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

# **Cover Photo:-**

Peter Adams' 1905 De Dion Bouton.

At Foreshore Park Newcastle.

On the Newcastle Branch's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour, October 2010.

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

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc Date: 25th September 2014

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: 8 Members: 17

Apologies: Euan and Wilga Coutts, David Norton, David and Veronique McCredie, Peter Weir, Don Liddle, Bob

and Elizabeth Hobson

#### **MEETING OPENED AT 8.20PM**

#### PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

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

One minute's silence was held for members to remember Laurie Schneider who died last Sunday.

The President apologised for missing the last meeting and AGM due to an emergency at work. He thanked all members who attended the working bee.

### MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Graham Weekes Seconded: Warren Irish

#### INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

### Flyers received

Shannons Melbourne Spring Classic Auction

#### Other club publications

Antique and Classic Brass Notes

Early Auto CMC Vintage Motor Club Bulletin

The Vintage Car TAVACCA

**Invitations:** 

Governor's farewell 1 October Dodge 1914-1938 National Rally

Mustang Owners -All American Day 18/01/15

#### Other

Barrie Gillings, Jeanette Petersen, Noel Kehl

Fire extinguisher report Energy Australia
Baptist Care RB Sellars Workwear

#### **OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Submission to Government House for Vice Regal patronage

Barrie Gillings, Noel Hand, John Pickup, Noel Kehl

Card to Sandy Demer

Club emails: Laurie Schneider Correspondence accepted.

Moved: Lynette Martin Seconded: Ian Streatfeild

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are: \$

The Treasurer reported that he spent a day with Euan Coutts for a handover.

Moved: Laurie Garrod Seconded: Phil O'Loan

# MAGAZINE

The editor would like more articles.

#### **EVENTS**

Graham Weekes was introduced as the new Events Co-ordinator. Graham enjoyed the Maraylya Run despite the rain. He advised members of some coming events at the Motorlife Museum, the Newcastle Annual Tour and coming registration days. One will be held on 30 November before the Christmas Party at Peter Martin's house and the second one will be held on 7 December at Smiley Power, Yennora. He reminded members to contact Lyn Martin if they will be attending the Christmas party. The National Rally will be held in Kalgoorlie next month and Graham asked members to take care in driving the long distances.

#### PERMIT TO MOVE

3 movements noted

#### **LIBRARY**

Nothing to report

#### **DATING**

Nothing to report

### **MEMBERSHIP**

No new applications

#### **CMC**

Nothing to report

#### **HALL**

Robert Fordham reported that Phil O'Loan would send out the invoices for the third quarter. The guttering at the front of the hall will be repaired. The fridge will be replaced. Robert will be absent next meeting and advised anyone with concerns about the hall to contact Geoff Yeomans.

#### WESITE

Nothing to report

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 1. Invitation to the Governor's farewell.
- 2. Letter to the Governor thanking her for her patronage read out.
- 3. **Techie Talk** Barry Shinfield described some of the technology being integrated into cars.
- 4. The President requested volunteers for Show and Tell segment.
- 5. The raffle was drawn.

#### **MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50PM**

Peter Martin Louise Yeomans
President Secretary

### OCTOBER 2014

Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm

# Light Hearted Humour

While working at a pizza parlor I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time then said 'Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.

# **Events Calendar - Club Events**

$23^{\rm rd}$	Committee Meeting starting at 6.45pm
$23^{\rm rd}$	Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm
31 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	"The 17 <sup>th</sup> Hupmobile Tour" See Invitation Events Page 6

# **NOVEMBER 2014**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Newcastle Branch Registration - Maxon Machinery, Boolaroo. 8am. See Page 6 for details
$14^{th}$	MaSH Branch Morning Tea run.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sydney Christmas Lunch. See Page 7 for details
30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Registration Day.</b> To be held at the Christmas Lunch. See Page 7 for details

# **DECEMBER 2014**

6 <sup>th</sup>	MaSH Branch Meeting, 2pm - Lake Alexander, Mittagong
<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>	Sydney Registration Inspection Day See Page 6 for details
<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>	Newcastle Branch Christmas Party - Bargeod House Swansea. See Page 7 for details
12 <sup>th</sup>	MaSH Branch Morning Tea run.

