

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

NOVEMBER 2014



*Club members Don and Gaye Hill's 1916 Model T Ford
with its unique sleeping arrangements on the
Kalgoorlie National Rally*

[photo courtesy Rhonda Guthrie]



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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of every month (excluding January).
Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE.
(On the corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5).

Meetings commence at 8.00 pm and VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

The telephone number for the Clubrooms is (07) 3843 0010
The Club has a new Website: www.vccaq.com

Membership fees (Due July 1) are:
Full Membership (single): \$50; Joint Membership: \$55,
Country Membership (single): \$40; Joint Membership: \$45.
Associate Membership \$40

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

Membership fees may be paid by direct credit into the Club's Account:
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Membership Application Forms are available from the Secretary.

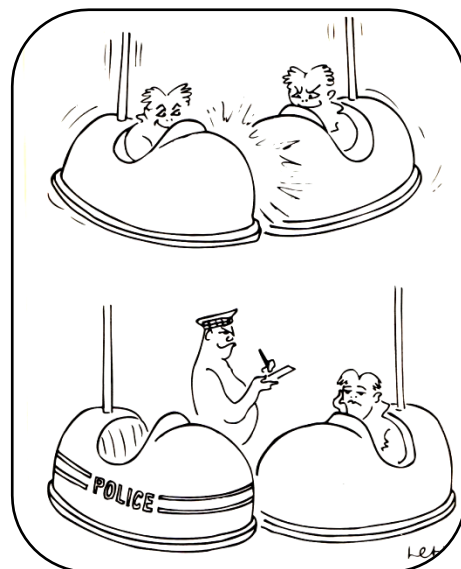
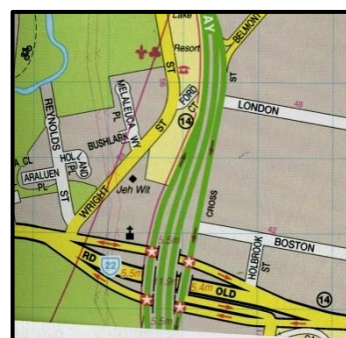
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**SIX HUNDRED AND TENTH GENERAL MEETING OF VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA QLD INC.
HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS AT 1376 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD, CARINDALE
ON MONDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2014 AT 8.00PM**

Opening: President Bob Burley opened at 8:00 pm.

Attendance: 44 members were present as per attendance book.

Apologies: Graham & Irene Donges, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie

Visitors: Joe & Visnja Timkiv
Raema Carpenter
Mitchell Norman (Tas)

At Les Allen's suggestion, the meeting rose and observed a minute silence in memory of our late Life Member Frank Hack.

Adoption of previous General Meeting Minutes: Proposed. Alan Carpenter Seconded Trevor Farnell, that the minutes of the previous meeting held 1 September be confirmed as read. Carried

Business Arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Many reciprocal Club Magazines

Email letter from QHMC requesting donations for Prostate Cancer Foundation Fundraising Weekend. (Committee will make appropriate donation from VCCA(Q), rather than through QHMC.)

Email from Terry Lewis of programme for Bundaberg Rally

QVVA re information about their Library construction, for insurance purposes

QVVA 50th Anniversary Programme (given to Russell at committee)

LJ Hooker Appointment of Agent to manage VCCA(Q) rental house.

Letter from Government House re notification of acceptance of Vice Regal Patronage

Shirley Hack. Thank you card for support and sympathy and presence of veteran cars at Frank's service

Julie Bernhagen. Thank you card for support and sympathy and presence of veteran cars at her Father, Geoff's service.

VCCSA 2015 Weekend Rally at Hahndorf 27 – 29 March (given to Russell)

Joe and Visnja Timkiv Membership application.

Correspondence Outwards

Federal body, advising Graham Donges is delegate for Kalgoorlie meeting.

Letter to QVVA advising of construction of building

Letter of welcome to new Associate Members Allan and Dianne Lyons

Letter to Office of the Governor advising change of President.

Email letter to QHMC advising our continuing support of Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Business arising from correspondence: Nil

The Secretary moved that Inwards be accepted and Outwards adopted.

Seconded. Syd Norman Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Hazel Burley, moved that her report be accepted and that accounts be passed for payment. Seconded. Barry Dowton Carried.

