



Brass Notes

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

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President's Message

Welcome to 2021

I, and our committee, trust that you are enjoying a well-deserved break, refreshed and ready for the start of a new year. 2021 is going to be a very busy year for our club and members. You will receive a printed calendar of events in the mail with the February edition of Brass Notes (next month).

While we are all enjoying some down time, the committee is working behind the scenes on a few things ready to roll out early this year, the big one being online entry forms and membership renewals, keep and eye out for these.

We will be resuming Natter Nights in the club rooms from February (9th) with a BBQ dinner from 6:30pm for those that would like to join and then the meeting at 8pm with indoor and outdoor seating followed by our traditional show and tell from Daryl Meek & Fiona Lane (the meeting will also be online via Zoom for those of you enjoying the comfort of your own arm chair).

Our first Breakfast Run for 2021 will be held at Cafe 23, 194 Warrandyte Road, North Ringwood. We will park at 8:30am to display our cars and enjoy a cafe breakfast followed by a short drive for those interested.

All the best for a great 2021, I look forward to joining you all in rallying this year,

Ben Alcock
President – VCCA (Vic)

NATTER NIGHT

IN THE CLUB ROOMS
AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

February 9th 2021

6:30pm - BBQ Dinner

8:00pm - Natter Night feat.

Show
and
Tell

Show & Tell with
Daryl and Fiona



MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

• Daniel Sargent and Tessa of Ararat with a 1912 Triumph

• Jeremy and Jess Sargent of Ararat with a 1914 Rudge

• Brandon Price of Junortoun with a 1910 Talbot

EVENTS UPDATE

The Committee advises as a result of the Coronavirus (Covid 19), all Club events for the foreseeable future have been reviewed. *Brass Notes* will be published as normal and it will play an important role in communicating with our VCCA (Vic) community.

Coming Events

23 January 2021	Breakfast Run - Cafe 23 193 Warrandyte Rd, North Ringwood, VIC Contact: James Dunshea 0457 609 999
9 February 2021	February Natter Night - In the Club Rooms and on Zoom 6:30pm BBQ Dinner 8:00pm start

Major Events

25 - 28 March 2021 NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally - RACV Cobram Contact: Callum Walsh
23 - 25 April 2021	RACV Four & More Rally - Geelong Contact: Callum Walsh
15 - 16 May 2021	RACV Pre 1905 Pioneers Run - Ballarat Contact: Greg Smith
17 - 18 July 2021	RACV Midwinter Rally - Rosebud Contact: David Jones

National Events

7 - 13 April 2021	TAVCCA 1&2 Cylinder National Rally - Charleville, QLD www.vccaq.com/2020-1-2-national
18 - 21 April 2021	National Brush Rally - Cowra, NSW Contact Alan Miller: mrchevman@bigpond.com
10 - 16 October 2021	RACV National Veteran Vehicle Rally - Swan Hill, VIC Rally Directors: Michael & Claudia Holding
17 - 22 October 2021	13th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally - Manjimup, WA Contact: Sharon Rudler shaz.muzza@westnet.com.au
22 - 26 November 2021 NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	National Highwheeler Rally - Mount Gambier, SA Contact Noel and Sue Holbrook 03 55612954 or chugalug@westvic.com.au
8 - 14 May 2022	National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - South West NSW (location to be announced at Charleville) Contact: Robert Fordham rfo292535@bigpond.com

VSCC Two Wheel Brake Rally

On Sunday December 13 we were invited to attend the VSCC Two Wheel Brake Rally. With an early start at Dallas Brookes Drive, we had a great turn out of veteran cars and members who enjoyed a great day of driving around the inner suburbs of Melbourne finishing in Fairfield for a picnic lunch. Always a great day, keep an eye out for next year's event.

Photos by Callum Walsh.



Paul Daley's 1912 Ford T



Prince Henry Vauxhall in the leafy streets



Greg Orde and Darren Savory 1909 Italia



Ben and Jeff Alcock 1914 Overland



Peter Hammet 1914 De Dion Bouton



The Caffyn family's 1912 Talbot



1908 Isotta Fraschini



Peter Latreille's 1911 Vauxhall Prince Henry



John Shellard's Lancia Kappa

Events

RACV 1&2 CYLINDER RALLY, COBRAM 25-28 MARCH 2021

The first of our major rallies, in a jam packed 2021 calendar, will take place in Cobram on the last weekend in March. The uncertainty of not knowing what restrictions will be in place at the time has made it a difficult run to coordinate, with venues being unable to commit to and/or cater for such a large group. With this in mind, I have taken the 'K.I.S.S' approach and am focussing on two key aspects; driving the vehicles, and the ability to socialise with our fellow members, some of whom we may not have seen since Hamilton.

