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*Peter Adams with his
1912 Fabrique Nationale 2400.*

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of MONTHLY MEETING held on Thursday 24th March 2016

ATTENDANCE

Committee: 8 Visitors: 0 Members: 18 Family members: 4

Apologies were received from Dennis Ballard, Euan Coutts, John Fryis, Bob Hobson, Don Liddle, Peter Martin, Phil O'Loan, Marilyn and Michael Trethowan.

MEETING OPENED AT 8:00 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

On behalf of the President, the Vice President, Doug Fulford, welcomed all members. He tabled Peter Martin's apologies as he had been called away on an emergency.

Members observed one minute's silence to remember Peter Adams.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Warren Irish Seconded: Graham Weekes

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations

Gold County Car Rally 23-24 May

Silverwater Motor Festival 14 May 2016

2016 National Chevrolet Festival 21-24 October, Mt Gambier SA

All French Day – 17 July

Flyers:

Shannons Sydney Autumn Classic Auction Thredbo Jazz Festival (CMC)

Other Club publications:

MaSH minutes for December 2015

Newcastle minutes for January and February 2016

AVCCA- seat belt changes in WA

Brass Notes

Brass Notes

Veteran Torque

Other:

Baptist Care

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Get well cards- Doug Fulford, Lyn Martin and Barry Shinfield

Letter to Barry Perdriau and John Fryis

Club email – Peter Adams

Donation to John Logan Foundation

Flowers to Peter Adams family

Moved: George Gillott

Seconded: John Wards

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are: \$

Outgoings: The cleaner, hall administration costs, printer, Extinguisher Services and a donation to John Logan Foundation in memory of Don Grant have been paid.

Income: All tenants have paid for the last quarter. Half the advertisers have paid.

One term deposit needed to be renewed and additional funds have been invested giving a total of \$30,000. The interest rate is 2.4% for 12 months.

Moved: Robert Fordham

Seconded: Neil Martin

MAGAZINE

Although the Editor had nothing to report, the Vice-President acknowledged the great job done by the Editor in supplying appropriate photos and captions for the articles. The members recognised this effort with applause.

EVENTS

Graham Weekes reminded members that Shannon's Sydney Classic 14 August entries for \$20 need to be paid to the Treasurer tonight. Application forms for a motorcycle rally in Moss Vale 18-19 June are available from Graham. For other coming events details are in *Spit and Polish*.

PERMIT TO MOVE

Neil Martin reported that 2 permits had been issued.

LIBRARY

After discussion at the committee meeting a discussion paper will be published in *Spit and Polish* for members' comments and feedback. Discussion will be deferred until next month.

DATING Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP

Robert Freeland was voted into the club as an associate member of the club.

CMC Nothing to report

HALL

Robert Fordham informed members that the number of public holidays over March and April has lead to cancellations by renters and a loss of revenue. Tenants have been invoiced for the last quarter. He noticed that the Subaru parts have disappeared.

WEBSITE

Peter Weir has made small changes to the website. He has updated the calendar and added a link to the CMC web page. The password will be emailed to Laurie Garrod.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Guest speakers Robyn and Bill Betts presented a talk on period dress with many lovely items from their extensive collection and invited members to come and visit to see more of their collection. (*See Page 10 'You do look beautiful!'*)

Doug Fulford invited members to celebrate Christmas in July on 10 July at Eschol House in Camden for a two-course lunch. The cost is \$65. Accommodation is available at Picton View Motel. Details will be in *Spit and Polish*

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:50 PM.

Doug Fulford
Vice- President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

April Club Meeting

April club meeting Nostalgia Night - honouring some of our long term members. It would be great if members bring along some photographs from the early decades of the club's history

May Club Meeting

May club meeting our presentation will be on mechanical music making machines.

APRIL

Doug Fulford
Vice President

2016

19th

Events Calendar - Club Events

- Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
28th Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm
28th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm.
29th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

MAY 2016

- 1st **Sydney North Breakfast run.** *See Coming Events Page 7 for details.*
13th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
13th - 15th **1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Mudgee.** *See Coming Events Page 7 for details. Entry Form on our web site under Downloads*
15th **Newcastle Branch Birthday run.** Meet at John Burke's at 9.30am. *Further details to follow.*
17th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
26th Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm
26th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm.
27th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

JUNE 2016

- 10th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
17th - 19th **June Long Weekend - Singleton.** *See Coming Events Page 7 for details Entry Form on Page 18*
18th MaSH Branch Meeting - 2pm - Mittagong RSL Club
21st Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
23rd Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm
23rd Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm.
24th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*

JULY 2016

- 8th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
19th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2016

Events Calendar - National Rallies

- 30th - 4th **The National Veteran Tour in Tasmania.** To be held in Ulverstone, which is situated approx. 30km west of Devonport. Expression of interest form was in *August 2015 Spit and Polish* or can be obtained from John Biggelaar Email: biggelaarj@gmail.com or by post mail addressed to:
The Secretary National Veteran Tour 2016.
PO Box 170,
Riverside, Launceston,
Tasmania, 7250.

Information will be sent at regular intervals to those sending in their completed expression of interest form.

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 17th - 22nd **The 11th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally** will be: Hosted by The Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club of South Australia, Inc. <http://vymccsa.org.au>
Held in South Australia's glorious Barossa Valley. <http://www.barossa.com/>
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.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Events Calendar - National Rallies (cont.)

