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## EDITORIAL

The last few weeks have been busy ones for members. We have managed to hold several events that have not been jeopardised by the weather.

At the last monthly meeting there was some discussion about timed events. The usual solution was found - pass the responsibility back to your committee. One feels that if members have firm convictions they should try to obtain more positive solutions. This also concerns the starting and finishing point of rallies.

- GEOFFREY LEHMANN

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on 29TH APRIL at the Yaralla Sea Scouts Hall, Concord Road, Rhodes.

After the meeting slides of the London to Brighton Rally will be shown.

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## OBITUARY

It was with deep regret that club members learnt of the death of George Giltrap, on 18th March, aged 55. For some years George had been fighting a serious illness but he never complained. Born in Ireland, he migrated to New Zealand where he married, and established a motor car business and later started a museum, which he transferred to the Queensland Gold Coast at Coolangatta, known to most of us.

Notwithstanding George's illness, in 1965, with his wife beside him, he drove "Genevieve" the famous 1904 Darracq, with no hood or windscreen, from the museum at Coolangatta to Sydney, then shipped it to Auckland, New Zealand. He drove it 800 miles to Wellington, then crossed to the South Island to Christchurch to compete in the New Zealand International Rally, covering 1,300 miles through all types of weather and winning his class. This was an outstanding feat for one not in good health, but it realised a lifelong ambition for him to revisit New Zealand and compete in an International Rally.

A willing helper if anyone was in trouble, George's cheerfulness and friendliness will be remembered always by his many friends, as also his supreme sense of humour. To Mrs. Giltrap, his two sons and daughter, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS RALLY 1966

The Blue Mountains Rally was held on the weekend of March 19th and 20th. The heavy rain of a previous day cleared away and left perfect conditions - clear and crisp and warm - getting hotter on Sunday.

The start from Centennial Park was orderly. George Sevenoaks was in his usual position and even as Centennial Park is a long way from where we were going it presented a pleasant start. There was virtually no public interest and it was not long before drivers found they were in the heavy traffic of Crown Street. This going was not very suitable for Veterans. There was the problem of competing with modern fast cars and traffic lights as well as quite a few rather bold children.

However, after crossing William Street, the run onto the Cahill Expressway and over the Bridge was quite easy going. It was quite a long haul to Epping and then back to Westmead before the real business of a day started.

As usual, traffic, crowds and confusion seemed to be the order of events in Parramatta. In many places one could see Veterans all heading for the same place but going in different directions. It is a strange thing, but everyone eventually got out and got to the Westmead Control. The stop at St. Mary's Amoco Station was quite exhilarating. The service and efficiency was all at the right price and I think the Proprietor deserves compliments because of his well-run stopover.

Lunch stop at Glenbrook was again well organised. I am quite sure members appreciated the washing facilities that had been thoughtfully provided. The Boy Scouts looked after the parking of the cars. The rest of the run was quite pleasant and there was no nonsense at Lawson. At Blackheath there was an enthusiastic crowd to greet the cars. Refreshments and raffles were available.

Once again a pleasant evening was held at the Blackheath Memorial Hall. As usual Mr. Bicknell was presented with a trophy for the loan of his bus depot to house the cars overnight. There were a couple of children's events and a brief canine interlude. We have not heard why George Sevenoaks was standing on his head.

The return journey on Sunday was again pleasant. The sun was hotter so by the end of the day there were many sunburnt faces. The lunch stop at Penrith again seemed somewhat protracted as there was very little shade there. It was quite pleasant to get going again. Fairly heavy Sunday traffic was encountered on the way back to Parramatta Park where the Rally ended. This year there was a large public attendance and unfortunately refreshments were not available.

In this year's Blue Mountains Rally there were 64 entrants of cars and eight motor cycles. Of these, I understand 61 cars took part and I am told that only three did not complete the course. Distances travelled from Centennial Park to Westmead was approximately 23 miles and 57.1 from Westmead to Blackheath and 60 miles from Blackheath to Parramatta. In the Mountains portion of this Rally there is a rise of 4,000 feet.

This year there were no interstate entrants but, even so, many cars came quite a long distance to attend the Rally. These included Ed Yabsley and his De Dion, R. Sullings with his Buick and the following members from Newcastle:

- Ray Thomas with his 1916 Buick,
- J. Turner with his 1913 Benz called "Beak", and what a magnificent car it was!
- N. Preston with the Straker Squire,
- L. Deimel with his Maxwell, and
- F. Craze - the F.N.

