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Flashback

This month's FLASHBACK is of an interesting 1916 Day Elder truck but we have no other details. Can you identify the time and place? Respond to the Editor.



Greg Smith recognised the DeDion Bouton shown in the November FLASHBACK photo. The 1904 De Dion Bouton pictured was of course the Markoff vehicle. I recall it was driven by Bernie McManus on most occasions, and I seem to recall he sported a great moustache and often wore a boater hat and maybe a striped blazer. I am sure someone will correct this if I am incorrect. From my poor memory, I seem to recall that the Harry Markoff De Dion Bouton ended up going to NSW. Again someone will correct exactly where if I am incorrect. Really nice little De Dion, that would be well suited to the Pioneers Event!!

We also know this car was advertised for sale in 1971 in the Antique Automobile magazine (USA) - see the ad reproduced below. We do not know of its current location.



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The RACV supports the:

- RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally
- RACV Midwinter Rally
- RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally

Coming Events

2 December 2018	Combined club Christmas party – Como Gardens
11 December 2018	Christmas Natter Night – 8pm at Clubrooms 7.30pm Drinks and Nibbles, 8pm Meeting with nostalgic videos
15 December 2018	BREAKFAST RUN - Valley Reserve Mt Waverley Contact: Frank Pound: 9583 7723
16 December	2018 Two Wheel Brake Run - 7.30am start at Latrobe's Cottage Contact: Peter Latreille: 9826 2167
20 January 2019	Great Australia Rally - Cruden Farm Contact: entryEGAR@abccc.com.au
25-28 April 2019	2019 Annual "4 & More" Rally, Corowa. NSW Contacts: David Lang T: 03 5881 2492, Don McPherson M: 0412 851 325

Major Events

14 - 17 March 2019	RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally - Bright Contact: John Stanley 0409 001 836
18 - 19 May 2019	Pre 1905 Pioneer's Rally, Ballarat - TAVCCA National Event Contact Greg Smith: 0447 395 233
19-21 July 2019	RACV Mid Winter Rally – Inverloch Rally Director: Ben Alcock 0404 917 366

National Events

10 - 15 March 2019	National Veteran Motorcycle Rally - Ulverstone Tasmania Contact: Greg Smith 0447 395 233
22 – 26 April 2019	National Brush Rally 2019 – Goolwa, SA Hamish McDonald: brushownersregister@gmail.com
17 – 23 September 2019	National Veteran Rally – Bargara (Bundaberg, QLD) Rally2019@skymesh.com.au
29 Sep – 5 Oct 2019	National High Wheeler Rally – Castlemaine, VIC Contact: Greg Smith 0447 395 233
11th – 17th October 2020	National Veteran Vehicle Rally - Swan Hill, VIC Contact: Michael and Claudia Holding 0407 008 895

International Events

30 Aug - 6 Sep 2019	HCCA International Tour Entries now open - Russell Holden: 0422 219 911
29 Sept – 5 Oct 2019	Model T Ford Annual Rally 2019 Maryborough, QLD www.mtop12.wix.com/mtoq

Front Cover: Entrants assembling at the RACV Resort at Cape Schanck on the RACV Annual Veteran Car Rally (Photo by Gordon Berg)

President's Message

Thank you Deb Alcock and Ben Alcock

This years RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally at the RACV Cape Schanck Resort was an outstanding success, and I thank Rally Director *Deb Alcock* and *Ben Alcock* for putting together a memorable event. The theme was a nostalgic 'Remember When...' – a trip down the memory lane of a bygone era of fun and friendships and touring the Mornington Peninsula. With 50 entries and over 100 participants, both Deb and Ben ensured that all were superbly catered for and enjoyed veteran motoring on the Peninsula.

RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally, Bright...

Rally Director *John Stanley* reports entries are building, and that 'all States are now represented – just had an entry from WA, and have been advised that ten entries will be coming from QLD'. An entry form is included with this edition of *Brass Notes* and it is also available on our website. There is a wide selection of accommodation, and comprehensive details are published in our Events section. This rally is building in numbers very early and picturesque Bright has so much to offer.

Ian Berg on ABC Radio...



L-R Ian Berg, Allison Hadfield and Dave Morley at the ABC

The Veteran Car Club featured on *Jon Faine's Conversation Hour* on ABC Radio on Tuesday October 30. *Ian Berg* showcased our Club history *Dementia Prodest* and joined a panel with motoring journalist *Dave Morley* and his book: *Six Decades of Holden Versus Ford* and *Allison Hadfield* with her book: *The Mad Scientist of Australian Hot Rodding: Rod Hadfield*. You can hear the recorded podcast, and Ian is on the last 20 minutes of the one hour session: *The Conversation Hour* Tuesday October 30. Ian has had many members phone and email their warm comments and congratulations as to the professional style and Ian's natural ability to handle radio. This was a superb opportunity to showcase not only the historic movement, but also the depth of historical knowledge that our Club is the custodian of, with motor vehicles and their role in Victoria's early years.

Walt Disney – Christmas, Disneyland and Cars...

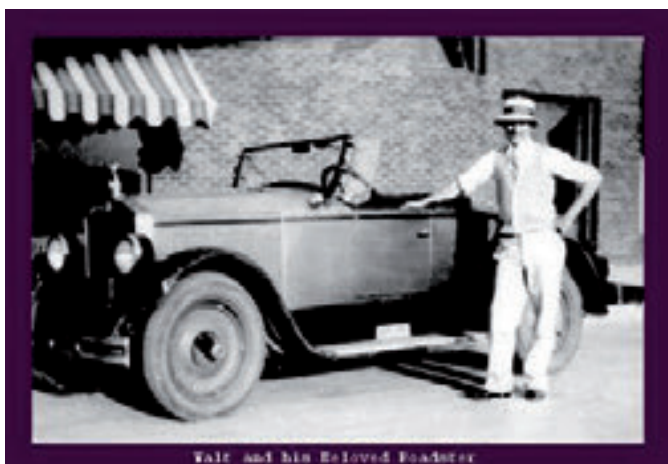
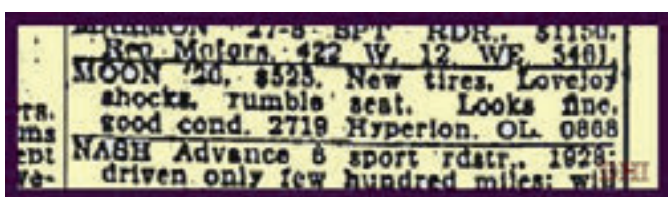


For many Walt Disney is synonymous to Christmas – think movies such as *A Christmas Carol*, *The search for Santa Paws*, *Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas*, *Arthur Christmas*, *The Muppet Christmas Carol*... that's just a few, and Disney also has produced an extensive collection of Christmas films, specials and television episodes. For others, the television specials featuring Disneyland decked out in its Christmas livery is part of the magic of Christmas – something to dream about. *Walter Elias Disney* was born in Chicago in 1901 – in fact his early life tracks the veteran era of the automobile and the Disney Corporation picks up the story:

The 'car culture' of famous filmmakers is a long and storied one. Since the earliest days of the silent film, Southern California has seen a veritable parade of Pierce Arrows, Cadillac Phaetons, Rolls-Royce and roadsters were all as much a symbol of Hollywood success as a house in Beverly Hills. *Walt Disney*, too, enjoyed his own cars, but unlike other celebrities of his day – and today – *Walt's* was not a constant love affair. In fact, *Walt* recalled, 'I never owned a new car until way after *Mickey Mouse*'. *Walt* was both a poverty-wrought Midwesterner and an ambitious man, and frequently his own wants and needs were superseded by the needs of his business ventures.

Walt's wife, *Lillian*, recalled that he would frequently drive *Lilly* and *Kathleen Dollard*, an 'ink and paint girl' home. 'We used to work nights,' *Lilly* said. 'By that time he had a Ford roadster with one seat and an open back. He used to take us home after work.'

Recovering from the financial loss of *Oswald the Lucky Rabbit* in 1928 (and ramping up a whole new cartoon series to replace it) spelled the end for *Walt's* beloved Moon Roadster. The New York sound recording sessions for '*Steamboat Willie*' proved to be very expensive. The Disney brothers needed every dime they could squeeze out. 'So I had this beautiful Moon Roadster'. After initially listing the car for \$525.00, it was sold within a week for \$475.00. It's interesting to note that this sale was made in the first week of November 1928.



Walt and his beloved Packard

Even though Mickey Mouse quickly became a hit, it took many years for Walt and Roy's fortunes to recover. 'We mortgaged our homes, sold our cars, and went without things for a good many years after Mickey Mouse was a big success. I still didn't have a new car. Things were going pretty good. I splurged. I got a Packard – a brand new one'.

Later, Walt gave up his blue 1942 Packard Custom Convertible Coupe for a 1948 Oldsmobile 98 Deluxe Convertible Coupe. Walt was featured in a series of colour magazine advertisements (photographed at his Los Feliz Hills home) praising the practical aspects of the new DeSotos. Walt's last car is fondly remembered by one of his film stars, Dean Jones. 'He passed a Mercedes dealership,' Jones says, 'He looked in the window and saw this little two-seater. They were about \$11,000 at that time.'



