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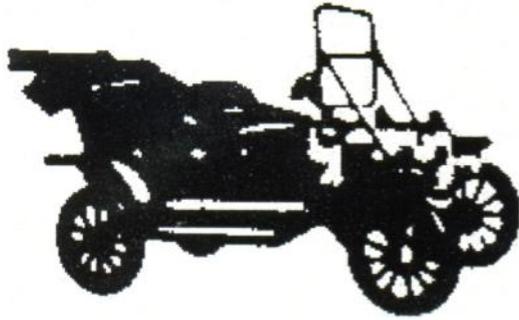
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Articles to be received by the **First Wednesday** of the month.

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*Michael Trethowan's 1913 Talbot.
At the Sydney Christmas Lunch, 2013.*

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc Date: 28th November 2013

ATTENDANCE

Committee: 8 Member's family: 1 Visitors: 2 Members: 25 Apologies: 3
Visitors: Susan Murone and John Tulloch

MEETING OPENED AT 8:15 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President Peter Martin opened the meeting and welcomed all present at the meeting. He especially welcomed the visitors Susan Murone and John Tulloch. Apologies were received from Wilga and Euan Coutts, and Dorothy Shinfield.

On behalf of Club members, the President expressed his sympathy at the deaths of Barry Tulloch and Arthur Donnelly. All club members stood and observed a minute's silence to remember a former member, Barry Tulloch, and Arthur Donnelly who although not a member, kept a watchful eye on the Club's premises.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Corrections to the minutes: The date should read 24 October.

Matters arising: Nil

Minutes accepted.

Moved: Lynette Martin

Seconded: Ian Streatfield

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Other club publications

Brass Notes Nov

CMC Bulletin Nov

VCCA (SA) Nov

Early Auto Oct & Nov

Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club

Matters of the Mount

Small Torque

The Broken Spoke Nov

VCC of NZ Bulletin

Veteran Torque Nov & Dec

Vintage Car Quarterly

Flyers

CMC reminder 2013 AGM

CMC 2014 tour to UK

Ennis Killen Orchard

Farmgate Trail

Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair

Jervis Bay Wild

Melanoma Institute

Powerhouse Discovery Centre

Robert Shannon Foundation

Shannons Classic Auction

Sydney Super Swap 16 February Hawkesbury Showground

Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum

Communities for Communities Carol singing

Invitations

All German Day MBC Classic Car Club 17 November 2013

Australia Day CARnivale

National Veteran Motorcycle Rally 4 - 9 October 2015

Rotary Club of Minnamurra Annual Classic and Antique Vehicle Show Kiama

VCCA (SA) Rally 11-13 April 2014

Vintage Sports Car Club of Victoria to Vauxhall rally from 9/11 to 12/12 2013

Willys Whippet Overland Knight Restorers – open invitation to events

Other

CMC certificate of affiliation

Email from Roger Cross re advertising in Spit and Polish

Email from Robyn Mays – resignation from Club

Letter from Mark Carden re membership

Letter from Janet and Ian Spraggon

Letter from Susan Murone

Application for membership from Ian Bourke

R&M- night work on Queens Road

Get well card to Bob Baxter

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

John Fryirs – new member

Thank you letter to Tim Smith, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

Thank you letter to Ron Hattersley for his open house

Thank you letters to George and Kerry Gillott and Lynette Martin for the Club's Christmas party

Letters to Laurie Schneider and Len Pellew – re resignation from club

Sympathy cards to Elizabeth Tulloch and Susan Murone (Barry Tulloch) and Peter Donnelly (Arthur Donnelly)

Roger Cross – reply re advertising

Group emails advising of CARnivale, venue of Christmas party, death of Barry Tulloch and Arthur Donnelly

Letter to Peter Weir about Vauxhall rally

Letter to John Wards re All German Day

Correspondence accepted.

Moved: Don Liddle

Seconded: Phil O'Loan

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are:

Moved: Bill Heeney

Seconded: Warren Irish

MAGAZINE Nothing to report

EVENTS

The President thanked the George and Kerry Gillott for hosting the Christmas Party and Lynette Martin for the organisation and catering. Everyone enjoyed the day.

1 December 2013 - Sydney Registration Inspection Day 9-1.

11 January 2014 – Combined outing to Somersby Falls. If there is extreme weather, intended participants should contact Neville Preston or Graeme Newman.

26 January 2014 – CARnivale

31 January- 3 February 2014 – Goulburn MaSH Ramble

28-31 March 2014 Blue Mountains -Wallerawang Rally. Bill Heeney thanked for his assistance.

21 September 2014 Vintage Motor Cycle Club Veteran Only Day - Maraylya

PERMIT TO MOVE: 2 renewals

LIBRARY

David M^cCredie has kindly offered to be the Club's librarian. The President thanked David for assuming this role.

