

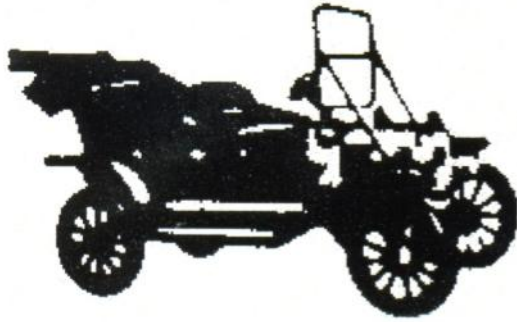
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Articles to be received by the **First Wednesday** of the month.

Cover Photo:-

*Some of the Entrants in the 2014 Newcastle Annual Tour.
At the lunch stop at Clarence Town Senior Citizens Hall.*

Photo courtesy of Tyler Hobson

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of MONTHLY MEETING held on Thursday 23rd October 2014

ATTENDANCE

Committee 6, Member's Family 1, Visitors 1, Members 14, Apologies 4.

MEETING OPENED AT: 8.14 pm

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Vice President Phil O'Loan chaired meeting in absence of President Peter Martin due to work commitment
Phil extended Louise Yeomans apologies.

Phil welcomed visitor Don Rabone who has an interest in Vintage/Veteran cars and has an engineering background.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

MATTERS ARISING - Nil

Minutes Accepted

Moved: Barry Shinfield

Seconded: Graham Weekes

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Flyers Received –

Bonhams Veteran Car Run in U K

Other Club Publications

Motorlife Museum, Veteran Car in S A, VCCA(Q), Edwardian,
Illawarra Vintage Car, Veteran Car (WA), Brass Notes,

Other

Newcastle Minutes, CMC Minutes, Email from Owen Bright re 1920's Buick Parts,
Email from Model T Ford Club

OUTWARDS

Reply to Model T Ford Club.

Correspondence Accepted

Moved

seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are:

Treasurer, Geoff Yeomans reported that the term deposit had been rolled over for a further term.

Vice President added that Committee were considering transferring some working account funds to an Interest Bearing area and were discussing some capital expenditure on the Hall

Moved:

Seconded

MAGAZINE

Nothing further

EVENTS

Events Co-Ordinator, Graham Weekes outlined coming events:

Hupmobile Rally in Ballarat 31 Oct-3 Nov,

Mash Morning tea run 14th Nov-Greg Roberts for details.

Christmas Party on 30th Nov at Peter Martins home, 170 Binalong Road Belimba Park see Lyn Martin for payment, details in S & P- Vehicle inspection available.

Registration Day on 7th Dec at Neil Martin's 8.30- 11 am

Registration for Carnivale on 26/1/15, closes on 15/11/14

Peter Weir reported that the Motorlife Museum outing was great and held in beautiful weather.

Wilga Coutts spoke about the Newcastle Branch Maitland Rally which was held in beautiful weather. It was a smaller than usual group but as the Motel could not provide most meals, Friday was a Pizza night Saturday BBQ and cooked breakfast Sunday morning. Wilga said all participants appreciated the work of Graeme, Karyn, Lauren and Abbey Newman who organized all meals. However, eating together really enhanced the enjoyment of the group. Neville Preston, who assisted with the Rally added his appreciation of the efforts of the Newman family.

Phil O'Loan reported that the Committee was finalizing the Calendar for next year which would be available shortly. Phil added that as Eastern Creek was washed out they had sent some Rally Bags as consolation to the entrants.

PERMIT TO MOVE

1 rego 1 movements.

LIBRARY

Nothing further

DATING

Nothing further

MEMBERSHIP

Application approved by Committee for Michael Duncan as associate member. Voting at the November meeting.

CMC

Nothing further

HALL

Phil O'loan reported that negotiations were continuing with our permanent tenant to renew the lease for a further term.

Robert Fordham has organized the replacing of the guttering which was causing internal leaks Cost about \$1100.

WEB SITE

Peter Weir reported that he had brought the Web site up to date as to Office Bearers

GENERAL BUSINESS

Phil O'loan extended his congratulations to Peter Adams who has agreed to Chair the Dating Committee Phil added that the job was sometimes difficult and exacting.

