

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

MARCH 2021



Breakfast for three Hackshalls please





VCCA(Q) - 2020 - 2021

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Treasurer
Secretary

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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 7.30 pm, and Visitors are always welcome.

The Clubrooms phone number is (07) 3843 0010
The Club website is: www.vccaq.com

Current Membership fees are:

Full Membership (single):	\$ 70	Joint Membership	\$ 77
Country Membership (single):	\$ 53	Joint Membership:	\$ 58
Associate Membership	\$ 53		

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

Note: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$10 FOR THOSE MEMBERS REQUIRING A MAILED OUT COPY.

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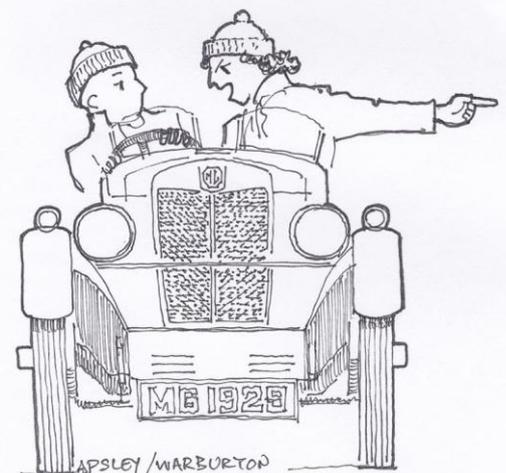
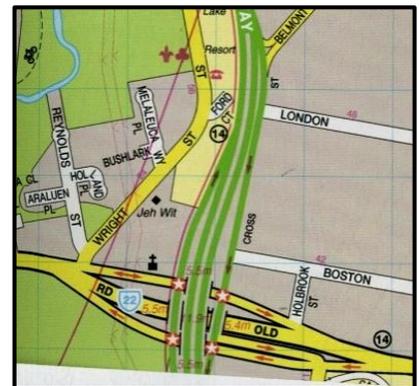
Or By Cheque, made payable to Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) Inc. (Please use full name as above to comply with bank requirements.)

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"NO, NOT THAT RIGHT, THIS RIGHT!"

Does this look familiar? (Ed.)

President's Report

This year began amidst an atmosphere of hope. Hope that it would perform better than last year. Hope that we could go about our daily lives unhindered by lock downs, border closures and masks. Alas it is not showing much improvement on last year with our first lock down beginning on the 8th January. Being only 3 days and over a weekend there was more inconvenience than disruption caused and our continued compliance luckily led to further restrictions being lifted. I feel this whole situation has caused us to live in the moment more and take every opportunity as it comes, while the more organised among us are stressed beyond belief as the continual cloud of uncertainty hovers about us. The upside is if there's any chance to take our vehicles out it is being welcomed and attendances for rallies and car shows are brimming.

Rob and I were very lucky to start the year with a new addition to our collection. 1916 Dodge Brothers Tourer that we 'unveiled' January 1. She has not run since the early 2000's but after many hours now spent under the bonnet (actually every waking moment that he's not working) she lives once more. Considerably easier to start than Whitey I might add. She's been polished and the leather seats are slowly responding to care. We are now looking to the Scenic Rim rally (5-7th March) for her debut.



Australia Day was a car enthusiasts dream thanks to Albert Budworth and the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club putting on the annual car display at Ormiston. With an attendance of 760 vehicles they should be very proud of this event. Happy to say our club was represented and quite a few spectators interested in the stories of our cars.

I'm sorry to say I missed the first Northside run of the year. Was quite looking forward to lunch at the Dayboro Hotel but have no doubt it was enjoyed by those who attended. These runs serve to keep our vehicles in good working order as we know with Whitey if she's not started and run regularly she gets quite belligerent, and at least we get to drive them at least once a month. The next Northside run will be at Bullockys Rest on the 25th, the big question is – which car to take?

Our first club meeting of the year was well attended and it was great to see so many familiar faces. Unfortunately our internet was not cooperating so Zoom was unavailable to us but it all looks promising for the next meeting. Our Scenic Rim rally has been well received with around thirty entries and the Charleville rally has around 80 entrants this is a tremendous turnout.

