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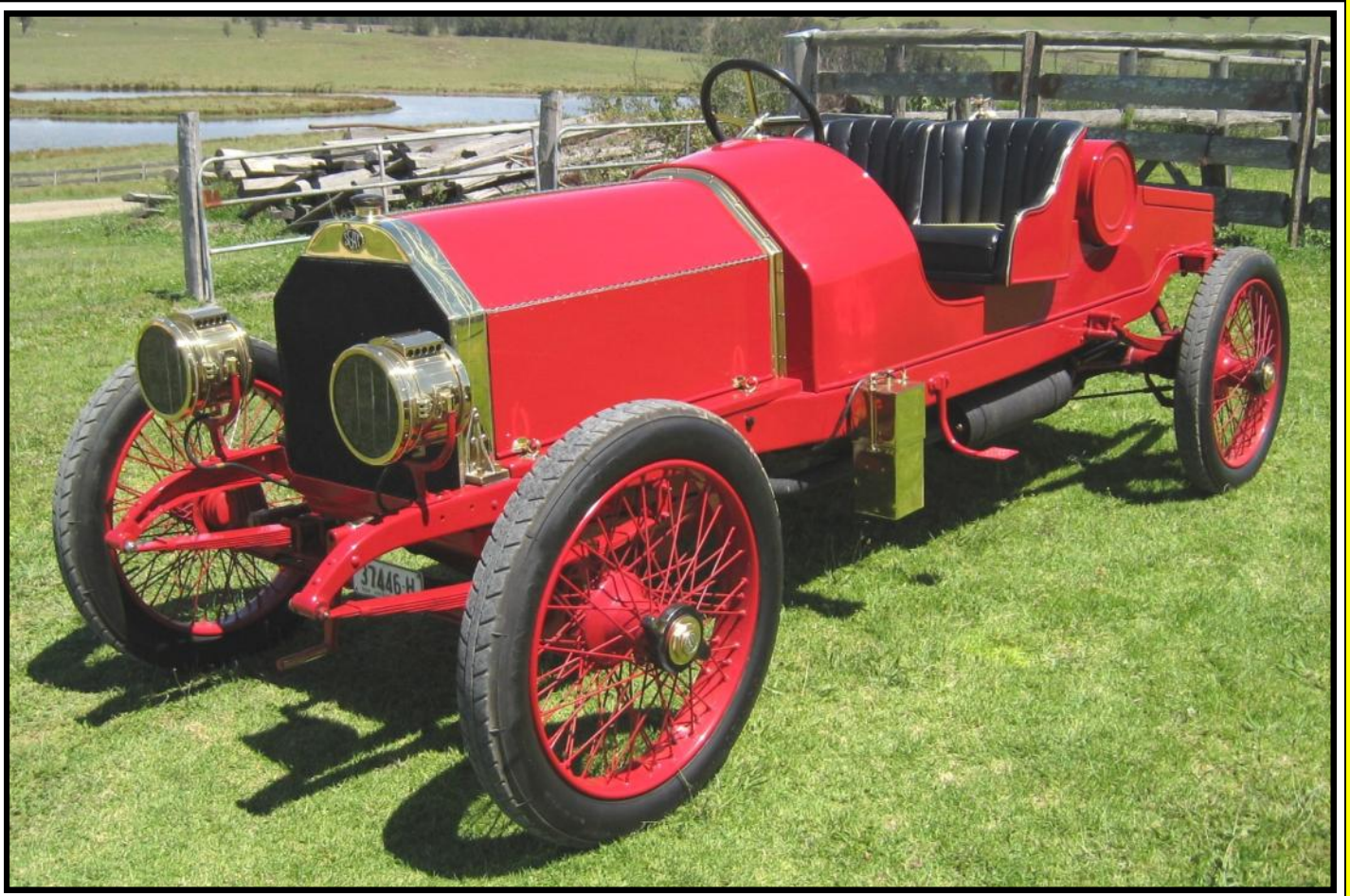
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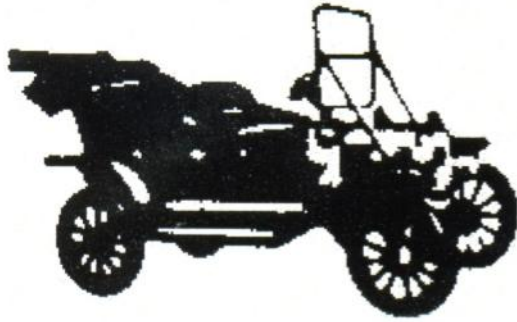
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Cover Photo:-

*Malcolm Garthon's 1908 S.C.A.T.
At morning tea stop at Historic Tocal Homestead.
During the Saturday run of the Newcastle Branch,
Annual Tour, October 2009.*

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc held on Thursday 25th January 2018

ATTENDANCE

Committee:8 Members: 18 Family members:1 Visitors:1

Apologies were received from Dennis Ballard, Darren Grant, Bruce Kinnear, Don Liddle, Lyn Martin, Neil Martin, Peter Martin,