In answer to a question Phil O'loan reported that the Club had written to the Governor's Office thanking Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO for her efforts and inviting the new Governor to continue as our Patron, but no reply as yet.

Barry Shinfield gave an interesting Tech Talk and told a couple of stories.

Laurie Garrod gave us an insight into having a classic car resprayed.

Raffle was drawn.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

Phil O'Loan
Vice President

Euan Coutts
Acting Secretary

NOVEMBER 2014

27th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm

27th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

Events Calendar - Club Events

30th **Sydney Christmas Lunch.** *See Page 6 for details*

DECEMBER 2014

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

JANUARY 2015

9th **MaSH Branch Morning Tea run.**
10th **Combined Outing** *See Page 7 for details*
20th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
22nd Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
22nd Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm
26th **Australia Day CARnivale.** *(previously known as Motorfest) See invitation events*

FEBRUARY 2015

6th-8th **MaSH Ramble - Mittagong** *See Page 20 for details*
7th MaSH Branch Meeting, 2pm - Lake Alexander, Mittagong
13th **MaSH Branch Morning Tea run.**
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

JANUARY 2015

18th 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

Invitation Event

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

26th CARnivale. (Australia Day) Reported to be the largest display of vehicles in the Southern Hemisphere. To register go on line to www.australiaday.com.au/get-involved/carnivale/ or phone 02 9513 2035, John Flower, Vehicle Co-ordinator. CLOSING date for entries Friday 14th November 2014.
For updates on the days activities visit www.australiaday.com.au
(As you will note that the closing date for the above event has passed.)

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
2 Occident St Cessnock NSW 2325

National Rallies

Ph: (02) 4991 1806 Mob: 0412 821 945
Email: Hupmobile@bigpond.com

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

Coming Events

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

But no Family Pets



CORRECTION

Registration Inspection
At the Christmas Lunch location
IS INCORRECT
THERE WILL BE
NO INSPECTION

MaSH Branch Registration Day

Sunday 7th December 2014

Commencing at 10am

At Bob Hobson's
8 Highland Drive
BOWRAL

Any Queries contact Bob
(H) 4861 2101
(M) 0439 031 934

Sunday 7th 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**

SYDNEY

REGISTRATION DAY

ONE DAY ONLY

Newcastle Branch Christmas Party



Sunday 7th 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



Combined Sydney - Newcastle Outing

SATURDAY 10th JANUARY 2015

To be held at the Wyong Christian Community School

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.

Then travel the Pacific Highway to Calga, then to Peats Ridge, on through Central Mangrove,
head towards Kulnura and turn right into Springs Road, down Bumble Hill to Yarramalong.

Fuel available at Yarramalong.

Head towards Wyong, cross Wyong River then the freeway (M1) and the school is approx another 500 metres on
your left at 100 Alison Road.

or

Continue on the Pacific Highway from Calga to Kariong and join the Freeway and follow to the Tuggerah Interchange (Wyong / The Entrance exit). turn left towards Yarramalong, then at T intersection turn right towards Wyong.

There are no picnic tables so it is advisable to bring your own chairs and tables or picnic rug should you desire. Plenty of off street parking, there is a shaded area under the trees and toilet facilities.

Old Wyong Milk Factory is about 400 up the road where there is a cafe/coffee shop, Little Creek Cheese Company and the Luka Chocolate Boutique, should people want to go for a bit of a walk.

See you there about 11am

The Newcastle Branch group to meet at the venue.

In the case of extreme weather conditions contact: Graeme Newman 4392 1035 Mob: 0412 138 063
or Nev Preston 4352 1533 to check that the event is being held.

Application for Membership

Michael Duncan
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SWAN BAY NSW 2324
Associate
Nominated: Chris Duncan
Seconded: Lauren Newman

Change of Address

John Pickup
Kanandah Retirement Ltd
Unit 2/21 Douro Street
MUDGEES NSW 2850
Ph: (02) 6378 6490

Voting for the above application for membership will take place at the Monthly Meeting on the 27th November 2014

Correction to Phone Number

Graham Weekes
Mobile 0407 246 918

CONGRATULATIONS
to
Alma Newman
and
Doug Marshall
who both celebrated their
80th Birthday
during October
Alma on the 11th
and
Doug on the 19th

As this is the last issue for the Year I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and all the best for your Veteran Motoring in 2015
The Editor

Editorial

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

Rob and Faye for their article on the MaSH Cappuccino outing, Elizabeth for her report on the Newcastle Annual Tour along with photos by Tyler and Graeme for his report on the Newcastle Annual Tour. Then we have part 2 of Bob Lamond's Francis Birtle's Centenary event also incorporating the Adelaide to Darwin Rally. Also another of Ron's little stories.

