

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

JUNE 2015



*Trevor Farnell with his 1915 T Ford on display at RACQ Headquarters
prior to RACQ Motorfest on 12 July.*



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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5). Meetings commence at 7.30pm during the winter, and Visitors are always welcome.

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

The Club has a new Website: www.vccaq.com

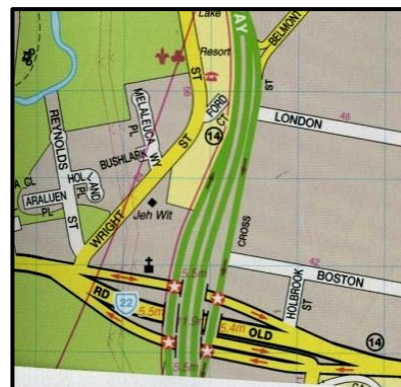
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Full Membership (single): \$60; Joint Membership \$65.

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Associate Membership \$50

There is an additional joining fee of \$30.



Note: As from 1/7/2015 there is an **ADDITIONAL CHARGE** of \$5 for those members requiring a mailed copy.

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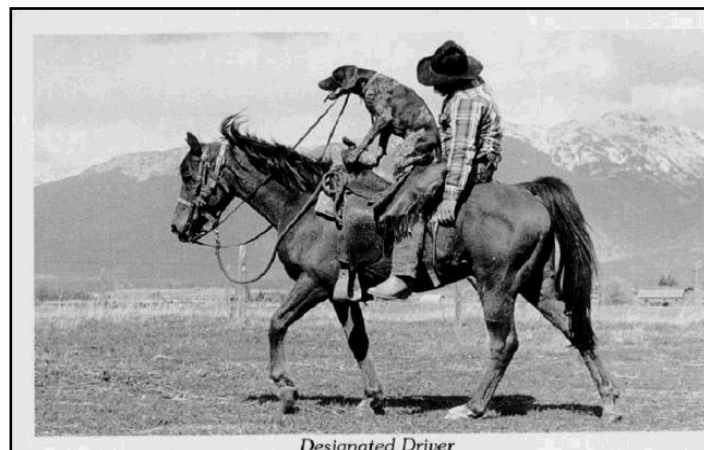
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Designated Driver

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH GENERAL MEETING OF THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA QLD INC. HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS AT 1376 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD, CARINDALE, MONDAY 4 MAY 2015

Opening: President Bob Burley opened at 7.30pm.

Attendance: Forty-six members were present as per attendance book.

Apologies: Syd Norman, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, Frola Gilltrap, Geoff & Barbara Clegg, Trevor Brosnan, Vishna Timkiv, Margaret Thompson.

Visitors: .Rod Graydon from QHMC.

Adoption of previous General Meeting Minutes: 1. Trevor Farnell 2. Alan Carpenter Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 6 April be confirmed as read. Carried.

Business Arising from previous minutes: None.

Correspondence

Inwards:

Letter & magazine from Prostate Cancer Foundation
Coffs Harbour Veteran & Vintage Car Club Great Eastland Hub Rally 2nd - 5th October 2015
Letter from Kevin Brooks re advertising his paintings in Veteran Torque magazine.
Flyer for Brisbane Swap Meet 31st May 2015
Cheque from Reliability Trials Club for hall rent
Donation from sewing ladies
Account from Telstra
Account from Guardian Fire Control
Account from Sunstate Carpet Cleaning
Various club magazines
Email from Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club re availability of stalls at Nambour Swap Meet and flyer for Nambour Swap Meet on 28 July.
Michael Holding. Advising near completion of National Directory.
Information Leaflet for VCCA(V)
Letter from TMR advising maintenance works along Old Cleveland Road in June
Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club Annual Rally 16 and 17 May.
National Chevrolet Festival 25 - 28 September.
Qld Vintage Vehicle Assoc Swap Meet on 31 May at Carina State School

Outwards:

Email reply to Erica Fletcher declining invitation to attend Laidley Hospital Open Day.

