

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

JUNE 2021



*Car of the Month - Bill and Jean Jarrett's
newly acquired 1909 Maxwell*



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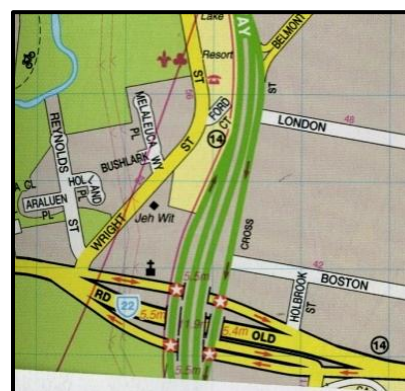
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The Club holds its meetings on the first MONDAY of each month (excluding January). Meetings are held in the VCCA(Q) Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, CARINDALE. (Corner of Old Cleveland Road and The Gateway Arterial Road – Refidex Map 182 E5). 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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(Please use full name as above to comply with bank requirements.)

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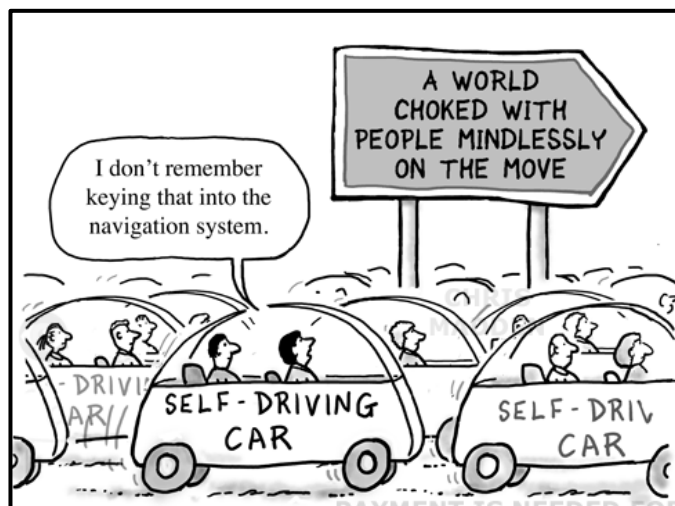
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President's Report May

It is with great sadness that I write my report for this month as we have lost our last Foundation Member **Grahame Wilkinson** and I want to send our sincere condolences to his wife Dulcie and his family. The 65 year commitment Grahame had to this Club was significant and we are going to miss him terribly. His many years on committee with Ray Allan saw the club through plenty of hardship and their foundation work ensured the Club's future survival. We are thankful for Grahame's contribution and the Club will continue into the future due to these efforts. He is leaving behind a wonderful legacy and will be sadly missed.



Looking forward to the Mary Valley Rally in June especially with it being the 50th Anniversary of the 1971 Apex Maryborough rally. There is also of course the chance of some shenanigans likely with Terry at the helm and Phil will bring it all together at Imbil to bring the rally to a close.

On that note...We have decided to bring back the tradition of the President's Rally. This year it will be held in Kingaroy from the 3rd to the 5th of September just in time for the AGM. One of the highlights will be a visit with 'The Last Rim Maker' a tour of the workshop of Steve Hood of Vintage Rims Australia. I have known Steve for many years and his passion for cars is burning brighter than ever. Further details will be released soon.

I'm not going to hide the fact I have an ulterior motive for wanting to hold this rally in Kingaroy. My father's health will no longer afford him the luxury of attending rallies so in that spirit I decided that I could bring the rally to him. Nothing would bring him greater joy than seeing all of the veteran cars on a rally in his home town, and for us as a Club to celebrate the fact that he is now our longest serving club member.

2021 Motorfest is happening while we are all away in Maryborough. Rob and I have enlisted our daughter Ashley and her partner Adam to take the Dodge for a display to represent the Club.

Happy Motoring

Sally

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Letter to the Editor

VCCAQ MEMBERSHIP When I originally joined the club in the mid 1960's it was a group of enthusiastic and energetic members. After re-joining with Suzanne in recent years it is pleasing to see that the enthusiasm has not waned although we are all much older. Each of the clubs of which we are members are different with the drivers of sports and high performance cars tending to drive them in the manner for which they were intended and members of other clubs needing to polish the inside of the exhaust pipe for a concours. Veteran drivers own their cars for the satisfaction of restoring, maintaining and the sheer enjoyment of driving and experiencing the early days of motoring. I do not feel the same enjoyment of 80's and 90's cars now eligible for historic registration. Thank you to the Club for making us welcome once again.

