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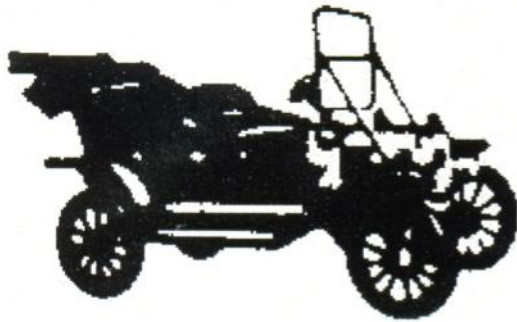
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Articles to be received by the **First Wednesday** of the month.

### **Cover Photo:-**

*Sarah Gotley's 1914 Talbot.  
Setting off for the Blue Mountains Rally - Lithgow.  
March 2008*

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His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)  
Governor of New South Wales

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

### Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: 6 Members: 9 Family members: 1 Visitors: 3 (Neil and Maria Heilbrunn and Melinda Kovack)  
Apologies were received from Dennis Ballard, Don Liddle, Lyn Martin, Neil Martin, Peter Martin, Phil O'Loan, Graeme Newman and Les Watton.

#### **MEETING OPENED AT 8:05 PM.**

#### **PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS**

The president, Doug Fulford, welcomed all members and the visitors. He commented on how clean and fresh the hall and grounds looked after the working bee on Saturday. He thanked the members who attended as many hands make light work. At the working bee Neil Martin recalled the past members who donated their time and or materials to the hall and the President thanked all members past and present for their contribution to the club rooms.

#### **MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING**

As the minutes of the November meeting were not generally available the President asked for any issues arising from the October and November minutes.

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Laurie Garrod                      Seconded: Barry Shinfield

#### **INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Invitations:**

VCCA(Vic) The Mornington Great Australian Rally -5/2/17

ODAMC Autumn Tour

Mary Poppins Festival VCCAQ Rally Maryborough

Route 66 update

##### **Flyers**

Sydney Super Swap 19/2/17 Hawkesbury Showground

Massive Car Show – 23/7/17

SMSF free family day at Eastern Creek - 29/1/17

Opera by the Lake Foster/Tuncurry - 4/3/17

Machine and macchiatos - Harbord Diggers Club, 12/2/17

Sussex Inlet Charity Car Show 23/4/17

Comedy for a good cause

2017 Shannons Sydney Summer Classic Auction and rare plates.

##### **Other Club publications:**

Early Auto (online)

Retronauts (online)

The Edwardian (online)

The Vintage Car

Small Torque

Brass Notes including an events calendar

Antique and Classic

Bulletin of VCC of SA

##### **Other:**

Andrew Benoit, Sidney Muirhead, Chris Osbourne, Bill Heeney

Taronga Conservation Society Australia

The Governor of NSW, David Hurley, and Mrs Hurley - Christmas card

Form from Government House, advice of new address

CMC – CVS guidelines for modified vehicles are live on CMC website

Malcolm Bailey – request for certificate of incorporation

John Hermann – change of address

Bill Boldiston book and request for book review, invoice

Return of *Spit and Polish* of Peter Dungleison

Ron Hattersley

## **OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters to Lynette Martin, John Bisley and Sid Muirhead  
Fees reminders to 5 members  
Dating forms – Felipe Martin and Malcolm Nixon  
Get well cards – Geoff Simmons, Ron Cox  
Thank you for inspections– Neil Martin and Geoff Simmons  
Malcolm Bailey – copy of certificate of incorporation  
Applications for dating certificates to Felipe Martin and Malcolm Dixon  
Pre-membership letters to Neil Heilbrunn and Rick Thomas  
Taronga Conservation Society Australia  
Club emails – re Jack Nelson, Christmas greetings, Bundanoon Rally and working bee.

Moved: Neville Preston                      Seconded: Robert Fordham

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balances are:                      \$

An income of \$7,280.97 has been received for rent and subs. Accounts have been paid to the printer, the cleaner, hall expenses and web hosting of \$2,639.80.  
A fire inspection has been arranged for 31 January 2017 to be compliant with council regulations.

Moved: Laurie Garrod                      Seconded: Robert Fordham

## **MAGAZINE**

The editor announced that Spit and Polish was available in colour on the website. He was given a round of applause.

## **EVENTS**

In the absence of the Event's Coordinator, the President presented his report.  
Events since last meeting have been the MaSH Coffee Run on Friday 25/11/2016, Sydney Inspection Day at Smiley Power, Yennora on Sunday 4/12/2016 and the Newcastle Branch Christmas Party at Bargo House, Swansea on Sunday 11/12/2016. It was great weather, and for once there wasn't a storm during the afternoon. Five veterans and about 35 people attended. On Saturday 14/01/2017 Newcastle Branch Breakfast Outing was held at Rathmines Park on the shores of Lake Macquarie – very hot, even at 8.30am. Eight veterans attended which was really pleasing. No one stayed for too long, given the weather conditions. CARnivale in the Park 2017 was held today, Australia Day, at Parramatta Park. Unfortunately, no veterans attended. One member remarked that there were problems logging into the site for entry forms.  
Future coming events include the *MaSH Branch Coffee Run*, 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie on Friday 27/01/2017, *Back to Bundanoon* – MaSH Branch from Friday 03/02/17 to Sunday 05/02/17, *MaSH Branch Morning Tea Run* on Friday 10/02/2017 (check with Greg Roberts for details), *Newcastle Branch Breakfast Outing* on Saturday 11/02/2017 to meet at Cooranbong Park, Freemans Drive, Cooranbong around 8.00am (BYO breakfast, BBQ available), an invitation to *Motorfest Car Show* at Gerringong on Saturday 18/02/2016 (those interested needed to contact the organisers if interested by 15/12/2016 but Graeme is unaware of anyone participating) and the *Sydney North Breakfast Run* on Sunday 05/03/2017 from 9.00am at Galston Recreational Reserve, 412 Galston Road, Galston (large all weather shed, toilets and playground available) and as it is *Clean Up Australia Day* gloves and plastic bags will be available for those who wish to participate.

The President announced that the former Blue Mountains event will be replaced by an existing rally, designated as the club's premier event for the year. It is hoped that the event would circulate within the existing events. Hopefully the event would run for 2-3 days and the trophies would be reintroduced. The premier event for 2017 would be the Singleton Rally in June.

**PERMIT TO MOVE** Nothing to report

## **LIBRARY**

New blackout curtains have replaced the old ones.

**DATING** Nothing to report

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Members voted on applications from Neil Heilbrunn and Rick Thomas. The President welcomed both new members to the club.