Business arising from correspondence. None

The Secretary moved that Inwards be accepted and Outwards adopted.

Seconded. Bruce Wright . Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Hazel Burley moved that her report be accepted and that accounts be passed for payment. Seconded. Trevor Farnell Carried.

Events:

- ❖ Alan Robinson reported on the Wolston House National Trust Day. Robinsons and Hills attended. Irene Hill and Kathy Clayton showed their dancing steps.
- ❖ Greg Hill reported on the National Motoring Heritage Day at Ipswich. Camping is available at Brothers Leagues Club. There is a Day Run on Saturday starting at 10.00am from Brothers Leagues Club. In order to arrive at Queen's Park as a group, we will meet at Brothers about 8.00am.

Upcoming club sanctioned events are:

- ❖ 6 - 8 June. QHMC rally at Pittsworth. Five attending.
- ❖ 6 - 8 June. Goondiwindi Trains Planes and Automobiles. Eight attending.
- ❖ 12 July. RACQ Motorfest. Fifteen people indicated they are planning to attend. Cars can be driven in and left overnight on Saturday.
- ❖ 1 August. Club Dinner
- ❖ 12 -16 August. Northern Rivers Veteran and Vintage Car Club 55th Anniversary Rally at Lismore
- ❖ 7 - 11 March 2016. Bev and Wally Lanagan have offered to organise a rally centred at Dalby beginning with a Meet and Greet on 6 March.

Facilities Report:

Thanks to those who repaired BBQ lights and serviced the mowers.
David Hackshall reported that the mowers are serviced down the Coast for cost of parts only.
The grey water pump has been repaired.
There a leak in the roof that needs attention.

Historian Report: Thanks to Denis Martin for the history report in magazine.

Webmaster Report: Absent

Librarian Report: Nothing to report.

Magazine Report: Technical articles are appreciated.

Dating Report: The Saxon is being prepared for dating.

SAG Report In recess.

Rental House Report. Nothing to report.

General Business.

Rod Graydon presented information on National Motoring Heritage Day in Ipswich. Reminder to bring a piece of cardboard. All states are participating.

Rod Graydon also brought us up to date on the current issues, especially those concerning vintage and veteran clubs. There has been a change of management in QHMC and now the focus is more on promoting QHMC with events and on the website. AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation) are working on developing a register identifying vehicles of national interest and legislating to keep these vehicles in Australia.

It is now possible to register your car with original chassis number. Pre 37 cars don't have to have the number stamped on it. Vehicles can now be driven within 15 km for general vehicle maintenance, not just after repairs.

Although TMR does not require a Dating Certificate, QHMC would like the Dating Certificate system to continue so clubs are able to maintain some oversight of the vehicles that have SIV registration. A standardised form being developed.

Discounted registration for Veterans. This proposal will be held over.

A reminder that changing the registration of a vehicle to SIV registration means change of class of CTP insurance. Rod Graydon responded positively to a request for smaller number plates. He suggested American style number plates could be a cheaper alternative to personalised plates.

Rhonda Guthrie reported that Club Polo Shirts and Club Caps orders are still in progress as the supplier has been delayed.

RACQ entry forms are available tonight.

Albert Budworth reported that Veteran Cars are covered under Ultra RACQ Insurance up to value of \$1100 of towing, if vehicle is registered in your name and you are driving.

Albert Budworth will advise the dates for RACQ display at Eight Mile Plains.

Graham Wilkinson reported that widow of Alan Dunshea has passed away. Bruce suggested that a letter of condolence be sent. John Day reported that Terry Lloyd and Rod Welsh have passed away.

Bob Burley presented the plans for RACQ display day. All vehicles can be in position on Saturday, with access by way of Mean St.

Meeting Close: The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Next Meeting: 1 June.