Bob & Suzanne Ausburn

GRAHAME DOUGLAS WILKINSON

27-10-1937 - 11-05-2021

Back in 1954 the word went out for anyone with drivable cars built before the end of the First World War to join a group of enthusiasts in a rally from Brisbane to Brighton to celebrate the premiere of a film titled *Genevieve* which was based on the infamous London to Brighton Rally.

Again in 1955 a similar event was held only this time it was suggested that they should form a Veteran Car Club. It wasn't until the following year, 1956 after a similar event, that this became a reality.

Grahame, as a young 17 year old with an interest in his father's 1913 Rolls Royce, got caught up in the enthusiasm for these old machines. He was there in the crowd at the meeting which followed the rally at Brighton, where the motion was carried to form the Veteran Car Club of Queensland and with that, he paid his one guinea to become a founding member of the Club.

With Grahame's passing goes our last Foundation Member, in fact Grahame is one of the few of those 26 members that day who stayed with the Club for the rest of their life.

Except for the time he was stationed in Mt Isa, Graham was a driving force in the Club, he is the longest serving Secretary, holding that position for 19 years. During this time, he managed to restore the Rolls Royce and building the magnificent Roi de Belges touring body to replace the retrofitted 1930's roadster body.

In 1984, Grahame used the car to chauffeur our Patron, His Excellency, Sir James Ramsay the Governor of Queensland and Mrs Ramsay, from Government House to the Queen Street Mall to start the first of the Kern Classics. The next year, 1985, Grahame was made a Life Member of the Veteran Car Club, an honour I know he was very proud of and cherished dearly.

I don't know what Grahame was thinking of in 1987 when, while still holding the position of Secretary, he put his hand up to be the Queensland Rally Director for the 1988 International Rally. This event was based in Canberra but had starting points in all of the mainland capitals, each with between 50 and 100 plus vehicles converging on the Capital. Grahame, with Dulcie's help of course, organised the entire run from Brisbane to Canberra through country NSW over 4 motoring days.

Aside from his service to the Club, Grahame was also willing to share his expertise to help members with their projects. Utilising his trade skills as a carpenter, he was responsible for building the bodies on a number of cars which have been in the club. Most have found their way to other parts of the country with one, the 06 Spyker returning to its birthplace of Holland and was the Spyker which featured in the 2006 re-enactment of the original 1907 Peking to Paris race.

Back in the early days of the Club, any of us who travelled the highway from Toowoomba to Brisbane after finding a trailer full of rusty car parts were often a target of the police. I remember heading down the highway one Sunday morning with a rusty 1917 Oakland on board and seeing the flashing red and blue lights of a police motorcycle in the rear vision mirror with his siren blaring. As I pulled over I said to Malcolm, "*I don't know what I have done wrong I can't be speeding.*" He said "*don't worry I know who it is*". With that the copper walked towards me removing his helmet to reveal Grahame's beaming face saying allo, allo, allo what have we got here!! Relating the story back at the Club, most said they had been intercepted by Grahame at varying times for a look and a chat.

Grahame has been an honoured member of our Club, a Foundation Member, a Life Member and a friend of many. We offer Dulcie and the family our sincere condolences for their loss, and join them in remembering his legacy.

Peter Arnold



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The following memory of Grahame has been received from Bob Ausburn.

This is very sad and an emotional time for all of us early members

Here is a little anecdote.

In the 1970's when I was driving my lowered and restored to concours standard 1952 Jowett Javelin home from college at night along Kelvin Grove road I was stopped by a motor cycle policeman for a noisy straight through exhaust. I mentioned that I was a member of the Veteran Car Club of Qld. and asked if he knew Graeme Wilkinson. I can't remember his reply but he let me off without any infringement notice much to my surprise. Graeme probably never knew and I never managed to thank him.

Cheers

Bob Ausburn

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

Monday 3rd May 2021

April 2021 Club meeting that was to be held on the 29th March was cancelled due to Brisbane being placed in Covid-19 Lockdown by the Qld Government.

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

Apologies: Alan & Carol Robinson, Lauren Forster, Trevor & Janette Farnell, Diane Hackshall, David Hackshall, Michael Hackshall, Graham & Dulcie Wilkinson, Bill & Karen Ryan, David Straughan, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, Trish Hanley, Paul Blake, Louisa & Tim Becker,

Visitors: Sarah Mc Garth – Zac Charlton Partner
The Fireman who was coming to this club meeting forgot it was a public holiday and so was not working that day. He will attend the club meeting next month.

