

**THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.**

*Club Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC  
Governor of Queensland*

# VETERAN TORQUE

JUNE 2017



James Brennan's Buick Buckboard at Wolston House



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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January).

Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE.

(Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

Meetings commence at 7.30pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

**The telephone number** for the Clubrooms is (07) 3843 0010

**The Club website is:** : [www.vccaq.com](http://www.vccaq.com)

**Membership fees for 2017/18** are currently under review.

Full Membership (single): \$ ; Joint Membership \$.

Country Membership (single): \$ Joint Membership: \$

Associate Membership \$

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

**Note:** *There is an ADDITIONAL CHARGE for those members requiring a mailed copy.*

Membership fees may be paid by **direct deposit** into the Club's Account:

Bank of Queensland A/C 21577447; BSB 124001, giving details of your name.

**Or** By Cheque, made payable to Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) Inc.

(Please use full name as above to comply with bank requirements.

**Membership Application Forms are available from the Secretary at the address below.**

**All articles for publication in "Veteran Torque" must be with the Editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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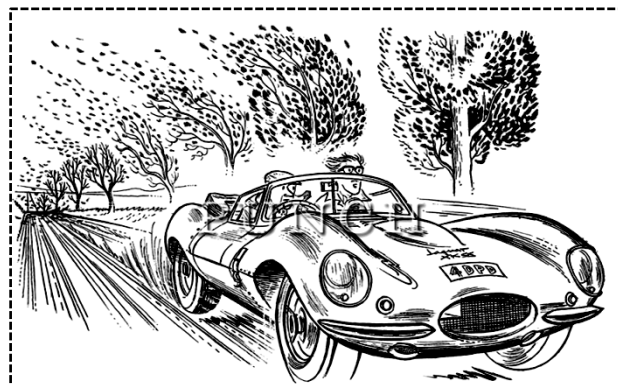
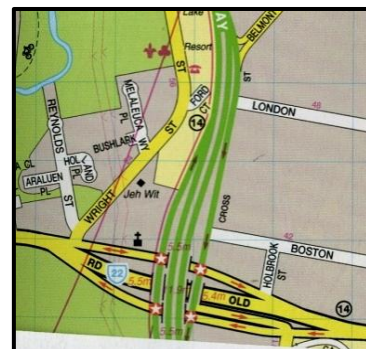
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*"I see the leaves are on the turn"*

## President's Report

This Club of ours is so vibrant, we just had a rally in the Kilcoy area, put together by Kevin and Joyce Brooks. The first day it rained, it didn't put a dent in the program. The word got around that if you wanted a fire, bring your own wood. Well I took 10 large chunks from a very large tree. Geoff Clegg brought a large ute load, in fact everybody came with some wood. The sharing of fridges, freezers and power leads, when someone turned up just a friendly re-shuffle of it all.



Peter and Lyn Arnold cooked a stew for the whole camp and Kevin and Joyce Brooks made a lovely dessert for everyone. Kevin was pleased he didn't run out of ice cream.

The LARGE fire in the evenings at the meeting place with good tales of this event and events past. It was nice to see John and Pam Handley with the Darracq, Roger and Irene Hill from NZ and Chris and Jenny Sorensen in their Overland. Wally and Bev Lanagan, also Keith and Anne Bartley from Dalby. I'm sure there will be a full report in this magazine.

I'm pleased to see the enthusiasm and hearty vibe that emanates from everyone when on a rally or at the meetings.

Bob Burley

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## Members' Matters

### Proposed increase in Membership Fees

In accordance with the Articles of Association [page 25, 6 (1)] "*The Membership Fees for each class of membership shall be such sum as the members shall from time to time at any general meeting so determine.....*"

A vote to increase the membership fees will be put to Members at the coming (June) General Meeting.

Bob B.

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### A get-well message

Several of our members have recently been suffering ill-health. We hope that Alison Day, Val and Bruce Wright, Grahame Wilkinson and former member Donna Davis are now well on the road to recovery.

