THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

OCTOBER 2015



Bob Collett with Trish in the Renault on the recent Boreen Point 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). 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

Membership fees for 2015 (Due July 1) are:

Full Membership (single): \$60; Joint Membership \$65. Country Membership (single): \$50; Joint Membership: \$55.

Associate Membership \$50 There is an additional joining fee of \$30.

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

Membership fees may be paid by direct credit into the Club's Account:

Bank of Queensland A/C 21577447; BSB 124001

Membership Application Forms are available from the Secretary.

All articles for publication in "Veteran Torque" must be with the Editor by the 20th of each month.

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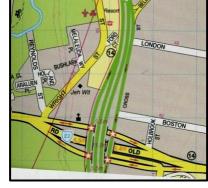
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Editor relaxing after completing another issue!

President's Report

I'm pleased to have Rhonda Guthrie as our new Secretary; she certainly will keep us all on our toes. Last night's committee meeting was a late one, I know we did not hit the bed until after midnight. Rhonda and Ross had to go back to the coast so for them it was even later. I was at the trade Guild at six thirty the next morning. I overheard a conversation with one of the foundry guys "I spose you want yer bits for ya veteran!" With ears pricked I went over and introduced myself, it turned out to be Grahame Bridge from Toorbul, he is a member, he told me all about his AC sociable and its restoration, small world eh!

Russell and Susan pulled off another Good Rally this time at Boreen Point. It was well attended, camp grounds good, right on the lake. Very pretty roads even with odd hill or two. Some rain but who cares, everybody had a good time, and Les Allen and Alan Carpenter came for one day only, with their cars. Good effort all round.

The Club as a whole is functioning well, meetings are well attended, there is always a cupboard latch to replace or the roof leaks - this sort of thing is part of the game. They all get done on a priority basis.

We had a talk last night about having a social night, watch for this in your magazine, and don't forget to read about the upcoming book launch. The upcoming invitational touring rally is now only days away, the VVTE. are a friendly bunch so I do hope some of us give it a try – it's only 361 ks over 3 days and in a nice area and on roads that don't see much traffic. This year's National Rally in Goulburn is looming so I hope we will be there in force and bring home some trophies.

Cheers,

Bob Burley.

By now all members who are on our email list will have received an invitation to attend the launch of Rick McDonough's book at the Clubrooms on 18 October. (In case you haven't seen this, a copy is reproduced below.)

As well as responding to the Publisher as requested, to assist with catering arrangements it would be appreciated if you would let Hazel know if you plan to come along (3886 0059; email bowtie@aapt.net.au)

By Wednesday 14 October.

[Note As the 4th Community Cabinet Meeting is to be held at Bundaberg on the scheduled launch day, the Federal Member for Griffith, Terri Butler, will launch the book in place of Hon. Mark Bailey]

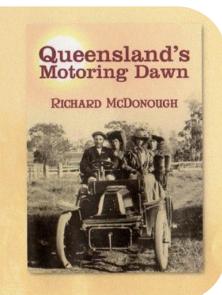
You are invited to attend the launch of

Queensland's Motoring Dawn

by RICHARD MCDONOUGH

Launched by
Hon Mark Bailey
Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports

Sunday, 18 October 2015, 10am for 10.30am start Veteran Car Club of Queensland 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale QLD 4152



VP Karen 07 3373 7855 or email publish@boolarongpress.com.au by 15 October 2015.

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH GENERAL MEETING OF THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA QLD INC. HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS AT 1376 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD, CARINDALE MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2015

Opening: President Bob Burley opened at 7:40 pm.

Attendance: 35 were present as per attendance book.

Apologies: Iris Anderson, Albert Budworth, Alan Carpenter, Barbara Clegg, Graham and Irene Donges, Frola Gilltrap, Pam Guthrie, David Hackshall, Diane Hackshall, Michael Hackshall, Frank and Kathy Muggeridge, Peter Ransom, Dulcie Wilkinson Andrew Wright

Visitors: Susan Stephenson and son David. Susan would be better known to older members as Susan Hack, Frank and Shirley's Daughter.

Adoption of previous General Meeting Minutes: Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 3 August be confirmed as read. Moved Hugh Kimlin. Seconded. Syd Norman. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Invitation Roma Historical Motor Club Easter Rally.

