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The next Monthly General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) will be held in the Clubrooms at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, 25TH MAY, 1979.

COPY REQUIRED BY FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

SPIT AND POLISH, 134 QUEENS RD, FIVE DOCK.
(Not to be confused with the other)

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OPINION

"To restore or not to restore" - this may be the question for the proud owner of a veteran car that's tatty or a "basket delivery" in need of a major rebuild.

The future supply of rubber, so necessary for tyres, seems to be assured, according to an Executive Vice-President of Firestone Tyres, Mr. Mario A. Di Federico, although the cost of making this product into tyres has rocketed out of all proportion, and some members are looking for cheaper ways to import them.

Having the car shod and on the road being achieved, the motive power, Petrol, is required (unless the car is to remain a museum piece) in order to enjoy the pleasure of "chuffing" along to the hana waves and calls of passers-by.

Now the crunch! What is the outlook for cars that were designed in an era when crude gushed out of the earth unlimited, non-political and cheap? The "Open Road" has printed an article on "Car-less days in New Zealand" - one day a week; Mel Pope, one of the "heavies" in a major Oil Company paints a gloomy future; and the "Mirror" with articles on "Drivers Facing Rationing Threats" and a possible \$3.50 a gallon doesn't do a lot to inspire confidence.

After putting a lot of time, money and effort into your "pride and joy" will you be able to rally in it? The various opinions are controversial and varied. "It's a waste of time - by the time you finish, petrol will be non-existent"; "I wouldn't own a veteran - the petrol situation is too dicey" are earnest reasons advanced, but I have enough faith in the future to want to restore our "T" Ford roadster, and if petrol does go to \$3.50 a gallon we'll certainly want to go rallying - maybe not so far as now, but just as much fun! I'm told by those who should know that we have 25 clear years, anyway.

(NSW) Patience is love expressed in vexing situations.

Is this auto-motivation? Young man says: "I've got to decide between the new car or getting engaged, the girl is a real beauty and sensationally O.K. but when I go to sleep at night I dream about the car."

IS IT TRUE? That old bankers never die, they only lose interest?
(With apologies to Bill McCarthy.)

That a rocking chair is the world's oldest form of tranquilliser.

(These are by courtesy of Jack)

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE VCCA (NSW) HELD ON THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1979 AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK.

- PRESENT: 56 members and 9 visitors.
The meeting was declared open by the Chairman (L. Sheen) at 8.15 p.m. and a welcome to all visitors was extended.
- APOLOGIES: R. McCarthy, J. King, R. Tunbridge, P. Wards, J. McGowen, W. Spraggon, M. Roberts, J. Thomson.
- VISITORS: Ian O'Day and Frank Thornhill.
- MINUTES: The minutes of the Monthly General Meeting of 22nd February 1979 were read and confirmed on the motion of R. Newman, seconded K. Carden. CARRIED.
The minutes of the Special General Meeting of 22nd February 1979 were read and confirmed on the motion of W. McCarthy, seconded J. Wards. CARRIED.
- TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurers Report was read and accepted on the motion of B. Thew, seconded J. Dance. CARRIED.
- CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from R.M. Williams re change of address.
Notice from CVVTMC re Swap Meeting 20th May, 1979 at Grace Bros., Chatswood.
Minutes of the Newcastle Branch March meeting received.
Letter of resignation from L. Macey.
Letter received from the Illawarra Vintage Car Club re Illawarra Bush Council Rally 1979, 13 to 16 April.
Minutes of the General Meeting and the Special General Meeting and also the Agenda for the next meeting received from CVVTMC.
Letter from the Classic and Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club of N.S.W. re Swap Meet.
Letter from Debbie Pope requesting the use of 2 cars for a wedding.
The correspondence was accepted on the motion of R. Jones, seconded F. Nissen. CARRIED.
- INVESTIGATION & DATING:
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| Dating Certificates: | P. Race | Sunbeam |
| | C. Stanbridge | 1913 Belsize |
| | G. Sundell | 1908 Vauxhall
(Type A091) |
| | G. Green | 1912 Vauxhall |
| | J. Thomson | 1901 De Dion
Vis a Vis 4.5 hp |
| M. Roberts, G. Green | | 1904 Vauxhall 6 hp |
| N. Martin | | 1913 Fiat |
- NEW MEMBERS: Nil.

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EVENTS: The President thanked all members and others who helped on the Blue Mountains Rally as officials and with the meals.
The Concourse Day scheduled for March 18 was cancelled because of bad weather and will now be held on Sunday March 25, 1979.
The Navigators Rally is to be held on Sunday April 8, starting at 10.00 from Queen Elizabeth Park Concord.
CVVTMC Swap Meeting Sunday May 20, 1979.
A tour is being organised for Sunday, June 17, 1979 by Neil Johnson and it will be run in the Campbelltown district, with a visit to a local winery.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY TOUR: Rally packs will be available at the April General Meeting.
R. Baxter is to prepare the daily news sheet 'Revs. and Backfires' on the tour. Large posters advertising the tour were on display.