# OCTOBER 2015

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

# **National Rallies**

For further information contact John Burke National Coordinator
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Ph: (02) 4991 1806 Mob: 0412 821 945
Email: Hupmobile@bigpond.com

# **NOVEMBER 2015**

1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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: <a href="mailto:canberrarally2015@gmail.com">canberrarally2015@gmail.com</a>

Entry Form on Page 20

# **OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 2014**

31<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> "The 17<sup>th</sup> Hupmobile Tour" will be held at Ballarat Vic from Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. In Victoria, Interstate vehicles on concessional registration are required to carry the copy of their

# **Invitation Events**

Club's Magazine showing the event as an "Invitation Event".

# **JANUARY 2015**

 $18^{th}$ 

All American Day held at Castle Towers Shopping Centre, Castle Hill. (Entry of Old Castle Road) Exclusively for American built vehicles. Organised by The Mustang Owners Club of Australia NSW Inc. \$15 entry per car with all proceeds from the day in aid of the The Children's Hospital Westmead. More information on their website: mustang.org.au

# **Coming Events**

# **Newcastle Branch Registration Day**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 8am to 12 midday

At Maxon Machinery

Cnr Lakeview & Second Streets,

Boolaroo

**Note:** There is only one registration day this year for the Newcastle Branch.

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# **SYDNEY**

# **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

9am to 1pm

At 'Smiley Power' 45 Railway Street

# YENNORA

(Between Orchardleigh Street and Junction Street) UBD 230 G9

Enquiries to Neil Martin on 9632 5047.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR REGO PAPERS AND INSURANCE DETAILS

# **REGISTRATION DAY**

**ONE DAY ONLY** 

# **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

12.30pm, Sunday 30th November 2014



To be held at

Peter & Susan Martins' Property 170 Binalong Road, Belimbla Park.

# A FULLY CATERED LUNCH

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Mrs L M Martin
140 Orchardleigh Street
Old Guildford NSW 2161

But no Family Pets



8.30am to 11.00am
30<sup>th</sup> November 2014
At the Christmas Lunch location
170 Binalong Road, Belimbla Park.

There will be a Registration Inspection held for those wishing to make use of it.

Enquiries to Neil Martin on 9632 5047.



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# Newcastle Branch Christmas Party

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014
Held at Bargoed House (Nesca Oval)
Old Pacific Highway, Swansea.
Gate open between 9.00am & 9.30am
Contact John Burke 0412 821 945



# **Editorial**

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

Les for his article on the MaSH Branch morning tea run and the MaSH Branch 'Run in the Country' at Camden, also to John for his report on the MaSH Branch 'Run in the Country'. Graeme for his report on the Newcastle Branch outing to the orange orchard at Milbrodale. Bob Lamond for his article which is quite lengthy and will appear in the next 2 issues of Spit and Polish. Rob for his letter to the Editor and Max for his 'Postcard to Poly'. Also to Ron for some more of his light hearted jokes.

Information on coming events, Newcastle Branch Registration day and a little later the Sydney Christmas lunch. Then the Sydney Registration day and the Newcastle Branch Christmas party.

I still require articles for the magazine as I have very few articles as back-up, although Bob's article will help for the next couple of issues.

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 Prestow



# Letter to the Editor

Hi Nev.

Your recent Spit and Polish was one of the best yet but as is the unfortunate pattern these days carried more sad news.

Fay and I were saddened to read of the passing in June of Jan Coulcher. Many times in the past, Jan and her late husband Roley were the backup for events happily doing 'tail end Charlie' and chasing around for late arrivals even at one time we recall missing a good dinner at Redleaf to go and look for someone who had failed to proceed.

Jan's involvement with the VCCA went back a long way. Her father, Laurie Sykes was an incorrigible and innovative restorer. I remember the Humberette with the Austin 7 back axle and the Pope Tribune with the body seemingly made out of a block of solid wood. Some of the restorations were quite imaginative and very individual but characters like Laurie were good hearted and always supportive then of the younger less experienced enthusiasts like myself. Jan and Roley tinkered with the Star and were just happy to be involved. They were very unsung heroes in our hobby and the VCCA owes a lot to people like Jan and Roley who have helped to give us a long and unique history.

