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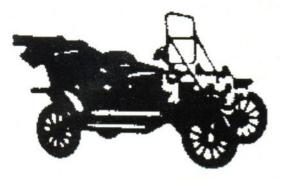
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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of MONTHLY MEETING held on Thursday 27th November 2014

ATTENDANCE

Committee: 9 Member's family: 1 Visitors: 1 Members: 17

Visitors: Bob Freeland

Apologies: David and Veronique McCredie, Dorothy and Barry Shinfield, Marilyn and Michael Trethowan

MEETING OPENED AT 8: 25 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Vale for David Manhart. All members observed one minute's silence to remember David.

The President, Peter Martin, welcomed all members to the meeting.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Phil O'Loan Seconded: Michael Lowe

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Flyers received

Shepparton Alpine Club Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair Shannons Classic Auctions Hazeldean Nursing Home 2015

Gnoo Blas Classic Car & Bike Show Duro Lenz

All Australian Journeys Red Centre Nats 3-6/09/15

Other club publications:

Brass Notes Veteran Torque
Vintage Motor Club Motorlife News
The Edwardian The Veteran Car in SA

Illawarra Vintage Car Club CMC Vintage Motor Club Bulletin

Antique and Classic Early Auto

Small Torque The Broken Spoke

Bulletin of Veteran Car Club of SA

Invitations:

40th Berrima Rally 21-22 February 2015

Other

Government House -His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New

South Wales has accepted patronage of our club

Newcastle minutes Trevor –photo of old car wheel

Irvine Black Busiiness

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Michael Duncan Enid Manhart

Veronique McCredie Correspondence accepted.

Moved: Ian Streatfeild Seconded: Euan Coutts

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are:

The Treasurer advised that one of the term deposits matures in 2 weeks and will be reinvested.

Moved: Graham Weekes Seconded: Neil Martin

MAGAZINE Nothing to report

EVENTS

Graham Weeks updated members on events for 2015. He noted that the date for Maraylya is yet to be confirmed

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and that the date for the National Victorian 1 & 2 Rally is not March 2015 but March 2016. A list of state and national tours will be published in *Spit and Polish*. He reminded members that the Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 30 November and members need to pay Lyn Martin. There will be no registration inspections at the Christmas Party.

On 10 January Newcastle Branch have organised a combined outing and details are in Spit and Polish.

On 26 January 2016 is *Carnivale* but no one has been advised if his or her applications are successful. Mash will host morning tea runs on 12 December and 9 January. Contact Greg Roberts for more details.

Entry forms for the Mash Ramble appeared in the November edition of *Spit and Polish*. Graham reminded members that the rally would be based in Mittagong. Greg Roberts has requested entry forms as soon as possible.

Wilga Coutts updated members on planning for the Wallerawang Rally and Western Tour. Limited rooms have been reserved at the Oriana Motel in Orange. More information will be published in January's *Spit and Polish*.

PERMIT TO MOVE

3 movements; 1 re-registration

LIBRARY Nothing to report

DATING Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP

Michael Duncan was elected as an associate member of the club.

CMC

Norm Mitchell updated members on the last meeting. A copy of his report is published on the website. All vehicles including H plated cars are legally required to display red reflectors at the rear of the vehicle.

HALL

Robert Fordham advised members that a new lease has been signed with the singing school for 12 months with an option for 2 years. There is a new fridge in the kitchen. The grounds need a tidy. Robert will poison the weeds and Peter Martin volunteered to mow the lawns. The President thanked Robert, Graham and Phil for their efforts with the new fridge.

WEBSITE.

Peter Weir has updated the website with the patron.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Wilga Coutts spoke about the Hupmobile Rally in Ballarat and how enjoyable it was. It was pleasing to see other entrants from our club. Stan Goodman aged 93 attended and is still driving and using an I pad! The next Hupmobile Rally will be at Singleton in 2016. Congratulations to the Coutts who won the veteran section.

Lyn Martin suggested that one of the neighbours might mow the lawns but this is not a feasible option at the moment.

Susan Murone represented the club at the Governor's farewell.

The President wished all members a merry Christmas and happy new year.

