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John Fryirs in his 1908 Renault, arriving at the morning tea stop at the Werai Teahouse. On the MaSH Ramble - Mittagong 2015 Navigator Bob Freeland. (Photo courtesy of Greg Roberts)

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of MONTHLY MEETING held on Thursday 26th February 2015

ATTENDANCE

Member's family: 0 Visitors: 2 Committee: 7 Members: 18 Apologies: 8 Apologies were received from Dennis Ballard, Don Liddle, David McCredie, Norm Mitchell, Graham Weekes, and Peter Weir.

Guests: Ken Warburton (Rotary Club of Cronulla) and Bob Freeland.

MEETING OPENED AT 8:30 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President, Peter Martin, welcomed all members to the meeting. He welcomed the special guest, Ken Warburton.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil Moved: Barry Shinfield Seconded: Euan Coutts

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Flyers received:	
AHK solutions	Liverpool Swap Meet 19/7/15
Wheels at Wollondilly Car Show 9/5/15	
Other club publications:	
The Broken Spoke	Brass Notes
Bulletin of VCC of SA	Veteran Torque
Motorlife News	Retroautos
The Edwardian	Early Auto
Small Torque	
Invitations:	
Rotary Club of Cronulla –Vintage Car Fe	estival 29 March
Westmead Medical Research Foundation	n – 8 March
Meryl Rogers- Marrickville Remembers	
VCCA (Victoria) Annual Rally 19-22 No.	ovember 2015
FIVA World Rally 2015 Switzerland	
Ironfest Lithgow 18-19 April	
Other:	
Australian Motorist Party	Mary Wear
Joe Timkiv & Graeme Metcalfe (Larrikin	n Products) -advertising
Peter Ransom (VCCA (Q))- Website upo	late
TAVCCA – 100 year badges	
Newcastle branch minutes for Nov 2014	& January 2015
Bonhams London to Brighton Veteran C	ar Run
Shannons Auction 2 March	Busiiness

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to L Brown, N Collins, A Lowe, B Lewis, D Page, R Thomas, D Turnbull and M Wear re membership Peter Ransom VCCA(Q) website update Michael Holding - data for national roster Invoices for advertising Correspondence accepted. Moved: George Gillet Seconded: Greg Roberts

TREASURER'S REPORT Balances are: \$

The Treasurer paid accounts from A Salem, Sydney Water and TWGD Digital Press. Invoices posted for advertising in *Spit and Polish*.

Moved: Ian Streatfield Seconded: Euan Coutts

MAGAZINE Nothing to report

EVENTS

The President described the possible enactment of the Reliability Rally 2015 to the *Hydro Majestic* proposed by Bill Boldison in November. Three members expressed an interest.

David Norton announced a free outdoors screening of *Genevieve* on 22 March at *The Concourse Chatswood*. Flyers distributed.

Greg Roberts thanked members for their support of the MaSH Ramble held at Mittagong. There were 31 entries with 28 veterans participating over the weekend. This included 6 new or rarely used vehicles - Max Boardman's 1915 *Chevrolet*, Alan Barker's 1908 *Darracq*, Alastair Clarke's 1911 *Hotchkiss*, John Fryirs' 1908 *Renault* and Phillip Hobson's 1913 *T Ford*. Members showed their appreciation with a round of applause for Greg and Jill Roberts.

Wilga Coutts outlined the organisation for the Wallerawang Weekend followed by the Autumn Tour and the Orange Car Club Tour. The Autumn Tour will start from Wallerawang and participants will stay overnight at Cowra, Forbes, Millthorpe then onto Orange. So far Wilga has received 8 entries although others have booked the motel. The motel restaurant will not be open over the weekend. A BBQ will be held on Saturday night. On Sunday the group will visit Mayfield Gardens. The runs will be about 100 kilometres with some hills! She urged members to return their entry forms to her for both the Wallerawang Weekend and Autumn Tour.

The President updated members on coming events for March -1 and 2 Cylinder Rally in Victoria and the MaSH morning tea run.

PERMIT TO MOVE

4 permits; 4 movements;

LIBRARY Nothing to report

DATING

Alan Miller's 1910 Oatland has been issued with a certificate of eligibility.

MEMBERSHIP No new applications

CMC

In Norm Mitchell's absence from the meeting his report of the last CMC meeting was tabled. It will be published on the website.

HALL

Robert Fordham reported that *Sydney Voice* has entered into a casual lease for the use of the main hall from 2-5pm on a trial basis. The *Meccano Club* will lease the hall on 30 May for their members but will hold a public exhibition at a later date at Forestville. Details will be published in *Spit and Polish* for interested members. There have been some problems at the hall with the electricity but this has been fixed, George Gillet said that the air conditioners were not working when he attended a meeting during the week. Robert will follow up. Robert indicated that there have been difficulties with the microphones and this evening all the cables had been replaced.