Events: Russell Massey/Kevin Brooks gave details of December run to Mon Repos. Largely as printed in October Veteran Torque. Attendance looks good.

Russell foreshadowed a January long weekend event, incorporating a Brisbane to Brighton run, a gymkhana and taking part in the Bayside Club's Australia Day Run.

QHMC Report: Albert Budworth mentioned RACQ 24 day Motoring Enthusiasts tour to Britain and Europe in August 2015

Dating Report: nil

Facilities Report: Rental house is available for tenancy. Open house has been held. No tenant as yet.

Historian Report: Denis reminded us that this year is 60 years since the inaugural run of this Club from Kalbar to Boonah and that next year sees the 60th anniversary of our first Brisbane to Brighton Rally.

Webmaster Report: Peter Ransom advised the new site is performing well and that he welcomes suggested additions by way of interesting links or photos of events.

Librarian Report: Wayne has a comprehensive index to Horseless Carriage Club of America Gazettes.

Magazine Report: All good. Carolyn circulated a questionnaire seeking members' thoughts on whether electronic magazines would be popular.

General Business:

Kevin Brooks advised that Geoff Bernhagen's 1914 Humberette is for sale. Kevin also mentioned that new member Allan Lyons has a lifetime of experience in the spare parts business. Although retired now, Allan still has the contacts and would be happy to help members source replacement parts.

Bruce Wright noted that QHMC is looking for a host for its 2015 event in SEQ. Bruce asked whether this was something VCCA(Q) could embrace, to raise the Veteran profile. Committee will review and recommend.

Pam Guthrie has researched available cabins at Goulburn for the 2015 National Veteran Rally. Very few are left. Try Goulburn South Van Park quickly, if interested. Van sites are not a problem.

Peter Arnold gave an entertaining report on the Adelaide to Darwin Run that he and Lyn recently completed. Notably, all Queenslanders who started, finished. Peter & Lyn's 2 cyl. Buick was runner up to an American La France Fire Engine as Entrant's Choice.

President Bob sought Members' comments on the direction we should head as far as the Clubrooms was concerned. Consensus was that expansion was hardly warranted and that we should concentrate on maintenance in the immediate future. Our Strategic Advisory Group has this planned, now that the rental house upgrade has been completed. Peter Arnold advised that SAG will review and advise based on need and budget.

Syd Norman took his Maxwell to his local Jimboomba Car Show. Amongst all the hot rods, classics, custom cars and bikes, the Maxwell won Peoples' Choice on the Day.

Vicki Forsyth asked when would the Veteran Clubs' Roster of Members be updated and corrected. Wayne Aberdeen as Federal Secretary advised that the Victorian Club has taken on this task and that at the forthcoming Federal Body meeting in Kalgoorlie, it was likely that all States would be formally asked to prepare updated entries. It was mentioned that a proposal had been floated to do away with State listings in favour of an alphabetical listing of owners. Several members spoke against this, viewing it as a backward step. The Roster is a valuable tool when travelling. Alpha listings of members will not allow ready reference that State listing provides. It was moved by Peter Arnold and Seconded by Kevin Brooks that the VCCA(Q) Delegate to the Kalgoorlie meeting be directed to vote strenuously against any move towards Alpha listing in favour of State listing. Carried.

Meeting Close: The meeting closed at 9:25

John Day,
A/Secretary

EXHAUST GAS

After writing this column for the last eight years I think my gas cylinder is almost exhausted and it is not a size available as a re-fill from the "Gas and Go" outlets.

Talking of gas – our Universal Dictionary defines it as "*the state of matter distinguished from the solid and liquid states by a very low density and viscosity*". So what! This takes me back to my days at Hobart High School when in my final year a mate and I were the "trusties" who prepared the equipment for experiments in the Chemistry and Physics labs. One thing we did which was not in the syllabus was to catch blowflies and give them a whiff of chloroform and put them on the bench in front of us. Thus during the lesson they would come to and drunkenly buzz off. The Science master knew we had something to do with it but couldn't figure it out. Then there was the time we plugged a piece of flex into a power point and put the other bare ends into a tank full of tadpoles and turned the power on. The Physiology class wondered why all their tadpoles died suddenly. We had no idea!