Jim Kennedy seeking history of his 1914 Model 32 Hupmobile Tourer. Referred to Ross and Rhonda Newsletter 3, 2015 National Rally in Goulburn

Treasurer AVCCA. Audit Report.

Coffs Harbour Festival of Vintage Transport Information re event and flight in DC3.

Veteran Car Club of Victoria. Invitation and rally entry forms for 60th Anniversary Rally in Colac, 19 - 22 November

Tasmania National Tour 2016 expressions of interest.

Graham Donges noting that Vintage Car Club magazine commenting on how the presence of the Veteran Cars enhanced Grandchester Steamfest.

26 Various Newsletters

Email newsletters. CDHVC and VCCQ.

Outward Correspondence.

Notice to Tenants that during construction of new church next door, churchgoers will be using our property for Sunday parking.

Invitation to Tenants to Swap Meet for pre 1930's parts only.

Welcome Letter to Ken and Lyn Melville

Email letter to AVCCA requesting September for both the Queensland National Rally and the One and Two Cylinder Rally in 2019 and 2020.

Business arising from correspondence. Nil

The Secretary moved that Inwards be accepted and Outwards adopted.

Seconded. Russell Massey. Carried.

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

Events: Russell spoke about next weekend's Boreen Point Rally and the ACT Club's Goulburn Rally next month.

QHMC Report: Nil.

Facilities Report. Nil

Historian Report: Nil

Webmaster Report: Nil. Peter is away celebrating the Vintage Car Club of Queensland's 60th

Anniversary.

Librarian Report: Still open for business.

Dating Report: Ross Guthrie presented Trevor and Janette Farnell with a 100 Year badge for their 1915 Model T, which has been in Janette's family since new.

Strategic Advisory Group report. Peter Arnold advised that SAG was still active. Currently seeking the last signed new Deed of Agreement from a tenant club. Looking at accounting process to better define income and expenditure related to the clubrooms, separate to that of the Club itself and the Club's rental house. SAG has sent a newsletter to all tenant Clubs including details of our privacy policy in dealing with info we hold as landlord.

General Business

- Kevin Brooks again recommended that vinyl flooring replace the carpet in the area where suppers
 are served post meetings
- Peter Arnold questioned the wisdom of reserving consecutive Septembers in 2019 and 2020 for Queensland's next National events. He suggested March/April 2019 and September 2020, allowing more working time for those planning these events. Committee to review decision.
- President Bob asked for member support for the Rick McDonough Book Launch to be held in our Clubrooms on 18 October. Rick has been collecting period photos of Queensland cars for many years. We were privileged to see a sample at our Ipswich National Tour final dinner. More details of the Book Launch are to come. The Minister for Main Roads. Road Safety & Ports, Hon. Mark Bailey will officially launch the book.
- Members were asked to give thought to suitable venues for the Queensland 1 & 2 and Veteran National Tours.
- Peter Arnold asked the Committee to consider wider publicity to suitable clubs about next year's VCCA(Q) Swap Meet.
- Joyce Brooks asked that attention be given to PA system speaker.

Meeting Close: The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

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Motoring in 1904 (The Car Illustrated) British Cars (Letter to the Editor)

(Country of origin labelling was even an issue back in 1904)

The recent Automobile Exhibition held at the Crystal Palace was in some points very disheartening to the genuine British manufacturer, as many cars were masquerading under honest British names were made up almost wholly on the Continent or of Continental Parts. I think the time has come when every genuine British manufacturer should ask the Automobile Club or some honest body, to hall mark British goods so that those posing as British manufacture may be put into their proper place.

I think you, Sir, as the editor of a British paper should take some steps to find out whether it is correct or not that you have from time to time mentioned well-known names of motor cars as British manufacture when they are nothing of the sort. In some cases, they are British frames with foreign engines: in others, foreign frames with English engines. It is only right that the public should know whether they are buying a British car or not, and so far as the Napier is concerned, we are prepared to give a clear statutory declaration to the British or foreign origin of every part of our cars. We have proved by the manufacture for three consecutive years of cars, every individual part of which was made in this country for the purpose of the Gordon Bennet race, that they can be successfully built here, and we wish the credit of British-built vehicles to remain with genuine British builders and not to be stolen from them by alien parts assembled here.