MAGAZINE: A note is to be put in SPIT AND POLISH about the letters that are to be sent to the Premier to support our application for a Cultural Grant.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: A thank you note has been received from Brien and Nancy Burn of Caltex for the invitation to the Blue Mountains Tour.
David Berthon advised of the availability of Brasso at a reasonable cost.
The garden party at Government House is to be held again this year, possibly in October.

SOCIAL SECRETARY: A Chinese Banquet is to be held on the last Friday in April; details will be included in the next issue of SPIT AND POLISH.

PERMITS TO MOVE: One new registration - Neil Collins, Straker Squire.

REGISTRAR: No report.

MEETING NIGHT HOST: The film for this meeting is on Fire Fighting.

CLUBROOMS: Letters are to be written to the Premier on the subject of why we need a new hall. A. Foy suggested that all clubs who use the hall be asked to write also.

LIBRARIAN: No report.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER: Photographs of the Blue Mountains Tour were on display.

INSURANCE: No report.

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CVVTMC: D. Berthon stood in for G. Roberts as VCCA (NSW) representative at the last meeting.
The Special General Meeting that was scheduled was cancelled because it was realised that all member clubs had not received the notice of the Special Meeting 14 days in advance; the Secretary was not in attendance to explain why the notices had not been sent out in time.
CVVTMC solicitors are looking into the position of whether or not sponsorship can be sought for Warwick Farm Concourse Day. A letter has been received from J. Rumsey of the Department of Motor Transport regarding the issue of club plates, which states that membership of CVVTMC is not a prerequisite before plates will be issued but that it is desirable.

TYRES: J. Dance reported that he has had a reply from America regarding tyres, they are not aware of any problems and are confident that tyres could be available at a competitive price.
Tyres are not available from New Zealand.

GENERAL BUSINESS: The matter of a 3-day Blue Mountains Tour on Anzac weekend 1980 was put to the meeting and a show of hands indicated that members were in favour of the proposal.
It was reported that the toolkit lost by one of the motorcyclists on the Blue Mountains Tour was picked up by entrant number 36.
G. Roberts announced that the book "Australia's Top Veteran and Vintage Cars" being prepared by Pedre Davis is now nearing completion.

D. Berthon proposed a vote of thanks to A. Porter and N. Johnson for volunteering for jobs in the club after only a short period of club membership.

L. Sheen and the Committee were commended on the excellent organisation of the Blue Mountains Tour on such a short notice.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.57 p.m.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE VCCA (NSW) NEWCASTLE BRANCH HELD AT THE HOME OF BOB AND ALMA NEWMAN, WYONG, ON 13TH MARCH, 1979.

MEETING 8.34 p.m.
OPENED:

CHAIRMAN: R. Newman.

PRESENT: 10 members and 3 visitors.

APOLOGIES: W. Holmes, M. Holmes, M. Burke, J. Burke, D. Moffat, A. Dunlop.

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Newcastle Minutes (Continued)MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETING:

Moved by P. Adams, seconded by J. Gorton, that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as read. CARRIED.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

The Treasurer being unable to attend the meeting gave the Secretary the following report:

Balance at Bank	97.61
Petty Cash	5.60
Building Society	<u>166.04</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$269.25</u>

Moved by R. Thomas, seconded by P. Adams, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. CARRIED.

CORRESPOND-
ENCE:

Moved by G. Newman, seconded by N. Preston, that the Inwards Correspondence be received and dealt with and the Outwards accepted as read. CARRIED.

GENERAL
BUSINESS:

This branch received a letter of resignation from the Club of member Laurie Macey and the Secretary was instructed to forward the letter to the Parent Body. The Secretary was asked to prepare the entry forms for the Bi-Annual Tour. Bob Newman and Nev. Preston spoke of the outing to Sunshine, there meeting with the members of the Central Coast A.C.M.C. This appeared to be a quiet day mostly spent in yarning, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Bob also gave members a resume of the Blue Mountains Rally, stating that it was quite enjoyable. The volunteers for work in connection with the Bi-Annual Tour were:

John Gorton	-	Route and Events
George Adams	-	Accommodation
Peter Adams	-	Finance and Trophies

MEETING
CLOSED:

10.15 p.m.

A special thanks to John and Evelyn Gorton who were enthusiastic to come all the way from Tuggerah to help out as officials at the Blue Mountains Rally.

