picturesque Victoria Valley which leads to a very pleasant drive along the base of the Grampian Mountains. Lunch will be at the Grampians Golf Club Rooms which usually has an abundance of wildlife grazing along the fairways.

Following Lunch we will return to Hamilton via the 'swamp-country', nearby the base of the mountains, with its extensive bird life.

This will be followed by a 2-course Dinner at the nearby Grange Burn Motel on Ballarat Road.

Saturday: We will depart at 10.00a.m. on a Southerly Journey via the beautiful Mt.Napier volcanic country and pass by the largest Wind Farm in Victoria with a stop at Historic Macarthur for an early Lunch. From there we will drive out to Mt.Eccles for a look at one of the oldest volcanos in the Western District Lava Plain and the hidden lake therein. Following this we will return to Hamilton along one of the extensive Lava Flows that dominate our area.

There will be a Dinner/Dance at night in the Historic Alexandra House complex which once was a school for the daughters of the wealthy local landowners.

Sunday: Visit some of the Museums within City (Campe's Motor Museum and Ansett Transport Museum) and the Pastoral Museum Sheds will be open for your pleasure along with the newly erected replica of the Deutcher Foundry that once operated very successfully on Lonsdale Street.

There will be a Bacon & Egg Roll Brunch available for those prepared to travel early after Lunch.

Name Tags: Must be worn at all times as they could gain you entry to the Museums at less cost.

ACCOMMODATION: You will need to book and pay for your own accommodation and we have booked out 3 motels and a caravan park for the weekend, but there are many more available within the City if you book early as Hamilton is a very popular destination at that time of year.

Bandicoot Motel (Ballarat Road and a short walk to Rally Headquarters). There will be a special deal on all rooms if booked out during the Rally period.

Grange Burn (Ballarat Road and a short walk to Rally Headquarters). They have a few rooms available as they have booked in a Bus Tour for the weekend.

Lake Hamilton Motel (Ballarat Road, about a ten minute walk to Rally Headquarters). No room for Tow Vehicles and Trailers. Opposite the Ansett Transport Museum.

Lake Hamilton Caravan Park (Ballarat Road, a short distance from the Lake Hamilton Motel).

When: Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 March 2020
Contact: Rally Director: Doug Palmer
0409 010 730 or 5572 1070

SHANNON'S/AOMC AMERICAN CAR SHOW.

Trophies in several classes, Club displays welcome.
Display car entry from 9am, spectators from 10am.
Food and children's entertainment available.
Admission \$15 for display cars, spectators \$8.

When: 29 March 2020
Where: Yarra Glen Racecourse.

RACV FOUR AND MORE RALLY

The RACV Four and More Rally will be based in Geelong (75kms from Melbourne) and will be a weekend of showcasing what the area is famous for as it continues to grow.

We will start with a short shake down run on Thursday afternoon and then enjoy a casual welcome dinner. The Friday and Saturday will be big driving days throughout the region enjoying back roads seeing the ocean, countryside and city roads (limited) to really see all that Geelong has to offer. Saturday night will be an organised rally dinner before a shorter drive on Sunday (70kms) for an early lunch and then drive back to the trailers or home.

Accommodation details and entry forms will be issued shortly.

The structure is such that you can join for the weekend and still enjoy a great 2 days of rallying if you can't make the full 4 days.

When: April 23-26 2020
Where: Geelong
Contact: Ben Alcock 0404 917 366 or
ben.alcock90@gmail.com

THE ECHUCA & DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. ECHUCA SWAP MEET ROTARY PARK,

Automotive Parts & Collectables welcome Show & Shine open section as well as ladies only section, prizes will be awarded. **200 Plus sites available at \$20 per site. On site catering, \$5 Per person entry, Children under 15 free**

When: Saturday, 18th April, 2020
Where: Rose Street, EchUCA
Gates Open: Sellers: 5:00 am
Buyers: 7:00 am
Enquiries: 0456 010 665,
echucaswap@outlook.com

RACV PRE 1905 PIONEER RUN BALLARAT

"Curiouser & curiouser!" Cried Alice (she was so much surprised, that for the moment she quite forgot how to speak good English)."