Attendance: 44 As per the Attendance Book

Zoom Attendance: Nil

Minutes of the March 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, All agreed

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence - Inward:

Magazines Various Clubs
Telstra refund \$50.00 – Club closed the account
Rates notice
Origin Account
CRE8 –Realty
Thank you note from Helen Revell
Rent paid – Various clubs

Emails Inwards:

Jaguar Drivers Club – storage of a shipping container on club grounds
Ben Alcock, President Victoria Veteran Car Club re- TAVCCA “next generation” committee member for Qld.

Correspondence Outward

Post letter to – Murweh Council Mayor, thanking the council for all their contributions and assistance during the 1 & 2 National Rally

Email outward

Letter to Jaguar Drivers Club
Thank you letter to David Mc Credie for his donation of the two Maxwell Manuals.

Rhonda moved that the inward correspondence be received, and the outward be endorsed, seconded by John Farrier carried. All Agreed

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

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

Events: Phil Fletcher spoke about Maryborough & Imbil rallies for June. Phil mentioned that Rhonda had sent out the Information regarding this event to the motorbike entrants that joined us in Charleville. At this stage he hadn't heard from any of the motorbike folks. The Meeting approved that the veteran motor cyclists be invited.

In view of the Apex involvement in the original rally in 1971 and the help provided by the Mayor and the Town Crier in organizing the current event Terry Lewis wishes to invite the President of Apex, the Mayor and the Town Crier and their respective partners to attend the Dinner at the RSL as the Club's guests on Saturday, 12th June. Phil advised that Terry Lewis has requested that \$250 be made available for this purpose. Peter Arnold moved that this be approved. Seconded by John Day. Motion Carried."

The Meeting approved that the Maryborough & District Antique Motor Club and the Fraser Coast Historic Vehicle Club be joint participants with VCCAQ in the Car Display at Queens Park on Sunday, 13th June."

The Mary Valley Rally will be organised by Terry Lewis and helpers. The second section of the rally to be held in Imbil and will be organised by Phil Fletcher.

At this stage there are approx. 19 definite, 11 entrants that will participate in both events, 7 for Maryborough and only 1 for Imbil.

Phil would like to know definite numbers for the rally as he would like to keep in contact with the caravan parks we will be visiting.

Phil asked if club members were happy to have the club events broken up into two different districts.

Peter A. felt the idea works quite well with a day in the middle to transfer from one town to the next.

Kevin also said he was happy to have the 2 different venues.

By a show of hands most club members at the club meeting were happy to have split venues for club rallies.

Phil mentioned that at the Warwick & Boonah rallies the entrants mentioned to him that they were having a ball. This brought to his mind the idea of a country ball, though not all venues have a suitable dance floor.

Kevin asked if Phil was able to access suitable music for such an event. Zac said he would have access to such music and Glenn Adams also mentioned he and Bev would have access to such music.

Phil asked if anyone would be prepared to recite poetry at a club event, Kevin Brooks and Kathy Day said they would be happy to have a go.

Graham Donges gave a report on the recent 1 & 2 Cyl National Rally held in Charleville.

Graham thanked all the committee for their dedication to the event. He felt everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. Quite a bit of money that was raised has been given to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Graham read a letter from that organisation thanking the club and entrants for their donation.

Kathy Day thanked Margaret Thompson for organising the Brothers Cut & Scan machine which they won in the raffle. Kathy admits at some stage she's sure she will have to cut a gasket for a vehicle.

Sally thanked all Qld club members who attended as an entrant or as a helper, she had heard from various areas that it was a great success. Joe Jarick also mentioned that he had heard from a friend in Victoria who also mentioned that he had heard it was a great success.

Property Glynn Hackshall reported that we had tenants in the club house, they have contract for a 12 month stay. They will re-negotiate the lease at the end of that period.

Website and Security Russell Massey reported the security was working well. Website had some photos on there from the Charleville rally for those who wish to view.

Dating Ross Guthrie reported he and the committee were in the process of dating a 1916 Buick belonging to Bob & Diane Carruthers.

QHMC Albert Budworth reported all was going well. Though, they had a meeting recently with the TMR which was unfortunately controlled by the modern cars and relevant organisations.

Social event.