Not so good news about Richard Day who finished up in hospital with a very badly lacerated leg when an angle grinder he was using burst apart, and part of it tore through his leg. A quick recovery is hoped for.

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Keith Carden's lovely daughter, Libbie, is a first-class cook, as mentioned previously in this column. She is a regular assistant on Bernard King's programme and I'm sure she would need to be right "on target" to please Mr. King. Incidentally, these programmes are prepared in a Wollongong studio, and Libbie goes to the southern city for three days every fortnight.

Recently she did a feature presentation and prepared exotic dishes for "House and Garden" which should be on the bookstalls about July, and for atmosphere she featured the accoutrements of veteran motoring - deer-stalker, goggles etc. Watch for it.

Imagine such a clever, well-organised young lady having a father who went to the Committee Meeting a week too early. He arrived to find Ben Bronk's car parked outside the hall, and was almost through the door before he realised he was at the wrong meeting.

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Proud grandfather, Reg. Jones, has his chest out again, with the arrival of another grand-daughter, Nicole Evette. Olive is also basking in reflected glory.

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The Thomson family - John, Noelene, Yvonne and Angus - winged their way to London last Sunday, and should presently be in France snug in their Mobile Home on their European tour. John hopes to visit the "Schlumps" Museum. Hope the De Dion won't have to take second place to Bugatti after that.

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Michael Bendeich, together with Denise and baby daughter, have also taken off for Europe for 6 months. No doubt Michael and Denise will find some lovely antique pieces, as they have done previously in their travels.

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I attended a "Lunch with Malcolm Fraser" at the invitation of a friend - contrary to popular opinion I DO have SOME friends - and shared the luncheon with about 1,000 other folks in a lovely garden at Castle Hill. And who should I come across but Jack and Billie Dance, Wayne Merton and family and Ross Marshall's brother-in-law Alan Cadman, M.P., whom I hadn't seen since he was a young lad in St. Ives.

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Steering Column (Continued)

That premium car, the "T" Ford, has been featured twice lately - once on the back page of the current "Open Road" as a back-drop for an article on Frank Delandro, who started selling "T's" in 1920, and built up a large suburban Ford dealership over the next 50 years.

The second appearance was a Westline Ford, Belmore, where a "Ford Spectacular" was staged, thanks to the good offices of our Club member, Jock McGowen, some 50-odd early Fords were admired by an estimated 15,000 people over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I noticed cars belonging to: Peter Kable, Vic. Jacobs, Rodney Roberts (George's grandson), Betty Bent, Dick Tunbridge, Neil Marton, George Roberts, Jock McGowen (of course), Eric Lang and the range was from 1911 "T" to the 1968 "Mustang".

The proud owners were suitably entertained at the end of the show with sandwiches, brown amber etc. We missed Victor J. at the "Noggin and Natter" - due to lack of lights he had to leave early. To enable him to devote his undivided attention to his exacting job of organisation, Jock was seen to be drinking lemonade only. Thanks to all concerned.

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If you are wondering how Fred Rossiter came by such a badly-lacerated hand, it happened while he was endeavouring to improve on the standard "grass whip" - unfortunately the monster turned on him and "whipped" his hand.

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Jim and Esme Lewis have had their son Brian and family in Sydney for 5 weeks, so there will have been plenty of catching up on the news from Hong Kong and Cathay Pacific.

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It is rumoured that Jack and Billie Dance are contemplating another trip around Australia - they tell me it is 20 years since their last "Aussie" trip, and it was a very comprehensive one, well off the beaten track. I heard a whisper that Jo and Frank Nissen may be considering another trip with them - they have done a trip in the last year or so - it's a good advertisement for the Australian scene.

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There's been much family chatter around the Chapman household, as Max's sister Leila and husband Ken have driven over from Adelaide on the first leg of a world tour. And no doubt there will be even more chatter when they all get back from their trips. I believe Max and Jean take off about the end of October.

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David Berthon has returned from a triumphal tour of the western districts incorporated in the Silver Anniversary Rally, where he has left a trail of 1500 rally posters, plastered in every available location. Extensive litigation may follow, as some places had "Post No Bills". Feelings of anxiety will be experienced until the return of the Club's honorary Legal Officer, John Thomson.

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Steering Column (Continued)

"Will you carry the Banner, Sister Anna?" The large Veteran Car Club sign familiar to all members, kept at the Clubrooms, was being proudly borne by Barry Thew for display with Veteran Motor Cycles etc. at Caltex House. Somehow Barry managed to get on the Western Approaches and finished up on the north side of the Harbour Bridge. We have a champion contender for a Navigators' Rally.