24th - 30th **National Veteran Vehicle Rally, Clare Valley, South Australia.** See pages 19 & 20 for more detail and Expression of Interest Form, also available from our web site under Downloads

APRIL 2016

Events Calendar - Invitation Events

24th Riversdale Historic Homestead Heritage Fair. (2 Twynan Drive, Goulburn)
The MaSH Group has received an invitation to this Heritage Fair. They have asked if we could bring our beautiful cars for a static display between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm. If possible, they would like us to dress in period costume to set the scene. There is no entry fee and it should be a very enjoyable day. If you would like to participate, please contact Jill or Greg Roberts on (02) 4861 2023.

APRIL 2016

24th 43rd Annual General Motors Display Day of Cars and Commercials. Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Pontiac, Vauxhall, Opel, Bedford, 48 & FJ Holden only.
At the Museum of Fire, Museum Drive, Penrith. Gates open 8.00am. Coffee and hot food available. Spectators free admission, excluding museum. Contact Ray on 9631 6896

MAY 2016

14th Silverwater Motor Festival. The Silverwater Motor Festival is a family focused celebration of the positives in motoring. Built on a 21 year tradition of family entertainment at the Silverwater Street and Custom Motorcycle Show, this is grass roots Festival will showcase custom motorcycles, hotrods, classic cars, street machines and competition cars combined with live music and family fun for all ages.

This annual day festival will incorporate two motoring events, the Silverwater Street and Custom Motorcycle Show and the Silverwater Custom and Classic Car Show which will involve car clubs and social motorcycle clubs. Trophies will be awarded for a range of categories as well as prizes in both shows for People's Choice, Best Car/Bike and Best Club Display.

CLUB DISPLAYS. Social car and motorcycle club displays are welcome. Each club receives 4 free entry passes and free display space but must provide own shade, tables and chairs.

Set-up time is from 9am - 11am via rear entry under Silverwater Bridge.

JUNE 2016

18th - 19th **16th Debenham Winter Tour** motorcycle rally Especially for older bikes & small capacity machines. Limited to 60 entries. Start & finish at Moss Vale Village Caravan Park, Wilson Drive, Moss Vale.
Entry Form on our web site under Downloads

JULY 2016

17th On behalf of the Peugeot Car Club, the Citroen Car Club and the Renault Car Club, I invite your members to participate in the all French car day and concours d'elegance to mark Bastille Day. The event will be held on Sunday 17 July 2016, from 10.00 a.m. Entries to the concourse close at noon on the day. The entry fee to the field is \$10 per car.

You will understand that the concourse is an event where we can show off our beautiful French cars. The venue is Silverwater Park, and the entry is east of Clyde Street (off Silverwater Road) and follow the road under Silverwater Bridge to emerge on the western side of Silverwater Road.

Members attending may decide to bring their lunch - there are barbeques at the venue or purchase from the mobile facilities on the day.

We look forward to making your members and families welcome at the function.

Should any of the members of your club be interested in arranging a trade display, please ask them to contact me.

Paul Pracy, (Any inquires may be referred to me on telephone number 0409 504 551)
President
Peugeot Car Club of NSW Inc

Events Calendar - Invitation Events (cont.)

AUGUST 2016

14th Shannon's Sydney Classic. Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek

OCTOBER 2016

21st - 24th We would like to officially invite your members who are Chevy owners (chev bodied & powered) to the 40th National Chevrolet Festival, in Mt Gambier South Australia. The 2016 National Chevrolet Festival is celebrating its 40th Anniversary and the Chevrolet Performance Assoc of SA is proud to be the host club for this prestigious event.

For more information please call: Graeme Gilbert - 0407 037 837 Rebecca Bottrill- 0402 049 011

Coming Events

SYDNEY NORTH BREAKFAST RUN

Sunday 1 May 2016

Crosslands Reserve

Berowra Valley National Park

Location: end of Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights

Access: sealed road, gate at entry

Gate opens: 8am

Please note: Dogs are NOT permitted in Crosslands Reserve Park

1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Mudgee

13th to 15th May 2016

For more information contact Russell Holden

Phone: 0422 219 911

Entry Form on our website under Downloads

Newcastle Branch - June Tour

This year the event will be held on the Weekend of the **12th to 14th June.**

(Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

which is the weekend after the long weekend.

Motel

Charbonnier Hallmark Motel, Singleton.

(02) 6572 2333

Dinner Bed & B/Fast packages

mention the Veteran Car Club when booking

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

Any queries contact John Burke

Ph (02) 4991 1806 (AH) 0412 821 945 (M)

Entry Form on Page 18

or from our website under Downloads

Western Australia Seat Belts Rules

A message from our WA Colleagues (*courtesy of John Wood*). . . For the information of all other members of the AVCCA, the VCC of WA (and other WA car clubs) have lost the seatbelt exemption ruling allowing us to carry children under the age of seven in vehicles not fitted with seat belts. They may be carried in those vehicles only if retrofitted with seat belts. These must be fixed to appropriate anchorage points, the whole assembly being certified by an engineer.

The only exception now for children under seven is participating in a parade is where the speed does not exceed 10 kph. The Child/children must be conveyed to and from any such event in a vehicle equipped with seat belts.

Hamish McDonald
Secretary/Treasurer
Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia

Welcome New Member

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Associate Member
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Editorial

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

Thanks to Neil, Brian and Stuart Adams for the vale on their father Peter and to Max Burke for his memories of Peter.

A few outings reported on this month, reports from Rod Holmes on the Dalby section of the Qld Anniversary Rally and Louise Yeomans for her report on the Sydney North Breakfast run. Graeme Newman on the Combined outing held Alison Homestead and Doug Fulford for his report on the MaSH Branch Northern Coffee run.