S. F Edge



Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld Inc. held in the Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale. Monday 7 September, 2015

President Bob Burley opened the meeting at 8:25 pm

Attendance as per General Meeting.

Visitors as per General Meeting

Apologies as per General Meeting.

Minutes of previous AGM

Moved to accept by John Day, seconded By Trevor Brosnan. Carried

Business arising: Nil

President's Report:

Moved to accept by Bob Burley and seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried.

NOTE: All annual reports will be printed in the next Veteran Torque.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the audited report is available for the meeting to peruse and copies are available to members upon request. Hazel moved that the Treasurer's report be adopted . Seconded Hugh Kimlin Carried. Moved Hazel Burley, Seconded Syd Norman that Carwardine and Associates be appointed as auditors for the club for 2015 - 2016. Carried.

Moved Hazel Burley and seconded Trevor Brosnan, that the SAG review annual subs and report to the Committee with their recommendation. Carried.

<u>Events Report</u>: Russell reported on a full and successful rally calendar for the year. Attendance is very encouraging. Next year is our 60th Anniversary and another full calendar of events covering the State is planned.

<u>Magazine Report</u>: Another good year with good support from members. More articles are always welcome.

<u>Library Report</u>: Librarian was absent.

<u>Webmaster Report</u>: Peter was absent on tour with the VCCQ, but has promised a written report for Veteran Torque.

<u>Dating Officer Report</u>: Another busy year dating cars for 100 year badges. Full report will be in next Veteran Torque.

Facilities Report. Nil

Historian's Report. Nil

Election of Office Bearers:

President Bob declared all positions vacant and handed the meeting over to A/Secretary John Day to conduct elections.

Results are as follows.

- <u>President</u>: Bob Burley: nominated by Glynn Hackshall and seconded by Russell Massey. No other nomination. Bob elected.
- Immediate Past President. Bruce Wright.
- <u>Vice-President</u>: Glynn Hackshall nominated by Hazel Burley Seconded by Carolyn Robinson. No other nomination. Glynn elected.
- <u>Treasurer</u>: Hazel Burley: nominated by Carolyn Robinson and seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. No other nomination. Hazel elected.
- <u>Secretary</u>: Rhonda Guthrie. Nominated by Wayne Aberdeen and Seconded by Denis Martin. No other nomination. Rhonda elected.
- <u>Event Director</u> Russell Massey Nominated by Irene Donges and Seconded by Hazel Burley. No other nomination. Russell elected.
- <u>Facilities Manager</u> David Hackshall Nominated by Irene Donges and Seconded by Hazel Burley. No other nomination. David No other nomination. Bob elected.
- <u>Magazine Editor</u> Carolyn Robinson Nominated by Hazel Burley and Seconded by Bob Burley. No other nomination. Carolyn elected.

Other positions were filled as follows:

- Dating Committee Chairman. Ross Guthrie
- Member Liaison. Ross and Rhonda Guthrie
- Librarian. Wayne Aberdeen
- Historian. Denis Martin
- Web Master. Peter Ransom
- Delegate to National Body. Bob Burley
- Delegate to Queensland Historic Motoring Council. Albert Budworth.

General Business

 Bruce Wright sought clarification of Committee Positions. Peter Arnold and Glyn Hackshall explained with reference to the Model Rules

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm

<u>John Day</u> A/Secretary

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

With pleasure I would like to inform members what your elected Committee has achieved during this year.

Your Club has grown to over 200 members, produced a monthly magazine, kept a constantly updated website. Provided rallies to attend, held monthly general meetings, had numerous committee meetings, and sub committees active with long term strategies, hosted parties and events. Run a Swap, kept the clubhouse and grounds clean and tidy, enjoyed meals on the veranda on meeting nights and had huge working bees, had camp overs, it goes on and on. What it takes to manage it all is a group of dedicated members working as a team and seeing things through. It takes their time and through their efforts your Club runs smoothly.

The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) are a group of very talented people who are very aware of the Club's past and therefore are committed to the ongoing needs for the future to grow and make things work even better, setting policies, by-laws and long range financial planning. Management and structure are the keys to our future.

The rental property is the first example of the power of hard work and good management.

VCCAQ in general is strong and active with restorations and rallies, always keen to have any excuse to have a social night. Away on rally's is just one big party, this year we had a holiday at Mon Repos, no cars, just time to relax. Considerable time away on rallies is never a problem because someone will always come and cover a spot for someone else.