Information on coming events, the Christmas lunch at Peter and Sue Martins', Registration days in Sydney and the MaSH Branch. Newcastle Branch Christmas Party and to kick off 2015 the Combined outing to be held at the Christian School at Wyong.

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
Nev Preston



Letter to the Editor

Hello Neville

This photo of her Excellency Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of N.S.W. and patron of the V.C.C.A (NSW) and myself taken at Government House Sydney on the 4th September this year when I was presented with the Order of Australia Medal.

The award was for the preservation of early motorcycle and automobile history as well as organizing the Annual Easter Veteran, Vintage and Classic motorcycle rally at Bathurst for the past forty years etc.

This ceremony was a very formal affair carried out with military precision and has been a very humbling experience as well as a great honour for me especially to have this medal presented by her Excellency just prior to her retirement.

My Best Regards
Don Liddle



MaSH Branch Monthly Cappuccino Outing - October 2014

Rob and Fay McCarthy

A brief report of MASH Run 10/10/14.

The MASH Friday Coffee run started as usual at the Pony Club area on Moss Vale Road in Bowral. American veterans were represented with T Ford and Hupmobile while there was one French (Renault) and a couple of moderns. It was good to catch up with Bob and Elizabeth, Bruce and Kath, Dennis, Bill and Robyn, Jonathon, Neil, Lyn, Sue and Harriet.

The run through Moss Vale traffic was a bit slow but the road out past the old Governors Residence, "Hillview", to Sutton Forest made up for it. The old churches are well worth a visit as is Red Cow Farm with its magnificent garden. There is no trace now of the old wreckers yard at the crossing over the freeway but Bruce remembers getting a gearbox for an Essex there nearly fifty years ago. Apparently there was also a two storey inn there as well.

From Crossroads, the road wanders out to Canyonleigh and still continues on to Marulan then Goulburn and was one of the early sections of Hume Highway before significant realignments and the present one through Paddys' River. Older members may recall former President George Green zooming into Inverary on the Canyonleigh Road.

We turned off on Tugalong Road past the amazing property "The Burrows" to Canyonleigh store and its idyllic surroundings made all the better with good company, good weather and excellent food. At the store Julie's well known delicious apple pie was not on but we settled for next best, the home made lemon meringue pie accompanied by chips - a great combination. Once a bit of backwater the whole area seems to be sprouting huge homes on acreage and expense seems no issue.

Another good MASH run - good company and a good venue thanks again to Greg and Jill for organizing it.

Newcastle Annual Tour 2014

Bob and Elizabeth Hobson

Photos by Tyler Hobson

We arrived at the Molly Morgan Motel at Maitland on Friday 17th October at 2pm for a 2 day weekend tour of the area. With the Ford on a trailer for the first time, we have to admit with the traffic very heavy it is the best way to travel the freeways.

During the afternoon there was a steady stream of veterans arriving and a chance to catch up with friends.

Graeme, Karyn, Lauren, Abbey arrived and soon got busy erecting the tent, table, chairs etc. In readiness for our Gourmet Pizza Alfresco night in the grounds of the motel, with the band of helpers we were soon enjoying several varieties of pizza, garlic bread and a birthday cake as Abbey Newman was celebrating her 17th. A very pleasant evening was had by all.



The Betts' Renault

a picnic lunch. On leaving the reserve our tour was to the Walka Water Works. (A brief outline of the water works was during the 1880's construction commenced to provide safer water to Newcastle, Maitland, Cessnock. The plant eventually closed 1929, and in 1951 the site was reopened as a temporary coal power station by the Electricity Commission. This station was eventually decommissioned in 1978. Today it is a beautiful parkland, picnic area and always an ideal setting for weddings etc. Our drive back to the motel was a very pleasant drive, Tyler did a good job getting us back to get ready for another evening of a Barbecue Alfresco.