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This is your red-faced editor from his desk: last issue I gave credit to Barry Garth for towing the club trailer on the Blue Mountains Rally, but credit and thanks should go to Mel Pope, who performed this much-appreciated task. My spies were unreliable. After suitable grovelling on my part, Mel appears to have forgiven me. Mel has had quite a lot on his plate which prevented more participation in V.C.C.A. events, but with more time expects to become more involved.

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Another omission - last issue when we paid tribute to George King's prompt action in averting a pool tragedy at the "Everglades" we were unaware that George Roberts' grandson, Jamie, was the one responsible for bringing the lad from the bottom of the pool and supporting him until George took over. Good work, Jamie.

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While on the subject of the Blue Mountains Rally, I'm told that on arrival at the Norman Lindsay historical home, Ken and Joan Moss were greeted by a huge black snake. It is rumoured that Joan suggested to Ken that they "get out of here quickly" or something stronger, which they promptly did. When I enquired whether anyone had killed the snake I was informed that those present hadn't wanted to upset the "balance of nature". Well, REALLY, fellers!!!

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With the Silver Anniversary Rally next month all those last-minute touches are no doubt being lavished on the entrant cars and a little quiet earnest prayer for fine weather - a very necessary adjunct to happy veteran motoring.

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With all these festivities in mind, it has been suggested that we hold a birthday party to celebrate our 25 years, perhaps later in the year, with a special invitation to those club members who don't give us the pleasure of their company on rallies or meetings for one reason or another. Let's have your opinion on this matter.

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Did you know that Pam Roberts (George's Pam) commenced flying - often on test flights - in 1924 and must have been the forerunner of the Air Hostess of today? A very worthy wife for a Qantas man of George's stature.

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HIDDEN COGS

Although somewhat belatedly, we should pay tribute to Dorothy Green who, for many years, has been a staunch "backstop" for her husband's hobby, and has supported his very active participation in Club affairs. This "participation" included acting as President for several years, and also included the arrangements for large contingents of members and their cars to attend the 1965 and 1972 International Rallies held in New Zealand, and the organisation (with Mr. McManamny of Victoria) of the 1970 International Rally in Australia - a really mammoth task and a very successful Rally.

Dorothy's home has been "invaded" on many occasions by all and sundry, whether they needed information or advice or merely a "look-see" at that wonderful collection which George has accumulated. It must be somewhat of a change for Dorothy to have more privacy in her own home now that the museum houses the collection, although she has worked hard there also.

The Club extends its appreciation to you, Dorothy.

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E V E N T SANNUAL CONCOURSE DAY - Vaucluse House

18th March dawned wet and miserable, with heavy showers, deterring the "polish buffs" and several "moderns" turned up to find only two "veterans" there, Peter Michaels and Fred Rossiter. Not being allowed to use the park in the inclement weather gave sufficient reason for the cancellation of the event.

Jim Simpson and Frank Nissen subsequently arrived, to find the venue deserted.

The outing and inspection was then scheduled for the following Sunday (a beautiful sunny day) but it was poorly attended as only 5 veterans turned up, viz. Bill McCarthy (Vinot Et Deguingand), Frank Nissen (Cadillac), Phil Bagnall (Trumble), David Berthon (S.C.A.T.) and Bill East (Studebaker), plus some modern cars.

NAVIGATORS RALLY

The following cars attended the Navigators Rally organised by Jim Wilson:

Len Sheen	Humber
Fred Rossiter	Studebaker
Alan Rowe	Buick
Reg. Jones	Clement Bayard
Peter Michaels	Hupmobile
Jack Dance	Talbot

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Navigators Rally (Cont'd.)

Dennis Lovell	Sizaire Naudin
Ian Campbell	Argyll
Jim Cooper	Renault

The following attended in modern vehicles:

Jim Wilson (of course)
 Jan Sykes
 John Wards
 Peter Wards
 Warren Irish
 Barry Thew

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NOTE: All winners of last year trophies please return them to Len Sheen at April General Meeting for this year's Presentations in May.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, 5th May to Monday 14th May, 1979, "Silver Anniversary Rally" to Katoomba, Orange, Dubbo, Mudgee, Muswellbrook and Newcastle. (Enquiries: Barry Thew, 638.1155 a.h.)

Annual Presentation Dinner, Saturday 26th May, 1979 at Greens Motorcade Museum.

Sunday, 20th May, 1979, CVVTMC 8th Annual Swap Meet, Grace Bros. Car Park, Chatswood. 8.30 a.m. Admission 50¢. Hot Coffee, Snacks 10-2 for small charge (Vintage Chev. Club Ladies' Auxillary.)
 Enquiries: Alex Stuart, 533.1186

30th June to 8th July, 1979 - Woolshed on Wheels - Sydney Showground
 Open all week-end plus 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. week nights.