<u>Veteran Torque</u> is a very important link to everyone as to what is going on, and information to all who aren't able to come to the monthly meetings. Good rally reports are always well received. We are lucky to have Carolyn Robinson as our editor with an eye for detail and she is extremely good to work with. Articles are always being sought so don't be afraid to send her something.

<u>Dating Committee</u>, this job has transformed into quite a job. It can be hard to accurately date some vehicles, and distances travelled do incur some costs to these guys. The 100 year badges are part of this and to organise a club day to present them. Thanks to Ross, Bob, Syd and Paul.

<u>Historian</u>, Patience and dedication, good communication skills, persistence and good humour are a necessity for this job. Thanks Denis.

<u>Property Management</u>: David has an ongoing job of fixing everything at our address, whilst holding down a full time job. He never complains about it, the Hackshall family just has this "just do it" attitude. Mowing Gang seems to vary, but the job always gets done on old machinery, just leave it to them.

<u>Gardens</u>, (Vicki) we will be upgrading the gardens soon, she puts in a big effort when the time permits. Always tidy but need a makeover. The church next door will soon have stairs joining the properties, gardens need rearranging, plans are afloat.

<u>Website</u>: Very professional, easy to use because someone put a lot of thought and time in so even fools like me can use it with ease. I'm sure many people have visited the site and shared our passion. The electronic magazine system is a triumph.

The detail of this man's veteran Sunbeam reflects on the detail of this site.

It truly is a great P R site for our Club.

<u>Events</u>: No-one can beat this guy for coming up with great rally destinations, he has pulled many rabbits out of a hat to come up with some of them. His "passion" and enthusiasm, as well as raffle seller at club meetings where he promotes his runs is infectious. Keep it up Russell, hope your auto pilot never goes out

We have had other members do runs from time to time and I cannot leave out Greg Hill who has a knack for detail like no other.

The Major Events Calendar for this coming year will be a full programme with interstate and extra rallies due to our 60th Anniversary year festivities. Our Club will be putting on 4 rallies in Dalby, Yamba, Mackay and Stanthorpe. This coming year is going to be full in this area.

I would like to thank <u>all</u> of the Committee and the others who have chipped in to help, for their efforts during the year. Some of you will be continuing in your position for the next year. It will be a big ask as our 60th celebrations will be on all year.

I would like to thank my wife, the <u>Treasurer</u> for the amount of time she puts in on the books (computer) every day, as well as everything else she is involved in, without you nothing would function as well as it does. And you do it in a 2x2 metre office which also has a library and a large filing cabinet, and a small fan for cooling.xx Bob.

<u>President's Performance</u>: Not being the sharpest tool in the shed is not an issue because the team with me is so capable, each and every one of you.

Let's look forward to another successful year VCCAQ.

Bob Burley VCCAQ President.

Treasurer's Report 2014/2015

I am very happy to announce that all the books have been audited and approved and that all balances are true and correct.

A copy of the audited accounts of the Club is available tonight for perusal.

After spending a considerable sum on the rental house, it is once again increasing our bank balance every month.

I move that Carwardine & Associates be appointed for the 2015 - 2016 audit.

I also move that we leave the decision about Club fees to the SAG committee and the Club Committee. Any changes will be discussed at a General Meeting.

My thanks to everyone who has helped me during the year, and a special thanks to Robert Lovell for all his valuable advice.

Hazel Burley

Editor's Report for 2014-15 Club Year

This has been another challenging year to keep producing a magazine each month that is of interest and relevance to members. No sooner is one completed than "Magazine Week" comes around again.

Am I going to have enough material? Will I be able to fit everything in? Will I be able to meet the deadline?

Thank-you once again to all those members who contribute – be it jokes, reports of past events or photographs. Again special thanks go to Pam and Rhonda Guthrie and Greg Hill for regularly providing photos and reports.

It is always helpful to the Editor if those folk who attend rallies are able to organise amongst themselves for someone to cover the events.

This is YOUR magazine – tell me what you'd like to see more of included - your input is needed to keep it relevant. – It's always useful to have a store of technical articles on hand.