I. Donges

Hon. Secretary

GUEST SPEAKER

In his address to the meeting Rod Graydon (DTMR Liaison Officer, QHMC), offered to assist members with any queries they may have on matters within his area.

His contact details are: Phone 0417 620 877; email tmr@ghmc.org.au

President's Report

You have got to love this time of the year it's cooled down, and the Rally Programme is hotting up. Now we have so many events coming up it's going to be hard to attend them all! Some members must have very long grass at home.

Most of the trophies have been returned. I need them all back so they can be sorted, thanks. The President's Dinner is getting closer.

At present we have sixteen entries for this year's RACQ Motorfest - a few more would be better! We have the option of getting all cars in place on the Saturday, which would be great, the venue will have security overnight. I will have more information by the next meeting.



Donna Davis has donated a glass display cabinet that Geoff had in his shed. This formerly belonged to Allan Hale, it has been used for displaying all sorts of veteran treasures. With Donna's help we dismantled it and I got it over the bridge laid it out and with the help of Hugh Kimlin, scrubbed it up, reassembled it and then with the help of a strong young man who was having smoko at the St Johns course, moved it into the club entry, it will house trophies etc.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting we have a few items to discuss. Just a reminder the meeting will start at 7.30pm.

Bob Burley.

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Webmaster's Report

For the last month or so you may have noticed there's been a page on our site showing processes and products related to Vintage Rims Australia. It was just an interim arrangement until VRA's web site was up and running, so our page has been deleted. There is, however, an entry on our Links page and I encourage you to follow it to VRA. The business is in Kingaroy and the manufacture of rims and ancillaries is critical to our hobby. The proprietor is Steve Hood, who has restored several vintage and post-vintage cars, plays with steam traction engines and has an unrestored 1909 EMF. - www.vintagerimsaus.com, phone 0429 622 208.

Trish Hanley will be pleased to see there's a new link to the Saxon Motor Cars site. We've had a link for years to Merv Kroll's Kollection, so use it if you want to check it out with a view to snapping up something unusual like the Twombly or Rauch & Lang.

Finally, the recent Ipswich weekend has been recorded in glorious colour and sepia tones (many photos courtesy of Greg Hill) on the Galleries page. Gimlet-eyed browsers will note the new mobile solar panel technology currently being tested in SE Queensland.

Peter R.



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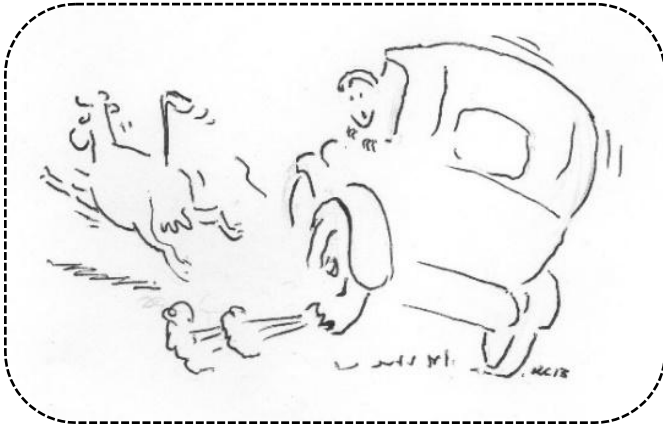
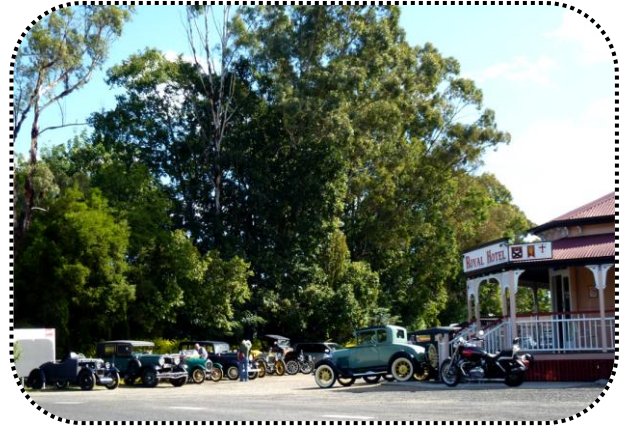
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Russell Does It Again - And Again