29th September to 1st October, 1979, Newcastle BI-Annual Tour - 8-Hour week-end. Morpeth Conference Centre.

24th February to 1st March, 1980 "Go Gippsland 1980"
 1980 National Rally for Veteran and Vintage Cars and Motorcycles
 Organisers: Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic.), Federation of Vintage Car Clubs (Vic.), Rally Directors: Barry Forryan, Howard James. Eligible Vehicles: Veteran - Cars, Commercials and Motorcycles manufactured before December 31st, 1918. Vintage - Cars, Commercials and Motorcycles manufactured between January 1st 1919 and December 31st 1930. Enquiries & Entry Forms: Rally Secretary, Ronnie Heagney, 20 Winmallee Drive, Glen Waverley, Vic. 3150
 Entries close: October 31st, 1979.

PICNIC DAY, 17TH JUNE, 1979, Liverpool-Campbelltown - Historic "Gledswood", Catherine Fields.

"Gledswood" in the heart of the Camden District, which was the birthplace of Australia's wine, wool, wheat and dairy industries.

Admission: \$1.00 per car.

Activities available:

Horse Trail Riding \$4.00 per hour; \$2.50 per $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

Hay Rides 30¢ $\frac{1}{2}$ hour duration.

Wine Tasting.

Inspection of house built approx. 1810 \$1.00 per head.

Items for sale at souvenir shop.

Spanish horse riding display adjoining facilities. \$5.00 per head.

Parking can be on request amongst tables.

Toilets available.

Bistro Wine Bar. (Booking required.)

Barbecue facilities including wood.

Bitumen roads all way.

Morning Tea and starting point: Liverpool Park, cnr. Sydney Rd. and Macquarie St. 9.30 a.m.

Depart from Campbelltown 10.30 a.m. via Expressway. Through Campbelltown

turn right at Fishers Ghost Bridge over rail line to Narellan.

Turn right (back to Liverpool) Old Hume Highway.

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VCCA (NSW) NEWCASTLE BRANCH ADVISE:

Bi-Annual Tour over the Eight Hour Holiday Weekend
in October this year. (See details P.11 in "Events").
Tour will be based on the Morpeth Conference Centre
where accommodation has been arranged.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY RALLY - 5TH TO 14TH MAY 1979

I wish to advise members that rally packs will be available at the April meeting prior to the meeting, or at 62A Spurway Street, Ermington between 26th April and 4th May.

It will be gratefully appreciated if the entrants ensure that they have lights working so that the 'Gaslite Tour' will achieve a spectacle not seen before.

The Committee would like to thank all those who have helped to put this rally together, also thanks to those who have entered and trust that the rally is an enjoyable event.

Thank you,

BARRY THEW, Rally Chairman.

ENTRIES FOR SILVER ANNIVERSARY RALLY:

1. John Thomson	De Dion Bouton
2. John Jones	Alldays & Onions
3. Dennis Lovell	Sizaire Naudin
4. Allan Blythe	Hupmobile
5. Ken Nutt	Hupmobile
6. Dave Fitchner	Cadillac
7. Bill Spraggon	Renault
8. Bill Stewart	Harley Davidson
9. Don Liddle	New Hudson M/C
10. Neil Lewry	Rover M/C
11. Neil Johnson	Talbot
12. Bob Baxter	Calthorpe
13. George King	F.L.
14. Keith Carden	Clement Bayard
15. Len Sheen	Humber
16. Jim Lewis	Buick
17. Ken Quarmby	Hupmobile
18. Peter Michaels	Hupmobile
19. George Campbell	Argyll
20. H. Paynting	Fiat
21. W. Cox	Sunbeam
22. Allan Rowe	Buick
23. Barry Garth	Ford 'T'
24. Max Chapman	Wolseley
25. Stan Rumble	Renault
26. Chris Sultana	Vulcan
27. John Wards	Ford 'T'
28. Bill McCarthy	Vinot Et Deguingand
29. Allan Blythe	Buick
30. Peter Adams	F.N.
31. John Smith	Ford 'T'
32. George Williams	Renault
33. Doug Pearce	Benz
34. Cyril Stanbridge	Berliet
35. Don Roberts	Ford 'T'
36. Warren Irish	Hupmobile
37. Jock McGowen	Armstrong Whitworth
38. Allan Blevins	Wolseley
39. Neil Martin	Fiat
40. Vic Jacobs	Ford 'T'
41. Bob McCarthy	Dodge
42. Arthur Garthorn	Delahaye
43. Geoff Wolfgang	Sunbeam
44. Fred Rossiter	Studebaker
45. Peter Wards	Hupmobile
46. Jim Cooper	Wolseley
47. Les Johnson	Ford 'T'
48. Jeff Vanstone	Metallurgique
49. Jim Wilson	Oakland

