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KBE, DFC, AFC, K.St.J.

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The next Monthly General Meeting of the V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1985.

## *Editorial*

## Comment



This October issue features a piece of club history and nostalgia for some of us who competed in the 1958 Blue Mountains Rally. Malcolm Johns recently found this broadsheet and kindly thought of SPIT AND POLISH.

There are also included some early advertisements for up-to-date spark plugs of 1903 and "Cars for the Colonies" makes interesting reading.

"Hints on Storage" could be useful if you are going on a long holiday and are concerned about your car while away.

Registration and inspections days are imminent - so read "Registration of Vehicles for 1986" thoroughly.

Don't forget there is a literary award for 1985/86, so send your article now, not later.

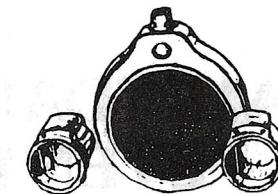
- SANDY ROBERTS

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## President's Message



Since the eventual disappearance of Olympic beaded edge tyres from the Australian market there has not been a good quality and reasonably priced tyre available. Replacement tyres had to be purchased from United States or British manufacturers at prices which were becoming ridiculous and in certain cases of doubtful quality.

Not to be daunted by all the known problems involved, one of our entrepreneurial members from Newcastle, Peter Adams, took up the challenge and formed a company to organise the manufacture and sales of a range of tyres to suit veteran and vintage cars. These tyres, now marketed under the name "Betco", have been manufactured, tried and proven to be of excellent quality and far cheaper than other tyres available.

On behalf of your fellow veteran and vintage car owners let me congratulate you Peter for a job and service well done.

The building work on our new clubrooms grinds inexorably onwards and we depend upon your voluntary assistance to complete. If you can spare an hour or two on the weekends then give me a ring on 522.9661 and I will give you a job. It all helps!

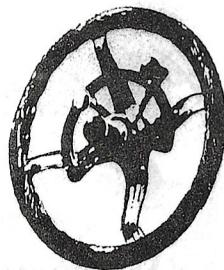
- BOB BAXTER

## President

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*Horsepower was a lot safer when the horses had it.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1985		
October	27	(SUNDAY) BRIDGESTONE MOTOR SHOW CONCOURS & PARADE
November	2-3	1 & 2 CYLINDER TOUR TO BUNDANOON Details John Simmons
November	9	SCHOFIELDS AIR SHOW. Assemble 8.30 a.m. Nirimba side of airfield, Quakers Road
November	10	(SUNDAY) FISHERS GHOST TOUR Details Ken Quarmby
November	16	(SATURDAY) INSPECTION DAY NORTH SIDE 12.30 p.m. Pymble Bus Depot, 5 West Street, Pymble
November	17	(SUNDAY) INSPECTION DAY SOUTH SIDE 8.30 a.m. Arthur Garthon's, 492 Forest Road, Penshurst
November	24	(SUNDAY) VIC JACOBS & ARTHUR GARTHON CHARITY TOUR
December	1	(SUNDAY) CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
December	7	(SATURDAY) MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
1986		
February	22	AUSSIE/WESTERN NIGHT FUND-RAISING SOCIAL FOR BUILDING - Bookings next month
March	16	VETERAN & VINTAGE DISPLAY DAY
March	23	CLUB AUCTION DAY
April	25/26/27	ANZAC LONG WEEKEND - BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR (BLACKHEATH)
May	10-17	RALLY TO MERIMBULA & HUB TOUR WITH VICTORIAN CLUB
September	14-19	THIRD NATIONAL 1 & 2 CYL. RALLY - WANGARATTA

## JAPANESE WEEK FESTIVAL

On September 21 we were to transport the Lord Mayor and his party from the Town Hall to Hyde Park. The cars all turned up at 2.00 p.m. as arranged, but due to constant rain the event was called off at 3.00 p.m.

The seven cars were driven by:

Don Steer  
Geoff Simmons  
Arthur Garthon  
Jack Godfrey  
John Corby  
Mike Bendeich  
Cliff Ward

## DRUMMOYNE FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 22

Cars attending the Drummoyne Festival in fine weather were:

Bill McCarthy	-	1916 Dodge
Jim Wilson	-	1913 Oakland
Ron Cox	-	1910 Renault
Geoff Simmons	-	1907 Delage
John Simmons	-	Vintage Bentley
Darryl Cawthorne	-	Vintage Rolls Royce
Bob McCarthy	-	Vintage Austin 7
Bob Baxter	-	1912 Calthorpe

## STRATHFIELD CENTENARY PARADE - SEPTEMBER 15

Four cars turned up for this parade, and to have their boot filled with fresh fruit and vegetables from Flemington Markets:

Geoff Simmons	-	1907 Delage
Ron Cox	-	1910 Renault
Roley Coulcher	-	1911 Star
Bob Baxter	-	1912 Calthorpe

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REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES FOR 1986

All club registrations fall due December 30, 1985. If you contemplate using your vehicle during 1986 or expect to complete its registration before 1987 it is worth obtaining a club pink inspection slip at one of the Inspection Days. They are FREE.