A good representation of our members gathered at *Brothers Leagues Club* for *Hills' Hillclimb to Harrisville and Heritage Hang About* weekend; some of us being located in our "mobile homes" right next to the motel where other members stayed – quite a good arrangement. The forecast dismal weather did not appear and sometimes-sunny skies made for a great weekend. It was pleasing to see the *Little* back on the road, motoring well.

Greg's "short run" in the Ipswich area proved to be a very scenic hundred-plus km's through very pretty countryside, culminating in a burger and chips lunch at Harrisville's Royal Hotel. We battled quite strong southerly winds which threatened to blow our mighty Humberette backwards and the "hill of all hills" that followed had us grinding our way upward ever upward with never a falter. I spared a thought there for the Donges, supposedly following in the Brush, but later found that their progress had been halted by a flat battery. Graham, ever resourceful, made it back to the start using a torch battery. One could say *he saw the light!*



"Flat" certainly was the word of the day. Having been passed by the flying Vauxhall, we were concerned to find the Masseys waylaid beside the road. Russell had blown a tyre. In no time flat – now there's an appropriate expression – he was back on the road and again flew past. However it was a case of the hare and the tortoise as, barely was he past us than there was an ear-splitting shot! Had Sue finally lost her patience? No! Russell had blown another tube! This time, his spares were exhausted and it was goodbye to the Vauxhall's weekend.

Our



Sunday *Heritage Hang About*, far from being boring, was a fun day. So many of us were in costume that we were a crowd focus, photographed like pop stars! Even Mayor Paul Pisasale joined us for a "photo shoot". By getting us to the park early, Greg had secured for us the only flat ground in the entire park and it made for more comfort.



Mayor Pisasale chose Erik Larsen's "T" Racer as his Veterans Choice and Erik now has a splendid silver cup for his mantelpiece. (Do Vikings have mantelpieces?!)

All in all, a great weekend with great company. Thanks Greg and Irene.



Kevin Brooks

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Anzac Day 2015

After hearing of the Returned Soldiers Transport Corporation from research by Club Historian Denis Martin we thought "what a great way to get involved with the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC".

As our 1917 Studebaker is a World War 1 model the local RSL was pleased to have us drive near the front of their Anzac Day Parade.

Our local newspaper was able to publish a photo of the Studebaker with the red cross badge and explain the history of the RSTC before Anzac Day. The paper interviewed Lauren Ritchie from RACQ who reported "People signed up to pick up wounded soldiers during the First World War. This tireless team played an important role in caring for some of Australia's first diggers. What started out as a transportation service quickly turned into a community service, as many members volunteered to take wounded soldiers out on "motor picnics" to help rehabilitate their minds and spirits"



Lauren rang and enquired about the badge. I explained we only had a look alike badge for the Parade and she said they only know of two and the RACQ had both.

Wally and Bev Lanagan's 1917 Studebaker preparing for the Anzac Parade, Dalby.



The actual size of the badge was 6" diameter

Rallying in England - Peter and Linda Arnold

After a wonderful two months onboard Queen Victoria sailing from Brisbane to England, we arrived in Southampton on Sunday 3rd May to a bleak and wet English morning. After finally finding the car hire place our 3 door Vauxhall was too small for the luggage so we agreed on the extra for a 5 door Vauxhall but this turned into a Mercedes C200 with 28 miles on the clock. We are not complaining and would love to bring it home.

It came with a GPS which took us straight to Christchurch about 40 minutes from Southampton, where our hosts for the next 3 nights live. Next day saw us taking the 20 minute drive to Beaulieu which consumed a full day then the following day to Portsmouth. The ships in the historic dock area, HMS Warrior, Nelson's Victory and Mary Rose were absolutely fabulous. The English sure know how to preserve their heritage.