WEBSITE Nothing to report GENERAL BUSINESS

1.New Badges

On behalf of the Committee the Secretary presented some options for new name badges. The old ones are no longer

available and some members have requested that the name be printed on badges in a larger font. Two options were presented for members' approval. More members chose a metal badge with a white background and black print rather than a white plastic badge with green print. The preference was 14 to 6 votes. Members indicated that they preferred a larger font for the member's given name and the name stacked rather than horizontal. The Secretary is to follow up.

2. Information on 1913 /14 Wolseley engine

Ian Streatfield has been contacted by a gentleman seeking information on the location of 1913/14 *Wolseley* engine. The man has photos of the engine and its serial number as it *was previously in his Wolseley*. In 1930's the engine was replaced with a Studebaker engine and the owner would like the original engine back in his car. If anyone knows anything about this engine please contact Ian Streatfield.

3. New Sound System

Barry Shinfield recommended to the Committee that the sound system be replaced as it was installed when the hall was built. The President noted the recommendation.

4. Carnivale

Barry Shinfield said although he has enjoyed previous *Carnivale* events but was very disappointed this year. Despite the poor weather, there was no access from Park Street and cars had to use Macquarie Street. Cars were parked under fig trees and bat guano dripped on the cars all day. Six brave members attended. Next year the event will have a different format, as George Street will be blocked due to the construction of the light rail.

5. Rubber tubing

Michael Bendeich requested the names of any suppliers for rubber tubing for acetylene lights. The President directed Michael to a website: Restoration Supply Company.

6. Edwardian Cars

John Fyrirs' read two excerpts from a book written by Ernest F Carter entitled *Edwardian Cars* published in 1955. He noted the book has a long list of vehicles made at the time.

7. Techie Talk

Barry Shinfield recommended that members when towing a trailer or caravan move to the left of their lane when semitrailers pass them. This limits the sucking effect by allowing air to move back behind the trailer/caravan.

8. The Vintage Day hosted by Cronulla Rotary Club 29 March 2015

Ken Warburton, the organiser for the event, spoke about the day. Other participating clubs include the Model *A* and *T* and *Chrysler*. Ron Cox is bringing his *Willys Overland*. The local council supports the event with activities for all the family. Any funds raised are for Sylanvale Foundation to support families with disabled children. There is parking for trailers. Participants need to arrive at 7am and it should finish by 4pm. Anyone interested should see Ken at the end of the meeting.

9. Mulhouse Museum

Robert Fordham announced that during supper he would run a slide show of some of the exhibits in the Mulhouse Museum.

The raffle was drawn.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:20 PM.

Peter Martin	Louise Yeomans
President	Secretary

MARCH 2015

26th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm

Events Calendar - Club Events

26th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm
29th Goulburn Swap Meet See February Spit and Polish for details

APRIL 2015

- 4th MaSH Branch Meeting 2pm Lake Alexander, Mittagong
- **10th MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
- 12th Newcastle Branch Outing. Run to Paterson. See page 9 for details
- 21st Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
- 23rd Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
- 23rd Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm
- 24th 26th Wallerawang Rally See Page 9 for details. Entry Form in January Spit and Polish
- 27th 1st Western Tour See Page 9 for details

<u>MAY 2015</u>

- 1st 3rd Orange District Antique Motor Club Autumn Tour Orange. *See Invitation event for details.*
- 8th MaSH Branch Morning Tea run. Check with Greg Roberts
- 17th Newcastle Branch Birthday Run. Details to follow
- 19th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
- 28th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
- 28th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

JUNE 2015

- 6th MaSH Branch Meeting 2pm Lake Alexander, Mittagong
- 12th 14th June Long Weekend Singleton. See page 9 for details Entry Form in February Spit and Polish 12th MaSH Branch Morning Tea run. Check with Greg Roberts
- 16th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
- 25rd Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
- 25th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

OCTOBER 2015

4th - 9th **2015 National Veteran Motorcycle Rally** hosted by Antique Motorcycle Club of Australia. To be held in Ararat Victoria.

National Rallies

For further information contact John Burke National Coordinator

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NOVEMBER 2015

1st - 6th Canberra's 2015 Shannons National All Veteran Tour. Based in Goulburn NSW. Contact: Tour Secretary Roger Gottlob on

 (ah) 02 6241 3169, (m) 0418 962 312 or Email: canberrarally2015@gmail.com
 Entry Form in October 2014 Spit and Polish

APRIL 2015

19th Centenary of Gallipoli Commemorative March on Anzac Sunday 19th. Organised by the Marrickville Council.

Coming Events

For further information contact Graham Weekes Events Coordinator.

<u>MAY 2015</u>

1st - 3rd Orange District Antique Motor Club. Bi Annual Autumn Tour. The Tour is organized especially for pre 1931 vehicles.

Entries close on Friday 17th April. Registration will commence from 9:00 am on Friday the 1st May at our Club House, 11 Louie Lane, Orange with a free morning tea being provided. After lunch there will be a short Run around the outskirts of the city visiting several places of interest. A map will be Included in your Rally Bag.