DATING: Three cars are in the process of being dated.

MEMBERSHIP:

Susan Murone's application for membership was voted on and accepted by the Club. The President welcomed Susan.

An application from Ian Bourke will be voted on at the next meeting.

CMC:

Norman Mitchell tabled a report from the AGM of the CMC. The report will be published in the members' section of the website. The report includes events for 2014. The RMS have published on their website new rules regarding vehicle standards such as brakes, P drivers. All RMS rules will be published on the CMC website www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au The Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs is continuing its work with crash testing and vehicle standards. The Super Swap Meet will be held on 16 February at the Hawkesbury Showground.

HALL:

Robert Fordham reported that most of the rent had been received for the last quarter and accounts are ready to be forwarded for this quarter. He is waiting for some tenants to confirm bookings for 2014. He invited all members to a working bee to be held on Saturday 18 January 2014 from 8am – 1pm to clean the carpets and kitchen and for

grounds maintenance.

WEBSITE: Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The President updated members about proof of membership. The committee is investigating membership cards. The National Rally in 2015 will be held in South Australia.

No correspondence has been received from the national body after the meeting in Shepparton.

Entry forms were made available for members for the MaSH Ramble to Goulburn.

The President wished all members a merry Christmas and safe driving in the coming New Year.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:50 PM.

Peter Martin
President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

JANUARY 2014

21st Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

23rd Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm

Events Calendar - Club Events

23rd Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

26th **Australia Day CARNivale.** (*previously known as Motorfest*)

31st - 4th Feb **MaSH Ramble - Goulburn** See Page 8 for details and Entry Form

FEBRUARY 2014

1st MaSH Branch Meeting - Goulburn

11th Forum Sydney Club Rooms

14th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run.

18th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

27th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm

27th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

MARCH 2014

11th Forum Sydney Club Rooms

13th - 16th 2014 Single and Twin Veteran Rally - Cobram Vic. *Entry Form Page 18*

14th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run.

18th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

27th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm

27th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

28th - 30th **Blue Mountains Rally - Wallerawang.** See Page 9 for details, *Entry Form Page 10*

APRIL 2014

5th MaSH Branch Meeting - 2pm - Lake Alexander, Mittagong

8th Forum Sydney Club Rooms

- 11th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run.
15th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
24th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
24th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

MAY 2014

- 4th - 9th 2014 NATIONAL 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY hosted by the Veteran Section of the Sporting Car Club of South Australia and The Veteran Car Club of South Australia. To be based in Robe, historic seaport in the South-East of S.A.

Events Calendar - National Rallies

See Page for Expression of Interest Form.

OCTOBER 2014

- 19th - 24th 2014 NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY hosted by the veteran Car Club of WA (Inc)
To be held in the Kalgoorlie - Boulder area Western Australia
Correspondence to Committee:
Secretary John Wood Email: wood1941@bigpond.com 7 Eleanor Court CRAIGIE WA 6025
Chairman Harry Pyle Email: hdpyle@bigpond.net.au
Expression of Interest Form February 2012 Spit and Polish

- 7th to 9th February 2014. Highland Steam & Vintage Fair. Rally ground at Oberon Rugby Leagues Club, Lowes Mount Road, Oberon. Saturday 8th Street parade at 10am followed by all the action at the Fair Ground
Contact Jim Hawkes (02) 6336 1934 after 6pm.

List of Other Events

Ian Bourke
27 Trickett Road

Susan Joy Murone (1102)
168 Charles Street,

Application for Membership

Cronulla NSW 2230
1915 Monroe
Nominated: Robert McCarthy
Seconded: Euan Coutts

Welcome New Member

Putney NSW 2112
1911 Armstrong Whitworth
Ph: 9809 0970
Email; susan.munroe@yahoo.com.au

Voting for the above application for membership
will take place at the Monthly Meeting
on the 23rd January 2014

23rd December 2013

In the last few days we have been advised by SA that Graeme Treloar, John Wein-Smith and Jean McDonald have passed away. Many of our members would have met them at various events.

Euan & Wilga Coutts.

Vale - Arthur Donnelly

I have just been informed by Malcolm Garathon that Arthur Donnelly passed away last week and the funeral was on 14 November. Although not a member of our club he operated a panel beating business around the corner from the club rooms in Regatta Road and kept an eye on the club rooms and looked after the garbage bins for us. A few of our club would have known him especially those attending working bees and Tuesday Forums. Our thoughts and sympathy are with his family.

Louise Yeomans
Hon Secretary
VCCA (NSW) Inc

Alteration to Address

David Revell
"Jungaburra"
Spring Plain Road
Narrabri NSW 2390
Phone unchanged

Not Renewing Membership

Laurie Schneider
Len Pellew
Robin Mays
Colin Brenchley

Change of Address

Robert Thompson
Baerami Park
210 Baerami Park Road
Baerami NSW 2333
Phone: (02) 6547 5131
Email: baeramipark@gmail.com

Who says men don't remember?