In these days of perfect and very expensive restorations I think we often overlook the personal side and more's the pity.

Rob McCarthy

# **Change of Email Address**

Bob Peterson: janandbob@gmail.com

# MaSH Morning Tea Run. 8-8-2014

Les Watton

What a busy month August was for Veteran Motoring, we had the Navigator's Day, George Eden's Day M.A.S.H. branch morning tea run & Max's run in the country.

The M.A.S.H. branch morning tea run was very enjoyable, although getting off to a bit of a late start. I should have gone with my memory & not my Tom Tom & I would not have got lost on the way to the start. As it was very cold morning we soon departed on a nice easy drive to the Exeter General Store / Post Office / Cafe. Morning tea was consumed in very pleasant surroundings, although a little crowed as it seems to be a very popular place.

It was soon time to depart for home. The Hobson's 'T' Ford was a bit reluctant to start but a few good swings of the crank handle by another 'T' expert soon had it running.

Thank You M.A.S.H. branch.

# A Run in the Country - 9th August 2014

John Fryirs

I had thought it to be a good time to trailer my Renault to show it off, so prepared to do this. I had the winch back on the trailer and all else ready for the next morning.

Saturday 9 August dawned with a pee souper fog at my place - very damp in the air, mt car windscreen was wet

5 minutes after it came out of the garage.

As the Renault has great gaps in the leather upholstery, revealing large amounts of inner stuffing, I was loathe to get it wet. So, reluctantly I decided to leave it at home, safe and dry.

Unfortunately and most annoyingly - the fog disappeared less than 1 klm from home - revealing a bright, sunny day.

So I arrived at the Boardman's "sans Renault" and watched enviously as the others arrived.



1914 Talbot, 1912 Buick and 1913 Talbot

Lined up were a Talbot, Buick, Talbot, SCAT, Empire, Darracq, Talbot and a Studebaker and soon to arrive



1913 Talbot, 1910 S.C.A.T. and 1911 Empire

were Elizabeth and Bob with their Clement Bayard. Then in came a Brush and a T Ford and the 1914 Chevrolet Royal mail was on show and being readied for the

After a very pleasant morning tea and gathering we set off on a leisurely run. I thought I'd follow the Hobsons for a while to give me an idea for what to expect of the Renault speed and hill climbing wise!

We travelled along Burragorang Rd, Mayfarm Rd,

Bob's Range Rd, Silverdale Rd - to the Oaks arriving at Donna and Anthony Sinclairs' residence in New Jerusalem Rd.



1914 Chevrolet 'Royal Mail'

Just as I thought I'd head off, the Martins arrived in a modern ute so I hoped they didn't think me rude to leave as they arrived.

I returned to the Boardman's to thank-them for a lovely time and found Max preparing for the crews return for afternoon tea and cutting a 100 year birthday cake.

It was a terrific run and great day, many thanks to the Boardmans and Sinclairs for their premises and the set out of a wonderful drive. There is a big green shed - said the instructions. I wonder how many pulled into the property with the "other" big green shed.

Here at the Sinclair's we wre able to wander through the shed, relax, chat and have our lunches.

I was surprised to see the 2 tone brown Studebaker roadster ('29 President 8!) in the shed. I had known this car and its then owner when I was 17. There it was still the same, except for a few stone chips and marks of use and age.

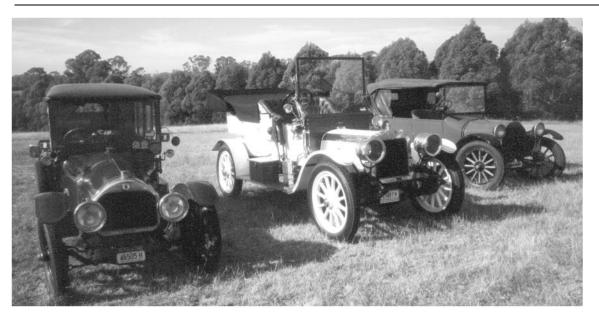
When I got home I looked in the mirror and noticed that I've also got a few stone chips and marks from the last 48 years.



