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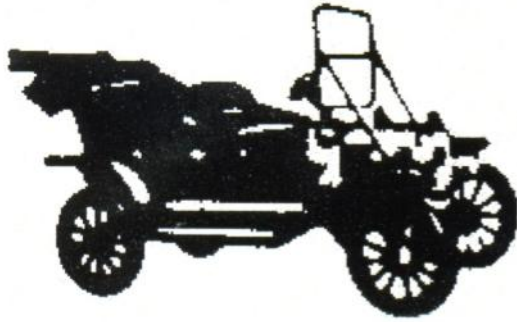
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Articles to be received by the **First Wednesday** of the month.

### **Cover Photo:-**

*Jim Weir's 1911 A-type Vauxhall.*

*At the start of the MaSH Branch,*

*Camden weekend, August 2012.*

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## President's Report - September 2012

Dear Members,

The AGM was held last meeting, and the report features elsewhere in this edition, but, we have NO SECRETARY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Isn't there someone out there who can help in this regard? This isn't just a problem for the committee, this is YOUR problem as well!

This year Bob Hobson finally succeeded in retiring from Committee after many years of dedicated service in various positions, also Phillip Hobson and Mal Garthon retired. Their support and hard work over the past years is much appreciated. I welcome Bill Heeney who was elected to Committee and he has agreed to be events co-ordinator.

In August, on a beautiful sunny day, many of us enjoyed the Navigators' Day, a fascinating run around the inner north/western suburbs which had us ending where we began. Thanks again to organizer Les Watton who always comes up with something interesting, congratulations go to the winner this year, Dorothy Shinfield.

The next weekend was the annual MaSH weekend in the Macarthur area, the run on Saturday was absolutely fabulous, (in spite of the strong, cold wind). On Sunday after a short run the men were treated to an inspection of Vic Boardman's shed, which I believe holds many treasures.

As I write this we have someone very interested in renting the Small Hall, so once again we are optimistic of securing a tenant.

In view our busy calendar leading into December the Committee has decided to defer the proposed run to Blackheath in Nov., however our Christmas Function will still be held on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Details of this event will be advised.

By the time this edition reaches you many of us will have been to the National Rally in Ipswich, Euan and I looking forward to this event and catching up with the many people from all over Australia who make these annual Rallies so enjoyable.

Don't forget to get you entries in for our annual Maitland Tour in October, entry forms were in the July Spit & Polish.

Best wishes for safe and happy motoring,

Wilga.

Keith Carden, Carol Heeney and Bill Heeney enjoying lunch at Narromine on the 2012 Western Tour



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

### Minutes of MONTHLY MEETING held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012

#### ATTENDANCE

Committee 8    Member's Family 3    Visitors 0    Members 22    Apologies 8

MEETING OPENED AT: 8.13 pm

#### PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

President Wilga Coutts opened the meeting and welcomed all present particularly Derek Page and Les Johnston.

Wilga thanked Les Watton for a most enjoyable Navigator's Day and it was amazing the Changes she noticed close to her childhood home. Wilga thanked MaSH branch for a lovely run (apart from the wind) and Alan Miller and Anne for morning tea at their home.

In reply Les Johnston said as he only got to Ceduna before a serious mishap to his Clement Bayard he planned, when repairs are complete, to return to Ceduna and complete the "across Australia" run.

#### PREVIOUS MINUTES

MATTERS ARISING - Nil

Minutes Accepted

Moved: Warren Irish                      Seconded: Max Boardman.

#### INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

##### Flyers Received –

Great Ocean road trip, Motorlife Expo 30/9/12, Highland Motorfest 28/10/12, Auto Italia Adelaide 28/10/12.

##### Other Club Publications

Brass Notes, Cough & Splutter, Veteran Torque(Q), Small Torque, Veterana CC of NZ, Vintage Car, VCCA (WA), Edwardian.

**Other** Invitation from NRVVCC to attend Rally 18/19 August 2012, CMC Minutes, Invoice IVS Electrics, Telephone A/c, Newcastle Minutes, Electricity A/c, Printing of S & P A/c, Telstra A/c, MaSH minutes.

#### OUTWARDS

Ltr Keith Edwards regretting his resignation, Thank you Ltr Bob Lamond for presentation at July meeting, 5 Welcome Ltrs to new members.

Correspondence Accepted

Moved: Robert Fordham                      Seconded: Bill Heeney.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT –

Cheque account balance.	\$16,216.17
Rally account balance	\$ 3,003.26
Term Deposit No1	\$10,855.68
Term Deposit No 2	\$10,000.00

Treasurer reported that there still some 80 subs to be received as yet. Please keep him happy.