November 16 - Saturday - 12.30 p.m.  
Pymble - St. Ives Bus Depot  
5 West Street, Pymble

November 17 - Sunday - 8.30 a.m.  
Arthur Garthon Motors  
492 Forest Road, Penshurst

Or arrange with a club inspector for a private inspection at the normal D.M.T. charge \$13.00.

Inspectors: Arthur Garthon  
Reg Jones  
Dick Tunbridge

As tHE D.M.T. and G.I.O. have not yet finalised their charging procedure for 1986, a club account will be posted to you in November for each vehicle registered in your name.

If you require registration for 1986, your early attention to payment will help all concerned in speeding the first batch through.

In the event that you do not require immediate renewal of your registration, plates will need to be returned to the club's Registration Officer soon after December 30, 1985. These may be reserved for your future use if required.

- MAX ROBERTS  
Registration Officer  
(B) 74.0360  
(H) 817.4052

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BRIDGESTONE CONCOURSE

D'ELEGANCE PARADE,  
SYDNEY MOTOR SHOW -  
OCTOBER 27, 1985

CONCOURSE D'ELGANCE  
PRIZE: TO THE VALUE  
OF \$300

MOST APPROPRIATELY-  
DRESSED COUPLE OR GROUP  
PRIZE: TO THE VALUE  
OF \$200

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Bridgestone are sponsoring this event for Veteran Cars at this year's Motor Show and we need at least twenty Veterans to turn out for the day from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Each car will be supplied with an information sign and members are requested to forward the following information to the Events Chairman, Roley Coulcher, at the October General Meeting:

YEAR OF MANUFACTURE:

MAKE:

NO. OF CYLINDERS: H.P.: BODY TYPE:

SPECIAL FEATURES OF CAR: (Up to 25 words)

HISTORY OF CAR: (Up to 30 words)

OWNER:

\* \* \* \* \*

CHRISTMAS DINNER

DATE: Saturday, December 7, 1985  
TIME: 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. start  
PLACE: Home of Bob & Elizabeth Hobson  
     16 Fiona Road, Beecroft  
COST: \$20.00 per head for 3-course catered  
     meal (including drinks)  
BOOKINGS: Lyn Martin 632.5047  
     Noelene Thomson 651.2247

(All monies to be paid by November 28, 1985)

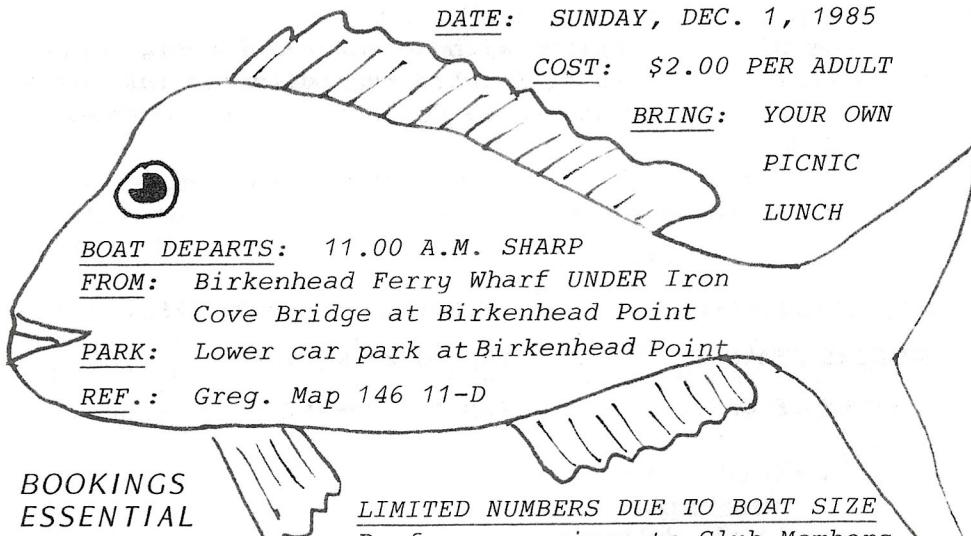
ONLY FEW PLACES LEFT!!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - SNAPPER ISLAND