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SILVER
ANNIVERSARY
ENTRANTS
 (CONTINUED):

50. Ben Bronk	Overland
51. George Roberts	Star
52. Max Burke	Hupmobile
53. John Corby	Buick
54. Jim Simpson	B.S.A.
55. Nev. Preston	Talbot
57. Ken Moss	Cadillac
58. Don Steer	Argyll
59. Jim Weir	Vauxhall
60. Bob Trevan	Talbot
61. Bill Burrows	Hispano-Suiza
62. Jack Hill	Sunbeam
63. Bob Newman	Talbot
64. Bill East	Studebaker
65. James Sandy	Hispano-Suiza
66. Jack Dance	Talbot
67. Doug Marr	Sunbeam
68. Frank Nissen	Cadillac
69. Frank Hack	Saxon
70. George Green	Rolls Royce
71. George Adams	Studebaker
73. Allan Foy	Vauxhall
74. Grahame Wilkinson	Rolls Royce
75. Bob Winwood-Smith	E.M.F.
76. Bill Maunsell	Rolls Royce
77. Lauri Ogle	Rolls Royce
78. Reg Jones	Clement Bayard
79. John Pickup	Studebaker
80. Barry Thew	Hupmobile
81. David Berthon	S.C.A.T.
83. John Ahearn	Ford 'T'
84. Bruce Tudgey	Berliet Lyon
85. Joe Heath	Ford 'T'
86. Norm Gullick	Douglas M/C
87. Wayne Merton	Renault
88. Peter Lamb	F.N.
89. A. Pendlebury	Yale
90. Peter Crauford	Cottin Desgouttes
91. Peter Hawes	Ford 'T'
92. David Manhart	Hurtu
93. L. Kathage	Renault
94. Neil Collins	Straker Squire
95. Ivor Austin	Ford 'T'
96. Bill Sanderson	Sunbeam
97. Ed. Sims	Reo
98. Kevin Penson	Ford 'T'

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Our printer, Len Dunn, tells me a very prominent politician is sporting a seven-day beard because he couldn't get his Razorback.

BACK ONE DECADE

The Editor, Jim Simpson, had written a learned article on "Action and Reaction". For example, the Tax man changing the law to "plug the hole" and so foil the astute taxpayer who had "found a way round" the regulations (they had them even then).

Jim also made reference to ways and means of faking speedometer readings when putting a car on the market, and ended by making it appear that the effort was hardly worth the trouble.

Alex McLeod and Jim Lewis had organised a most successful 15th Blue Mountains Rally.

A well-deserved mention was made of Bob and Alma Newman in their Talbot - "particularly when it is remembered that they travel an additional 100 miles to take part and attend meetings". (The same remarks apply today - we do notice, Bob, well done!)

The Rally was well attended by some 80 vehicles, including 13 motor cycles and had a wet start (sounds familiar).

Meetings were held in the Rugby Union Club, Drummoyne, before we were eased out for lack of enthusiastic poker machine players (Hilda Sheen, Jo Nissen and Joan Moss excepted).

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FLASH-BACK 10 YEARSTHANK GOODNESS THERE'S A T-MODEL FORD

(With apologies to George Green)

- By Victor Jacobs

Well, one more trip down to Canberra and Young to organise beds for the 1970 Rally and in order to keep up the atmosphere in a Veteran or Vintage Car, G.G. kindly loaned me his Aluminium 30/98 Vauxhall - not that he didn't trust me, but he also organised Terry Cook to look after the car!

We left at 6.30 a.m. Friday - should have been Friday 13th as far as I was concerned. I had previously said to Terry, "Like to pick me up at Bellevue Hill?" His reply was, "What? Go from Concord to Bellevue Hill? Struth! It'll take a tank of petrol!" I quickly started to get the message.

I only had as luggage one overnight bag and one valise for my Rally Papers - Holy Mackerel, it's like packing sardines into a can. After spending 10 minutes getting myself settled into the front seat, Terry politely comes around to the side door and said "Get out - I want to get in!" How many times I got out of that blasted car on a 500-mile trip I will never know.

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THANK GOODNESS THERE'S A T-MODEL FORD (CONT'D.)

Well, away we went - Boy! Was that bucket seat uncomfortable. So I said: "This seat's got a terrific recline on it - how do you adjust it?" And Terry replied: "They've been trying to adjust it since 1926!"

It was a cold morning - cold all the way to Canberra. I thought to myself, as she warms up it'll get a bit more comfortable - that darn car gives off as much warmth as my Mother-In-Law!