### Club Presentation Dinner - Full details this issue.

As there will not be a July General Meeting, due to the "Mary Poppins" Maryborough Rally, money for the Dinner should either be paid to Hazel at the June General Meeting, or paid into the Club's Account (Bank of Queensland A/C 21577447; BSB 124001), giving details of your name.

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## 100 Year Badges

It has come to the attention of the Veteran Car Club Committee that there are a few Veteran Cars celebrating their 100th birthday this year.

The Committee thought we would like to present the owners of these veteran cars with their 100 year badge at the "Mary Poppins" Rally in Maryborough in June 2017.

If you have had your veteran vehicle dated and are planning on attending this event, can you let me know please so I can arrange a badge for your vehicle.

If you are planning on attending the above event but do not yet have your veteran vehicle dated, and would like to receive a 100 year badge, please contact me ASAP and I will arrange the relevant paper work to be emailed to you that is required to be completed and returned to the Dating Committee well before the event so the paper work can be processed.

The Dating Committee requires photos of your veteran vehicle as well as photos of any important numbers stamped on the vehicle eg: engine number or chassis number or maybe there is a number on the diff.

The presentation of the relevant 100 year badges will make the Club event that much more special and exciting.

I'll wait to hear from you regarding your attendance at the Maryborough rally, or a request for the relevant paper work, to enable your car to also be presented with a 100 year badge.

Rhonda Guthrie  
Hon Secretary  
Veteran Car Club of Aust (Qld) Inc.

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I'm putting together the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book of the Veteran Car Club of Qld.

I'd like to have some stories of how "YOU" the Club Members acquired your veteran vehicles and the stories behind the restoration.

This is part of the Club history, and it would be good to have a record of the various cars in the Club. If you have photos that would be good, but not necessary.

History, this is what we are making and we need to keep a record.

Rhonda Guthrie



**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Thirty Eighth General Meeting of the  
Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld Inc.  
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**Welcome:** President Bob Burley opened the meeting at 7.35pm and thanked everyone for attending.

**Attendance:** 32 Members as per attendance book

**Apologies:** Michael Hackshall, Bruce Wright, Trevor Brosnan, David Hackshall, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, Frola Gilltrap, Trish Hanley, John & Alison Day, Trevor & Janette Farnell, Graham & Dulcie Wilkinson, Iris Anderson, Glynn & Diane Hackshall, Neal & Jan Sims, Peter Ransom.

**Minutes of the Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017:** Minutes as published in the club newsletter, so will be taken as read. Rhonda Guthrie moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded Carol Robinson

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence: Inward:**  
Magazines from various Clubs

**Outward:** Sympathy Card to Kevin & Joyce on the death of Joyce's Mother. Thinking of You card to Bruce & Val Wright.

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be endorsed seconded by Alan Carpenter. All agreed

**Treasurer Report:** Hazel reported on the club accounts, she moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Albert Budworth All agreed

**Dating:** Bob Burley has been to view the 1913 Vulcan, the owner is interested in having the car dated. Ross reported that he has been in contact with the owner of the Vulcan, but has not received the paperwork to commence the dating procedure.  
Ross thanked Rob Guthrie for adding the black paint where necessary to the 100 year badges we have in stock.

**Library:** Nil Report

**QHMC:** Nil Report

**Editor Report:** Carol would be happy to receive one or more stories on interesting cars or restorations. Carol requires the information no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Web Master:** Nil Report

**SAG Report:** Peter Arnold – As you can see the painting of the interior of the club rooms has been basically completed.

The cupboards in the General Library are now completed and the keys are in the relevant club's pigeon mail box.

There is one night available to be rented out to another car club or like minded organization.

Peter has been contacted by an organization who is possibly interested in a day renting twice a month, he is still negotiating with his contact.

QHMC occupy the club rooms bi-monthly, but all clubs / organisations rent the club rooms with a package deal. This gives each organization 1 night in the auditorium per month, 1 night in the committee room per month and 1 weekend per year.