Moved: George Gillott                      Seconded: Keith Carden..

#### MAGAZINE

Neville Preston reported that as he was attending the National Rally, the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in September was definitely the cut off date for September's magazine.

## **EVENTS**

Mal Garthon was unfortunately absent, but Les Watton reported on the Navigator's day in which participants did a big circle ending at Butler Creek Wild Life reserve. Local Paper did a front page article featuring Les and Dick Tunbridge. This produced some phone calls and some spectator interest at Ryde Wharf. Great P R day in good weather.

Max Boardman thanked the Participants in the MaSH weekend. It was a lovely run in great weather, apart from the wind. Max added that Laurie Della has been riding his 3 1/2HP Norton for 43 years.

President said that the Molly Morgan Motel at the Maitland Rally was filling up so if you haven't booked better be prompt..

1&2 Rally at Mudgee on 9/10/11 November. Russell and Chris Holden are organizing.

President said the National Rally at Ipswich looked like being great with the Queenslanders going to a lot of trouble.

## **PERMIT TO MOVE**

There were 2 permits and 5 movements during month. Neil Martin said inspection Day was 2/12/12 at his Factory, 45 Railway St Yennora.

## **LIBRARY**

Keith Carden thanked Michael Lowe for some photos of Club Cars at various events he has donated.

## **DATING**

Bob Hobson reported that there were 2 cars and 1 Motorcycle being processed. There were 3 Brass Plates ready for issue.

Bob added that he was standing down as Vice President and Dating Committee Chairman. President took the opportunity to thank Bob for his many years of service to the Club as President, Vice President and Dating Committee Chairman. Wilga added her personal thanks for all the help, guidance and support given to her.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Application received and approved by Committee for Stephen Gamble with his Ford Model T. Voting at September meeting.

## **CMC**

Norm Mitchell reported that the NRMA were not sponsoring the Motorfest next year and hoped that CMC could find another sponsor. Members agreed it would be a sorry day if this Popular event did not proceed.

## **HALL**

Phil O'Loan reported that the proposed tenant mentioned in the last minutes was not proceeding.

## **WEB SITE**

Nothing further.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

A nomination for Secretary is still needed

President reported that due to the Blue Mountains run not being held this year there were only two awards to be made at the AGM.

Raffle was drawn and Ron Hattersley showed some more of his very varied and interesting collection.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm.

Wilga Coutts  
President

Euan Coutts  
Secretary

## Annual General Meeting 2012

### VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 23rd AUGUST , 2012.

**MEETING OPENED-** at 8.52pm by President Wilga Coutts, who welcomed all those present.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES---** were read by Secretary.

#### **Matters Arising---**

Nil

Accepted

**Moved** Warren Irish                      **Seconded**                      **Greg Roberts**

#### **Reports by Committee were presented**

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Full text of reports is printed in Spit and Polish.

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2011/12**

President declared all positions vacant, chair was taken by Bob Hobson immediate past President, to conduct the election of Office bearers for ensuing year.

Bob called for any further nominations and a further nomination was received for Committee member.

#### **Result**

President                      Wilga Coutts  
Vice Presidents (2)      Greg Roberts and Peter Martin  
Secretary                      No Nominations  
Treasurer                      Euan Coutts  
Committee Members(5)

1. Bill Heeney – Events Co-ordinator
2. Peter Weir – Website management.
3. Neville Preston – Magazine Editor.
4. Ray Priest- Hall management
5. Neil Martin – Registrations.

The Committee has agreed that if Peter Martin was elected he was to be appointed as Dating Committee Chairman.

#### **To appoint Honorary Auditor 2011/12**

Although there is no longer a legal requirement for us to have books audited, Graham Steer has agreed to conduct a review of the financial statements and to report any matters requiring Committee's attention.

#### **General Business**

As the Blue Mountains rally was not conducted this year the only trophies able to be awarded were:

Navigator's Trophy -                      Dorothy Shinfield

John Burke Officials' Award-              The Super Supper Ladies.

The Literary will be awarded at the next General Meeting.

There being no further business, President Wilga Coutts, closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Wilga Coutts  
PRESIDENT

Euan Coutts  
Treasurer



## President's Annual Report for AGM 2012

Our Club year is now at an end and as I look back over the "year that was" I am reminded of the enjoyment and fellowship so many of us have shared.

So many members give their time to enable us to enjoy our cars, Mal Garthon, Events co-ordinator, is supported by our Newcastle and MASH Branches who annually each host 2 well attended weekends in pleasant rural surroundings. Sadly, this year Sydney weather was unkind on a couple of occasions, at Christmas, our Celebration hosted by the Shinfields was nearly a very cool pool party due to the torrential rain. In March our Annual Blue Mountains run had to be cancelled due to the Hawkesbury Flood, however Mal has been able to reschedule this and this year it will become our Christmas Function.