Saturday will see us travelling on quiet country roads to visit the historic "Old Errowanbang Woolshed' built in 1886 where after a tour your morning tea will be available. We will then travel on to the small village of Neville for lunch where the vehicles will be judged, before returning to Orange. This run will be approximately 80 miles or 130 klms.

The Presentation Dinner will be held at the Ex-services Club, Anson Street Orange on Saturday evening from 7:00pm.

This will be our 6th Bi-annual Autumn Tour and an Entry Form is attached.

Keith Packham Rally Co-ordinator

Entry Form in January Spit and Polish 12th - 22nd June 2016

Members may be aware of the Adelaide to Darwin veteran car run held last year. Joy Rainey, who participated in her 1904 Curved dash Oldsmobile is arranging a Lands End to John 0' Groats run in 2016.

Le Jog Historique - 2016

The 2016 Le Jog Historique Rally will take place from 12th - 22nd June commencing at Land's End in the South West of England and running to John O'Groats in the north of Scotland. It will be a non-competitive touring and social event and will be held on public roads where normal traffic rules apply. The route will avoid motorways and use mainly minor roads including some with spectacular scenery over a distance of approximately 1,101 miles.

Entrants will be responsible for arranging their own accommodation on route, however the organizers will provide all entrants with details of hotels and other accommodation in the vicinity of scheduled night stops.

It will be limited to maximum of 40 vehicles either motor car or motorcycle. The closing date for receipt of entry forms is 1st March 2016. If it is oversubscribed the organisers reserve the right to hold a ballot to select entries. The Bugatti Owners' Club's decision on entries will be final.

Entry Form and information available from the website. <u>www.lejoghistorique.co.uk</u>

Outing Updates

<u>Wallerawang</u>: Entries have started to trickle in and as I've mentioned before the weekend will follow a similar format to last year. We do however have one change, this year you will have the opportunity of visiting Mayfield Gardens on the Sunday, these gardens are incredible and at this time of year they should be spectacular, if you haven't already heard about them you can research them on Mayfieldgarden.com.au, there is a charge to visit the gardens which can be paid on the day and there is also a café where we can have morning tea/lunch.

<u>Autumn Tour</u>: For those who wish to join the Autumn Tour, we will leave Wallerawang on Monday morning (27th April) and travel through the mid western area of our State via mainly secondary, sealed roads finishing in Orange on Friday, 1st May.

<u>Orange Tour</u>: This tour, run by the Orange District Antique Motor Club commences in Orange on 1st May and is open to vehicles manufactured prior to 1931, for anyone interested the entry form was in January Spit & Polish. There are 2 rooms left in our name at Oriana Motel, tel no. 6362 3066, mention "Sydney Veteran Car Club" when booking.

The FIVA World Rally 2015 - Switzerland

From Saturday 27th June 2015 until Saturday 4th July

The Organising Committee of the FIVA World Rally Switzerland is looking forward to receive participants from all countries in the hope of offering you all an excellent and unusual week in Switzerland. The Committee members have prepared a program light in kilometres, numerous cultural sites and visits, which, should also be attractive for the ladies, It is not just a question of driving up and down passes without stopping, arriving tired out in the evening, but to give "Time to Time" as once said a famous french président.

After leaving the beautiful City of Basel, you will be able to admire the Vier Waldstättersee, Lake Lugano and the Lake of Neuchâtel (the last 2 on boat trips). A visit to the famous Einsiedeln Cloister, the well known Klausen Pass, the Gothard Pass, which by the way is part of the water source for Europe, being at the origin of the Rhine, the Reuss, the Ticino and last but not least the Rhône. A morning's shopping in Lugano, then over the Nufenen pass, on to Gstaad and it's famous Palace Hotel where you will stay for 2 nights.

During this week, you will change languages and culture three times. First of all the quiet bumbling efficiency of the North, secondly the italian exuberance in the South (Ticino) then, the good «parlé français« in Neuchâtel and back to the mountain area of the Berneese Alps in Central Switzerland. The above means you will probably buy your postcards in Swiss german, pay for your stamps in Italian and post them in a french speaking post office!!!

The "cuisine" too, will be different throughout the trip as each area has its specialties. The Committee has been working on this project since 2013 and hope enough has been said for you to want to come and join us for this event.

Entry Form and information is on the info website. Info: www.fiva2015.ch

Peeter Henning Director Communications



Coming Events - cont.

OVER THE BLUE MOUNTAINS WALLERAWANG (AND OTHER OPTIONS)

Last year at the end a most enjoyable weekend at Wallerawang, everyone voted to do it all again in 2015, so here we are!

This year the Wallerawang Weekend is April 24-26, and is again centred at the Black Gold Country Motel Wallerawang. The runs around Wallerawang have a number of steep grades, so any really small cars may struggle, but our Model 20 Hupmobile would cope with the routes quiet readily.

