

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

OCTOBER 2021



Sally York (President) with "Whitey" at the
Kingaroy President's Rally



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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).

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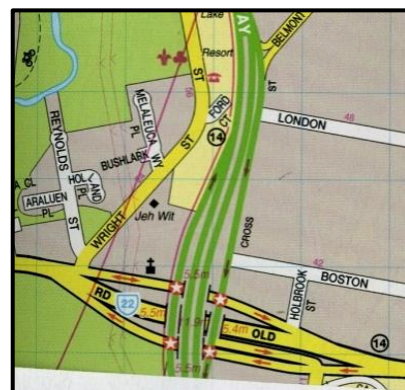
www.vccaq.com

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Full Membership (single):	\$ 50	Joint Membership	\$ 55
Country Membership (single):	\$ 38	Joint Membership:	\$ 41
Associate Membership	\$ 38		

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

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

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Happy Campers at Stanthorpe ?



President's Report September

September snuck up on us very quickly and as much as I was excited about running my first rally the sheer logistics of running a rally while working full time became a hilarious series of unexpected events. Originally, we had planned to make use of old rally instructions but decided to start from scratch, which is an interesting challenge given our time constraints. I have learned plenty, and while mistakes were made, I'm still very happy with how much we crammed into three days.

I will apologise for getting everyone lost due to not differentiating my right from my left and while at first, I was embarrassed that it happened, I later had to smile because it really became a Crittenden rally at that point. You see my mother, who is Dad's long- time navigator, has some interesting rally direction and map reading skills. For as many years as I can remember we have gotten lost on rallies and these skills are generally blamed. So, when everyone got lost you all got to enjoy another part of my childhood. Mind you some of these detours proved very worthwhile. Worst part is that even google maps didn't have Steve Hood's address.

I must say though that the total number of entries was 56 and that is an overwhelming show of support for the Club. I have to thank many people for their efforts in making this rally happen;

- Phil for running the administration side
- Rhonda for keeping me on task
- Russell for bringing the flags and PA from the club rooms
- Barbara and Geoff for culinary expertise and membership drive
- Christine and Brett for party provisions
- Bev and Glenn for general assistance
- Terry and Régie for driving the Dodge
- Paul and Bruce for visiting for the day
- And Sarah for driving the Overland

Every step of the way, we had help and honestly without the help of my family this event would have been very different, so thanks to;

- My brother Paul for organising the gymkhana and pedal car display
- My sister Helen for the Fathers Day pot plants and chauffeuring Mum and Dad
- Mum (Marjorie) for making the peanut bags in your rally pack

And last but by all means not least

- Dad (Graham) for letting me put you in the spotlight, and on Channel 7 ☺— where you aren't comfortable but for this event absolutely necessary. It was wonderful that Channel 7 took the time to come and visit the rally. I do hope that all of our Dads had a Happy Fathers' Day! I'm pretty sure mine did!

Unfortunately, we had members unable to attend due to border closures, medical and family reasons and they were missed but with any luck we will see them at another rally soon. Stanthorpe isn't far away now. Please note it's important that you pay your \$5 entry fee to the Club as we had a few forget for Kingaroy.

There's a high possibility that I wouldn't run a rally up to the day of the AGM again as I don't know that I have enough points to satisfy a trip that quick from Kingaroy to Carindale. Making the meeting by the skin of our teeth and then having zoom decide not to cooperate I knew this meeting would be fun. We discussed the rally, the swap and briefly touched on the exploits of the previous year before moving to the main event.

I am proud to have been nominated again for President and thank everyone for their continued support. The reality of being President is slightly different to the job description I was given last year before I accepted nomination. I endeavour to be the best advocate for the club that I can be and will continue to progress the club into the future. I welcome back our other executive committee members and we have accepted two new committee members Jean Jarrett and Brett Hollingum and we warmly welcome them while thanking our outgoing member Glynn Hackshall

who has served the club for many years in various positions. I look forward to another year of exciting events alongside this committee.