The raffle was drawn.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:00 PM.

Peter Martin Louise Yeomans
President Secretary

Good news! After many requests for an update to Members' Register, Michael Holding, (VCCA (Victoria)), has kindly offered to collate a new national members' register for release later this year.

Although the proposed format will be slightly different from previous registers it is hoped to be of more benefit for

Updating the National Roster

members. There will be a full alphabetical listing of all members across Australia. Another section is a full membership index for each club (not state). It will also include a full vehicle make/model/year index for members to locate vehicles similar to their own.

Although our cars were born in the early part of the 20^{th} century, we now live in the 21^{st} century when privacy is a concern to all of us.

To reassure members that their details will be for **club members use only** the directory will contain the following *Privacy Statement:*

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- Veteran Car Club of South Australia Inc
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A similar disclaimer appeared in the 2010 directory but this is one is more explicit. The information to be published is identical as to information that appeared the 2010 directory but it will be formatted in three different ways for easier access to specific details. The information to be included is the member's name, address, phone numbers, email, partner's name and the make, year and model of each vehicle owned by the member.

If you do not wish to be included in the 2015 national directory please contact me in writing by letter or email louise.yeomans1@gmail.com no later than 10 February 2015.

Louise Yeomans Secretary

Welcome New Member

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Events Calendar - Club Events

JANUARY 2015

20^{th}	Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm	
22^{nd}	Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm	
22^{nd}	Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm	
24th	Working Bee at the Club Rooms. See Page 8 for information	
26 th	Australia Day CARnivale. (previously known as Motorfest) See invitation events	

FEBRUARY 2015

6th-8th	MaSH Ramble - Mittagong See Page 8 for details Entry Form in November Spit and Polish
7^{th}	MaSH Branch Meeting, 2pm - Lake Alexander, Mittagong
13 th	MaSH Branch Morning Tea run.
17^{th}	Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
26 th	Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
26^{th}	Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

MARCH 2015

$12^{th} - 15^{th}$	Victorian 1 & 2 Rally Details to follow
13 th	MaSH Branch Morning Tea run. Check with Greg Roberts
$17^{\rm th}$	Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
26^{th}	Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
26^{th}	Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

APRIL 2015

4^{th}	MaSH Branch Meeting - 2pm - Lake Alexander, Mittagong	
10 th	MaSH Branch Morning Tea run. Check with Greg Roberts	
21 st	Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm	
23^{rd}	Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm	
23 rd	Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm	
24 th - 26 th	Wallerawang Rally - See Page 8 for details. Entry Form on Page 20	
$27^{th} - 1^{st}$	Western Tour Details to Follow	

MAY 2015

1st - 3rd	Orange District Antique Motor Club - Autumn Tour - Orange. See Invitation event for details.
	Entry Form on Page 21
8 th	MaSH Branch Morning Tea run. Check with Greg Roberts
19 th	Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
28^{th}	Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
28^{th}	Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

National Rallies

OCTOBER 2015

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

For further information contact John Burke National Coordinator

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Email: <u>Hupmobile@bigpond.com</u>

NOVEMBER 2015

1st - 6th Canberra's 2015 Shannons National All Veteran Tour. Based in Goulburn NSW.

Contact: Tour Secretary Roger Gottlob on

(ah) 02 6241 3169, (m) 0418 962 312 or Email: canberrarally2015@gmail.com

Entry Form in October 2014 Spit and Polish

Future National Rallies

	National All Veteran National 1 & 2 Cylinder		ional 1 & 2 Cylinder		
Year	State	Place & Date	Year	State	Place & Date
2015	ACT	Goulburn Nov 1-6			
2016	Tas	Hobart Oct 31 - Nov 4	2016	Vic	Traralgon Apr 10-16
2017	SA	in latter half of year			
2018	NSW	Forbes September	2018	Tas	
2019	Qld				
2020	Vic		2020	Qld	
2021	WA				
2022	ACT		2022	NSW	

National High Wheeler			<u>Veteran Motor Bike</u>			
	<u>Year</u>	<u>State</u>	Place & Date	<u>Year</u>	<u>State</u>	Place & Date
	2015	?	? October 19-23	2015	Vic	Ararat October 4-9