Peter has spoken to Christine Stevens (Chairperson of the QHMC) and they are planning to continue to use the clubrooms bi-monthly in the future.

With the notices in the club rooms to advertise that there is a vacancy there has been a club/organization, contacting Peter regarding the use of the clubrooms. We, the club just need to wait until a contract has been signed by all parties.

The Vintage Car Club inquired, what happened to the large screen that was stored in the General Library. The Veteran Car Club committee has no idea who owned the screen or where it has gone. Maybe the club, can look at installing a pull down screen for the tenants to use.

### Events:

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2017** Wolston House Grindle Road Wacol. – The National Trust is holding an Open Day on “Mothers Day”, they are asking for veteran vehicles to be placed on display. If you are interested could you please notify Alan Robinson - Bob Burley, Syd Norman, Albert Budworth, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie have offered to have their cars on display for this day.

**19 – 21 May** Neurum Creek Rally: Catering Friday: Please be prepared to leave at 9am for the day's activities. Morning Tea provided. BYO Lunch/Mugs (Hot water tea/coffee provided) Lunch Venue \$5 per couple, collected prior to start! Seating provided Friday Night: Dinner courtesy of Arnolds/Brooks (BYO plates, utensils) Saturday: Peachester BYO Morning tea. Lunch: sausage sizzle provided. BYO drinks/salad

If possible, BYO chairs/picnic rug Sunday: Mt. Kilcoy Homestead Morning Devonshire Tea \$8 ea., Lunch BBQ \$10 ea., BYO drinks. **NB: Your only petrol supply is at D'Aguilar.** (Except at Kilcoy, Sun.) As, on Friday 19, we are visiting a school and then BYO lunching on the lawn of a millionaire's 1920's home, period costume is suggested / requested please.

Neurum Creek Bush Campgrounds ph 1300 733 901 [www.ncbr.com.au](http://www.ncbr.com.au) Plenty of powered sites.

Kevin has requested if you have any fire wood to please bring to help with the BBQ as no one is allowed to take wood from the National Park area. Kevin & Joyce Brooks

**21<sup>st</sup> May** – QHMC Queens Park Ipswich Open display.

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June** Old Petrie Town - once again will be holding their open weekend if you are interested could you please contact Bob Burley. Bob has a short drive planned for this weekend if there is time

**27<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Maryborough “Mary Poppins Festival” organized by Terry & Regie Lewis, and their fellow local club members. There is a lot of interest from the club members as well as interstate enthusiasts. The southerners are coming to enjoy our winter. I understand the Wallace Caravan Park is now totally booked out.

**9<sup>th</sup> July** The RACQ is allowing cars to be delivered on the Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July and stored in a safe area so as to make it easy for entrants to place their cars on display on the Sunday. The Club Treasurer has forward a cheque to the RACQ to cover your entry. Please bring your completed form to the **NEXT** club meeting and leave it with Hazel so she can forward them all together.

**5<sup>th</sup> August** Club Annual Presentation Dinner - Hazel will arrange more information in the next newsletter. As there is no club meeting in July as we will all be attending the Maryborough Rally could you please come prepared to pay Hazel for the Presentation Dinner at the June club meeting.

**19<sup>th</sup> August Swap** to be held at the club rooms veteran & vintage parts only, there is a gold coin entry fee. The usual sausage and onions on a slice of bread will be available to purchase / enjoy.

**25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August - Bribie Is - Bridge to Bridge** I'm sure it has been a long time since you explored Bribie Island, let us make this a weekend to remember. You may wish to arrive on the Friday and leave either on the Sunday or maybe stay until Monday. Our base will be the Bribie Is Top Tourist Caravan Park – Jacana Avenue, Woorim, Ph 07 3408 1134. Cabins are also available, at a variety of prices. Bribie Island Caravan Park is the perfect destination for a relaxing beach holiday or a few days. Take a leisurely stroll around Woorim to the local shops, enjoy a coffee in

one of the cafes or a meal in the local hotel or surf club. Now doesn't that sound enticing. This could be your shake down rally before departing for Clare in September.