The greatest advance over the past Club year has been "going digital" by making the magazine available to financial members on the Club website. It's amazing what a difference colour makes. My special thanks to our Webmaster Peter Ransom for his expertise and advice in making this happen.

<u>Carol Robinson</u> 7 September 2015

VCCAQ Property Maintenance Report 2015

The rental property restoration was completed and new tenants moved in. Fencing was installed around the entire rental property as well as security screens on all windows. The tenants seem to be extremely happy with the improvements the Club has made. Our thanks to Michael Hackshall and all those who assisted in this major project in 2014/15. It was a big undertaking and an investment in the Club's future moving forward.

The general maintenance of the grounds was attended to by a dedicated bunch of club members who joined us on our monthly working bees. On these occasions lawns were mowed, gardens tidied and general chores were attended to. Without the help of our club members this task would be a daunting one, but with everyone lending a hand we can achieve many tasks.

In the last 12 months we have dealt with many reoccurring issues with the septic system. Blockages arising from tree roots etc have required our attention. Led lights were installed over the BBQ area as well as the carpark.

As you can imagine there are still more improvements to be made within the Clubrooms and surrounding grounds. We intend to keep on top of this in the coming year.

Thank you again for the continued help that our club members offer, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Regards David Hackshall

VCCA(Q) Webmaster's Report - 2014-2015

Our new website has been operational for over a year now and it appears to be well accepted. Using it as our distribution point for the digital edition of Veteran Torque means that many (most?) of our members now visit vccaq.com at least monthly, which in itself is motivation for me to keep adding to the site's content! I will confess, however, that there are periods when other aspects of life take precedence and some updates are put on hold.

As always, my special thanks go to those of you who send photos of our events. Quite apart from being grist for my particular mill they show the world that we're out and about, hanging out with like-minded people, using our cars and enjoying the pleasures of club life and veteran motoring.

The Events page is where you can get information about our activities in a hurry.

NB: The more information I'm given about forthcoming events by organisers means better coverage and the likelihood of more participants.

I hope this will be the year when our site goes mobile, in the sense that it would be optimised for mobile devices (iPhone, iPad, etc.). At present it's far too clumsy, but until I find my way up this learning curve I can only ask you to be patient.

My metaphoric toe has been dipped in the mysterious waters of Facebook for a little while now. I'm seeing members of some USA clubs making good use of it, having fun but also exchanging valuable caroriented information at the same time. It's really nothing to do with a web site – just another thing you can do on the Internet. Does our Club need/want/care about a Facebook presence? I have no idea, but I'd be interested to hear your thoughts.

Peter Ransom

Dating Committee Report: 2015

2014/2015 has been a quiet year for dating, though I was pleased to have eleven 100 year badges to hand out at the Presentation Dinner.

There were two vehicles that had been dated many years ago, and they have since changed hands but are still in our Club.

Those members who received the 100 year badges for their veteran vehicles are:

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100 Year Badge No.

Aberdeen	Wayne	1915	Ford Model T	254
Brooks	Kevin	1915	Buick	256
Callow	Tom	1915	Ford Model T	253
Clegg	Geoff	1913	Talbot	263
Crittenden	Graham	1911	Stoewer	261
Farnell	Trevor	1915	Ford Model T	257
Gibson	Bob	1912	Argyll	259
Hanley	Trish	1915	Saxon	258
Hill	Greg	1915	Ford Model T	260
Kennedy	Len	1915	Ford Model T	262
Pocock	Gavin	1915	Ford Model T Roadster	255

I'd like to thank Bob Collett, Syd Norman and Paul Blake for their assistance during the past twelve months.

Ross Guthrie.

Dating ChairmanVeteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc. September 2015

Rally Director's Annual Report 2014-2015

The following Rallies were attended by Club members during the Club year:

July 2014. Burdekin Rally, Far North Queensland.

Organised by Ayr/Home Hill Club Members Tom and Jan Callow, Les and Christine Wassmuth, and Dave and Fay Martin. Well attended by our members.

August 3-24. 2014 Adelaide to Darwin.

Organised by Mark McKibbin. Peter and Lyn Arnold, Graham and Irene Donges, Merv. and Margaret Thompson – drove their Veteran all the way. Well done all.

August 2 2014. <u>The Laidley Pioneer Village</u> replicated the local recruitment march with the help of the Lockyer Valley Light Horse Troop and our Veteran Cars.