And, where was Alice? – Alice had stopped for a rest outside the Bell Tower Inn in Ballarat on a sunny Saturday in May. Saturday 16th May 2020. Alice was watching the start of the 2020 RACV Pre 1905 Pioneer Run. Alice had just heard the largest assembly of Pre 1905 Pioneer motor cars and motor cycles in Australia start their engines. Impossible – in Ballarat?

"Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast." Answered Alice. Is Alice talking about the Elmore, Victoria, Louis Renault, the svelte Clement racing team, the penny farthing bicycles or the myriad of other impossible two and four wheeled vehicles? Enjoy the opportunity to believe the impossible and travel the gentle 24 kms to the Courthouse Hotel, Smythesdale for lunch. Unlike Alice's friend the White Rabbit – **"The hurrier I go, the behinder I get."** There is no need for hurrying, a quiet, relaxed meander to Smythesdale, and the wonderful possibility for everyone to be 'behinder' without trying. De Dions, Oldsmobiles, Cadillacs and Fords pacing themselves with the slower vehicles.

"Would you like an adventure now, or shall we have tea first?" All good adventures, with breakfast tea, morning tea, lunch tea, and tea tea. There will be enough tea! And adventure all the way.

And on Sunday – **"It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then"**. After Saturday's achieving of the impossible, we are all indeed changed beings. A beautiful 23km wander for a scrumptious lunch at Café Sidra in Learmonth, with a leisurely refreshment break at the lake. A glorious return through the Avenue of Honour, and then home.

Please join us, bring your Pre 1905 Pioneer Motor Car and/or Motor Cycle, Tricycle, Quadricycle or Bicycle. Or come and watch, support and cheer on the adventurers.

For further information - Contact: Greg Smith 0447 395 233

When: May 16 – 17, 2020
Where: Ballarat, Bell Tower Inn Motel
Contact: Greg Smith 0447 395 233

RACV 2020 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY SWAN HILL

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR ACCOMMODATION YET?

We have over 125 confirmed accommodation bookings and you may miss out on your first property choice. As we go to press, the accommodation status is:

The Big4 Riverside (Rally HQ) cabins are fully booked but powered sites are still available. (1800 101 012)

Events

The Big4 Swan Hill has 1 single bedroom cabin and 3 two bedroom cabins, powered and en-suited powered sites (1800 990 389)

The Lazy River budget motel has 16 rooms available. (03 5032 2123)

The Pioneer Station Motor Inn has 17 rooms available. (03) 5032 2017

We have now received over 150 Expressions of Interest. You can register on-line or forms are accessible from the rally web pages (see below).

This is going to be a big event!

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

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

When: 11 October – 17 October 2020

Where: Swan Hill, Victoria

Contacts: Rally Directors
Michael & Claudia Holding
0407 008 895
nationalrally@veterancarclub.org.au

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

- Ian and Jenny Sargent with a 1914 Rudge Motorcycle
- Robbie and Christine Dalton with a 1915 Model T Ford

CODE RED AND EXTREME FIRE RATING DAYS

Any event which falls on a day designated as code red or extreme fire rating may be cancelled by the organisers. It is advised to check with the designated contact for confirmation.

Insure your classic and save with RACV

RACV has specialised comprehensive insurance for your extra-special veteran, vintage or classic car. Plus, take out two or more RACV Insurance policies and you'll save 10% off each*.

Visit racv.com.au or call 1800 646 605

RACV

RACV Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Insurance is issued by Insurance Manufacturers of Australia Pty Ltd ABN 93 004 208 084 AFS Licence No. 227678. Please consider the Product Disclosure Statement before buying. For a copy call 13 RACV (13 7228). *On existing policies, discount takes effect at next renewal. Excludes Travel, Business and Farm Insurance products.

Natter Night Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 10 December 2019 commencing @ 8.00 pm
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria)
Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell

1. Opening

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

2. Attendance

There were 118 members who attended the meeting.

3. Apologies

Peter and Joan Hammet, Betty and Cliff Ward, Wally Nye, Paul Goethel.