I did mention zoom previously and while it wasn't initially being cooperative for our meeting we did finally get it sorted out albeit a little late. We will continue to persevere with zoom as it is another conduit of information available to our regional members and practice makes perfect I'm told. If you cannot attend in person, you miss out on supper and catching up but at least you can keep up to date with club happenings on zoom. The zoom ID is 848 2099 1078 and the password is 070717

Happy Motoring
Sally



The President's Rally

Kingaroy is known as a nut centre in Queensland, and with the connivance of Sally, Rob and their many helpers we all added to the nut-count for a few fun days.

Nutty we may be, but we had our fun!

Mostly we drive through places like Kingaroy maybe grab a snack or some petrol, and just keep going. It's quite surprising, once you focus on these smaller places, how much there is to see.

I really enjoyed the visit to the rim making workshop and the wooden wheel artisan. Beth enjoyed the Edwardian dress-up and the visit to Taabinga homestead.

We both liked meeting up with a group of old car people that we are enjoying getting to know. I refer here to age of the machinery rather than that of the participants. It was refreshing to see so many younger drivers and passengers.

The little Brush was a joy to drive, and the countryside pleasant to traverse.

One thing that surprised me was the relative lack of breakdowns. Given the age of all the machinery, their reliability was remarkable.

Another highlight was the joy that many locals found in the vehicles. There was a level of identification for many of the onlookers as they recognised a car that brought back memories.

It was particularly relevant that this rally was held on Fathers' Day and that Sally's Dad, Graham Crittenden, could be there to enjoy all of the cars.

None of this could have happened without lots of work behind the scenes. A job well done.

Richard Payne



Graham and Marjorie enjoying the atmosphere



CARS, PEOPLE AND PLACES

Visit to Steve Hood's Workshop.



Taabinga Homestead





Sally turns 50



Brett turns 70

Games in the Park



Around the Park



The Handover Dinner

Thanks to Albert and his willing band of helpers for once again organizing such an enjoyable evening. Rhonda was out and about with her camera, as evidenced below.

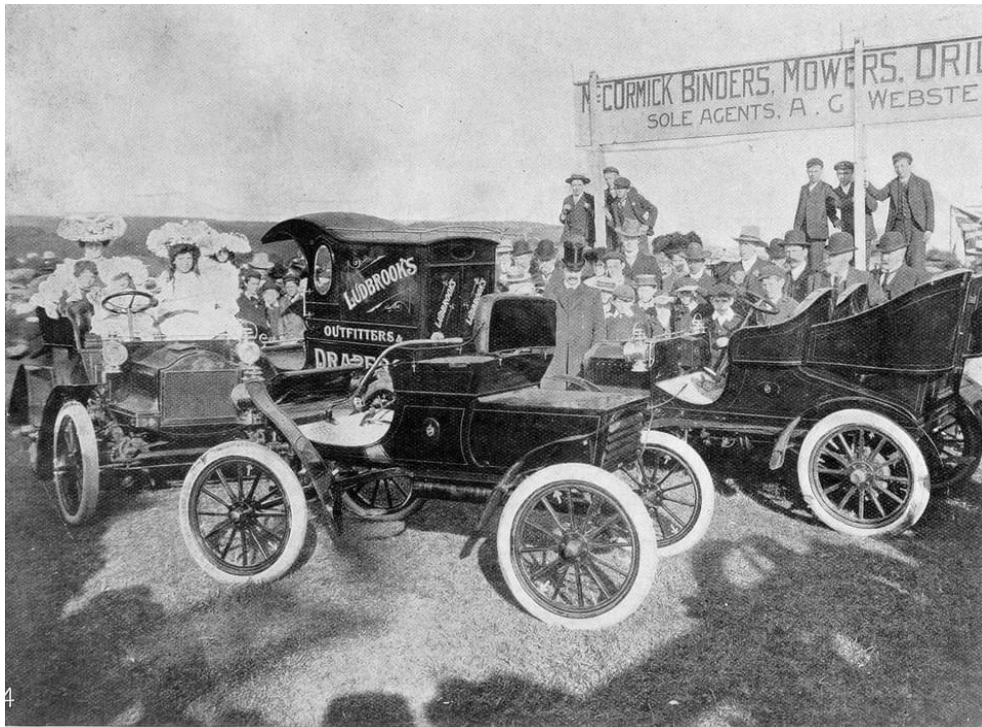
Steve's catering was up to its usual high standard, and the selection of hot savouries was a great addition.