DATE: SUNDAY, DEC. 1, 1985

COST: \$2.00 PER ADULT

BRING: YOUR OWN  
     PICNIC  
     LUNCH



BOAT DEPARTS: 11.00 A.M. SHARP  
FROM: Birkenhead Ferry Wharf UNDER Iron  
     Cove Bridge at Birkenhead Point  
PARK: Lower car park at Birkenhead Point  
REF.: Greg. Map 146 11-D

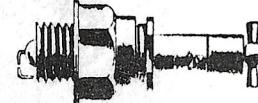
BOOKINGS  
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     BOAT SIZE

RING LYN: 632.5047  
     or NOELENE: 651.2247

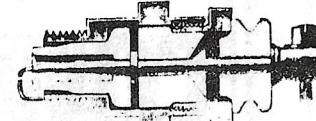
LIMITED NUMBERS DUE TO BOAT SIZE  
     Preferences given to Club Members  
     and Children and Club Members and  
     ONE (1) Grandchild

## UP TO DATE SPARK PLUGS OF 1903

"B.K." Special Sparking  
     Plugs.



The Famous "Pognon"  
     Sparkling Plug.



## FOR MOTOR CYCLES.

No. 1 New Pattern 1/8 each  
     2 Doty, super quality mark "B.K." 1/8 each

FOR MOTOR CARS.

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     3 Basset, ditto, extra spark, in box  
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4 Basset and Michel Sparking Plugs 4/- "

5 The "Pognon" 6/- "

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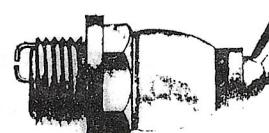
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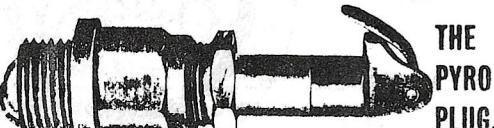
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     (SAUSER)

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     plug is both air and gas-tight. Price 3/6  
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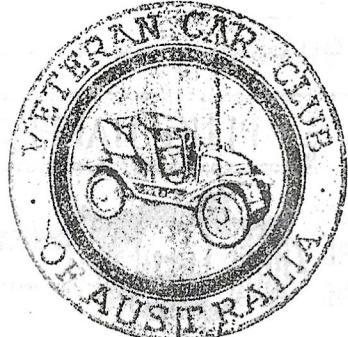
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## THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA



## ROUTE

SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, 1958

CENTENNIAL PARK (Start)	Location in Park below reservoir, Oxford Street entrance	9.00 a.m.
CITY ROAD, DARLINGTON	9.10 a.m.	
LEWISHAM	9.20 a.m.	
BURWOOD	9.30 a.m.	
AUBURN	9.45 a.m.	
PARRAMATTA	10.00 a.m.	
PROSPECT	10.20 a.m.	
ST. MARYS	10.55 a.m.	
PENRITH	11.10 a.m.	
GLENBROOK	11.45 - 12.45 p.m.	
SPRINGWOOD	1.15 p.m.	
LAWSON	1.55 p.m.	
KATOOMBA (Echo Point)	2.40 p.m.	
KATOOMBA (Showground)	3.00 p.m.	
(Overnight Stop)		

Cars are scheduled to reach the above points at the approximate times shown.

Veteran cars will leave Centennial Park, starting point at 2 minute intervals from 9 a.m., proceeding along The Avenue parallel to Lang Road (Showground), Cleveland Street, City Road to Parramatta Road, Parramatta Road to Parramatta, thence by the Western Highway to Glenbrook for the luncheon stop.

Katoomba Showground will be the finishing point and cars will arrive from Echo Point via Lurline and Katoomba Streets at approximately 3 p.m.

## SUNDAY, 16th MARCH

At 3.15 p.m., bring the family along to Grand Parade, Centennial Park to see the 79 veteran cars finish the Sydney-Katoomba-Sydney Invitation Veteran Car Rally.

Sponsored by

H. C. SLEIGH LIMITED

## ROUTE

SUNDAY, 16th MARCH, 1958

KATOOMBA SHOWGROUND (Start)

KATOOMBA (Echo Point)	9.30 a.m.
LAWSON	9.40 a.m.
SPRINGWOOD	10.10 a.m.
GLENBROOK	10.45 a.m.
PENRITH (Lunch Stop)	11.15 a.m.
ST. MARYS	11.50 - 1.00 p.m.
PROSPECT	1.15 p.m.
PARRAMATTA	1.50 p.m.
AUBURN	2.05 p.m.
BURWOOD	2.20 p.m.
LEWISHAM	2.30 p.m.
CITY ROAD, DARLINGTON	2.40 p.m.
TOWN HALL	2.50 p.m.
TAYLOR'S SQUARE	2.55 p.m.
CENTENNIAL PARK (Finish)	3.00 p.m.