Walt Disney... spruiking DeSoto

His family still owns the Mercedes to this day – and of the extension to his Park dedicated to the culture of the car and a celebration of the American Highway.

Disney had been a heavy smoker since World War I. He did not use cigarettes with filters, and had smoked a pipe as a young man. In November 1966, he was diagnosed with lung cancer and was treated with cobalt therapy. On November 30 he felt unwell and was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where, on December 15, ten days after his 65th birthday, he died of circulatory collapse caused by lung cancer.

It's those special things that count...

Rally Directors *Les Johnson* and *Jeff Alcock* are to be congratulated for their eye for detail in adding those special things that made the Overland rally something really special at Orange NSW. Les enlisted the help of his granddaughter Sophie to 'man' the lollie tray at the 1920's picture theatre – yes, complete with orange Jaffas to roll down the wooden floor. There was even some 'tut-tutting' from some diehard royalists when only a handful of patriotic souls stood for the 1940's version of 'God Save the King'. (King George VI died 6 February, 1952 from lung cancer aged 56), and I assume that those who remained seated were loyal to Her Majesty.



Les Johnson – Rally Director extraordinaire



Sophie – anyone for lollies?

President's Message

The music of Jon Faine Conversation Hour

The producers of the Jon Faine program really put some colour into the show with their choice of music. The Allison Hadfield interview on Australian Hot Rodding was introduced with *Ike Turners – Rocket 88*.



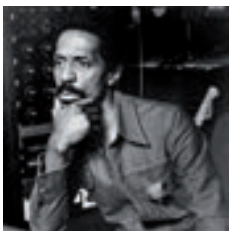
Oldsmobile Rocket 88: The World's First Muscle Car - Come a long way since the Curved Dash Oldsmobile 1901-1907

*You woman have heard of jalopies
You heard the noise they make
Let me introduce you to my Rocket '88
Yes, it's great, just won't wait
Everybody likes my Rocket '88
Baby, we'll will ride in style movin' all along*

*V-8 motor and this modern design
Black convertible top and the girls don't mid
Sportin' with me, ridin' all around town for joy
Blow your horn, rocket, blow your horn*

*Step in my rocket and don't be late
We're pullin' out about a half past eight
Goin' on the corner and havin' some fun
Takin' my rocket on a long, hot run*

Ooh, goin' out, oozin' and cruisin' and havin' fun



Ike Turner

UK Radio DJ Mark Radcliffe wrote in his book *'Reelin in the years'*: It's generally accepted that the first rock 'n' roll record was *'Rocket 88'*, recorded in 1951 by *Ike Turner* and his *Kings of Rhythm*. It had a new aggressive distorted sound allegedly resulting from rainwater getting into Ike's

amplifier in the boot of his car. Another version of the tale has the same amp falling off the roof rack and suffering significant damage. Whichever you choose to believe it seems that the birth of rock 'n' roll owes something to Ike's very casual attitude to automobile maintenance and/or road safety.

The song is a hymn of praise to the joys of the Oldsmobile Rocket 88 automobile which had been introduced in 1949. Sam Phillips, owner and pioneer of Sun Records in Memphis claimed *'Rocket 88'* as 'the first rock and roll song'. Sun Records today is a tourist attraction, which I have visited on two occasions.

The lead into the *Ian Berg* interview on *Dementia Prodest* was a song by *The Triffids* – an Australian alternative rock and pop band formed in Perth back in May 1978 with David McComb singer, songwriter, guitarist, bass guitarist and keyboardist. His song: *Wide Open Road* was released in 1986.

The Triffids – Wide Open Road (1986) – YouTube

*I lost track of my friends. I lost my kin
I cut them off as limbs
I drove out over the flatland
Hunting down you and him*

*The sky was big and empty
My chest filled to explode
I yelled my insides out at the sun
At the wide open road*

*Then it's a wide open road
It's a wide open road
And now you can go to any place
That you want to go*

The quote of the year...

Euan and Wilga Coutts live just out of Orange NSW and are regulars at many of our Victorian events – in fact as interstate members of our Club they are wonderful ambassadors. The trip a few months back down to our RACV Midwinter Rally, Ballarat, was a twelve hour drive, but Wilga's description of their Ballarat odyssey must rank as the quote of the year:

*'Never been so cold,
Never been so uncomfortable,
Never had so much fun!'*

Wilga is still laughing that she was chalked up on the board for the cold start competition – and wasn't scratched!

Or... is this the quote of the year?

Graham Crittenden was the after dinner speaker at the Farewell Dinner at the Orange event. His exploits in restoring his historic vehicle 'Whitey' was covered extensively on the television news. One reporter asked the frequent question:

'How much did it cost?'

And Graham replied with this pearler:

'Married men never keep records of a restoration!'

1&2 Cylinder Nationals Charleville 2020

Rhonda and Ross Guthrie are busily promoting the 1&2 Cylinder Charleville event, and I caught up with them at Orange. Although they don't have an Overland, they were wonderful company – a delightful couple! They tell me that so far there is are 68 expressions of interest (EOI's) - and a good number from Victoria (Lena and I have registered). And how many entries do they expect? 'We're getting closer to our magic number – don't ask what that number is as we all have a different number in mind'.

'Old Whitey' – Willys Overland legend...

'Paul, make sure you catch up with Graham Crittenden, at Orange' so advised *John Stanley* 'and send him my regards'. I did, and the tale of Old Whitey is one of Queensland's motoring legends. In 1916 the car at 81.8mph on Perriau 3 rib tyres at Southport Beach (a world record) and later set a new record of 2 hours and 7 ½ minutes for the journey from Brisbane to Toowoomba. Graham Crittenden acquired the car in 1966 for \$2,000, and it sat on his farm for over 30 years before he began the restoration. A highlight of the rally was the starting of the original experimental SR4-8 V8 engine that was originally briefly trialed in Old Whitey back in 1916 – back then it scared the living daylights out of the driver Fred Eager in just 20 minutes of gyrations. Today the engine resides in a veteran chassis that is being restored by David Crisp, and it was an historic moment when the engine was started for the first time since 1916.



The SR4-8 engine in the David Crisp Car



Graham Crittenden with Old Whitey

Councillor Carly Brown – A Delightful Meeting

On the Tuesday of the Forbes Rally, we displayed our vehicles in the delightful historic town of Grenfell, which features a streetscape of unspoilt shops and turn of the century buildings. Almost the perfect set for a bushranger movie and interestingly was the birthplace of Henry Lawson. The townsfolk were warm and welcoming, and I had a chat with the local Weddin Shire Councillor Carly Brown – a charming, articulate and engaging lady. We shared local government tales – I was a Councillor of the City of Camberwell in the 1980's.



Paul Daley meets Councillor Carly Brown

Popular Breakfast Runs...

Frank Pound's Saturday morning Breakfast Runs are a Club institution and the first for this season did not disappoint. Surrey Park was the perfect venue on October 28, with an immaculately kept picnic area complete with all the facilities in pristine condition. Frank has selected over fifteen parks over the years – mainly in the south east and eastern suburbs as this has been where the support has come from – evidently a run in the northern suburbs did not attract members from that side of the city! The Club thanks Frank for his continued interest in running this popular event.



Breakfast at Surrey Park – L-R Andrew Brown, Kevyn Brown, Barry Smith, John Prior, David Inglis

President's Message

Celebrating 60 years of Aries



L-R Barry Smith with Barry Gomm

It was time to celebrate at the Cribb Point RSL – *Barry Gomm* was seen ordering a sauvignon blanc from the bar. It was 60 years to the day since he first rallied his trusty 1909 Aries – and that's something to raise a glass to, and *Barry Smith* seems to concur.

Putting back into the Community...

I was chatting with Laura Perry from the Orange NSW Tourism office, and she stressed the importance of our hobby to their rural city and surrounding towns. *'Car clubs are a very big draw card to small towns – they spread out and put tourism money back into the community – some people are really struggling'*. She said events like the Highwheeler Rally that was held at Orange contributed approximately \$200,000 to the local economy. Our visit to the small town of Canowindra created a buzz with the locals, and apart from pubs and coffee shops, there were many creative tourist attractions. **Blind Freddy's Bushranger Tours** caught my eye. They take you to the actual locations in Central West NSW and give you the opportunity to revisit the bushranging era of the 1860's. Their expert guide takes you to the actual locations where the likes of Frank Gardiner, Johnny Gilbert and Ben Hall roamed, robbed and roistered. They offer a range of set tours, but as they want to satisfy all your bushranger needs, they offer to tailor a tour just for you. Maybe next time!



Paul Daley... Blind Freddy's Bushranger Tours

Retro T-Shirts... the 90's revisited



L-R Jessica Alcock, Anna Young, Amy Martinich, Ben Alcock, Jack Alcock, James Dunshea

Our 'next generation' crew turned out in style with specially produced T-shirts for the Cape Schanck event. They looked the part and I was able to obtain a photo of the Alcock gang and James Dunshea back in the late 1990's. Yes... memories!