A couple were Christmas shopping. The shopping centre was packed, and as the wife walked through one of the malls she was surprised when she looked around to find that her husband was nowhere to be seen. She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and hence, she became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was. In a quiet voice he said, "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about five years ago where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?" The wife choked up and started to cry and said, "Yes, I do remember that shop." He replied, "Well, I'm in the pub next door."

Men can be so romantic.....An older couple finally learned how to send and receive texts on their cell phones.

Being a romantic at heart, the wife decided that she'd send her husband a text while she was out of the house having coffee with a friend. She texted:

"If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing - send me your smile. If you are eating - send me a bite. If you are drinking - send me a sip. If you are crying - send me your tears. I love you."

The husband, being a no-nonsense sort of guy, texted back:

"I'm on the toilet. Please advise."

Combined Outing

MACARTHUR AND SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BRANCH VCCA-NSW

GOULBURN MaSH RAMBLE 2014

Friday 31st January to Monday 4th February, 2014

Best Western Centretown

Goulburn

Phone: 4821 2422

Email: bw.centretown@bestwestern.com.au

This year's Ramble will be based in Goulburn at the Best Western Centretown Motor Inn in the heart of Goulburn. Saturday morning we will be visiting the Goulburn Cathedral followed by a drive to Crookwell. Sunday morning we will commence with a morning tea at the National Trust home "Riversdale" to view the outstanding property and gardens (this is included in your entry fee) followed by a drive to Taralga for lunch.

\$230.00 per couple per night for dinner/bed and breakfast.

Don't forget to book your own accommodation.

When booking please advise the Motel you are with the Veteran Car Club, as they are holding a number of rooms for us.

ENTRY FORM

GOULBURN MaSH RAMBLE 2014

31st January TO 4TH FEBRUARY

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS

Name.....

Address.....Post Code.....

PhoneMob.....

Names of passengers,

.....

.....

Make of Vehicle Year Rego No:

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per family or \$15.00 single

Cheques to be made payable to VCCA (NSW) and forwarded to Greg Roberts,
14 Phillip Street, Burradoo 2576.

2014 DIARY DATE , MARCH, 28,29, 30 & 31

“OVER THE BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR”

Centered at the BLACK GOLD COUNTRY MOTEL AND CABINS, WALLERAWANG.

Motel units are \$130- per couple or single or if 3 people in the room \$140-
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Book your accommodation now on (02) 6635 57305 when Booking please mention the Veteran Car Club.

(ample trailer parking)

Entry form and dining arrangements will be in January, Spit & Polish.

Entry Form on Page 10

Editorial

Welcome to 2014.

Thanks to the few members for the articles which they supplied for this edition of **YOUR** Spit and Polish.

John Fryirs for his article on ‘Finlay’ Cycles and Motor Cycles. I am sure if anyone has any information John would be pleased to hear from you. A report on the death of ‘Mac’ McCoy from Bob Lamond. An old advertisement from Don Liddle and a couple of light hearted jokes from Ron Hattersley.

Information on coming events, the MaSH Ramble in Goulburn. The “Over the Blue Mountains Tour” to be held at Wallerawang. Entry form on page 10. Information and the Entry Form for the Cobram 1 & 2 cylinder rally.

At the moment I am holding very few fill-in articles, I would really appreciate some more that can be used when things are quiet. 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 Preston



OVER THE BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR

Friday March 28th to Monday 31st March 2014

OPEN TO ALL VETERAN VEHICLES

ENTRY FORM

Name.....Mobile No.....

Passengers Names.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Make Vehicle.....Year.....No Plate.....

Club of Issue.....

Full day run Saturday, shorter run Sunday.

Entry Fee is \$20- Please return this form with entry fee to Wilga Coutts ,
15 Isabella Way , Bowral NSW 2576.

ENTRIES CLOSE 14 March 2014.

The weekend will be centred at Black Gold Country Motel & Cabins,
121 Main Street Wallerawang Phone: 02 6355 7305
email: info@blackgoldcabins.com.au

BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMODATION.

The Motel is holding a number of rooms for the Club, mention VCCA when booking.

Motel rooms are \$130 per couple or single, or \$140 for 3 people in a room.
Rooms have a Queen and Single bed, kitchenette and Bathroom.

3 Bedroom Cabins are from \$180 for 3 people or less, extra Adult \$50, extra Child \$25.
Cabins have 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Kitchen, Dining and Lounge area

The Motel has full dining restaurant for evening meals and can cater for most specific health requirements. Continental Breakfast is available at \$12 p.p.

All other meals are self catering.

BRING YOUR THERMOS.

Sydney Christmas Lunch 24-11-2013

Nev Preston

A beautiful day, after some nasty weather the day before, for our club lunch. Thankfully not as hot as last year, but that didn't stop the youngsters from having a dip in the pool.