Another gas story – I was on holiday at my second home, a guest house in Swansea (Tasmania of course, not NSW), and my mate Pete and I went rabbit shooting. One night for illumination we had a light gadget worn on a frame on the head and connected to a bicycle carbide gas generator tied around the waist. My light wouldn't work so Pete pulled the rubber tube off the generator and put a match to the outlet. It worked with a mighty bang and flash, so there I was dancing around like an imitation of rocket man. This ended the night's expedition with a nil score of rabbits. On reflection I think we were the rabbits. Oh, and I almost forgot this one – we persuaded another student at HHS who was a big fellow, to go to the back of the Chemistry Lab, take the rubber tube off the tap connected to a Bunsen burner, turn the tap on and blow furiously into it. Result: all the Bunsen burners in the lab. would suddenly go out.

What delightful students we were.

President's Report

I can't believe it, all our members over in the west, they make the huge commitment to travel to the other side of our great country to attend the National Rally and they get a free car wash on the first day, I mean it was a serious drenching, hopefully it's all over and they can get on with a great rally and I wish them all the best. Hopefully they will return with some interesting stories to tell.



Our members are an adventurous lot with Merv and Margaret Kroll doing a complete lap of our country in a Model T with Teardrop attached and also Gavin and Karen Pocock and entourage doing Scarborough (Redcliffe) to Scarborough in Perth. Then on to Kalgoorlie for the rally and then a lightning trip home, their model T never seems to get tired. Rhonda and Ross epic caravaners and rally chasers Australia wide.

Our Club, due to the efforts of many very clever members, who in the past have built not only a building but a very sound foundation from which many clubs can also enjoy and call home. This momentum is still going on and hopefully will continue for generations to come. It seems to be a place for ideas to become realities and along the way gives many people much joy with social activities, restoring support, our Swap Meet so you can keep your shed clean, even our working bees seem to turn into great socials. A simple chat round the barby before a meeting can evolve into finding a solution to many things.

Our committee are on track with the clockwork running of the monthly chores, and have many further plans for rallies and clubhouse events which will come to light in due course. Be assured this team are on track. Just like the away people in WA they are on track representing our Club for all of us.

Bob Burley.

From our Webmaster

It's a small world. Ron O'Keefe, an old car mate from my younger days in Western Australia, called me to mention that some old bloke and his mates with T Fords were in his township of Northhampton (near Geraldton) with a busted car. Says I, "*That'll be Merv Kroll.*" Ron was gobsmacked, so I explained that I'd been following The Great T Model Aussie Adventure on Merv's Facebook page and consequently I knew he was in the general district. With the personal connection established, Ron went off and found Merv and we had a brief chat on the phone. It turned out the problem was a split pinion and they were carrying a spare, so it was essentially a question of some hard work to effect the repair. While this was going on Ron twigged that they weren't carrying a spare main spring leaf. He went home, dug around in his shed and next morning as they were heading off toward Perth he caught up with them. A ratty but serviceable spring was added to the load!

As well as seeing 15,000 km of this great brown land, Merv and his buddies are raising funds for Angel Flight - a truly worthwhile cause. You can easily follow the entire journey by using the Facebook link on our web site's home page.

Peter Ransom

A note from the Editor

Most members will know by now that we are planning to offer you the choice of receiving your *Veteran Torque* by email. Thank-you to those who have already replied indicating your preferences.

As from the **December** issue, all financial members with an email address will be sent a monthly password. They will then be able to access and download the magazine via the Veteran Club website (www.vccag.com) Those who have requested a hard copy or have not yet indicated their preference will still receive a copy in the mail.

Carol Robinson

Report on The Association of Veteran car Clubs in Australia AGM held at Kalgoorlie on 19 October 2014.

Queensland was represented at the meeting by Graham Donges with both our President (Bob Burley) and Wayne Aberdeen participating by telephone.

Issues discussed included –

. *Establishment of a web page for the TAVCCA.* The offer from Victoria to undertake this task was accepted by the meeting. At this time it is proposed that the information on this web site will be minimal and will include a calendar of events (both national and significant state events), basic information on TAVCCA and possibly some information on TAVCCA international membership of FIVA. Once up and operating, member Clubs will be encouraged to include links to this web page.