**CMC** Nothing to report

## **HALL**

Robert reported that the working bee had been very successful and thanked the members who participated. The carpets were shampooed the toilets pressure cleaned, the outside weeded and pruned and a general spring clean in the other club rooms. Invoices have been sent to renters for the last quarter. There are plans to update the kitchen and improve storage for hall renters. Graham Weekes asked if the Committee was aware that that two trees from the adjoining property are damaging the roof and sewer and if they are, has the agent been contacted. The President replied that that the estate agent has been contacted and is following up with the owner. He also said a plumber will be asked to quote on installing sleeving in the sewer line. An extra committee meeting has been scheduled to deal with some of the long-standing issues. The President also requested feedback as the committee is there to deliver what club members want.

#### **WEBSITE**

Peter Weir requested material from members for the website, especially photos of their cars before and after restoration. Early copies of *Spit and Polish* have been loaded and make interesting reading. He reminded members of the password for the website: 134QueensRoad.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **Badges**

The Secretary plans to place an order for new name badges at the end of March. Please let her know your requirements by the March meeting. There will be no charge for new members but a small amount for replacement badges. The cost depends on the size of the order. Please email your request to [louise.yeomans1@gmail.com](mailto:louise.yeomans1@gmail.com)

##### **Techie Talk**

Barry Shinfield shared two pieces of trivia. An MGB can pump 3 litres of oil in 9 seconds if the oil filter hasn't been installed correctly. Also if you back the left hand rear wheel over a 5l container of sump oil it not only lubricates the wheels etc. but will leave a trail on the shed floor and cover 7 m<sup>2</sup> on the shed wall!

The raffle was drawn.

#### **MEETING CLOSED AT 8:45 PM.**

Doug Fulford  
President

Louise Yeomans  
Secretary

#### **FEBRUARY 2017**

21<sup>st</sup> Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

### **Events Calendar - Club Events**

23<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

24<sup>th</sup> **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

#### **MARCH 2017**

5<sup>th</sup> **Sydney North Breakfast Run.** *See Page 7 for details*

10<sup>th</sup> **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*

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24<sup>th</sup> **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

25<sup>th</sup> **Combined Sydney - Newcastle outing at Somersby Falls.** *See page 7 for details*

#### **APRIL 2017**

14<sup>th</sup> **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*

18<sup>th</sup> Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm

27<sup>th</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

28<sup>th</sup> **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

## Events Calendar - National Rallies

### SEPTEMBER 2017

- 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> **The 11th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally** will be: Hosted by The Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club of South Australia, Inc. <http://vvmccsa.org.au>  
Centred on The Barossa Tourist Park, Nuriootpa, South Australia. <http://barossatouristpark.com.au>  
tel. 1800 251 634  
The Barossa Tourist Park has been bulk-booked for the week, so please mention the NVR to receive a 5% discount (a maximum discount applies) off their normal rates for cabins and camp sites. There are numerous accommodation options in the region if you're looking for something different - try <http://www.barossa.com/> or the Barossa Visitor Information Centre tel. 1300 852 982.
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> **National Veteran Vehicle Rally, Clare Valley, South Australia.** See April 2016 Spit and Polish for more detail and Expression of Interest Form

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> For those of you that may not be aware, the Newcastle Branch is organising the **2018 National Rally** which we have decided will be held in Forbes. The dates of the event are from Sunday 23/09/2018 to Friday 28/09/2018. Make a note in your diary, iPad or whatever means you use so that you can make arrangements regarding holidays etc, should you be interested in attending.

## Events Calendar - Invitation Events

### MARCH 2017

- 7<sup>th</sup> Invitation from the Oasis Club  
Tuesday Lunchtime Organ Concert by David Parsons 11.00am -2.00pm at West Pennant Hills  
\$20.00 P/P Includes Lunch. I need names before 28-2-2017 for catering numbers.  
Details, Les Watton 9838 8063 m: 0418 973 866

### MAY 2017

- 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Orange District Antique Motor Club Inc. Invitation to attend their Autumn Tour for pre 1931 vehicles.  
Entries close 21st April 2017. *Entry Form in January 2017 Spit and Polish*

### JUNE/JULY 2017

- 28<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Poppins festival VCCAQ Rally Maryborough. The plan is to arrive Tues 27th June and rally Wed 28th - Mon 3rd July. It is proposed to base ourselves at the Wallace Motel & Caravan park, 0741213970 (contact person: Gavin) [www.wallacecaravanpark.co.au](http://www.wallacecaravanpark.co.au). They have a range of sites and accommodation types, with sufficient space for trailers and several covered meeting areas. Across the road is the Blue Shades Motel (contact person: Kelli) [www.blueshades.com.au](http://www.blueshades.com.au). Both places are well recommended and will offer a 20% discount. Check out their websites, then phone direct quoting 'VCCAQ'.  
Should you have further questions or need help in any other way please feel free to contact us:  
Terry and Regie M 0404 647 359 H: (07) 4159 0662.

### OCTOBER 2018

- 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> **Willys Overland Roundup 2018** to be held at Orange NSW. The event will be a hub event which avoids unnecessary packing and unpacking etc  
The venue will be chosen after we have received expressions of interest and know what numbers we need to cater for  
Most days we will leave at 9.00am and use country back roads for touring trips to various places of interest.  
Typical mileage will be 200 kms per day.  
A final presentation dinner will be held on the Saturday night  
Accommodation options will be advised after the venue has been selected  
*See September 2016 Spit and Polish for more information and Expression of Interest Form*  
*or contact Les Johnson Mobile 0419 288 383 Email: frogshollow1@bigpond.com.au*





**Welcome New Members**

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**Ordinary Member**  
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**Member Information**

**New Name Badges**  
New badges will be ordered at the end of February for members and their partners who joined after March 2016 and for those who need a replacement or additional badge.  
There will be a small cost for replacement or additional badges.  
Please let me know your requirements by email [louise.yeomans1@gmail.com](mailto:louise.yeomans1@gmail.com) or mobile 0488 082 611 by 28 February 2017.

**Alteration to Address**

Felipe Martin  
delete the PO Box address  
and delete his partner Pepe (*it's the dog*)

**General Information**

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[www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au](http://www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au)  
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Members can now access CMC meeting minutes.  
Log into the CMC web site <[councilofmotorclubs.org.au](http://councilofmotorclubs.org.au)>  
or select links on the VSCC home page,  
then select Council of Motor Clubs  
From the side panel select "Document Centre",  
From the choices select Minutes of AGM's and GM'sm  
Select the desired meeting date.

**VCCA (QLD) Inc.**  
**Club Magazine - Veteran Torque**  
"Access to Veteran Torque no longer requires a password, so life has become a little simpler.  
Yes, you'll still need to go to the web site but you've been doing that for quite a while now. The reason? We want you to take a look around our web site from time to time as it's always changing. For instance, this month you'll find some new Rear Ends and photos of Stanthorpe Rally.