Bob Newman was there as usual with his Talbot. In addition, one must mention that this year there were quite a few interesting cars that have not been present or have not appeared in rallies before. These included our President's very large De Launay Belleville Staff Car, his Vauxhall also. Len Masser in his rebodied 1906 De Dion. Particularly resplendent vehicle was Ross Marshall's Talbot. No doubt we will be seeing much more of this vehicle in the future and it is a real joy to behold. Bob Sulling's Buick made its first appearance and of course the 1913 Benz as just mentioned.

This year entrants enjoyed sponsorship of petrol from Amoco and oil from Castrol.



We are particularly indebted to these firms for their generosity. Members were particularly pleased about this sponsorship. In addition, Marshall Motors of Parramatta printed our dodgers and provided two Toyota Estate Cars for official cars and a baggage waggon. These services were all very essential and were thoroughly appreciated. The Events Committee, Len Sheen, John Naylor and Arthur Garthon must be complimented for a first class event. We have to thank all the officials who helped to make the week-end such an enjoyable one. Unfortunately we have not yet been given the scores, so these will be published in a later issue.

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#### MARCH MEETING REPORT

The March monthly meeting was held on 24th at the Yaralla Sea Scouts Hall. This month, we had the benefit of a public address system. The meeting was well attended and as usual after the Blue Mountains Rally, there was quite a lot of debating concerned with the merits of time rallies, of starting points etc. The rally will be dealt with separately in this issue.

Our Treasurer reported a favourable balance and at this meeting it was decided that a further \$700 should be placed on fixed deposit. The \$40 owing for the display of cars in the Carlingford Village Centre has now been received. Our Treasurer, Helen Hardman, is going on leave and Ray Hill is resuming this position for the rest of the Financial Year.

The Management Committee's report concerned the fixed deposit account and particularly the forthcoming Concourse event that was scheduled to be held at Roselands on 3rd April. As this clashed with the Rolls Royce Commemoration Run, representations were made to Roselands for a change of date, April 17th has been secured. Cars will be required to attend from 10 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m., a variety of displays showing restoration are to be prepared. The public will be charged an admission fee and half of this will be presented to a charity. Roselands is particularly well attended during the weekends.

The Events Calendar, in future is to be drawn up yearly, from January to December, so that events can be arranged not to clash with other clubs.

Our President thanked Len Sheen and his Committee for their able management of the Blue Mountains Rally. Len Sheen reported on this event and John Naylor spoke about the Concourse Event at Roselands. The Easter A.C.T. Tour arrangements were decided and the cars should try to meet at 8 a.m. at the cross roads. In addition they mentioned that the C.V.V.T.M.C. outing at Warwick Farm is on May 1st. The area offered this year is larger, allowing more room for cars and better picnic and refreshment facilities.

Members were also asked to consider an outing for the Warragamba Ambulance Appeal but this was received without enthusiasm.

The Registrar reported registration of Ben Bronk's Ford and Len Masser's De Dion.

Three new full members were admitted and two new associate members; their names are recorded separately.

Arthur Garthon believes that he may have access to obtaining some motor books at reduced prices. He displayed half a dozen books at the meeting, the titles are recorded separately. Should members be interested in these books, they are asked to contact him.

At this meeting George Roberts presented Dating Certificates to members who were unavailable at the last meeting, these included Col. Parker, Len Sheen, Jim Lewis and O. Bourke. He also corrected the statement in the last issue of SPIT AND POLISH concerning the date of Wal Barker's Ford 'T', it is actually a 1915 model.

During the meeting, at various times, the subject, initiated by Vic. Jacobs, concerning timed rallies was brought up. He reminded the meeting that previously the principle of non-timed rallies had been endorsed by the Club.

He felt that a basis other than time should be used to produce a winner of the various trophies. On the other hand Len Sheen pointed out that for the organised running of the rally, certain timing was essential; there needed to be a starting time, a release of cars every two minutes to ensure an even traffic flow and there needed to be definite times for lunch stops. On a show of hands it was evident that members preferred the use of time in this event. Bill Hardman mentioned the uncomfortable aspects of a Penrith humidified lunch stop and stated that he felt it would be much more comfortable to proceed to Parramatta and have a lunch stop and the end of the rally there.