Thursday will consist of a short shakedown run for those who arrive throughout the day and want to test the results of their Covid tinkering before the big runs.

Friday will be the longer of the drives, heading into NSW to Berrigan for a picnic lunch and coming home via Tocumwal. It will be a total of around 120km for the full length however there will be a short route option in each direction which will almost halve the total for the day if used both ways. Dinner will be held at the RACV Resort, with some outdoor dining so not to exceed the expected density limits of their dining room.

Following a local community display first thing Saturday morning, we will be heading to Numurkah for lunch. A round trip of approximately 90km. The rally dinner will be held at the Barooga Sporties that evening.

Sunday morning will involve a short run for morning tea before returning to the RACV Resort at lunch time to allow you the afternoon to travel home.

As you can appreciate, the above is subject to change based on any changes in restrictions, however I'm remaining optimistic and hope to have an entry form ready in late January. The Club will also be trialling the new online system to submit your entry. The RACV Resort has the majority of the resort allocated to us, so I encourage you to contact them to lock away your accommodation; (03) 5871 9700.

When booking tell the operator that you are part of the group booking for the Veteran Car Club

If you're intending on coming, feel free to contact me with any queries you may have.

When: 25-28 March 2021

Where: Cobram, VIC

Who: Callum Walsh - 0447 766 724 or callumwalsh92@gmail.com

BREAKFAST RUN

23 Cafe Restaurant Bar

JANUARY 23, 2021

Café 23

194 Warrandyte Rd, North Ringwood, VIC

Reserved parking out front for Veteran cars and tables reserved for participants.

Contact: James Dunshea 0457 609 999



Can't make the breakfast run due to location?

Why not get together with some of your local members and make your own local run. The more cars we get out the better. Don't forget to send Ben and Callum some photos.

Flashback Response

By Daryl Meek

Last month's Flashback featured an image of Frank Dallimore and his Model T in the doorway of Tarrant Motors. The image featuring Frank was created using an original 1913 image. Both are shown and you will note that the background of both is identical, right down to the leaves on the tree! The picture is a fantastic tribute to Frank that someone has gone to great lengths to create.



As the story of Tarrant Motors would fill a couple of editions of Brass Notes, I will try to answer the other two questions that were posed. "Can anyone remember the building?" and "When was it demolished?"

The building pictured was the last of at least four premises occupied by Tarrant's. This expansive building was located at 104-112 Russell Street (the north-east corner of Russell and Little Collins Streets) and was built in late 1905 and early 1906. When opened in February 1906, The Tarrant Motors was the Victorian distributor for Argyll, De Dion Bouton, Mercedes and, of course, Tarrant. By 1908 the company was also the

authorized distributor for Britannia, FIAT, Rover and had obtained the sole rights to sell Ford in Victoria.

In 1933 Tarrant Motors consolidated with Olympia Motors, All British Motors, and Auto Car Industries under the title of Allied Motors. The precinct went on to become very much a motoring one, with many well-known motoring businesses having their premises nearby at some stage.

The original building was demolished in the mid-1980s to make way for the new skyscraper being built at 120 Collins Street. This building has a footprint that covers most of a City block was built between 1989 and 1991. It was the tallest in Melbourne before being surpassed by the Eureka Building in 2006.

Many thanks to Gif Hatfield for bringing to the editor's notice pages from the Story of Australian Motoring by Keith Winser (1956) that highlight the contribution of both Harley Tarrant and Tarrant Motors to early Australian motoring. A copy of this book is available for loan from the VCCA (Victoria) library.