4. New Members

Jenny Sargent with a 1914 Rudge Motorcycle Ian and

Robbie and Christine Dalton with a 1915 Model T Ford

5. Member News

Paul Daley reported that Hugh Guthrie recently passed away on December 5. Hugh joined our club in 1956. David Wright then spoke of his friend Hugh regarding his young racing interests and his magnificent restoration of the Stutz. Also his assistance with the Clubs publications. The service is at Bunurong Memorial Park on December 13.

Cliff & Betty Ward have moved to Uniting Agewell in Box Hill.

Sausage Rolls are our culinary delight tonight, with contributions from Glenice Lindsay, Helen Ballinger, Lois Provan, Trish Markie, David Provan, Steve Hobbins & Lena Daley.

6. Treasurer's Report

Income \$24k

Expenditure \$9k

Balance \$137k

This excludes rallies not finalized.

7. Events Report (Ben Alcock)

7.1 Past Events

Bendigo Swap – 16-17 November – Good event, booked for next year, we will move to a better shed.

Inter Club Petanque Competition – 17 November – great day, we can equal second.

Geelong Revival Motoring Festival – 22-24 November – 4 Veterans attended.

7.2 Future Events

Breakfast Run Bald Hill Clarinda – 14 December 2019

VSCC Two-Wheel Brake Rally – 15 December 2019

Midsumma Pride March – 3 February 2020 – David Provan spoke- 4 cars in parade.

RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally Hamilton – 12-15 March 2020. Doug Palmer spoke, lots of interest from interstate.

RACV 2020 National Veteran Vehicle Rally – 11-17 October 2020. 150 vehicles expected with 300 people. Lots of help needed to help with lunches/morning teas. Rally Director Michael Holding advised members of the need to assist during the event.

8. Library and Archives Report

Daryl Meek advised he joined the Board of the History Trust of South Australia. The Bay to Birdwood will run for the 40th time next year. They are targeting for Maximum 750 cars all pre-1950.

The Alpine Rally first ran in 1921, The 100th Alpine Rally will run in 2021. 1000 miles, for cars built before 1927.

We are running short of storage space. Space is sought.

We received another donation from the Edwards family – thanks Shane.

Patrick Devine is on the mend.

We will display a wonderful donation recently received of wire models of cars from 1896 to 1914.

9. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

David Inglis is seeking a Brass Horn.

Robyn Blackwell is selling 5 x Flood Books plus 2 x Historical Early Victorian books.

10. General Business

Paul spoke of the LCT (Luxury Car Tax) Petition. Urged members to sign up and support.

Kath Wright thanked all members who helped throughout the year with sandwiches etc at Natter Nights and asked for additional volunteers for the sandwich roster.

11. Next Meeting:

Meeting commencing at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 February 2020

12. Meeting Closure

The President closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

13. Speaker

Sue Watts spoke on Christmas Reflections



Classic Car Sales
Australian Distributor of Castrol Classic Oils & accessories

FASTPHASE Classics
D/L 26247

Paul 0407 216 660
paul@fastphaseclassics.com.au
www.fastphaseclassics.com.au
6/48 Prindiville Drive, Wangara WA 6065

CASTROL CLASSIC OILS

CASTROL CLASSIC OILS

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA) INC.
Registration number A0097964Y

ABN 67 004 366 312

PLEASE DIRECT ENQUIRIES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE SECRETARY

CLUB MAILING ADDRESS
PO Box 2300,
Mt Waverley, VIC 3149

PRESIDENT

Paul Daley (Lena)
t 0417 583 064
e president@veterancarclub.org.au

VICE PRESIDENT/CLUB CAPTAIN

Ben Alcock
t 0404 917 366
e vicepresident@veterancarclub.org.au

SECRETARY

Darren Savory
t 0438 873 053
e secretary@veterancarclub.org.au

TREASURER

Claudia Holding
t 0402 484 036
e treasurer@veterancarclub.org.au

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Andrew McDougall (Frances)
t (03) 9486 4221

Geoff Payne (Sue)
t (03) 9560 6837

Daryl Meek (Fiona)
t 0407 881 288

Greg Smith (Denise)
t 0447 395 233

Brian Hussey
t 0418 561 910

John Prior (Paula)
t 0418 548 184

Deb Alcock
t 0412 777 676

Callum Walsh (Francesca)
t 0447 766 724

Peter Hammet (Joan)
t 0428 282 631

FIVA REPRESENTATIVE (TAVCCA)