A very nice setting for our lunch at George and Kerrys' home at Dural and thanks to the Gillotts for providing the venue. Lynette Martin and her helpers did a magnificent job on preparing the lunch followed by some yummy sweets. Thanks Lynette.

In all a great day and nice to see at least 4 veterans turned up to the event.

Attendance

Phil O'Loan	1910 Talbot
David & Veronique McCredie	1912 Maxwell
Michael & Marilyn Trethowan	1913 Talbot
Ian, Janina, Ellissa, Max & Jackson Shinfield	1911 Talbot

George & Kerry Gillott
Neil & Lynette Martin
Peter, Sue & Harriette Martin
Lindsay, Gillian, Jessica & Issabelle Martin
Bill & Carol Heeney
Bob & Elizabeth Hobson
Jim & Val Weir
Barry & Dorothy Shinfield
David & Kate Norton
Michael & Susan Lowe
Geoff & Louise Yeomans
Peter Dungalison & Wife
Judy Grellman
Ron Hattersley
Robert Fordham
Bob Lamond
Nev Preston
2 Visitors



Newcastle Branch Christmas Party 8-12-2013

Nev Preston

An almost perfect day for the Newcastle Branch Christmas party, which again was held at Bargoed House Swansea. An ideal picnic area as it is not open to the general public. Colin Chapman, (Max Burke's son-in-law) gets permission for us to use the area. Colin is a member of the Nesca Welfare Association.

Bill and Carol trailered the Austin to my place and drove up to Swansea with me and I only had to slow up a couple of times to allow the Austin to catch up. A long way for Bob and Elizabeth to travel from Bowral to attend our party. Neil and Lynette came up from Sydney and also Ian and Jenny who drove up from Mt Colah in their Overland, a reasonable days drive in a veteran.



Barbecued steak, sausages and onions along with side salads followed by apple pie and cream was our lunch menu. All very nice and thanks to the chefs who cooked the meat and the ladies who provided the side salads.

It was nice to see Ray and Marney Thomas in attendance along with a couple of their boys. An enjoyable day under the shady tree beside the lake.

In 1962, Bargoed House and the surrounding 40 acre site was bought by Shortland County Council for operational needs, such as a substation and works depot. About 20 acres, including Bargoed House, was not required for these purposes so was made available to Nesca Welfare Association for recreational purposes. Members of the Welfare Association were levied to maintain the property and provided voluntary labour. (Shortland County Council - absorbed Nesca in 1-9-1957 then merged with Upper Hunter & Hunter Valley County Council in January 1980.)

Attendance

Chris & Catherine Duncan	1911 F.N.
Peter Adams & Kim Nolan	1918 Studebaker
Doug, Dianne & Brett Marshall	1912 F.N.
Graeme, Karyn & Lauren Newman	1914 Talbot
Ian & Jenny Streatfeild	1915 Overland
Bill & Carol Heeney	1912 Austin
Nev Preston	1913 Talbot



Bill & Carols' Austin

Modern

Neil & Lynette Martin
 Bob & Elizabeth Hobson
 John, Kelly, Matthew, Paton & Ruby Burke
 Max & Joan Burke,
 Colin Chapman
 Ray & Marney Thomas
 Rick & Issabella Thomas
 Peter & Millie Thomas
 Allen Dunlop
 Malcolm & June Bailey
 Betty Cherry
 Kevin & Narelle Spackman
 John & Jan Brumby & 3 Grandchildren
 Terry & Vicki Smith
 Sarah & Christopher Gotley & Brett Corrigan



Marney, Issabella and Ray.

“It’s in my Blood”

John Fryirs

When I was a kid of about 6 or 7, my Dad bundled us into the car and took us to a spot along Canterbury Road in Sydney so we could watch the Veteran Car Clubs members returning from their annual rally to the Blue Mountains. A modern car pulled up at our spot and handed us a yellow sheet on which was printed the list of rally entrants so we could identify each from the rally numbers stuck to headlight glass. The rally was sponsored by H.C. Sleight and the Golden Fleece ram was at the top of the sheet.

Along came these beautiful machines and my heart and mind was captivated. I was totally entranced and hopelessly in love - with a red 1911 Renault! Nothing would and has not taken its place. I started saving pocket money, (3 pence per week!), to buy Matchbox cars, then “Models of Yesteryear” and later, all the veteran and vintage Airfix kits which had to be painted exactly as the catalogue I’d acquired from Lord Montagues Museum in England.

My Dad would tell me that an uncle of his had been the Fiat agent for NSW up until 1929 when the depression sent them, and a lot of others, broke. This uncle he referred to as Uncle Eveleigh, but he was Forest Eveleigh Finlay and his second name was used to distinguish him from his father, Forest Finlay. The name Forest was also carried to the next generation.