Mal also organized a very successful 1 & 2 weekend at beautiful Pacific Palms last Spring, other runs have included a Hawkesbury Brunch Run with Bill Heeney's help and Les Watton's Navigators Run, always interesting and informative!

In May, 15 of us enjoyed the 7 day Western Tour, organized by Bob Baxter, in beautiful (sometimes very fresh) Autumn weather. There have been many other opportunities for us to enjoy our hobby and I thank all the people who have made them possible.

However, I think the best achievement award must go to Bob Lamond and his band of Drivers and Navigators who crossed Australia in the footsteps of Ferguson and Birtles 100 years ago. The trip took many years of organizing by Bob and due to the enthusiasm and preparation by all concerned was a great success.

I feel the use and enjoyment of running our cars is paramount to the success of the Club.

However, housekeeping must be done and for this we have a dedicated committee entrusted to handle the day to day running of the Club, also we have our Dating Committee and the Hall Committee, these people are the backbone of the Club and give their time and knowledge freely for the benefit of all of us. If you don't know who they are look at page 2 in Spit and Polish, I could not be President without their infinite knowledge and support – a big thank you to all of you.

This year Bob Hobson is standing down after many years as President, Vice President and Chairman of the dating committee, I personally will miss his help and knowledge and wish him and Elizabeth good health and trouble free motoring for the years ahead. Philip Hobson also retires as Treasurer, due to increasing work commitments, thank you both.

Our Financial position is sound, although income is not sufficient to allow some of the maintenance that we would like to be done. However we are ever hopeful of finding a satisfactory tenant for the Small Hall which would rectify that situation. Our hall committee are diligently working toward that end.

My thanks also go to the people who make our meetings interesting, Ron Hattersley who conducts our monthly raffle and usually has things of interest to show us, our Ladies who provide the supper and the various non committee members who contribute so much to the Club.

I sincerely thank all those positive, enthusiastic members, who have worked, organized and supported the Club in the past year. My special thanks to Euan, who as Secretary not only answers a multitude of Club enquires and mail but also suffers an untidy house and at times a weary, preoccupied wife. However we both do enjoy our cars and our friends in the Club.

Wishing you all safe and happy motoring for the year ahead,

Wilga Coutts.

## Hon Secretary's Annual Report August 2012

Firstly I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members most sincerely for their help and hard work during the year. There are also people outside the Committee who perform small but vital duties to enable the Club to function who deserve our thanks. It is gratifying to note that most of the present Committee and helpers have agreed to stand again for the ensuing year. As members may realise, with both Secretary and President in the one house it does make our lives "car Club" orientated and I would particularly like to thank our President for her serenity, patience and counsel on the Home front.

One disappointment during the year is our failure, despite the best efforts of our subcommittee and Agent, to lease the small Hall, which would provide the Club with a permanent revenue base in a time of nearly static membership and rising cost. I can only think that we are trying to lease it at the wrong time as there is certainly plenty of similar property for lease in the immediate area. However we remain ever hopeful of securing a tenant in the near future, as there are still enquiries coming in.

Our membership has remained almost static this year. We have lost some very active and highly regarded members but it is pleasing to note that we have welcomed some younger new members into the Club. With youth goes activity and I hope to see them on the road with us in the near future. Younger people have a more up to date outlook more suited to our times and it is my sincere wish to see more younger members on Committee running the Club.

## Treasurer's Annual Report 2011/12

The financial position of the Club has remained relatively stable over the 12 months to June 2012. The total cash on hand has marginally reduced by \$650 to close at \$39,085 which reflects the current situation that the cash received during the year is fully expensed over the year.

This position over the long term does not provide provisions for any major building repairs.

There were no Capital purchases for the year.

This year expenses have increased

Electricity up \$500

Cleaning fees up due to the transfer of tenants from the small to the large hall

\$1,700 spent on preparing the small hall for potential tenants, eg electrical box split, provision of phone line)

To conclude, the Club has been able to maintain the strong financial base, however I encourage the future committee to continue to seek additional sources of income to ensure this solid base is maintained.

This is my last report as your Treasurer, I would like to thank all committee members for their patience and support during my time in charge of the cheque book.

Phillip Hobson  
Treasurer

## John Burke Officials Trophy

I would like to express my gratitude off having the honour of receiving the award for, Officials of the Club and this year, this award was issued to all the ladies, who generously over the years have brought a plate of goodies and worked in the kitchen each month.