The Hobson Ford T - driver Tyler

Saturday dawned a bit overcast but fine, our family arrived (Son Phillip and Grandson Tyler) at 8.30am Tyler with P.Plates ready to drive the Ford for the next 2 days, Grandma and Grandpa in the back seat, which I might add was very enjoyable.

The tour today was to Historic Morpeth, the Ray Lawler Reserve for our morning tea, as usual the cakes, tarts etc., were exceptional, thank you Ladies.

A short tour around Morpeth, then back to the reserve for



Steven Rose's 1914 Douglas



The Coutts' S.C.A.T. and the Rose's Talbot

Our start for Sunday was breakfast in the grounds by Graeme, Karyn and a band of helpers to Barbecue Bacon, Sausage, Eggs etc., on a beautiful clear morning. On leaving the motel Neville Preston was handing out spotters sheets to see how observant we all were for our Tour today to Clarence Town, first stop was Vacy Public School for an excellent morning tea by the P&C.

We set off to Clarence Town, not spotting one answer to the question sheet. The Ladies had prepared a lovely lunch in the Senior Citizens Hall. Many of

us bought craft items made by the Senior Ladies. We handed our spotters sheets in at lunch time with no answers, we must not be very observant.

Our Roast dinner tonight was in the motel dining room with good company the meal was delicious, it was now time to hand out prizes, Graeme officiated with the help of Lauren, Abbey, and Harriette Martin it was a very pleasant evening.

Many thanks go to Graeme, Karyn, Neville and the band of helpers for another excellent weekend.



The Hobson Ford T, the Coutts S.C.A.T, the Marshall F.N., and the Cherry Ford T at the morning tea stop at Vacy Public School

The Bendeich's Chalmers, the Coutts S.C.A.T, and the Newman Talbot at the morning tea stop at Morpeth



**Newcastle Branch Annual Tour - East Maitland
17/10/14 - 19/10/14**

Graeme Newman

Thankfully, the weather leading up to this year's event was more favorable than 2013 when much of the state was under threat from bushfires. We had to make some changes to the catering arrangements this year, as the owners of the motel were not keen to open the motel restaurant for us. After some negotiation we managed to convince them to provide the Sunday dinner, however that still left us with Friday and Saturday night to arrange.

After making various enquiries and much discussion between Karyn, Neville and myself, we decided to opt for the 'self catering' model. In order to cater for possible weather events, we managed to arrange to use marquees belonging to the Burkes and Adams' families. We also borrowed an old BBQ off John Burke and managed to gather a number of folding tables from within our family, leaving us to hire sufficient chairs and one table.

After alerting entrants to the arrangements, we decided on a 'Gourmet Pizza' night Friday and BBQ Saturday. Those who arrived early enough on Friday afternoon we able to assist with erecting the shelters and arranging tables, chairs etc. Throw in a few fairy lights, bunting and table arrangements and we had a quite acceptable space.



The Birthday cake

During Friday evening's meal, we had the bright idea that since we had done all this work, we might as well have a BBQ breakfast on Sunday. For dessert we had a birthday cake for my baby girl Abbey who turned 17 that day. Unfortunately she hadn't been able to book her driving test for the Friday, so had to be content with driving the Talbot with 'L' plates still. (She did her test early the next week and is now on her 'P'plates.)



*Doug cutting his 80th Birthday cake
one day early*

On Saturday we followed the same route as for the last couple of years, with a tour taking in towns and localities of Louth Park, East Maitland, Largs, Hinton, Nelsons Plains and McClement Swamp before heading back to Morpeth for the extended morning tea and lunch stop. The morning run was just on 50 km's through mainly rural areas of generally pretty good roads. Once again a number of the ladies provided some tasty delights for us to enjoy along with a birthday cake for Doug Marshall who was celebrating his 80th birthday the following day. The cake was arranged for the Saturday as Doug was spending his birthday celebrating with his family who had travelled from near and far to be with he and Dianne for the special occasion.