Albert is the Social director, he would like some assistance with organising some fun social events, The suggestion is a "P" night, could be Pies & Peas / Pizzas or a Wine & Cheese evening. He can't do it on his own, so if we want to enjoy a social evening, he will require assistance from club members. If it is to be a Wine and Cheese evening maybe the club members should bring their swag or motorhome or trailer and stay the night at the club grounds. The evening is planned for some time in July 2021

General business:

Kevin asked about the RACQ Annual display. This year 2021 the date and venue have been changed to June and the City showgrounds. Unfortunately this clashes with our Maryborough Rally.

Albert mentioned that he also will not be available as he will be out in the country with the RACQ Farmers help group. He mentioned the mice plague that is happening out in the country towns and recommends we place camphor balls or camphor oil in and around our vehicles and in our homes to keep the vermin out.

Kevin requested that the club write a letter of apology to the RACQ mentioning that we will not be in attendance due to the fact that they have changed the date and the club already had a function planned.

Merv Thompson mentioned that entry to the RACQ display has now closed.

Bill & Jean Jarrett, were very pleased to announce that their 1909 Maxwell has finally arrived from the USA and is purring away in their garage.

Rhonda was able to report that Robert & Meryl Lovell have also added to their family a 1914 Fiat Zero from Victoria.

Congratulations to both families.

Graham showed a piece of timber that he has had shaped for one of his Brush axles.

Graham also mentioned that one of his Brushes now has a hood and a windscreen, thanks to Merv Kroll from whom he had purchased the vehicle many years ago.

Albert Budworth mentioned that he had purchased a 1913 Ford Model T Speedster at the Ormiston School Swap except it is 1/18th scale fits on the palm of his hand.

The club had received an email from Ben Alcock President of Victoria requesting a "youngish" Qld club member to join the "Next Generation" group the Veteran Movement is organising. Rhonda had sent the email out to all the committee members and Zac Charlton's name came to our mind. Sally asked Zac if he was interested in joining this group of young veteran enthusiasts and he accepted the challenge.

Peter A mentioned that whilst on the Boonah rally he indicated with his arm to turn right, but unfortunately was overtaken by a young driver who didn't understand the hand signals. Peter is now going to have indicators placed on all his veteran vehicles.

Glynn Hackshall thanked Rob Beeston for his generous donation of books & past memorabilia he has donated to the club library.

Meeting Closed 9.30pm

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

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

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SOME FUTURE NATIONAL RALLIES

2021

Oct. 10-16. RACV National Veteran Vehicle Rally, "Rally to the Mallee" Swan Hill, Vic. Entries now closed. If you wish to be placed on the Standby List, contact Michael Holding 0407 008 895.

Nov. 22-26. National Highwheeler Rally, Mount Gambier, SA. Enquiries Noel & Sue Holbrook

2022.

April 20-23 Brush National Rally. Enquiries: Alan Miller, 0407 283 897

May 8-14 National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally. Narrandera, NSW. E: Narrandera2022@gmail.com.

Sept.25-Oct.1 Model T Rally Dubbo. Email: rally 20t2@gmail.com

Oct. 23-28 National Veteran Rally. Busselton, WA. Enquiries Peter and Pauline Hume
Email: pandphume@bigpond.com /Ph. 08 972 80219/0408 700 086

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Are you coming to our
"P" Party?

Come dressed as something that starts with a **"P"**

I think there will be a lot of - Princess - Pirate ?????
Or if you would prefer - come as a **Person** (yourself)

At the Club Rooms

1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale

Contact **Albert Budworth**

Ph 0429 780 980

5.30pm - till ??

24th July 2021 - \$15.00 Per person

As it is a Party there will be lots of



"P's"

Pumpkin Soup
Pies/Peas/Potatoes



Pavlovas

Ice Cream (PAULS) of course

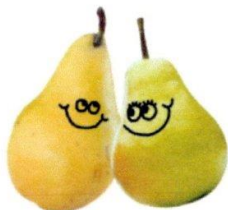
Pear

Peaches

Pineapple

Passionfruit

& Lots Lots More



BYO Drinks

YOUR DATE WITH A RALLY?

THE MARY VALLEY RALLY is hard upon us. It starts with three days enjoying the lower reaches of the Mary River Valley around Maryborough, then follows a day to relocate up river for three more days enjoying the quite different landscapes around the upper reaches of the river and its tributaries. Well that represents one more day of rallying than planned for Swan Hill!

But, not content with that, Terrible Terry has set his sights on the Guinness Book of This'n'That

On, Thursday 10th June, officially the day for arrival and setting up, it is rumoured that Terry is plotting a short familiarisation run in the afternoon for those there early enough. Friday and Saturday are proper driving days leading up to an official GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY RALLY DINNER at the RSL on Saturday evening. Sunday we display our cars in conjunction with local historic vehicle clubs in Queens Park. This reflects a similar display that was held on the same date in 1971 and in the same place during the Apex Rally for which ours is a Commemoration.