Andrew McDougall

SUB COMMITTEE CHAIR

DATING

Andrew McDougall

LIBRARIAN AND ARCHIVIST

Daryl Meek

SUBCOMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP

Geoff Payne and Darren Savory

EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Events Subcommittee meets in February, May and October to plan the Club's forthcoming events, which are published annually in the Club Calendar with regular updates in Brass Notes. Chair – Ben Alcock, Participants - Paul Daley, David Provan, David Wright, Daryl Meek, James Dunshea, Ben Alcock, Chris Dillon, Robert Couper, Brendan Pierce, John Prior, Michael Holding.

SUBCOMMITTEE:

CLUBROOMS MANAGEMENT
John Prior and Jim McCaffrey

SUBCOMMITTEE: SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEXT GENERATION

Ben Alcock, James Dunshea and Callum Walsh

CLUBROOMS COORDINATOR

John Prior (Sign-in book, Scott Staples)

REGISTRAR & PERMIT APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

Geoff Payne
e registrar@veterancarclub.org.au
Postal:
26 Windella Cres, Glen Waverley, 3150

CLUB STOCK

John Prior (Paula)

SAFETY COMMITTEE / SCRUTINEERS

Brian Hussey
t 0418 561 910

Bob Ballinger (Helen)
t (03) 9746 1345

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Paul Daley, Ian Berg

LAYOUT EDITOR

Roger Berg
t 0403 727 228
e editor@veterancarclub.org.au

MEMBER eCOMMUNICATIONS

Ian Berg

WEBMASTER

Ben Alcock
t 0404 917 366

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Frances McDougall

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS

Callum Walsh

AOMC & FEDERATION DELEGATES

Daryl Meek
Andrew McDougall

TRADITIONAL OWNERS' LIAISON

John Stanley 0409 001 836

VETERAN CARS & THE VCCA

A veteran vehicle is any mechanically propelled vehicle built on or before December 31, 1918. The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic.) is open to all persons interested in the preservation and restoration of these vehicles, and ownership of such a vehicle is not a condition of membership. Please refer to our web-site for a membership application form and additional information.

NEW MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

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

Download the application form at veterancarclub.org.au.

BRASS NOTES

Brass Notes is the Journal of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria). Contributions for Brass Notes are welcome, and should be forwarded to the editor by the 20th of the prior month preferably via email, or posted to the Club's address. When submitting digital photos, please send as JPG files attached to an email at the highest resolution available.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Opinions expressed in Brass Notes are not necessarily those of the editor, the VCCA (Victoria) or its officers. Technical articles are published in good faith and no responsibility for their accuracy will be accepted. All advertisements are published without endorsement by the VCCA (Victoria) or its officers.

Unless specified otherwise, articles may be copied with acknowledgement to Brass Notes of the VCCA (Victoria) as the source.

The editorial team reserves the right to edit or omit any material submitted for inclusion in Brass Notes. The decision to publish a letter in Brass Notes is the decision of the editorial team.

PRINT POST APPROVED

PP 100018084

VICROADS PERMITS AND SAFETY CHECKS FOR MEMBERS VETERAN CARS AND MOTORCYCLES

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

JP SERVICES AT NATTER NIGHTS

As a service to Club members Paul Daley J.P. and David Provan J.P., 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.



**More on cars built in Tasmania -
The Campbell**

**By Ian Berg with photos courtesy
Ian Wells**

*Another obscure make of car built
in Tasmania was the Campbell.
Archibald Macgregor Campbell, 73
Liverpool St Hobart, reportedly built
three cars between 1900 and 1912
including a steamer, an electric car
and a petrol engined car. he also
manufactured bicycles.*

*The recently found photos here
show two of the cars built
about 1900.*

*The photo (top) of the steam
car was taken "on the road to
the Botanical Gardens near the
bridge turn off" according to the
description in the album it
came from.*





Peter Hammet's 1914 DeDion Bouton at the start of the Two Wheel Brake Rally (Photo by Callum Walsh)



Michael and Claudia Holding's 1910 Buick model 10 at the Two Wheel Brake Rally (Photo by Callum Walsh)