Also a report from Louise on the display and talk given at the last meeting by Robin and Bill Betts on period clothing etc.

Coming events are the Sydney North Breakfast run, the 1 & 2 cylinder rally at Mudgee and the Newcastle Branch, June weekend at Singleton.

Next meeting will be 'Nostalgia Night' a trip down memory lane, honouring some of our long term members. It would be great if members bring along some photographs from the early decades of the club's history

At the moment I have a **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.

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



Vale - Peter Adams

Peter George Adams was born on 25th June 1942 at Waratah Newcastle.

He was always interested in things mechanical, and his first choice of career was to be a motor mechanic, his parents and a family friend (who was a motor mechanic at the time) convinced him to choose a different career path – accountancy. Although he was very successful, he didn't really like it too much.

Dad first became interested in veteran cars when was a young lad wagging school, he was walking past a junk yard in Georgetown and heard a rhythmic clanging behind the iron fence which turned out to be the remains of an old car, the fan of the motor turning in the breeze and striking the fence. He asked the owner of the junk yard if he could buy the remains of the car, the owner told Dad he could have the car, but if he ever got it going he owed him 20 quid. The car turned out to be the 1914 Paige Speedway and was to be the first of many old cars he would own. After much work he did get it going, and as per the agreement he sought out the seller who he found in a local pub many years later. The previous owner vaguely remembered the car, didn't want to have a ride in it, but was happy to get the 20 quid and continue his afternoon drinking. I remember Dad telling us how disappointed he was about the man's lack of interest at the time.

His enthusiasm for veteran cars increased when his parents bought him a 1912 FN 2400, which was found in a barn at Quirindi. This was given to him as a 21st birthday present. The car was quite original and complete, the rear dishes on the head lamps were apparently the only thing missing. These had been removed many years after it was put in the shed and used as bowls to feed the chickens. They were still there in the chicken coop and were reunited with the car.



Even though Dad went on to own many cars, the FN was one of his favourite's and our family spent many happy times rallying in it.

Dad went on to own many different cars, and ended up having quite a collection, the makes were extensive, and in no particular order these included Argyll, Hudson, Fiat, De Dion Bouton, Renault, Vauxhall, Studebaker, Ford, Calthorpe, Hupmobile, Mitchell, and of course the Garford Fire Engine. Most of these are still in the Adams family collection.

When Brain, Stuart and myself obtained our licences we all drove a number of these on our P plates, Dad making sure that there was somewhere to display the red P. With Pa (George Adams) we often

had 3 generations of Adams on a rally, which both Dad and Pa loved.

Dad later also joined the Vintage Sports Car Club, and in addition to his veteran car he acquired a couple of Vauxhall 23/60's, but the veterans were always his favourites.

After Dad's diagnosis and subsequent operation, he was devastated when he found out he was unable to hold a driver's licence, a great blow to man who spent most of his life playing with cars. Throughout his treatment and decline in health, he still was fettling with his cars and giving directions to others who were doing the repairs he could no longer do himself.

He got to have ride in his "big car he always wanted" the 1914 Mitchell, the restoration fast tracked and completed earlier this year. Right to the end he was interested in his cars and what progress was being made on them.

He will be missed by us all.

The Adams Family.



Vale - Peter Adams

His friend Max Burke

Peter, a friend of many within the veteran car movement sadly lost his battle with cancer on the 5th of March. He was born on June 5th 1942 and led an entirely busy life with his partner Kim, his sons Neil, Brian and Stuart and their families and his many grandchildren, one whom he proudly recalled greeted him with “I love you Pa, Your so old and wrinkly”! Music was his passion and he practiced on his piano and his many violins until he became quite a master of both. A patriotic Australian Peter was greeting the dawn on Australia day with advance Australia type songs played on his fiddle. He was at this time standing on the end of the jetty adjacent to his weekender on the lake. His neighbours, obviously of foreign extraction, called upon him to desist, so he launched his row boat and paddled out into the lake whereupon he began to loudly take up from where he had been rudely interrupted. As the sun came up a group of make believe millionaires and their companions cruised past on a yacht calling out “have they let you out for the day” and “Be calm we have sent for the doctor”. With this Peter took the fiddle and made out he was paddling the boat back to shore with it. Our Newcastle group with our friends enjoyed many sing songs with Peter providing the music.

Over many years he gathered a fine collection of veteran cars of many makes including the Vauxhall 50 bob which he rallied in New Zealand. He also took on board a couple of vintage Vauxhalls and used them with the owners group to which he belonged. His obsession for a large car led him to USA and he brought back a 1914 Mitchell of giant proportions. Sadly it needed extensive restoration but with help he had it on the road ready for use just weeks before he left us. A service that Peter did for veteran motoring was the development and production of the BETCO brand of beaded edge tyres and some larger straight side examples. He had problems from time to time with the off shore manufacturing but overcame them. He considered he had achieved his aim with the tyres and upon providing for his closest friends needs at cost he sold the whole concern to Coker of the USA.

Maxon Machinery was started with his brother in law dealing with anything that could be bought at a good price, made saleable and disposed off at a nice profit for the firm. It grew into a company handling large and small engineering machinery rock and coal handling plant and even a cotton Gin and is managed by two of his sons today.