The 'Kids Club' back in the 1990's

Children love veteran cars

Veteran cars – especially those with brass jewellery – seem to really attract the interest of kiddies. Students from St Joseph's Primary School Eugowra, took time out to inspect our cars when we visited their town and took morning tea on the Showgrounds. A TV news crew also followed us that day and the Rally made the lead story on the evening news. Eugowra is a small NSW town of just under 800, and the Veteran Rally visit was a highlight for the locals.



St Josephs Primary School students, Eugowra

First time out...

Lena Daley enjoyed socialising and welcoming some new faces at the RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally. Penny's husband Brendan is a regular at Club events while Penny has her hands full with two teenage children – this time she had time for a weekend away. Sri Miller is an old friend of Lena's, and this was her first taste of veteran motoring.



Penny Pierce, Lena Daley and Sri Miller

Those were the days...



L-R Vinnie Wills Cooke, Paul Daley and Debbie Couper

The Saturday Night Dinner at the Cape Schanck Resort saw many of the ladies turn out reminiscent of the '60's. Vinnie and Debbie looked the part and kicked up their heels on the dance floor later in the night.

Member News...

Gracie Sciacca had no problem handling the family's 1913 Overland 69T – a few years of tractor experience came in handy with the crash gear box. Her parents Joe and Maria Sciacca are Club members, and are orchardists growing apples and pears at Merrigum near Shepparton. Gracie was awarded the Next Generation award at Orange, and the family look forward to joining our Club on other events.



Gracie, Maria and Joe Sciacca

Annette Newell and Anne Quaine were a glamorous pair at the Orange Overland event, with their period style attire and finery setting the fashion standards each day. Both are members of our Club, but also share memberships with the Willys Club and VDC. Anne's husband Ralph passed away on September 2, and the event was an opportunity to join with many old friends. The ladies drove Maggie Cripps' 1912 Model 59DC for the first three days as Annette's 1913 Overland 69T was on display but not running.



Annette Newell and Anne Quaine

President's Message



L-R Barry Forryan, Julie Kelly and Joan Forryan with Maddison

Barry and Joan Forryan joined with daughter Julie Kelly and granddaughter Maddison for the Breakfast Run at Surrey Park. Julie and her husband Jason are Club members, but living in Paynesville makes it difficult to rally. Barry has been restricted by health these days, but some of his veteran vehicles are given a run by members. This 1911 Overland 47 was recommissioned by Jeff and Ben Alcock for the Orange event, and the Brush has been campaigned by John Washbourne.

The Cape Schanck event was a 'first time out' for the following vehicles – (not drivers!) *Brendan & Penny Pierce Hotchkiss*, *Jack Alcock 1910 Overland*, *Ben Alcock 1911 Overland*, *David & Gail Boyd 1914 T Model Ford*, *George & Fiona Forbes 1912 Silver Ghost Rolls Royce*.

John Paas and Janet Barlow-Paas had a 'grand ol' time' at Cape Schanck, driving up from Daylesford in their 1913 TH Schneider, and were our 'reporters' writing the Rally report on pages 12-17 of this edition of *Brass Notes*.

Three Inserts with this edition of *Brass Notes*

Your December edition has three inserts: the 2019 Calendar, the RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally entry form, and the "Four and More" entry form at Cobram. Accommodation details for Cobram can be obtained from the Rally Directors as shown on the entry form.

December Natter Night...

The *Natter Night* on December 11 will be a special *Member's Christmas Evening*, with drinks and nibbles being served from 7:30pm. Following the formal meeting we will feature some video on the big screen, and there will be other surprises.

The Committee joins with me and my wife Lena in wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and send our best wishes for every happiness in the New Year.

Yours in Veteran Motoring,

Paul Daley

NATTER NIGHT

Christmas Celebration

TUESDAY 11TH
DECEMBER



7.30pm - Drinks & Nibbles

8.00pm - Natter Night

Join us for a special night of Christmas celebrations and Christmas cheer. We will have some nostalgic video on the big screen and that special touch of Christmas.

Pre 1905 Pioneer's Rally Video

Ben Alcock will present video highlights of this year's event in Ballarat and tell us about the plans for this event in 2019



MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The committee and members warmly welcome the following new members to the Club.

- *David Watson from Batesford. David owns an unrestored 1913 Straker Squire.*
- *Geoff and Louise Yeomans from Chatswood NSW. Geoff and Louise own a 1914 Wolseley.*
- *Garry and Carol Dubois from South Yarra. Garry and Carol own a 1911 Benz and a 1910 Rolls-Royce.*
- *Peter and Elizabeth Crauford from Newham. Peter and Elizabeth own a 1913 Renault.*

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RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally

By John Paas & Janet Barlow-Paas (Photos by John and Janet, James and Sherryn Dunshea and Gordon Berg)



The Cape

CAPE SCHANCK 10-11 November 2018

This was a terrific rally which sent close to 50 Veteran vehicles and their passengers on a 'hold onto your hats' rollercoaster of a journey highlighting the scenic beauty of the Mornington Peninsula. The weather was delightfully fresh and clear with everyone radiating a spirit of adventure.

Rally Headquarters were at the mammoth RACV Cape Schanck Resort, which is remarkable in its design and quality, exuding an aura of mystique and luxury enhanced by ocean vistas, rugged coastal vegetation and a fabulous new golf course. The landscaping is in its infancy and on a massive scale. Given a few years for the gardens to mature, the complex will evolve into an even more spectacular destination and blend seamlessly into the landscape.

Saturday 10th November took us on a 113 km, somewhat challenging ramble for many, through rich countryside dotted with countless vineyards and lush pastures and forests through the hilly areas of Shoreham, Red Hill and Merricks. The dear little 1913 Swift owned by Loretta Marron and Gavin Mutton who had travelled all the way from Queensland, suffered a critical radiator problem very early into the run and was returned to base. Lis, Karl and Alexander Donald's delightful 1910 Renault ground to a halt with fuel contamination on a very tricky hill section. The RACV support vehicle isolated the problem and soon had



Loretta Marron with the 1913 Swift



Ralph Provan in the 1909 Renault AX

the Renault on the road again with Lis and Alexander scorching along to eventually catch up with the pack by lunchtime.

The Coolart Historic Area with its lovely old mansion and gardens to explore provided a welcome rest stop before continuing to Crib Point for lunch at the local RSL. Plenty of time here to sit and chat inside or wander outside to admire the Veteran vehicles resting under the trees in readiness for the afternoon leg of the journey. Here, we were enchanted with Scott Staples' battered, bruised and unconditionally loved left-hand drive 1913 Ford T Model, its folded hood tattered and torn and with any hint at shiny brass or smart upholstery lost long ago. Barry Gomm and Roma Thomson in the 1909 Aries, Ian and Sue Berg's 1910 Cadillac and George and Fiona Forbes' 1912 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost were magnificent sights to savour.

The afternoon return run took us through more glorious countryside with ocean panoramas via Flinders. We navigated steep hills, eyebrow-raising downhill sections and eye-popping sharpish curves, arriving back at the resort late afternoon with time to scrub up for the evening rally dinner and to enjoy its 1950's "Remember When" theme. Various club members dressed the part and others held the microphone to entertain us with their reminiscences of past events held so many times over the decades in this lovely area of Victoria.



Deb Alcock providing instructions at the start



James and Val Dunshea in the 1911 Hotchkiss

RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally (Cont.)



Lineup at Coolart historic area

We had left home on the Thursday morning preceding the Rally in our 1913 French Th. Schneider, a day ahead of time, enjoying a relaxed journey through Anakie and Geelong with a stop at the Portarlington bakery before our first night stopover at Barwon Heads. As we seldom visit the 'other side of the bay', our Friday morning ferry crossing from Queenscliff to Sorrento was quite an adventure for us. By the time we booked in at the Cape Schanck Resort on Friday afternoon, the Th. Schneider had already worked up a sweat negotiating some unexpected hill climbs on a visit to Heronswood Historic House and Gardens at Dromana.



RACV director Alex Downie speaks at the dinner



Barry Gomm and Roma Thomson in the 1909 Aries



On the dance floor at the dinner



Dinner at RACV Cape Schanck Resort



Assembling for departure on the Sunday morning

RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally (Cont.)



Howard and Barbara Staples in Scott's 1913 Ford T



David and Gail Boyd in the 1914 Ford T



Greg Smith and Mick Turner in the 1909 Schacht

Sunday morning 11th November Remembrance Day saw a large gathering of vehicles on the resort's top entrance circular drive. We enjoyed the 'hustle and bustle' as the vehicles made their way up to join the assembly for our 9.30am departure. A relaxed 63 km morning run took us to the Cape Schanck Lighthouse and then to the Point Nepean National Park and Quarantine Station for refreshments and where on the dot of 11.00am we bowed our heads for a minute's silence to remember the fallen.

A ride with Greg Smith for a few kilometres in his 1909 Schacht high-wheeler was a wonderful experience. Now THAT is a whole different level of motoring of yesteryear. Incidentally, the Schacht was pulled over by the police that morning, citing 'curiosity' as their primary intention.