MEETING OPENED AT 8:15 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President welcomed all members. He apologised for the lateness of the events calendar but noted it was packed with events so there were lots of opportunities for veteran motoring and for people to have fun. Sadly, the president reported that Arnold Glanville died after Christmas. He had resigned his membership last year. He conveyed the members' sympathy to his family.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Dorothy Shinfield Seconded: Bill Betts

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations:

Robertson Heritage Railway Station – Classic car show and shine event – 8 April 2018
Sydney Antique Machinery, 15 &16 Sept – Hawkesbury Showground

Flyers:

Gosford Classic Car Museum – summer holiday calendar

Other Club publications:

The Vintage Car	Early Auto
Brass Notes	VCA of NZ
Torque	Retronauts (online)
The Edwardian (online)	Veteran Torque

Other:

Motorlife Museum
Application for membership from Neryl Adams
Citroen Car Club
Bob Lamond – donation of Horseless Carriage magazines
Sid Muirhead
Jenny Fawbert –inquiry about a 1905 poster for a Reliability Rally
Christmas card from the Governor
TAVCCA- request for information for national roster
Brain Adams and Euan Coutts – change of address
Ray Ives – resignation
Apologies for working bee from Doug Fulford, Rod Holmes, David Norton, Jenny Fawbert
Euan Coutts – National Trust Tour postscript
VCCA(Vic) – vale for Len Harris and Peter Amor
Roger Doughty
Governor of NSW His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) – request for 5 wedding cars for daughter on 7 April

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Bob Lamond – thanking him for donation of magazines
Ray Ives - acknowledgement of resignation
Valerie Glanville – sympathy card
Neryl Adams – invitation to meeting
Citroen Car Club

Kevin Boardman, John Brumby, John Burke, Chris Duncan, Neil Martin, Neville Preston and Geoffrey Simmons – thanking them for the road worthiness inspections
Club emails- Forbes entry on line, Christmas greetings and reminder about working bee
Governor of NSW **His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)**
Roger Doughty
Bill Bishop – information on Dodges for the library

Moved: Rod Holmes Seconded: Barry Shinfield

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported on balances.

Balances are:	\$
Ordinary account:	51,372.34
Term deposit 1	28,872.22
Term deposit 2	30,000.00

With the Christmas break, there has been little activity over the last two months. Rents are coming in for last quarter. The cleaner and the printer have been paid. The annual fire statement is due to the council.

Moved: Graham Weekes Seconded: Ian Streatfeild

MAGAZINE Nothing to report

EVENTS

Graeme Newman reported that he had spent the last 3 days at Forbes with others of the organising committee for the National Rally and planning is well underway.

Newcastle Club celebrated at their Christmas Party and there has been a run to Rathmines. CARnival will be held tomorrow with 5 starters in attendance at the meeting. Doug Fulford gave details of the Coffee Run for Friday 26 January. Participants will be part of the Camden Australia Day Parade and will later visit the Heritage Museum.

Details of coming events are in *Spit and Polish* – the MaSH runs on 9 February and 9 March, 10 February Newcastle breakfast meeting. The next Sydney North Breakfast Run will be to the café at Kangaroo Point. The café will need to know numbers by next meeting. The SWAP meet is planned for 10 March. Louise Yeomans urged members to book a table early for the day.

Rod Holmes spoke about the 1 and 2-cylinder rally at Yamba and promised flat quiet runs. Greg Roberts outlined plans for the MaSH March Mystery Tour 2-4 March. The Secretary will send out details and entry forms via email.

Details of the invitations to Robertson Heritage Railway Station – Classic car show and shine event – 8 April 2018 and Sydney Antique Machinery, 15 & 16 September will be published on the website with a relevant link.

Graeme requested members who plan to pay for the National Rally by cheque to use the correct wording from the website as the bank is being fussy.

As the Hattersley Cup Scheme has started this year, Graeme reminded members that the scheme is based on participation in club events and to gain points the event and participants must appear in *Spit and Polish*. He urged potential writers to make sure that someone attending the event write a report.

PERMIT TO MOVE/REGISTRATION Nothing to report

LIBRARY Nothing to report

DATING Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP

Members voted on an application from Neryl Adams. The President welcomed Neryl Adams to the club.

CMC Nothing to report

HALL

Robert Fordham thanked members for their contribution at the working bee. A new contract is underway with *Sydney Voice* for five years with another three years option to be reviewed yearly. The hot water system in the kitchen needs to be replaced. All the lockers in the hall have been leased and two in the kitchen are still available for leasing. The PA system is yet to be repaired as the man is unwell.

WEBSITE Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS

Techie Talk

Barry Shinfield described how he made a choke tube for 2 cylinder *Clement Bayard*.

He explained how the term offsider originated. A bullocky, usually with a whip, walked on the nearside (left) of the bullocks to control of the team. Sometimes the bullocky had an "offsider" who walked on the offside (right hand side) of the team and also assisted the bullocky to yoke up and care for the team.

The raffle was drawn.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:55 PM.