. *The format of the new roster.* Again Victoria has offered to take on this task. There will be an effort to make the roster “more easily” readable by revising font sizes and font and background colours. There was a lot of discussion around the presentation structure of the information ie state by state or overall alphabetical. A vote was taken which resulted in three all, with one state abstaining. Victoria then suggested a possible solution by including a very much abbreviated state by state member listing as a supplementary list. Also as a supplementary list they are suggesting a listing of vehicles. Those states voting against the alphabetical listing were asked to consult with their respective clubs/committees to see if this option suggested by Victoria was acceptable. They were given 60 days to respond. In the interim, Victoria was asked to proceed in contacting the states to begin gathering the basic member information. This is likely to be in a MS Excel format. States were reminded to ensure that they took into account any privacy considerations raised by individual members and that they were responsible for the quality of information that they forwarded.

. The concept of a *national magazine* was discussed but not proceeded with at this time.

. The ACT Club gave an update on the arrangements for the *2015 National event at Goulburn* in November. There has been some confusion with accommodation bookings but ACT says that these have been resolved.

. The *Montagu Trophy* was awarded to Andrew and Frances McDougal of Victoria. Andrew has attended Veteran car events since he was seven years old and has been a member of the Veteran Car Club since 1966. He has membership in both the Victorian and Tasmanian Clubs. He has restored a number of veteran vehicles including a 1910 Brush, a 1915 Model T Ford, and a 1909 Sizaire Naudin. He also owns a 1913 Siddeley Deasy, a 1904 De Dion, a 1909 IHC buggy, a 1913 Ladies Douglas M/C and a 1914 Matchless M/C. He has held various positions in both the Tasmanian and Victorian veteran car clubs. He is a regular attendee at veteran car rallies and is also part of TAVCCA national dating and FIVA passport technical group.

. *Review of TAVCCA Articles.* During the process of the major revision of the Articles to allow for the inclusion of the second veteran club in South Australia, a number of minor inconsistencies and errors were identified. A sub-committee has been formed to review the Articles from this perspective and recommend changes back to TAVCCA delegates.

. *Greater support for respective Club dating committees.* Given the increasing sensitivities with dating issues, it was agreed that each Club would inform TAVCCA of details of its dating committees so that if any dating committees wished to seek advice/input from other states, that these contacts would be readily available. It was also agreed that each state would consider advising the TAVCCA (and thus the respective dating committees) of any possible specific car make “experts” that they may have. These would be members who Clubs feel could contribute significantly if dating information was required for a specific make of vehicle. Of course, the nominated member would have to agree to their contact being provided.

. The incoming Chairman of the TAVCCA will be Ian Berg of Victoria.

[Prepared by Wayne Aberdeen]

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And it's all because of a Vacuum Cleaner - Kevin Brooks

Call it Chance? Fate? Sometimes a series of random events can lead to a very happy conclusion!



This story begins on return from Robe Rally. Tired of camping in the wilds and living on road kill –well, slight exaggeration – we were going to throw ourselves at the mercy of friends Greg and Gill Roberts in Burradoo. When they weren't home, Joyce said, "Why don't we stay with Bill and Robyn Betts in Mittagong. They've invited us before." I was a little reluctant to impose ourselves on them out of the blue but, following a phone call, we were made most welcome and a very enjoyable visit resulted.



During the course of the evening, Bill said, "Have you ever heard of a Lexington car?" I hadn't and was led downstairs to view a beautiful ANSTED motor Bill had rescued from a vegetable patch, along with a gearbox, steering box and front and rear axles. What a fascinating motor it was and in very good condition. The combustion chambers and spark plugs were in the block above the bore and a flat-surfaced ohv head sat on top. Bill had cleaned it up and it looked in near perfect condition. I was amazed that the chassis could have disappeared, possibly as scrap, yet all the rest had survived.



When we returned home, I researched Lexington vehicles and found that the Lexingtons – especially the later models – were quite some cars! The Lexington Motor Car Company, 1910-1927, assembled cars from various suppliers. As is common amongst American motoring history, the Company passed through various hands including those of E.W.Ansted and William C. Durant. Eventually, as was the case of many companies, the ensuing depression following WWI killed the Lexington and a fine motor car was lost.