One thing I must say to G.G. - that car sure is solid - real English aristocracy - hard to drive - hard to steer - hard to ride. I quickly nicknamed it The H.M.A.S. Sydney, after our famous Battleship. However, in the 30/98's defence I must say that it has a slight edge on The H.M.A.S. Sydney as far as turning is concerned.

I can assure you all that there is really no harm to come from riding in the car, so do not take my comments too much to heart. If you have the chance to ride in the 30/98 do so, providing you have steel discs in your back, your own teeth so they can't vibrate out, and a flat bottom to ease the bumps.

Unfortunately, I haven't got time or space to tell you the rest of the story. There are dozens more things I would like to tell you. Things such as how we were parked 10 miles out of Bathurst, on the Sydney road at 4.45 a.m. of the morning, with ice all around us, waiting for the dawn to break, so we could see our way home, as the wiring had all burnt out. However, if I carried on with these tales of woe, G.G. may decide to replace me as his Accommodation Chairman for his 1300 beds in the 1970 Rally - and I would just hate him to take me off this job!!!

And as this Aristocratic English car brought me to my home city I couldn't help thinking: Thank goodness there's a T-Model Ford. Thank goodness for that good old Black Iron!!!!

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GLOBE-TROTTERS

Good wishes of the Club go with Laurel and Fred Rossiter who will be leaving Sydney on 21st May for a world tour of 4-5 months duration, including America. On their way back they will be seeing Club members Yvonne (Fred's sister) and John Small who have been stationed in Washington for 3 years, after which they will tour some more of America.

Following the Silver Anniversary Rally Editor Don Steer and his wife Dorothy depart to attend the International Rotary Convention in Rome.

Safe and happy journeyings to these members.

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DON'S PARTY

I was touring New Zealand a few years ago. Leaning over the rim of a bubbling hot pool of mud I remarked to my wife: "Reminds you of hell, doesn't it?" The Kiwi guide, to no one in particular: "These Australians! They've been everywhere!"

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I think that politicians and rock musicians ought both to stand on their records.

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When one member on the Blue Mountains Rally was asked what he thought of the Everglades Motel he remarked: "The pub was excellent but the towels were so fluffy it was almost impossible to close the suitcase."

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Did you hear of the two Russian scientists who knocked at the Pearly Gates? Answering the door, St. Peter said: "I'm sorry, but I can't let you in." Said one of them, "That's all right, we just want our rocket back."

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I was sent down to the after-Christmas sale at a well-known emporium. After standing back for a while waiting for an opportunity to get to the counter, I barged in too, drawing an irate comment from one of the female shoppers. "Why can't you behave like a gentleman?" Replied, "I've been behaving like a gentleman for a quarter of an hour - from now on I'm going to act like a lady."

It's not a man's world anyhow. When you are born, they ask how your mother is; when you marry they say: "What a lovely bride!" and when you die they ask how much you left her.

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Between two stools one sits on the floor.

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I think that heredity is what makes the parents of teenagers wonder a little about each other.

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My friend is so dumb that when his wife said she was going to change the baby he asked her to get a quilter one.

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Two six-year-olds were examining an abstract painting at an art show. "We'd better go," said one, "before they say we did it."

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My friend was called in to the paymasters' office and was told by that official: "I have been told by the management to give you an extra five dollars a week but they don't want you to say anything about it to other members of the staff." "Don't worry sir," said my friend, "I'm just as ashamed of it as you are."

PASSIONFRUIT SHORTBREAD CAKE

$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. butter $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
2 cups s.r. flour 1 beaten egg

Rub butter into s.r. flour until crumbly. Add sugar and beaten egg. Press into greased and floured 7" tin, loosen top with back of fork. Sprinkle with little extra sugar. Cook in moderate oven for 30 minutes. Fill with Passionfruit Cream.

Passionfruit Cream:

1 cup icing sugar; 2 oz. butter; passionfruit pulp

CHOCOLATE CARAMEL SLICE

Base:

4 oz. butter or substitute	1 cup s.r. flour
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, lightly packed	1 cup coconut

Filling:

14 oz. can condensed milk
2 tablespoons milk
1 oz. butter or substitute

Topping:

3 oz. dark chocolate 10 oz. solid white vegetable shortening

Base:

Melt butter in saucepan, add to combined sifted flour, brown sugar and coconut, mix well. Press into base of greased 7" x 11" lamington tin. Bake in moderately slow oven 15 minutes. Remove from oven, cool 10 minutes, spread evenly with filling. Bake in moderately slow oven further 10 to 15 minutes, remove from oven, when cold, spread with topping. Refrigerate until set.