LOCATION: Grand Drive below Oxford Street entrance.

Cars are scheduled to reach the above points at the approximate times shown.

Cars will leave the Katoomba Showground at 2 minute intervals from 9.30 a.m., proceeding to Echo Point via Katoomba Street and back via Lurline and Katoomba Streets, thence the Western Highway through Lawson, Springwood, Glenbrook, Penrith (luncheon stop).

The Rally will proceed from Penrith via the Western Highway through St. Marys, Prospect, Parramatta, thence along Parramatta Road, Broadway to the Town Hall, George Street, thence via Park Street, Elizabeth Street, Oxford Street to Centennial Park, finishing at approximately 3.15 p.m.

79 CLASSIC CARS

VETERAN CAR RALLY

HARRAH'S 1985 SALE LIST

In September 1984 the first Harrah's Vehicle Auction took place and now the second auction of Harrah's vehicles took place this year, September 27-28.

Approximately 140,000 catalogues were distributed for 1984's auction and the catalogue for 1985 was made available for US\$7.50 (and a spectator charge of US\$10 per person - good for one or both days).

This year's bidders competed for 318 lots, including 260 vehicles (motor cycles, pedal cars and miniature cars etc.)

These are some of the veterans being offered for sale:

1910 Ford T	1900 Orient Tricycle
1912 Ford T (3)	1902 Packard Model "F"
1902 Oldsmobile Model "R"	1906 Packard Model "24"
1904 Oldsmobile Model 6-C	1918 Packard "Twin Six" 3-35
1917 Packard (fire truck)	1910 Packard Model "H"
1911 Marmon "Thirty-Two"	1902 Pierce Motorette
1913 Marmon "Thirty-Two"	1909 Pierce-Arrow
1910 Maxwell Model "02"	1915 Pierce-Arrow
1912 Moon	1910 Thomas Model "K" 6-70
1900 Mobile Steam No. 3	1904 Pope-Toledo Type V
1917 McFarlan	1907 Renault Type AI
1912 Oldsmobile Model 43	1910 Royal Tourist Model H
1916 Oldsmobile Model 44	1916 Scripps-Booth Model C
1911 Sears "P"	1911 Pope-Hartford Model W
1914 Stanley/Steam Model 710	1907 Westinghouse Model 40
1910 Stearns Model 30-60	
1909 Thomas Six Model 4-16	

(From "BRASS NOTES" October 1985)

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HINTS ON STORAGE

When storing a vehicle for a long period of time, proper care must be taken. By following this simple checklist it can be assured that a vehicle will be kept in reasonable running order.

Before the vehicle is to be stored, wash it thoroughly, ensure that joints are well lubricated and the petrol tank is filled.

## 1. INITIAL SET-UP OF VEHICLE:

- (a) Jack up vehicle and place stands under suspension of wheels.
- (b) Disconnect and clean battery terminals.
- (c) Cover air cleaner, exhaust pipe openings, and body of car, leaving windows slightly open.

## 2. REGULAR MAINTENANCE - CARRIED OUT AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH:

- (a) Remove covers.
- (b) Check water, oil and petrol levels.
- (c) Start engine and operate clutch and gears.  
(Engine should be run till it reaches normal operating temperature.)
- (d) Turn non-driving wheels.
- (e) Check tyre pressures and inflate if necessary.
- (f) Disconnect battery.
- (g) Replace all covers.

## 3. FINAL CHECK BEFORE PUTTING VEHICLE BACK ON ROAD:

- (a) Remove covers.
- (b) Check tyres and pressure.
- (c) Remove stands.
- (d) Check water, oil and petrol levels.
- (e) Start motor and drive the vehicle to check brakes and steering.

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HINTS ON STORAGE (CONT'D)

## NOTE:

LPG VEHICLES:

- \* Do not fill tank above 80% full.
- \* Ensure vehicle is stored in a cool place away from possible ignition sources.
- \* Vehicle should be stored in a well ventilated area.

## DIESEL VEHICLES:

- \* A diesel fuel additive should be added to the fuel to help disperse water and control gelling of the fuel.
- \* The engine should be run to circulate the additive through the fuel system.

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Heard recently that Bryan Inder, who purchased the 1903 Oldsmobile from Laurie O'Neil, was anxious to have his car running.