Following on from this weekend, we intend to run our Autumn Tour which will travel some of the picturesque back roads and towns of the Central West Regions of NSW and will finish in Orange on Friday 1st May.

On the weekend of May, 1-3, the Orange Car Club is holding it's Autumn Tour, our Club has received an invitation from them to attend, and some of our members are planning to do this.

So your options are!

1. Wallerawang Weekend (entry form in this edition please complete and return to me).

2. Autumn Tour (please indicate your intention on the Wallerawang Entry Form)

3. Orange Car Club Tour, complete their entry form and return direct to them.

Autumn is a beautiful time in the Central West and I hope Club members will be able to join us on one or more of these events.

Wilga

Entry Form in January Spit and Polish

Newcastle Branch - June Tour

A Change of Weekend and Motel

This year the event will be held on the Weekend of the **12th to 14th June**. (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) which is the weekend after the long weekend.

Change of Motel

Charbonnier Hallmark Motel, Singleton. (02) 6572 2333 Dinner Bed & B/Fast packages

mention the Veteran Car Club when booking

John has organised a package deal with the motel of Dinner Bed and Breakfast

Any queries contact John Burke Ph (02) 4991 1806 (AH) 0412 821 945 (M)

Entry Form in February Spit and Polish

Correction to Change of Address



The oldest running car on the planet: the 1884 De Dion, Bouton et Trepardou Dos-à-Dos

from Ron Hattersley - Truly Rare Photographs

Editorial

Again, thanks to the members for the articles which they have supplied for this edition of **YOUR** Spit and Polish.

Thanks to Greg Roberts for his report on the MaSH Ramble at Mittagong. A list of cars in his article being the first rally they have been on or haven't been seen for some time. A brief report on the Newcastle Branch Breakfast run from the editor. Also the final chapter on the "Johnson Family Adventure" during the Adelaide to Darwin Rally, last year. I don't know who wrote the article, but I found it very interesting reading. Thanks to John Bisley for the information on Overlands. And of course, Ron Hattersley for another of his light hearted jokes.

Information on coming events, the outing for the Newcastle Branch to Paterson. The "Over the Blue Mountains" Tour, with mention of the Autumn Tour and the invitation event at Orange organised by the Orange District Antique Motor Club. Then there is the Newcastle Branch June weekend, noting that there is a change to the weekend and the accommodation in Singleton. Now being held the weekend after the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Also an invitation to the FIVA World Rally in Switzerland in June this year. Also an invitation to a rally from Land's End in the South West of England and running to John O'Groats in the north of Scotland, which is being held in June 2016

At the moment I have a limited supply of material, but it is always handy to have a little extra just incase things get quiet. So if you have something it would be appreciated.

Just remember a short article can be made into a page presentation with a couple of photos as I have stated before.

Remember this is "YOUR MAGAZINE".

Enjoy your Veteran motoring Nev Prestow



Jeff & Kaye Palmer 11 Claret Ash Close TORONTO NSW **2283**

I made an error in the Postcode Editor

Combined Outing - Wyong. 10-1-2015

Greg Roberts

After 3 years based in Goulburn, for 2015 the Ramble returned to its home in the Southern Highlands. It was very pleasing to see six veterans on a VCCA Rally for the first time or not seen on the road for a long time; namely:

Alan Barker 2 cyl.	1906 Darracq
John Fryirs	1908 Renault (ex. John Prentice)
Alan Miller	1910 Oakland (imported)
Alastair Clarke	1911 Hotchkiss (ex. Keith Carden)
Phillip Hobson	1913 T. Ford (Henrietta)
Max Boardman	1915 Chevrolet Baby Grand (Imported)

Friday – Perfect motoring weather!

Without doubt the star attraction of the Rally was John Fryirs "Oily Rag" 1908 Renault. On the Friday afternoon run from Mittagong to Berrima, the Renault produced a 20 kilometre smoke screen while John mastered the adjustment of the engine oil drippers. It has been reported that the Bush Fire Brigade received calls notifying of multiple fires along Wombeyan Caves road and "a car on fire".



Alan Miller's 1910 Oakland.

In Berrima, we had a private visit to Harper's Mansion the 1834 National Trust property with its lovely two acres of gardens, then coffee in the Village and back to Mittagong.

Unfortunately Alan Miller's 1910 Oakland failed to proceed within sight of Berrima. Undaunted, Alan returned to his Motor House, sent the Oakland to the naughty corner, rummaged through his toy box and returned on Saturday morning with his ultra-reliable 1cyl. 1910 Brush.

Saturday – another perfect day!

We travelled through Moss Vale, Suttons Forest and Exeter to Werai Teahouse for morning tea – scones with jam and cream, yum yum. Bill Heeney's Austin suffered "fuel problems" and had to be retired.

