

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) INC.

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

VETERAN TORQUE

NOVEMBER 2015



*Terri Butler, [Federal Member for Griffith] and Richard McDonough [Author]
cut the cake to mark the launch of his book, "Queensland's Motoring Dawn"*

{photo courtesy P. Guthrie}



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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

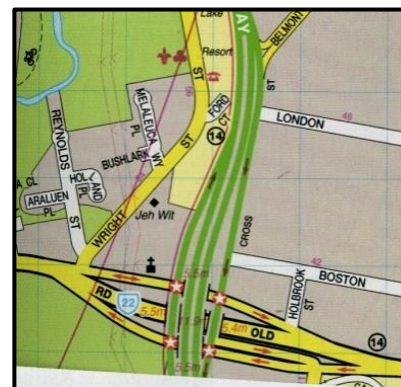
Membership fees for 2015 (Due July 1) are:

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.



Note: 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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**MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTYFIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE
VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA QLD. INC. HELD IN THE CLUB ROOMS AT
1376 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD CARINDALE
MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2015**

Opening: President Bob Burley opened at 7.35pm

Attendance: 30 were present as per attendance book

Apologies: Frola Gilltrap, Graham & Irene Donges, Frank & Kathy Muggeridge, Wayne Aberdeen, John & Alison Day, Trevor and Janette Farnell, Iris Anderson, Michael Hackshall, David Hackshall, Trevor Brosnan, Geoff & Barbara Clegg, Andrew Wright, Merv & Margaret Thompson.

Visitors: Nil

Adoption of previous General Meeting Minutes: Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 7th September be confirmed as read. Moved Hugh Kimlin and seconded Syd Norman Carried

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Correspondence Inward:

1. Qld Historic Motoring Council – Committee changes and dues required
2. L.J. Hooker – Rental House lease expires November 2015
3. Magazines Horseless Carriage Gazette Vol 77 No. 5; Spit and Polish – NSW Club; WA Veteran Club newsletter; Tasmania Veteran Club newsletter
Other club newsletters – Gold Coast, Cairns, Townsville, Vintage Car Club
4. Q.V.V.A. Hire of club tables
5. Rent income – Subaru, Qld Early Ford V8, Austin 7, Vintage Car Club
6. Membership - David & Helen Revell; John Gratton-Caine

Correspondence Outward:

1. Governor's Office – change of committee
2. BOQ Change of Signatories
3. Kenilworth Museum – thanking Lenore Meldrum for opening the museum whilst we were in the area.
4. Q.V.V.A. Hire of club tables
5. 60th Anniversary Invitation to all State secretaries
6. Name badges, National Register to various club members
7. Welcome letter to Steve & Lauren Forster and Susan Hack-Stephenson and son David

Business Arising from correspondence: Nil

The Secretary moved that the Inward be accepted and Outward be adopted – Seconded Diane Hackshall. Carried.

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

Business arising from the Treasurer's Report: Peter Ransom queried why the Club had a separate rally reserve account. Hazel explained the reason, also mentioning that some club members prefer the Club to have a separate account. The Rally Reserve account is for the development of local club rallies as well as a reserve for paying deposit on future National Tours the club is required to arrange. There are also occasions when the Club Committee feels it is important to give a donation to the visited schools or local small museums. These donations are taken from the reserve account rather than the Club General account. As of this club year all those who participate on a local club run are asked to pay \$5.00 per family to help top up the account. Russell Massey the Club Events Co-Ordinator and Bruce Wright both spoke to the meeting regarding the rally account.

QHMC Report: Nil

Historian Report: Nil

Webmaster Report: Nil

Library Report: Nil

Editor Report: Nil

Dating Report: Ross Guthrie presented Trish Hanley with the Dating Certificate and the 100 year Badge for her 1915 Saxon. Trish thanked the previous owners of the Saxon, she is very grateful to have the car in her possession.

Events Report: Russell Massey reported that he and Susan joined Bob & Hazel Burley on a most enjoyable touring weekend with the Vintage Vehicle Touring Enthusiasts Club, they travelled approx. 400 km over the 3 days.

Russell felt it would be a great rally for the Veteran Club to do sometime in the future though he would need to check out a few roads before giving the OK.

ACT National Rally to be held in Goulburn, the first week in November, many club members will be attending.

Events Report Cont: Club Christmas Party to be held on the 19th December at the club rooms - more information to come in future newsletters.