**24th – 30th Sept SA National Rally** to be held in Clare. The Queensland club will be well represented as there are quite a few club members travelling south for this event. Entries close at the end of July 2017

**1st October** SA holds a "Down Under London to Brighton" one day rally, this event is held every year in SA

**4th November** - Our Events Co-ordinator Albert Budworth is planning an Environmentally-friendly Social Day. Toooo hot to drive a veteran car at that time of the year.

**16<sup>th</sup> December** Club Christmas Party

### **General Business:**

President Bob, thanked Kevin Brooks for refreshing the "Gilltrap" Picture.

Presentation dinner: Did the club members wish to continue with the idea of presenting existing trophies at the dinner. Hazel requested the members to pay for the Presentation Dinner evening meal at the June Meeting, as the dinner is before the August meeting.

Bob reminded the club members that there will be no club meeting in July as most of the club members will be attending the Maryborough rally.

Peter Arnold mentioned that he had visited Bruce Wright recently, unfortunately Bruce is not well but Bruce did enjoy Peter's visit. Also Val Wright is going through a difficult time at the moment , but is getting better every day.

**2018** 1 & 2 Cyl Rally to be held in Tasmania – Deloraine - Kevin & Joyce Brooks, John & Diane Farrier, Merv & Margaret Thompson are planning on attending. Anyone else interested ?????

**2020** It is Queensland's turn to arrange a 1 & 2 Cyl. rally - but where - and who is interested in being part of a committee to organize such an event. Miles - Kingaroy - Dalby- these towns were all suggested by club members at the meeting. The town chosen must be able to handle the accommodation and the catering for over 100 entrants, this needs to be thought about very carefully.

**2020** 1 & 2 ?????????? This really should be decided before the 1 & 2 Cyl. rally in Deloraine next year, so entrants at that event can be notified.

Thank you to Russell Massey for arranging the updating of the Honour Board and thank you to the club working bee who arranged to have the Honour Board replaced on the wall.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Rhonda Guthrie

Hon Secretary, Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

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## **IT'S TRIVIA TIME**

Think of a number – any number  
Double it  
Add 10  
Divide by 2 and then  
Subtract the original number you thought of.

The answer will always be 5

## Wolston House Visit - 14 May. - Alan Robinson

Despite the somewhat dubious weather forecast, a small group of members arrived on time. They were:

Alan and Raema  
Syd and Pauline  
Ron and James

with the immaculate Little  
looking resplendent in costume. with an also immaculate Maxwell  
with a beautifully turned out Buick, complete with a matching trailer  
fully equipped with farm equipment.  
with their "showroom" Austin 7,  
with the reliable MGY Saloon

Ross and Rhonda  
and us

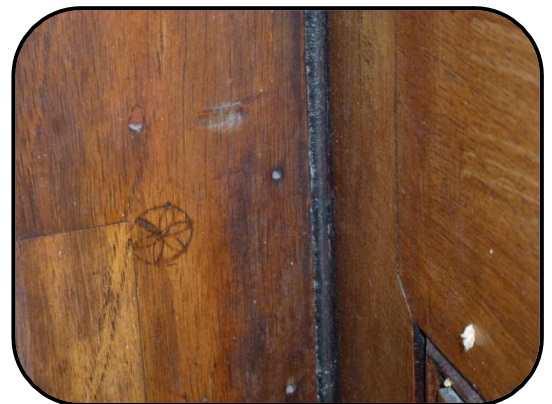
Albert, Diane and Family who arrived later, completed the group.



We all had a pleasant day looking at the cars and the House and outbuildings, plus visiting the shop and trash and treasure. There were interesting discussions around the table during morning tea and lunch.