## Editorial

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

Only 2 outings reported on this month, one on the Newcastle Branch outing to Rathmines and the other on the 'Working Bee' at the club rooms. A article from Bill Heeney on a trip in 1925 by Wilfred & Ellen Anderson, from Wagga Wagga to Perth, in a vintage Austin Twelve-Four, an article from Les Johnson on the record breaking run from Sydney to Brisbane by Mr. Fred Z. Eager and Wally G. Webb in the record breaking 1912 Overland know as "WHITEY".

Also thanks to Les Watton for supplying photos on the MaSH Branch Northern Coffee Run. Also some light-hearted humour from Ron Hattersley.

There is also a 2 page list of cars, that have been dated by our club between 1963 and 1973 and the Dating Officer John Burke, is requesting information on where they are now, so he can update the records. If you have any of this knowledge, could you please give it to John Burke, Neil Martin, Ian Streatfeild or Nev Preston.

Coming events are: the Sydney North Breakfast Run to Galston Recreational Reserve and the Sydney - Newcastle combined outing to Somersby Falls.

At the moment I have a **very, very small** 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. Newspaper clippings with pictures are not the best, as the equipment that I have is not real good at reproducing this type of material. Some times people wonder why their information they have sent me has not appeared, but that can depend on how much space I am trying to fill.

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*



## Newcastle Outing to Rathmines Park - Saturday 14/1/17

The Editor

Friday was a very hot day and Friday night didn't cool down much, so I had decided that it would be to hot and unpleasant for veteran motoring,

Saturday morning dawned and it was still quite warm, so I stuck with my original decision, until Graeme phoned at 6.30am to say that he was going veteran and so were Wendy and Dianne. So I had eat humble pie and change my decision, said I would meet them at Wyee at 7.30am.

I arrived at Wyee at 7.20am and they arrived at 7.40am. We then headed for Rathmines with a brief stop at Morisset so as the Rose clan could get some breakfast at Maccas. Continuing on we arrived at Rathmines at 8.20am and were the first there, thinking that with the hot weather we were probably the only starters. Then the 2 FN's arrived and then John in the Benz. Finally the Palmers arrived giving us a total of 8 veterans. As the tables under the shelter were being thoroughly washed down and cleaned to be used by another group, we picked a large pine tree right beside the lake to set ourselves up.



*John's Benz, Chris' F.N., Dianne's Talbot, Nev's Talbot, Wendy's Talbot, Graeme's Talbot & Doug's F.N.*

The weather was not improving and there was no breeze coming of the lake it was unpleasantly hot. Some of the ladies found relief by standing in the water. It must have been hot as Doug and Dianne arrived with the hood down and without their big coats on.

A bit of chatter and coffee was the norm. By about 10am we had had enough of the heat and decided it was time to head for home. At least it was pleasant travelling in the veteran.

In all a nice drive and a good role-up of veterans, 8 in all, for our first outing of the year.

Attendance

- Graeme, Karyn, Lauren Newman ..... 1914 Talbot
- Ben, Wendy & Kate Rose ..... 1914 Talbot,
- Dianne Gotley ..... 1914 Talbot
- Doug & Dianne Marshall ..... 1912 F.N.
- Chris Duncan, Catherine Strutt & Isaac & Wendy .. 1911 F.N
- John Wards & Peter ..... 1916 Benz
- Jeff & Kaye Palmer ..... 1908 Fiat
- Nev Preston ..... 1913 Talbot



Catherine, Wendy & Karyn trying to keep cool.

About Rathmines Park

The Awabakal were the first peoples of Lake Macquarie. Awaba is the Aboriginal name for the region and Ninkinbah was the Aboriginal name for Lake Macquarie. There are several sites within Rathmines Park that demonstrate Aboriginal use of the area and provide local Aboriginal people with a tangible link to past land use practices.

Early European settlement around Rathmines took place in the 1840's with the name of Rathmines derived from the Hely family that came from a town named Rathmines, located near Dublin in Ireland. The Hely family built a homestead and farmed a significant portion of the land that now makes up Rathmines Park.

In September 1939, camp was set up, and arrangements were made to rent local cottages as living quarters. The base, with Wing Commander J.E. Hewitt in command, became operational when 9 Squadron transferred from Point Cook to Rathmines, with Seagull flying boats. Catalina flying boats arrived at the Base in February 1941.

When the base closed in 1952, there were more than 230 buildings and structures on site. In 1962, the Base was sold to the Lake Macquarie Council. Many buildings were privately purchased and removed from the site or used by Lake Macquarie Council as community halls. A large hangar, complete with electrically-operated doors, which was used for servicing seaplanes and flying boats, was pulled down and shipped to RAAF Base Richmond to house the RAAF's then-new C-130A Hercules aircraft.



Enjoying the shade

In 1997, ten remained:

1. The officers mess, adapted for use as the Rathmines Bowling Clubhouse
2. Part of the north-east hangar, adapted for use as the Christadelphian Bible School
3. The inflammable liquids store, adapted for use as the Scout Hall
4. Substation No.2, now empty and not in regular use.
5. The airmen's ablution building, adapted for use as Rathmines Catamaran Clubhouse
6. The picture theatre and gymnasium building, adapted for use as Rathmines Community Hall
7. The central boiler house, now stripped and used as a store
8. The emergency power house, now stripped and used as a store
9. The sergeants mess, adapted for use as Westlakes Music Centre
10. The base hospital and facilities, now owned and operated by Disability Life Enrichment Ltd and incorporating the Catalina Conference Centre.

Issac & Catherine





*Enjoying the shade*



*One of the neatest 2 man hood, I have seen, on the Fiat*



*The first to arrive, all Talbots.*



*The last arrival the Fiat and the Benz had departed for home.*

## Working Bee - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017

The Editor

I departed home at 6.10am and arrived at the club rooms at 7.21am. A very good run to the club rooms, for a change. Robert Fordham was already there when I arrived.

We started to move the chairs from the carpet area and a few more helpers arrived, moving them to the tiled area within the hall rather than take them outside. The 3 church pews (they are extremely heavy) were moved out from the wall but still on the carpet area, the large main table was moved to the tiled area just inside the roller door. Everything was moved by 8am in readiness for the carpet cleaner who arrived about 8.30am. We started tidying up outside the hall which was a fair task, as it had not been done for 12 months, and there was a lot of weed growth. Don gave the main table another polish, Phil fixed the roller door as it didn't want to work properly. Louise kept herself busy cleaning in the committee room, the kitchen and the ladies toilet and generally removing dust from where ever she could find it, which was most places she looked. I do think we should probably pay the carpet cleaner a little extra so as he can buy a muffler for his cleaning machine, because it is excessively and unpleasantly noisy. Once the carpet cleaner had finished the chairs were placed back in position in the hall. Neil decided that the fans needed a good clean, which was the last job for the day. Euan also did a great job on cleaning the windows and doors at the front entrance.