Onwards through the Portsea township and then to Sorrento, where we decided to forego the farewell luncheon at Rosebud and leave the group to make our way to the Sorrento ferry terminal, where we were joined for the crossing to Queenscliff by Marcus Wills Cooke driving the smart 1915 Maxwell. These two old beauties looked so lovely amongst all the 'moderns' on board.

We shall cherish the memories of this fantastic rally for some time to come. Grateful thanks to the Alcock family and many others for putting in the hard yards to organise this totally enjoyable weekend. They may be assured that this was indeed a rally "To Remember".



John Paas and Janet Barlow-Paas in the 1913 Th. Schneider



The Th. Schneider on the Sorrento Ferry

Early Willys Overland Roundup - Orange, 14-19 October

From the Willys Overland Club of Victoria Inc., communicated by Paul Daley (Photos courtesy Jeremy Braithwaite Photography)



Mayors Welcome lineup

The Early Willys Overland Roundup represented the largest gathering of 100 year old Willys Overland vehicles anywhere in the world. The event marked the Centenary of the Sydney to Brisbane record of 19 hours 38 ½ minutes set by Fred Eager and Wally Webb on 19th & 20th October 1918 in Old Whitey, a Willys Overland Model 61T. This reduced the previous record by 6 ½ hours.

Graham and Marjorie Crittenden from Kingaroy restored Old Whitey and brought her to the event. Also present was David Crisp from Crookwell with his Model 8-88 fitted with the experimental V8 racing engine that had been developed for Indianapolis and once been fitted to Old Whitey. This engine had not run for 100 years and was successfully started on the anniversary, Friday 19th October by organiser Les Johnson's son Rick and visiting American owner and Willys expert Greg Gumtow.

A full week of activities was organized for the group including:

- Lineup of all the vehicles and their owners at Orange Showground and a welcome by the Mayor of Orange, Reg Kidd
- Run to Millthorpe and lunch at the museum where Les & Rick Johnson and visiting Americans Duane & Rebecca Perrin were interviewed by Win News



Millthorpe museum

- Run to Manildra via Cumnock. At Manildra Tom's Overland Garage was decorated with Overland signs made especially for the day. Lunch was served in the Museum and some old movies were shown in the Amusu picture theatre, home of Tom Allen the Picture Show Man
- Morning tea and photo opportunity at historic Duntryleague followed by a run to Banjo Patterson Park and the Botanical Gardens which also offered lunch
- Run to Abercrombie House at Bathurst where lunch was served followed by a visit to Mt Panorama. The hills encountered on this trip were a real challenge both on the way up and more so on the descent where rear drum brakes were the sole form of retardation
- A leisurely lap or two of the Gnoo Blas Circuit at Orange, home of the first FIA sanctioned event in Australia won by Jack Brabham. A picnic lunch was served at Lake Canobolas
- Dinner at Duntryleague where many of the members came in period dress and Graham Crittenden showed some photos of the restoration of Old Whitey

A large number of the vehicles were still running at the end of this arduous week.

Over 3,000 photos of the event can be found on this link:

<https://jbraithwaite.smugmug.com/MotorsportHistorics/>



Cumnock



Manildra Hall



Duntryleague



Abercrombie House

On the following pages are the stories behind two of the 'specials' that attended the event.

The Old Whitey Story



Old Whitey

The 2018 Orange Roundup marked the centenary of the Sydney to Brisbane record set by Fred Eager and mechanic Wally Webb in Old Whitey, a 1912 model 61 Overland.

The car was the promotional vehicle for AP Eagers Ltd, a company started by Fred's father Edward and the Southern Hemisphere distributor for Willys vehicles.



Duntryleague dinner

Early Willys Overland Roundup - Orange, 14-19 October (Cont.)

There were few made roads in those days and Old Whitey made ascents of Mount Glorious, Mount Gravatt and Tamborine Mountain; this often involved pioneering the road.

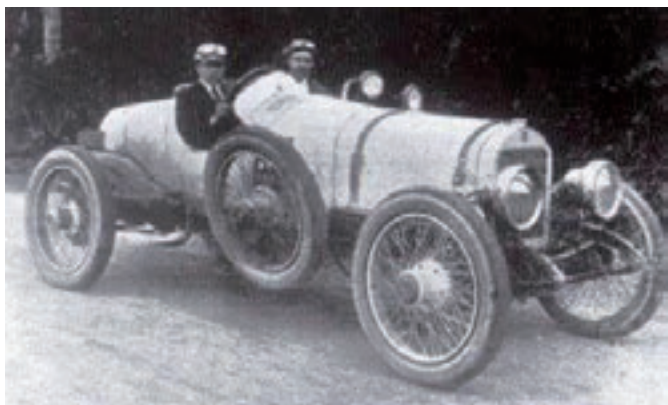
The car at that time had wooden wheels and was a 45hp Overland Speedster.

In 1916 the car ran at 81.8 mph on Perdriau 3 rib tyres at Southport Beach and later set a new record of 2 hours and 7.5 minutes for the journey from Brisbane to Toowoomba. The time was recorded by a watch in a sealed packet carried by the driver and opened on arrival.

On October 19th and 20th 1918 Fred Eager and Wallace Webb took 6 and a half hours off the record for Sydney to Brisbane.

They started at 10pm from the GPO in Sydney and made it to Wisemans Ferry in 1 hour 35 minutes. This was 25 minutes ahead of the schedule. 18 minutes was immediately lost by the next 6 railway gates being closed; they lost 5 minutes at Murrandi changing a spark plug and another 10 minutes at Wallabadah changing the entire set.

There were no further troubles encountered and they got to the Central Northern Garage at Tamworth at 6.05, on schedule. A quick breakfast was followed by a departure at 6.30 am and arrival at Armidale at 8.15, again on time.



They then lost 8 minutes to Glen Innes and a further 4 minutes to Tenterfield but had made up 6 minutes by the Queensland border and a further 12 minutes by Warwick.

The run to Brisbane in 3 hours 17 ½ minutes included a 10 minute stop for some fruit and a cup of tea and the arrival time in Brisbane was 5.38 ½ pm. This represented an average of just over 35 mph.

The fastest train time between the two cities was 27 hours and 10 minutes which rather puts Old Whitey's time in perspective.

The car used two front tyres which had previously been used to win the Mt Cootha Hill Climb and two

new rears. They were Goodyear No Hook Straight Wall Cord Tyres and they did not need to be replaced on the route.

They chose a full moon for the run and had fine weather as well.

A further factor had been the Eager distribution network who had paid farmers and railway staff to have gates open at the time the car was due. They also had ferries waiting on the right side of the crossings irrespective of the number of cars waiting on the other side to cross.

Its not clear what happened to old Whitey after 1918 but Joe Wilson 'found' the car in 1959 in an old garage and told the Guthrie family who eventually acquired the car in 1962 for 150 pounds and used it in club events.

Graham Crittenden acquired the car in 1966 for \$2,000 and was fortunate that Wally Webb was still alive and working at Eagers and was able to help with the restoration.

At one stage the car had had a tray back fitted and had been used for stump pulling on a property. Graham recalls that the axles were twisted through 45 degrees. They had to be replaced. It also took 15 years to find the correct number 6 Houk wire spoke wheels.



*Old Whitey on the Roundup at Millthorpe
(Photo by Jeremy Braithwaite Photography).*

Willys Indianapolis V8 starts after 100 years

Around 1915 Willys made a number of experimental SR4-8 racing engines with a view to competing at Indianapolis. One of these engines was imported by Fred Eager of A.P. Eager Ltd in 1916 and he arranged for his racing mechanic Wally Webb to fit it to the firms promotional vehicle, Old Whitey.

The current owner of Old Whitey, Graham Crittenden, discussed the end result with Wally, the man who sat beside Fred Eager on all his record runs, and he refused to get into the car. Fred proceeded solo and returned in less than 20 minutes after a few gyrations. Wally's assessment had been correct and the engine was not suited to that chassis.

The engine was removed and remained at A.P.Eagers Ltd for 65 years until David Crisp of Crookwell in NSW made them an offer which they accepted on 7th April 1981. It then sat in David's huge pile of bits for another 30 years before the project began to put the motor into a chassis and built a suitable body for it.

David selected a 1917 Willys Knight Model 8-88 Chassis and did all the mechanical work in his own workshops. There had been no exhaust manifolds on the engine and simple stub exhausts were fitted.



The Sr4-8 racing engine

The original V8 radiator had stayed in Old Whitey and obtaining a suitable one proved quite difficult.

A body was now required and Robert McLachlan at Gosford was approached to build this. Les Johnson picked the car up in his covered trailer in March 2018 and took it there, in the hope that it could be completed in time for the October Roundup at Orange. It was completed in July and Les picked it up and took it back to Crookwell.



David Crisp loads the V8 powered vehicle

It was in this state that the car arrived (on Les trailer) at Orange. It had fluids in it but had not started. American Willys expert Greg Gumtow was also at Orange and he had a rare V8 production model and was thus quite familiar with the type of engine.