I wonder how many people found the hexafoils? We did, after asking our friend Carolyn Whetter from the National Trust. There turned out to be 2, each only about the size of a 5 cent piece.



A very enjoyable and friendly day. I do thank the above members for helping the National Trust and promoting the Club.

Poor *Reggie* – after brass polishing etc, stayed home in his trailer because the trailer lights wouldn't work. Problem now solved with connection cleaning and a new plug. I understand Ross had magneto problems which grounded their big Austin.



## Neurum Creek Bush Retreat weekend

The thought of a week-end of veteran motoring had the Lanagans organizing the new trailer, old Studebaker, and borrowed caravan to join fifteen like-minded veterans at Neurum Creek Bush Retreat.

Friday morning's rain was too much for the Studebaker so we followed the instructions to De Laney Creek School in the Jeep, where the students asked intelligent questions and the parents provided a feast for morning tea. At Banyak Suka homestead the gardens and home were a welcome stop for lunch. The Campfire stew (was it possum or wallaby?) and syrup pudding at night made a good day perfect.

As Saturday was fine and sunny the drive to Cruice Park lookout where Kevin (or someone who looked like him) told of the early settlement, was most enjoyable. The setting at Peachester School was ideal for our sausage sizzle.

Alas, Sunday was wet again but the enthusiasm was high as we set off towards Kilcoy. The scones at Winya Winery took the edge off the Burley's disappointment at a broken Singer axle. The information about Kilcoy Homestead and aboriginal interaction was listened to with interest. Last stop at Mt Kilcoy School for lunch was reached via a very scenic drive.

This was a relaxing weekend, with good instructions informative talks, great drives, food every couple of hours and the usual happy hour and camp fire at the end of the day.

Thank you Kevin and Joyce for moving us along and to everyone for the camaraderie of the Veteran Car Club members.

### The Lanagans



Photos : Kevin B.



## COMING EVENTS 2017

[Other Clubs' events are shown in Italics]

- June 3-4 *Qld Steam & Vintage Machinery Annual Rally. Contact: "Daryl Stephenson" [dazstephenson@bigpond.com](mailto:dazstephenson@bigpond.com)*
- June 9-11 *RACQ/ Southern Qld Rally, organised by Beaudesert Motoring Enthusiasts' Club. Info. Secretary.bmec@yahoo.com.au*
- June 25 *VCCQ Concours d'Elegance. Ormiston House, from 10am.*
- June 27 -3 July *Maryborough, "Mary Poppins Festival" Rally Headquarters Wallace Motel & Caravan Park, (07) 4121 3970;. Entries to Terry & Regie, 0404 647 359/ 4159 0662 by June 1.*
- July 9 *RACQ Motorfest Display Day. Club supported event. Members urged to attend.*
- July 10-14. *National Brush Rally based in Dalby. Contact Graham/Irene Donges, email: [irenedonges@bigpond.com](mailto:irenedonges@bigpond.com) mobile 0419 751 324*
- 5 August *Club Presentation Dinner. Full details elsewhere this issue.*
- 19 August *Club Swap Veteran & Vintage pre-1931 cars, parts, books etc. only. NO Bric-a-brac.*
- 26-27 August *Bribie Island - "Bridge to Bridge. Based at Bribie Island Top Tourist Caravan Park, 40 Jacana Ave, Woorim. Closing Date for entries [to Albert B] .is 1 August.*
- 24-30 Sept. *National Veteran Rally at Clare, SA*
- 4 November *"Emission Free Day".*
- December *Club Christmas Party.*