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Invitation Event

MAY 2015

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

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

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

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

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

Keith Packham Rally Co-ordinator

Entry Form on Page 21

Coming Events

WORKING BEE

At the Club Rooms **Saturday 24th January** Starting at 8.00am To move the chairs so the carpet can be cleaned and a general cleaning of the building

MACARTHUR AND SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BRANCH

2015 MaSH Ramble

Friday 6th February – Sunday 8th February MITTAGONG RSL

Springs Resort Mittagong RSL Resort Telephone: 4871 3133

This year's Ramble will be returning to the Southern Highlands and will be based at the Mittagong RSL and Motel (Springs Resort).

It is planned to have a short run on Friday afternoon to a local attraction leaving at 2.30pm. Saturday and Sunday's runs will be approximately 120 klms along the scenic back roads of the Southern Highlands.

It is planned that evening meals on Friday and Saturday night will be at the Mittagong RSL.

A number of other motels are available in the area and details may be obtained through the Southern Highlands Tourist Information Centre on 1300 657 559.

For any other enquiries please contact Greg or Jill Roberts on 4861 2023

Entry Form in November 2014 Spit and Polish

OVER THE BLUE MOUNTAINS WALLERAWANG (AND OTHER OPTIONS)

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

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

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

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

So your options are!

- 1. Wallerawang Weekend (entry form in this edition please complete and return to me).
- 2. Autumn Tour (please indicate your intention on the Wallerawang Entry Form)
- 3. Orange Car Club Tour, complete their entry form and return direct to them.

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

Wilga

Entry Form on Page 20

Letter to the Editor

On behalf of David's family and myself I would like to thank everyone for their messages of kindness, cards and flowers, it has been a sad time but his health had been deteriorating for some time. He enjoyed the time he spent as a member of the club, the great motoring and talking with like minded people. The Hurtu is now back in its home town where it was originally dug up out of a swamp. Prior to that it had served as transport for the local doctor, a farm supplies company and I believe the Sisters of Mercy! It will be well taken care of by David's son, Philip and family and will become once again a familiar sight motoring around the Canterbury countryside.

Enid Manhart

Letter to the Editor



As you may know, dad is encountering some serious health challenges.

Together, we recently bought a Model N Hupp which I am working flat out on to get up and running. On Boxing Day, dad was here so I managed to get the car started for the first time and we went for a drive.

Well you know dad and

Hupps, he was like a dog with two tails!!! Though you might like a couple of pictures.

Regards, Evan Quarmby



Editorial

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

A letter of thanks from Enid Manhart, another letter to the Editor from Evan Quarmby. Also thanks to Bill Bishop for his article on the late David Manhart. John Burke for his reports on the National Veteran Rally in WA and the National Hupmobile Rally in Victoria.. Then we have part 3 of Bob Lamond's Francis Birtle's Centenary event also incorporating the Adelaide to Darwin Rally. This is the final part.

Information on coming events, the MaSH Branch Ramble at Mittagong and the "Over the Blue Mountains" Tour. Also information on the invitation event at Orange organised by the Orange District Antique Motor Club.

At the moment I have a 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 New Preston



Vale - David Manhart

I first met Dave at a meeting of the Vintage Vehicle club at Five Dock in the early eighties and soon struck up a friendship no doubt due to our shared interest in old cars and aeroplanes.

Over time he became more than a very good friend but he became my mentor in the world of restoration. Whenever I struck a problem in any aspect be it mechanical, electrical or bodywork he always came up with an answer. If the answer was beyond my skills he would assist me in sorting things out and if necessary he would do it and show me how the job was done.

I have learnt a great deal as his student and I will be forever thankful for his advice. I might add that he tried now and then to light up my day with a magneto but I managed to dodge his attempts.

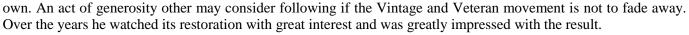
This IS a memory many restorers would have of David. He was very generous with his time and skills. Often even doing things for others when it really slowed down progress with his own projects. While all this was going on he managed to fit in working at Greens Motorcade Museum for about two years from 1974 and then he moved on to teaching Automotive skills at Campbelltown TAFE until he retired in 1992

Though he was a busy man in our eyes, he obviously got bored on occasions. He fitted in the preparation of a 1927 Chrysler tourer for a trip in a group to Cape York and back in 1998. The car performed faultlessly.