Peter surprised himself when he tendered for and won an established engineering complex at Mt Thorley. The owners had left so hastily that the computers were still turned on. They had to rent the offices back from Peter while they wound up outstanding contracts. He still controlled the complex. At Maxon, Peter found that some items that they sold to users were in short supply. Further he found that the company that made these goods was not going well. He was able to buy the whole outfit and put it back in the black with son Stuart as director. He took me there one day on a tour of the place. I was treated like royalty. I asked Peter if he had told them that I was a co owner. Well I might have, was his reply with a laugh.

Wherever Peter is now he will be doing deals and his great skill is that those people will think that they have got the best of him ,but they have not!

You do look beautiful!

Louise Yeomans

Wearing vintage clothes not only makes it more interesting and fun for us but encourages a greater interest in veteran cars is how Robyn Betts began her presentation with her husband Bill at the general meeting on Thursday 24 March, 2016. Robyn and Bill take great delight in dressing up in vintage clothes when driving in their 1908 Renault. For their presentation Bill looked ready for the opera in tailored black pants with a matching waistcoat sporting a top hat. Robyn was elegant in a black and red striped taffeta dress completed by a black hat adorned with red roses.

Vivian and Doug Fulford entered into the spirit of the evening wearing matching outfits. Vivian wore a white blouse with a reddish coloured gabardine skirt with a matching cape trimmed with brass buttons and a magnificent black hat. While Doug was resplendent in black pants with knee high boots and a jacket to match Vivian’s skirt and cloak with brass buttons.

Robyn and Bill had an extensive display of vintage clothes and accessories, however it was only a small part of their collection. Their collection now includes over 160 hats and fills every room in their house.

Robyn has always had a fascination with fabrics and clothes. Some of the items in the display she had worn in the sixties and seventies. It included items to wear on the top and items you wear under your clothes! Other items in the collection included a top hat in its original box, *Stamina* trouser cards, ties and cravats in original boxes, dresses, corsets, some detachable collars and cuffs which were probably worn by children, petrol ration cards, pudding dolls

and a soldier's brush. There was a wooden gun in a violin case like Bonnie and Clyde's! Some of the hats belonged to Bill's mother, were from antique shops, were worn by bridesmaids, were children's hats or had been cleverly made by Robyn. Robyn made a fetching evening hat from a black velvet skullcap adding feathers, with some sparkle from some earrings and a brooch.

The Betts are not interested in concourse fashion but focus on what and how people worn their clothes. The fun is finding the clothes or similar items that can be adapted and put with other items. Robyn loves shopping at charity and second hand shops.

Robyn shared some hints on how to adapt modern clothes to look more vintage. She suggested looking for men's shirts with white collars and cuffs with a different coloured body. Plain white skirts can also be adapted. The collars can be removed to make a grandpa collar or the collar corners clipped and resewn to make a rounder collar. By adding an extra buttonhole on the neck so there is one on each side, the neck can be widened by having buttons sewn onto a small piece of tape or elastic. A buttonhole at the back will help attaching collars. The cuffs can be changed form another shirt. Old ties can be remade into cravats.

To adapt women's clothes, add length to a skirt by using wide lace. Lace collars can be placed around the necklines of dresses and blouses. Make skirts and blouses from the same or complimentary fabric. Widen skirts, coats and tops by inserting side panels. All clothes and fabrics can sourced from op shops. Cotton nighties make ideal petticoats. Most outfits can be embellished with feathers and flowers. The flowers can be made from fabric or old lace. The props such as hats, gloves and parasols add to the image and should compliment the clothes.

Robyn consults reference books on fashion and Australian history books to discover what would have been worn when their car was manufactured. Cars are manufactured in different countries such as England, France, Germany and Italy and these countries have different fashions. Australia was in the antipodes so fashion depended on shipping times from Europe. Most people kept their best clothes for wedding and funerals! So almost anything goes.

Robyn generously invited all club members to visit them in Mittagong to learn more about vintage dress and the possibilities in op shop finds. It was a fascinating presentation and all members enjoyed it. Many thanks to the Betts for sharing their passion and their collection.

Robyn and Bill both receive many compliments when wearing historic costumes Robyn particularly likes it when told she looks beautiful and is amused when Bill is also told he looks beautiful!

Qld Veteran Car Club's 60th Anniversary Rally - Dalby

Rod Holmes
6th - 11th March 2016

Looking for a rally suitable for "Bluebell" the Albion, we went up the New England Highway then to Dalby, it was great not having to deal with all the traffic on the coast roads.

There were 32 veteran cars and we all stayed at the Dalby Tourist Park, some in cabins and the rest in vans. The venue is highly recommended. Each evening we had the 5.00 p.m. Happy hour with everyone attending for a social gathering.

Each days run visited local industries, Grain growing, a Cotton farm where a moments silence in memory of Peter Adams was observed, Dalby saleyards where 6000 cattle were being auctioned, an organic farm, two primary schools and three enthusiasts "sheds" full of treasures. On the Wednesday we went modern to Bunya Mountains, a must place to visit for anyone, the giant Bunya pines and rainforest a great contrast to the flat agricultural Darling Downs.

Each day was all flat runs between 60-100 km. Most of the Qld. Ladies and men dressed up in period clothes that were a bit hot during the day but looked great. Combined with the hospitality we had a great rally.



Happy Hour

Bluebell disgraced herself by refusing to engage first or reverse gear on the second day, I wasn't sure where the problem was so put her back on the trailer. (Turned out when I got home that a pin in the shaft between the lever and the gearbox had sheared off.) Wally and Bev Lanagan the organisers kindly loaned me their 1928 Oakland so we could enjoy the rally in style.