August 20-24. 2014 Nanango Rally. Hope everyone enjoyed the week.

October 16-19. <u>National Veteran Rally</u>. This Rally was held in Kalgoorlie-Boulder area, Western Australia. A very large group of Queensland members attended.

November-December 2014. Mon Repos/Bundaberg Rally. Organised by Terry and Regie Lewis and John and Pam Handley. A beautiful caravan park, and a good time was had by all who attended.

December was the Club Christmas Party held in the Clubrooms.

25-29 March 2015. "Savouring Stanthorpe" with scenic runs around the area.

- 24 April 2015. <u>The Troop Train Re-enactment</u>. Several members participated in the train trip with several club vehicles at the train stops.
- 13-17 May. National Motoring Heritage Day, A pre-Heritage Day rally was organised by Greg and Irene Hill and well attended by our members.
- 6-8 June. Several members attended the QHMC Queen's Birthday Week-end at Pittsworth.
- 22-26 July was the <u>Gatton Rally</u> incorporating the <u>Grandchester Steamfest</u>, Organised by Greg and Irene Hill.
- 12-16 August was the <u>Northern Rivers VVCC 55th Anniversary Rally</u>, Co-organised by members Robert and Meryl Lovell, also well attended by our members.

R. Massey September 2015

Boreen Point Rally

On Wednesday 9th September we headed to Boreen Point Caravan Park to rally with other veteran car club members. We enjoyed a lovely social evening.

Thursday- Beautiful day and what a spot, looking out over Lake Cootharaba.

Cars ready-Thanks to Alan who took Jan in his Little, while I toured with Russell and Susan. We stopped for morning tea at a park in Cooroy, then on to the Ginger Factory for lunch. We had plenty of time to browse and shop. All met again back at camp for a great social evening.





Early Riser

Morning Tea Stop, Wahpunga State School



Neal and Ross on Train Watch

<u>Friday</u>-Rain! After much deliberation Friday was then changed to Saturday plans. Neal rang cousin Lenore to check -all being ok-we headed to Kenilworth in the modern cars.

To Cooran for morning tea, Oops Show Holiday, nothing open, so back to Pomona for morning tea .Lovely little cafe serviced by cute redheads.

On to Kenilworth to the Museum, we were first shown a silent movie, - thanks to Bob for winding the antique projector handle, really tested his muscles.

A video was then shown with Ed Sims narrating of old times in Kenilworth. Enjoyed immensely by all-although I may be a tad biased. After a full tour of the museum we convened at Nana Mc Ginns for a great lunch.

<u>Saturday</u>- much better weather so we did the Friday route. Morning tea in Pomona then on to the Kin Kin Hotel for lunch. Thanks to both Bob and John in whose cars I travelled, it was a most enjoyable day.

<u>Sunday</u>- Short drive to-day, stopped at Wahpunga School Park for smoko, then back to the Apollonian Hotel at Boreen for lunch. Thanks to Glynn and Diane for our back seat drive, we really appreciated it. Great social evening once again.



Diane holding tight to her hat in the breeze





Final Instructions

Sunday Lunch at the Apollonian



Les and Bernice Allen's great-grand-son ? Future Veteran Driver

Thank you Russell for the organisation of a great rally and to all who were there for their company. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

OLIVE OIL FOR LEATHER-FACED CONE CLUTCHES - Kevin Brooks

Some of you have heard me extolling the virtue of olive oil as a dressing on leather-faced cone clutches. Indeed, I have gained a few "disciples". However, for the unbelievers and the unknowing, let me enlighten you:

When I first bought good sole leather for my Buick clutch (having discarded a cone which now adorns my wall, complete with over \$400 of Kevlar), I asked the saddler should I use Neatsfoot Oil. His reply was, "Neatsfoot oil is good for feet. Go buy yourself a good vegetable oil!" Since that day I have used nothing but olive oil (Extra-virgin, of course) with great success.

One Doubting Thomas hit me one day with, "But surely neatsfoot oil is some kind of vegetable oil." At the time I couldn't answer him but here's the fact: Neatsfoot oil is made from the shin bones of cattle! Yes, shin bones, not hooves as with gelatine.