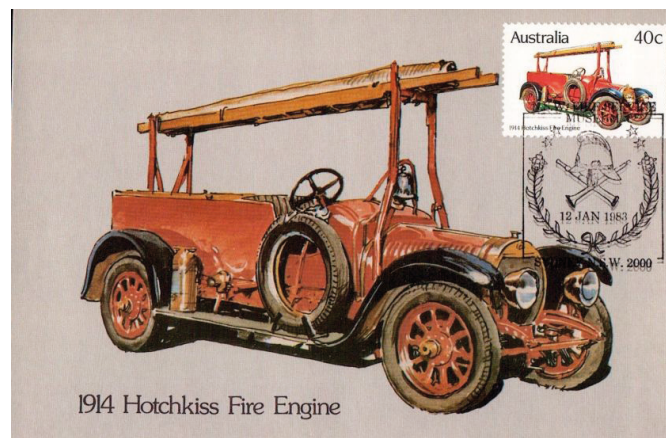
Valē Hughie Tranter

By Alan Flude

We are saddened to inform you that Hughie Tranter passed away peacefully on Monday 7th December at the age of 97. He died with his twin daughters Carol Tranter & Jan Flude at his side. He is a much loved father, Grandfather, Father in law & about to become a great grandfather.

Hughie and his wife Betty had a long association with the Veteran Car Club, joining on 7th March 1963, and with the family participated in many events with their popular and much beloved 1914 Hotchkiss Fire Engine. Over the years their Hotchkiss featured many times in the Moomba parade, on an Australian Stamp, RACV RoyalAuto front cover, Fire brigade calendar and in many magazines.

Hughie will be sorely missed by all who have known him, particularly by his daughters and family.



Natter Night Meeting Minutes

VCCA (Victoria) via Online Zoom Meeting
On Tuesday, 8 December 2020 @ 8.00pm

Opening

The Clubs President, Ben Alcock welcomed all to our December Natter Night, our final meeting for 2020, and wished everyone a happy and safe festive season ready for a busy 2021.

Apologies: Steve Hobbins, Andrew & Francis McDougall, Daryl Meek & Jennifer Atherton.

Member News -

The passing of Kim Coillet, funeral on Thursday morning.

New Members -

Daniel Sargent from Ararat
Jeremy Sargent from Ararat
Brandon Price from Junortoun

Events

Past Events

David Provan spoke on the Annual Rally in Melbourne, The Pier to Pier on Saturday and the Park to Park on Sunday, both successful days. David thanked Maggie Bone for the delightful afternoon tea on Sunday. Callum thanked David for all his work.

Future Events

2 Wheel Brake Rally 13/12/2020

RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally, Cobram, 25-28 March 2021
TAVCCA 1&2 Cylinder Rally, Charleville, 7-13 April 2021
RACV Four & More Rally, Geelong, 23-25 April 2021
RACV Pre 1905 Pioneers Run, Ballarat, 15-16 May, 2021

Library & Archives Report – Nil.

Wanted, For Sale or Swap –

- 1 Alan Ironside is selling the 1914 Briton.
- 2 Paul Daley (on behalf of Bruce Feldtman) has a Gear Box gate for a Straker Squire available.
- 3 Robyn Blackwell is selling Flood books.
- 4 Greg Smith is wanting red tube for Acetylene lighting.

Items of General Business – We are aiming for Natter Night to be back at clubrooms in February, details to be published in Brass Notes.

Next Meeting: 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 9 February 2020

Meeting Closure 8.21pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

www.veterancarclub.org.au



Please check website or latest 'Brass Notes' to confirm events, as they are subject to change