Forest Finlay on one of his motorbikes.

Also, through the years I heard of Finlay exploits in the cycle racing scene, and a ‘push’ bike my Dad had had when he was a teenager had been his Uncles racing bike. This was professionally restored and given to my older brother when he was 10.

My interest continued unabated and at 17 years of age I bought a vintage car (couldn’t afford my beloved 1911 Renault), a 1925 Morris Cowley, this was restored over a couple of years and on antique and classic club rallies I met and became interested in vintage and veteran motorcycles, buying, at 18, a 1928 Indian Scout 45 and much to my parents disgust, was given a

1926 Sunbeam Sprint, 500cc OHV single.

So this is how it all started for me, but motorbikes were not really accepted in the family and past connections were not mentioned except that an Uncle of Dad’s would visit with an outfit in the ‘20’s, making comments about how long it took to light the acetylene lights at night.

So, with all this background it was quite a surprise to me when I opened and read the Nov./Dec. issue of ‘Old Bike’ - Australia. An article asking for information about a Finlay motorcycle, built in Sydney in 1906. There is a photo of a fellow on a veteran, another of a group which includes at least 5 Finlays (so they were in production) and the maker/builder was Forest Finlay!

FINLAY CYCLES

— AND —

MOTOR CYCLES.

1/12/1906

Australia's Best Biocycles. Ridden by the Best Riders.

Ivor Lawson (world's Champion), Floyd Macfarland, R. Arnt (Winner Sydney Thousand, 1906), O. H. Brock (Champion N.S.W.), J. Arnt, O. Carter, E. Bestal, G. Fowler, O. Clarke, R. Mutton, D. Wyatt, A. Walcott and numerous others, all of whom state that the Finlay runs easier than any other.

		PRICE LIST			
MODEL		CASH	TERMS	DEPOSIT	
	1	£20	£22	£5	
	2	£17 10/-	£19 10/-	£5	
	3	£16	£17 10/-	£2 10/-	
	4	£14	£15 10/-	£3 10/-	
TRACK RACERS		£17 10/-	£18 10/-	£5	
MOTORS		£20 CASH			
WITH SPRING FORKS. £52 10/-		WITH MAGNETO IGNITION, £10 EXTRA.			

My Dad was in a home with dementia at this time but I was now and again contacted by a cousin of Dad's, a Miss Val Finlay, now in her 80's and she happened to phone to see how Dad was, just a few weeks after I'd received and read 'Old Bike'. When I excitedly mentioned the article she quite matter of factly replied "Oh yes! That's my Grandfather!"

Soon I was in touch with a distant cousin I'd never heard of and correspondence revealed to me a

remarkable story of the manufacture of probably what was the first Australian built motorcycle. This cousin, John Finlay has researched through the archives of old newspapers and the National Library and sent emails to clubs and enthusiasts through Qld, Victoria and South Australia. The fellow who published a book, 'The A-Z of Australian Motorcycles' wanted more information, which he was sent but he still has not included it in his book. I now have photos, adverts and newspaper articles about both the cycle and motorcycle business. One very interesting thing is, that in 1905-06 there was a cycle race called the "Sydney Thousand", with the prize money being 1000 pounds!! That would be like a million dollars today!

The Finlay Cycles and Motorcycles were designed, built and sold at 377 George Street Sydney and also sold at 139 Enmore Road, Enmore and in the 1907 edition of the S.M.H. it was stated:

"In order to be able to turn out every part of his machine, Mr Finlay has taken new premises at 77 Market Street. The three stores are fitted with the latest automatic machinery, brazing, enamelling, turning and fitting rooms etc."

The article states "the question of turning out what practically constitutes an Australian motor cycle has been taken up by Mr Forest Finlay. Having a practical knowledge of mechanics, this agent has lately been building pony motor cycles on his premises, which both on the track and in speed and reliability contests on the road have reaped respected successes."

Another statement on his adverts: "Support colonial manufacturers and avoid duty".

How I would love to find a Finlay motorcycle. In the Jan/Feb. edition of 'Old Bike', it was stated that some anonymous person phoned the author of the article, he was not home so the person spoke to his wife, stated that he had a Finlay that had been in the family since new! There has been no more mention of it in subsequent issues.