The crowning glory in Lexington's history was probably their assault on the famous Pike's Peak Hill-climb, Colorado. In 1924, two specially prepared Lexington racers claimed first and second in the "King of the Mountain" event. (Pikes Peak – now without the apostrophe – is outside Colorado Springs, Colorado. It is so high that snow storms can be experienced at any time of the year. During a trip to USA some years ago, we were being taken to Pikes Peak by friends from Morrison, near Denver, but could not reach the area owing to snow storms and road closure.)



History lesson over, it's back to my story: In an attempt to find part of the floor in my shed, I decided to part with an industrial vacuum cleaner I had purchased at a swap quite some years ago. Off it went to our VCCA(Q) Swap this year with a "Free" label attached. Noel Adams agreed to give it a home but couldn't carry it and agreed to collect it from my home later. Finally, this second week in October, Noel came to collect it. With it safely in the back of his station wagon, we nattered away. Now the back of Noel's wagon is sort of like a lucky dip. You never quite know what you'll find. He's always in the process of collecting parts, delivering parts, or just plain storing parts. Somehow the conversation came to Lexington cars and a fellow in New Zealand who is building one.

When I told Noel I knew where there were Lexington parts, he asked could he refer the NZ fellow to me and so came an enquiry by email from Arnold Koppens from Hamilton, NZ. I prefer not to pass on information without checking with the supplier so whetted Arnold's appetite with photos and a promise to talk to my friend Bill. A phone call to Bill later that day confirmed he was interested in parting with the Lexington collection so off went the details to Arnold Koppens, along with my phone number, should he wish to contact me.



Last night I received a phone call from a delighted and appreciative Arnold who now has a spare motor, a better gear box, etc and is one happy man. I was pleased to have been of service and my amusement at the chain of events leading to Arnold's luck led me to write this article! Think of the links – the Roberts not being home, Joyce's persuading me to contact Betts, Bill's showing me the Lexington bits, taking the vacuum cleaner to the swap, Noel's accepting and collecting it, mentioning Lexingtons – pull out any link and Arnold wouldn't be the owner of some fine parts. Chance? Fate? Random events that led to a happy conclusion.

COMING EVENTS - 2014

* 9 NOVEMBER. WHEELS OF THE CENTURY AUTOMOTIVE SHOW.

Redcliffe Showgrounds. 9am-2pm. [Organised by the Clontarf Beach Scout Group.] . Entries accepted on the day. Further information from Brian Stow (0412 744 354) or Cheryl Linsdell (0427 313 458).

***QVVA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS DURING NOVEMBER 2014.** Rally Headquarters, VCCA(Q) Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale.

2 November: Kankanya, Reunion and High Tea.

22 November President's G20 Get-away day. Evening: Catered Evening Meal.

23 November Spit and Polish. Travelling north; display and lunch at Woodford Golf Course.

29 November Fish & Chip Fantasy. Manly

30 November Farewell Morning Tea, local rally and lunch.

Further information available from QHMC Website, www.qhmc.org.au; or queries to Clint/Linda Frater, 0433 414 233

3-7 DECEMBER. BUNDABERG/MON REPOS RALLY. The event will be based from the Turtle Sands Caravan park at Mon Repos, (www.turtlesands.com.au). . For We have reserved 15 caravan sites. The owner is doing us a special deal: Cost per powered site: \$35 per night for under 4 nights, \$30 per night for 4 nights and over, \$185 per week. Both Bargara (5km) and Bundaberg (14km) offer other possibilities, <http://www.bundabergregion.org/destinations/bargara/accommodation/>. If required, veteran cars and trailers can be safely left on Terry's property.

In early November Terry will asking those members who have indicated they will be coming to provide him with details of their vehicles. .

Note from Kevin Brooks. "Re MON REPOS Rally: I STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO THOSE ATTENDING, THAT WHEN ENTERING CHILDERS, THEY TURN RIGHT ON GOODWOOD ROAD IMMEDIATELY AFTER WATER TOWER. That road is much smoother and quieter than the highway and leads directly on to the Bundaberg ring road, avoiding the city. Upon exiting, it is only a short trip to Mon Repos."

20 SATURDAY DECEMBER. VETERAN CHRISTMAS PARTY (at the Clubrooms – see flyer in this issue).



SOME 2015 EVENTS

*I am planning to run a rally on the **AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND, 24TH 25TH AND 26TH OF JANUARY**, with camping at the club grounds. This is the last year until 2018 where the 26th. January falls over the weekend

Saturday 24th January 2015.