His cars included a 23/60 Vauxhall from which he derived great pleasure. On the smaller side a 1913 Hurtu two seater which he had brought with him from New Zealand many years ago. It is now on its way back to NZ to be enjoyed by his son Phillip and family.

For about the last ten years he spent a great deal of time restoring a Sizaire Freres 4RI. A rare car with many technically advanced features which David appreciated. He built a replica Weyman saloon body for it just to be different.

Around the time he started work on the Sizaire Freres, David gave Andy Bishop a collection of bits and pieces said to be the makings of a Hurtu similar but older than his own. An act of generosity other may consider following if



Only ten days before his death Enid was able to get the OK from the Camden Rehab Centre for Dave to have a day at home with family and friends. Andy brought his car up from Coolamon on a trailer so that the two Hurtus could be together at Buxton much to David's great delight.



Sadly we were not to know that this would be David's last visit to his home of many years in Buxton.

David's interest in aviation came from his time serving in the RNZAF an engineer maintaining, Harvards, Oxfords, Ansons and to top it all Short Sunderland flying boats while based in Fiji.

This set him on his way to learning to fly, something he had wanted to do for some time. Once he had his licence and gained experience he volunteered to join the Scouts flying group at Camden. For many years gave his time taking young scouts flying to engender in them the same interest he had in aviation.

At his farewell held at Camden on November 12th he was remembered by family and many friends from all the different spheres of his very full life.

I am told that it was once said that when a man dies it is like burning a library. I consider it very appropriate with the passing of David Phillip Manhart.

Bill Bishop



2014 National Veteran Rally

John Burke

After four long days on the road, Max, Joan and I arrived in Kalgoorlie for the 2014 National Rally with George our 1913 Model 32 Hupmobile and 1916 New Imperial motorcycle in tow. A rather long uneventful drive with great warm weather all the way. On arrival a rather large storm met us that lasted all week end and caused the cancelation of the 100 year speed celebrations at Lake Perkolilli , a real let down for the organisers and the spectators. We did however get to see many of the cars and motorbikes of all ages as the vehicles and owners gathered at the show grounds to look at and discuss racing and machines, all be it in the rain. A highlight was the ex-Wizard Smith Essex that broke old Fifty Bob's speed records.

Fortunately for the veteran rally, the first day Monday dawned warm and sunny and lasted all week.

The rally attracted vehicles from all states and territories and was also proclaimed to be the first veteran rally in Australia to have a female director. Kathryn Paynter, Kathryn along with her team did a fantastic job in organising the event.

Four days of veteran sightseeing and a public display day gave all entrants something to see other than cars and bikes, plenty to see and plenty to do in Kalgoorlie.

Day 1. Around the town tour, visiting places of interest including the Royal Flying Doctors headquarters, the super pit lookout, Hammond Fauna and Flora Park, the water corporation water reservoir and the local golf club for afternoon refreshments.



Bill and Carol Heeneys' newly acquired Maxwell

Day 2 A longer drive today to Coolgardie, the mother of the Goldfields, Coolgardie was The first settlement in the WA goldfields, settled in 1892 after the discovery of gold. Coolgardie is also famous for the Coolgardie safe, an early attempt to preserve food, it consists of a hessian bag covering a box in which food was kept, dripping water kept the hessian wet and evaporation helped keep the food inside cool, a tray at the bottom collected the water which also helped to keep the ants away.



Max and Joan with Doreen and John Ahearn from the ACT.

Gas Light Parade: a warm evening with nearly all participants turning up the wick or the switch for the lamps, a large turnout of town's people greeted the cars as we motored through the township of Boulder.

Day 3 Public display day and ladies high tea afternoon, period costume encouraged this day, quite a good role up and many sun burnt faces by days end (Ventured to Bunning and purchased some large brim straw hats).

