Outback Adventure .... Charleville Western Queensland

2020

1 & 2 Cylinder Rally

Wednesday 1 – Tuesday 7 April • Hosted by Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Newsletter

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Rally Headquarters: Charleville Showgrounds

Only 8 months to go!

The 2020 National Veteran 1&2 Cylinder Rally, "Outback Adventure" in Charleville begins on April 1. The entry form is now available on most club websites. If you have placed an EOI with us, you should have already received an Entry Form. So get your single or twin veteran car or bike out and join us for our "Outback Adventure".

Important dates:

Thursday, 31 October 2019, Early Bird Entries end. Friday, 31 January 2020, Entries close.

When you complete your entry form you will find a section asking if you are planning to enjoy any of several recommended extracurricular activities. This is to assist these venues with staffing and programming.

1. At the Bilby Centre for the "Charleville Bilby Experience"
2. At the Bilby Centre for the "Up close and Personal Bilby Experience"
3. At the Cosmos Centre for an "Evening Under the Sky"
4. At the Cosmos Centre for an "Small and Personalised Session"
5. Join the Roma Historical Motor Club for all or part of their "Easter in the Country Rally No 19", 10-12 April.

The Cosmos Centre and Bilby Centre will have a table at Rally Registration on 1st April 2020 where you will be able to ask questions and make your bookings and pay for these activities. You will need to bring cash $$.

By ticking this box, you will receive an EOI form from the Roma Historic Motor Club.

You may wish to drive only parts of the rally and take in some of the "Easter in the Country" events. You can contact the Roma Car Club directly on email at rally@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au

You can log on to www.experiencecharleville. com.au for up to date info on all the attractions of Charleville and the Murweh Shire. The committee have just returned from a visit to Charleville and the whole town and district are looking forward to our visit.

We thank you in anticipation of your attention to completing our entry form and depositing the fee into the bank. We are really looking forward to meeting you all soon on our Outback Adventure.

Any questions please contact the Rally Committee on email 2020charlevillyrally@gmail. com and one of the committee will get back to you either by email or phone.

ACCOMMODATION

If you haven't booked your powered site at the Bailey Bar which is opposite the rally HQ, we suggest you do so soon. This is close to Rally Headquarters at the racecourse and trailer parking at the Showgrounds and veteran vehicle parking in the Pavilion. All the cabins have been booked and half the **powered sites** have now been filled.

Bailey Bar: 196 King St, Charleville QLD 4470
Phone: (07) 4654 1744
email info@charlevillebaileybar.com.au

For those who prefer **cabin accommodation**, we have negotiated a special flat rate for all the self contained cabins at the Warrego Motel, however, there is strictly only one car park per unit. The family and twin cabins are very good value. There is a BBQ area available. Trailer and veteran parking is available at the Showground.

Warrego Motel: 73 Wills Street Charleville Q 4470
Phone (07) 4654 1299

For those who require **motel accommodation**, the committee is recommending Mulga Country Motor Inn. The Committee has negotiated a special deal for Veteran Club members and has reserved all the rooms until 31 December. When booking, please say you are with the Veteran Rally. The motel has room at the back for trailer parking. It is accessed through a locked gate in the back fence. The facilities provided are a swimming pool, BBQ complete with use of plates and cutlery, and undercover seating area. Great for happy hour! There is also a laundry available for guests. A dining room for evening meals is also on site. The motel is a few kilometres from the rally HQ but as Charleville is only a small town, nothing is far from everywhere.

Mulga Country Motor Inn: 118 Sturt St, Charleville QLD 4470 Phone: (07) 4654 3255
Email: mulgacountry@bigpond.com

More from Roma Historical Car Club on their Easter Rally 10-12 April;

"We are planning our rally to be very inclusive for the one and two cylinder veteran vehicles. We only do a run on the Sunday and we are planning to make the route suitable for your vehicles,

We do not have an entry form ready at this stage but to give you an idea the rally consists of:

Friday evening: Registration, welcome and sausage sizzle (or fish fingers) as it is Good Friday.