I was pleased to present Kathy Day with the 100 year badge for her 1916 Dodge Brothers Roadster and wonderful for Ross to present the dating certificate and 100 year badge to Michael Ferguson for their 1914 Chevrolet.



[Photos: Pam Guthrie]

Irene Donges is our new Librarian for the club library. Lots of work to be done but with a view to the end result it will all be worth it.

The traditional Breakfast at the Clubrooms was enjoyed by some 70+ members and guests from the Austin 7 Club. Thanks to Albert, Murray and their willing band of helpers.

Happy Motoring

Sally



John Day with his Olds and Doug Clarke with his replica at the Club Breakfast

[Photo: Alan Robinson]

Breakfast at the Clubrooms



[Photos : Guthrie Families]

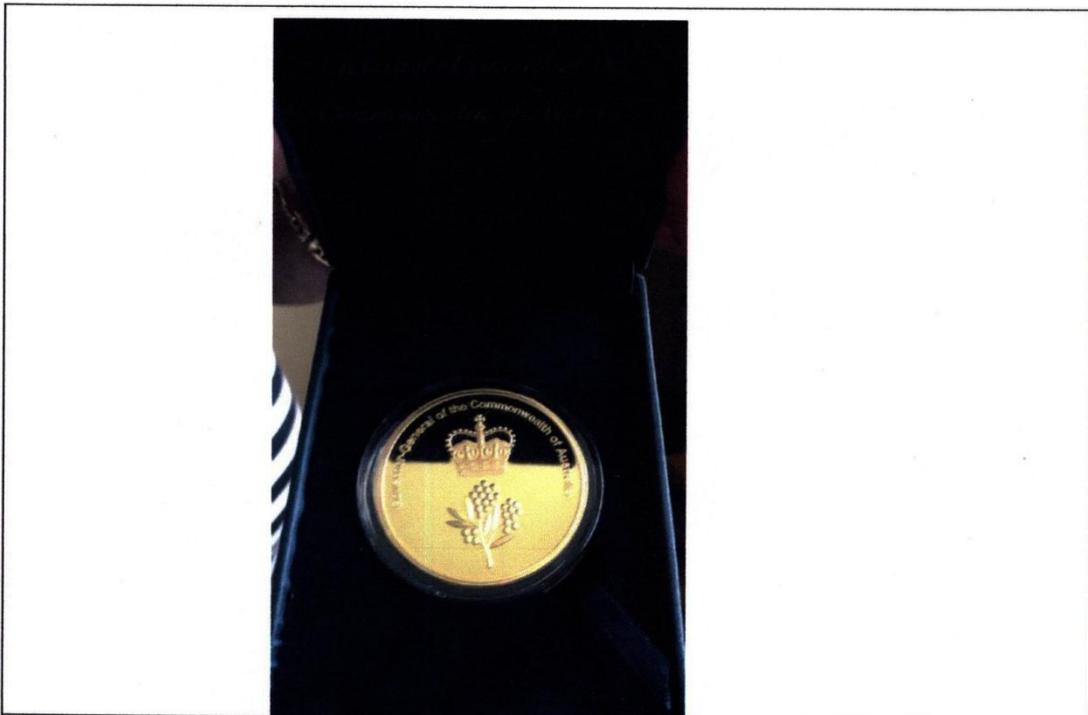


The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (TAVCCA)

www.tavcca.org.au

PRESS RELEASE –

Governor-General’s Medallion Awarded



Award Recipient:	<i>Secretary/Treasurer of TAVCCA</i>
Press release date:	<i>Sunday, 14 February 2021</i>

Their Excellencies would like to acknowledge and thank our organisation for all of the incredible and tireless efforts carried out during 2020 in the face of the COVID-19 restrictions in supporting all member clubs to remain connected.

The Governor-General’s medallion is presented to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia for the contribution and significant way in which your efforts in 2020

have enabled member clubs and the functions of your association to continue in the face of a global pandemic.

"Linda and I, on behalf of all Australian, would like to thank you for your contribution to The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia throughout 2020.

This year has brought many challenges. The way we live, work and stay connected has changed. Linda and I are proud to be associated with organisations like The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia. The contribution that the Club and you make in our community is considerable.

We would like to thank you for your work, passion and commitment.