Thanks to John Day for the following.

Joe Jarick sent me this photo he found "out in the ether somewhere", showing four Oldsmobiles, at what appears to be a field day or perhaps a rural show somewhere in Tasmania. Front and centre is a regulation 1903 Model R Curved Dash runabout. Right is a 1904/05 French Front Model T rear entrance tonneau and either a Model N or T French Front to the left in the photo. The very attractive French Front Oldsmobiles were substantially the same as the more familiar Curved Dash models, but with a bonnet that housed petrol and water tanks and a conventional radiator out the front.

Centre rear in the photo is the real purpose of this article. Wearing advertising for "Ludbrook's Outfitters and Drapers", is a super rare 1903-05 Model D Light Delivery Wagon.



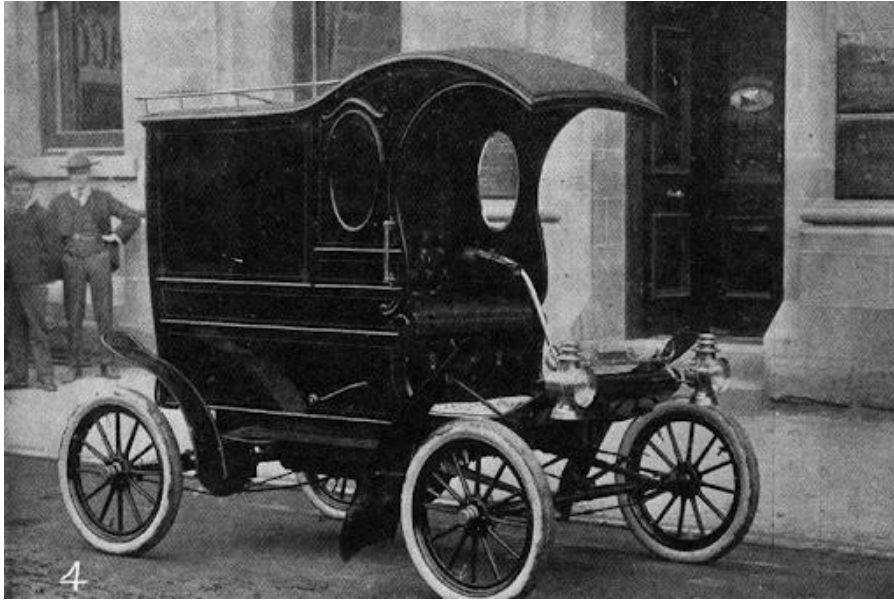
Ludbrooks had a chain of Drapery Stores in places such as Launceston, Melbourne and Colac. AG Webster and Son Ltd on the banner in the photo, handled most of the Tasmanian wool clip for the London market and imported a large range of agricultural implements.

Only 141 of these Delivery Wagons were made of which 41 were exported to foreign markets. They were constructed on standard Oldsmobile Runabout mechanicals, but with a chassis lengthened by 6". The Delivery wagon cost \$850, which was \$200 more than a standard Runabout. It weighed 1100lbs compared to the Runabout's 750lbs. Carrying capacity was shown as 500lbs. With the standard 5hp single cylinder Olds engine, performance of a Delivery Wagon loaded with a quarter of a ton can only be imagined.

No complete authentic Delivery Wagon such as in the photo remains. One was found in US in the 1950s, minus the body above the belt line. Replicas have been built to the best of available research. One authentic French Front Delivery Wagon has been found and restored. It is now understood to be in the General Motors Heritage Collection.

There must have been active Oldsmobile Agents in Tasmania in those years. A photo of a 1903 model appeared in an Oldsmobile Factory handbook. Over the years, several Curved Dash models have been unearthed on the Apple Isle. I wonder if the Delivery Wagon still lurks undiscovered?