On Saturday we will be running a **Gymkhana** at the club grounds and next door church grounds. (have to confirm permission). BYO lunch and smoko.

This event will be run by Albert Budworth with other helpers.

Saturday night we will have our shared Chinese meal BYO or bought at a local Chinese Restaurant. With a movie on the big screen .Maybe Susan's Father Christmas quiz.

Sunday 25th January 2015

The rally will take the form of a **London (Road) to Brighton** (across the bay) on the Sunday with a BYO lunch at one of the bayside waterfronts. We will leave from the club rooms at around 11 am after morning smoko. Travel will be mostly dual carriageway. Sunday night pizza and pasta night Share; Movie to follow.

Monday 26th January 2015

Australia Day we will be having a run down to the Ormiston State School, where the Bayside Restorers Club are having a free barbecue breakfast. We would then go for a short run after breakfast and then proceed back to the club rooms where we may have lunch, before packing up for home.



28TH FEBRUARY. PAST MEMBERS' MEMORIAL RALLY. {JOINT WITH THE VINTAGE CLUB}

I thought we should have it the Southside of the river this year, taking it in turns each year north and south, this will give us a chance to enjoy many different waterfront areas.

I will run it at the **Lota Esplanade Beach on The 22nd. February 2015.** Corner of Ernest Street & Esplanade Street starting at 7.00 am. BYO everything breakfast.

Members may like to unload their cars at the club grounds and then drive via a very quiet Tilley Road then Whites Road to the waterfront or drive from your home direct. After breakfast we could return to the club rooms for a relaxing lunch (BYO) and afternoon chat.

***26 JULY. GRANDCHESTER COMMUNITY STEAMFEST ON SUNDAY THE 26TH OF JULY 2015, THE SMALL COMMUNITY OF GRANDCHESTER** (previously called Bigges Camp) will be celebrating 150 years of the first railway line in Queensland from Ipswich to Grandchester. The event will be held at the Grandchester Recreation Ground, School Road, Grandchester, and will be similar to that which the Club attended in 2010. We are at present investigating the possibility of incorporating this day into a 3-4 day Club Event.



Thanks to Rhonda for sending the following photos from the Kalgoorlie Veteran Rally.



Merv. and Margaret Thompson with their Renault



Malcolm Roy (Narrabri) lights his lamps for the Gaslight Parade



Peter and Lyn Arnold with Buick

Vicki's Story - The Test Run.



This story isn't about veteran cars but instead an old truck, vintage definitely maybe even a very late veteran. It happened years ago and I can't even remember the make of it but it is something I think all members can relate to.

Now this concerns two retired gents whom I shall call Paddy and Mick. Now these two were into restoring old trucks and were working on a joint project. Best of mates and a pair of characters. It goes like this.

Paddy and Mick had been working for some time restoring their very old truck. It had given them one headache after another. Finally after many trials and mishaps they were able to start the 'old girl' up and see how she would handle being driven. Well, then the fun began. Paddy was the first to test drive the old girl, and with Mick in the passenger seat they set off down the long driveway.

"Can you find second gear, Paddy". Mick said after hearing various grinding noises coming from under them and witnessing Paddy fighting to find gears.

"Yes Mick, I'm in second gear." Paddy said as he kept on down the driveway.

"No Paddy you're still in first gear."

"No Mick I think I'm in second gear." As he began to climb up the driveway towards a main road.

"Mick, what will I do?" said Paddy as he neared the top of the driveway.

"Keep going." Says Mick.

"I'm nearly out the driveway" says Paddy.

"Keep going Paddy and are you in second gear yet?" Asks Mick as the pair tops the driveway.

"Mick, I'm in second gear. Where should I go?"

"Keep going Paddy. I think you're still in first gear, just turn and keep going." Said Mick.

So Paddy still struggling with gears, turns out of the driveway and heads down the road. After hearing Mick ask him for the tenth time what gear he's in he gives up and pulls over.

"Here Mick, you drive. See how you go." and the pair proceed to swap places.