Saturday: Possible participation in the Easter in the Country festival parade.

Saturday afternoon: Fun gymkhana events both for the vehicles and the people and we are also looking at a couple of the options around town in smaller groups,

Sunday will be the run which will are planning on a making a route suitable for the veteran vehicles.

Sunday night is the dinner.

We allow some free time in our rally for participants to enjoy parts of Roma's **Easter in the Country Festival.** Here is a link to the 2019 website which will give you a bit of an idea of what the Festival is like. https://easterinthecountryroma.com.au/whats_on "

Contact Karen Dawes, President at
rally@romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au

The Wheel Turns. 1905 De Dion - Charleville's First Vehicle.

This 1905 De Dion was one of the very first cars to come to Queensland new in 1905. It was purchased new by a business owner in Charleville. Not much is known about its early days, but we understand it was imported to Australia by one of the Calcino Family, who owned a business called Bishop & Calcino – it was a pushbike business.

Many years later when it was owned by a travelling bore driller, it broke down outside Quilpie. It lay dormant in a paddock for more than 50 years until discovered by Dave Trail in the early 1960's when restoration was commenced. Dave was an engineer and owner of Trail Ice Pty. Ltd. in Fortitude Valley (Brisbane). The car was in a very sad condition but at least it was a complete vehicle.

Sadly not long after the car was restored, Dave passed away. The car re-surfaced again in 2007 and Rhonda & I bought it and once again it lives in Queensland.
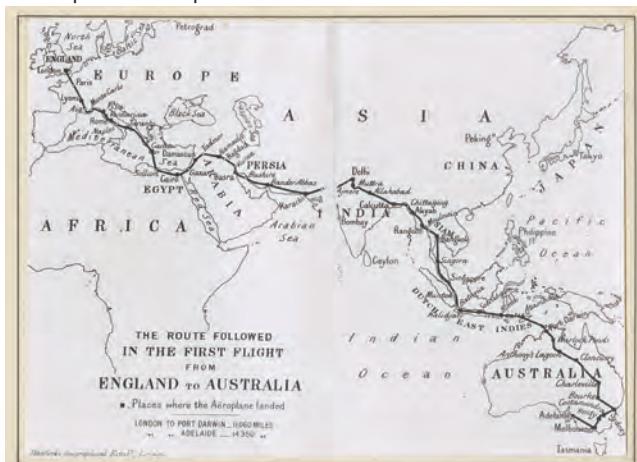
It was re-painted in two toned green stripes with yellow pin striping and black guards. Two toned green stripe paint work, was an extra 5 pounds from the factory when new. One of its unusual features is a swing front passenger seat which allows passengers to enter the rear from the front. It's a single cylinder, 8hp engine and gives lively performance on the road. Yes, it is coming to Charleville.

Ross Guthrie

The First Air Race from England to Australia 1919

In 1919 the acting Australian Prime Minister William Alexander Watt announced, on behalf of Prime Minister William "Billy" Hughes that the Commonwealth Government would offer a prize of £10,000 for the first successful flight to Australia from Great Britain in under 30 days. Six aircraft began the journey, but only the Vickers Vimy, piloted by the Australian brothers Ross and Keith Smith, completed the journey and happily accepted the prize.

On route to Melbourne, they landed their Vickers Vimy on Ward Plain, just outside Charleville for refuelling. Upon takeoff, the starboard engine broke a conrod. After the emergency landing, the engine was removed and railed to Ipswich Railway workshop for repairs. There, two conrods were successfully fabricated and refitted. We will visit the site of the landing and hear from George Balsallie, a local historian, where you will learn much more about their arduous journey.

L: Map of route from England to Australia

R: Removing the engine

BL: The Vickers Vimy awaiting refuelling on Ward Plain.

BR: Refuelling the Vickers Vimy.