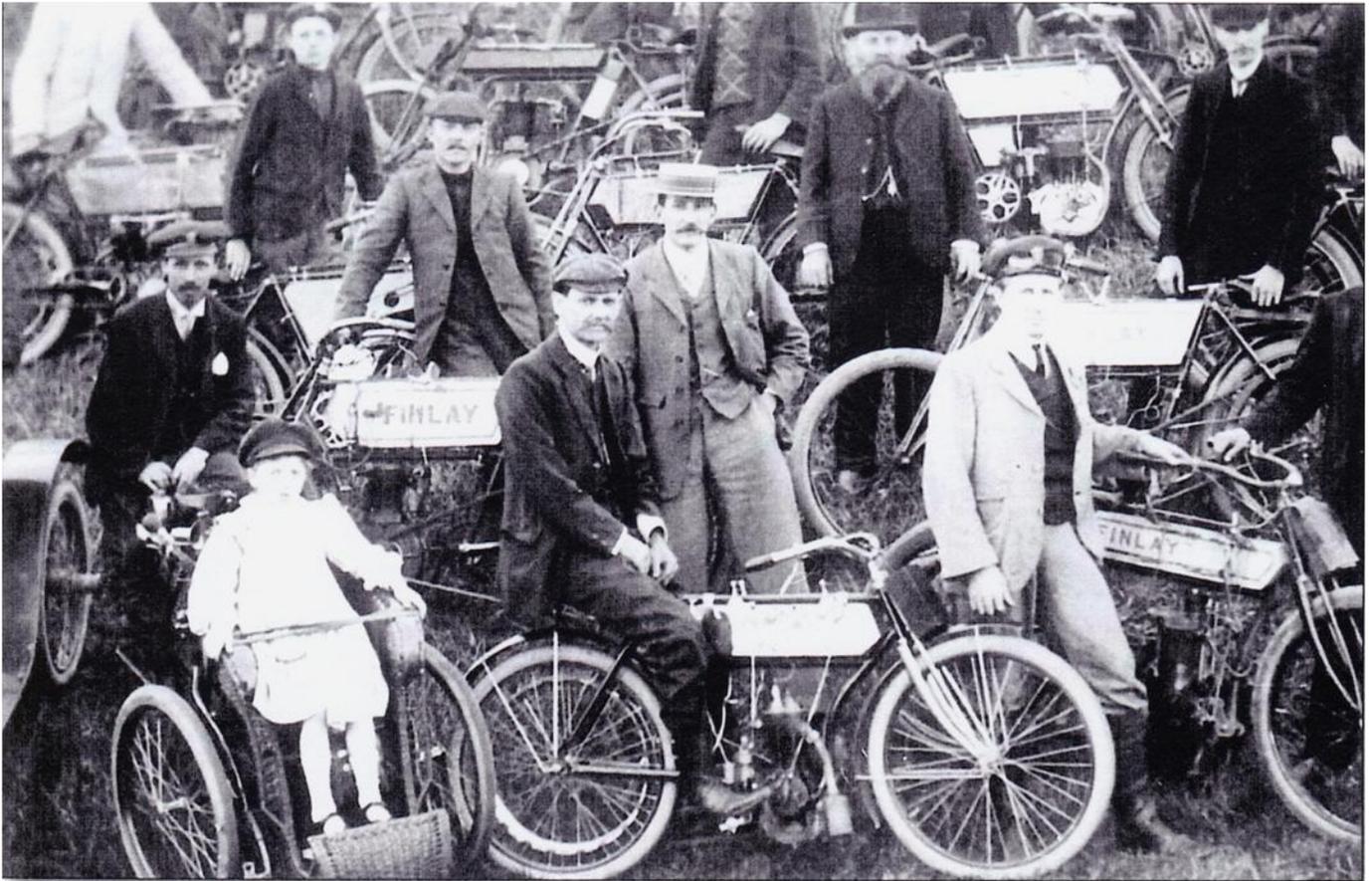
Now I must confess that unfortunately for me, Forest Finlay is not my great grandfather, my relationship is that his son, Forest Eveleigh Finlay married my grandmother's sister. But somehow it still got into my blood. Oh, and yes, I still have the yellow list of veterans from way back then - and the Matchbox cars - and the 'models of yesteryear' and the airfix kits are in a glass cabinet in my lounge room. The Indian and Sunbeam were hidden under my parents house when I was conscripted in 1970 to prevent them going to the tip whilst I was away. I have them at present in advanced state of restoration - and my 1925 Morris Cowley will be going to Port Pirie, S.A. for the Morris Register of Australia's 17th National Rally, Easter 2012. Still looking great after 45 years of ownership.

If any of you ever hear or know of a Finlay motorbike or bicycle, I would very much like to hear from you. The Finlay family would be thrilled to find one or hear of any still in existence.

The bike my father gave to my brother eventually ended up in my brother's back shed with a cracked front fork. When he bought a batch of bikes for his kids one Christmas about 25 years ago, I asked him about it. I was told it was to be thrown out on the next council cleanup, so I gave him \$5 and took it home. I had the front forks repaired and have kept it safe ever since. Unfortunately it is not a Finlay, as they ceased production about 1908 and this is a Superb, built in Sydney in the early 1920's.

Finlay bicycles have the name stamped on the frame, possibly along the back forks, it would be hard to find as I've been told the word Finlay is only 5/8 of an inch long, so one would need almost a magnifying glass to find it.