Lynette Martin.

## Events Calendar - Club Events

### SEPTEMBER 2012

- 27<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

### OCTOBER 2012

- 9<sup>th</sup> Forum Sydney Club Rooms  
12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> **Newcastle Annual Tour** See Page 12 for details - *Entry Form July Spit and Polish*  
16<sup>th</sup> Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba  
25<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

### NOVEMBER 2012

- 4<sup>th</sup> **Newcastle Branch Registration Day** - Maxon Machinery, Boolaroo. 8am  
9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> **1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Mudgee.** *Entry Form August Spit and Polish*  
13<sup>th</sup> Forum Sydney Club Rooms  
18<sup>th</sup> **Newcastle Branch Registration Day** - Gotley's Tuggerah. 9am  
20<sup>th</sup> Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba  
22<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm  
24<sup>th</sup> **Sydney Christmas Lunch** - *See Page 12 for details*

### DECEMBER 2012

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Sydney Registration Day** *Details to Follow*  
9<sup>th</sup> **Newcastle Branch Christmas Party** - *Bargeod House Swansea.*  
11<sup>th</sup> Forum Sydney Club Rooms

## National Rallies

### MARCH 2013

- 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> **SHANNONS NATIONAL 1 & 2 Cylinder** Veteran and Centenary of Canberra Tour  
To be based at the Canberra motor Village. Rally Director Rick McDonough, Ph (02) 6293 1533 (ah) or  
Email: [rick@netspeed.com.au](mailto:rick@netspeed.com.au) or  
Rally Secretary Roger Gottlob Ph (02) 6241 3169 (ah) Email: [rogerandgillian@grapevine.com.au](mailto:rogerandgillian@grapevine.com.au)  
Please call after 7.30pm Canberra time. *Expression of Interest Form March Spit and Polish*

### SEPTEMBER 2013

- 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> **NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY** hosted by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) Inc.  
To be held at Shepparton. Kevin Quigley, Tour Secretary, 55 Daly Street, Brunswick West. Vic 3451  
E-mail: [kwquigley@aapt.net.au](mailto:kwquigley@aapt.net.au) *Expression of Interest Form March Spit and Polish*

*This is the latest Bulletin for the Shepparton 2013 National Tour. Please note that the Registration Forms have been delayed and will be issued at Ipswich in September where I will be in attendance.*

*David Wright*

**OCTOBER 2014**

19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 **NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY** hosted by the veteran Car Club of WA (Inc)  
To be held in the Kalgoorlie - Boulder area Western Australia  
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*Expression of Interest Form February 2012 Spit and Polish*

**Application for Membership**

Stephen Gamble  
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THORNLEIGH 2120  
**1915 Ford T**  
Nominated: Bob Hobson  
Seconded: Euan Coutts

Voting for the above application for membership will take place at the Monthly Meeting  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012

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## V C C A (N.S.W.) Inc. MaSH Branch



“DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF VETERAN VEHICLES”

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

V.C.C.A. (NSW) Inc. Macarthur and Southern Highlands Branch.  
5<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

Meeting held at Lake Alexander, Mittagong; 8 members being present.

MEETING OPENED: 12:05 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Dunk, Bob Hobson, Alan Barker, Alan Miller, Neil Johnston, Don Grant, Max and Kevin Boardman.

APPOLOGIES: Ken and Joan Quarmby, Greg and Gill Roberts, Bob and Faye M'Carthy, Dave and Enid Manhart, Ewan and Wilga Coutts and Chris Osborne.

VISITORS: Nil.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 2012/2013

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded	Accepted
Chairperson	Max Boardman	Neil Johnson	Alan Miller	Y
Secretary	Kevin Boardman	Bob Hobson	Bob Dunk	Y
Treasurer	Alan Miller	Alan Barker	Bob Dunk	Y
Events Directors	Max and Kevin Boardman And Greg Roberts			Y/Y Y
Welfare Officer	Bob M'Carthy	Max Boardman	Kevin Boardman	Y (by absence)
Scribe	Max Boardman	Neil Johnson	Alan Miller	Y

The group than thanked the above persons on their appointed positions.

MEETING CLOSED: 12:09 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012, 11:00 am Lake Alexander, Mittagong.



From L to R: Don Grant, Kevin Boardman, Neil Johnson, Bob Hobson, Alan Miller and Bob Dunk.  
Alan Barker left prior to photo shoot. AGM Lake Alexander, Mittagong. August 5<sup>th</sup> 2012

## Coming Events

### NEWCASTLE ANNUAL TOUR

FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> to MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Based at

*Molly Morgan Motel*

Cnr New England Highway & Chisholm Road  
East Maitland

**Phone (02) 4933 5422**

### BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

We have made a provisional booking at the motel so it will be necessary to mention you are with the V.C.C.A when booking.