Russell is hoping to be able to arrange more social events in the new year. The first one is to be the weekend of the 23-24th January. Diane Hackshall has offered to co-ordinate a Cornbeef & Cabbage night and Russell to arrange a movie for the evening entertainment. Sunday we'll have a BBQ breakfast at the club rooms. It is planned to be a low key weekend.

General Business: 18th October will be the "Queensland's Motoring Dawn" book launch written by Richard McDonough - this will be held at the club rooms at 10am. You are requested to bring your veteran vehicle to be placed on display - vehicles to be in place by 9.30am for a 10am/ 10.30am morning tea. For those who enjoy dressing in period costume please do so as that will certainly add some extra heritage feel to the morning. President Bob asked for a show of hands and about 15 club members said they would be able to attend.

As the Local Federal Member will be in attendance the committee felt it would be a good idea to have a couple of working bees before that date. The old log edges badly need to be removed and the bushes trimmed to make the area look respectable. It was decided to have a working bee on each of the coming Fridays 9th & 16th October, suggest you bring some morning tea and a bite for lunch.

Club meeting starting time - as there were quite a few club members not in attendance at the meeting, it was decided to leave it at 7.30pm for the remainder of this year. Meeting starting time will be discussed at the February meeting.

President Bob asked for a show of hands and most people didn't mind the early start, it is just more difficult for those club members who are still working to get to the meeting on time.

Honour Board - Once we add the current names to the honour board it will be completely full. The committee has decided to have another one made basically the same and have it placed on the opposite wall, this will give the club another 60 years of executive names.

The mention of replacing the carpet with vinyl was discussed at the committee meeting and it was felt that there will be no change at this stage.

Hire of Club Tables - This was discussed at great length at the previous committee meeting and it was recommended not to hire out the tables to other clubs.

Kevin Brooks spoke that he felt we should, and that if necessary we charge the club a bond. There was a lot of general discussion. Kevin then moved that "The club hire out the tables and charge that club a bond" Seconded Peter Ransom. A show of hands was taken and there were 5 in favour of the idea and 18 against so the motion was lost.

Alan Carpenter spoke about Ken Melville, a new club member, Alan mentioned that Ken had purchased his Renault from a friend in Griffith NSW.

Les Allen - asked about the result of sewage for the club rooms. Phil Fletcher who was a town planner, was asked at a previous meeting to make enquiries - Phil suggest that we do not go ahead with the idea of joining the church system as it could make it very difficult with regards to the council.

Next Meeting - most of the committee and many of the club members will be in Goulburn for the National Rally. It was suggested that those who come to the next meeting have a relaxed and social evening.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Rhonda Guthrie,
Secretary



JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

When: 19th December 2015 starting at 5.00pm

Where: Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale

Cost: \$27.00 per person (subsidised by Members' Social Acc.)
\$32.00 per person (non members)

Hot & cold savouries will be served from 6.00pm.
Followed by main meal and dessert, tea & coffee.



BYO drinks only.. Punch supplied.

Once again there will be a donation box, this year for
The Smith Family Christmas Appeal.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

RSVP 1st December 2015
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President's Report

Our members are like an army, only have to mention we are going to have a book launch and they spring into action. Painting the front of the Clubhouse, pressure cleaning the other walls, scrubbing tables and cleaning floors.

- The ladies did the cooking and the shopping for the morning tea.
- The mowing gang did a lot of work and I know we dumped 1.5 tonnes of garden related rubbish. The grounds now look really well looked after.



The book launch went well with more than eighty people in attendance, lots of veteran cars, and quite a few members of the Vintage Car Club, leaping cats and a beautiful Alvis, just love those red triangles. We received a copy of the book "Queensland's Motoring Dawn" for the Club Library, donated by Rick McDonough, Thanks Rick. I bought a copy as did many others. I have only read five chapters thus far, excellently written and lots of old pictures.



Book signing



Terri Butler launches the book



*Serving Wench
Rhonda*



*Irene and Rhonda
dressed for the
occasion*



Some of the Veterans at the Book Launch



Jak's Napier

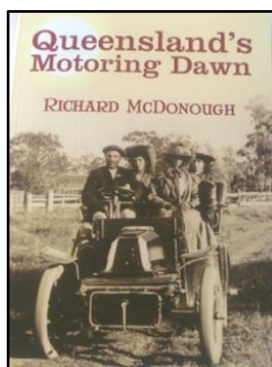


Graham takes some future members for a spin

The committee sneaked into the committee room and had our meeting one day early, so that those of us heading south have more time to get ready for the Goulburn National Rally. We did finish in time to still get a feed of all that yummy cooking, lots of cars had gone, so we packed up and went home as well.