Greg, and Les Johnson's son Rick, tried to start the engine between rain storms on Thursday 18th October and it just wouldn't go. The next day was the centenary of Old Whitey's record and after a few coughs and splutters the V8 burst into life for the first time in more than 100 years.

The video is here:

<https://jbraithwaite.smugmug.com/MotorsportHistorics/Willys-Overland-Roundup/Whitey-Videos/i-TGbNMBR/A>

After the Roundup was over Greg went down to Crookwell to spend some more time with David and the car and it is hoped that it will be a regular at Veteran runs in the future.

This picture shows David Crisp in the V8 on the far side of Graham Crittenden in Old Whitey outside historic Duntryleague in Orange:



Interclub Petanque Competition

By Frances McDougall (Photos by Frances McDougall and Gordon Berg)



Gordon's AX Renault in pride of place, next to a Daimler



When did you last see a Jowett Jupiter parked next to a Volvo 122S?



Lovely Bristol



Lineup of Daimlers

18 November, 2018

The Interclub Petanque Competition was started by David & Moira Wischer and it involved all the clubs that David had belonged to over the years, namely The Alvis Car Club, The Bristol Car Club, The Jowett Car Club and the Daimler/Lanchester Car Club. In latter times the Armstrong-Siddeley Car Club was invited to take part and this year The Veteran Car Club also joined the competition. The competition was held for many years at David & Moira's home at Merricks and in more recent times the venue has varied. This year it was held at the VCCA clubrooms and it proved to be a resounding success with next year's date already locked in and a unanimous vote for it to be held at the VCCA clubrooms.

The day has always involved friendly competitiveness, the odd bit of cheating, lots of laughter, comradeship and the pride of having the winning club's name on the trophy. This year was no different except from my position on the veranda, I didn't detect any cheating!

On arriving everyone settled down to lunch, discussion of tactics and some friendly banter about who was going to win. Then it was time to go down to the old grass bowling green and to start the rounds – The Veterans and the Armstrong-Siddeleys needed a bit of a boost in their numbers which was achieved by “borrowing” members from the other clubs.

Soon the competition started to heat up with cries of “where is the jack?” “I can't see it amongst the grass”, “no, I think that boule is the closest” and “which way do I hold this boule?” The results of each round were passed up to Frances McDougall for recording.

At the conclusion of 5 rounds everyone retreated back to the clubrooms for the awarding of the trophy. We are very lucky to have David Wischer with us for the day and he presented a stand-in trophy to the winning team – The Bristol Car Club. (Last years winners had forgotten to bring along the real trophy). The Bristol Car Club is so confident of continuing to win in the years to come that they are planning to build a special cabinet for this trophy!!! We will have to see about that.

It was a great day and good to meet new people and renew past acquaintances. It is an event well worth coming along too and The Veterans did really well in coming 2nd, only 3 points behind the winners, Gordon Berg showed his prowess in wielding the boule.

Gordon & Catherine Berg represented the Veteran Car Club, with a visit by Paul Daley – the McDougalls were otherwise occupied representing the Alvis Car Club. A good turn out of members next year, may well see the Interclub Petanque Trophy having pride of place in our trophy cabinet!



Discussing the best strategy



Steve Rosten accepting the stand in trophy from David Wischer



Last throw of the round- where will I put it?

The Grimwade family - Pioneering Motorists

by Ian Berg (photos courtesy of The University of Melbourne Archives and State Library of Victoria)

Our 2018 Annual Rally visited the Coolart Wetlands and Homestead for the Saturday morning break. In viewing the homestead I noted that it had originally been owned by FS Grimwade. I knew the Grimwade family were a family of successful Melbourne businessmen and philanthropists but there is also an early motoring connection. Some basic research revealed a fascinating story.

Frederick Sheppard Grimwade came to Australia as a 22 year old in 1862 and established a wholesale medicinal drug company. He went on to develop businesses in manufacturing acids, salt, glass bottles, fertilisers and eucalyptus oil. Together with his wife Jessie he lived in Caulfield in a large house 'Harleston' (now 'Grimwade House', owned by Melbourne Grammar), and they raised their family. Grimwade purchased the Coolart property as a family retreat in 1895, at that time it was some 2000 acres. Very soon after he commissioned the construction of the mansion. He retained the property until 1907 and Coolart then went through a succession of owners. In 1977 descendants of the Luxton family, another prominent



W. Russell Grimwade found the 1905 trip between Melbourne and Adelaide very challenging



The Coolart Homestead as it is today, and as seen on our Annual Rally

Melbourne family sold the property to the Victorian State Government. The mansion, wetlands and some 89 acres remain as a reserve.

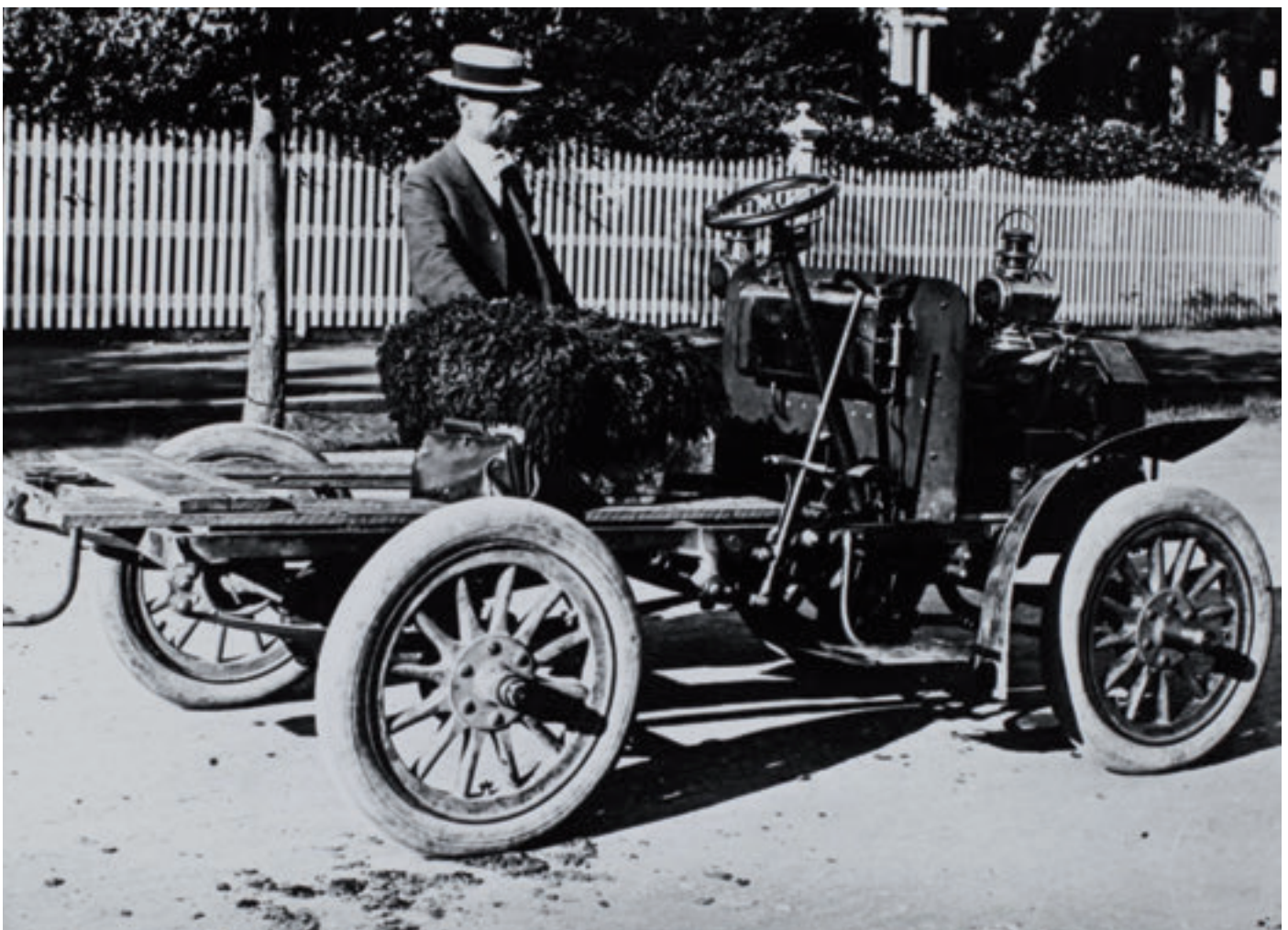
Frederick Grimwade was apparently interested in the emerging motor car, and the third Tarrant motor car to be produced, a two cylinder model was built for him in 1903. He died in 1910, and his considerable business empire was left to his three sons Edward Norton, Harold William and Wilfrid Russell.