The run to lunch took us down Nowra Road to Fitzroy Falls and then along Myra Vale Road and Pearson Lane (arguably the best veteran roads in the State) and onto lunch at Robertson. We returned to Mittagong via East Kangaloon, the Tourist Road, Range Road and Old South Road.



John Fryirs' 1908 Renault, still fine tuning the oilers

Sunday – Third perfect day!

After a long facelift by Bob Hobson, the "Grand Old Lady" Henrietta, made her grand entrance with a smiling Phillip at the controls.

Geoff and Louise had to retire the Wolseley on account it had consumed the last spare spark plug in the tool kit.

Today's run was to Robertson for morning tea at the Robo Markets and then on to Burrawang for lunch at the Pub. This was followed by a 30 Klm run back to Mittagong.

Thanks to all the entrants for their support of the event especially those from the South Coast and the north of Sydney. Please put the second weekend of February 2016 in your diary.

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Waiting for lunch at the Burrawang Hotel



Alan Barker's 1906 Darracq



An unusual highchair in Harper's Mansion



A rare sight, Bill Betts' Renault with the hood up.



Tony Wood's 1918 Chandler

2015 MaSH Ramble February 6th – 8th Entrants

1	Nev Preston1913 Talbot	
2	Don, Jenny, Brad and Darren Grant 1911Empire	
3	Alan & Denyse Barker1906 Darracq	
4	Geoff & Louise Yeomans1914 Wolseley	y 🔜 🖤 🗋 🚞
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8	George & Kerry Gillott1917 Chevrole	et en
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19	Jill and Greg Roberts1913 Talbot	
20	Kevin & Kris Boardman1914 Talbot	EKT/
21	Doug, Vivian & Victoria Fulford1917 Studebak	er
22	Neil & Lyn Martin1913 Crossley	
23	Peter, Sue & Harriette Martin1912 T Ford	
24	Alastair & Catherine Clarke1911 Hotchkis	ss
25	Doug & Dianne Marshall1912 FN	
26	Alan Miller & Anne Cantrill1910 Oakland	
27	Graham Weekes1910 Buick	DI
28	Peter & Sally Kable	Ph
29	Max &Darrias Boardman1915 Chevrole	et Baby Grand
30	Jim & Val WeirModern	-
31	Bob DunkModern	



Alastair Clarke's 1911 Hotchkiss



Phillip Hobson's 1913 Ford T "Henrietta"

Breakfast Run - 14-2-15

The Editor

The Newcastle Branch held their annual breakfast run again this year at Cooranbong. I arrived at the Park at 8am. Betty Cherry was already there. Then there was a steady stream of veterans arriving after me.

Graeme got the BBQ's heated up as the Burkes are normally there first, but John had failed to proceed coming up the western side of The Gap in the 1915 Buick (FC1) so the snags were a little late arriving. Everyone else proceeded to cook their extras that they were having with the sausages, after they had had their cereals, if that was the case.



Breakfast time.

After breakfast Graeme handed out a single red rose to all the ladies that were present as it was Valentines Day. I don't know

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves after breakfast sitting around talking, while some were out in the park playing with a ball, while Isaac was enjoying himself riding around on his miniature

By about 11am it seemed that it was time to make a move to head home, A few decided to head across to Peter's holiday ranch at Wangi Wangi, just near Little Wangi wharf, with a stop at Dora

Creek for an ice block. Those that went to Peter's were, Mick and

Katrina, Chris, Catherine and Isaac, Peter, Bill and Carol and Nev.

who's idea it was, but it was a nice thought.

penny farthing bike that Chris had manufactured for him.



Dianne's Talbot & Peter's Renault driven by Mick

Lunch was enjoyed in the shade of the large gum trees. An enjoyable day and thanks to Graeme for BBQing the snags and to Peter for the use of his property.

ATTENDANCE

John Wards & mate Peter1916 Benz
Dianne Gotley & Karyn Newman1914 Talbot
Graeme, Lauren & Abbey Newman
Christopher Gotley & Joshua1914 Talbot
Chris & Catherine Duncan & Isaac Strutt1911 F.N.2400
Doug & Dianne Marshall
Peter Adams
Mick & Katrina Duncan1913 Renault
Max & Joan Burke1916 Hupmobile
Matthew & Kelly Burke1916 Buick
Nev Preston
Betty CherryModern
Bill & Carol HeeneyModern
Emma, Paton & Ruby BurkeModern



Lunch at Peter's Ranch.

Isaac on his miniature penny farthing





Renault, Talbot, F.N. & Studebaker at Wangi

The Johnson Family Adventure

Continued from February 2015 Spit and Polish



17th August 2014 Wauchope to Renner Springs -Today's drive took us through Tennant Creek, past the Threeways Roadhouse, Banka Banka and onto Renner Springs. Upon arriving at the campground we were met by one very crazy man who was extremely stressed out with the mass arrival of the rally group. We were directed to camp on the helipad, with no power or water. It was away from the main area, the bonus being was we had water views, camping beside a lake which had plenty of wildlife, including (unfortunately) a few noisy geese and birds. It was here met up again with Peter & Robyn Wards, who were our neighbours on the helipad.