Wednesday we farewelled our friends and drove to Winchester to join the annual rally of South West Section of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain. There were a few cars in the car park as we drove into the hotel but most were still in trailers or under cover as the weather promising to let loose. The welcome reception was a very friendly affair with welcome drinks followed by a sumptuous dinner in the 17th century thatched roof barn. After the official welcome we were introduced to our chauffeur for the next couple of days in a 1914 Talbot. Unfortunately I had to earn my keep by navigating with my assistant in the back seat.



Next morning we were introduced to our chariot which looked splendid with its roof folded and ready to go. Stephen, its owner, told us that he acquired the disassembled car from Australia some years ago and finished the restoration so we felt some affinity with the car. As we were one of the first cars to leave, I still hadn't seen most of the other vehicles but we were the first at the morning tea stop, a quaint little pub in a country village, where we could watch each one arriving while enjoying a warm cuppa.

There was one T Model, a Buick and a Stutz representing America but the rest were English or Continental. The oldest, a 60 HP 1903 double chain drive Mercedes with racing body, was only outperformed by the 60 HP 1917 Stutz but I think weight for age the Merc gets it. It also came with a more sedate rear entrance tonneau body, but the owner says it still performs well carrying the heavier body. In a similar class was the 1904 Mors of 35 HP with a Roi de Belges touring body carrying 5 adults. While it didn't roar past shattering ear drums, it was a delight to follow. Probably the slowest car was the 2 cylinder Norfolk of 10 HP, but what a delightful car it was. Unsurprisingly Renaults and de Dions were the most popular cars with 3 each with makes like Rover (2), Argyll, Iris, Panhard, Austin, Stellite, Coore and Humberette filled the field.





The runs were very interesting taking us on back country roads up hill and down dale, through quaint villages showing us the best of country England and stopping every so often to look at an attraction or have a meal or just socialise. The rally was called Trains and Boats and Planes so day one saw us on a canal in Aldermaston for lunch in another village pub. After a short walk to the lock we were treated to see two narrow boats traversing it. Now we had transited the Panama Canal in Queen Victoria so we were full bottle on lock operation. The operation of this one was no different, it is only the scale which varies. Instead of a state of the art, push button, computer controlled panel as described by our lock pilot, these skippers with their wives had to wind handles, pull levers and manually push the gates open and closed then drive the vessels through the lock. I'm sure that they didn't have to pay the \$US 390,000 that Queen Victoria had to pay for the Panama crossing.

Day 2 saw us at the Army Museum of Flying near Nether Wallop for lunch where we spent some time viewing the displays. Along with numerous planes and helicopters were a few gliders. I had no idea that large gliders were used in the Second World War to transport troops, equipment and vehicles to the war zones. These were large ply aircraft launched using bombers as tugs. Some were disposable while others were reusable. It was amazing to see the size and construction of some of these aircraft.



The final day saw us in the hire car as we had to leave from the lunch stop for our home for the next week, a cottage in Bath. The railway station in New Alresford was our morning tea and lunch stop as the days feature transport was the Watercress Line, a restored set of rail carriages pulled with a beautifully restored steam engine built by the Armstrong Whitworth Company in 1932. The name Watercress Line comes from the fact that the track was used to transport watercress to London for the local market. Apparently watercress can be poisonous to eat under certain growing conditions and the soil here being high in calcium gives a high quality product.

Each evening started with drinks in the lounge before transferring to the Barn for dinner, the one with the thatched roof. That was straight forward enough but we were supposed to nominate the table we wanted to sit at after breakfast each morning. Not being a morning person it was usually as we entered the lounge at around 6.30pm that I remembered. Fortunately we weren't the only ones and table 4 became the delinquents table for those who couldn't remember the instruction. We met some lovely people on that table, usually different ones each night.