Yours sincerely,
His Excellency General the Honourable **David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)**"

TAVCCA recognises and thanks Hamish McDonald on his contribution to the veteran vehicle movement as our Secretary/Treasurer and his recognition by the Governor-General of Australia.

Thanks to Malcom Sypher for sending the following Certificate of Registration for 1920 for his 1914 Rover. The car was then owned by Mr L. Learmonth of Laidlaw Parade, Brisbane

AMOUNT OF FEE RECEIVED: TEN SHILLINGS. No. 20788
REGISTRATION FEE: MOTOR CAR, &c., TEN SHILLINGS. *Brisbane*
POLICE DEPARTMENT, TRAFFIC OFFICE, _____

Certificate of Registration.
Owner of Motor Car and Motor Car.
(Issued under the Provisions of Clause 2, Part XXV., of the General Traffic Regulations.)

DATED the *19th* day of *January* 19*20*
L. Learmonth of *Laidlaw Parade*
is hereby registered as the owner of a certain *motor car* to the
Thirty-first day of December next ensuing.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Motor Car, No. *A 77*, of which the above
person is the owner, has been registered for use within the *Brisbane*
Traffic District from the date hereof until the Thirty-first day of December next ensuing.

This Certificate is issued subject to the conditions of "The Traffic Acts, 1905
to 1910," and to all Regulations made in pursuance thereof, and must be delivered
up at this Office on the Fourteenth day of December, 19*20*

Description of Car *hovers*
H.P. *15/16* **F. C. Urquhart,**
Commissioner of Police.

**Minutes of the Six Hundred and Seventy Fourth Meeting
Of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.
Held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale
Monday 1st February 2021**

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

List of committee persons for the 2020/2021 year

Vice President	Syd Norman
Secretary	Rhonda Guthrie
Treasurer	Steve Forster
Immediate Past Pres:	Peter Arnold
Events	Phil Fletcher
Editor	Carol Robinson
Property	Glynn Hackshall
Web Master/Security:	Russell Massey
QHMC Delegate	Albert Budworth
Social Chairman	Albert Budworth

Apologies: Alan & Carol Robinson, Kevin & Joyce Brooks, Bob & Hazel Burley, Lauren Forster, David Hackshall, Michael Hackshall, Bev Lollback, Dulcie Wilkinson & Iris Anderson, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge

Visitors: Steve & Marcelien Hunt – they have purchased a 1910 Brush D from Merv Kroll

Attendance: As per the Attendance Book

Minutes of the December 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 Syd Norman

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inward: Letter from the Governor regarding our invitation for him to attend the 1 & 2 National Rally in Charleville.
Various newsletters
Rent – Model A Ford Club & Chrysler Owners Club
Membership request from Michael Forster & Vicki Newland

Emails: Malcolm Mc Connell re info about a 1905 Reo
Ruth Knight confirming the Red Hatters booking for the 13th January 2021
Austin Healey Club confirming the club booking for the 20th March 2021
Accounts for payment
Cleanzone
Telstra – the treasurer has cancelled this service so this will be our last account.
Origin

Outward: Letter to the Governor confirming the current Club Committee
Welcome letter to Pete & Holly Bellars and family, welcome pack and name badges
Welcome letter to Michael Forster & Vicki Newland
Letter for Malcolm Wegner to enable him to register another vehicle.

Emails: Ruth Knight confirming the Red Hatters day
Malcolm Mc Connell regarding the Reo information
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Austin Healey confirming the club booking for 20th March 2021

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received, and the outward be endorsed, seconded by Diane Hackshall carried.

Treasurer Report: Steve reported on the club accounts.

Steve reported that the rental house required a new hot water system during December. Steve moved that the report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded Trevor Farnell

Events: Phil Fletcher spoke about the Boonah Rally he is organising 5 – 7th March 1st day we will head south, with great views of the scenic rim. 2nd day we will head towards Harrisville. 3rd day will be Beaudesert area, this will be our longest day. Phil will arrange an entry form in the next few days,

Graham Donges spoke about the 1 & 2 National Rally in Charleville. There is quite a variety of vehicles travelling to join our Outback Adventure.