The latest rumour suggests that after a picnic lunch in the park, we will be off on a leisurely drive. On Monday a third of our number, unable to take any more, will head home and the rest of the grey nomads will press on to Imbil to enjoy the pleasant rural environment for three more days of challenge and adventure.

And, as if that is not enough, Terrible has now sought approval for an Impromptu Rally around Imbil and yours truly is seeking approval to extend the rally to visit a most unlikely automotive 'museum' at Kybong on the morning of 18th June.

It should be a Ball – but our Dance Instructors can't turn up to Imbil. We'll have a Ball anyway but the Supper Dance will have to wait 'til next time.

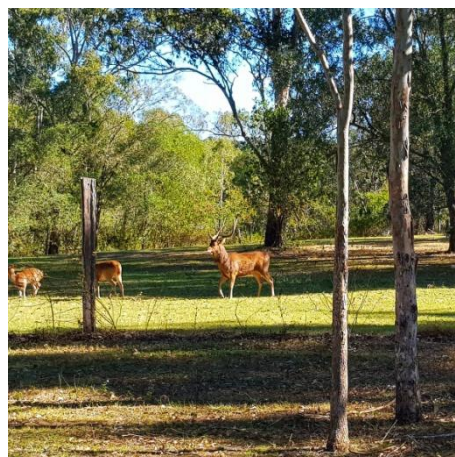
THINKING ABOUT NEXT TIME – IT'S TIME I ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT SALLY HAS KINDLY AGREED TO MY REQUEST TO RE-ESTABLISH THE LONG-AGO TRADITION OF A "PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL RALLY" – THE FIRST OF WHICH WILL BE ON 1ST TO 3RD SEPTEMBER AT KINGAROY.

IT ABSOLUTELY SHOULD BE A BALL!

SEE YOU ALL AT A RALLY SOON,

PHIL FLETCHER

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SOME COMING EVENTS - CLUB AND INVITATION

27 June

The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) is invited to join with the Vintage Car Club of Queensland for their annual Concours d'Elegance. With the Covid-19 disturbance to the usual location, it will be held this year at the **Sherwood Arboretum**, Jolimont Street, Sherwood. This location has a special significance, because from 1955 until 1986 the majority of Vintage Concours were held there. The Brisbane City Council, Councillor Nicole Johnson, is keen that the event is held as a "Community Event" in conjunction with local organizations and to this end has advised that it is waiving the usual park hiring fee. There will be no entry fee or donation. The Riley Club and the Austin 7 Register will also be invited.

3 and 4 July Steam Fair Old Petrie Town

A yellow poster for the Steam Fair Old Petrie Town. At the top, the title 'STEAM FAIR' is in large, stylized black letters, with 'OLD PETRIE TOWN' in smaller red letters below it. To the right, the dates '3 & 4 July 2021' are listed, followed by the times: 'Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm', 'Sunday 8.00am to 2.00pm', and 'Grand Parade Daily at 12.30'. Below the title is a collage of six images showing various steam-powered vehicles and machinery. A black banner with white text reads: 'In 2021 we will be showcasing vintage fair grounds and the machinery which supported the industry. Come and join in all the fun of the fair!'. Below this is a red banner with white text: 'Something for the whole family, so come along and join the fun!'. The main body of the poster is yellow and contains two columns of text. The left column is headed 'Enjoy the fun of the fair' and lists 'Vintage Rides and Games'. Below this is the heading 'See majestic machines from last century in action' followed by a list of items: 'Traction Engines', 'Steam Rollers', 'Vintage Tractors', 'Vintage Stationary Engines', 'Steam Toys and Models', 'Vintage Cars, Trucks and Buses', and 'Working Machinery Displays'. The right column is headed 'visit our other exhibitors' and lists 'Historical Displays' and 'Demonstrations'. Below this is the heading 'or explore the village attractions' followed by a list: 'Village Shops', 'Hotel', 'Markets', 'Pine Rivers Trades Guild', 'Pine Rivers Potters', 'The QLD Fire Brigade Museum', and 'Pine Rivers Men's Shed'. At the bottom, a black banner with white text reads: 'Old Petrie Town, 901 Dayboro Road, Whiteside'. Below this is a blue banner with white text: 'To help keep our heritage alive we ask only for a gold coin donation to our museum and for some activities'. At the very bottom, there is a small line of text: 'For information contact: livesteam002@yahoo.com.au' and a small Facebook logo with the text 'Find us on'.