1910 Brush



1911 Clement Bayard



1913 Darracq, 1911 Talbot and 1917 Studebaker

# M.a.S.H. Branch "Run in the Country"

Les Watton



Line up at Max's. Talbot, SCAT, Empire, Brush & Darracq.

travel on & places to see. One of these places was Anthony Sinclair's "SHED & Workshop" where we were made most welcome to inspect the workshop & to enjoy his property to sit in the sunshine for lunch & to have a good chat among members.

Thank You Anthony & Thank You M.A.S.H.

Although I spend a lot of time in Camden area there are always different roads to

Another

fog on the way.

beautiful

Boardman's for the start of the "Run In The Country". I believe that the members who came down from Sydney endured a lot of

With cars unloaded & lined up it was soon time for an enjoyable morning tea & route instructions were given out. It took a while for the members to get moving as everyone was happy to stand around talking & enjoying the sunshine. It was good to see the Boardman's Chevrolet for part of the run with Vic, Max & the boys on board.

day

Max

Inside Anthony's shed

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Max's Chevrolet

Don with his Empire







Euan's S.C.A.T.







Anthony's Shed

# Newcastle Outing - Nulkaba to Milbrodale - Sunday 19/6/2014

#### Graeme Newman

Our annual pilgrimage to Milbrodale to purchase some oranges normally takes place around the middle of August, however was postponed this year due to some rainfall on the morning. The September outing was to be a run from Lake Macquarie into Newcastle, however when the planning for the day seemed to be falling apart, it was decided we would go to Milbrodale instead.

We left home about 8.15am with Dianne and Christopher joining Lauren and I for the day as the Roadster was still in our garage undergoing some maintenance. We met up with Uncle Neville at Wyee, and it was one of those rare occasions we were on time.

At this time the weather was quite nice, however as we passed through Freeman's Waterholes and over The Gap we encountered some fog. The starting point was at John & Kelly Burke's at Nulkaba where Kelly put on a lovely morning tea for us. Apparently the fog and mist had been quite widespread as most of the group had travelled through it at some point during the morning. After a short briefing from John about the designated route we set off for Milbrodale which is near the junction of the Milbrodaleand Putty Roads about 28km southwest of Singleton.



Unfortunately we weren't able to maintain our attendance record for the year of 10 or more veterans. The change of date didn't help our cause as Terry & Vicki Smith had committed to attend the Broke Fair on the same day with the club from Singleton, and the usual drivers of other cars in the Burke family fleet had other commitments leaving us with only seven veterans, with our car being the only one that wasn't green or yellow.

Once at the Cameron's property we had a very pleasant lunch under the shade of the trees before a few of us kicked a footy around whilst others went for a short drive to explore a nearby cave featuring some Aboriginal paintings.



Stuck behind the F.N's again

Mick & Katrina Duncan were in the 2400 FN for the day as Chris and Catherine were otherwise engaged. They had a bit of a problem on the way home at Hexham, but must have got it sorted, as I drove through there the other day and didn't notice them on the side of the road. It was great to have them with us for the day, all they need now is another car.

After buying some oranges we headed home with a short stop at the Oak Milk Bar at Freeman's Waterholes for an ice cream. As we neared home we called Karyn who told us it had been raining quite heavily but had stopped. We got a few spots of rain the closer we got to home, and when about 200 metres from home it absolutely poured. We got the veteran under the carport only to learn it had actually hailed a little just before we arrived home. We then did some further moving of vehicles to get them under cover, which involves a bit of shuffling as we have a single driveway with four garage spaces and a carport. It was fortunate we did this as a few minutes later it started to hail again quite heavily with some of the hail the size of small marbles.