Day 4 Drive to Ora Banda via Broad Arrow passing Norton's Paddington gold mill. Ora Banda made headlines in 2000 when a Gypsy Joker motorcycle club member was fatally shot whilst sitting at a camp fire with other club members on the old town site. Former CIB chief and hotel owner Don Hancock was the prime suspect in the shooting. His properties, including the hotel (Where we had lunch) and his gold battery were bombed in a revenge attack by the Gypsy Jokers. The hotel was repaired to some extent leaving some areas as a reminder of the bombing.

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Day 5 Visit to Kambalda. Morning tea served on route at a truck layby on the side of the road, the things you can do in WA. Return to Kalgoorlie for preparation for the rally dinner in the Boulder town hall, a feature of which is the over 100 year old stage curtain, an actual painting on material of a curtain depicting the Bay of Naples by Phillip Goatcher.

As previously mentioned all states and territories were represented at the rally, 89 entrants in total: The NSW participants were:

Max and Joan Burke	1916 New Imperial
John Burke	1913 Hupmobile
Malcolm and Julie Roy	1910 Hupmobile
Rob Duffy and Bill Pearson	1916 Overland
Rod and Ruth Holmes	1911 Albion
David McCredie and Veronique Biagi	1912 Maxwell
Steve Flemming and Max Briggs	1916 Ford
Bill and Carol Heeney	1909 Maxwell

A well run event.

ex John Corby Buick now resides in WA





ex Frank Nissan Caddy now in WA

17th National Hupmobile Tour - Ballarat - Oct/Nov 2014

John Burke

After the National Veteran rally Kalgoorlie, Max Joan and I headed west to Ballarat to attend the National Hupmobile rally. Hupmobile rallies are held every two years and it was Victoria's turn this time. (NSW 2016).

This year's tour attracted 43 entrants, although some were swaggies from New Zealand and the United States.

Three Veteran Hups were on tour, Max, Joan and John Burke 1913 Model 32, Euan and Wilga Coutts 1910 model 20 and Julie and Malcolm Roy 1910 model 20.

The first day of the four day rally commenced with registration and an afternoon tour to Buninyong look out via Sebastopol a steep climb for the veterans but all three made the distance, a wonderful view of Ballarat from the top, and then it was back to the Buninyong golf club for afternoon tea and return to the rally headquarters. (Buninyong was one of Victoria's first inland settlements with a sheep station established in 1883, in the 1850's gold rush the settlements population reached 10,000).

A welcome dinner was hosted by the Ballarat car club at their club rooms and was appreciated by the Hupmobile owners, turning out in force to the dinner in the Hupmobiles.

Saturday and the weather had changed, the warm sunny day previous had changed to a wet, windy and cold day. I bet Euan and Wilga, Julie and Mal were wishing they had a model 32 this morning as the side curtains and hood were very handy. The weather aside this was to be a fabulous day visiting the annual Lake Goldsmith Steam festival. Steam and stationary engines of all sizes and shapes, A caterpillar tractor display along with various other attractions to please all. The world's two surviving



Coutts, Roy and Burke

steam shovels were in action moving dirt all day long.

Saturday night the entrants were bussed to Sovereign Hill to view the light show, a history of the Eureka stockade and the fight for miners rights in the gold fields.

Sunday was also windy and cold although no rain, we visited the Ballarat spring fest where we were greeted by 10,000 people also partaking in the festival, a short walk (6klms) around lake Wendouree provided much entertainment, followed by a Shannon's insurance sponsored show and shine. The prize for the best Vintage was presented to Mal Roy for his 1910 Hupmobile

Monday was a half day optional day, some had left after the dinner and some Hupmobilist's departed that



Steam day Lake Goldsmith

morning, as the weather had returned to fine and sunny we elected along with the other veteran drivers to stay until lunch then head for home

An uneventful trip home up the Newell highway had us home on the Tuesday, three weeks since we departed for WA.

Sydney Christmas Lunch - 30/11/2014

The Editor

I decided it was a little too far to drive the veteran in a day so went modern arriving at our venue, Peter and Sue Martins' at 12.15pm.