11 August: (EKKA Holiday Wednesday).

Shed Raid - Further information in due course

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2020 National Veteran Rally for 1&2 cylinder vehicles

Frank Cerutti

The 2020 rally was planned for western Queensland, based around Charleville, for April 2020. The planned commencement of the rally occurred just after the COVID-19 disturbance took hold, and hence was delayed by 12 months hoping that, by then, we would have flattened the curve of infection.

The COVID panic came and went and the Club was finally free to hold the rally despite minor flare-ups in infections and spurious border closures.

Ultimately, close to 80 cars turned up caused by a decrease from cancellations due to health and other obligations and a surge in additional entries who were not ready in 2020. The documentation and publicity, which was printed in 2020, remained for the delayed start with a supplement for the additional vehicles, and was accepted by all.

The rally had some innovative parts, all of which were well received. The cars were divided into 5 colour groups. Each day there were short, pre-morning smoko tours to 5 separate locations. This gave every car owner a chance to ensure their car was up to the rigors of the day. After morning smoko, all cars proceeded on the long run to a lunch location. The longest run was to Angelella Creek bridge picnic spot off the Cunnamulla Road. This run was just short of 120km (75 miles), return.

Another innovation was a Rest and Repair day in the middle of the rally, which happened to be a Sunday. This was well received by all participants.

The commemorative rally badge was also different. It was a miniature of the porcelain signs used during the first half of the last century to advertise fuel, lubricants and car dealerships. Certainly, it will be treasured.

The rally featured the customary public display in the town centre followed by the gas-light parade where visitors could see how inadequate carbide head lights and kerosene side lights were back in the day. The town put on a market and the restaurants and pubs catered for the rallyists for dinner.

Charleville has a few tourist-worthy attractions comprising the Royal Flying Doctor base and museum. The Cosmos Centre for astronomical studies and the Bilby display which does the advertising to save this threatened Australian marsupial. All are worthy of a visit and support.

The Murweh Shire, of which Charleville is the principal town, was very appreciative of the Committee choosing their area in which to hold this national event and responded generously. Hopefully, the funds we injected into the town for services like accommodation, fuel, food, drinks, entertainment and other running costs will trickle down through the community to the benefit of all.

There were no destructive "failures to proceed". Some owners chose to delay repairs until back home and went along in modern vehicles. There was the usual number of flat tyres which proved little barrier to continuing.

I know that the club will be proud of the effort put in by the members of the organizing committee, and all the assistance freely given by other club members, who even though they didn't have a suitable car, did all the work organizing the day to day running of a successful rally. It was good for us, who live remotely, to catch up with them again. I would like to personally recognize one of the members predominately for the enthusiasm he displayed as a Direction Marshall, Brett Hollingum. To you Brett, you did well. Thank you.

Frank Cerutti



Starting Grid



Visit to Flying Doctor Base



Maxwell gang

L to R. 1907 RL Bill Ryan, 1909 LD Adrienne Cerutti, 1909 A Stephen Forster, 1910 AA Keith Wilson, 1910 AA Syd Norman, 1911 AB Len Kennedy, 1912 AC David McCredie.



REO Gang

L to R. 1910 Len & Fiona Kelly, 1909 Laurie & Marcia McGrath, 1908 Peter & Jill Hawkins, 1908 Dave & Fay Martin, 1907 2cyl Ian & Jackie Martin, 1906 Grant & Melissa Vormister, 1905 Andrew & Christine Gauld, 1903 Oldsmobile John & Alison Day

1905 De Dion Bouton

Our understanding is that our car was imported by a Mr Calcino in 1905. He imported wines from France, and pushbikes for his various businesses. We understand it was the first vehicle in Charleville. We met one of the daughters (Joan Calcino) many years ago, then met Frank and his family whilst we were in Charleville at the 1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally.



As Frank was about to celebrate his 100th birthday we were asked if we could arrange for him to arrive at his birthday party in his Father's vehicle. This was duly arranged, Rob and Pam came with us on the party day and we were able to meet most of the family and caught up with Aunty Joan (95) who still looks amazing.

Both Guthrie families had a most enjoyable day chatting with guests and family members.

Ross and Rhonda.



Australian Record broken in Dalby for Vintage Stationary Engines.