There was a fete, taking place in town, which included a car display. This seemed to well supported by various models from the Morris Garages. A few of our members added to the spectacle by displaying their cars whilst they had lunch in town. I dropped Karyn back to the motel during the lunch break to enable her to go shopping to buy the supplies for dinner. After lunch we headed off through Duckenfield, back to Morpeth and Tenambit and then through Pitnacree and Lorn to the Walka Water Works for afternoon tea. After another cuppa and something to eat (which probably no one really needed) the group travelled back to the motel via Oakhampton and Aberglasslyn. Ray Thomas came up the motel on Saturday afternoon, taking the opportunity to catch up with members he hadn't seen in a while.

Our Saturday night BBQ went well, with everyone having plenty to eat whilst enjoying the opportunity to socialize with friends. Once again a number of people pitched in to help with getting dinner prepared and cleaning up afterwards.

Many of the group were down at the marquee for our Sunday breakfast, before making those last minute preparations for the Sunday run, where the winner of the Newcastle Tour is decided. Having been run for over 50 years, we had reached to point where the trophy no longer had any available space on which to record the winner. As a result, Uncle Neville put considerable time and effort into adding another level to the trophy which will give us sufficient space until we the 2030's. Who knows where the Club or the veteran car movement in general will be by then.

For the last year or two, we haven't had a 'spotto' which seemed to suit many, or even most of the participants. However in order to arrive at a winner, we decided to include one this year. Despite our relatively small numbers, and knowing from previous years that quite a number of those taking part are fairly competitive, as much as they deny same, we (me really) decided to make this years spotto more challenging. It had the desired result, because I think there were less correct answers than entrants. Whilst this may not make much sense to some people, it made it much easier to find the questions, and those that come back next year will have a few things to look out for, such as the prehistoric sculpture in the lagoon at Paterson.



Harriette and Isaac

The Sunday tour was over almost the same roads as last year, but no one seemed to care too much. Some of the roads have actually been re-built since last year and some further work is continuing. Our hosts at both the Vacy Public School for morning tea, and the Senior Citizens for lunch again did a great job in looking after us. In turn, our donation helps them to raise funds for their various causes.



Bill and Robyn Betts in their Renault

We had three first timers on the run this year. Mick and Katrina Duncan drove Doug and Dianne Marshall's F.N on the Sunday Tour, due to Doug's birthday celebrations and Bill and Robyn Betts joined us in their 1908 Renault, which is both a good looking and well performing car and also Terry and Vicki Smith in their Ford T. Hopefully they enjoyed themselves.

Having returned to the motel on Sunday afternoon, we again had plenty of helpers to pack up the chairs, tables and marquees as we disassembled our dining area. Sunday night we had a roast dinner in the motel dining room before the presentation of rally badges and prizes. We were a few badges short this year, as at the time they had to be ordered, we were very short of entries. My apologies to those who missed out. After reading out the answers to the spotto, I'm not even sure that some of the group travelled over the same route as the rest of us, but it really doesn't matter.

The place getters this year were: Mick & Katrina Duncan - 1st
(Mick was not a member but has since applied to joint the Club)
Peter, Sue & Harriette Martin - 2nd
Ben Rose & various passengers - 3rd

Once again we had a trouble free run this year, with no one having any problems of any significance. Although my younger sister may have a different opinion on this. When they went to leave home on the Saturday morning, her car would not perform to its usual standard, which was disappointing given I had spent considerable time working

on it since the Singleton Tour in June. Fortunately it wasn't a major problem, just that the inlet manifold wasn't sealing properly. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise, as on the way home, Lauren, Abbey and I were discussing that in all likelihood the wind we encountered on the way home, would have torn the fifty something year old hood off the car. Shortly after arriving home, I got a phone call from Peter Adams which began something like, "Guess what, I know what the F.N. looks like with the hood down." Peter and Kim were motoring home near Edgeworth when they encountered the really strong wind which caused the hood straps and canvas to part company.

Another job for Peter to add to his list to keep his fleet of cars mobile.

Thanks to everyone who attended. Again the numbers were down compared to many years previously, however I think those that came along had a good weekend of motoring on some generally favorable roads. Hopefully next year will be joined by a few more



Morning tea stop at Vacy Public School

people who for various reasons couldn't make it this year. For the sake of the Club's future we need to encourage members to attend the events that are arranged away from Sydney where we can enjoy our cars. We have a fairly small group of members who work hard on Committee to keep the Club going, allowing us all the chance to use our cars, we need to show our appreciation by getting our cars out when the chance arises.