I plan to go to the next leg of their four stage 60th Anniversary Rally at Yamba in May.



Cars at cotton field



Old Ladies at school visit

Sydney North Breakfast Run. 6th March 2016

Louise Yeomans

The acrid smell of smoke from back burning operations disappeared overnight and Sunday 6 March promised to be a glorious day for the visit to Bobbin Head for the Sydney North Breakfast Run. This time our son Alexander and his wife Joanne and son Hamish were coming with us. It was a bit of a squash with the car seat in the back for Hamish but we managed. With the Wolseley loaded with morning tea, chairs and family we left home, topped up the fuel tank and shared the roads with the MAMILS (middle aged men in lycra) cycling in the cool of the early morning. It's amazing how many people ride cycles up and down that windy road into and out of Bobbin Head. It's only the really fit ones who give you a wave!



The group enjoying morning tea and the shade

When we arrived, Neville Preston in his Talbot, David and Kate Norton with their Ford, Les Watton and some members of the Antique and Classic Club in their special cars had already arrived. Phil and Terri O'Loan arrived in their Talbot. Soon we were later joined by Leon Smith, Lyn and Neil Martin, Phil and Winston Campbell, Ian, Janina, Max and Jackson Shinfield, Ian and Jenny Streatfeild, and Dorothy and Barry Shinfield. It was Barry's first outing with the club after his hip replacement and he enjoyed catching up on all the news. It was a lovely surprise to have Doug, Vivian and Victoria Fulford support the outing, and then a jet lagged Laurie Garrod arrived.



Morning tea in the shade

Under the shade of a couple of gum trees we shared morning tea and talked, and talked some more. The children played games, including snakes and ladders! Hamish loved being with "big boys". Alexander had a successful practice drive of the Wolseley.

Les Watton announced that people holding concession cards are able to apply for a pass at National Parks and Wildlife, which gives free entry. Doug publicised the next run for MaSH starting at Curry Reserve on 25 March. As this is Good Friday, Vivian promised hot cross buns for morning tea and Doug a good fish shop for lunch.

As our passengers had more plans for the day, we left just before lunch. Max and Jackson were going fishing with Ian. There were still lots of fit people cycling up the hill. Alexander drove most of the way home passing more MAMILs and women! Hamish dozed off.



David's Ford T, Geoff's Wolseley and Ian's Overland

The next Sydney North Breakfast run will be held on 1 May. On Warren Irish's suggestion it will be at Crosslands Reserve at the end of Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights. Unfortunately there are no shops, so bring all you will need for morning tea.

Ross and Sandra Burgess (Antique and Classic Car Club)
 Doug, Vivian and Victoria Fulford
 Laurie Garrad
 Phil and Terri O'Loan (1910 Talbot)
 Neil and Lyn Martin
 David and Kate Norton (1915 Ford)
 Neville Preston (1913 Talbot)
 Barry and Dorothy Shinfield
 Ian, Janina, Max and Jackson Shinfield
 Ian and Jenny Streatfeild (1915 Willy's Overland)
 Leon Smith
 Les Watton
 Geoffrey, Louise, Alexander, Joanne and Hamish Yeomans (1914 Wolseley)



Phil's Talbot

Combined Outing Sunday 13th March 2016

Graeme Newman

For many years the Newcastle Branch has hosted the 'Combined Outing' on the first or second Saturday of January. The idea being to have an event where members from both the Sydney area and Newcastle/Hunter could join together for the first Club Event of the year. Many different locations have been visited from the Mangrove Creek Dam to the north and Dharug National Park to the south (quite a few years ago) and numerous others in between.



Jeff Palmer's FIAT and John & Sue Wards Benz

Obviously, given the time of year the event has been effected by either very hot weather or on a few occasions bush fires which have been burning. I think that one year the F1 might even have been closed due to the fires. If my memory serves me correctly, I had the bright idea that we could have the run a bit later in the year, perhaps in early Autumn when the weather would no doubt be ideal. The others in the Branch went along with it with Sunday March 13th the chosen date. On a positive note, we had a clear sunny day with no rain. On the down side, the mercury still reached the high 20's and for those from further up the Hunter I

think it might have been in the low 30's by the time they got home.

We decided this year to return to Alison Homestead which is located just to the west of Wyong not far from the Motorway. We last visited the location in 2007. Unfortunately in December 2011 an arson attack led to much of the original homestead being destroyed. This included a vast collection of local historical records which sadly will never be replaced.

The main building has since been rebuilt, with some of the original features such as chimneys being retained, however the collection it now houses is fair less impressive. The hardworking volunteers who run the museum, many of whom are descendants of local 'pioneer families' are hopeful the collection will be enhanced over the years by donations from private collections. The site is also the location for the Wyong Men's Shed. John Wards gave Neville and I a bit of a tour whilst he was comparing it with the Mannering Park Men's Shed with which he is quite involved.



John Brumby's Maxwell and the Yeoman's Wolseley

We had a good rollup of members in both Veteran's and moderns with representation from the north and south. Despite it being fairly warm we all settled in the shade under the large trees which proved to be quite a pleasant spot – as long as you ignored the noise from the constant traffic on the motorway. Geoff and Louise Yeomans in the Wolseley were the sole Veteran from the south. They reported having a good trip up despite some conflict between them and the 'GPS'. Ben Rose made his first appearance on their 1914 Douglas motorcycle. Ben reckons it performs better when he rides it rather than when his father does!