That would be one of the best attendances at a working bee for a long time, 14 in all. When we had all finished the property looked very presentable. Phil had 3 large bags of garden waste and I had 2 to take home, plus all the bins at the hall were full.

All the work was finished by 12.20pm and we headed for home. Thanks to Louise for the morning tea and to everyone who did a fine job on tidying up our property.

### Attendance

Geoff & Louise Yeomans, Phil O'Loan, Michael Bendeich, Barry Shinfield, Graham Weekes,  
Euan Cootes, Bill Trollope, Don Liddle, Neil Martin, Graeme Newman, Robert Fordham,  
Ron Cox, Doug Fulford, Nev Preston.

## 1925: The First tour of Southern Australia - to Perth and Back.

The Anderson's set out on their first, shorter 'clockwise' trip around the southern coast of Australia on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1925, in a Vintage Austin Twelve-Four. Keeping them company, but driving a Buick, was Wilfred's brother Harry, his wife Florrie and their two children Freddie and Jean - who was known as 'Titch'.

The following is an account of that trip which has been copied from the diary entries recorded by Wilfred's wife, Ellen, who made meticulous notes of their journey, adding 'interesting' comments on the places they visited and the people whom they encountered en-route.

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Left 'Wagga' at noon in company with Mr. & Mrs. Harry Anderson (*Wilfreds Brother and his wife*). Arrived 'Hardin' & went 8 miles out & camped for the night.

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp about 8:30 & got within 7 miles of 'Braidwood' & camped for the night

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp went in to 'Braidwood' then on to 'Araluen' & stayed for a few hours at "Little Oakey" (*family friend*). Had some lunch & continued our journey to 'Tuross Heads' & made camp, went to the beach fishing & got a nice salmon.

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

All went to 'Bingie Heads' (*now just known as 'Bingie'*) & back to get some sand worms & pippies for bait. It is a very pretty place. Fred got soaking wet getting worms you have to be pretty slick to get them as the waves recede. I got a bag of pip pies also we then went back to 'Tuross' to our camp.

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Had a quiet day at 'Tuross' fishing, & got quite a haul of fish, made a tent for Harry & a table like our own.

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp & went on to 'Narooma' for lunch & then to 'Bunga' (*maybe 'Bungaribee'*) & made camp. A very beautiful beach & beautiful surroundings. Fred went on to the beach fishing & caught a nice lot fish for tea. After tea went fishing again got fish for breakfast.

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp & went on to 'Bega', it is a very slow sort of town. We went on to 'Eden' on Twofold Bay, (NSW) & it is a very pretty place it is considered a great whaling station. Went to the beach & made camp, went fishing & caught no fish.

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Had a quiet day, Fred went fishing caught one fish only. Saw a great school of porpoises playing in the bay. At night it blew a terrific gale but we were sheltered thank goodness.

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp, the road & the scenery all the way to 'Orbost, (Vic)' was most beautiful & the bird life was gorgeous, especially the bell birds. Fred though this car had developed a very funny squeak & stopped the car & found out it was only the birds. 'Orbost,' is the first Victorian border town & got there at 6pm, raining like fury. We pushed on to a place called 'Marlow, which is 10 miles off the main road. The road runs alongside the Snowy River all the way which fine sight in fine weather but I don't think much of it in the wet weather. We were slipping & sliding all over the road in the pouring rain & at one stage the car turned a complete circle & went up the bank facing the river, we thought our time had come but it stopped only in the nick of time otherwise we would have been in the river. I was very frightened about it all I can tell you, the night was pitch black & raining like fury & I was very glad when the journey ended. We made camp in the pouring rain & Fred & Harry put on oil skin coats & pitched the tents we women folk did not get wet. Nothing to see at 'Marlow' of any interest a one horse town.

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp sun was shining bright after the rain the night before & everything in the garden was lovely again. We came on to Timor, and on to Lakes Entrance, a very beautiful sight. Had dinner by the lake then walked a few miles down to the head of the lake & at low tide waded through to the other side & went across to Ninety Mile Beach, a fine sight. The lake was full of crabs Florrie went across without her shoes & the crabs clung to her toes but not for mine I put my sand-shoes on they could not bite through them. We then came on through a beautiful little place on the lakes on 'Tambo River, & made camp. While we boiled the billy, Fred was fishing & caught a nice lot of bream, every time he cast a line out he hooked a fish. It was a salt water river.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp went on to Swann Reach, still on the 'Tambo River'. There were a lot of swans on the river. Went on to Berwick, went about 5 miles out & camped the night.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp went on to 'Melbourne' got in about 4pm & garaged the car at 'St. Kilda' at a garage called the "Village Bell" a very good place to go. Got a taxi from the garage went to "Victoria Coffee Palace" in Collins St. had dinner and went to a play to see "No No Nanette" (not much).

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Had a good look around 'Melbourne' visited Coles Book Arcade & bought a book for Titch (*Jean Anderson*).

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Left 'Melbourne' went on to 'Geelong' & camped 20 miles out blowing a gale all night.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp went on to 'Camperdown' then on to within a mile of 'Warnabool' & camped near the Beach for the night.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

The country all the way is very pretty & all under cultivation no reserves or timber about since we left 'Melbourne'. Fred thought he would be funny & smoked a cigar & now he is paying the penalty feeling sick & queer. I sang to him "Freddy & his wild woodbine" (tobacco) which he did not appreciate. Went in to 'Warnambool' it was a very busy & a nice town. Went on to within 4 miles of, Heywood.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Had a quiet day, Fred ground in a new valve as we have burnt one out & repaired the sun visor which the wind blew off. It is just starting to rain but we have our camp in order & we don't care let it rain if it likes.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Broke camp in drizzling rain & went into 'Mt. Gambier, '. Everything was closed on account of being show day but a very nice place, went out to the 'Blue lake' a very fine sight. Now the bad roads start. Extra bad all the way to 'Millicent, S.A.'. Just escaped from being bogged & camped 10 miles out of 'Millicent' for the night.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Broke camp went on to Kingston, a very small town. Went out to the 'Koorong' & camped for the night.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Broke camp & had a very pretty drive past the lakes sometimes the lake was on the side of the road. We saw wild ducks & swans in the hundreds the roads were rough in places & with a few sand drifts. The worst part of the road was before reaching Meningie, where we went 10 miles out town & camped the night. The mosquitoes were very bad, lucky for us we had nets. We named the place "Mosquito Hollow"