John Day



Another Olds Light Delivery Wagon, pictured in Launceston, early 1900s

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My Father told me that the first car he saw in Tasmania was a curved dash Olds. He said a man named Furlong was demonstrating it in Hobart in the early 1900's.

Mr Furlong said he had "A mile of Kids" – ie, eight Furlongs.

Alan Robinson.

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COMING CLUB EVENTS

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| 7 – 14 October | <u>Stanthorpe</u> . Entry and meals forms on club website. Contact Rhonda/Russell for more information. |
| 18 December | Christmas Luncheon (at the Clubrooms). |
| 20 February 2022 | Club Breakfast. |

INVITATION EVENT

- 6/7 November Terry Lewis and John Handley (Bundaberg Club) are organising an event suitable for 1 & 2 cylinder vehicles in the Mon Repos area, to which all Veteran Club members are invited. (This year marks the 125th Anniversary of the initial Emancipation Run). Accommodation will be at a private caravan park in Mon Repos. If you are interested in attending you should contact Terry, and let him know that you wish to book a site or cabin. (email: terrylewisoz@skymesh.com.au; ph: 0404 847 359)

Sunbeams -

Peter Arnold.

Sunbeam aficionado, Peter Ransom, has been doing a bit of cleaning out and discovered some old photos of Club Sunbeams taken on a couple of very early Club runs. The first photos were taken during the 1958 Brisbane to Brighton when leaving the start in Victoria Park. This was the fourth year the Brighton run was held and attracted a field of 23 cars. After the start they travelled through the city then along Gympie road through Petrie to Burpengary where they turned east taking Anzac Ave to Redcliffe then across the Hornibrook Highway to finish at the Brighton Recreational Ground.

Number 17 is a 1913 Sunbeam Tourer owned and driven by Des Lange of Toowoomba. It is not known who his passengers are.

Number 20 is a 1914 Sunbeam Sports Tourer with possibly a radiator problem. It was owned and driven by Alan Sypher with a very excited 10 year old Malcolm sitting in the back seat enjoying the ride. Ten years later Malcolm and I took that car to the QVVA Kankanya in a paddock somewhere in Slacks Creek along with quite a few other Veteran Car Club members.



The next time Peter's camera came out was during the Brisbane to Toowoomba Rally of 1961 at the start in the Kelvin Grove Army Barracks. A field of 47 Veterans lined up for the start on the 9th September but I don't know how many were able to finish back in Brisbane the following day.

While the Guthries cornered the market with 3 or 4 of these classy vehicles, two of them are shown here.

Number 24 is a 1914, 12/16 Tourer with Ross and Rob's father, T.R. (Ross) Guthrie in the driver's seat and Grandma Guthrie, their grandmother, navigating from the rear.

Number 37 was spotted on the same day with Blake Short driving and possibly Rob Guthrie in the passenger seat. The car is a 1912, 16/22 Sunbeam roadster.



Ross Guthrie was also on the run driving their 1908 Napier so didn't get a mention in the Sunbeam line up.

Enjoy the photos and reply if you can recognise any of the passengers.

MY WHEELBARROW RESTORATION

We have been the owners of a small wheelbarrow – definitely in the SSW size – for some years. It has served us well but of late has developed rust and holes in the tray. It was almost a candidate for the recent Hard Rubbish collection.

But salvation occurred. Our neighbour Chris across the road always takes his dog for walks and on one recently he found a heap containing a plastic wheelbarrow tray. Being the good bloke that he is, he thought “that’s just what Alan wants”. He brought Tilly home and went back by car to collect the tray then tossed it over our fence. He rang next morning to tell us the good news.

Great it was a little bigger but definitely had potential, so out came the angle grinder and our little friend was dismantled.

Then came two days in the workshop re-shaping the frame by brute force and a hammer. This fitted then came the handle bars. Now there was a problem similar to Santa Claus and his whiskers and the sheet. Did they go inside or outside the frame? Inside won as outside made them too far apart.