The November meeting will still be on, Vice President Glynn will be chairing the meeting. As a number of members will be at the National Rally in Goulburn it will be a short meeting and lots of social time.

Bob Burley



Members' Matters

At the last General Meeting, Ross Guthrie presented Trish Hanley with the Dating Certificate and the 100-year Badge for her 1915 Saxon roadster (formerly owned by John Stewart and Bob Collett)



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Thank you

To those of you who were able to attend the recent two working bees in October. The building and grounds look a lot fresher and tidy.

When our property is on display it is very important to set a good example at all times to other clubs and people who use our grounds.

Rhonda.

Syd Norman and Graham Wilkinson were unable to attend the recent working bees due to health problems – we wish them a speedy recovery, along with Joe Timkiv, Roly Clark and Alan Robinson.

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A note from the Editor

Will members who change their:

- Email address
- Address
- Telephone details, etc.

Please notify me (redbubble@picknowl.com.au)

Will you please also let me know if you no longer wish your **'Wanted' and/or 'For Sale'** notices to be included.

Note that if you wish to have your Items listed in other States' Veteran Magazines, a sale price (or ono) must be included.

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Kevin and Joyce Brooks no longer have a landline phone, their mobile numbers are:

Kevin (preferred) 0412 720 035
Joyce 0490 253 939

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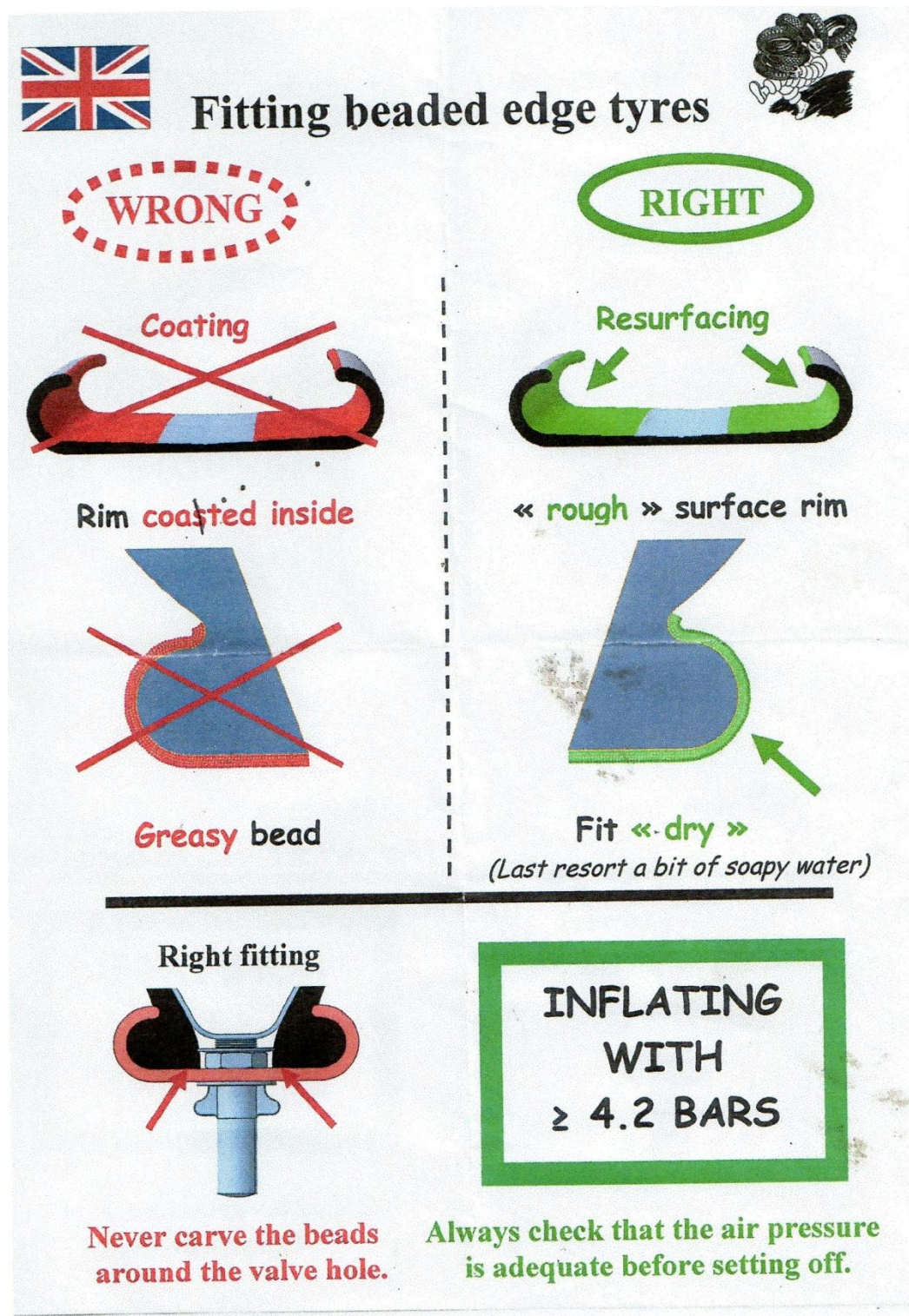
Instructions for Installation of Beaded Edge Tyres (from Michelin c. 2010)