Doug Fulford
President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

Events Calendar - Club Events

FEBRUARY 2018

- 20th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
22nd Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm (**Note:- No committee meeting to-night**)
23rd **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*
25th Committee Meeting at 1.00pm

MARCH 2018

- 2nd - 4th **The MaSH Mittagong Magical Mystery Tour** *Entry Form on Page 18*
4th **Sydney North Breakfast Run.** *See Page 7 for details*
9th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
10th **Swap Meet at the Club Rooms starting at 9am.** *See page 7 for details*
17th MaSH Branch Meeting - 2pm - Mittagong RSL Club
18th **Combined Sydney - Newcastle Outing at Alison Homestead.** *Meet there at 11am. See Page 8 for details*
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APRIL 2018

- 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*

Events Calendar - National Rallies

MARCH 2018

- 21st-25th **National 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour.** Deloraine, Tasmania.
Expression of Interest Form, April 2017, Spit and Polish
Dear fellow veteran car Folk,
I write with a request that you advise your members in your next newsletter that entry forms, meal order forms and booking info for both the Spirit of Tasmania ferry and accommodation in Deloraine are now available by email, jaclipp@bigpond.com by telephone 0363961144 or by writing to The tour committee box 182 Launceston Tas 7250. Please note that while some accommodation has been reserved for us and is still available space on the ferry is already getting tight as this is right in the busy season and will become very difficult particularly for those with tall trailers.
Kind regards Joe Clippingdale (Tour Director)

Events Calendar - National Rallies (cont.)

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 23rd - 28th For those of you that may not be aware, the Newcastle Branch is organising the **2018 National Rally** which we have decided will be held in **Forbes**. The dates of the event are from Sunday 23/09/2018 to Friday 28/09/2018. Make a note in your diary, iPad, Calendar on the back of the toilet door, or whatever means you use so that you can make arrangements regarding holidays etc, should you be interested in attending.
Expression Of Interest form on our web site and was also in October 2017 Spit and Polish Entry Form in January Spit and Polish and also on our web site.
More information on Pages 17 & 19

Events Calendar - Invitation Events

MARCH 2018

- 10th Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club Inc. **MOTORFEST 2018**, to be held in the Myall Park Sports Reserve at Hawks Nest on Saturday, 10 March 2018. An entrance fee of \$10.00 per vehicle and \$5.00 per motorcycle will contribute to support the following local beneficiaries: ~ Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Surf Life Saving Club Inc. ~ Local Clinic Bus ~ Local NSW Rural Fire Services. All vehicles need to be in position by 9.45am for the Official Opening at 10am.
Closing date is Friday 2nd March 2018
Registration Form in January Spit and Polish
- 15th-18th VCCA (Victoria) Annual 1&2 Cylinder Rally - Cobram.
Application for the 1 and 2 Cylinder rally at Cobram can be found on the VCCA(Victoria) website.

APRIL 2018

- 8th Classic Car Show and Shine Event. At the Robertson Heritage Railway Station. More information on their web site. www.robertsonrailway.org.au/classic-car-show.html

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 15th-16th Clarendon Classic - Machinery, Truck & Hobby Show. Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon. please see the web site for more info, and register when closer to the event.
www.SydneyAntiqueMachineryClub.com

OCTOBER 2018

- 14th - 20th **Willys Overland Roundup 2018** to be held at Orange NSW. The event will be a hub event which avoids unnecessary packing and unpacking etc. Most days we will leave at 9.00am and use country back roads for touring trips to various places of interest. Typical mileage will be 200 kms per day.
See September 2016 Spit and Polish for more information and Expression of Interest Form or contact Les Johnson Mobile 0419 288 383 Email: frogshollow1@bigpond.com.au

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Please note that there are other Invitation Events on our Web Site listed under Events

Coming Events

Sydney North Breakfast Run

Sunday 4th March 2018

The first Sydney North Breakfast Run for 2018 will be held to Estuary, the restaurant at Kangaroo Point.
(southern end of the bridge over the Hawkesbury River
on the Pacific Highway)

The MaSH Mittagong

Magical Mystery Tour

Friday 2nd March - Sunday 4th March 2018

See Page 20 for more information and Entry Form



Swap Meet

Saturday 10th March 2018

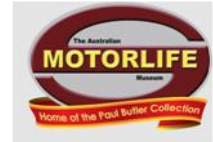
at

Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Club rooms
134 Queens Road Five Dock
From 9am to 2pm

Sell, swap or trade any items relating to veterans
Some no longer needed library books and magazines
will be for sale

Contact Louise Yeomans if you would like a table 0488 082 611

See also Page 17 for flyer



Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc.

1 & 2 Cylinder Rally for Veteran cars and bikes

Yamba NSW

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th. May 2018

You are invited to come to Yamba on the NSW North Coast for a short 1 & 2 cylinder Veteran Car and Bike Rally. The rally will be based at the Calypso Tourist Park in the centre of Yamba. There are good facilities with plenty of trailer parking. Please tell the reception you are Veteran Car Club and Rod Holmes name.

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We look forward to seeing you in May.

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DON'T FORGET YOU HAVE TO BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

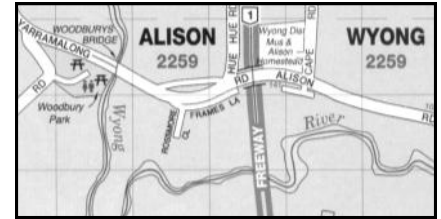
Combined Sydney - Newcastle Outing

SUNDAY 18th MARCH 2018

To be held at the Wyong District Museum - Alison Homestead
Cape Road, Wyong



There is an entry fee to the Museum of \$5 Adults
Suggestion for the Sydney Group if they wish to travel in a group is to meet at



Hunt Reserve, Mt Colah,

At the corner of Pacific Highway and Beryl Avenue, Mt Colah, at 9.30am.