Approximately 14 Motorbikes, 1 Albion, 1 Alldays & Onions 7 Brushes, 3 Buicks,
5 Cadillac, 3 Clement Bayards 3 Darracq, 7 De Dion Bouton, 3 high wheelers,
10 Maxwells, 1 Maytag Mason, 1 Minervette, 1 Oldsmobile, 2 Ramblers 10
Renaults,
8 Reo, 1 Sizaire Naudin 1 Star, 1 White Steam Car.

Graham agreed that Covid19 will be our problem, if the borders are closed we possibly will hold it as a Qld 1 & 2 event.

Property: Glynn Hackshall reported that the tenants in the house have moved out on the 21st January. Unfortunately they left the house in an untidy situation as well as the grass needed mowing. The agents have and will organise all that is necessary with regard the property. The rental market is very good at the moment so once all work has been completed the house will be rented out once again.

Dating: Ross presented Michael Ferguson with his dating form for their 1914 Chevrolet as well as the 100 year badge. Sally also presented Kathy Day with the 100 year badge for their 1916. Dodge Bros Roadster.

Editor: Unfortunately Carol was not able to attend the meeting but wished to remind the members that she will require all relevant reports and information necessary to go into the March Veteran Torque by Tuesday 16th February.

Website/Security: Russell reported that the Events section is back on the club website. The security system will be totally reorganised within the next couple of days.

Social: Albert has the breakfast in hand, Murray is going to help with the cooking, though he will require helpers on the day with the serving of the food. To date we have approximately 40 folks coming for breakfast. This is a great way to start the year.

General Business: The position of Librarian, Sally mentioned that one person was prepared to help with the Library, Sally asked the meeting if anyone else was interested in the position of Librarian, No one indicated they were interested. Sally declared Irene Donges would be our new Librarian. Sally thanked Irene for her offer to take on this position.

Syd moved that we accept Irene's offer to be Librarian, Seconded Trevor Farnell all agreed.

Syd asked have the rules changed with the Covid19 conditions, Peter answered, no major changes, we are working along business rules, only allowing 65 people in the club rooms.

Sally reported, next March club meeting we hope to have the Zoom system working once again for the country members .

Sally reported that she had been working on the Facebook page for the club. She hopes to have more information on soon regarding the cars that will be at the 1 & 2 National Rally. Photos that are there now are vehicles from the Warwick Rally.

Syd had Emu feather dusters and wool dusters for sale, these are made by a gentleman in the Tamborine district.

Phil asked if anyone had photos of the cars out the front of the Maryvale hotel we visited on the Warwick rally. The owner of the hotel would love some photos please.

Graham Wilkinson mentioned that he had had a phone call recently from Malcom Sypher. Malcom was with his dad on the run, when the folks decided to set up a club for the early cars. Malcom hopes to be able to attend the Club Swap meet later in August.

Glynn, mentioned that he and David had recently visited Hugh Kimlin. Hugh is now 91years young, though he has suffered a couple of strokes in recent times, Hugh is disappointed that he has lost his driving licence.

Peter, reminded the members that at the first run in 1956, there was, Malcom Sypher with his dad, and Malcom still owns the same veteran. Graham Wilkinson, Graham Crittenden who also was with his dad, though unfortunately as they lived in Kingaroy, they had to leave early so were not at the gathering when the folks decided to set up a club. So are not counted as one of the original club foundation members.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Rhonda Guthrie	Sally York
Hon Secretary	Hon. President
Veteran Car club of Australia (Qld) Inc	Veteran Car club of Australia (Qld) Inc

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Sally York is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: General Meeting VCCAQ

Every month on the First Monday, until August 2, 2021, 6 occurrence(s)

Time: Mar 1, 2021 07:00 PM Brisbane
March 29 2021 07:00 PM (Note date)
May 3 2021 07:00 PM
June 7 2021 07:00 PM
July 5 2021 07:00 PM
August 2 2021 07:00 PM

Members will be sent the Meeting ID and Passcode closer to each meeting.

Anybody wishing to join a general meeting via Zoom can do so in one of two ways.
Either by logging in to Zoom and inserting the meeting ID and Passcode when prompted
Or contact Rhonda to send an email with the link above and click on the blue highlighted link.