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Broke camp went on to Wellington, a one horse town where we crossed the 'Murray River' in a punt which cost 2/8d for fare. From there on to Strathalbyn, a very pretty little town & then on to 'Adelaide'. Everything closed on account of Saturday afternoon. We went out to 'Port Adelaide' on to the beach at 'Semaphore' & camped the night.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Had a quiet day Fred & I went in for a dip, it was very cold in the water got some snaps.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Went in to 'Adelaide' garaged the car & got a room at the "Grand Coffee Palace" in Hindley St. Harry & Florrie stayed the night & we all went to a vaudeville show.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Tried to get information regarding road to the west nobody seemed to know anything about the road so we decided to go to 'Port Augusta' & try there. Harry got windy (*frightened*) & decided to come home again.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Harry & Florrie left for 'Melbourne', we stayed at the Grand Coffee Palace & had a good look around 'Adelaide'.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Left 'Adelaide' for Gawler & went 5 miles out & camped the night.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Went on to Roseworthy, Farlee, Riverton & Auburn. Harvest is in full swing all the way along the road, it seems to be a great wheat growing district right on to Watervale. Got a snap of a very old & ancient church at 'Watervale'. We then went on through Clare & another town 'Brinkworth', Koolunga, a great grape growing district.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Went into 'Warnertown' and on to 'Port Pirie' a fair sized shipping town also railway. Then on to 'Port Germein' a god forsaken hole of a place too. Fred went fishing on the pier & caught 3 fish & 1 crab. Then on to within 5 miles of 'Port Augusta'.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Ground in another valve, then on to 'Port Augusta' a hot dry dismal hole of a place. We then went across the gulf in a punt which was drawn by a small motor boat across to 'Port Augusta West'. We went to the largest garage in the town and the Police Station & could still get no information about the roads to the west. We also went to see the Station Master who has been on the transcontinental railway since the first of the line & he said it would be impossible for us to find our way across the desert. We decided to leave our car at 'Port Augusta West' at a school Teachers place & went 3 miles out in the bush & camped for the night. A terrible dust storm came up & raged all night.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Left car, took transcontinental train to 'Perth' left 9:0pm.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Nothing to see but plains & salt bush & sand, dreadful country. Got snaps of a tribe of blacks hanging around the train at a place called 'Ooldea, (*Is now Cook*)'. The train is very nice to travel on.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Much the same class of country. Saw another tribe of blacks also camel teams at a place called Karone (*not found*). Got out of the train here & got some snaps. There are no stations along this line, steps from the car to the ground. Got to 'Kalgoorlie' in the afternoon. We broke our journey there to have a look around 'Kalgoorlie'.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Had a good look around 'Kalgoorlie' & 'Boulder City (WA)' (*now just known as Boulder*), had a look at Mines. Went all over the 'Perseverance' mine & then we walked to the Patrick (*Paddy*) Hannan memorial tree, the man who first found gold in 'Kalgoorlie'. A strange thing we were talking about him to an old miner & the next day read of his death in 'Melbourne'. We got the train & continued our journey to 'Perth'.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Arrived at 'Perth' went to 'South Perth' in the afternoon on the ferry over the Swan River & then to the Zoo. Not much of a place.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Went to 'Fremantle' on a motor bus, got a train to 'South Beach' a very nice beach.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Had a good look around 'Perth' in the morning had lunch & got a boat down river trips to see the harbour. It was a beautiful trip, we had to go under 2 bridges & it was wonderful to see them lowering the funnels which telescoped into each other & the awning came down with a slant to allow the boat to go under the bridges.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Had a rest in the morning, had lunch & took a tram for 'Nedlands' a very nice Ride all along the Swan River a very picturesque sight. Went to the gardens at night to hear the bands play & I did not think the band was as good as Wagga's band, I did not care for the selections of music.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

West sightseeing around Perth, plenty of walking (no good to me) Interviewed Mr. Arrnstrong who had travelled west to east & got a few directions off him as to the road across the desert. His description of the journey across the desert impressed us that much we decided to return to 'Port Augusta' for our car.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Left 'Perth' in the transcontinental train for 'Port Augusta'.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Arrived at 'Port Augusta' filled in the day getting supplies & getting car in order for our journey.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Left 'Port Augusta' went on to 'Cowell,' & made a detour around to miss the 'Yardee Sands' which are very bad. Then on to 'Cleve' & 'Rudall' & camped the night.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Started off ran over 3 snakes on our way to 'Lock,' & saw a very large kangaroo. The road from 'Lock' to 'Elliston', was a long run over very rough & sandy roads & the weather dreadfully hot. Got in to 'Elliston' about 6pm went 20 miles out & camped.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Went on to Streaky Bay, a very pretty Bay but a very poor town depending on shipping & motor mail. Then on to 'Murat Bay' got in about 6pm & a very heavy thunder storm came on. We sat in the car until it was over then went out of town a couple of miles & it rained on & off all night but it cooled the air considerably.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Went to Thevenard where they make fibro cement & plaster of paris (used for casts for broken limbs) It is a very large works & they have their own pier where the boats come in to take their goods to Sydney. We caught a nice lot of fish off the pier here.



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Went on to 'Fowlers Bay' a "one horse town" the end of the made roads, on to the W.A. border, only tracks from now on. We went through Whitewells Station, only a shanty of a place one white man & all the rest blacks, stayed the night at 'Nullabor' a very lonely place on the plains.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Left Nullabor at 11:30. On the road came across wombat burrows, Fred shot 2 of them. They are like bear to look at & are supposed to be good eating. We had a bit of sport with 2 kangaroos, my word they can go some, beat us in the end. We passed 2 camel teams loaded with wool. We met a linesman doing his rounds a very funny sight to see him travelling in a buggy & a pair of camels. From then on to 'Eucla (WA)' where we camped for the night.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Had a quiet day at 'Eucla', went out for a turkey hunt but got no turkeys, but shot a large snake. Played the phonograph to niggers & it was very funny to watch them, some serious some laughing. They thought it was a mystery boss, I gave one gin a hat & coat & she was so pleased with it that she danced & sang. Mr. Counsell baked bread for us to take fresh on our road no shops on the road to buy anything.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Left Eucla & went on to Mundrabilla Station (*1<sup>st</sup> sheep station on Nullabour*), owned by Ross Watson a "widow with 3 little children" the only white people on the place. Had lunch there & then on to 'Madura', They are having very dry weather, the average rainfall being 5 inches a year & for 3 years they have not had their average. Got a very cordial welcome at Madura Station, which consisted of a hut 1 white man & the rest blacks, on this station they have a very fine mineral bore. We went & had a hot bath & swim in the bore but getting out of the bath I slipped on the slippery ground & broke one of my toes. Mr. Gourdan, owner of the station, killed a beast so we would have fresh meat on the road, as the stations are hundreds of miles apart, the people are glad to welcome any travellers. There is no agriculture of any kind in these parts only stock, sheep & cattle of course there are no fences & the stock stray hundreds of miles.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Left for 'Balladonia', we had to climb a very rough gorge over big boulders no road at all to follow & the last car to go up the gorge before us had to be towed up with camels. On the rough stones we shocked 2 tyres & got 2 punctures, 30 miles further on we shot 3 wild turkeys, they were fairly large ones. We went on to the telegraph line & camped the night.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Decided a change in the country, had to go through grass as high as the car. We had to examine all the tracks to see if they were from a car or wagon & got a bit bushed at times but we worked it all out with a compass. We met a linesman hundreds of miles from his home, a place called Byre near 'Israelite Bay' & we gave him some fresh meat which he appreciated very much. The people around here only get supplies by boat every 3 months. Got to Balladonia O.K. by following the telegraph line. Had afternoon tea at Balladonia Station which was kept by 2 bachelors Mr. Ponton & Mr. Mason & all the rest were niggers. Went on to Cook's Station & stayed the night.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Had a rest at Cook's place, they would not hear of us going without staying a day.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