18th August 2014 Renner Springs to Daly Waters - Our drive took us through Elliott where the police were out in force breathalysing everyone driving through town. I'm sure it was just an excuse to stop and check out all the old

cars and bikes. Arriving at Daly Waters, the campground was one huge dustbowl, but the pub was a very interesting place. After setting up camp, we set ourselves up at the pub, enjoying a cool drink and looking around the pub at all the business card, hats and other stuff hanging up. Nothing much to do in Daly Waters, so we took it easy, got ourselves used to the very warm weather and relaxed. We enjoyed a fantastic barra and steak dinner and enjoyed the one man band entertainment. Roselee and Emily kicked their heels up on the dance floor and Les



spun Roselee around the dance floor too. It was an enjoyable evening.

19th August 2014 Daly Waters to Katherine - Our first stop today was a very small town called Larrimah. We caught up with Rick and Bruce here (in the Overland), who were enjoying morning tea at Fran's Devonshire Teahouse. We were welcomed by Fran, one very interesting lady, with very colourful language. After bringing us our Devonshire tea, she sat down at our table and talked, and talked and talked.!! What a laugh it was. Before long, the teahouse was full of rally people experiencing Fran and her hospitality. After morning tea we headed to Mataranka where we had a walk around the replica homestead from "We of the Never Never" and then a swim in the thermal pools. About 40 kilometres out of Katherine we saw Rick and the Overland on the side of the road broken down. Thankfully some of the other rally people had stopped to give him a hand before we arrived. We hooked up the tow rope and had a very slow drive into Katherine. The rest of the day was spent working on the car.



20th August 2014 Katherine (Rest Day) - The rest day was good timing as it allowed the men to spend the day on the car. Disappointing for us as it meant we couldn't go to Katherine Gorge or spend time looking around Katherine. We planned on stopping in Katherine on our way back home to do a cruise on Katherine Gorge. However, in saying that, I decided that I didn't want to miss out on having a look around so left the kids with Roselee and Sharon and headed off on my own. I visited the Katherine Museum which was fantastic to look around. So many interesting things. I discovered that Sabu Sing (a famous local stockman) married a lady called Dorothy Anne Dwyer from Sydney and I couldn't help but wonder if we were related.!! I took a drive around town and headed out towards the river where there were plenty of signs warning about crocodiles. I took a quick few photo's and jumped back in the car.! The afternoon was spent relaxing and the kids had a swim in the pool.

21st August 2014 Katherine to Cooinda (Kakadu) - On our drive out of Katherine we stopped in at Edith Falls and had a walk around. The Falls were fairly small but it was a lovely area and I imagine after the wet season would be spectacular. The drive into Kakadu was nice, winding roads and plenty of vegetation. We arrived at Cooinda and set up camp. What a lovely spot. In the afternoon we took the kids to the Warradjan Cultural Centre to have a look around, had a look at the river where the Yellow Water cruises are and then headed back to camp so the kids could have a swim in the pool.

22nd August 2014 Cooinda to Bark Hut - Rick and Lisa were in the Overland today and Sharon drove the Commodore with the kids. On our way out of Kakadu we stopped at Nourlangie Rock and did the 1.5 kilometre walk up to the lookout. What a view it was. The rock paintings were fantastic to see too. We arrived at the Bark Hut and enjoyed a nice cool beer before heading to the Mary River Park (just down the road) where we were setting up camp for the night. It was on the Mary River so Rick and few of the men from the rally decided to hire a boat and go fishing that afternoon. Crazy I say.!!! Anyhow, they all came back with 10 fingers and 10 toes but no barramundi.





23rd August 2014 Bark Hut to Coomalie Air Strip - On the way to Coomalie we stopped off at the Adelaide River to do a Jumping Croc River Cruise. It was fantastic. We saw plenty of crocs and watched our captain, Morgan, feed them buffalo meat. The kids loved it and got a real buzz when the big 5 metre "Dominator" was brought up alongside the boat, right where the kids were sitting. Wow - his head was enormous and I couldn't believe he was right there, so close to the boat. Captain Morgan let the kids have a drive of the boat, which they loved. He also got an eagle to fly down and take meat from his hand. It was a great experience enjoyed by all. We had a brief stop at Humpty Doo before arriving in

Coomalie. We all got out of the cars, looked around and

thought "what the hell are we doing here". There was absolutely nothing there except an old WWII airstrip, a toilet with hessian around it and a building with a few old pieces of machinery. Unfortunately that Les in the Overland broke down just up the road, so Rick had to go and rescue it, towing it back to the airstrip. The men then spent a few hours working on it to get it running again.