I rang Neville a bit later to be told that he arrived home without getting wet, but found his lawn covered in hail. Despite the brass getting a bit wet, we had a really enjoyable day on some fairly traffic free roads. For us, the extension to the freeway certainly seems to have reduced the traffic that now uses the road through Mulbring which makes it a lot more pleasant in the veteran



Payton & Ruby Burke

### **In Attendance:**

Peter Adams& Kim Nolan	. 1913 Calthorpe	
Max& Joan Burke& Neil Gill	. 1916 Hupmobile	
John, Kelly, Payton & Ruby Burke	. 1916 Buick	
Doug & Dianne Marshall	. 1912 FN	
Mick & Katrina Duncan	. 1911 FN	
Neville Preston	. 1913 Talbot	
Graeme & Lauren Newman and		
Dianne & Christopher Gotley	. 1914 Talbot	
Modern: John & Jan Brumby, Malcolm & June Bailey		



They don't seem to be listening John



Lunchtime under the trees

(Editor's Note: The round trip for me for the day outing was 245 kms)

# 1914 FRANCIS BIRTLES CENTENARY EXPEDITION 2014

# Incorporating ADELAIDE to DARWIN VETERAN RALLY

Reminisces of Bob Lamond - infamous 1910 Brush driver and the Ghost of Francis Birtles- "Australia's Greatest Overlander" Cyclist, Motorist, Photographer, Film maker & Fibber on their 9,005 km

Centenary Expedition -Piambong, Adelaide, Darwin, Three Ways, Cloncurry, Longreach, Charleville, Bourke and home

FB Thanks for inviting me to join you on this Centenary of one of my first motoring trips for Ford in a T but I take offence at the word Fibber!



BL As in your past you just arrived - your quite welcome - as to Fibber you said in your book and articles on the 1912 First East to West motor crossing in a 1911 Brush "1 had a car" and lead the world to believe that you drove the Brush across Australia when in fact you were hired as navigator and Syd Ferguson drove all the way.

FB Holy flapping ducks - No 1 never drove the Brush but 1 did all the manual work whilst Syd sat there driving and anyway 1 can't help if reporters jump to the wrong conclusion.

BL Well you were very loose with the truth on many occasions however certainly earned your title making 80 + expeditions in Australia and across the world by push bike, car and aeroplane covering 800,000 + kilometres - 100,000 on push bikes - and



in 1913 and 1914, you abandoned cycles, learnt to drive and, sponsored by Ford, drove a Model T Ford on expeditions around an across Australia.

FB Fair enough cobber, you haven't done too badly yourself driving your 1910 Brush twice across Australia honouring Syd, Rex, me and our 1911 Brush, once around Australia for the Centenary of Federation and that Darwin to Melbourne run you made honouring me and the Bean and our 1926 record run - 1 note you haven't mentioned those runs and my 1927London to Melbourne run in the Sundowner 1926 Bean - memory slipping? ?

BL Some news for you - my mate Warren Brown is planning a re-enactment of your 27 run - Warren, Geoff Simmons and I located a replica of the Bean in Canberra and Geoff & Warren have thoroughly overhauled it, painted it red and it is ready to go.

FB You can't bloody well re-enact the hardship Percy Stoley and I went through.

BL Sure FB - your the hero and Warren and I and many others, in doing these Centenary Expeditions, are reminding folk of "Our forgotten heroes" like Syd Ferguson, Augers & Dutton, you and many other early motorist. Remember that whilst the conditions of the routes have improved 100 time over 100 years, you had a brand new T Ford in 1914 whilst you and I did this run in a 97 year old T - wouldn't I like a brand new T! Did you read Warrens book "Francis Birtles" 1 fed him all my stuff on you

FB OK but enough bull dust - this T of yours goes bloody well, averaging 65kph over the 4,900km excluding the veteran Rally, and what about the 2 speed diff, disc brakes, A cranks etc, etc - 1 was lucky to average 20 miles per hour on my 1914 run.

BL Just a few safety mods and a little help for a 97 year old veteran - and how about the tale of you pinching a brand new T engine when you had buggered your engine??

FB Criikey Bob when your famous like me these reporters invent stories - you don't believe that tale do you?

BL You famous - more likely infamous - perhaps that's a bit harsh but you certainly painted your own glossy picture of what were already amazing adventures.

FB OK let's get back to our run from Piambong to Adelaide - those towns were more villages in 1914 - Wellington, Molong, Forbes, Cooma, West Wyalong, Hay, Mildura, Nuriooopta - you did 85kph once- poor old T - bull dust - and why no backup? *Freezing at Nurioopta*.



BL Did you have backup on your runs Frank? Are those tales of new T Fords scattered over the routes true - how many Scarlet Runners and Sundowners were there?