## FUTURE EVENTS

### 2018

- 15-18 March *VCCA Vic. 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, Cobram. If you're planning to attend the National Rally (Deloraine) you may like to attend this immediately beforehand. Expressions of interest to Andrew/Frances McDougall, email [amfi@dunollie.com.au](mailto:amfi@dunollie.com.au).*
- 21-25 March *National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, Deloraine, Tasmania.  
If you plan to attend, it would be wise to organise your ferry bookings early. The ferry can be booked on [www.spiritoftasmania.com.au/offers/thenational-12-cylinder-tour](http://www.spiritoftasmania.com.au/offers/thenational-12-cylinder-tour) email and phone no [0363961144]. Accommodation can be booked by phoning Mark Mitchell at the Info Centre on 0363625280, he can book you in at the motel units or B and B's. Further info from Tour Director: Joe Clippingdale [jaclipp@bigpond.com](mailto:jaclipp@bigpond.com) / Ph. 0363961144*

23 – 28 Sept. *National Veteran Tour, Forbes, NSW (organised by Newcastle Branch)*

### 2019

- 30 Aug.-6 Sept. *HCCAA S-E Australia Region International Tour, See Club Website.*
- September *National Veteran Tour, Bargara/Bundaberg.*
- 29 Sept. – 5 Oct. *National Model T Ford Rally, Maryborough.*

### 2020

- National Veteran Rally, Victoria*
- National 1 & 2 Cylinder, Queensland*



## Members' Motors - Glenn Adams - 1915 Napier

### History:

Purchased new in Melbourne, Australia from Hunter & Glennon on July 7<sup>th</sup> 1915. It is believed the body was built by the Flood Motor Co. of Melbourne.

The vehicle was purchased by Mr T Harvey of Craigieburn, Victoria. The car was used until 1936, when it was stored.

In the 1960's, after Mr Harvey's death, the car was passed to a nephew, Mr C Hume. Mr Hume had the car repainted and the original trim restored. A new canvas hood and side curtains were fitted, along with some electrical and mechanical work.

Following Mr Hume's death, the car was sold to Mr Doug Mullins of Adelaide in 1988.

Following Mr Mullins death in 2006, the car was passed to his stepson Mr Glenn Adams of Adelaide/Mt Gambier, now Mt Mellum Qld.

This wonderful 102 year old vehicle has belonged to only two families since new. (Harvey/Hume and Mullins/Adams). It has covered only 25,000 miles since new.

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The RACQ 1094 Rambler

The 1904 "G" Model Rambler originally owned by Dr Marks set the fastest time for a single cylinder vehicle climbing Edward Street in 1904. This record still stands today as Edward Street is now one way down. The photos of the Rambler were taken when it was on display at the RACQ Edward Street Building.

### Albert Budworth



# What Car is This?

[All answers to the Editor ([redbubble@picknowl.com.au](mailto:redbubble@picknowl.com.au)) will be acknowledged in next month's *Veteran Torque*, along with the answer]



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**From the Archive Royal Automobile Club, shares an insight into the earliest days of motoring exhibitions from the Club's archive**

The Edwardian automobile often arrived in a cloud of dust thrown up from the road surface. In a bid to abate the prevalence of dust on roads, experiments took place throughout the world to find a solution, with varying degrees of success.

In 1902, sections of the Promenade des Anglais, Nice, were surfaced with coal tar. Rather unfortunately, the heat of a sunny July in the South of France and the effects on other forms of transport, were not considered. Initially, horses slipped and fell, their stability greatly compromised by dust carried on carriage wheels from other untreated roads, which adhered to the newly tarred surface. This created another layer of debris for motorists to contend with instead of stabilising the original terrain as hoped. Eventually, the tarred sections also melted to form a paste. It was decided that further experiments should be undertaken somewhere less congested and the Touring Club of France donated 500Fr towards tar tests in a cooler climate.



Californians had slightly more success with their oil solution. The oil mixed well with dirt and gravel, which hardened to a smooth, asphalt-like surface. Pre-1902 experiments at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, were mixed, but it was generally acknowledged that oil on American roads was an improvement to sprinkling water only, which had to be distributed frequently.