Filling:

Combine condensed milk, golden syrup and butter in saucepan, stir constantly over heat until mixture is smooth and caramel coloured, about 10 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before using.

Topping:

Melt chopped chocolate and shortening in double boiler over simmering water.

- Jean Carden

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BITS & PIECES FROM NEWCASTLEBlue Mountains Tour.

Did you hear? George and Beatrice Adams couldn't find Round Corner and led Stan and May Rumble way off course, had morning tea when it was to be packed up.

Also, that George again, egged on by the Max Roberts girls, consumed large quantities of Pavlova at the Dinner.

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Only 2 members with veterans, Bob Newman and Nev Preston attended the outing at Sunshine (near Morisset) with members of the Central Coast A.C.M.C.

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There is a little bit of noise in the wind that Peter Adams hopes to put the Page back on the road very soon, after a complete mechanical restoration.

- JOHN GORTON

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S C E N E S O C I A L L YCHINESE BANQUET NIGHT - FRIDAY 27TH APRIL, 1979.

Village Licensed Restaurant, Forest Road, Bexley. 8 p.m.
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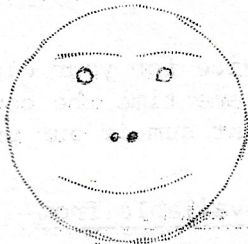
PRESENTATION DINNER - SATURDAY 26TH MAY, 1979

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Please contact Fay re these social events - 502.1182.

- FAY MOUNTFORD

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Out of the gloom a voice said unto me:
"Smile and be happy - things could be worse".
So I smiled and was happy and behold, things
did get worse!

BOOK OFFER

Angus & Robertson (M.L.C. Centre shop only) have made a generous offer to C.V.V.T.M.C. Affiliated Clubs in connection with the books on antique vehicles listed below:

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To quote Angus & Robertson's letter:

"With application to "Marque" and all other books (both in stock and bought in to meet special orders) purchased from this shop by anybody claiming a connection with your club, we will pay your club a commission of 10%, this to last for the period to 30th June, 1979.

To make this a practical operation we would welcome your adopting either or both of the following alternatives:

- * Members of your club (or members of their families) making purchases of car books in our shop should identify themselves and carefully specify your club, and we will make an appropriate record of their purchases; on 30th June, 1979 a cheque will be forwarded to your club, being 10% of the purchases by all those who specifically mention your club.
- * On our receiving your order and cheque we will forward books to any addressee specified by you. Your cheque would be for an amount 10% less than normal retail prices, but if less than five books are forwarded to any address, we have no alternative but to charge postage at the rate of \$1 per book. Whenever a club requests we forward five or more books to an addressee we will pay postage or freight.

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We must emphasise that this offer is only available from the M.L.C. Centre Angus and Robertson shop."

'65/'72 INTERNATIONAL RALLIESFrom New Zealand:

"Since we advertised in 'Beaded Wheels' Aug.-Sept. 1977 that it was our intention to write a series of books under the title of 'Our International Rallies' - it has been decided to incorporate both the Sixth International Rally 1965 and the Thirteenth International Rally 1972 in one volume.

This decision has increased the size of this already formidable task tremendously but the overall result will produce a work of great importance covering every facet of our vintage motoring scene since the inception of our club which dates back to 1946, up to the enormous 1972 event.

We want you to help us make this venture a success - remember these were your rallies and we all shared some wonderful experiences. Now is the time to commit them to paper.

We need your photographs, technical and historical data on your vehicles, anecdotes or personal incidents and experiences in which you or your fellow entrants were involved.

Let us relive these wonderful experiences together and in doing so get ourselves geared up for the 1980 rally.

Looking forward to hearing from you. The deadline for copy is 30th April, 1979.

- MIKE POYNTON,

P.O. Box 29141, Christchurch,
New Zealand.

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ODD BITS

From Jim Simpson

Most enthusiasts recall the Fiat 501. Statistics show that units of this model, in races in all countries of the world, have won about 1000 times over the years. These successes have been in the hands of private motorists, not professional drivers. These wins give no indication of the total of 2nd and 3rd places.

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Following a viewing on T.V. recently we have set to wondering has Jack Hill been working too hard on the Sunbeam. Monetary exertion on a veteran vehicle can affect the hip pocket nerve, of course, and it seems that physical exertion can affect nerves in the lumbar region. Probably been paying too much attention to the advice of bystanders, such as: "Come on, put your back into it!" when swinging on the Sunbeam's handle.

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STOP PRESS:

The sad news has been received that
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suddenly on Thursday, 12th April, 1979.

Many of our members would remember
Mrs. Emma Lette who attended numerous
rallies.

The sympathy of the Club is extended to
Laurel, Fred and family.

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