Any queries contact  
Graeme Newman (02) 4392 1035  
Neville Preston (02) 4352 1533

### ENTRY FORM JULY SPIT AND POLISH

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12.30pm, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012

To be held at

Lindsay & Gillian Martin's Property  
94 Bennett Road, Londonderry

A FULLY CATERED LUNCH

**\$27.50 Adults, Dependent Children Free**  
**BYO Alcoholic Drink**

Please call Lyn Martin **9632 5047** to secure your booking.

(ASAP but no later than 11 November 2012)

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140 Orchardleigh Street  
Old Guildford NSW 2161



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## Editorial

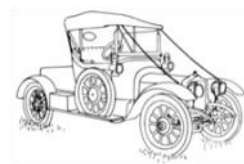
I hope that there are not too many mistakes in this edition, as I have had limited time to put it together before sending to the printer and then heading off for a little drive to the National Rally in Ipswich. 4 days to get there with 4 veterans in the convoy.

Thanks to the members for the articles for this edition of **YOUR** Spit and Polish. I am still holding a few articles and they will appear.

This month a report from John Burke on the Milbrodale run to the orange orchard, a report from Max Boardman on the Camden weekend. A little short on numbers this year, probably due to the very windy weather. A very nice article on Jean Chapman thanks to Warren Irish. And of course Max keeps coming up with articles to supply me for the magazine.

I would still appreciate some articles that can be used as fill ins 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*

I'll tell you everything I can;  
And many things there are.  
I saw an aged, aged man,  
A-sitting on a car.  
“Who are you aged man?” I said,  
“And how is it you drive?”  
His answer buzzed around my head  
Like bees about a hive.

He said, “Though it’s an easy job,  
I’ll tell you, all the same.  
I simply turn the ‘thingumbob,’  
Which starts the ‘what’s-his-name.’  
And when the speed is high, or low,  
Or something of the kind,  
I operate the ‘so-and-so,’  
Which works the ‘never-mind.’ ”

But I was thinking of a way  
Of keeping engines clean,  
By lubricating with a spray  
Of nitro-glycerine.  
And so, I did not arrive  
At what the old man said,  
I cried “Come tell me how you drive!”  
And thumped him on the head.

He said “Whene’er the engines stop  
I always find it pays  
To pour some petrol on the top  
And set it in a blaze.  
But should a accident befall,  
I never trouble much;  
Because I have a ‘what-you-call,’  
To stop the such-and-such.”

I heard him then, for I had quite  
Completed my designs  
For running cars on dynamite  
Distilled from Spanish wines;  
Ignited by proximity  
With half-a-dozen drachms  
Of radio-activity,  
Or wireless cablegrams.

And now, whene’er I chance to meet  
A dog devoid of sense  
Or think I see a policeman’s feet  
Protruding from a fence,  
Or if I hear a foghorn blow  
Or smell the smell of tar,  
I weep, for it reminds me so  
Of that old man I used to know.

Whose looks were mild, who gear was low,  
Who car was most extremely slow,  
With countless levers in a row,  
Who seemed distracted with his woe  
Because his engine would not go,  
Who wandered vaguely to and fro,  
The dog's delight, the policeman's foe,  
Whose silencer was prone to blow  
And snort like any buffalo,  
That summer evening long ago,  
A -sitting on a car.

*This poem was copied out of  
ALICE IN MOTORLAND  
By HORACE M WYATT 1904  
I purchased from MIKE BENDEICH  
At the February club meeting*

Bill Heeney

## Oranges 2012

John Burke

Once again the Newcastle group made our pilgrimage to the Cameron's orange orchard at Milbrodale on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

The weather was the only unsure aspect of the run as it was raining quite heavily in Newcastle and on the central coast for some time before hand. The day dawned OK although quite cold and rather windy, the Cessnock swap meet was also on this same weekend and numbers were down due to the weather.

The attendees started to arrive at 9.00am for a cuppa and cake before heading out for the 50 or so kilometre run to the orchard. Some trouble along the way as Jeff lost the radiator cap from the FIAT, a long look up and down the road but no cap found, a plastic bag and rubber bands soon had him going again.

Lunch was taken in the usual place with even some sun shine creeping through, the tour of the junk collection and the usual nattering soon passed and it was time to head for home.