Ben about to set off on the Douglas

On a sadder note, it was our first outing since the passing of Peter Adams. It was really nice that Kim still joined us, travelling with Chris, Catherine and Isaac in the F.N. on what I'm sure was a difficult day for her. It's very sobering to think just how quickly your life can change. Our Combined Outing in 2015 was held just down the road from Alison Homestead in the grounds of the Wyong Christian School. Peter and Kim were there in '50 Bob' and in typical fashion Peter was offering others the chance to join him for a bit of a scoot up the road in the car. Chris and I both took the opportunity to take it for a bit of a drive, in my case taking my two girls for a ride so they could experience veteran motoring at a slightly more exhilarating pace than that offered by a 12HP Talbot. I'm sure Peter was there with us in spirit, probably climbing one of the trees we were sitting under whilst having lunch.

After having a leisurely morning tea, lunch and bit of a wander around the group had to disperse as the hard working volunteers were wanting to lock up. A good roll up and good day out.

Those attending in or on Veterans:

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| John & Sue Wards | Benz |
| Geoff & Louise Yeomans | Wolseley |
| Max & Joan Burke | Hupmobile |
| Doug & Dianne Marshall | F.N. |
| John Brumby | Maxwell |
| Bill & Carol Heeney | Maxwell |
| Neville Preston | Talbot |
| Ben Rose | Douglas M/c |
| Jeff Palmer | FIAT |
| Chris Duncan, Catherine Strutt, Isaac and Kim Nolan | F.N. |
| Dianne & Christopher Gotley and Brett Corrigan | Talbot |



Geoff, Louise, Jan, Laurie & Neville with Talbot & F.N.

Modern:

- Betty Cherry; Laurie & Jan Garrod; Steven & Kate Rose; Graeme, Karyn & Lauren Newman



Most of the group doing what we do

MaSH Branch “Northern Coffee Run” to Warragamba. 25-3-2016

Doug Fulford

Rather than starting with the weather as I so often do with these reports, this month I must start with an apology. I had promised a number of our members a veteran to drive but after a series of minor mishaps and other problems none of my veterans were being co-operative. We were even trying some of the roofless ones despite the presence of not insignificant precipitation. Time was getting away but thankfully Greg and Gill Roberts volunteered to take the morning tea goodies, including freshly baked hot cross buns and gluten free alternatives, to the expectant waiting hordes at Curry Reserve. In the end the rest of us gave up on the veterans and hopped into various modern automobiles.

Morning tea was attacked enthusiastically by what was our biggest turn out to date although there were no veterans, at least in terms of automobiles, present. It was fantastic to have the Yoemans and Shinfields join us from northern climes. The oldest car present was Reggie the Renault running more sweetly (and reliably) than our run two months ago. The available fare was swelled by Robyn Betts' slice and Easter eggs and Jan Grant's artistically decorated Easter bonnet biscuits.



Jan Grant handing out Easter Biscuits



Les enjoying an Easter Bonnet biscuit.

who weren't at the same fish shop as we were. Given that we had already purchased our fish and chips our original backup plan seemed less than ideal, so what to do? It turned out that there is a very nice little park with two sheltered picnic tables and chairs immediately opposite the fish shop and none had thought of going there on a public holiday. So we happily crossed the road and enjoyed our hot fish and chips – and potato scallops, something I don't think I've eaten since primary school days at Artarmon. Perhaps I should have asked for a Sunny Boy to go.

Despite the weather and the fact that many of us had missed out on driving veterans, I think that pretty much everyone enjoyed themselves. We probably need to be more careful about our choice of destination on public holidays. But as Vivian pointed out to me the real lesson of the day is that whilst the cars are an important part of our club it is the people who really count and make it the great club that it is.

The planned route to Warragamba Dam was designed to be veteran friendly and so would normally be no challenge for members in moderns. However there was some confusion as to the location of the fish shop (actually there are two of them) in Warragamba, the instructions implying they were in Silverdale (which they aren't). We had, at least, confirmed that they would be open on Good Friday – unlike the local pub. In the process we discovered that whoever allocated numeric street names to many of the streets in Warragamba must have learned to count in a most unconventional order as the street numbers appeared to be in a random order.

As we headed into Warragamba village we spotted the Martins (senior, junior and even more junior) coming from the dam. Veteran automobiles at last! Apparently all the sheltered spots at the very nice picnic grounds at Warragamba Dam were full. By that stage we were all somewhat scattered but thanks to Barry Shinfield we managed to track down those



Lunch at Warragamba

Lyn and Neil Martin – Crossley
Louise and Geoff Yoemans
Gill and Greg Roberts
Vivian and Doug Fulford
Robyn and Bill Betts
Phil Campbell
Enid Manhart

Sue, Harriet and Peter Martin – T Ford
Dorothy and Barry Shinfield
Les Wotton and Helen
Jan and John Grant
Elizabeth and Bob Hobson
Steve Fleming

Postscript: Steve Fleming came around Sunday afternoon and we got all the recalcitrant veterans to run. We just ran out of time on the day.

Photos courtesy of Les Watton



The Martins' T Ford and Crossley at Warragamba lunch

Discussion Paper: VCCA (NSW) Inc. Technical Library.