Quite a few people were already there when I arrived. Very hot, but a storm was brewing up from the west and arrived just on lunch time, which dropped the temperature. At least we were protected from the storm under a fair sized awning at the rear of their home. The rain stopped just as we were to enjoy our lunch. Cold meat and salad

followed by sweets. I had the apple crumble and custard which was very nice.

The weather eased with the occasional spot of rain, which allowed us to move out from under the awning. It started to rain again just as I was leaving at 4pm and it poured rain all the way back into Camden and very heavy at times with visibility very poor.

Neil and Lyn were the only ones to drive their veteran to the lunch. Peter's two Ford T's and Triumph motorcycle came out of the garage and were on display until the storm arrived.

preparation to make the day very enjoyable and to Peter and Sue for making their home available for the event.

Thanks to everyone who did all the work and

Attendance Peter, Sue & Harriette Martin

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Newcastle Branch Christmas Party - 7/12/2014

The Editor

Again the Newcastle Branch held their Christmas party at Bargeod House (NESCA oval) on the shore of Lake Macquarie. An ideal spot, very quite, as it is only open to members of the NESCA Welfare Association and our contact is Colin Chapman, John Burke's brother-in-law.

I decided to go modern, big mistake, as it turned out to be a beautiful fine day, although I did get a little bit of rain just before I got home.

Arrived at the gate at 9.05am just behind Doug and Dianne Marshall and had to wait about 5 minutes for John to arrive with the key for the gate. A few others were also behind us waiting at the gate. The remainder arrived with the last to arrive being the Streatfeilds.

Everyone was enjoying the fine sunny weather under the shade of the trees beside the lake with a nice northeasterly breeze keeping the temperature at bay.





Lauren had a drive of Doug's F.N., around the grounds. Some had a bit of a game of cricket with Christopher. It was now getting close to lunch time so our usual chefs headed of to BBQ the steaks, sausages and onions and a fine job they did. The BBQ lunch with the meat and onions that the chefs had just prepared along with side salads supplied by the ladies which was all very nice. This was followed by our usual apple pie and cream and or custard. No one should have gone hungry as there was plenty of food.

Actually it was a quiet day at the picnic area as the motor bike club were not there and a couple of other groups that are normally there the same day as us, weren't there. Maybe because it was very early in December.

By about 2pm a move was made to pack up and head for home. An enjoyable day but I think that the Streatfeilds may have got wet before they got home. Again thanks to Colin Chapman for organising the venue and the ladies for supplying the extras.

Attendance

Doug & Dianne Marshall	1911 F.N. 2400
Chris & Catherine Duncan	1912 F.N. 1600
Peter Adams & Kim Nolan	1912 F.N.
Graeme, Karyn & Lauren Newman	1914 Talbot
Dianne & Christopher Gotley	1914 Talbot
Ian & Jenny Streatfeild	1915 Overland

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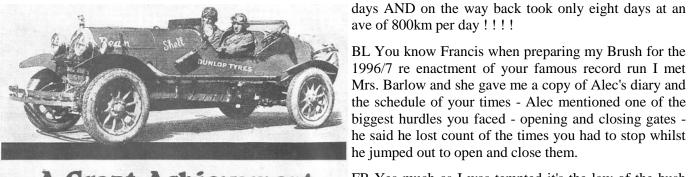
Reminisces of Bob Lamond - infamous 1910 Brush driver and the Ghost of Francis Birtles "Australia's Greatest Overlander"



FB What a bonza pub - the North Gregory - bit toffee nosed for me just right for you Bob! A dozen oysters you ordered and Barramundi - holly flapping ducks - and Winton was in drought for the last 14 years - no water no oysters & barra I thought - but of course refrigerated trucks - bloody hell it's a tough life on the road in 2014!

Had a quick look at the Museum and the Waltzing Matilda Exhibition, they even had a T truck on display and Francis a "BEAN" engine - did you leave a few around on your record Darwin to Melbourne run 1926/7?