A reminder

Our Facebook page is now live. The simplest way to access it is to open Facebook, search for VCCAQ, and scroll down to 'like' the page or alternatively, there's a link on the Club website

Coming Events - Local and Invitation:

{Additional to the proposed Rally programme included in the February Magazine}

- 5-7 March Scenic Rim Rally – Based in Boonah – Contact Phil for more info.
(bayard4c@gmail.com): Mob: 0408 803 182)
- 16 May David Hack Classic, Toowoomba Aerodrome, Spitfire Street. 8.30am - 2.30pm.
(www.facebook.com/davidhackclassic/)
- 3-4 July Old Petrie Town Steam Fair: [Subject to confirmation closer to the date]
The Old Petrie Town Steam Fair is the largest steam-featuring machinery rally in Queensland. Multiple steam vehicles and other unusual and rarely seen machines are brought in for this two day event. Come and see how things used to be done 'back in the day' with demonstrations of historical equipment being put to use as they would have been 100 years ago
- 13 June. RACQ Motorfest - The location is yet to be decided.

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Thanks to John Day for pointing out the following currently featuring at GOMA:

Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) is featuring '**The Motorcycle, Design, Art, Desire**' up until 18th April 2021. The exhibition is based on previous ones at the Guggenheim in USA and in Spain. In addition to the more than 100 especially selected bikes there are virtual talks, films, tours, trivia nights and other bikes displayed on the Green. In the main display there is an early steam powered motorcycle, a 1906 Brisbane built Spencer, an Australian Whiting, a 1912 Henderson (it looks like a stretched 'limo') and a 1929 Douglas Dt5 speedway machine. Accompanying the bikes is a display featuring full face helmets painted by some of Australia's leading artists.

National Events

2021

- 7 – 13 April 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally – Charleville. www.vccaq.com/2020-1-2-national
- 18-21 April National Brush Rally – Cowra NSW. Contact: Alan Miller: mrchevman@bigpond.com
- 10-16 Oct. RACV National Veteran Vehicle Rally – Swan Hill, Vic. The event is currently being redesigned to provide a Covid-safe National Rally. Entries expected to be released early April. Rally Directors: Michael & Claudia Holding.
- 24-29 Oct. National Veteran Rally, Busselton WA. Rally Directors: Peter & Pauline Hume, Ph: 08 9728 0219; email: busso2021@gmail.com
- 22-26 Nov. National Highwheeler Rally – Mt Gambier, SA.
Contact: Noel & Sue Holbrook 03 5561 2954 or chugalug@westvic.com.au

2022

- 8-14 May National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally – South West NSW – (location to be announced at Charleville). Contact: Robert Fordham rfo292535@bigpond.com
- 18 July – 22 Aug. Brisbane to Broome; Contact Peter Arnold or Graham Donges for more details.

REGGIE'S REINCARNATION -- Alan Robinson

Carolyn and I decided we would like a small veteran car to supplement our vintage Humber, so the search began.

While we were travelling around in England and Europe in 1985 we visited every possible Motor Museum but found nothing that we could put in a suitcase to bring home. However once back home in Adelaide fortune smiled upon us. I went to Birdwood Museum one day to do a publicity demonstration for the 1985 Grand Prix and who should be there but Len Vigar – one of the Museum founders – I asked him if he knew of anybody with a small Renault they didn't want. He said he had one which I should come to look at.

A couple of days later I did this and found a chassis with wheels and engine attached and heaps of parts. We made a deal and I went into Carolyn's office at the University and said "*Come on, I'm taking you to lunch we have a Renault provided you can give me a cheque*". Being a dutiful wife she did so. I took it back to Len and arranged to pick the collection up on the coming Saturday.

We duly headed for Glenelg on the Saturday morning to collect our friend George and his trailer, then up to Len's at Myrtlebank for the collection. I think Carolyn was rather taken aback when she saw what I had bought with her money however she accepted the fact that I was NUTS – metric in this case.



We took it all home and unloaded the chassis, wheels and engine plus a battered bonnet, front mudguards, many boxes of bits plus a RADIATOR. Body-wise there was an unknown rear entry tonneau from some car.

Firstly I started on the idea of a drivable chassis and organised that. I took an engine barrel to the experts where replacement pistons were chosen – alloy of course – and the barrel then bored to suit. Bottom end machining was done and the engine balanced.

Fortunately I had a friend who machined up various bushes etc. and adaptors for the back wheels. Finally the mobile chassis appeared.