Finally, what did we learn from the experience? Thank goodness Stephen was reasonably familiar with the area as I did send us up the wrong track on a couple of occasions. Through these mistakes I learned to recognize a staggered cross road but the mini roundabout really had me stumped. This is a normal cross road with a white dot about a foot in diameter painted in the centre. They are not as easy as a normal roundabout to recognise but they are treated the same for give way rules. Another learning was that there are narrow roads and then there are narrow roads. On many occasions we were travelling along a road which was so narrow you would have difficulty passing a push bike when confronted with a sign which says *Single Track Road with Passing Sections* and on other occasions the sign said *6'6" width limit*. On a couple of occasions when confronted with an oncoming vehicle, one of us had to back up but everybody is so patient and polite.

It was a great rally covering roads we would never have used and villages we would not have visited. Most of all though we met some wonderful people who made feel so welcome. I hope we can reciprocate someday.

Visit to Wolston House - 3 May

Along with some members from the Model T Ford Owners Club, several members representing the Veteran Club displayed their vehicles at Wolston House, Wacol as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival Open Day. Enjoying the day were the Robinsons, Hills, Kathy Clayton and Ron and James Brennan proudly displaying his recently obtained 'P' plates'. Irene and Kathy joined in with the dancers in a display of early English/Australian dancing being performed on the rear deck of the House. I believe some of the ladies made purchases from the craft and other stalls.

We were surprised by the number of kangaroos happily grazing apparently unconcerned by the comings and goings of vehicles and folk nearby.

Alan R.



(Nearly) a Veteran Albion

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With a Stationary Engine Aboard

Driving Dalby: - from Wally & Bev Lanagan

The Dalby members of VCCA (Qld) had volunteered to hold an event in March 2016 so it is planned to hold a **Veteran Rally from Monday 7th March to Friday 11th March** centred on Dalby on the Darling Downs. A meet and greet would be held on Sunday night 6th March – probably at the Dalby Caravan Park with veteran motoring starting on Monday morning.

We have a combination of no hills and many quiet country roads which is conducive to great motoring as well as agriculture and engineering industries.

Not all avenues of interest have been planned but a different day on Wednesday is being organized. This would be modern motoring where we visit the newly revamped and opened Cattle Saleyards in town first. This would be followed by a trip to the Bunya Mountains.

The caravan park has units and there are several motels close by.

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CLUB MART \$\$\$

[Note: Members' "For Sale" and "Wanted" notices will normally appear in three consecutive issues.
If you sell or obtain an advertised item will you please notify the Editor]

WANTED

IDENTIFICATION: Geoff Bernhagen had this crankshaft and flywheel in his garage. It would be great if one of our members can identify it. If someone can use it then it's free to a good home, collected from Woody Point.



FOR SALE

* I can no longer close the doors of my sheds, or find space to work on a car. I cannot use my trailer because it has a car living in it. So I offer almost my entire collection for sale. Check my website . All are offered except the 1910 Brush, the 1917 Model T, and the 1923 Matchless outfit. The rest will remain on the market until 3 of the larger items are sold, then the ad will be cancelled. Cars include **1911 1 and 1908 2 cyl. Reo, 1910 IHS high wheeler motor buggy, 1930 AJS Saloon, 1912 T brass tourer, 1926 T ute, 1914 Twombly, 1917 Rauch & Land Electric, 85 Mercedes convertible, 59 Ford Edsel, 65 Mustang, 88 Thunderbird, 70's Lincoln, 1920 B&S Red Bug**, and a couple of others I can't remember. Bikes as per the web site. All located on Brisbane's northside.

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A Note From Joe Jarick

Work stopped on the de Dion Bouton following a couple of ops for a melanoma on my left arm. Now it is time to restart, we are going away! – (back mid-September). The photos are from late last year. There has been some progress since.



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V.C.C.A.(Q) "Veteran Torque"**

A little bit of...HUMOUR



The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourselves, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path.

Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?, said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