Recently engine enthusiasts from many parts of Queensland joined Dalby Pioneer Park Museum members in conjunction with the Dalby Show Society to display over 400 engines in an attempt to break the Australian record for the most number of engines running together. Scrutineers had a busy job watching for engines that didn't start or that stopped running during the prescribed ten minute period. Officials from The Australian Book of Records officiated and announced that the previous record of 333 held in Macksville was broken with 353 engines.

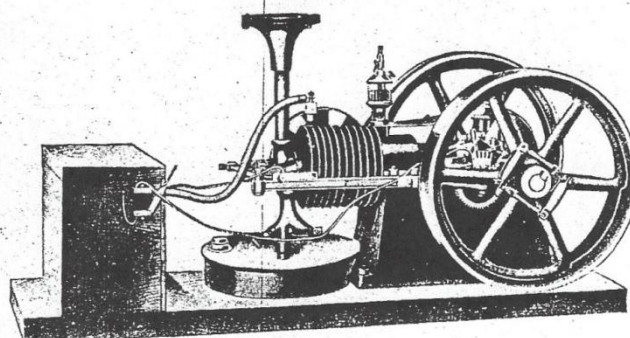
We had one of the oldest engines in the challenge – our 1908 International Tom Thumb Hit and Miss Engine. The engine has coil ignition, is air cooled and we ran it off a 6 volt Edison Storage Battery made in 1926.

Edison claimed this battery would last 100 years. It is now 95 years old and still works as good as new.

Wally and Bev Lanagan



Tom Thumb Famous Air-Cooled Gasoline Engines



Tom Thumb Famous 1-Horse Power Engine

This little helper will do more work in a day than two men—pumps all the water needed on an ordinary farm, runs cream separator, grindstone, fanning mill, washing machine, domestic water works, small shop machines such as emery wheel, drill press, etc.; in fact, any machine not requiring over 1-H. P.

Tom Thumb is the simplest engine of its kind made, no complicated parts to get out of order; air-cooled—no water-cooling system to freeze in the winter; light weight, and easily moved.

This little engine develops more than 1-H. P. and is made of the same high grade materials and in the same careful manner that distinguishes all I H C engines.

CONSTRUCTION.—The engine is provided with a hit-and-miss type of governor, very sensitive in its action. No gasoline pump is used, but, instead, a simple mixer placed over the gasoline tank. A partial vacuum is produced in the pipe by the suction stroke of the piston and a flow of gasoline is induced into the mixer. The gasoline is regulated by the needle valve. The valve mechanism is very simple. Both valves may be removed by unscrewing one bolt in the cylinder head. A belt driven fan aids in cooling the cylinder.

IGNITION.—Jump spark ignition is used, for which five dry cell batteries, jump spark coil and a spark plug are regularly furnished.

EQUIPMENT.—Tom Thumb engines are equipped complete—ready to run—with the following accessories: Galvanized steel gasoline tank, a plain pulley, 6 inches in diameter with a 2½-inch face, also complete pulley arrangement for driving a cream separator, consisting of a reducing gear and a 4-inch pulley with a 2¾-inch face, capable of transmitting ½-horse power, battery box, batteries, jump spark-coil switch, spark plug, oil can, and necessary tools, all mounted on a solid wood base.

SPECIAL ACCESSORIES.—A 6-inch pulley with a 5-inch face that can be used for operating the standard and walking beam pumping jacks can be supplied on special order. A 4-inch pulley with either a 2½ inch or 5-inch face may also be had on special order. A magneto and bracket and a special hand truck can be furnished for this engine on special order. See pages 45 and 49.

H. P.	Speed R. P. M.	Regular Pulley		Fly Wheel		Capacity of Fuel Tank Gallons	Base Measures Inches	Height Inches	Approximate Shipping Weight, Pounds
		Diameter Inches	Face Inches	Diameter Inches	Face Inches				
1	600	6	2½	15½	2¼	¾	12 x 42	21	259

MARKET PLACE

WANTED FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE:

LATE MODEL VETERAN 1915-1918

Vehicle requirements :

- RHD.
- Driver able to enter and exit via driver's door.
- Engine has minimum of 30HP. (more preferred)
- Electric Lights.
- Electric Starter.
- A full set of side curtains, if Roadster or Tourer.
- Overall condition to be **very good**. Will qualify for entry into Concours D'Elegance.

Contact: GLENN ADAMS 0418830129 : pgrga@bigpond.com

WANTED

FABRIQUE NATIONALE (FN) CAR AND MOTORBIKE PARTS UP TO 1914.