*Allen Dunlop enjoying lunch*



*Maurice Dunlop*



*The Davis family, Allen, Eliza, Rosie and Kate*





*The 1914 Cadillac & the 1916 Buick*

Attendees: Veteran  
John and Matthew Burke 1916 Buick  
Allen, Kate, Eliza & Rosie Davis 1914 Cadillac  
Max and Joan Burke 1916 Hupmobile  
Allen Dunlop 1912 Cadillac  
Jeff and Kay Palmer with friends 1908 FIAT

Modern:  
Betty Cherry, Kevin and Narelle Spackman  
Doug and Dianne Marshall  
Maurice, Mary and Helen Dunlop  
Ray and Marnie Thomas



*Ray and Marney Thomas*



*Jeff's Fiat*

## McArthur Capers - Camden - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Max Boardman

Hosted by Macarthur and Southern Highlands Branch

*You came and enjoyed with us a Run through the County of Camden.*

A little cloud cover with an occasional burst of sun-shine. Rain was predicted but none fell, although the wind remained with us over the two day period. Distance between designated stops kept small and plenty of time allowed for a good chatter when stationary. Kevin and I arranged M/T, (special thanks to our helping ladies) and delivered to Alan's Place at Catherine Fields the day before. Saturday morning saw the line-up of 9 veteran cars and Laurie Deller on the 1911 3½hp Norton. Our scenic roads meandered up-hill and down dale, the modern cars were minimal. Our car occupants noted the land use changes especially the re-development of Oran Park. Not a 'raceway' any more but a newly created 'Town'.



*Morning tea line-up at Catherine Fields*

Moving on, there is still some inner residential market gardening around Rossmore area but as we travelled toward Wallacia the landscape opened to broad acre farming and grazing. As we drew closer to Warragamba Village the land purpose becomes that of water catchment and without farming produce and an adequate water supply, the fast growing residential clusters will not survive. Lunch was 'fend for your-self' and we all sat at the tables in the School Yard. It was here that Bill Bishop treated us with the nice exhaust note from the big Napier; it was good to see him out and about. Our activities also attracted the attention of a number of locals.



*Warragamba Village school yard, where lunch was taken*



*Plenty of time to mingle at Morning tea that catered a fist full of goodies*

After lunch the group motored along the ridge road from Silverdale to Werombi, views of Sydney can be seen at this point. Then gently we lost elevation, our motor cavalcade passed by Theresa Park, Carrington and Cawdor, finally returning to Wire Lane, our starting point.

The evening meal, at a single table for 18 was organised by Gill and Greg, at the Thai Restaurant. After eating rather well, a hat was produced filled with the car numbers; Jim Weir drew the winner who happened to be Kevin and Kris. After which we sang with the help of the entire restaurant, happy birthday to Greg. The cake was yummy and the coffee cup was bottomless.



*Local village people viewing the cars at our lunch stop*



*Nev & Jim*

As per custom, we re-united Sunday morning for a short run around: Cawdor, Mayfarm, Cobbitty, Macquarie Grove back to Camden Showground.

*Our Sunday morning line-up at Camden Showground.*



*Some of the cars braved a 'real' country lane by using the very old Brownlow Hill Loop Road. The Talbot beside the big gum tree is my favourite.*

One car less and one car up, that being the Ford, carrying three generations and driven by Darius. Another with three generations was Steve Fleming in the Studebaker. The morning finished at "Fairview", to view Dad's vast collection at The Shed.

Based on the comments received, it appears that MaSH once again has shown our visitors the 'Joys of a Country Run'.

Thanks for coming and remember; same again next year.

- Bob and Jenny Dunk - Hupmobile,
- Keith and Jean Carden - Modern
- Bob and Elizabeth Hobson - Ford, Jim and Peter Weir -
- Vauxhall Neville Preston - Talbot,
- Alan Miller and Anne - Brush Euan and Wilga Coutts -
- SCAT. Kevin and Kris Boardman - Talbot
- Steve Flemong, son in law and 3 grandchildren - Studebaker
- Greg and Jill Roberts - Talbot Neil and Dorothy Johnston - Modern Bill Bishop - Napier
- Vic, Max and Darius Boardman - Ford Denis Tobler - modern and backup (with no casualties)



## Jean Chapman 1926 - 2012

### Prolific weaver of magical tales fired young imaginations



*Life's work ... Jean Chapman with a young fan at the launch in 1982 of one of her 63 books.*

Jean Chapman was one of Australia's most popular young children's authors. She wrote tirelessly when she was a stay-at-home mother, and for many years she wrote scripts for ABC children's programs and published dozens of books. As if she wasn't busy enough, she also worked part-time in a children's bookshop, helping customers choose the best books.