FB You old bugger you never told me about the Bean engine WOW that brings back memories - me and young Alec Barlow. In 1925 the Bean Motor Co. gave me a 14.9HP Bean two seater camouflage painted car, the "Sundowner" and with Alec Barlow, son of the Bean Distributor we set a new record for Melbourne to Darwin of 9



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THE ARRIVAL AT MR. FRANCIO DIRTLES

BL You know Francis when preparing my Brush for the 1996/7 re enactment of your famous record run I met Mrs. Barlow and she gave me a copy of Alec's diary and the schedule of your times - Alec mentioned one of the biggest hurdles you faced - opening and closing gates he said he lost count of the times you had to stop whilst

FB Yes much as I was tempted it's the law of the bush and remember a lot of the run was in the dark - no street lights and how many different catches do you find in the bush - we were both exhausted and Alec more so.

BL So started your love affair with the Bean Company and your world famous London to Melbourne record setting run - no more reminiscences I suggest our readers can read Warren's book our "Grit" by Peter Wherrett.

FB I think my face shows the true reflection of what was my greatest challenge and the toll it took on my life.

BL OK so on to Longreach - only 173 kms, but I am sure you will agree, the toughest run in this Centenary Expedition - massive side winds slowed the T down to 45 to 50 kph, 3 times I had to shift to low/high to keep us running, once for more than 30 clicks - and no road trains - I was even ducking behind the caravans of our grey nomads just to have a minutes uplift, whilst there

were many road trains heading north and they nearly blew the T to a stop so severe was their impact together with the side winds. Rest day - oil change, grease and oil and check everything then off to the Stockman's Hall of Fame and the QANTAS Museum - Perhaps we need a Forgotten Heroes of Early Motoring Hall of Fame ? How about all that gold you discovered Frank? did you spend it all?







BL Thursday 4 September - The beginning of the end! 204km split into two lots of $100 \ k$ - T running strong but heat increasing stopped at B ????? and she began boiling? checked for leaks - no can see - had a bun and some iced coffee - let motor cool down - refilled with water - ?? no leaks - so did the second lap into Blackall and again it boiled over - could not find a leak - drove to the motel - only had bars leaks so inserted that - filled

up and had dinner - thought it must be head gasket - drained oil - no sign of water so new oil- woke up 5.30 checked water level- no reduction so packed and left at 6.30 - met a few roos - but no problem - heat increased and I switched off and parked it well off the road having done 53.3 km. Rang NRMA got RACQ and arranged tow truck back to Blackall - Tow truck arrived and Winston lowered the tray, hooked up the T and started the winch - immediately there was a stream of water onto the tray and we saw it was coming from behind the exhaust manifold - phone call to Neil Martin revealed likely source was welsh plugs - no mechanical help in Blackall so NRMA wanted a mechanical report and we were off to Charleville - \$2000 spent out of my \$3000 just to get to Charleville! ? No help from alleged expert and that afternoon I learnt of the closure of the road home by a huge explosion necessitating a 650 km detour so I decided to call it a day and take T home - rang Guy and arranged for my Hilux and big trailer.

CONCLUSION

The T and I had a ball for 8,495 kms and I am very proud of our combined achievement - likewise I am very sad we could not complete the 944 km to Piambong

REFLECTIONS

The T & I thoroughly enjoyed the 4,000 km of the Rally & our drive to & from of 4,945 km - it was great to be an Entrant and to spend time with all the other entrants - in particular my new mate Scotty Staples Classic Cabinet Maker & his team Bruce Walker famous Decorative Artist & Brian ?? We had fun!!





Scotty's barn find T was much admired, I offered him a swap but we mutually agreed - no thanks.

His T had several minor contretemps which were overcome with the help of many friends.







I had the pleasure of driving Scotty from the Rock back to Erlander and we swapped life histories with gay abandon for 280km

Keep smiling Scott.

REFLECTIONS Etc.

It was quite weird to be breathalysers at around 10am fortunately Scott and I had not split a bottle of Shiraz on the previous night!

Ian & Sarge. Just as for the 2012 the workshop on wheels was in constant demand. Thanks.









A tender little scrape of Graham Donges new big end AND mentioning big ends - NO it was not taken to show Mark's strange posture BUT to again show friends like Andrew helping out with Mark's front end!



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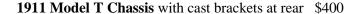
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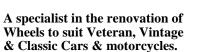
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