The Newcastle Group meet at Alison Homestead at 11.00am

Editorial

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

Three outings reported on this month. A report from Catherine Strutt on the Newcastle Branch outing to Rathmines, a report from the Editor on the Working Bee at the club rooms and a report from Robert Fordham on the Sydney CARinvale along with photos from Andrew Benoit.

Also an article from Doug Marshall on the Adams' family F.N. and Studebaker. Also the final part from Jenny Fawbert on 'A Pioneer in Australian Motoring - George Peacock Innes'.

Coming events for the next month or so are: the MaSH Branch Morning Tea run and Northern Coffee run, the Sydney North Breakfast run to Kangaroo Point (Brooklyn), the MaSH Branch Mittagong Magical Mystery Tour and the Swap Meet to be held at our club rooms. The Sydney - Newcastle combined outing and the 1&2 Cylinder rally, Yamba. The National Rally, Forbes with some information on where and what to find on our web site.

At the moment I have a **small** supply of material, but it is always handy to have a little extra just incase things get quiet. So if you have something it would be appreciated. Newspaper clippings with pictures are not the best, as the equipment that I own is not real good at reproducing this type of material. Some times people wonder why their information they have sent me has not appeared, but that can depend on how much space I am trying to fill.

Just remember a short article can be made into a page presentation with a couple of photos as I have stated before.

Remember this is **"YOUR MAGAZINE"**.

Enjoy your Veteran motoring

Nev Preston



Light-hearted Humour

The Luck 0' Oa Irish

And then there was the Irishman who was going to kill himself by taking a hundred painkillers but after two, he started to feel better.

Two Irishmen rented a boat in Williamstown and rowed out into Port Phillip Bay, where they caught a couple of snapper. "We should mark the spot", one said. So, they painted a big black "X" on the bottom of the boat. "That's no good", said the other after careful re-evaluation. "Next time we mightn't get the same boat."

"What's that on your leg, Seamus?" "A birthmark"

"Well, how long have you had it?"

Welcome New Member

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Breakfast Run to Rathmines. 13/1/18

Catherine Strutt

For our first run for 2018 we enjoyed an almost carbon copy day of our first run of 2017, weatherwise. Very humid, stormy overcast and hot. A small turnout of veterans, six in total, braved the early start and un-veteran-motoring-like hot weather while their occupants enjoyed the slightly cooler conditions by the lake's edge. Doug and Dianne's "little blue FN" was smart and decided it was too hot to go outside the shed adventuring and failed to proceed. A number of members used the opportunity to have a meeting to work on details and plans for the 2018 National Veteran Car Rally in Forbes, while others kept cool, went for a walk around the grounds of the Catalina park area. Isaac climbed trees! It was great to catch up with club members that have been away and missed previous runs and also to chat again to newer club members. It was also great to see Neil and Maria's impressive Vauxhall out on the road, a veteran we don't see regularly.



Vauxhall, Benz, F.N., Hupmobile, Talbot, Talbot

It was an enjoyable, yet small turnout for the January run and hopefully as the year gets older and cooler we will see more veterans and members out on the road.

Veteran:

- Neil & Maria Heilbrunn - 1911 Vauxhall
- Chris Duncan, Catherine Strutt, Jennifer, Helen and Isaac - 1911 FN 2400
- John Burke, John Brumby - 1913 Hupmobile
- Graeme, Karen, & Lauren Newman & Josh - 1914 Talbot.
- John & Sue Wards - 1916 Benz
- Nev Preston - 1913 Talbot

Modern:

- Doug & Dianne Marshall
- Jeff & Kay Palmer
- Rick Thomas and son



Josh & Lauren



Dedicated to those who served at the R.A.A.F. Rathmines and to all associated with Flying Boats and Seaplanes. 1939 - 1960



Neil, John, Jeff, Chris, Maria, Helen, Jennifer, Catherine, Dianne & Doug.



Karyn, Kaye & Graeme

Working Bee. 20-1-18

The Editor

I departed home at 6.10am and arrived at the club rooms at 7.20am. A very good run to the club rooms, didn't get very many red lights. John Grant and the carpet cleaner were already there when I arrived. Robert Fordham arrived just behind me. John, Robert and myself had all the chairs moved from the carpet area, moving them to the tiled area within the hall before anyone else arrived. The large main table was moved to the tiled area just inside the roller door. Everything was moved in readiness for the carpet cleaner by 7.40am.

We started tidying up outside the hall which was a fair task, as it had not been done for 12 months, and there was a lot of weed growth. Louise and Geoff kept themselves busy cleaning inside the building along with Phil Virgona. A few branches were trimmed of the tree at the back of the hall and Barry cleaned the guttering of leaves. Once the carpet cleaner had finished and it was dry enough, the chairs were placed back in the hall. Neil decided that the fans needed a good clean, which was the last job for the day.