Jean Erica Sherlock Lycett was born on February 15, 1926 in Sydney, the youngest of the three daughters of George Lycett and his wife, Margaret (nee MacLean). She went to Fort Street girls school in Petersham, and had her first story, about a sick cow, published in the children's section of a Sunday newspaper when she was only 12.

After finishing high school, she went to business college to learn touch typing, which was useful when she became a writer. Then she enrolled in the National Art School.

She met Max Chapman on a blind date and they were married after World War II. They scrimped and saved to buy a block of land in Seaforth, where they built a house.

Chapman wrote ceaselessly, and her writing career took off when she began writing for the ABC's *Kindergarten of the Air*.

Her imaginative stories were so successful that Chapman was offered a place at the ABC's scriptwriting school, graduating, in 1960, when she began working on *Playschool*, *Let's Join In* and *Kindergarten of the Air*. She was a scriptwriter for the ABC's children's programs for 25 years.

Chapman also began approaching children's publishers. Some early successes were followed by a long-standing association with Hodder & Stoughton (Australia). In the 1970s, it published *Tell Me A Tale*, a collection of stories, rhymes, songs and, activities illustrated by Deborah and Kilmeny Niland, the twin daughters of the authors Ruth Park and D'Arcy Niland.

The hugely successful book was followed by *Tell Me Another Tale* and themed collections such as *Pancakes and Painted Eggs* and the *Sugar Plum Christmas Book*.

Chapman published 63 books in total and won several awards for children's literature.

Children and children's books were Chapman's life's work. She frequently visited schools and libraries to speak to her readers. She was a tireless worker for the Children's Book Council of Australia's NSW branch, was made a life member and was awarded the council's Lady Cutler Award for her contribution to children's literature.

She was also a member of the group that fought and won the battle to save Nutcote, the home of her fellow children's author, May Gibbs, in Neutral Bay.

In addition to her busy life as a writer, Chapman supported Max in his passion for veteran cars. They frequently travelled together on motoring trips and were active in the Veteran Car Club.

The pair travelled the world and she always had to visit children's book sites, including Hans Christian Andersen's house in Denmark and Beatrix Potter's house in England.

Jean Chapman is survived by Max, their children Gregory and Louise, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her seventh great-grandchild is due in October and Chapman had already knitted and sewn pieces for the baby's layette.

Margaret Hamilton.

*(From the Sydney Morning Herald - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012, courtesy of Warren Irish)*

## In My Shed

Max Boardman

**In My Shed - my shed !! shock and absolute horror - but here we go.**

Some restoration projects are large and some are small and dainty; the following are steps taken for the re-make of a porcelain high tension spark lead insulator that will be attached to the cylinder block of my 1903, 2 speed 6hp de Dion *et* Bouton.

All this for the pure satisfaction, so that upon lifting the bonnet it is there for everyone to see, just like it was when the little car left the factory all those years ago.

The trick is to be able to get your hands onto an original unit to begin with (G R) and/or by spending time researching early period pictures of these cars when 'nearly' new. Some good photos were sourced from the 'net' of an Australian manufacturer, namely that of the Lewis Motor Cycle website. The Lewis workshop assembled and repaired De Dion Bouton motors in and around the 1904/5 period.