Interested in parts, literature, information, photos. Brass gear change housing in photo is needed for a 1909 FN type 1400.

Contact: Andrew Brand. Ph 0414 219 250. andrew.brand@mail.com

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CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY THIS CARBURETTOR?

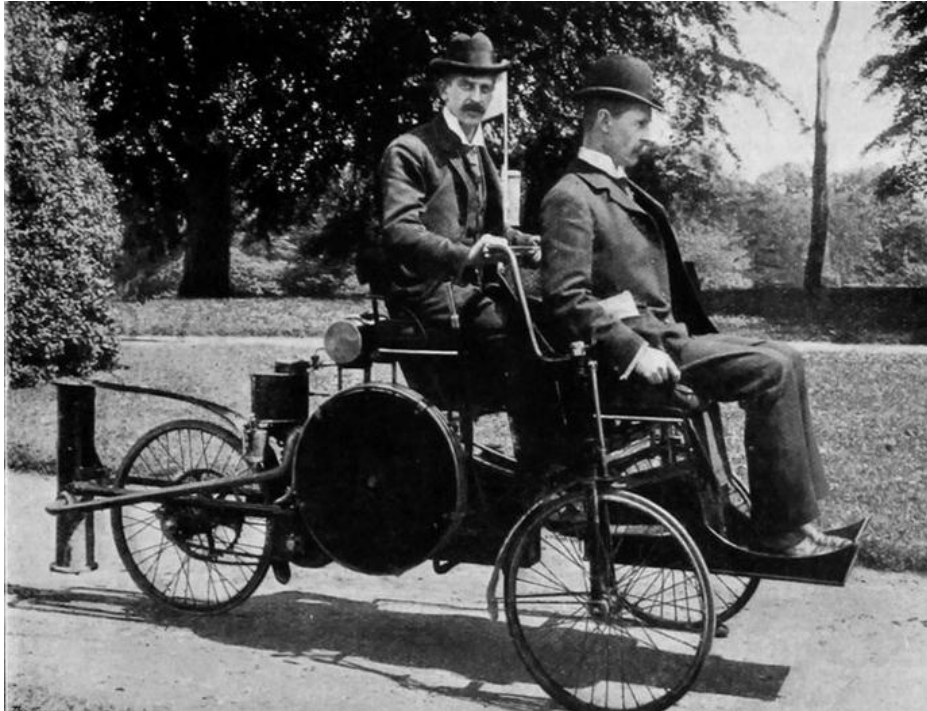
It is looking for a home.

(Original email from Steve Spalding, RACQ)

"A bit of history. The vehicle in the photo was one of three that were stored at Water St behind the front office. I assume that was before the Inspections office was built. They were sold by tender in the 1970's. I recall that happening and I may even still have a copy of the tender ad somewhere. According to Henry Anderson, and I think confirmed by Norm Robinson, they should never have been sold as they were donated to the club. All three have since disappeared. I'd be interested in some more info about it if there is any, just for my personal information. I assume it no longer exists."



Contact: Albert Budworth with any information
Email: albertdianebudworth@outlook.com



James Dennis Roots and Cuthbert Edward Venables of 100 Westminster Bridge Road, London, are testing their latest petrol-powered tricycle in 1897.

(From the Alex Gow collection).

A LITTLE BIT OF ...HUMOUR

[The following, from "Coffs Splutter" is too good not to reproduce]

Husband: *My wife if missing. She went shopping yesterday and hasn't come home!*
Officer : *Age:?*
Husband *Not sure. Between 50 & 60. We don't do birthdays.*
Officer: *Height?*
Husband: *I'm not sure a little over five feet tall.*
Officer: *Weight.*
Husband: *Don't know, not slim, not really fat.*
Officer: *Eye Colour?*
Husband: *Sort of brown, I think"*
Officer : *Hair Colour?*
Husband: *Changes regularly, maybe dark brown, can't remember*
Officer: *What was she wearing? Maybe pants, or skirt or shorts, don't know exactly.*
Officer: *What kind of vehicle did she go in?*
Husband: *She went in my car.*
Officer: *What kind of car was it?*
Husband: *A 1920 Model T Centre door with electric starter and demountable rims. Title number matches engine number and the engine was just rebuilt with Scat crank, touring cam, oversize stainless steel valves, Prus high compression head, outside oiler, Jack Rabbit clutch, high volume intake, Stromberg OF, E-Timer, new Berg radiator, modern Layne Warford, and new upholstery. At this point the husband started choking up.*
Officer: *Take it easy Sir, We'll find your car.*