A couple of months ago I purchased a couple of Michelin 880 by 120 tubes from the UK and these were the instructions that came with them.

The rubber was about 2.5mm thick-----NOT like the local supply that looked like it was a bicycle tube and when blown up to 880 by 120 size, I could almost see thru it!!!!
It went flat in 2 weeks and had to be re inflated every two weeks!!!
It is now in the Chandler Rubbish Tip and I am c.\$50 worse off!!

PS. I think the tube was a Waymaster. Ask Russell what his impressions of Waymaster are and stand WELL back!!!!

Jak Guyomer



SOME CLUB EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

19 DECEMBER. CHRISTMAS PARTY – At the Clubrooms. Full details this issue.

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23-24 JANUARY. SOCIAL WEEK-END Based at the Clubrooms, and organised by Russell. It is proposed Saturday night will be a Chinese meal followed by a Movie; Sunday will be a "Corn Beef and Cabbage" meal, to be organised by Diane Hackshall.

21 FEBRUARY (PROPOSED) ANNUAL MEMORIAL RUN (in conjunction with the Vintage Club).

6 AUGUST. ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER

20 AUGUST.[SATURDAY] CLUB SWAPMEET From 8.30am. At the Clubrooms.

Queensland's ONLY **Veteran/Vintage Swap**. Gold Coin Admission. Tea, Coffee and Sausage Sizzle available. We expect that Irene and Kathy will again be on hand with their Vintage Clothing Boutique.

Veteran Club's 60th Anniversary Rallies

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

OTHER CLUBS' EVENTS

January 26. **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

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ARAPROSDOKIANS

are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Winston Churchill loved them.

Some examples:

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
4. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
5. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
6. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
7. To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.
8. In filling in an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency', notify: I put 'DOCTOR.'
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they look sexy.

Japanese WWII Efforts helped along by some reliable American "Tin"

Kevin Brooks

On Joyce's and my recent cruise to New Guinea, I was surprised to find among the Japanese WWII relics in Rabaul, a narrow gauge locomotive powered by a Ford Model "A" motor. While it was linked to a heavier than normal gearbox, the motor was stock, standard Model "A". After checking out other exhibits, I went back especially to see whether the motor was Canadian or American but there appeared to be no engine number.

Also present amongst the collection was a Harley Davidson bike and sidecar. The Japanese were apparently using Harley Davidsons under licence from the States.

All very interesting!



Only monkey in NG, wearing informal head attire after losing a good Akubra overboard. (the Akubra was rescued by a canoe crew member who couldn't be reached in the strong current. He gradually made his way to shore but when we returned, he had long gone - and is now the proudest native on the island.)



Overseas Historic Vehicle Surveys

Thanks to John Day for forwarding the following which appeared in the October QVVA Monthly Magazine:

John comments as follows:

"I have always said that any Politician who impacts negatively on the motoring hobby in any of its forms, is a doomed Politician. These figures from Europe are very interesting."

Overseas Historic Vehicle Surveys

Our hobby is of enormous size, but requires quantifying if we are to be successful in lobbying. Recently, we tabled two overseas surveys of historic vehicle ownership at the Transport Department's Motoring Organisations and Car Clubs committee. The scale of these European and North American surveys enabled a very clear picture of the hobby in these locations, and also clearly had parallels to what we considered the local situation to be. Thus, in the absence of a similar nationwide survey in Australia, these publications serve a valuable role in communicating the characteristics and impact of our hobby to local decision makers.

The World of Historic Vehicles in Figures was published in 2015 by FIVA (Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens), covering the European continent. Surveys were undertaken between April and July 2014, a mammoth task involving 14 languages. This updated previous surveys, the first of which was carried out in 2006. In 2013 FIVA decided to carry out a new European survey that would encompass each of the three 'pillars' of the historic vehicle movement: the owners, the businesses supporting the owners, and clubs. Close to 20,000 responses (covering 40,000 vehicles) were received from owners in 15 countries, while close to 1,000 businesses participated. In addition, over 1,400 clubs responded to the request.