List of Starters

1	HOBSON	<i>Bob & Elizabeth</i>	1911 CLEMENT BAYARD Roadster
2	MARTIN	<i>Lynette & Neil</i>	1913 CROSSLEY Tourer
3	GOTLEY	<i>Sarah & Christopher & Brett Corrigan</i>	1914 TALBOT Roadster
4	ROSE	<i>Ben, Wendy & Kate</i>	1914 TALBOT Tourer
5	ROSE	<i>Steven</i>	1914 DOUGLAS M/c
6	NEWMAN	<i>Lauren, Graeme, Karyn, & Abbey</i>	1914 TALBOT Tourer
7	CHERRY	<i>David, Betty & Hayley</i>	1915 FORD T Tourer
8	ADAMS	<i>Peter & Kim Nolan</i>	1912 F.N. Tourer
9	BETTS	<i>Bill & Robyn</i>	1908 RENAULT Roadster
10	DUNCAN	<i>Chris & Catherine & Isaac Strutt</i>	1911 F.N. Tourer
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Reminisces of Bob Lamond - infamous 1910 Brush driver and the Ghost of

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FB *They said this 1914 photo of me and my T was a photo of the Brush in 1912!*

BL Yea mate and that Media Watch lacks any independence in my view, they expressed great interest - then did nothing and could/would not explain why?

BL Back to the Veteran Rally - the T or was it me was generating a bit of critical comment from some ladies for running too fast and reckless overtaking - yes we really flew for the first 16 days and yes a few of the back ups were not following Mark's 60 minute gap rule thus also backing up the public vehicles, at risk to all and particularly their entrant - so I overtook a bunch over double lines

- but with a clear view and a big speed plus. I had a few sporting friends to keep me company.



My Rocket Ship T at Woomera



Les & Richard Johnson's 1913 Willy Overland



FB Wholly flapping ducks! - I enjoyed every minute - drivers should drive and not wobble along the road causing traffic backups - and how about those road trains - boy it was fun when you cut across the road when the last trailer just passed and our T was sucked along at least 8 to 10 kph faster with no strain on the motor - sadly camel trains did not have that effect for me in 1914 - merely an unbelievable smell !!

BL Ford really gave you a head start but you drove many other makes.

FB But riding with you in this Wunderbar T - as that German lady called it - reminds me of all my adventures with a T.

FB Any idea how many signs we saw on that 4,000+ expedition-millions - does the government think all drivers in 2014 are halfwits? or are they in general lacking basic common sense? In 1914 the only signs, if any, were mileage posts - and why all these fences - miles and miles of fencing around corners etc etc - it is insulting to a driver - does the government have to protect idiots from running off the road? going to sleep etc etc. Speed signs for speed around comers is OK to help drivers.

BL Sadly yes they are and yes they do - and many would not pass a thorough driving test.

FB Loved the old Daly Waters Pub - in 1914 there was only a grog shop -the smell of that Barra wunderbar ! - it's no fun being a ghost - and Kakadu and Mary River - I have met a couple of ghosts of blokes eaten by crocodiles and clearly they didn't enjoy it !

BL Around Daly Waters was when I had fuel starvation and could only get around 50kph so I drove like I did in my Brush - slowly - 3 days later we took off the carbie and my mates Wayne and Des Turnbull found the blockage behind the ball valve - "Back on the road again" -*flat* out the airstrip at Coomalie !



Richard Luxton's Coomalie Old WW2 Airfield My T under the cover with the remains of an Anson.

Two iconic Aussie Squadrons flew from Coomalie to drive the Japanese from our re-

gion - 31 Sqd. Bristol Beaufighters on long range attack missions to Timor and 87 Sqd. flew Lockheed Lightnings, Spitfires & De Havilland Mosquitos.

FB Holy flapping ducks - that Richard knows how to turn on a bush party! all this great aircraft just dropping in and having fun - I always wanted to fly - did some navigating in the search for Lasseter and in 1920 with Flight-Lt. Frank Briggs, in a de Havilland 4 bi-plane, I navigated the first aerial crossing of the Simpson Desert, Lake Eyre and the Macdonnell Ranges - and I navigated the first plane to land at Hawker in South Australia 1st October 1921 Pilot Francis Biggs, Mechanic George Bailey.