On our way to 'Frazers Range, very bad road from 'Afghan Rock' to 'Frazers Range'. Had lunch at the Range & then on to 'Norseman', arrived at 6pm. The first town in 9 hundred miles which we were very pleased indeed to reach, went 5 miles out & camped the night.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Broke camp, came through immense salt lakes, the mirage on the Ary Lake is wonderful. We met 2 donkey teams & it looked so funny to see the tiny donkey & the big waggons, 30 donkeys in one team & 25 in the other. The roads were very bad from 'Norseman' to 'Coolgardie', Posted letters at 'Coolgardie' which we had collected on the road from different people. It is a sorry sight to see such a downfall in a town which was once so prosperous in the mining days. Went 15 miles out & camped the night.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

On to 'Southern Cross' to see the mining town, on our way we seemed to be on the downward grade. At 'Southern Cross' they are experimenting in wheat growing but the crop we saw are not up to much. Got to 'Merredin' went 5-7 miles out & camped.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Started off & went Wild Katchem to the Slocums place & got a very cordial welcome.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> & Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Stayed at Mr. Slocums.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Left Wild Katchem For 'Northam (WA)', & got to 'Perth' about 6pm. Garaged the car for the night.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Went down to the Swan River to 'Point Walter (Bicton, WA) '.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Went to 'Fremantle' & 'Cottasloe (WA)' & done all the sights around the beaches.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Went sightseeing around 'Perth'.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Left by boat (Katoomba) & had car on board for 'Melbourne'.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

On high sea & had a very pleasant trip.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Arrived in 'Melbourne' got the car off the boat & went to a friend's & stayed the night.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Left 10am & the road was very bad to 'Seymour'. Got to within 2 miles of 'Benalla' & steering arm joint broke & car was out of control. We dived off the road, over a large heap of stone straight for a tree but by some miracle the stones must have bumped the wheel & turned the car away from the tree & down into a culvert we went. I got a tight grip & closed my eyes & I thought the end had come but we came to a standstill with the front wheel up the bank & the rear wheel at the bottom. We cannot understand how the car did not turn over, the rock went through the tyres & the chassis was broken in halves, needless to say we had to stop for the night. Had to dig a trench to get the car out.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Managed to get into 'Benalla' 1½ miles to a garage for temporary repairs.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Left for Wagga Arrived Tuesday afternoon. All's well that ends well!

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Wilfred and Ellen moved to Wagga Wagga, NSW and they bought a house there, which became Ellen's Private Hospital. It was on the corner of Trail and Gurwood Sts.

Wilfred owned and ran a motor garage which he ran with the help of first, his Brother, then later on, his Son Ernest.

The garage started in a small garage in 119 Fitzmaurice Street. The other end of Baylis ..... This was known as Old Wagga then. He then purchased either 2 or 3 buildings at 219 Baylis Street and turned it into a warehouse type garage. He had 10 employees then and fixed cars etc also sold them. 219 Baylis Street is part of the Myer building now.

*Thanks to Bill Heeney for the above article*

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Photos from the MaSH  
Branch Northern Coffee Run  
January 26th 2017

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# The Motoring World.

## *Sydney-Brisbane Motoring Record.*

### EAGER CUTS HOURS OFF EDKINS' TIME OVERLAND CAR AND GOODYEAR TYRES. A GREAT COMBINATION.

The Sydney-Brisbane record was broken last month in really remarkable time. This is the story of the trip, as gathered from various quarters-record-makers, helpers by the way, and officials:-

Mr. Fred Eager, accompanied by Wallace G. Webb, who was responsible for all the mechanical work on the car left the G.P.O., Sydney at 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This attempt at the Sydney-Brisbane record was made under the auspices of the Automobile Club of Queensland. Their representatives at the starting point were Messer's. Boyd Edkins, Ronald Beal and A. V. Culver. The timing was carried out by means of two sealed watches, which were synchronised with Sydney Post Office clock by the committee, and then sealed in two boxes, and handed to Messer's Eager and Webb, the actual start being made at the first stroke of ten on the Post Office clock.

Although no public announcement had been made, quite a little crowd collected around the Post Office prior to the start, and one party of enthusiasts motored to Gladesville Hill to see the car pass. Messer's. Howard Hunter, Bob Lee, J.G. Braillard, and Frank Smith left early in the afternoon to oversee arrangements at Wisemans Ferry and the McDonnell River punt, and also had hot cocoa and oysters for the arrival of the record breaking party.

The run out to Wisemans ferry was made in 1 hour 35 minutes, and the winding mountainous roads between the Hawkesbury and Singleton were covered in just less than three hours more-the latter town being passed at 2.34: am in the cold morning air. At this point Mr. Eager was running 25 minutes ahead of his schedule, but this was compensated for immediately by the fact that six railway gates in rapid succession were not open, and 18 minutes were lost from this cause alone.

Near Murrurundi the failure of a spark plug accounted for five-minute stop. When a second plug failed between Willow Tree and Wallabadah a stop of 10 minutes, was made in which to fit an entire set. No further plug trouble was experienced.