Even wider were the interests of the youngest son, Wilfrid Russell Grimwade who was born in 1879 and was to take an active role in expanding the family businesses. Apart from his business interests Russell Grimwade was a conservator, botanical enthusiast, photographer and adventurer. He too was a motoring enthusiast and was to participate in the 1906 Dunlop Reliability Trial in a 4 cylinder 16hp Tarrant taking a class win (refer *Dementia Prodest*)

A notable undertaking of Russell Grimwade was that he, together with a GP Smith was the first person to complete a motor trip between Melbourne and



Tarrant No. 7 - 4 cyl 16h.p. built for W. Russell Grimwade and driven in the November 1906 (1000 mile) Dunlop Reliability contest held in Victoria, when it won its class. (Photo: W. Stuart Ross)



Tarrant No 3 - 2 cylinder model built in 1903 for Hon F.S. Grimwade (Photo: W. Stuart Ross)

The Grimwade family - Pioneering Motorists

Adelaide. They took five days between May 30 and June 3 in 1905 and drove a 10hp two cylinder Argyll. We are fortunate that he kept a diary and it remains in the University of Melbourne Archives. He and Smith reported that the journey was 'exceptionally unpleasant' as a result of the poor road conditions and heavy rain. Not only did this dampen their spirits but also their sandwiches and matches - denying them the opportunity for a smoke!

As an adventurer himself Russell Grimwade was an admirer of James Cook, and in 1933 acquired Captain Cook's Cottage from the village of Great Ayton, Yorkshire. With the support of the Victorian Government he brought the building to Victoria, and it was gifted to the Victorian people for the centenary of Melbourne's foundation. It was first opened to the public in October of 1934 having been reassembled brick by brick following the journey from England.

Russell Grimwade was generous to many causes, and clearly a very interesting man. He was knighted in 1950 and died in 1955.



The little Argyll motored on despite the very wet and boggy conditions



Grimwade and Smith are pictured, most likely in Adelaide at the conclusion of their trip



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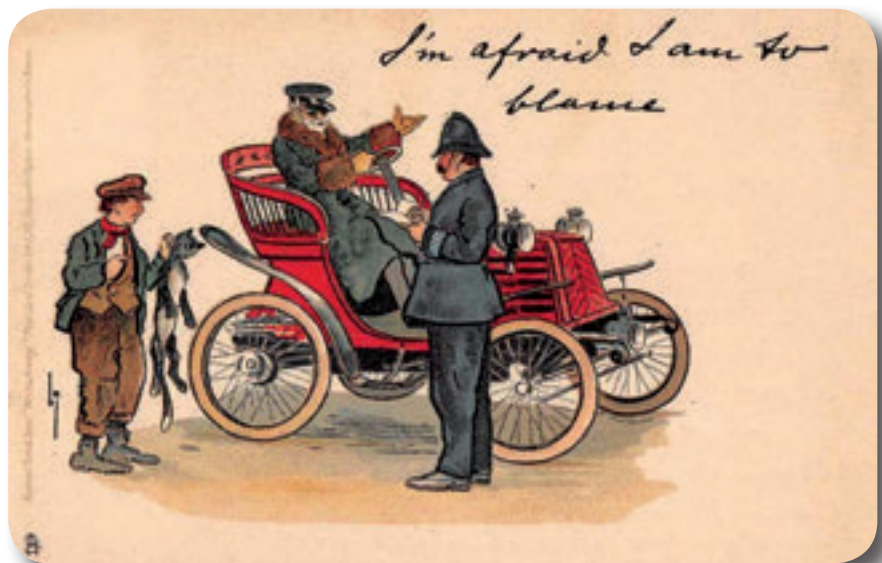
A little humour goes a long way...

...but it's no laughing matter when you're fresh out of ideas for that elusive Birthday or Christmas present. May we suggest an alternative for that adult family member or special friend?

Consider giving them a Gift Membership to the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria).

Simply download the Membership Application Form from our website, complete the details, send the form to us with your payment and request us to send it as a gift from you.

Tell us if you wish this to be an ongoing arrangement and we'll do the rest! We will send them a letter advising them of your kindness.



The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) Inc PO Box 2300, Mount Waverley, Victoria 3149

Events

COMBINED CLUBS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PICNIC - COMO GARDENS

Our annual Christmas celebration for all the family will be held again at the beautiful Como Gardens, home of George and Pat Hetrel who have generously welcomed us over the years.

This is a BYO everything event, lunch, picnic tables and chairs, and enjoy the activities in this outstanding garden setting.

By special arrangement, Father Christmas will be arriving at 2.00pm. He will give out gifts that you will have clearly labelled and left discreetly in the designated VDC car near the entrance gate. Children will receive a drink and some lollies on arrival.

Please remember this is a private home, and make sure you pick up all wrapping paper and other rubbish before you leave.

The entry charge of \$10 per car is for selected charities.

**When: Sunday 2nd December 2018,
Time: 11.00am onwards.**

Where: Address: Como Gardens, Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin. (Melway 65 K8)

BREAKFAST RUN

Please join us for our pre Christmas Breakfast Run in a lovely park setting

Bring your own breakfast

Facilities: Electric BBQs, tables and seats under cover, clean toilets

**When: Saturday 15 December 2018,
8.00 am onwards**

Where: Valley Reserve Mt Waverley Wills Avenue, Melways Ref : 70 G2

Contact: Frank Pound tel : 95837723

THE 2018 TWO WHEEL BRAKE RALLY

Host: Vintage Sports Car Club of Victoria. MODERN MELBOURNE. The liveable city.

The entry fee of \$20 cash per car will provide for a morning coffee and a bun or something.

Detailed navigation by current Melway Greater Melbourne Street Directory,

In 1978, VSCC members James Earl and Peter Latreille originated an Inner Urban Traffic Light Rally For Two Wheel Brake Cars, for at that time, and perhaps more so ever since, we felt that the VSCC needed to encourage the use of early and 'proper' vintage cars. What better way than to define our objective around Two Wheel Brakes, our event extending once again to the Veteran and Edwardian cars of the Veteran Car Club of Victoria.

So, 40 years on, the TWB Rally will again be centred on the 'Hoddle Grid', where 'Marvellous Melbourne' of the Belle Epoque (Down Under), became a somewhat faded memory in the decades following WW2. Thus, on December 16 we will examine some hidden places within our MODERN MELBOURNE that have contributed to making our great city the envy of others, and the worldwide status of the highly ranked 'liveable city' that we have today.

We will stumble upon some recent examples of urban planning and architecture that have been the work of Rob Adams and his team at City Design and Projects at the City of Melbourne. Their assistance will be acknowledged on the day. Just follow the directions to find these hidden gems of contemporary urban design and architectural logic.

The finish is a location that will certainly be a surprise to all, as it was for Peter Latreille and Mark Burns, the two architects who are planning to somehow get everyone from start to finish in a slightly roundabout fashion.

When: Sunday morning December 16.

The start will be 'on the dot' of 7.30 am.

Where: Please arrive early at Latrobe's cottage in the Domain.

Contact: To assist our preparations an indication of numbers to Peter Latreille will be appreciated:
E: peter@latreillearchitecture.com or
T: 03 9826 2167 for a brief massage

Torquay Rotary Club Community Fundraiser
Torquay Motor Show
on the Torquay Foreshore
Sunday 10th Feb 2019

More Info & Entry Forms ..
torquaymotorshow.com.au Ph: 0423 620 009

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40 years of the SAAB 900Turbo

Display cars \$15.00 (inc. all occupants)
Motorbikes \$10.00 (inc. passenger)
Display vehicles or motorbikes driven by 1 or 2 drivers may enter free.

Spectators \$5.00
RACV Members \$3.00
Children free

Sunday 24th February 2019
Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Avenue, Yarra Glen
Childrens Entertainment, Music, Trophies, Club Displays & Vendors
Gates Open for Display Cars at 9.00am & Spectators at 10.00am
For more info contact 03 9554 4629 www.aomc.asn.au/britishand-european2019 fb.com/infoaomc

ACCOMMODATION:

Motels

High Country Motor Inn (Rally Headquarters)
Booked Out

Ovens Valley Motor Inn.

(Almost next door to the High Country)
Cnr Ashwood Ave and Great Alpine Rd. (03) 5755 2022
www.ovensvalleymotorinn.com.au

Riverbank Park Motel.

69 Gavan St. (Great Alpine Rd) (03) 5755 1255

Bright Motor Inn.

1 Delany Ave. (03) 5750 1433.

Bogong View Motor Inn.

35-41 Delany Ave. (03) 5755 1422

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Visit www.visitbright.com.au/camping/ for a full listing of caravan parks

When: Thurs 14th – Sun 17th March 2019

Where: Bright VICTORIA

Contact: John Stanley Rally Director

Phone: 0409 001 836

E: john.m.stanley1947@gmail.com

2019 RACV 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY

Bright and the Alpine Valleys, Victoria

Entry Forms are included in this edition of Brass Notes.

Entries are rolling in but more importantly, we need to report accommodation is filling fast. Rally Headquarters is booked out but the Ovens Valley Motor Inn next door still has some rooms left. Book your accommodation NOW! Do it today! Accommodation options are listed below.

At last count we have at least 4 steamers. Not surprising when you consider we will be visiting Robyn Gibb's collection of 50 steam engines including a 1908 coal fired steam bus. (Rides available – subject to fire regulations)

Registration is from 12 noon Thursday 14th March at the High Country Motor Inn (see below) followed by a shakedown run to Wandiligong in the Morses Valley.

The event will conclude with a late morning Brunch on the Sunday which will allow time for most entrants to load trailers and arrive home before 6pm.