At Gatton recently, John Farrier remarked it was time to feed his De Dion a little neatsfoot and what a pain it is. Well, let me assure you. Go and buy a pressure pack of olive oil, remove the nozzle and replace it with one from a pressure pack that has the straw as well and all will be much easier! Douse your leather with a liberal dosing of olive oil at frequent intervals and your clutch will be sweet as can be....... and as you already know, prop your clutch open when your vehicle's not in use and let the leather "swell"..

(And here's a little after-thought: I remember from my history lesson nearly seventy years ago, that, starving, Scott of the Antarctic ate his shoes' leather soles. Well, if you should get marooned in the desert in your pride and joy, I'm sure leather already soaked in cooking oil rather than stale shin bone, will make better eating!!......And it will be kosher for vegetarians too!!!)

Your Editor obviously has too much spare time on her hands, because she has discovered some more uses for Olive Oil.

Recondition an old baseball mitt

If your beloved, aging baseball glove is showing signs of wear and tear—cracking and hardening of the leather—you can give it a second lease on life with an occasional olive oil rubdown. Just work the oil into the dry areas of your mitt with a soft cloth, let it set for 30 minutes, then wipe off any excess. Your game may not improve, but at least it won't be your glove's fault. Some folks prefer to use bath oil to recondition their mitts.

Wish I'd known about this when I played softball [Ed.]

Clean your greasy hands

To remove car grease or paint from your hands, pour 1 teaspoon olive oil and 1 teaspoon salt or sugar into your palms. Vigorously rub the mixture into your hands and between your fingers for several minutes; then wash it off with soap and water. Not only will your hands be cleaner, they'll be softer as well.

Hair Moisturiser

Is your hair as dry and brittle as sagebrush in the desert? Put the moisture back into it by heating 1/2 cup olive oil (don't boil it), and then liberally applying it to your hair. Cover your hair with a plastic grocery bag, then wrap it in a towel. Let it set for 45 minutes, then shampoo and thoroughly rinse.

Remove paint from hair

Did you get almost as much paint in your hair as you did on the walls in your last paint job? You can easily remove that undesirable tint by moistening a cotton ball with some olive oil and gently rubbing it into your hair. The same approach is also effective for removing mascara—just be sure to wipe your eyes with a tissue when done.

Make your own furniture polish

Restore the lost lustre of your wooden furniture by whipping up some serious homemade furniture polish that's just as good as any of the commercial stuff. Combine 2 parts olive oil and 1 part lemon juice or white vinegar in a clean recycled spray bottle, shake it up, and spritz on. Leave on the mixture for a minute or two, then wipe off with a clean terry-cloth or paper towel. In a hurry? Get fast results by applying olive oil straight from the bottle onto a paper towel. Wipe off the excess with another paper towel or an absorbent cloth.

And from the Assistant Editor -

Another use for Olive Oil is to look after Popeye.



Motoring in 1904 (The Car Illustrated) A New League

The two arch enemies of automobilism are without doubt to be found in the twin sisters, dust and mud. They are indeed close relations. They are more than twin sisters – they are Siamese twins; the one cannot exist without the other; destroy one and you destroy the other; when one grows the other also increases. Dust and mud have been from the beginning of the automobile movement the most dangerous adversaries of the growth and even of the existence of automobilism. Many a vindictive fine and many a police trap, many a prejudiced magistrate have been the direct result of a hot day and a set of pneumatic tyres on a country road, where a motor car has rushed past a suburban dignitary in his best clothes.

Dr Guglielminetti has for years been promoting a campaign against mud and dust. Owing to his efforts there has been founded in Paris, with the support of the A.C.F and the Touring Club, a league, whose object is to fight the dust fiend. The subscription to this new league is to be the modest sum of 5 francs, or, to become a life member, 50 francs, and the promoters of this league hope by the modesty of the subscription to obtain an enormous number of members and thus be able to dispose of large sums of money, to be devoted to a campaign to indirectly, and even directly, cause the necessary steps to be made to lay the dust. The country roads round about Paris suffer severely in the summer, so much so that there are whole districts where it is difficult to let the houses along the wayside on account of the continual passage of automobiles in fine weather.

There are already several successful processes to lay the dust, but what is lacking is systematic work and systematic observation, and it is this that the League against dust is going to supply; and it is only by united action that this result can be accomplished.