For the body I decided to copy the Matchbox model so made three frames to fix across the two chassis bearing timbers. The sides were cut from two ex-library shelves from the Adelaide Uni. and the curved rear decked in leaving a large luggage hatch.

We made new rear mudguards and bonnet panels. I took the old bonnet apart for patterns as every one we measured was different. It took Carolyn and me a day to rivet the new bonnet together using the original brass strips and copper pop rivet heads as ordinary rivets. To be correct the rivets are supposed to just show.

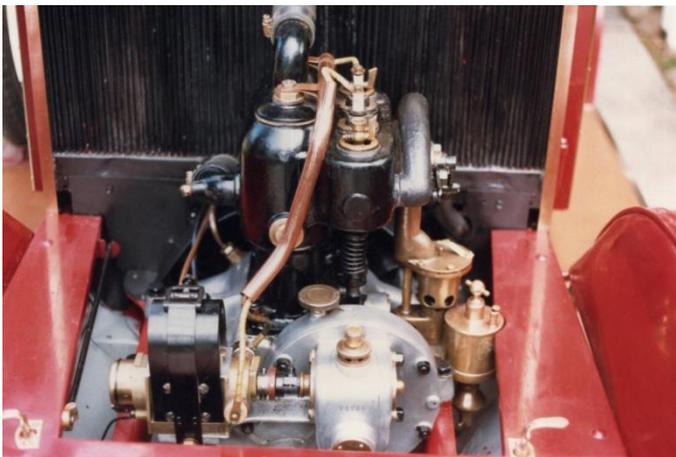
For the upholstery I acquired a Connolly hide and the remains of a bale of horsehair plus the services of Antonio Tripa, a Portuguese upholsterer, who brought along his son as an interpreter. I showed him a picture of a car in a book to copy and this he did. First he came back with the seat covered in calico to check before using the real leather.

Prior to this I cut and shut the tonneau to suit. This was done by Carolyn and me sitting on a board and marking the space we took, plus room for a handbag. So the seat became "Deux derrières et un sac à main" wide. Finally with everything assembled and tested the car was correctly brush painted in deep red.

Little history is known of the car – Len said he found it driving a saw-bench in Eden Valley. I wrote to the late Tony Ronald who was “Mr Renault” in England at the time. He replied that a car numbered 14654 with engine 4036 was handed over for shipping on 29-1-09, so that became Reggie’s birthday. It’s a correct pre-1910 car with everything marked Renault Frères as it should be, and was dated in Adelaide as 1909 by the late George Brooks.

Now the big question: Was it worth it?? The answer is a big YES, I enjoyed the challenge, the aim being to produce what resembled a well kept genuine car of the period. It’s a pleasure to drive, but not keen on hills, preferring quiet country roads.

An admission – Carolyn can change gear better than I can! We have both thoroughly enjoying the car.



On this Day - March 1st

1897 The Winton Motor Carriage Company was organized in Cleveland, Ohio, US with Alexander Winton as President, Thomas W Henderson as Vice President, George H Brown as Secretary-Treasurer, and Leo Melanowski as Chief Engineer. To promote his early products, Winton drove one of his automobiles to New York City in July 1897, which stimulated investment in the company. Winton was the first company to sell a standard American-made, gasoline-powered automobile; its price was \$1,000.



1902 Several automotive trade publications ran extensive reports at the opening of the 2nd Chicago Auto Show. Articles told about the endurance tests at the show between steam, gasoline and electric machines. Big news was that storage batteries had improved enabling electric vehicles sufficient power for a day's running.



1911 A Saurer 4.5 ton truck, built by Adolphe Saurer in Arbon, Switzerland, arrived in San Francisco, California, completed a demonstration drive from Denver, Colorado, US. This truck was later shipped to Pueblo, Colorado and driven to New York City in what the company claimed to be the first trans-United States trip by a motor truck.



MARKET PLACE

WANTED

- * **A SMALL LIGHT WEIGHT SINGLE AXLE COVERED-IN TRAILER** for a small veteran approximately 10 ft x 5 1/2 ft .
Contact 0409 031 011 or email lilajeanmarrett@bigpond.com

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- * **BRUSH PARTS NEEDED....**

Contact: Rob Beeston, Ph. 0412 021 481, or

Email: robwbeeston@hotmail.com

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- * **FABRIQUE NATIONALE (FN) CAR AND MOTORBIKE PARTS up to 1914.** Interested in parts, literature, information, photos.