See Page 27 in November Brass Notes for a detailed itinerary.



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Spectators \$5.00.
Children under 14 free.

SMART HIRE

Saturday 23rd March 2019
Akoonah Park, Princess Highway, Berwick (Melway 111 H10)
Gates Open: Display cars from 8.00am - 11am Spectators from 9.00am Show closes at 2pm
Details & site plans: www.aomc.asn.au/thannons-american-motoring-show/ Enquires 03 9558 4629

Events

NATIONAL BRUSH RALLY 2019 GOOLWA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

All Brush enthusiasts are called to register now for the next National Brush Rally being held in Goolwa South Australia 22nd to 26th April 2019. Following the highly successful Rally in July 2017, plans are well under way to make the 2019 event even bigger with a huge push to encourage members from the UK and USA to join us. It would be great if we could get 20 cars!

If you are a Brush owner and you haven't already registered for the Members Forum, please do so via any of the following:

the website <http://brushownersregister.com/>

email brushownersregister@gmail.com or

post to Brush Owners Register, PO Box 440, Willunga, SA 5172

When: 22nd to 26th April 2019

Where: Goolwa South Australia

Contact: <http://brushownersregister.com>

HCCA INTERNATIONAL TOUR 2019

Have you booked your accommodation?
Have you submitted your entry form?

With 9 months to go we now have over 50 entries including 11 internationals.

If you want to be part of this international event, you need to log onto the tour website NOW.

www.hccabathurst2019.com.au

Don't miss out! An entry form is downloadable from the event website or our own club website.

When: 30 August – 6 Sept 2019

Where: Based at Rydges at the iconic Mt. Panorama race track in Bathurst, NSW, day runs will be of varying distances with destinations including Carcour Dam, Milthorpe, Lucknow and Wattle Flat. Highlights will be a Gaslight Parade through the main street of Bathurst, a "Show and Shine" in Pit Straight at the circuit and "Date Night" at Rydges.

Contact: Russell & Chris Holden,
Rally Directors on
T: 0422 219 911 or
E: russell@oldworldlamps.net

2019 NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY – BARGARA, QUEENSLAND IN RALLY ACTION

After the enjoyment and camaraderie of this year's National Veteran Rally at Forbes, the 2019 mantle has been handed over! Here it's definitely heads down with action plans, lessons learnt, meetings and begging letters.

Certainly, it is an advantage having the rally in our own neighbourhood, particularly when working with the council, local organisations and leaning on friends! It's also useful being able to check out all the eateries! To date we have 88 EOIs and more accommodation managers have come up

with discounts. We welcome on board Hazel Burley as our Treasurer and Marc Obrowski looking after media and newsletters. Web master Peter Ransom is busy keeping our site at www.vccaq.com updated and number crunching all the EOI data.

We have appointed a rally choreographer, plus helping with musical entertainment is Tony "Goose" Spruce, lead singer in Old Bones! The ladies are not forgotten, a "Shelia Shack" with lots of exciting plans is shaping up.

The rallying days will offer something special and memorable for all our entrants whether driving long or short-legged cars. You will be amazed what diversity and interest our region has to offer. We will have several opportunities, for those who wish, to use their vehicle lights. After the rally, on the Tuesday 24th Sept. with a good number of model Ts and other treasures still here,

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Head to the shed, dust off the covers and let the preparation begin as a weekend of early veteran motoring awaits!

PRE 1905
PIONEER RALLY

Ballarat, Victoria
18th - 19th May
2019

MORE INFO & ENTRY FORMS TO FOLLOW

For enquiries please contact
Greg Smith
0447 395 233

John Handley will provide one of his unique “Outback” days. We hope you have your favourite Hawaiian shirt and Lei ready for packing!

Pre and post rally activity

Either side of the rally are opportunities for some great local activity. Each newsletter will offer a different suggestion. We have arranged with Lady Musgrave Experience for a discounted day trip:

Day trip to Lady Musgrave Island <https://ladymusgraveexperience.com.au/>

Lady Musgrave is the jewel of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, enjoy from Bundaberg port a luxury catamaran transfer to Lady Musgrave Island on the way perhaps see whales. Then, with a guide, have time swimming and exploring the island before heading back. “See the Great 8” is the cry!

Accommodation

Bargara has ample accommodation in a variety of configurations. It is worth booking at the earliest opportunity. Airbnb seems to be offering some attractive deals but check the location and distance from Bargara. The Esplanade offers a nice short pleasant walk from all the accommodation to Rally Base.

When: 17th – 23rd September 2019
Where: Bargara (Bundaberg, QLD)
Contact: Rally2019@skymesh.com.au

2019 MODEL T FORD NATIONAL TOUR – MARYBOROUGH QLD

Model T owners QLD Inc (MTOQ), welcomes all Model T Ford enthusiasts to join us in 2019 for the 13th National Model T Tour. This tour is to be based in the city of Maryborough, Queensland from Sunday 29th September to Sunday 5th October 2019 on the banks of the Mary River. Just a short 3 hours’ drive (250km) north of Brisbane, Maryborough is a thriving and vital city on the banks of the Mary River, filled with meticulously maintained Heritage Listed buildings, just a short Model T drive from the beautiful Fraser Coast and Hervey Bay.

For all enquiries and entry details visit the website www.mtoq12.wix.com/mtoq/2019-national or email MTOQ2019rally@hotmail.com for an information pack. Tour Director Peter Cameron has already begun his tour of duty preparing newsletters to keep everyone informed of the planning process and uploading them to the website. Peter’s tip for this tour: book your accommodation from the list on the website!

When: 29th September – 5th October 2019
Where: Maryborough QLD
Contact: Peter Cameron, National Tour Director
PO Box 1282, Carindale, QLD 4152
T: (07) 3219 4192
E: popintomaryborough2019@hotmail.com

TAVCCA NATIONAL VETERAN TOUR 2020 - SWAN HILL

It’s Victoria’s turn once again to host the national veteran rally. It’s official. The region and the dates have been set! Swan Hill - October 2020

Set on the Murray River, the theme of Rural Australiana will dominate the event. The routes, activities and catering are all falling into place. Suitable for both large and small veterans, 1&2’s will easily cope with the terrain and the runs.

The rally starts with registration on Sunday October 11th 2020 with a short shakedown run whenever you are ready and a Mayoral Welcome function at 3pm. A farewell breakfast will mark the end of the event on Saturday morning October 17th.

Accommodation options:

You must book directly with the property (do not book on-line) and quote the VCCA rally. Check cancellation policy.

Big4 Riverside (Rally Headquarters)

In town, adjacent to the daily start and the display day. Cabins reserved until September 2019. Many configurations (Studio, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms)

Plenty of powered sites.

Must book direct on 1800 101 012 and quote VCCA

Swan Hill Resort

Also in town, 1.3 km from the daily start. Over 60 rooms of varying configurations. (some 2nd story rooms)

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Big4 Swan Hill

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Lazy River Motor Inn

Next door to the Big4 Swan Hill. 2km from daily start (60kph speed zone.) Plenty of trailer parking. Budget – clean, all ground floor units.

Phone direct 03 5032 2123 and quote VCCA Rally

When: 11 October – 17 October 2020
Where: Swan Hill, Victoria
Contacts: Rally Directors Michael & Claudia Holding 0407 008 895 or email mholding@netspace.net.au for the spiel, claudia_holding@hotmail.com for the facts.

Private Classifieds

FOR SALE

1916 Cadillac V8

7p Touring ex Bill Harrah & Michael Rothschild collections, good older restoration strong runner, \$75k

1906 Renault AH

one of only 2 AH's known, 4 cylinder runabout, \$65k

1902 Rambler

single cylinder VCC Date #2021, several London to Brighton trips. Older restoration \$85k

1909 Cadillac Speedster

project \$19,500

1916 Buick

D45 6 cylinder older restoration, good driver, re-built starter \$36,500

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2 cylinder need restoration mechanically complete, body for pattern only, \$18k

Brass Greaser screw down type - NOS (made in Sydney) 1/8" BSP \$22ea many other sizes & styles available

(I can supply photos of the cars if you like)

Contact: Russell Holden

Old World Tyres

www.Oldworldlamps.net

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WANTED

1915 Cadillac restoration project or parts

1906 Cadillac single cylinder project.

Automobile Quarterly Vol 25 #4

Any early 4 cylinder Cadillac parts

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FOR SALE

1914 EK Renault

2 cylinder EK renault. Bruce Nelson quality restoration, well rallied good reliable motor car.

Price: \$45,000

Contact: Martin Nelson

M: 0409 862 310



FOR SALE

1914 model 79 Overland.

Fully enclosed, ready to rally in any weather as is, nothing to do bar polish the brass. Car comes complete with all lamps and horn, spare magneto, very reliable powerful car.



PRICE: \$ 32,000 O.N.O.

CONTACT: John McMillan

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FOR SALE

7 x 19inch sankey wheels to suit small veteran.