Now Mick is behind the wheel and Paddy's along for the ride. Mick takes off. First gear, second gear even up to third gear. As Mick tells us, it went something like this as he demonstrated how he was doing it. With his arm changing the gears and the other driving and him smiling. We heard it all as he said how easy it was to find the gears. With a wave of his hand over his head he showed how the wind was blowing through their hair as they proceeded down the road. Mind you, of the two only one had a head of hair and Mick just had a very wide middle part.

"Where are you going Mick?" Says Paddy as they had another intersection coming up of the road and a somewhat major road.

"We'll just keep going a little further." Said Mick, as proud as punch that the old girl was going so well.

As they drove just a little further, discretion got the better of them and they decided it would be wise to turn left and head back home before they were caught out on the road. Everything was going fine. The engine was running well, the gears had been found, no loud rattles or mystery noises, something had to give. And it did when they turned left to head home.

Once again Mick described it like this.

"Everything was going fine. We turned the corner and when I went to straighten up, she wouldn't. Now you have all seen and heard of those blocks they put on the axles to stop wheels turning, well someone had removed the old girl's blocks, and she just kept turning. Before I knew it we had dropped about 6 inches off the bitumen onto the shoulder where the road had just been re-paved. And once off the road onto the shoulder I still couldn't stop her turning nor stop her quickly. Now would you believe that there, right in front of us was a telegraph pole, and I couldn't stop her in time. Well, we hit the pole on the front left hand fender. Paddy was already on his feet and running as he was propelled out of the old wooden cab and me, well I was thrown up, and banged my head on the roof. Here look you can see where I got hit. At which point Mick bends over and shows us all the injury to the middle of his wide part, well those who could stop laughing enough to look saw it.

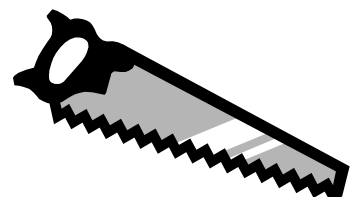
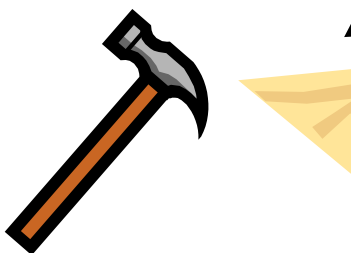
Well what a predicament we were in. We both look around sheepishly to see if anyone had seen our little accident. No one seemed to be taking any interest in us. We looked at the tyre and how it was turned around against the springs. Lucky for us they built them tough and the fender wasn't even bent, so we both kicked the wheel around, climbed on board and started her up again. Didn't even have to crank her much she started near straight away. Found reverse gear without a hassle, backed up and headed for home before anyone became too interested in us or stopped us.

Thus ends Paddy and Mick's test run.

Tools Explained

[With thanks to Greg Hill]

1. **DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully placed in the corner where nothing could get to it.
2. **WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint and rust off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light never to be found again. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers.
3. **SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make timber too short or electrical cords a smaller length. Name does not necessarily imply the intellect of the operator.
4. **PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.
5. **BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.
6. **HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.
7. **WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.
8. **OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for setting fire to various flammable objects in your workshop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race
9. **TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.
10. **HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes , trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.
11. **BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most people to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the rubbish bin after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside.
12. **ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.
13. **STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.
14. **HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to make hoses too short.
15. **HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object you are trying to hit.
16. **UTILITY KNIFE :**Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes or appendages.

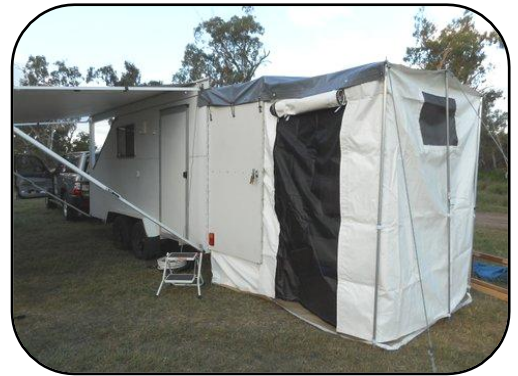


FOR SALE

- * **CAR TRAILER, TRAVELLING VAN..** This insulated and enclosed car trailer has been designated to transport a **1915 MODEL 'T' FORD** to and from interstate veteran car rallies.