Parts in photo are needed for a 1909 FN type 1400.

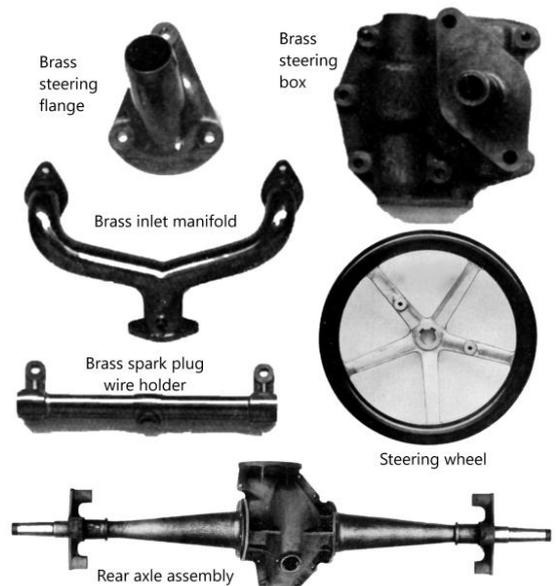
Contact Andrew Brand. Ph 0414 219 250 or

email: andrew_brand@mail.com

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- *****CARBURETTOR FOR 1914 RENAULT AX,** Complete if possible.

Contact: Keith Fowlie, email keithfowlie44@gmail.com or Ph. 0499 310 190



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Some more Dulux Daffy Definitions from Pam Smith

Pitting



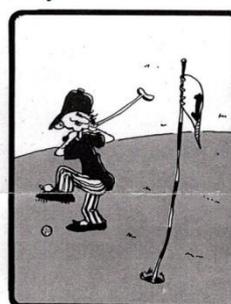
The formation of holes or pits in a metal surface by corrosion.

Pot Life



The period during which a two-pack material is usable after it has been mixed.

Putty



A heavy bodied material of high pigment content, applied by knife, applicator or spray gun.

Reducers



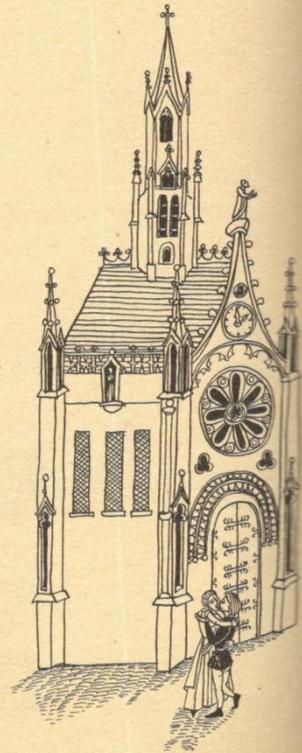
Volatile liquids added to enamels to lower viscosity. 'Thinners' is the more common term in Australia.

Runs



A narrow downward movement of a paint film, caused by excessive application.

Aucassin owns one of the first mechanical clocks. He keeps it with him at all times, but often forgets to wind it up. When it stops, he goes to the square in front of the cathedral (whose façade contains a clock) to meet Nicolette, the young woman he is smitten with, then he goes back home and sets his clock to the right time! How did he go about this, given that he doesn't know how long his trip takes, but only that his trip out takes the same time as his trip home?



A little bit of.. HUMOUR – in honour of St Patrick's Day

An Irishman goes to the doctor, who after examining him says:

"You have some problems with your heart, but if you take these tablets, I think it will be okay".

So the doctor gives the man the tablets and the patient asks,
"Do I have to take them every day?"

"No," replies the doctor, *"take one on the Monday, skip the Tuesday, take one on the Wednesday, skip the Thursday and go on like that".*

Two weeks later the doctor is walking down the street, and he sees the patient's wife. *"Hello Mrs Murphy,"* he says, *"how's your husband?"*

"Oh he died of a heart attack," says Mrs Murphy.

"I'm very sorry to hear that," says the doctor, *"I thought if he took those tablets he would be all right."*
"Oh the tablets were fine," says Mrs Murphy, *"It was all the bloody skipping that killed him!"*