January - No Natter Night Meeting		July	
Saturday 23	Breakfast Run	Tuesday 13	Natter Night
February		Sat 17 - Sun 18	RACV Midwinter Rally, Rosebud - Rally Director: David Jones
Tuesday 9	Natter Night	Saturday 31	Pre 1931 Swap Meet - Contact: Bill Formby
Wednesday 17	Mid-Week Run	August	
Saturday 20	Breakfast Run	Sunday 8	◆ Rob Roy Hill Climb - Christmas Hills
March		Tuesday 10	Natter Night
Tuesday 9	Natter Night	Saturday 21	Breakfast Run
Saturday 20	Breakfast Run	September	
Thur 25 - Sun 28	RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally, Cobram - Rally Director: Callum Walsh	Tuesday 14	Natter Night
April		Saturday 25	Breakfast Run
Friday 2	◆ Hot Cross Bun Run - Braeside Park	Sunday 26	◆ Bay to Birdwood - South Australia
Sunday 11	◆ Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run, Gawler SA Contact: vvrn@gawlercarclub.com	October	
Wed 7 - Tues 13	◆ TAVCCA 1&2 National Rally, Charleville QLD - Contact: Graham Donges	Sun 10 - Sat 16	RACV National Veteran Vehicle Rally, Swan Hill Rally Directors: Michael & Claudia Holding
Tuesday 13	Natter Night	Sun 17 - Fri 22	◆ 13th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally, Manjimup WA Contact: Sharon Rudler
Sun 18 - Wed 21	◆ National Brush Rally, Cowra NSW - Rally Director: Alan Miller	Tuesday 19	Natter Night - Annual General Meeting - Note change of date
Fri 23 - Sun 25	RACV Four & More Rally, Geelong - Rally Directors: Callum Walsh & Ben Alcock	November	
Fri 30 - Sun 2 May	◆ The Aussie B40 Rally - Contact: Stuart McCorkelle	Tuesday 9	Natter Night - Ladies Night
May		Sat 13 - Sun 14	◆ Bendigo Swap
Tuesday 11	Natter Night	Saturday 20	Breakfast Run
Sat 15 - Sun 16	RACV Pre 1905 Pioneers Run, Ballarat - Rally Director: Greg Smith	Mon 22 - Fri 26	◆ National Highwheeler Rally, Mount Gambier SA Contact: Noel & Sue Holbrook
Sunday 16	◆ National Motoring Heritage Day	December	
Sat 22 - Sun 23	◆ Historic Winton	Tuesday 14	Natter Night
June		Sunday 12	◆ VSCC - Two Wheel Brake Rally
Tuesday 8	Natter Night	Saturday 18	Breakfast Run
Wednesday 16	Around the Garages		
Saturday 19	Breakfast Run		

◆ Combined event with other Clubs

Private Classifieds

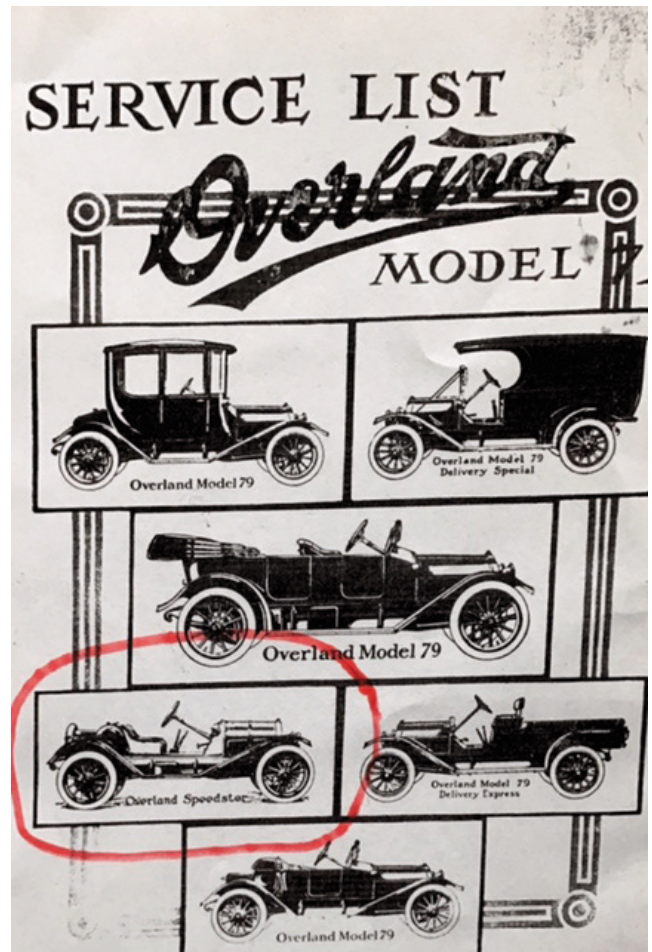
FOR SALE

1914 Overland speedster model 79 (the first Overland year with self starter).

Full weather protection plus tonneau. Price includes spare magneto professionally restored but never used. Spare carburettor likewise professionally restored but not used. Vehicle restored by the late Reg Harris from Toledo works drawings.

\$38,500

CONTACT: David Inglis Ph. 9878 0496



WANTED

Stepney Wheel to suit tyre size 760 X 90. 22 inch Rim.