FB Now your being bloody rude - of course I had no backup so bully for you mate but there were no new cars hidden along the routes - those bloody reporters.

RL Bloody reporters - likely you fed them the tall tales - but true? ?



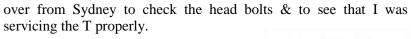
FB How about you - overnighting in motels and cabins - I slept rough every night in 1914!

BL Tough guy? you were 32 then and I am in my 80th year - I slept rough on the ground at Coomalie and Daly Waters on the way back - and no tent like you pussy!

FB All I needed was a 22 rifle, a fishing rod and some flour and I was fed - how was the mixed grill - watch out for the rissoles - road kill!!

BL 1,241km covered to Nurioopta - oil change and filter clean - check the bands and ready to roll. Big surprise Neil & Lyn

Martin drove





FB That start at the National Museum - very informal - they have the ? Invincible Talbot on display - actually not quite Invincible! - and no display of Syd's and my 1912 East West Crossing - bit parochial?

BL The staff would not let the Talbot do the run again for it's Centenary - pathetic got a grant and had a holiday carrying the Talbot on a truck over the course taking it

off for brief runs we had Talbots organised for a major Talbot Rally

to Darwin and they refused to let it participate so no rally and disgrace to them and the poor old Talbot.

FB Yea I met them by prearranged accident - nice guys but - they failed on the first attempt. The Brush did not fail and it was tiny compared with the Talbot - we were bogged many times but guts & grit pulled us out!





BL What did you think of the line up of Entrants?

FB Loved the bikes - that Peerless of Flentje and the Royal Enfield of that shiela - Cattrina - the Brush's looked strong, I drove a 1916 Studebaker like Mutton's in tourer form - strong engine - but the 1913 Original T of Scott

Staples could have been my First T - bloody good.

FB The little lady in her 1904 Curved Dash was a winner to me every day off early - long days and those two Pomms - backing her up and presenting the Oldsmobile clean and strong each morning - and enjoying the grog each night - crossed the States as well - you know how much that takes - you've crossed Ausie each and every way as many times as me.

BL I agree but we are so proper now you can't call sheilas but the Government has approved "Dames"

BL Talk about crossing countries this is my mate Graham Donges with his wife Irene in his 1910 Brush at the Start. Graham was my co driver in the 2012 Centenary and a nicer couple you could not meet.



FB Governments

bah - I offered my services in the 1914 war and was rejected, I gave them all my info on possible airfields - no response - I got some work re railway and roads then no help when me and Roy in 1921, at the Prime Ministers request, left Sydney with Dinkum and Roy Fry in the Hudson to Oodnadatta, Alice Springs, Darwin to report on the country which was being considered for a new railway line. We eventually reached Katherine and stocked up for the journey back home - near the Upper Roper disaster struck - "The car hit a stump, there was a sudden roar and up shot a sheet of blinding orange-coloured flame the car was hidden by flames .... We lost everything and were badly burnt - Kindly lubras gave us tea to drink ... we slept fitfully and in the morning some men arrived with a buggy we

arrived at the Inland Mission Hospital at Maranboy Tinfields.

BL Is it true that the Bean was called the Sundowner as you seemed to arrive at Homesteads at Sundown in time for a drink and feed.

FB Easy there young fella - no motels or camping grounds in my day! It was lonely on the tracks - you hardly saw anyone - not like the stream of traffic we passed each day on this run - if you did meet anyone likely you would stop, boil the billy and have chat over a cuppatea.

BL What did Burra look like in 1914?

FB What a laugh - you paid about one year's miner's salary for your room at Paxton Cottages - they were cottages for the miners - there was only them and the mine. How did you like your pietza - all the miners had was a slice of mutton in mouldy bread!

BL Yea I ate 2/3 and had the balance for brekky - but it was a bit a boring each day on the expedition so I had bonza meals at Ayres Rock, Winds in the Desert & Darwin Pier.

FB At Coober Pedy the natives were a bit restless - you know I formed a great relationship with the Abos - they seemed to know how

much I loved the land - they taught me how to find water, which berries to eat, they helped me on many trips and saved my life when I caught berri berri.