A gathering of about 1906 - note the Finlays and the forecar to the left and the little girls seat belt. Forest is in front centre.

Postscript:-

This article was written in 2011 for the "Horizontal Opposition" which is the yearly magazine of the Russian Motorcycle Owners Association.

So my 1925 Morris Cowley did, in fact go to Port Pirie, SA at Easter 2012, also, after that it participated in the Veteran Car Club of S.A. weekend rally at Nooriopta, the week after Easter. I was given permission to attend with a vintage car as Howard Filtness and Diane Barber of the VCCASA are friends of mine. Also Julie and Terry Prodden were able to attend as well with another Bullnose. They are the friends who loaned me the beautiful 1913 Morris I was fortunate to drive at Shepparton this year. I am now in the market for the Renault! At last!

I hope this article is of interest.

W.L. "Mac" McCoy

My friends W L "Mac" McCoy and his wife Margaret (Peg), passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2013. Tragically Mac and Peg were killed in a traffic incident while heading home Thanksgiving evening. The minivan Mac and Peg were driving was rear ended by a drunk driver who was traveling in excess of 100 to 125 miles per hour. The driver of the other car escaped with minor injuries.

On behalf of all Mac's Aussie friends I offer our condolences to his sons, Wilbur "Mac" (Kim) McCoy Jr. and Jeffrey (Jutta) McCoy; grandchildren, Jennifer Pledger, Jonathon (Jesse) McCoy, Nicholas Boltz, Kelsie Marcal, Joshua McCoy, Melissa McCoy and Jessica McCoy, and great-grandchildren, Donovan and Brockett Pledger, and Asher and Kinsey McCoy.

I first heard the sad news on message bank from one of his sons the day after - regretfully the message quality was poor and all I caught was that Mac and Peg had been killed and that I was being notified as "Mac thought a lot of me" I immediately emailed John Guy, Editor of The Brush Runabout as I could not get Mac's sons phone number right no matter how many times I tried

In the 20 years prior to his retirement in 2000 Mac worked as an Electronics Engineer at Owens Illinois Glass involving many visits to Australia making many friends. His retirement allowed him to focus his time on his family and interests, which included boating, car restoration, carpentry and woodworking, computers and electronics, model railroading, and photography. Mac was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association, a member of the Harbor View Yacht Club, Bayfield Owners Association, Corsa (Corvair Society of America) and an editor and publisher of the quarterly newsletter of The Brush Runabout (TBR).

To me Mac was a fountain of knowledge on the Brush and so willing to share his knowledge to help others - not only in America but world wide. I bought my first Brush in 1980 and rapidly discovered that a Brush had been the first motorcar to drive "Across Australia" in 1912. I joined the NSW Division of the Veteran Car Club of Australia that year and, with the great help of John and Geoff Simmons, became thoroughly involved in 1 & 2 Cyl. Rallies. In 1981 I emailed Mac as Editor of TBR seeking some parts and thus commenced a 32 year friendship. In 2007 I stayed with Mac and Peg prior to the Brush Car Centennial Meeting at the Gilmore Museum - from our first meeting at the airport to his farewell to me back at the airport we talked about cars, cars and more cars - we visited all the car museums and I learnt of his love of the famous/infamous Corsair and of course the Brush. I helped him secure Brush hub caps to the hubs of his Model T so that we could drive to the Gilmore Museum in style ! He was eager to learn of my progress in restoring the 2 cylinder Brush motor. Here again I owe it to Mac for helping me acquire the motor from Chip Perry in Hawaii and for all the research he had done on A P Brush's development of the design and manufacture of some ? 2 cyl. engines. I can assure readers that it is definitely a Brush engine with all the feature plus of the single cylinder - it is 99% the same as the Oakland 2 cyl motor which was built from plans sold to Oakland by Brush. Mac and I believe that my D26 which has the longer bonnet and engine bay with a petrol tank at the rear was designed by Brush to take the 2 cyl. motor - it fits in perfectly !

Mac was supportive of my 1992 80th Anniversary drive from Perth to Sydney and obtained some important spares for the trip. Again in 2001 he helped me with more bits so as I could build 3 single motors for the 14,790 kms drive in my brush "Around Australia" to celebrate the Centenary of Federation. It was great to know that if trouble struck, and it did !, I could contact Geoff Simmons in Australia and Mac in the USA for help - and help they did !

I think the number of Brush cars in Australia is multiplying like rabbits - it is over 20 and more on the way from the USA ? Speaking to the old and new owners i constantly hear of how an email to Mac has helped them "do it right" in their restorations.

Personally I miss the daily dose of emails from my friend Mac, usually two on OBAHMA pointing out his many shortfalls, two on cars and two labelled XXX - nuff said !