Collation of the data received was handled professionally, with the results available early this year. In relation to owners, the key points were :

- 98% were men
- Two-thirds had a household income of less than 60,000 euros (around \$89,000 Australian dollars currently)
- Average owner's age of 54, and 25% are retired
- Annual vehicle usage - average of 2484km
- Average of 2.2 vehicles per owner
- Have owned a car 13 years on average, motorcycle 17 years
- Use their vehicles 30 days per year (less than 15 days per vehicle)
- Close to 60% do their own maintenance
- 80% belong to one or more clubs
- Average annual expenditure of 6,500 euros on each vehicle (\$9,600 Australian dollars)
- Average investment in a restoration of 12,000 euros

It is estimated there are 1.5 million owners of historic vehicles in the EU

For the businesses supporting the hobby :

- Average of 4.5 employees
- Skills succession is a major issue
- Average age of owner 57, average age of staff 46

One of the key findings of the club survey was the high level of charity support in their activities, with 44% involved in this at some time during 2013. 57.3% of clubs organized multi-day events in other countries, generating significant tourism value. 63% of clubs organised at least four of these touring activities each year.

The full survey can be read at:

http://ehac.nl/up-content/uploads/PDF/Diversery/14_11_17_fiva_mep_brochure_rev_1_41.pdf

In a forthcoming edition, a similar US survey from 2011 will be detailed.....[Ed.]

FOR SALE.

- * I found what appears to be a **1905 PEUGEOT FRERE ENGINE**, under an old house the other day about 500cc , 3.5 hp or so Peugeot say.
I presume its motor cycle, but could be car? Anybody interested? Or have info on what it would suit? Reply to John Pauling in Blenheim NZ, email jandlp@xtra.co.nz



- **1912 TALBOT 4M.** 90% restored. All hard to find parts. New radiator, lights etc.
Price: \$30,000
Contact: Bob Collett, (07) 3808 1183; mob. 0411 242 360

- *** BLACK WOLF TURBO 300 TENT,** (with receipt).
Quality canvas, used only once for 4 days, new condition, comes with one side panel. Under Warranty Selling due to illness. . \$ 1000 neg. *Contact:* Visnja Timkiv mob.0448961393 email: vispomana@gmail.com



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A little bit of.. HUMOUR



FROZEN CARBURETTOR [Thanks to Bob B. for sending this]

People often complain about the police, but you rarely hear about the positive things they do, such as this incident involving a biker and a frozen carburettor.

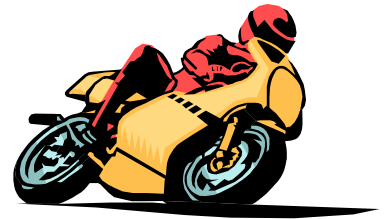
Last January on a bitterly cold winter's day, a North Dakota State Trooper on patrol came upon a motorcyclist who was stalled by the roadside. The biker was swathed in heavy protective clothing and wearing a full-face helmet to protect the face from the cold weather.

"What's the matter?" asked the Trooper
"Carburettor's frozen," was the terse reply.
"Pee on it. That'll thaw it out."
"I can't," said the biker.
"OK, watch me closely and I'll show you." The Trooper unzipped and promptly warmed the carburettor as promised.

Moments later the bike started and the rider drove off, waving.

A few days later, the local State Troopers' office received a note of thanks from the father of the motor cyclist.

It began: "On behalf of my daughter Jill..."



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A smart London lawyer runs a stop sign and is pulled over by a Glasgow policeman. He thinks that he is smarter, because he is a lawyer from LONDON and is certain that he has a better education than any Scottish cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Policeman's expense!!

The Officer says, "Licence and registration, please."

London Lawyer replies, "What for?", to which the Glasgow cop says, "Ye didnae come to a complete stop at the stop sign."

The Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming." To which the Glasgow cop replies, "Ye still didnae come to a complete stop. Licence and registration, please". London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"

Glasgow cop says, "The difference is, ye huvte come to complete stop, that's the law, Licence and registration, please!"

The Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my licence and registration and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." Glasgow cop says, "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, Sir." The London Lawyer exits his vehicle. The Glasgow cop takes out his baton and starts beating the heck out of the lawyer and says, "Dae ye want me to stop, or just sloo doon?"