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Background

1. The club has a technical library that contains books, periodicals, pamphlets etc. mostly relating to veteran cars.
2. This collection has been accumulated from donations and purchases.
3. Some items in the collection are worth a lot of money.
4. In the past the club allowed members to borrow material from the collection which, anecdotally, at least has resulted in the loss of some items.
5. Due to factors such as the changes to when the club rooms are open and the increasing geographic spread of our members access for members to the existing material is very limited.
6. The collection is not catalogued so members have no easy way of telling if this resource may be of help to them.
7. There is currently no easy way for members to scan / copy helpful information if they do happen to find it.
8. There is currently no formal system for managing the loan of any of the material held so loans are currently prohibited (as I understand it).
9. As a result the library is currently virtually not being used.
10. When it comes down to information about particular makes/ models many members will have more information about the cars they own, have owned or are interested in than the existing club library.
11. Much of the material held is presumably out of copyright.

The existing library is basically hard copy only. Digital technology means that scanned items and digital images could be added to the collection.

Principles

1. The club's aim is to encourage the preservation, restoration and use of veteran vehicles.
2. A technical library covering relevant information is potentially a real asset to assist the club in pursuing those aims but only if there is a reasonable degree of access to such information.
3. A reasonable degree of access implies that members can both identify that there may be helpful information, where that might be found and where appropriate have a means of either copying or borrowing such material.
4. Thus it would seem that the club should balance the risk of any possible loss of this resource against its real value to the club which is providing helpful information to the club's members.

The club's aims would suggest that the club should actively encourage members to share additional information they might have, not necessarily in hard copy form.

Suggestions

1. A working party be established under the leadership of the Club Librarian.
The working party should go through the existing collection and divide the material into three categories, namely:
Not Relevant: These items should be removed from the collection and sold
Reference Only: Items that are too rare or fragile to loan to members
Loan Items: Items members may borrow once appropriate systems are in place
3. I note that where several copies of an item are in the collection one may be classified as Reference Only, the others as Loan Items.
4. All items to be kept should be catalogued on a computerised data base (the details of which should probably be dealt with as a separate issue) and ideally that data base should be able to be queried from the club's web site.
5. A system set up to record and monitor the loan of any material.
6. Suitable scanning and / or copying facilities be purchased so that club members can get the full benefit of any reference material and also to minimise the risk of loss of items in the collection.
7. The library obtain suitable equipment for storing and viewing digital images.

The club should encourage members to provide additional material particularly in digital form. Some can be sourced from the web, eg at <http://www.oldcarmanualproject.com/>

It may be worthwhile having discussions with public libraries many of whom are progressively digitising their older material. If some of our material is unique maybe funding would be available to digitise it. Also material that is readily available in digital form from such sources could be sold off to provide funding to support the club's library project. Our aim should be to value add rather than duplicate.

Discussion will take place at the April meeting.



“Comfort at all times”

Entry Form - June Tour - Singleton

JUNE TOUR

17th - 18th - 19th

SINGLETON

The Newcastle Branch invites Veteran enthusiasts to enter this year's June tour.

The tour will commence on Friday the 17th of June in Cessnock at the home of Max and Joan Burke.
20 Valley View Place, Nulkaba

A welcome morning tea will be served before heading off on a scenic tour utilising quiet country roads to Singleton.

Saturday we will tour in the Singleton area and return to Cessnock on Sunday.

BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

The tour will be accommodated at the CHARBONNIER,
Singleton,

(02) 6572 2333

Dinner Bed & B/Fast packages

Please return your entry to,

The Tour Director,
John Burke

2 Occident St Cessnock NSW 2325.

Ph (02) 4991 1806 (AH) 0412 821 945 (M)

ENTRY FORM

NAME.....Phone.....

Veteran vehicle (year and make).....

Number of pers .. Adults..... Children.....

Entry Fee .. (\$10.00)..... \$10.00

TOTAL \$10.00

Cheques to be made payable to the Newcastle Branch VCCA

This event is open to all Veteran Vehicles

National Veteran Vehicle Rally - Clare Valley South Australia

24 – 30 September 2017

Sporting Car Club of South Australia Inc. and Veteran Car Club of South Australia Inc

Chairman : Peter Templer
Treasurer : Tim Rettig

Rallymaster : Phil Keane
Willwrite : Darryl Grey

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

You are cordially invited to join the 2017 National Veteran Vehicle Rally in the picturesque and historic Clare Valley, South Australia. Coordinated by the joint efforts of members of the Sporting Car Club of SA and the Veteran Car Club of SA the 2017 rally will be based in the regional township of Clare, the focus of the Valley's rich blend of attractions and activities, including vineyards and wineries as well as regional mining and pastoral commerce.

Daily outings planned will include the historic towns of Burra and Mintaro, Kadina at the Copper Coast, Anlaby Homestead and Bungaree Station. The terrain is mostly gently undulating and serviced by good sealed roads (for all but part of one of the outings).

The variety of attractions, the welcoming inhabitants and delightful scenery will alone be enough to attract a significant attendance at this rally but with the added bonus of the highly-regarded food and wine reputation of the Clare Valley you would be well advised to get in early!

- When?** Plan to arrive Sunday 24 September for the evening welcome reception and check-in. Leisurely departure from Saturday 30 September after a sumptuous farewell dinner on Friday evening!
- Where?** Clare, South Australia (140 km north of Adelaide)
- What's on?** Daily runs between 80 and 200km round trip from Clare
- Roads?** All sealed (except 20 km on the Anlaby day but there may be an optional bus available). Roads in excellent condition with only one or two climbs.
- Extras?** Motorfest SA outings based in Adelaide from 18-23 September and the outstanding Vintage Collingrove Hillclimb on 1 October on your way home!

DO NOT MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

Accommodation Options with distance from the Rallycentre at the Clare Oval

These excellent venues have been block-booked for our Rally so please ensure that you book early to avoid disappointment.