From this point to Tamworth, no more involuntary stops occurred and the Central Northern Garage was reached at 6.05: am.- exactly schedule time. It is worth noting here that through the enthusiasm of Mr. A.V. Le Queene, a party of his employees went through Goonoo-Goonoo station at 5 o'clock in the morning and had seven gates open, saving precious moments. The breakfast provided at Tamworth was appreciated to such an extent that an extra five minutes was put in at this town- a start being made at 6.30: am. The delay was cut out between Tamworth and Armidale- the latter town being passed at 8.15: am- exactly on time.

Between Armidale and Glen Innes was reached eight minutes behind schedule time. From Glen Innes to Tenterfield another four minutes were lost, but from the latter town to the Queensland border six minutes were picked up, and between the border and Warwick another 12 minutes gain was registered, Warwick being reached

six minutes ahead of time. Leaving Warwick at 2.21:-pm, the run to Brisbane was made in 3 hours 17½ minutes, including a stop of 10 minutes at Spicer's Gap for some fruit and a cup of tea. This brought the time at Brisbane to 5.38½p.m.

The Automobile Club Committee who broke the seals on the watches at the finish was composed of Messer's. A. E. Hill, M.V. Corbett, W.M. Nelson and B. Cobden. The official time was announced as 19 Hours 38½ minutes, this showing an average of slightly in excess of 31½ miles per hour for the distance. Allowing for stops of every description, the actual driving time during the journey was approximately 17 hours 40 minutes, which would show a driving speed of more than 35 miles per hour.

The total distance between Sydney and Brisbane (and this is the most direct route) is 621.5 miles. There are of course, hundreds of miles of good going. There are also hundreds of miles of indifferent roads, and even bad tracks. A large proportion of the country traversed is very mountainous, altitudes of 3500 and 400 feet being crossed repeatedly.

It is worth noting that the time occupied by the fastest train between Sydney and Brisbane was 27 hours and 10 minutes. The best previous record journey between these two cities was that of Mr. Boyd Edkins, who covered the distance in 26 hours 3 minutes.

This recodes, therefore approximately 25 per cent, better than any previously recorded performance. The car which made the run is probably known to the majority of motorist in Queensland as "Whitey"- a 1912 four cylinder Overland, fitted with a special speedster body. The car has now travelled nearly 150,000 miles in America, New Zealand, and Australia, and has taken part in nearly every motor car completion held in Queensland during the past three or four years, usually with credit to herself.

### MAN AND METHOD.

From another source we have received the following account of Mr. Eager's great performance and his methods:-

Mr. Eager's first preparation was a survey of the road which he had to cover, noting enroute the various characteristics of hill and valley road and track which he had to cover. Next a thorough overhaul of the trusty white Overland, and last, but not least, the tyre equipment, which if not perfect often prevents records being achieved, often when they seem all but accomplished.

On the several occasions on which Mr. Eager has been successful or nearly so, he has used Goodyear No Hook

Straight Wall Cord Tyres, and naturally he again chose these to carry him through. After examining the Goodyear tyres which had won for him the Mount Cootha Hill Climb, the Brisbane- Toowoomba record, and placed him a close second in the Southport Speed Trials over 21 months before, Mr. Eager decided to use two of them on his front wheels and have two new Goodyear Cords on the back wheels.

His comment on arrival at Brisbane was that "Goodyear Cord Tyres came through absolutely free from trouble and were in a great measure accountable for the splendid time recorded." When Mr. Eager goes after a record he gets to work in the same systematic manner in which he tackles other problems. Nothing is left to chance that can possibly be foreseen, a time schedule is made out and adhered to. In this connection it is interesting to learn that Mr. Eager figured he could do the trip in 19 ½ hours, his actual time was only 8¾ minutes outside his preliminary schedule, or 19 hours 38¾ minutes from Sydney to Brisbane.

Fortunately he had a fine weather trip right through and his journey was dated to include a full moon as one of his factors on his side. Also while he took refreshments and some brief exercise at Tamworth and again at Warwick, his trusty mechanics were tightening up nuts, filling grease cups, and seeing that all was in running order for the next non-stop section of the run. The Goodyear tyres did not require the attention of even a pump; they carried Sydney

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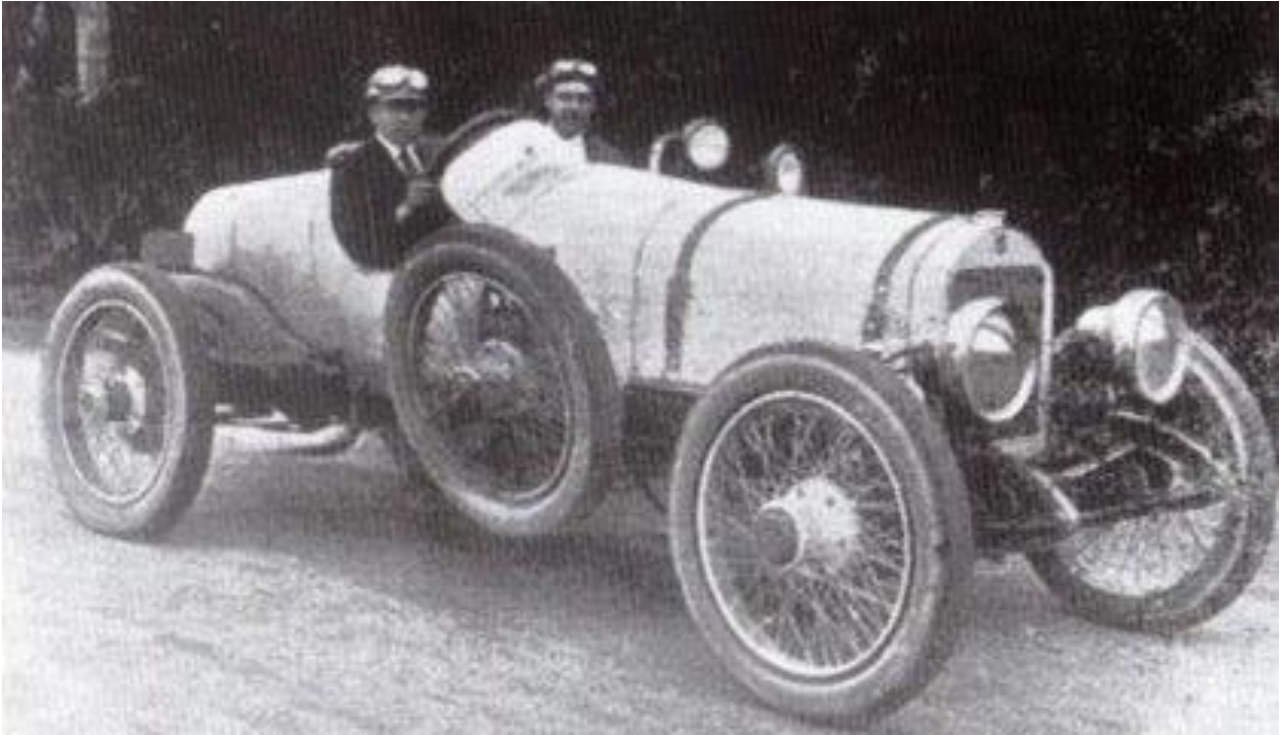
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**Mr. Fred Z. Eager and Wally G. Webb in the record breaking 1912 Overland know as “WHITEY”**