BL The first sight of Ayer's Rock always stirs my blood - no matter that I have seen it three times before I think it is in the heart of all Australians - not only the aborigines - our red centre - but it was very cold next morning!

FB Yea I know what you mean mate - what stirs me the most is the government gave it to the aborigines - it belongs to all of

BL I am an indigenous Australian - six generations of Australians since my great great great great grand mother came out "with the army" as my darling mother used to say - actually in chains on the Lady Pehnryn with the First Fleet - yet "Our ?ABC ?" still uses Indigenous to describe only our Aborigines.

FB The ABC is so far up themselves that they don't know what's true or not - bully for you mate - you stuck into them on that abortion of a TV documentary "WIDE OPEN ROAD" "THE STORY OF CARS IN AUSTRALIA- A three part TV history of Australia via the cars we drove" - That section on Syd's and my 1912 First Crossing of Australia by a motor car- a 1911 Brush was a complete fabrication and totally historically incorrect indeed an

historic fraud, not one of the photos I took for Dunlop of the Brush



were used instead photos of a T and other vehicles and the only thing they got right was the spelling of Syd's surname and they called me a Mercenary! bloody nitwits! They said this 1914 photo of me and my T was a photo of the Brush in 1912!

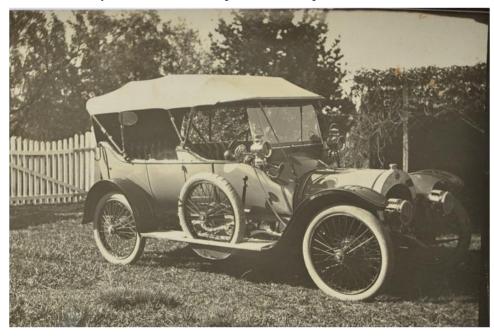
To be continued November Spit and Polish



# Post Card to "Polly"; Kempsey, 8th May 1913.

Maxwell Boardman

I like old photographs and try to find the personal attributes they may portray. Not just the main subject of the photo but the now 'locked-in-time' personal characters, cultural happenings and those everyday, drawn upon life items and there family functional needs captured in that split second.

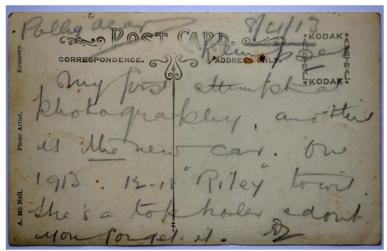


Such as the curved topped white painted picketed side gate, the vine covered greenhouse and that "<u>the</u> new car" <u>has yet</u> to compress the grass or to form tracks on the ground, indicating a number of parkings over a period of time.

This car is a "new" item; for its owner to admire and now he is able to share his pride and joy with "Polly" though the use of a "new" camera.

This 1913 12-18hp Riley tourer is possibly only 'hours' old. All the car components are in perfect condition, all bright ware is unblemished and the corner extremi-

ties, like the mudguards and mohair top show no contact marks. Even the white casings on the wheels are unsoiled. This proud owner has added to the car an externally mounted, wheel driven speedometer and the wire wheels; they just finish the package by adding further class to this magnificent vehicle.



Written in pencil on the reverse side addressed to Polly, who may just be his lady friend that he is trying to empress:

*Polly dear* <u>8/4/13</u>

My first attempt at photography and this is <u>the</u> new car. One 1913 12 – 18 "Riley" tourer.

She's a top A Q & do



& don't you forget it.

signed



I checked the 1916 Registration Records and was rewarded in finding four Rileys listed; one in Mosman (Albert J FOY 9hp rego 2062), one in Newcastle (Alfred J STEPHEN 14 – 16hp rego 3213) another in West Kempsey (Geo. W. H. DAVIES 12 – 15 hp rego 7731) and possibly the subject vehicle. Registered to John MAY of KEMPSEY, a 12 – 18 hp carrying NSW registration number 2532.

To our North Coast and Newcastle members; has this car survived in as good as condition as my Post Card? and can anyone finish the sentence; "She's a top ----- and don't you forget it".



Entrant/driver







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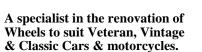
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