CONTACT: Brian Love Ph. 0417176666
luvscars@hotmail.net.au

WANTED

Breeze carburettor parts to suit Hupmobile model 20, looking for the Air valve assembly and mixture screw.

Looking for a single cylinder car project, prefer something that is mostly mechanically complete.

Thank you

CONTACT: Simon Anderson Ph: 0414482241
ando_84@hotmail.com

FOR SALE

1914 Briton 14/16hp 2 seater, 4 cylinder, 2.6 litre.

This car has been in our family for 65 years, having been acquired by my father in 1954 and used by him on numerous veteran rallies. It has a wonderful patina and has been much loved and enjoyed. It cruises comfortably for a veteran of its type and era. Of the 600 Briton cars (all models) made before the demise of the marque in 1920, only 12 remain worldwide - 4 of which are in Australia. Probably the only chance to acquire a very rare veteran of this make. It is capable of distance runs and is sure to delight.

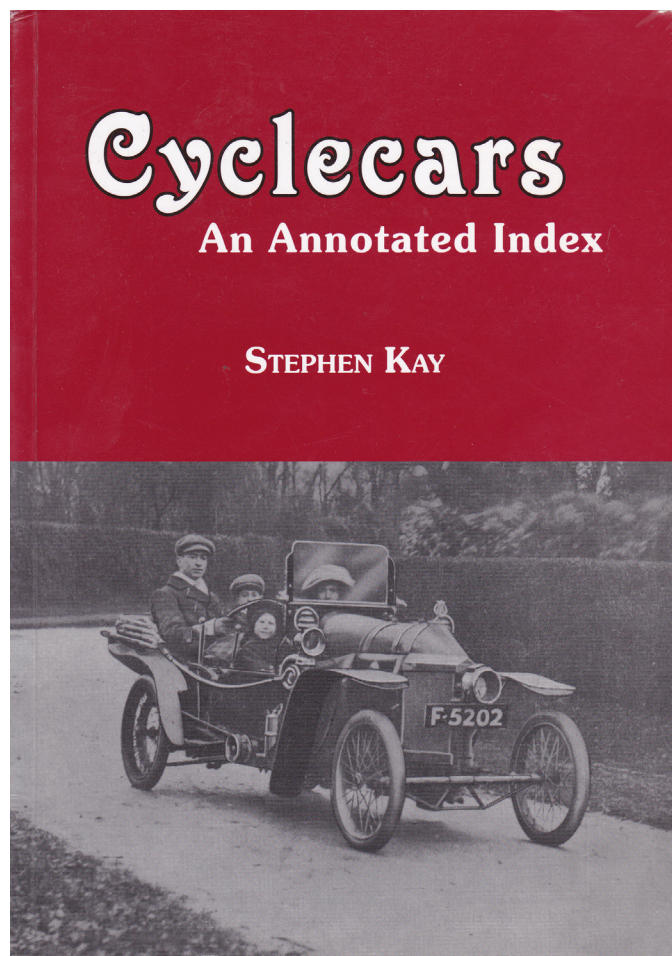
CONTACT: Alan Ironside Ph: 0488-763-613

Book Review Follow-Up

By Graeme Jarrett

Cyclecars - an Annotated Index by Stephen Kay

We had some feedback from several people who wanted to see what the book by Stephen Kay on cyclecars actually looked like. Due to space constraints in the December issue of Brass Notes, we could not display the front cover. We are able to now show you a picture to show how the front cover actually looks like. I hope this helps out the people who were interested.



“T” Ford Time

By Graeme Jarrett

The Ford model T was, and still is, the universal car. It certainly was the vehicle that bought so many to motoring for the first time.

There are very many shots of the T Ford in the early days, we thought to bring some of them to these pages on a regular basis.

So many of these come from archives and particularly the **State Library of Victoria** (SLV) and so many others. We thank them for their generosity in making these available in good quality high resolution digital files - on line. Thank you.

The Picnic



A family outing on a picnic in the countryside – all because of their Ford model T ownership. The year of manufacture is not easy to determine from the rear. However, we do know the number (17611) was registered to Mrs. J. E. Peck of the Elsternwick Hotel in 1915.



Another picnic, this time with smoked family – again out in their T Ford. The year of manufacture is alleged to be 1911-12.