Rumours are already around as to the next aspirant for record honours, and it can be taken for granted that Mr. Eager's will not remain unassailed for long. It was certainly a great feat to reduce a 620 mile time by over 25 percent, but this is actually what was accomplished. Long before Mr. Eager reached Warwick he knew that, bar accidents, the much coveted record was his. Mr. Eager's record, which is official, now stands at 19 hours 38½ minutes, the previous best time was 26 hours 3 minutes, put up by Mr. Boyd Edkins, or 6 hours and 24 minutes outside the record just made. Some days prior to leaving Sydney, Mr. Eager made an appointment to drive in Brisbane at 6 o'clock on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. He kept his appointment with 20 minutes to spare, but when making it for 6 pm; he must have been imbued with the confidence that more than half makes success. Goodyear tyres hold practically all motor speedway records in the U.S.A., and already in Australia they are credited with several highly meritorious performances.

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#### Gotta love seniors

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?" "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug.

Do you want a bed near the window?"

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This morning I was sitting on a park bench next to a homeless man. I started a conversation by asking him how he ended up this way.

He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library. I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage."

I felt sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

"Oh no, nothing like that," he said. "No, no. I got out of prison. "

## Dating Committee

I am trying to up date our records. Any information on where these cars are now would be greatly appreciated. Information can be forwarded to me or given to Neil Martin, Ian Streatfield or Nev Preston.

John Burke

Chairman Dating Committee

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Year and Make	Date / Owner Then	Owner Now/ State	Note
1913 Fiat	1963 Roy Farrell	Neil Martin NSW	
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1910 Humber	1963 Shirley Frost		
1913 Oakland	1963 Reg Jones		
1914 Delahaye	1963 Arthur Garthon		Redated 1912
1911 Hupmobile	1963 Len Masser	Evan Quarmby NSW	
1908 Metallurgique	1963 J.A. Vanstone	Yolanda Vinen VIC	
1912 Franklin	1963 G.W. Green	USA	
1910 Rolls Royce	1963 G.W. Green		
1912 Overland	1964 D.W. South		
1912 Oakland	1964 Martin McCarthy		
1914 Vauxhall	1963 G.W. Green		
1912 FN	1964 Frank Craze		
1904 Oldsmobile	1964 Albert W. Frost		
1916 Mitchell	1964 J.H. Butcher		
1913 Studebaker	1964 R.C. Baxter		
1911 Rolls Royce	1963 G.W. Green		
1909 Panhard Levassor	1965 Ken Moss		
1915 Ford	1966 Don Barker		
1912 Austin	1966 Owen Burke		
1912 Ford	1966 Ben Bronk		
1909 N.A.G	1966 Bill Dudley	Bill Dudley NSW	
1911 Talbot	1966 Jack Dance	Barry Shinfield NSW	
1912 Buick	1966 Jim Lewis		
1911 Benz	1966 Doug Pearce		
1914 Humber	1966 Len Sheen		
1905 Pope Tribune	1966 Lawrence Sykes		
1911 Martini	1966 C. Parker		
1915 Studebaker	1966 Bill East		
1911 Armstrong Whitworth	1966 Jock McGowen		
1911 Armstrong Whitworth	1966 Peter Kable		
1911 Talbot	1966 R.W. Marshall		
1918 Ford	1966 T. Bakewell		
1916 Ford	1966 Max Roberts		
1916 Hupmobile	1966 Barry Thew	Adams Family NSW	

<b>Year and Make</b>	<b>Date / Owner Then</b>	<b>Owner Now/ State</b>	<b>Note</b>
1914 Ford	1966 Jack Godfrey		
1910 Overland	1967 John Pickup		
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1911 Austro Daimler	1967 J. Naylor		
1913 Fiat	1967 D.M. Pratt		
1909 Ford	1967 Bob Trevan		
1908 Renault	1967 Bill Spraggon		
1911 Star	1983 John Gorton		
1915 Buick	1967 W.J. Corby		
1913 Wolseley	1967 Max Chapman	Yeomans Family NSW	
1916 Hupmobile	1967 Max Burke	Max Burke NSW	
1913 Fiat	1967 T.L Foulcher		
1914 Humberette	1967 Ray Turner		
1914 Buick	1967 Jim Weir		
1914 Ford	1968 George Roberts		
1912 Calthorpe Minor	1968 George Roberts	Adams Family NSW	
1906 De Dion Bouton	1968 Len Masser	John Wood WA	
1912 Star	1971 G.W. Green		
19?? Delage	1971 Ross Marshall		
1911 Star	1973 Lawrence Sykes		
1911 Clement Bayard	1974 J.R. Cooper		
1913 Renault	1970 J.L. Cooper		
1908 BSA	1970 Jim Simpson		
1908 Clement Bayard	1970 Olive Jones	Julian McNeil SA	
1908 Renault	1971 J.R. Cooper		
1911 FN	1971 Chris Broadbent		
1912 Ford	1971 John Smith		
1914 Hotchkiss	1971 Allan Pickup		
1908 Brush	1971 A.E.B. Rose-Bray		
1910 Brush	1971 G.W. Green		
1911 Brush	1971 R.W. Marshall		
1916 Ford	1971 Toby Bent		
1912 Rolls Royce	1971 Jack Jeffery		
1913 Chalmers	1973 Mick Bendeich		Race about
1914 Hispano Suiza	1973 James Sandy		
1912 K.R.I.T	1973 Stan Cox		
1918 Studebaker	1973 Fred Rossiter		
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Please contact us on the details below or talk to me at a Club meeting.

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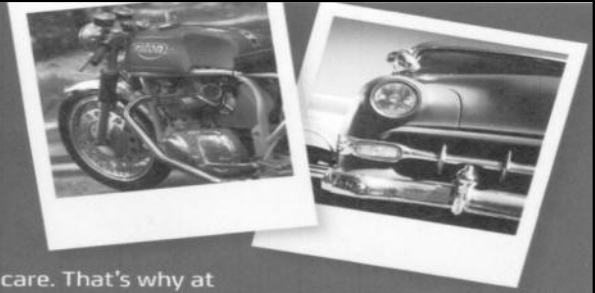
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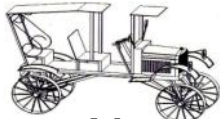
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