A little thought and a search through all my bolt collection, and a satisfactory solution was found. Next came the wheel and this was solved with a .piece of steel rod and plastic tube as spacers. Finally a lick of paint and the KD – Mark I was created.

Incidentally on .Army equipment lists, a wheelbarrow was described as
“Vehicle, one wheel, hand propelled”.

Alan Robinson



**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Eightieth Meeting
Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.**

Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

**Monday 6th September 2021
Commenced 7.35pm**

Apologies: Alan & Carol Robinson, Lauren Forster, Janette Farnell, Rob & Pam Guthrie, Allan & Dianne Lyons, Glenn Adams,

Attendance on Zoom: Zac Charlton, Bev Lollback, Graham Crittenden & Grant Vormister

Attendance as per the sign on book

President: Sally York, welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance.

Minutes of the August Meeting: Minutes as published in the club newsletter were taken as read. Rhonda moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Rob York. All agreed.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

- Magazines Various Clubs
- Rent paid Model A Ford Club
- Various Club memberships
- Various Accounts: BCC Rates, Cleanzone.
- Letter from BBC regarding the tenant

Emails Inwards

- Various club newsletters

Correspondence Outward:

Email outward

- Various club newsletters, Brass Notes,

Business Arising from Correspondence:

- Letter from the Brisbane City Council regarding the house tenant. Phil Fletcher offered to assist Pres. Sally York with regard to the reply to this letter.

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outwards be endorsed. Seconded by Trevor Farnell all agreed

Treasurer Report: Steve moved that the report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded Peter Arnold, All Agreed

Events: President's Rally – Kingaroy, Everyone agreed it was an excellent rally thanks to Pres. Sally and her family. There were 49 entrants this included 30 Veteran Vehicles, 4 Vintage, and a few moderns. We would like to thank, Geoff & Barbara Clegg for the wonderful dinner that they organised on the Saturday evening. As Brett Hollingum was turning 70 on the Sunday he and Christine very kindly donated a few bottles of very tasty wines for the club members to enjoy with their dinner.

It was great to have Zac Charlton and his partner Sarah McGrath at the rally. Zac was unable to drive due to a shoulder injury, so Sarah drove the 1914 Overland owned by Iris Anderson (Zac's Grandmother) and she did a marvellous job.

Sally reported that the local butcher where they purchased all the meat for the camp dinner offered Sally the use of his truck with the frig on the back. This was excellent as it gave Sally somewhere to hide the birthday cake she had organised for Brett.

Pres. Sally had arranged for Channel 7 to be there on the Saturday to film the veterans. Sally gave a very impressive interview. I think nearly every club member has had the opportunity to view the session.

Swap meet: The sausage sizzle, plus tea and coffee and entry fee brought in excellent revenue. Kevin Brooks was pleased to report that he sold all the items he had brought along to the swap to sell.

7/14th October Russell Massey is organising a club event in Stanthorpe. Entry forms are on the club web site

6/7th November Terry Lewis & John Handley are organising a 1 & 2 Cyl. event in the Mon Repos area this is to be the Emancipation Event. Accommodation is at a private caravan park in Mon Repos you will need to contact Terry if you wish to book a site or cabin, also to let him know you are interested.

Peter Arnold moved that this event be included in the club rally calendar. Seconded John Day all Agreed.

Social Report:

18 th September	Handover dinner
18 th December	Christmas Luncheon

Website and Security: Russell Massey reported that all is well at the moment.

Property: Nil

Dating: Ross Guthrie reported that we have a dating certificate and 100 year badge to be presented to Grahame Allen from Allora – this will be given to Grahame & Ellen at the Stanthorpe rally.

QHMC: Albert Budworth, reported that due to COVID the NSW Government has stopped all concessional registrations. This is to stop folks from using their concessionally registered cars during this difficult time.

General Business:

Wally Lanagan from Dalby has not been well and has spent a few days in a Brisbane hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Merv Thompson, asked Syd Norman about the colour of indicators on veteran vehicles. Syd replied they should be orange as the red blinkers are not legal.

Ross Guthrie presented the club with some old newspapers he had been given from Frola Gilltrap, Ross handed them to Peter Arnold, as Peter is collating all past memorabilia items at the moment.