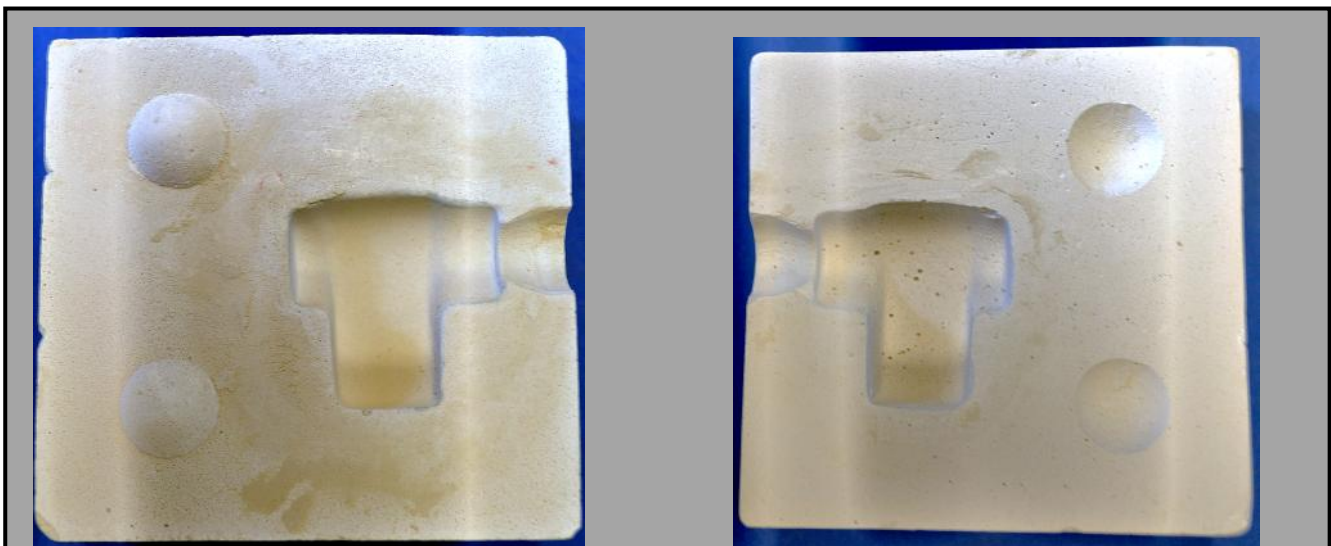


**Step One:** I fabricated from a piece of fine grained and suitably stable piece of timber a 'pattern', that was enlarged 13% above the 'original' to allow for shrinkage on drying of the moist porcelain.

On completion this timber then had the grain sealed for stability; it also improves its releasing qualities from the 'casting' mould.

**Step Two:** The mould was created by the *Potter* after he made a very careful decision as to where the join for the mould separation should occur. The two halves of the mould are formed so as to only go together one way and making sure the newly formed shape created will in actual fact be released from the mould without damage. The mould was then 'set' to ensure a hard durable casting block.

Note the two locating dimples, male and female and the opening for excess material to escape.



**Step Three:** The pliable porcelain mixture is forced into the hardened mould to form the exterior shape of the de Dion insulator. The newly formed soft shape is carefully removed on splitting the mould in half and excess material cut off.

On removal and after initial drying the porcelain insulator will have the two holes 'drilled' through. One hole is for the brass mounting bolt and the other is for the insulated high tension lead to pass through, that being the lead that goes to the sparking plug. (see last photograph)

The unit is now fully 'air' dried. It was at this stage of the process a couple of units were lost due to shrinkage and drying cracks that occurred on the surface.

**Step Four:** the newly formed shapes are lightly 'glazed' and then 'fired' in the kiln to form the finished item. Just like the original.

Note: time span from commencing the 'turned' timber shape to final 'firing' in the kiln was about 9 to 10 months and quite a number of trips to and from the Potter.

**Step Five:** a proud creator places the finished item(s) on the shelf in the glass cabinet and begins another small but important project for this true veteran car having Crankcase Number 13077 and Cylinder Block stamped and dated, the number M<sup>∞</sup> - 6 - ∞ (that being the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1903).

**PostScript** :- on speculation I phoned a telephone number placed in a club journal (not S & P) thinking that I knew the person, (it turned out I didn't) but this did not stop me from offering him a small piece of porcelain to add to his own 6hp de Dion powered *Lascota*, that is if the second firing and glazing were to be successful. The purpose of the phone call was that I was hopeful of acquiring an automatic inlet valve and manifold assembly; instead it turned out his to be for a twin cylinder model.

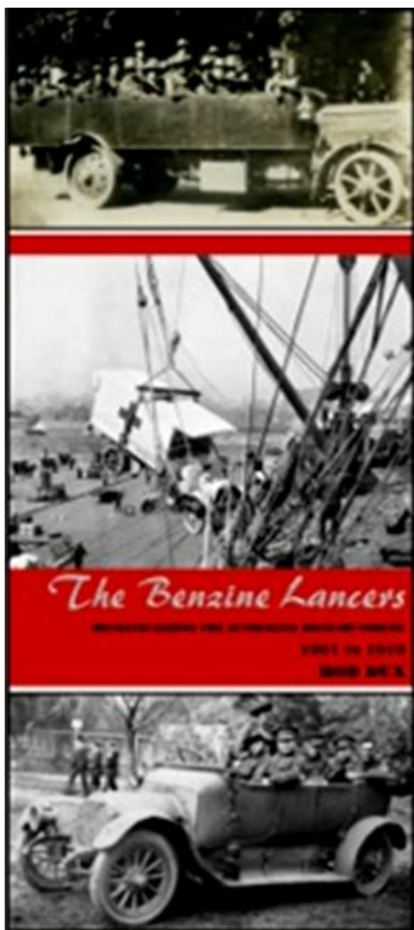


LHS - Timber pattern placed in mould.  
RHS - Fired porcelain insulator in mould, now notice the amount of shrinkage that has occurred.



Showing location of porcelain insulator when fitted to cylinder block

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