BL I learnt to fly in Natis in Tiger Moths and sure enough a lovely DR 82 floated in to land - mentioning floating that Port of Richards floated me right off!

Two treasures I admire, 1 I own the other I lust for.

The band, the old songs of WW2, the fireworks and the bonfire - what a fabulous way to celebrate the success of the 2014 Adelaide to Darwin Veteran Rally. I slept rough on the ground alongside my T around 3am and woke up to farewell the stars and welcome another bright sunny day. A Berocca, a Red Bull and a

few Panadols and a recovery breakfast on the strip - another run, in the T up the strip and back with a kangaroo crossing in front of the T and a plane landing over my head - what a great way to start our last day driving into Darwin.

The morning after?!

FB You didn't look to well young fella - posing for all those photos on the strip - a bit of redevye ! Good thing I am a ghost so had no worries driving with you into Darwin - had another challenge from that nice bloke, David Couper in his lovely 1913 Overland - I think he got the best of you - you had a lot of fun earlier in the Rally overtaking each other - the T and David's Overland were by far the fastest cars although we never had a run with Gavin Mutton's 1916 Studebaker - poor bloke was quite ill and only came good at the end.





The BIG Antonov (Rusian) & the sprightly Hudson (USA)



BL What a great line up of bikes and cars on the Airstrip for photos, Graeme Hammonds 1918 Indian, Richard Johnson's 1913 Willy Overland, Mark McKibbin's 1909 Sizaire Naudin, Andrew McDougall's immaculate 1913 T, the three Brush, Graham Donges, John Stanley and Des Turnbull, Lyndon Hardman's 1909 Talbot, John Wightman's fascinating DKW and Alan Maden's petrol guzzling 1917 American La France - boy did I have fun flying past the La France as quick as possible as the T could have been sucked into the massive engine!



The YAK guarded by the DKW, Triumph & The Indian

FB I think I continue to applaud Joy Rainey and her pommy helpers and that indefatigable 1904 Curved Dash - and she is Aussie born and bred whilst now living in England.



BL So off to the old QANTAS Hanger in Darwin, a sausage BBQ by my good friends Chris and Geoff Chennells - great charcoal Geoff - what a surprise to be welcomed and recognised by the guys who helped Jim Weir and I install the third motor in my 1910 Brush on the 2001



Around Australia Run for the Centenary of Federation - thanks to Geoff Simmons and Last Chance Dave making one out of two busted motors and air freighting it to Darwin.

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BL After lunch I was off to my motel, shower etc and to the Darwin Ski Club for the final dinner, presentations and warm speeches congratulating Mark on a very happy successful Rally.

Sue and Mark McCibbin in their Sizaire Naudin

There was much talk about the next long distance Veteran Rally - all it needs is a new route and a volunteer.

This was the case at the end of the 2012 Expedition - and Mark put his hand up.

I congratulate Mark, Sue and his other helpers, for a very successful event and the jackets will be treasured and used for years to come.

Bob Lamond



FB So a rest day then we were off to Piambong via Queensland. Again I am honoured to think that you are single handedly doing this in memory of me, a simple bloke who loved the bush and took every opportunity to escape to the outback - Bob I think you truly share my feelings for our wide brown land.

BL That I do Francis - in spades - Mark ran a very different style of rally to the 2012 Across Australia very informal - no starts and finishes no places at each over night stop where locals could view this historic once in a lifetime collection of Veteran bikes and cars all around 100 years young- no media, no promotion of the Start at The Museum or the The Finish at the Qantas Hanger, no VIP's and only one happy hour. As an entrant I thoroughly enjoyed the informality BUT I do think the Veteran Car Clubs must not hide from the public - to do so puts at extreme risk our continued fantastic registration and third party indeed our right to drive/ride our veterans - in this terribly correct proper? world of today it is important that the public sees us on the road, driving/riding our veterans safely over both long and short distances and supports our right to do so. The involvement of two State Governors and Mayors of the major towns and cities adds great credibility in the public eyes - the media love it and thus inform the public of where they can view our veterans - yes it takes a lot of work but it is worth doing to keep us wanted by the public.