Price \$350

Contact Ben Alcock

M: 0404 917 366



Natter Night Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday 13 November 2018 at the
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria) Inc.
Clubrooms, Lynden Park, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell**

1. Opening and Welcome

The Club's President, Paul Daley, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm and welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting.

2. Attendance

There were 54 members and visitors who attended the meeting.

3. Apologies

Stephen Hobbins, Cliff and Betty Ward, David Inglis, Daryl Meek and Fiona Lane, Jennifer Atherton, Janne Long.

4. Visitors and New Members

The President welcomed Brian Garrett from the Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA) and Martin and Tina Smallman to the meeting.

5. Member News

Paul Daley and other members shared their stories about Penfolds Grange Hermitage wine.

6. Treasurer's Report – Peter Hammet

Peter reported (that as at 31 October) the cheque account balance was \$10,612, the cash management reserve account balance was \$34,659 and the term deposit balance was \$97,220.

7. Membership – David Provan

David welcomed the following new members to the Club. David Watson from Batesford. David owns an unrestored 1913 Straker Squire. Geoff and Louise Yeomans from Chatswood NSW. Geoff and Louise own a 1914 Wolseley. Garry and Carol Dubois from South Yarra. Garry and Carol own a 1911 Benz and a 1910 Rolls-Royce. Peter and Elizabeth Crauford from Newham. Peter and Elizabeth own a 1913 Renault.

8. Events – Ben Alcock

8.1 Past Events

Early Overland Round-Up (Orange NSW) – 15 to 19 October 2018. Ben Alcock provided a rally report.

Breakfast Run (Surrey Park Box Hill) – 27 October 2018. Ben Alcock provided a report.

RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally (Cape Schanck) – 9 to 11 November 2018. Andrew McDougall provided a report and thanked Deb Alcock for organising an outstanding rally. Paul Daley thanked Deb for organising a memorable rally and presented her with a bottle of champagne as a token of the Club's appreciation.

8.2 Future Events

Combined Clubs Pétanque Day – 18 November 2018. Andrew McDougall provided a report about this event. Members of the Veteran Car Club were invited to join members of the Alvis, Armstrong Siddeley, Daimler Lanchester, Bristol and Jowett car clubs in a casual pétanque competition.

Vintage Drivers Club's Head-to-Head Rally – 25 November 2018. Ben Alcock provided an update report.

Combined Clubs Family Christmas Picnic (Como Gardens) – 2 December 2018. The annual Christmas celebration for all the family will be held again at Como Gardens, home of George and Pat Hetrel. This is a BYO everything event, lunch, picnic

tables and chairs.

Pre-1905 Pioneers Rally (Ballarat) – 17 to 19 May 2019. Callum Walsh provided a report.

RACV 1&2 Cylinder Rally (Bright) – 14 to 17 March 2019. Michael Holding provided an update report.

Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA) International Tour (Bathurst NSW) – 30 August to 6 September 2019. Michael Holding provided an update report.

2020 National Veteran Rally (Swan Hill) – 11 to 17 October 2020. Michael Holding provided an update report.

9. Library and Archives Report – Daryl Meek

This agenda item was adjourned to the December meeting.

10. Wanted, For Sale or Swap

Sold – David Couper reported that he had sold his 1906 Model K Cadillac.

For Sale – Phillip Barclay said he had an original 1916 Model T Ford parts book.

Wanted – Wally Nye said he was after a ML Type GR6 magneto.

11. General Business

Strategic Priorities 2018-2019

Paul Daley reported that each committee member had been asked to come-up with a goal to achieve during the 2018-2019 year. In term of strategic priorities for the year, the committee is committed to grow the membership to 600, undertake a feasibility study for the establishment of a VCCA (Victoria) foundation for future bequests/donations, and to investigate the possibility of online registration for rallies and the introduction of PayPal for payments.

Secretary 2019-2020

Paul Daley said that pursuant to the Club's Constitution, the current Secretary (David Provan) must retire from that position at the 2019 AGM. David will then have served the maximum period of five years. Paul called for any member would like to make a contribution to the Club as Secretary from next year's AGM to talk to him or David.

The Establishment of a Luncheon Group

Paul presented an idea to establish a luncheon group that could meet weekly, fortnightly or monthly and invited members to share their views and thoughts with him.

Photo of Award

Alan Lethborg suggested that an award recipient should also be presented with a framed photo of the award with their name on it. Paul Daley said the committee would consider Alan's suggestion.

There were no items of general business.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will commence at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 11 December 2018. The December Natter Night will be a special members' Christmas evening with drinks and nibbles being served from 7:30 pm. Following the formal meeting, a video will be screened.

13. Closure

The President closed the meeting at 8.43 pm.

14. Speaker – Kim Coillet

Kim Coillet delivered a fascinating and very entertaining talk about his passion for, and extensive collection of, button hooks.

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CLUB MEETINGS

Monthly meetings (Natter Nights) are held at 8:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (excl. January) in the Club Rooms:

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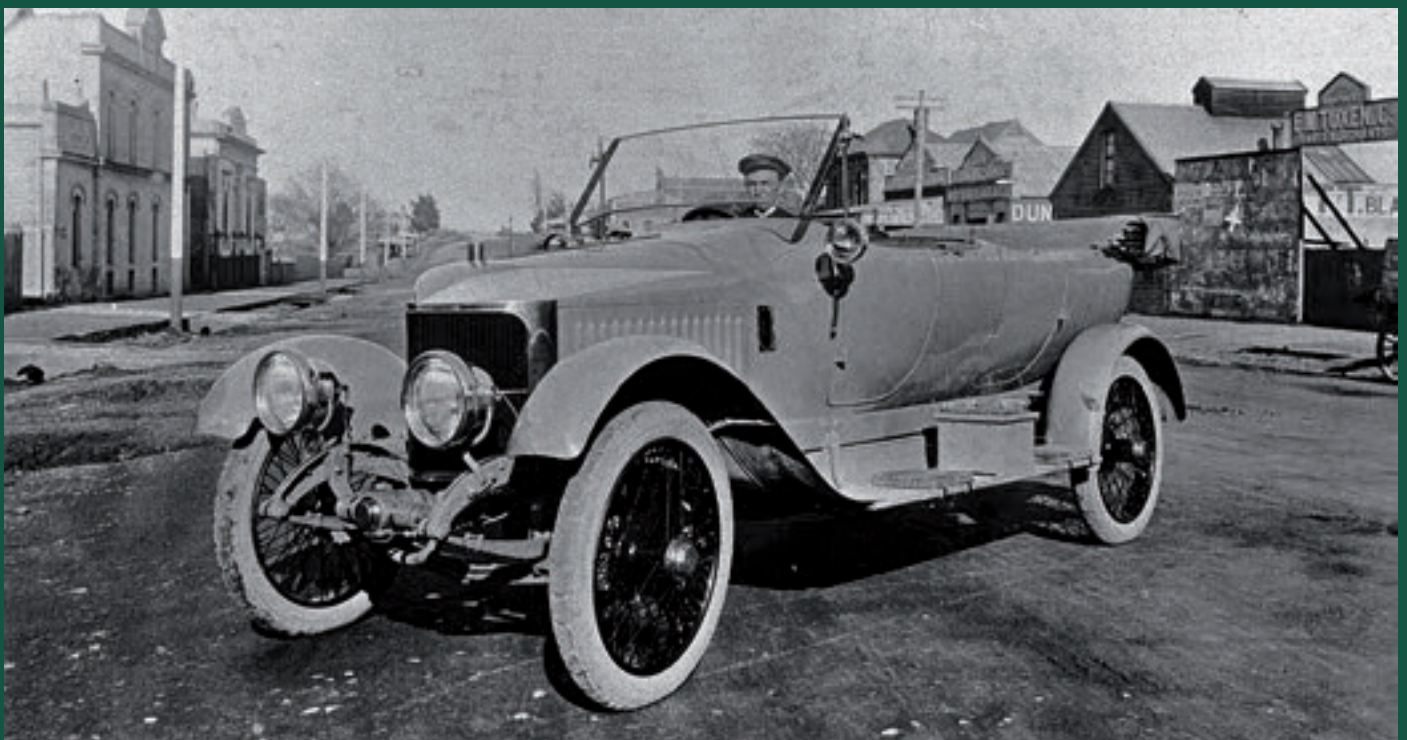
Cars from Ballarat

by Ian Berg

Museums Victoria Collections has some excellent archive material and we plan on featuring some of their photographic collection from the veteran era in coming issues of Brass Notes. Here are a couple of photos taken in the Ballarat area. If anyone knows any more about the cars or the owners we would love to hear from you.

Top Photo: J Chung Leong in a Model T Ford, likely a 1915 model, outside 'J. Chung Leong Chinese Herbalist' in Ballarat. He practiced there between 1913 and 1920.

Bottom Photo: A sporting Vauxhall photographed in Armstrong Street South, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, c1915. The Vauxhall appears to be a 1912 Prince Henry model.





George and Fiona Forbes in their 1912 Rolls Royce on the RACV Annual Veteran Car Rally (Photo by Gordon Berg)



Brendan and Penny Pierce in the Hotchkiss on the RACV Annual Veteran Car Rally (Photo by Sherryn Dunshea)