A few weeks before Mac's death I sent him the badge of the 1912 Centenary Expedition 2012 and a photo of Alison and I visiting Obahma at the Whitehouse (fake by Madame Tussards Wax Works) enclosed in a cut out section of an old book on the life of an early American President.

Mac replied as follows

"Hi Bob The book you sent arrived yesterday along with a US Customs officer and 2 FBI agents. I would have sent this yesterday but they would not let me use a computer in the holding cell they put me in. It seems that US Customs thought I was receiving undeclared goods and trying to smuggle things in. They examined the Across Australia Medal and cut it up looking for something they would not tell me what it was. They also ripped up the book but that came up with nothing. I tried to use the photo of you with the president, Alison and your grand daughters but they said he is under suspicion of un-American crimes and said if you knew him you will be put on a watch list.

I finally got to call a fellow Brush owner and friend that lives near President George Bush in Texas and he got George to help. The FBI told me that the NSA may monitor my cell phone and email for some time. On my next trip to Texas I hope to meet with George and visit his Library that I contributed money for the building of it. My email provider now wonders if the NSA caused my macsmail@brushauto.us to send out the 24,000 emails today as they did not come from my computer but from someone/place that is able to get into email accounts and clone them.

Cheers and I think I am going to drink the bottle of Bundaberg Rum I have been saving, It is one of the better things I have from Australia since my last ex-wife took all the Opals I had brought back from my trips to Australia and gave to my good wife that died in 2001.

Mac"

I do hope he did get to drink the Bundie Rum and now is in Brush Heaven conversing with Alanson P Brush and Henry Ford explaining the rights and wrongs of their respective inventions and getting the good oil of the development of the 2 cyl. Brush engine. RIP - don't forget my email address - lamond2@bigpond.com
I am expecting an email any day now from Mac on the Constellation ethernet !

So farewell to Mac and Peg - Mac a Legend, an enthusiast, a worker and a great friend to all and Peg a lady who understood Mac and emailed me many jokes !

Bob Lamond
Mudgee, NSW
AUSTRALIA



A budding veteran motorist, Lachlan Coutts

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Andrew and Frances McDougall



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\$20

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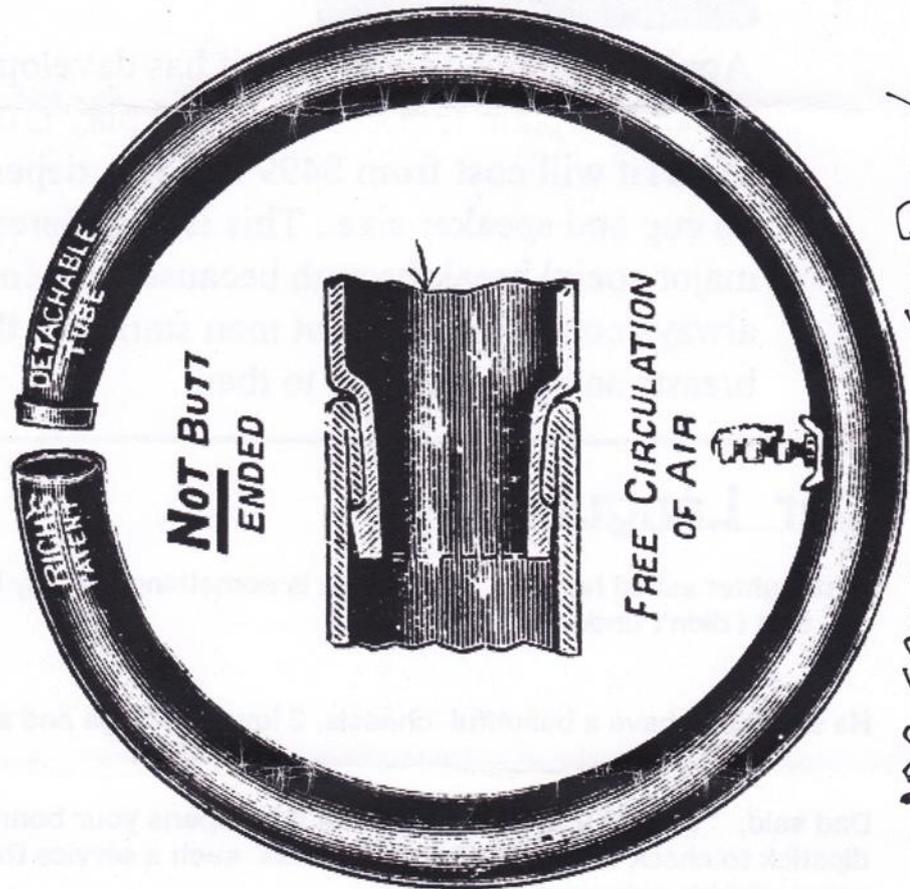
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Dykes Encyclopedia around 1912 edition.

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