FB I think your right Bob - if I have to call sheilas dames, Abos Indigenous people and the governments duty to treat us as idiots then political ? correctness is here to stay - so how long will it be before some greeny social extremist asks - "No catalytic converter, no seat belts, poor brakes, no brake lights, no crash tests, no air bags, no horns, no turning indicators- such vehicles are an environmentally and human disaster waiting to happen - away with them to museums"

BL We had a good run down to Katherine - some cattle and lots of termite mounds.

FB Fair crack of the whip mate - those tiny little little piles - I'll show you termite castles!

BL OK Francis - no need to chuck a wobbly - you always have to go one better!

FB Stone the crows mate - did you see how those larikins had dressed up some termite mounds - and I bet you London to a brick that you don't see big castles like I did in 1914 because the yobbos like to kick em over!



BL Daly Waters Pub was as quiet as a mouse compared to our party on the way up - and I had to sleep rough again - no booking? ! Still I dug a better hip hole and slept well under the stars.

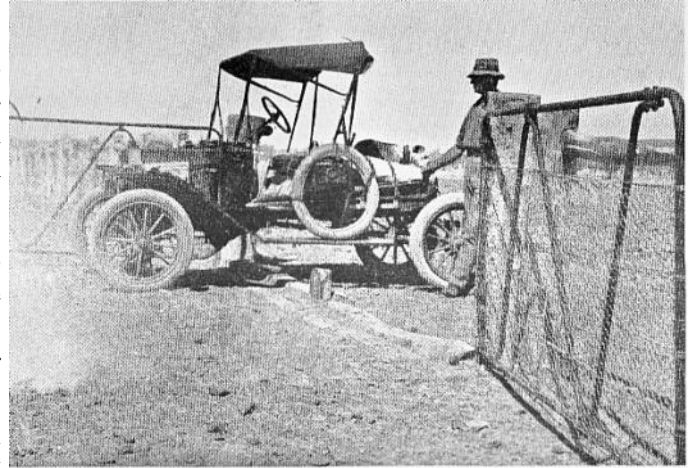
FB No one else slept as you snored like a wounded bull !

BL It was good to get to Three Ways and head of to the east - and then the winds hit us - same as on our 1997 run to Melbourne in my Brush - I had to drive behind the trailer to make any speed - 2014 the MYT T battled along around 55 - until a few road trains came along and I snuck in behind them and enjoyed the free ride - sometimes for over 2 kms if the road was straight.

FB You know it's funny how different it is to my 1914 run - I had mainly dirt tracks carved up by bullock trains - my T would bounce from side to side and shake like a drowning rat - my new T soon became a very second hand T -dosen't look too new at the rabbit fence !

BL The T and I were worn out when we finally made it to Camooweal - then the power transformer at the roadhouse caught fire - blackout and no fire brigade to call - took 3 hours to get the line isolated and a mobile generator working to get the beer cold.

FB Gee wiz you really had it tough! Bulldust in 1914 I had the same winds, no road and it took me four days to make Camooweal and no motel just my tent and the hard ground.



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Remember this 1914 photo and look at my battered remains of the T.

No one to cook me a mixed grill- just me and a fire cooking a bit of roo.

BL OK I give in - our run to Cloncurry was much the same - strong winds and me eagerly looking in the mirror for signs of a road train to give us a tow.



FB Yes I have to give it to you - your as game as Ned Kelly - counting the wagons as the rush bye - then hard on the wheel and we're off - I had my heart in my mouth many times it was so close - and I am a ghost!

BL Then off to Winton - 347 kms of cross winds, gusting to at least 50 kph, right hand down trying to keep the T on the road, tacking and reaching as if it was a yacht trying to keep the speed up - no road trains to help, dodging road kill all over the road - and the sight of the starving cattle - they looked like grey ghosts - a bit like you FB - then in the last 50 clicks a road train, the wind dropped and we sailed into Winton around 75 kph - had to slow down for the 60 sign! The birth place of QANTAS.



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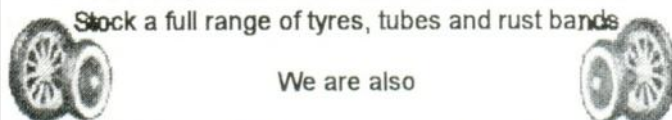
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