After an hour's tracing of wires and oiling the mechanism, fueling and water in radiator etc. etc., the handle was turned and it fired on the third go - after many years of lying idle.

So into the driving seat and Bryan soon learnt how to tame the beast.

Hope to see the Oldsmobile rallying soon.



## Cars for the Colonies

The attention of clients in the Oversea Dominions is particularly drawn to the fact that every part is numbered; and as careful records of all designs are preserved at the Vauxhall works, each number is equivalent to a complete specification. Consequently, it is sufficient when ordering spare parts to state merely the number of the part required.

The value of this system in saving trouble to clients in distant countries, and in ensuring that their instructions shall be promptly and exactly observed, can hardly be over-estimated.

Vauxhall Colonial models are made on the same lines as the standard types of chassis, but embody the following special features:

GROUND CLEARANCE.

There is a minimum clearance of 12-in. under the front axle, steering gear, engine flywheel, in fact under all parts excepting the rear axle case. The rear axle clearance is necessarily limited owing to the proportions of the central casing, and is thus about 9-in., but this can be increased if larger wheels and tyres are fitted.

SPRINGS.

In the special "Colonial" type springs, the camber, together with the number and thickness of leaves, have been increased to give the necessary strength and stability for rough work.

MUDSHIELD.

An extra long mudshield is fitted, giving ample protection from stones etc., that may be thrown up from underneath.

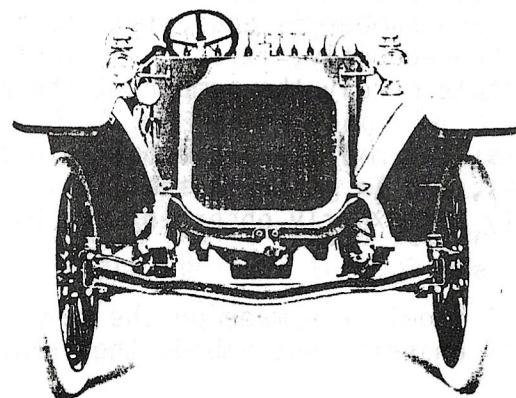
PETROL SUPPLY.

A larger tank is included holding about 12 gallons. The supply to carburettor is by gravity, but an auxiliary hand pump is fitted for occasional use in very hilly country.

ENGINE.

On account of the hotter climate, a fan is fitted. The usual hot-air pipe is omitted, a short pipe with a gauge cover, facing the rear of the car, taking its place.

(Prices are the same as for standard models.)



Front view of Colonial type, 20 h.p. chassis.

COACHWORK

Vauxhall coachwork has given complete satisfaction to oversea clients, and we have no hesitation in strongly recommending the standard types of bodies for Colonial use. In exceptional cases where special protection against the attack of white ant is necessary, we can supply open touring bodies built of seasoned teak (except the framing) which is of English ash) at an extra charge.

CABLE CODEChassis

20 hp, 9 ft. 7 in. wheelbase, straight frame TWESHOM

20 hp, 10 ft. 3 in. wheelbase, straight frame low gear, dropped frame TWELOTO  
TWAPPAR

30 hp, 11 ft. 3 in. wheelbase, straight frame	THIRSHO
30 hp, 12 ft. 0 in. wheelbase, dropped frame	TRORLOW
Accumulator Ignition on 20 hp chassis in addition to magneto	ADACIG
Rudge-Whitworth detachable wire wheels	WIDGETAS
Sankeys detachable steel wheels	SANKEYS
Fit 880 x 120 wheels to chassis	ATWENTI
Fit 935 x 135 wheels to chassis	NITHIRFI
Fit 1050 x 150 wheels to chassis	THOUFIFTI
Fit steel studded tyres to rear wheels	PLASTUDI
Folding luggage grid	RELUGRI

COACHWORK

When ordering coachwork by cable, clients need only state the name of the body required, i.e. "Norfolk", "Stoneleigh", "Ascot", "Balmoral" etc.

If torpedo type bodies are required with accomodation for five persons, cable

FIVESETER

Make rear seats detachable, leaving platform for luggage, with rail etc., when seats removed, supply detachable toolbox, so that car can be used as a twoseater

LUGPLARE

Cape cart hood

CAPCART

Leather "Victoria" hood for two-seater

LECAHO

Single glass windscreen

SISCREEN

Double folding windscreen

DOUSCREEN

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*REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER*

There are a number of members who are now unfinancial for 1985/86. If in doubt please contact the Treasurer as soon as possible to avoid removal of name from mailing list.

Accounts were sent out prior to the Annual General Meeting.

BOB McCARTHY  
960.2520; 798.6941