A well earned morning tea

A very good attendance on the day, 13 in all, plus grandson Benjamin, a little young to do much, but was trying. When we had all finished the property looked very presentable. David had a couple of large bags of garden waste and some of the larger branches off the tree to take home and dispose of, while I had 5 to take home, plus all the bins at the hall were full.

When all the work was finished we then enjoyed morning tea supplied by Louise. By 11.30am, we headed for home. Thanks to Louise for the morning tea and to everyone who did a fine job on tidying up our property.

The traffic was very heavy back along Concord Road and Lane Cove Road, on my way home.

Attendance

Geoff & Louise Yeomans, Phil O'Loan, Barry Shinfield, Graham Weekes, Neil Martin,
 John Grant, David McCredie, Robert Fordham, Laurie Garrod, Phil Virgona,
 Les Johnston & Grandson Benjamin, Nev Preston.



Enjoying a well earned morning tea



Neil cleaning the fans.

SYDNEY CARnivale - 26/1/18

Robert Fordham
Photos by Andrew Benoit

An early start was required to arrive at Parramatta Park and to be positioned before the convoy of classic cars started to enter the Park. The instructions required us to be there by 6 AM but a few cars were grabbing some extra shut eye.

The cars were displayed in our normal location next to the rose garden near the park's entrance. This location ensures our cars were displayed to all the public entering the park and there was quite a crowd. There were lots of interest and many questions to be answered by the car owners.



Michael's Chalmers, Don's Reo, Andrew's Le Zèbre



Alan's Brush



Andrew's Le Zèbre

The day had started off with a heavy cloud cover and was very humid but by lunch time the sun cleared the sky so we decided to walk across the road to have lunch in the air conditioned leagues club.

During the day Geoff Simmons and Lyn Brown arrived without cars. The day was a good opportunity to show the cars off and engage the public.

The club had five cars on display

1913 Chalmers	Michael Bendeich
1907 Reo	Donald Liddle OAM
1909 Le Zèbre	Andrew Benoit
1908 Renault	Robert Fordham
1910 Brush	Alan Miller



Andrew's Le Zèbre, Robert's Renault & Alan's Brush



Robert arriving in his Renault

Light-hearted Humour

HOSPITAL BILL

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerk called 112 when they saw him collapse to the floor.

The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

"Do you have health insurance?" she asked.

He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?"

He replied, "No money in the bank."

"Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun.

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

Reminiscence

By Doug Marshall

At the Newcastle branch Christmas party held at Nesca Park near Swansea, two veterans arrived which were from the Adams family collection and that had not been out for some time. Neil was driving the Type 2400 F.N. restored by his father, and brother Brian was driving the Studebaker, which had belonged to Grandfather George.

The F.N. has been brought up to specification recently with the help of Chris Duncan which involved completing some items that were to be done later at a time when the F.N. restoration was being pushed so that the car could take part in the International rally of 1970. The car now looks quite smart and befits its status as the most original type 2400 in the world.



The late Peter Adams' 1912 F.N.

The Studebaker had also been restored for the 1970 rally and it took part without incident. It was also an entrant in the 1988 Bicentennial rally, however it was damaged in a collision with another motor vehicle during the rally and it sustained fairly heavy damage as a result. The



The destroyed Studebaker

car was repaired and resumed normal duties, only to suffer badly when in 1994, a bushfire came out of the gully opposite Georges home and embers from the fire got into his shed which resulted in the shed and its contents being destroyed.

I became involved when George asked would I build a new body frame for its restoration. The body panels had been badly distorted as a result of cold water from the fire hoses being sprayed onto the hot panels and they looked like "TROUBLE" so when it was time to reattach the panels, the panel beater could not be found! I was going to tech at the time doing the panel beating course so I ended up with

that job too, which somehow lead me to doing the painting. The car was finally finished in time for George and Beatrice Adams' 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1998.

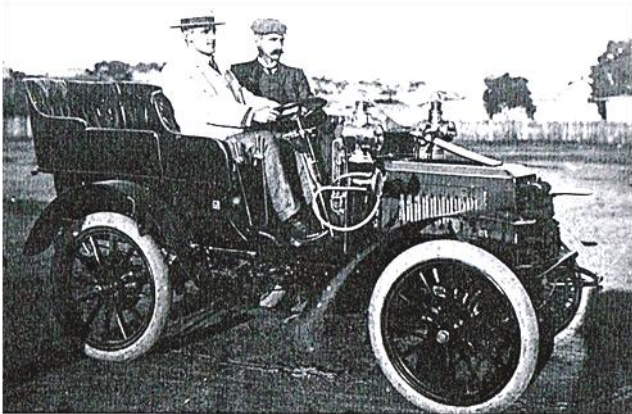
After now being back on the road some twenty odd years it was pleasing to see "Studee" still looking fairly smart.