Unrefined petroleum was the most popular dust retainer, but the quality of the product differed greatly. Crude petroleum did not ignite easily and it consolidated any ballast on the roads. The infrequency of application also made it appeal to cash strapped councils in England. In 1902, Hampton Wick District Council sent their representative Mr. Pullman, to consult with the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland and the Automobile Club de France, to find a remedy for Surrey's roads. Crude petroleum seemed to be the way forward, however, Club representatives omitted to tell Mr. Pullman that it had one drawback...it stank for several hours until the odour fizzled out or the residents stopped noticing it. Surely, the healthiest roads could be found in Algeria where the mixture consisted of Naphtha and good quality olive oil.

Thanks to Terry Lewis for the above article.



## Travel Plans for 2017

[With thanks to Kevin Brooks for passing on the following, which is reproduced with permission, from the *Capri-Courier* March 2017.]

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go by yourself. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

You can do your bit by remembering to show this to at least one unstable person. My job is done! Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly! I didn't get old on purpose, It just happened. If you're lucky, it could happen to you.

### Kevin's Comment:

*"I, being a traveller, have been to the same places. My memory of all our travels is fading but some say I've also been seen in Discreet, wearing a party costume and one rogue says he found me in Corrigible. He reckoned I'd also been in Credible but I didn't believe him. Our funds are drying up and travelling is getting beyond us. It's likely I'll have to sell our lovely home and retire in Continent."*

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The photo below was spotted by Albert B. hanging on the wall of a Medico's Rooms.  
There's one car that he couldn't identify. Any suggestions?



## FOR SALE

### VETERAN/EDWARDIAN "WATFORD" SPEEDOMETERS by NICOLE NIELSEN LTD.

**HISTORY:** London watchmakers Nicole Nielsen & Co. Ltd. took up the manufacture of automotive instruments in 1904 at their Watford premises, giving rise to the "Watford" brand under which they were sold. The Nicole Nielsen name appears on their instruments. In 1917 the war brought about changed circumstances and Robert North (a part owner of NN) took over the automotive business under the name of North & Sons, whose name now appeared on their instruments. That's handy for enthusiasts, as we can be fairly certain that a Nicole Nielsen instrument is 1917 or earlier, and thus veteran or Edwardian, if you like.

**SPEEDO #1:** This is a complete and working Nicole Nielsen & Co. Ltd. "Watford" Model 716 brass-bodied 0-60mph speedo with four windows for the odometer plus a single window for tenths of a mile). Maybe the tenths might be helpful on navigation runs. The body incorporates a brass mounting flange. It's an excellent example of the type of speedo that was on the market in the years before WW1.