It was hot, dusty and very boring until, all of a sudden, these old planes starting doing fly overs and landing on the airstrip. Well, didn't the afternoon do a huge turn around. General public started arriving, more planes, helicopters, gyrocopters and bi-planes landed and were taking people on joyrides. This continued on all afternoon. Myself and another lady (Lyn) from the rally went up in one of the planes for what we though was going to be a nice easy joy ride. I think our pilot thought he was in Top Gun as we were scooting along the tops of trees, banking left and right, up and around. It was great fun but I came off shaking. We enjoyed a BBQ dinner and listened to a country music band and watched some fireworks. We were all very surprised at how the day ended up. Very enjoyable.

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24th August 2014 Coomalie to Darwin FINAL DAY - Hard to believe this is the last day of the rally. We have met some wonderful people, seen some amazing sights and travelled many kilometres. Rick and Sharon drove the Overland the short trip into Darwin. It felt strange to be driving amongst traffic again. Upon arriving at the Qantas Hangar, the Overland decided to state its arrival by doing a huge backfire (flames and all) and then stop dead. What a way to finish the rally. Everyone arrived at the Hangar around midday and the elation on everyone's faces was fantastic to see. Everyone was so proud that they made it and what a great achievement it was for all of those old cars and bikes. After a BBQ lunch, we headed back out of town to our caravan park to enjoy a well needed shower. We headed to Mindil Beach and wandered around the markets before meeting up with the rally group at the Darwin Ski Club for a nice meal, presentation and to say farewell to the friends we made. We parted ways with Sharon who was off to catch up with some friends in Darwin before flying back to Sydney.



26th August 2014 Darwin - Today was our tourist day. Our first stop were the WWII Oil Tunnels. A bit disappointing but the kids enjoyed running through the tunnels. We then walked into the city centre and had

Post Rally

25th August 2014 Darwin - Today we had the fun task of pulling everything out of the trailer, clean it all up and re-pack it with the Willys Overland inside. It was here we were parting ways with Les & Roselee as we wanted to spend a few days in Darwin looking around before catching up to them somewhere down the track. We headed into Darwin late morning and parked at The Waterfront, having a wander around there before sitting down to a nice meal at The Precinct. We checked into The Vibe Hotel, what a change from our sleeping quarters in the trailer.



a look around. In the afternoon we took a drive to Fanny Bay, visiting the Darwin Museum and the Cyclone Tracey exhibit. The Museum was great, interactive for the kids too and Rick and Ryan went into the Cyclone Tracey room to experience what it would have been like. From here we headed to the Darwin Military Museum and spent a few hours wandering around. A fantastic Museum with so much memorabilia. We could have spent longer here but the kids were getting a bit restless. We then headed to Doctors Gully to Aquascene and fed the fish. The kids loved this too. So many fish, including one massive groper. A great experience for the kids. We had dinner at The Wharf.

27th August 2014 Darwin to Katherine - We were up early and out the door today, making our way to Katherine where we had booked on a Katherine Gorge tour in the afternoon. The tour took us to two gorges, such a beautiful place. We stayed the night in Katherine.





28th August 2014 Katherine to Barkley Homestead - A big day in the car today (some 700+ kilometres). We were hoping to catch up with Les & Roselee by now, but they are motoring on and seem to be just that one day ahead of us. We were also hoping to make it into Queensland but realised it was too big an ask, so settled at the Barkley Homestead for the night. We bumped into Thomo and Jody from the rally here and enjoyed a nice dinner with them.

29th August 2014 Barkley Homestead to Kynuna - Another big day in the car today. We stopped for lunch in Mt Isa and had a quick look around. We had planned on staying the night at the Walkabout Creek Hotel in McKinlay but they only had camp sites. We couldn't pass up the chance to have a drink here, so pulled up a stool and enjoyed looking at all the memorabilia from the Crocodile Dundee movie. We motored on and spent the night at the Blue Heeler Hotel in Kynuna. Their accommodation was interesting, but comfortable enough. We had a nice pub meal for dinner and slept the night away, bugs, frogs and all.

30th August 2014 Kynuna to Longreach - Our first stop was a lovely town called Winton, the birthplace of Waltzing Matilda. We had breakfast here, although it was a struggle to find something open at that time of the morning on a Saturday. We arrived at Longreach at lunch time and headed to the Qantas Founders Museum. We had a wander around here, the kids enjoyed the interactive cockpits and aeroplanes with machine guns and we enjoyed reading all the history. We booked on a tour which took us through a 747 and a 707 aeroplane. Again we could have spent hours here, but kids and museums don't often mix well.



31st August 2014 Longreach to Bourke - Wow - what a

day in the car. We drove 900+ kilometres today and by the time we arrived in Bourke, I was VERY glad to get out of the car. We stayed at a lovely caravan park called Kidman's Camp, outside of Bourke town. They had some horses which the kids fed and patted. We stayed in an old converted miner's cabin, it certainly had character and was very comfortable.