Mrs A and George with "Studee"



A Pioneer in Australian Motoring - George Peacock Innes (1863-1936)

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(Part 2)



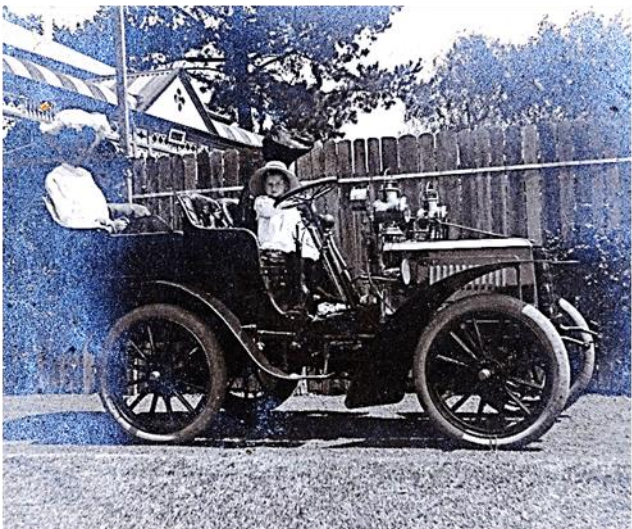
Passenger G P Innes in an Innes car, the driver – L W Pye or H R Arnott or another?

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In June 1906 Innes's advertisements indicated that there were more Innes cars being landed and more than twenty Innes cars already on the road. Innes's December advertisements stated: "Our French cars fitted with 9 h.p De Dion engines and all the latest improvements, cost £225, guaranteed".

Now began a period where Innes's business and George himself were frequently mentioned in the papers as first Pye and then others, including George, racked up wins and creditable placings in Automobile Club of Australia events in cars sold by Innes. Les Pye's 12-14 Innes was an immediate competitive success highlighted by its Gold Medal win for cars up to 20 h.p. in the Automobile Club's Sydney to Bathurst and return Reliability Trial in January 1907, G. P. Innes driving an 8 h.p. Innes won the Gold Medal for single cylinder cars.

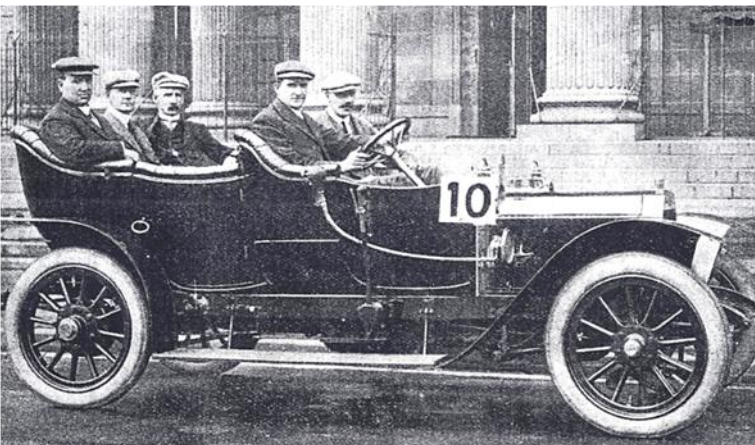


L W Pye's family in their Innes c.1905



Pye family and their new 1906 12-14 h.p. Innes

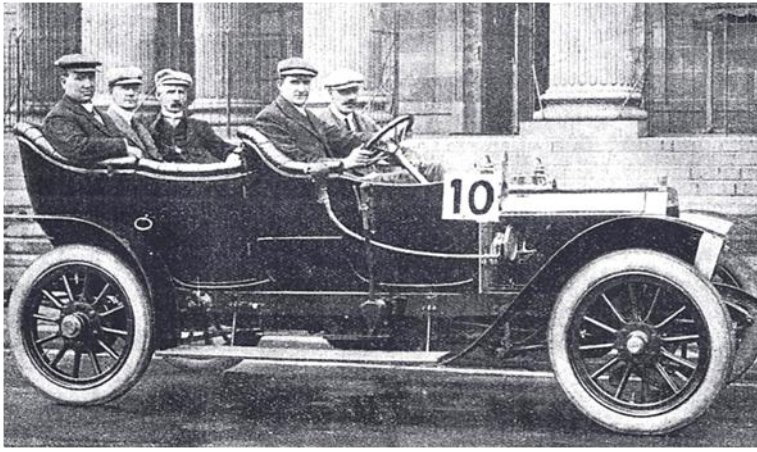
George Innes probably imported the last of the French-made Innes cars, a 12-14 h.p. model in September 1907. He advertised Innes cars only a few more times, concentrating instead on the Humbers and moving into prominent showrooms at 156 Castlereagh Street, Sydney in April 1908.



Pye's Vauxhall 1910, Innes in the rear seat

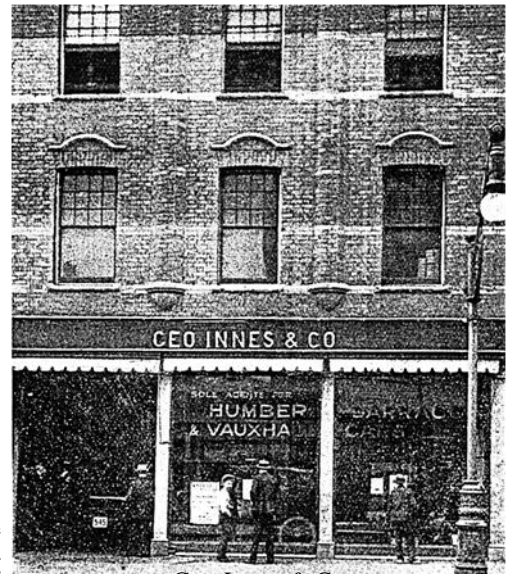
1909 commenced with Innes taking over another agency, Darracq cars, and in mid-1909 he added the most successful of his agencies, that of Vauxhall Motors. In October, despite holding an ideal trio of quality vehicles – Vauxhall, Humber and Darracq, George announced he'd also be selling the McIntyre Motor Buggy, presumably to capture some of the rural market.