To accommodate overnight stops, a roll-out king single bed comes out into a rear facing enclosed annexe. The van is fitted with a 16' quick roll out "Domestic" side awning providing undercover garage space for the veteran car once set up for the duration of the rally. The van can be quickly set up as caravan accommodation including bench space, running water, 12volt TV and ample 240v power points to make your stay more comfortable.

With the escalating cost of accommodation these days this combination of car trailer affords the finance-conscious couple a more cost effective means of enjoying veteran car activities and joining with other likeminded enthusiasts when away on these distant activities. For further details Contact: Trevor Farnell; email trevorfarnell@bigpond.com.au; ph 0428 740 199, or take an opportunity to see the trailer (at Edens Landing, Qld). Price: \$7,000



- ** **BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.**

A Complete Illustrated Automotive Apprenticeship by Correspondence, in 12 beautifully bound books (1925) In mint condition. *Found in a barn on a station near Bororen in 1970.* \$300

25 Horseless Carriage Gazettes (American) from the 1990's	(\$3:00 each)
The Automobile (British) - 30 copies.	(\$3:00 each)
Beaded Wheels (New Zealand) 50 copies	(\$1:00 each)

- ** **1907 ALLDAYS & ONIONS 'KIT'.**

A tail light, bulb horn and two hubcaps. [I was trying to buy the remains of an Alldays in New Zealand and collected as many hard to find parts as I could in the meantime, but the sale fell through and I was left with the unwanted bits]. \$250

Contact: Alex.Gow@era.riotinto.com>

NOTE: For those members who regularly attend the annual TOOWOOMBA SWAP-MEET: this year it will be held on 7TH AND 8TH FEBRUARY.

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About Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)

From 1 October 2014 you will not have to stick a registration label on your light vehicle. But it is everyone's responsibility to ensure their vehicle is still registered and insured. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will be working in conjunction with the Queensland Police Service to continue to use Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera program across Queensland to detect whether a vehicle is registered or insured. By keeping your address details up-to-date you will ensure you receive your vehicle registration renewal notice with plenty of time to pay your registration by the due date and avoid a fine. You can change your address on line at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Online-services to ensure you receive correspondence on time. Don't get caught out - after 30 days, if you still have not registered your car, you could find yourself being issued a fine by ANPR cameras from 1 October. What is the ANPR camera program?

The ANPR camera program uses camera technology across Queensland to read vehicle registration plates via fixed and mobile camera sites. This technology can take images of all vehicles and will issue infringements automatically from 1 October for unregistered and uninsured offences. There are strong privacy protocols as to how ANPR camera program information is managed and stored, so your details will be kept secure. Be aware that receiving an infringement notice through ANPR camera program will not exempt you from being intercepted and fined by on road enforcement. How will I know if my vehicle is registered if I don't have a label? You can quickly and easily check the registration expiry date of your vehicle or another vehicle you are planning to drive any time by visiting www.qld.gov.au/checkrego Simply enter the plate number or VIN number of the vehicle. A courtesy Overdue Registration Fees Final Notice will continue to be sent to the registered vehicle owner to advise that the vehicle's registration is overdue. If you haven't got access to the website, you can call the department on 13 23 80* for registration information or to change your address. After finding out your registration expiry date, why not set up a calendar reminder in your electronic calendar or phone, or write the date down in your diary. *Operates Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, excluding public holidays. Local call charge in Australia. Check with your service provider for call costs. More information If you have any questions about the changes please contact Transport and Main Roads.

A little bit of...HUMOUR



A GT6 pulled alongside a Rolls-Royce at a traffic light.

"Do you have a car phone?" its driver asked the man in the Rolls.

"Of course I do," was the haughty reply.

"Do you have a fax machine?"

The Rolls driver sighed. "I have that too."

"Do you have a double bed in the back?" the GT6 driver wanted to know. Ashen-faced, the Rolls driver sped off.

That afternoon, he had a mechanic install a double bed in his car

A week later, the Rolls driver passed the same GT6, parked on the side of the road with its back windows fogged up and steam pouring out. The arrogant driver pulled over, got out of the Rolls and banged on the GT6's rear window. "I want you to know that I've had a double bed installed," bragged the Rolls driver.

The GT6 driver rolled his window down and frowned at the Rolls driver. "You got me out of the shower to tell me that?"