Clare Country Club... 1.5 miles north08 8842 1060

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Discovery Holiday Park2 miles south08 8842 2724

plus many other high quality B&B's, cabins and hotels in the Clare Valley.

Please book early! This is a popular tourism venue!

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Rally Costings: \$125 per vehicle with one rider/driver plus \$50 for each passenger and/or supporter.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Please email the following information to rally2017@vccsa.org.au
or post to National Veteran Vehicle Rally Clare 2017, PO Box 2, Glen Osmond SA 5064.

Name

Address

Number of additional passengers/supporters

Email (highly recommended)

Phone number

Mobile

Vehicle make /model / year

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The Expression of Interest Fee is \$25, which will be deducted from your entry fee. Please send funds by direct deposit to the NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY CLARE 2017 account as below, or by cheque with your entry details.

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<http://vccsa.org.au/events-2/National-Veteran-Vehicle-Rally-Clare-2017>

Enquiries - Peter Templer - 0417 081 502

STOLEN

1910 Delage Model F Roadster and dual axle tilt trailer of Daryl Meek was stolen from his home in Tullamarine between 6pm Saturday 9/4/16 and 6am Sunday 10/4/16.

Vehicle was still loaded on trailer following completion of National Veteran 1&2 Cylinder Rally

Delage:

1910 Model F Roadster. Single cylinder 8hp De Dion Bouton. Cream in colour with green chassis.

Dark stained timber wheels with tan seat with numerous rally badges on firewall. Victorian Club permit 843. Engine number 27098, chassis number 1224.



Trailer:

Dual axle Tilta Trailer with airbag suspension (no ramps). Silver mag wheels and side mounted spare.

Grey in colour with solid chequerplate floor, six tie down points and electric winch attached.

Registration plate missing and non matching tail lights. VIN 6K9T1LTATCB063 102.



Any information, please contact: Daryl Meek - 0407 881 288 or Broadmeadows Police 9302 8222

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Contact: Greg Roberts 4861 2023
Email: gillandgreg@bigpond.com
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Beautiful brass 1912 Model T Ford with chassis, engine, clamshell diff and all correct components for 1912. Engine number 156569. New Brassworks radiator and original E & J lights, Rocky Mountain style brakes. Reproduction body to exact 1912 Commercial roadster specifications by Arthur Byrne of South Australia, with leather to original specifications including horse hair stuffing, and correct fabric top. Fitted with two period tool-boxes and coir running board mat.

The car has been thoroughly researched with restoration completed in 2013 to as authentic a state as possible, including midnight blue paint and correct striping and matting.

Runs as it should on trembler coils or magneto. Immaculate condition, \$38,000.

Contact: Ian Berg Ph; 0419 364 427, E; bergathol@gmail.com
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For Sale: (cont.)

1911 Le Zèbre Type A Series 3. The time has come. Recently my wife, Patricia and I moved to Carrington Centennial Care in Camden and it has become necessary to reluctantly part with this unique car. The front cover of the January 2016 edition of Spit and Polish featured a photo of my car and on page 18, can be found a full description and its history.

1911 LE ZÈBRE ENGINE

Makers HP 4 HP @ 1200 rpm
Cylinders 1 x 600 cc
Cooling Water
Ignition H T Magneto
Bore & Stroke 85 mm x 106 mm

CHASSIS

Clutch Multiplate
Gearbox 2 speed progressive plus reverse
Brakes expanding
Wheels artillery converted to 3.25"x 19"

The price is \$34,000 which includes a two year-old, fully galvanised single axle trailer with disc brakes and a capacity of 1500kg.

The car is temporarily housed here at Carrington.

If interested, please contact Barry

Contact: Barry Perdriau on 4655 4949

[2-16]



Lucas 722 RHS sidelamp, good overall condition, complete except for clamp screw, has incorrect handle, \$190 1

Rotax "Clearway" brass double twist horn, firewall mount, has reed but no bulb stem or bulb, some minor denting in body, \$175 2

Victor 8" acetylene headlamp, made by the Cincinnati Victor Co., dual gimbal mount, crack in reflector otherwise complete and in excellent condition, \$250 3



Contact: Jeff Palmer (02) 49591256
or email jasper.1912@bigpond.com.

[2-16]

For Sale: (cont.)

1913 Hupmobile HR Roadster. Photo is attached. Motor and Gearbox requires rebuilding. New parts already brought. Other spare parts available. Have photos of initial rebuild also most of the Hupmobile Register newsletters. The car has been dated and has the 100 year badge. Price \$22,500 Negotiable. More information contact Bob Dunk

Contact: Bob Dunk 0427 002 947
[2-16]



B.F. Goodrich Silvertown Cord tyres. 4 only 32 x 4½ in near new condition. They have straight sided beads with dog bone pattern suitable to veteran cars. They were wrongly fitted to a 12/50 Alvis. Well below retail price @ \$100.00 ea.

Contact: Dave Stuart on 0428 282 360.
[3-16]

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Contact: John Hermann 0412 901 570
[3-16]

Rear Axle Assembly Circa 1910. Aluminium Banjo & steel axle tubes. No diff internals or axles. Rudge-Whitworth course-splined hubs and wheel centres. Brakes & drums. 920x120 rims. 12 leaves in each spring. Thought to be Napier. Best offer.

Contact: Jim Weir (02) 9651 7770
[3-16]

Wanted:

Swivel drive and cable for Jones speedometer. I have a Stewart swivel unit and speedo in useable condition available for swap if appropriate.

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