Les Pye purchased a new 20 h.p. Beeston-Humber from Innes in 1908 but this car did not perform as



Pye's Vauxhall 1910, Innes in the rear seat

Pye expected and he took delivery of a new 20 h.p. Vauxhall in June 1909, a car which convincingly won at its first and very testing Automobile Club competition. Pye's victories with this Vauxhall throughout 1910 and early 1911 drew considerable attention to Geo. Innes & Co.



*Geo Innes & Co.
156 Castlereagh Street, Sydney 1910.
The signage notes Humber Darracq & Vauxhall cars*

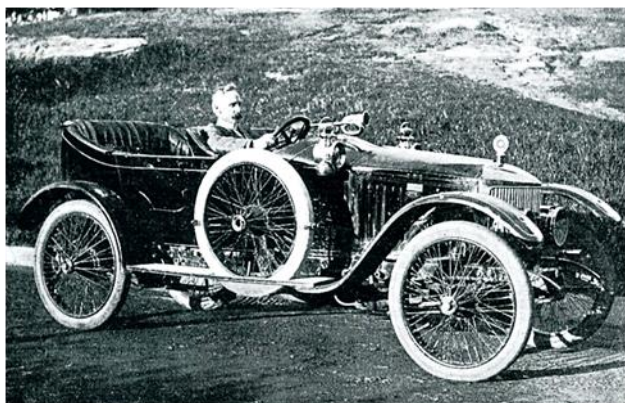
By 1910 George P Innes was a prominent importer and motor dealer but he began experiencing ongoing and serious problems with Customs, as did fellow pioneer motor man Isaac Phizackerley. They were issued with writs in December 1910 over disputed valuations for their imported cars. To discuss theirs and others Customs problems several Sydney motor traders held an informal meeting in Sydney on December 9th, out of this group was established the Motor Traders Association of N.S.W. in 1911 with G. P. Innes a Founding Member.

Away from the concerns of the motor trade for a while Innes accompanied Pye and Dr. Collins when they shipped their Vauxhall and Humber cars to Tasmania to compete in the Tasmanian Automobile Club's 1911 Reliability Trial.

Unfortunately Pye's Vauxhall was dropped into the river during unloading in Hobart and considerably damaged. Dr. Collins's Humber however, driven by George Innes, went on to win the Tasmanian Reliability Trial. A useful win as Innes then held the agency for Humber cars in Tasmania as well.



ACA's Artillery Hill Climb, March 1912, Innes's Vauxhall entry No. 9 and Pye's entry No 14.



G.P. Innes in one of the new Prince Henry Vauxhalls

Innes's involvement in motoring events increased during 1911 and 1912, and not surprisingly he drove a variety of vehicles.

A new competitor appeared at the Automobile Club events from August 1911, Boyd Edkins, in an 8 h.p. Humber. That Edkins purchased a Humber from Innes can likely be attributed to an introduction from Les Pye, as Edkins and Pye both attended The Kings School and later played grade cricket together. The Innes-Edkins connection would be significant, indeed one wonders had it not been for Innes and Pye would Edkins have ever had his renowned association with Vauxhall and GMH.

With Australia's first Motor Show in Sydney in October 1911 George Innes had an opportunity to show-off his "handsome Humbers and victorious Vauxhalls". Innes and Co. transacted many sales at the Show and received significant publicity. The second Sydney Motor Show in October 1912 saw Innes and Edkins share one of the largest display areas available, Innes and Co. exhibited Humber, Vauxhall and De Dion vehicle, Edkins's company Kingloc displayed Durkopp lorries.

A successful 1912 for George Innes & Co. finished with his advertisements applauding the record breaking drive Brisbane to Sydney by Boyd Edkins in a Prince Henry Vauxhall – 750 miles in 34 hours.



1912 Sydney Motor Show display

The relationship with Edkins took another turn when George Innes formed a new motor company in November 1913, unsurprisingly called George Innes and Co. Ltd. with Boyd Edkins and himself as Directors. Days later though a public notice indicated that another company, The Motor House Ltd., had been registered and the permanent governing director listed as Mr. Boyd Edkins. Within weeks George Innes and Company had moved to The Motor House Limited premises at Balfour Street, Chippendale, and Innes's vehicles were advertised under The Motor House Ltd. name.

The Customs Department focused on Innes in April 1914. He was ordered to pay £1350 for incorrect entries on undervalued bodies on Humbers, Innes contended that the true valuation of the cars was not ascertainable at the time they were entered for duty due to delays in communication with England. Significantly Mr. Justice Duffy did not find that there was any deliberate attempt by Innes to defraud the Commonwealth. G. P. Innes is not recorded in NSW as a respondent in any other legal matters decided against him other than the Customs case.