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The Tendency towards Moderate Speeds

No one who is observant can help having noticed the tendency amongst those automobilists who have been longest connected with the movement to drive quite moderately powered cars. There is really no necessity to buy or use a car in the United Kingdom for touring or train catching which has much in excess of 25 h.p. and so much greater is the efficiency power than of yore that quite high speeds can now be obtained with cars of comparatively moderate calibre. Cars of very high horse power will, I think, become rarer every year for touring and every day purposes. My own experience is that the longer a man has been a motorist the more reasonable are his views as to speed. Taking those who have been keen motorists antecedent to the year 1900, I find that most of them are now content with cars of about 20 h.p. or even less, and, except for racing purposes, do not desire to possess 40 to 60 h.p. vehicles. The 110 h.p. Gordon Brillie which has recently distinguished itself at Nice, is, of course, a triumph of mechanism, in that so large a power can be placed in a car which weighs under 1,000 kilos. Such vehicles, however, are merely racing machines, only useful in the direction of showing what can be done. But no one with common sense would think of purchasing a similar car for his own private use, and the average buyer and owner naturally prefers a car in which reliability, appearance and comfort are combined. There are plenty of cars under 25 h.p. which possess these qualities in a high degree. Again too much speed is not really comfortable except on roads with a first-rate surface. The tendency therefore in the future will, I am sure, be in the direction of moderately powered cars.

[Thanks to Wayne Aberdeen for the above]

FOR SALF.

- * **1912 TALBOT 4M.** 90% restored. All hard to find parts. New radiator, lights etc. (spent too much money).
 - Contact: Bob Collett, (07) 3808 1183; mob. 0411 242 360.
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- * 36MM SIDE DRAUGHT ZENITH CARBURETTOR.
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- * *25" SPLIT RIMS, reasonable condition, a la veteran Dodge, late teens.

Contact: Kevin Brooks 07 38880943 or brooks@goanna.tv

* LOST - ONE NAME BADGE. Has anyone seen one around without me attached?

Contact: Alan Robinson (3201 1986 - redbubble@picknowl.com.au.)

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Some Events for Your Diary

January 26 2016. **Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Australia Day Rally.** Ormiston State School, enter from Wellington Street. Free breakfast from 7.30am, BYO morning tea; vehicle display until 10.30am, followed by short rally to lunch at Alexandra Hills Hotel.

Information from S0411 516 122 or Margaret 3286 3424.

March 25-27 "Easter in the Country". Roma

March 25-28 QHMC (North Qld) Rally. Organised by the Mackay VMC

Veteran Club's 60th Anniversary Rallies

March 6-11 Dalby May 22-27 Yamba July 3-8 Mackay Sept. 18-23 Stanthorpe



Some Swapmeets

October 25.[Sunday] **Ipswich Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club**. \$3 entry. No site fees. Stan McCrea Memorial Soccer Field, Brisbane Rd, Ebbw Vale.

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February 6-7 **Toowoomba Swap**. At the Showgrounds.

Saturday : 6am – 6 pm. Sunday 6am – 1pm

May 29 QVVA Swap

A little bit of.. HUMOUR

The Greek Economy Explained

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It is a slow day in a little Greek Village. The rain is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.

On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the village, stops at the local hotel and lays a 100 Euro note on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to spend the night. The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, The hotelier grabs the 100 Euro note and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher. The butcher takes the 100 Euro note and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer. The pig farmer takes the 100 Euro note and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier of feed and fuel. The guy at the Farmers' Co-op takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his drinks bill at the tavern. The publican slips the money along to the local prostitute drinking at the bar who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer him "services" on credit. The hooker then rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill to the hotel owner with the 100 Euro note.

The hotel proprietor then places the note back on the counter so the rich traveller will not suspect anything. At that moment the traveller comes down the stairs, picks up the 100 Euro note, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, takes the money, and leaves town.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything. However, the whole village is now out of debt and looking to the future with a lot more optimism. And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is how the bailout package works.

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This morning I was sitting on a bench next to a homeless man, I asked him how he ended up this way.

He said: "Up until last week, I still had it all!!! A cook cooked my meals, my room was cleaned, my clothes were washed, pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV, internet, I went to the gym, the pool, the library."

I asked him, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce??????"

"Oh no, nothing like that", he said.

"No, no ... I got out of prison."