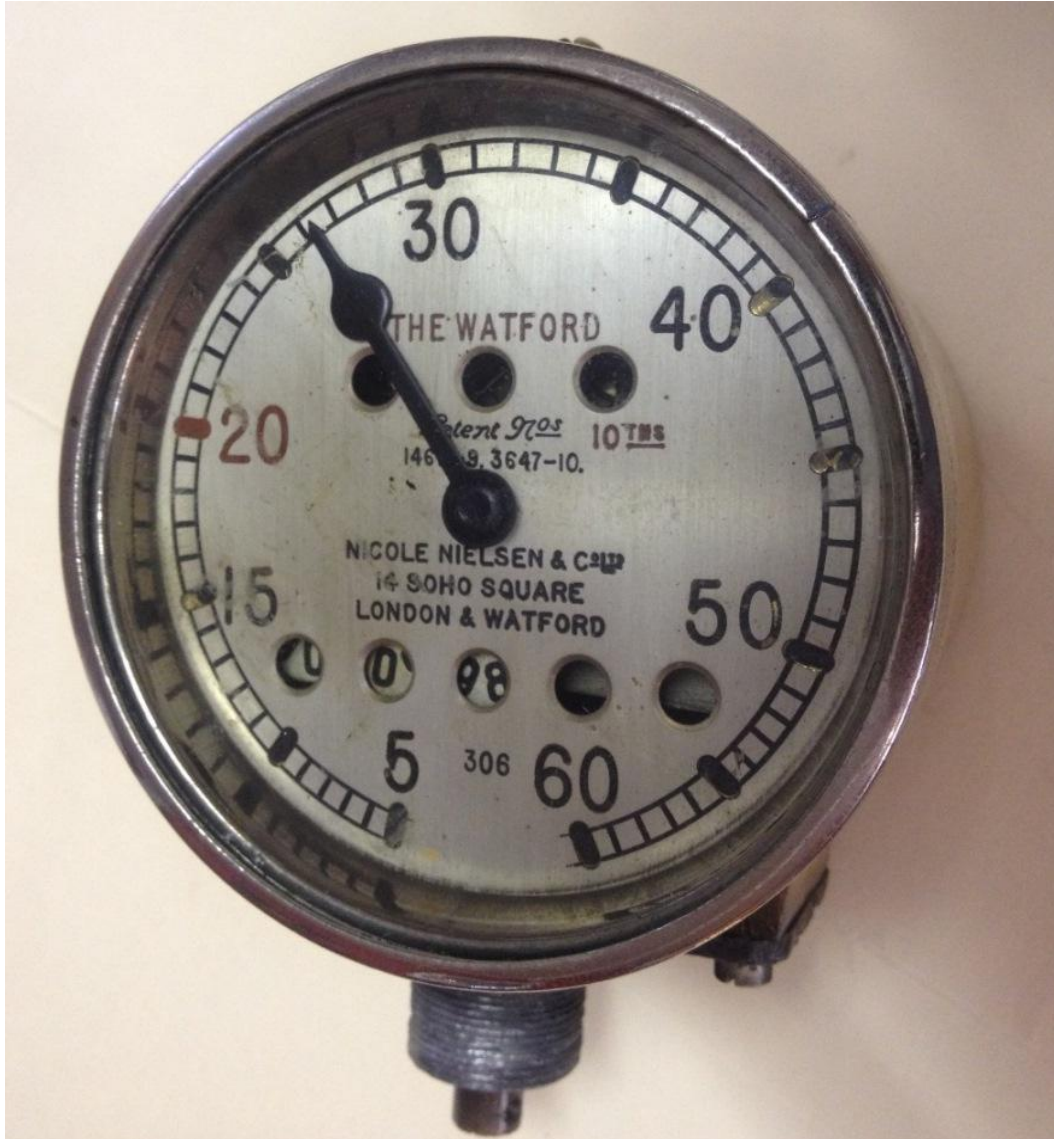
I haven't been able to test the speedo but the very clever chap I use for repairs has examined it and sees no reason why it wouldn't work correctly. No attempt has been made to clean or restore the speedo, but I believe it will respond nicely to some TLC. **Price: \$400**

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**SPEEDO #2:** This is a Nicole Nielsen Ltd. "Watford" Model 306, 0-60mph with a 5-window odometer and 3-window trip meter. This was the top of the line model. It's incomplete and not working. External condition is nice but I can't comment on the innards! It could be used as a source of spares or could be rebuilt by someone with the appropriate skills. Another option would be to use the face on a later instrument – who would know? **Price: \$150**

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Electric Car Charging Station - 1912

### ***A little bit of.. HUMOUR***

With all the new technology regarding fertility a 65-year-old friend of mine recently gave birth. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, I went to visit

*'May I see the new baby?'* I asked

*"Not yet"* she said *"I'll make coffee and we can chat for a while."*

Thirty minutes had passed, and I enquired *"May I see the new baby now?"*

*"No, not yet,"* was the response.

After another few minutes had passed, I again asked *"May I see the baby now?"*

*'No, not yet,'* replied my friend

Growing very impatient, I asked, *'Well, when can I see the baby?'*

*"WHEN HE CRIES"* she said.

*"WHEN HE CRIES?"* I said incredulously *"Why do I have to wait until he cries?"*

*"BECAUSE I FORGOT WHERE I PUT HIM, O.K.?"*