After the Customs case George Innes probably welcomed positive press from the Sunday Times "Emerging from the pages of early motor history in this State, we see the pleasant countenance of G. P. Innes, still busy, still competing, and still a popular idol with the motor fans". But by 1915 it was reported that Innes had sold his business interests to Boyd Edkins and had retired.

The Great War encouraged George's inventive nature, he patented improvements in rifles sights though by November 1916 he had returned to the motor trade, selling cars and lorries, windscreens, hoods, bodies and motor accessories till early 1918 from 106 Castlereagh Street.

At the 1920 Sydney Motor Show "an old 9 h.p. Innes, built in Sydney 12 years ago" was displayed. George told journalists that the car had only required a new spark plug, a coil and a new battery, the valves cleaned, some petrol and then he drove out to the Showground.

Innes occupied the years 1920 to 1925 with more inventions including a commutator and high-tension distributor. For a short time in 1926 he managed the Sydney branch of Humbers Ltd., with temporary offices at Circular Quay where he apparently had a service station, the Sydney Sportsman noting then that Innes: "is an identity in the motor trade, who enjoys considerable popularity with those actively engaged in the industry".



Mr. George Innes

In 1927 George announced a new company, Innes Springs Limited with Boyd Edkins as one of the Directors. The company would acquire the "inventions from G.P. Innes, known as 'Improvements to laminated springs'. Innes Springs however did not go into production though samples were displayed at the 1928 Motor Show. George registered yet more inventions between 1928 and 1933 including an internal combustion engine, an anti-wheel wobble device for automotive use and a variable ratio transmission gear.

George Peacock Innes died at his residence "Frome", Shirley Road Wollstonecraft in April 1936. Former clients and motoring friends L. W. Pye and H. J. Vale, another of the earliest motorists in NSW, were among the mourners.

At the outset this research had an ambitious aim, to answer the question “How many Innes cars were there?” Newspaper articles identify seven cars as Innes’s: Pye – two, Ritchie – one, Arnott brothers – two, Dr. Farrell – one plus one other imported in April 1906. But considering the number of various new French-engined cars with diverse body styles that George Innes regularly advertised up to 1907 then perhaps one might accept his 1906 declaration of more than twenty Innes cars to be around the mark. So at least seven and possibly twenty, or more, cars sold under the Innes name.

However answering how many Innes cars there were focuses only on a part of a life that left us an important automotive legacy. George Peacock Innes was there at the beginning of our automotive history - as an early motor vehicle engineer; a motor vehicle importer; a forefather of the motor trade; a supporter of the earliest motor sports and a founder of motor organisations; as an automotive inventor, and as he was regarded by his contemporaries, a popular pioneer motorist. He entered the Australian automotive industry at its very beginning and quickly established himself as a successful businessman and respected personality in the motor trade and motor sport. G. P. Innes contributed significantly to our Australian automotive heritage, he deserves to be acknowledged and remembered for those contributions.

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I acknowledge with appreciation the information and photos shared for this paper by the Pye family, Phil Virgona and George Seymour, and the assistance of the RACV Archivist Helen Stitt.

The above article is the basis of a talk I gave at the VCCA Meeting in October 2016 and is an edited version of my paper presented at the 2016 Automotive Historians Australia Conference, available online at http://www.autohistoriansaustralia.org/s/AHA-2017-proceedings-FINAL_V3.pdf Footnotes and citations have been omitted here for space but are available from the author to validate statements made.

I keep my files on G P Innes and his vehicles open, indeed this version includes photos not available at the time of the AHA Conference or VCCA meeting. I welcome any additional photos or information on Innes and his vehicles. I am currently researching the 1905 Dunlop Reliability Trials and welcome any material in relation to those events, the drivers, chauffeurs and their vehicles. Jennifer Fawbert. fawbert@bigpond.com

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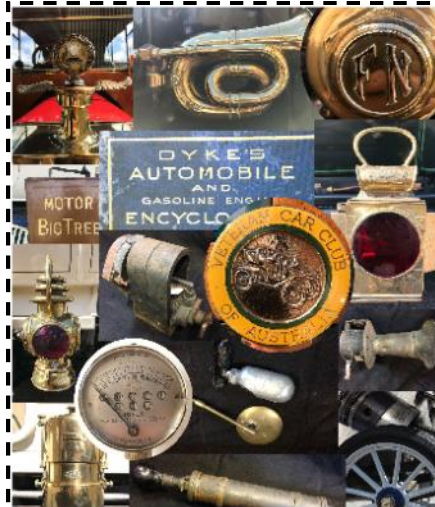
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Give Away (cont.)

I have temporarily rescued a very sad veteran that was literally on it's way to the tip. It has 'Reo' on an ignition control on the steering column and the forward curve on the top tank of the radiator indicates it could be around a 1915 - 18 Reo. Some of the springs have rusted away, but the diff, gearbox and front axle could be used.

Wheels still have the remains of the wooden spokes and tyres. Head lamp pieces and other tin seems to have been better stored. No motor, but crankcase is still in chassis. Not looking for dollars, just want to find a Reo owner who could use the parts. Hope someone will want it, otherwise I'll have to let it finish it's trip to the tip. More photos available on request.

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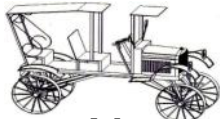


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