Peter Arnold mentioned that he still had some of the books from Grahame Wilkinson, the books are \$5.00 each and all the money goes to Stroke Research.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm

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

Sally York
Hon. President
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

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Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

**Held at the Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale
Monday 6th September 2021**

Commenced 8.35pm

Apologies: As per the Attendance book

Attendance on Zoom: Zac Charlton, Bev Lollback, Graham Crittenden & Grant Vormister

Attendance as per the sign on book

President: Sally York, welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance.

Minutes of the 2020 AGM.

Minutes as published in the club newsletter were taken as read. Rhonda moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded by Albert Budworth . All agreed

Treasurer Report:

Steve Forster gave his report and was pleased to report that the club will not be required to pay tax last financial year. Steve moved that the club appoint the same accounting company to review the books as of the end of the current financial year. Seconded Trevor Farnell All Agreed

President Sally York read her report

Dating Officer Ross Guthrie read his report on behalf of all the dating committee.

Editor's Report Pres. Sally read Carol Robinson's Editor's report as Carol was not able to attend.

Sally moved that all reports be accepted, seconded Peter Arnold all Agreed

Election of Office Bearers

Sally declared all positions vacant and requested that John Day come forward and commence the election of officers.

John read out the list of nominations:

		<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Sally York	Grant Vormister	Rhonda Guthrie
Vice President	Syd Norman	Peter Arnold	Albert Budworth
Secretary	Rhonda Guthrie	Grant Vormister	Peter Arnold
Treasurer	Steve Forster	Peter Arnold	Rhonda Guthrie
Events	Phil Fletcher	Ross Guthrie	Joe Jarick
Editor	Carol Robinson	Steve Forster	Albert Budworth
Web Master/Security	Russell Massey	Carolyn Robinson	Steve Forster
Property	Albert Budworth	Peter Arnold	Phil Fletcher
Committee member	Peter Arnold	Albert Budworth	Carol Robinson
Committee member	Jean Jarrett	Rhonda Guthrie	Régie Lewis
Committee member	Brett Hollingum	Steve Forster	Ross Guthrie

Peter Arnold moved we be able to increase the committee membership numbers Seconded Albert Budworth, all agreed.

Meeting closed 9pm

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

Sally York.....
Hon. President
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc

We then were able to watch the interview Sally gave Channel 7 on the large screen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A number of members have contributed to this month's magazine.

I would specially like to thank Rhonda Guthrie, Greg Hill, Suzanne and Bob Ausburn and Sally and Rob York for photographs, and Richard Payne, John Day, Peter Arnold, and Alan Robinson for articles.

MARKET PLACE

WANTED FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE:

LATE MODEL VETERAN 1915-1918

Vehicle requirements :

- RHD.
- Driver able to enter and exit via driver's door.
- Engine has minimum of 20HP.
- Electric Lights.
- Electric Starter.
- A full set of side curtains, if Roadster or Tourer.
- Would prefer overall condition to be **very good**

Contact: GLENN ADAMS 0418830129 : pgrga@bigpond.com

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Kevin Brooks, 23-25 Canopy Place, Burpengary 4505 Qld.

Ph: 0412 720 035. brooks@goanna.tv

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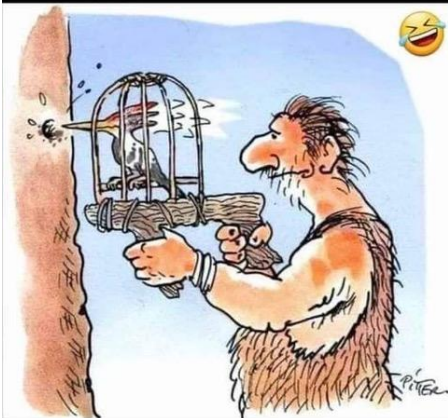
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1928. Francis Birtles calls into Longreach on his drive from England

A LITTLE BIT OF ...HUMOUR

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This is a rare photo of a mother vise-grip feeding her baby wrenches. Nature really is amazing.