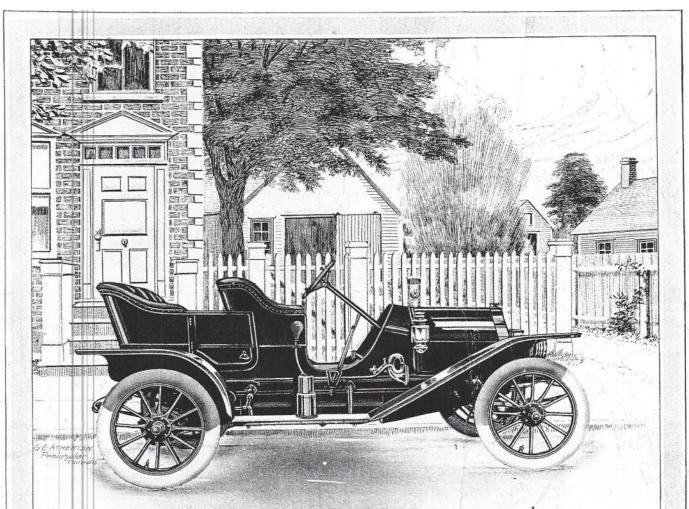
1st September 2014 Bourke to Dubbo - On our way to Dubbo we stopped in Nyngan where Rick did a bit of business. Nyngan was a lovely town. Some more business was done upon arrival in Dubbo before we found somewhere to stay. We headed out for dinner and then had an early night.

 2^{nd} September 2014 Dubbo to Sydney - We woke up this morning to rain. The first rain we had seen since leaving Sydney some 5 weeks prior. We were going to have a look around Dubbo but given the weather, we decided to head towards home. We drove via a country road to Mudgee where we enjoyed breakfast, then onto Sydney via the Great Western Highway. Arriving back home mid-afternoon. The kids were very excited to be back at home and I was happy to be out of the car.!!

SO, all in all a fantastic trip away. The schedule was hectic, the freezing temperatures in South Australia testing but amazing to see such wonderful sights in our beautiful country.

The End

OVERLAND from John Bisley



MODEL 38. PRICE \$1000

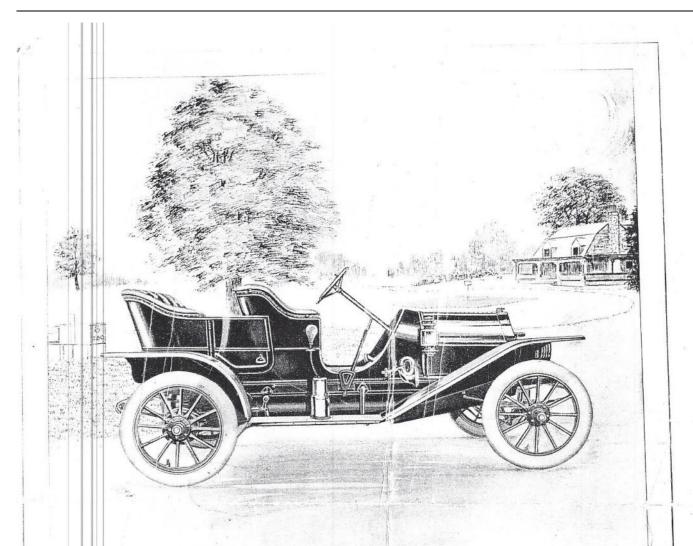
VERLAND Model 38 is the most desirable light touring car money can buy. Containing, as it does, all the well known successful Overland features, with various improvements suggested by experience and a constant effort to better our product, it stands well to the front in modern car design. Over 12,000 of this one model are already in the hands of satisfied owners. There is power to climb any hill, speed whenever you want it and above all, unfailing reliability. One of these cars was used by Miss Scott in her famous coast-to-coast journey. From New York to Los Angeles she drove her car absolutely without masculine assistance, a total of 5,000 miles.

With large and roomy seats, and handsome appearance, this car has no rival at the price.

Specifications

Wheel Base	102 inches
Tread	56 or 60 inches
Seating Cap	acity _Four passengers
Motor	$3\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$
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Transmission	nPlanetary, two speeds forward,
	one reverse
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Ignition	Remy
Brakes	External contracting, internal expanding
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Springs	1¾-inch semi-elliptic front,
	full elliptic rear
Steering Gear	Worm and segment adjustable
Front Axle	Drop forged I-section
Rear Axle	Semi-floating
Wheels	
Tires	32 x 3 1/2 inches
Frame	
Lamps	Two gas, three oil
Color	Dark blue throughout
Price	



MODEL 47. PRICE \$900

VERLAND Model 47 is an innovation in automobile construction. It was at the urgent request of many of the largest distributors of Overland cars that this model was added to the line. Compare this car point by point, with any car selling at anywhere near its price. Nothing has been skimped in this car. Every part is well up to the rigid standard demanded by the Overland method. We are satisfied that in this model not only have we a car that will meet with universal approval, but one that will prove another overwhelming Overland success.

Specifications

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