George Green assured Bob Newman that the plea of the northern members would be heard and there would be a definite change of starting point in the future. Len Masser said he found the long haul from Centennial Park through to Epping, the most tedious part of the rally.

Hilda Sheen reminded members of a Presentation Night to be held on May 7th and she asked members to get their parties and their money ready.

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<u>NEW MEMBERS:</u>	D. Maher, 57 Main Rd., Warners Bay.	Buick 1918
	J. Scott, 598 High St., Penrith.	Buick 1916
	C. Broadbent, 14 Lillian St., Cardiff.	F.W. 1911

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

D. Craze, 37 Marigang St., Bowral.  
D. Trangmak, 8 Spencer Place, Chatswood West.

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BOOKS AVAILABLE THROUGH A. GARTHON -

"The Motorist's Weekend Book".  
"The Thoroughbred Motor Car 1930-40".  
"The Veteran Motor Car Pocket Book".  
"Vintage Cars" - Batsford.  
"Veteran Cars" - Batsford.  
"The Maintenance and Driving of Vintage Cars" - Wheatley & Morgan.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1st	C.V.V.T.M.C. Annual Outing, Warwick Farm.
May 7th	Annual Presentations - Country Style Dance - Kogarah Progress Hall, Ramsgate Road, Kogarah Bay. Please ring your bookings 42/4198, Hilda Sheen, now.
May 22nd	Know Your Sydney Tour. Norths v. Souths.

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

L. Sheen, J. Naylor, A. Garthon.

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"LIFE WAS SURELY GIVEN US FOR HIGHER PURPOSES THAN TO  
GATHER WHAT OUR ANCESTORS HAVE WISELY THROWN AWAY."

- Samuel Johnson.

(Desk Calendar, 21/3/66.)

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'66 RALLY & ALL THAT!

Did you.....

Know that only two cars didn't start on Saturday.....

Hear about the suitcase, which stayed to mind the house at  
Gosford.....

See the mobile \_\_\_\_\_ box.....

Hear the yearly cry - "I shall never enter another rally".....

See the official starter doing handstands.....

Notice all the dark glasses on Sunday morning.....

See the Pres. rounding up his family.....

Hear the harassed driver after discarding a brand new beaded  
edge ask "Who started this club  
anyhow?".....

Notice the "Cuddle" car came back as baggage.....

Know that cars won't run on straight oil.....

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C.V.V.T.M.C. CALENDAR FOR 1966

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
Sat. 23	R.C.C.	Short Night Trial	Open
Mon. 25	V.S.C.C.A.	Hillclimb (Silverdale)	Open
<u>MAY</u>			
Sun. 1	C.V.V.T.M.C.	Rally to Warwick Farm	Restricted
Sun. 8	V.S.C.C.A.	Mystery Tour	Open
	Riley C.C.	Short Circuit (Amaroo)	Closed
Sun. 15	A.C.M.C.	President's Rally	Open
	A.A.R.C.	Vintage, Historic races, Vintage Parade (Warwick Farm)	Open
Sun. 22	V.S.C.C.A.	Hillclimb (Silverdale)	Open
	V.C.C.A.	Event	Closed
Sun. 29	A.S.C.C.	Gymkhana	Invitation
<u>JUNE</u>			
Sun. 5	V.S.C.C.A.	Hillclimb + Concours (Silverdale)	Closed
Sat/Mon 11/13	R.R.O.C.	Federal Rally (Canberra)	R-R cars only
Sun. 12	Riley C.C.	Wagga Rally	Closed
Sun. 19	Alvis C.C.	Picnic Day	Closed
	A.C.M.C.	Economy Run	Open
Sun. 26	Riley C.C.	Economy Run	Closed
<u>JULY</u>			
Sat/Sun 2/3	V.M.C.	1½-Day Rally	Invitation
Sat. 9	Alvis C.C.	Short Night Trial	Closed
Sun. 10	V.S.C.C.A.	Gymkhana	Open
Sun. 17	A.C.M.C.	Picnic Run	Open
Sat/Sun 23/24	V.S.C.C.A.	Mountain Championship Hill- climb (Silverdale)	Open
Sun. 24	Riley C.C.	Mountain Rally	Closed
Sat. 30	A.S.C.C.	Winter Rally	Invitation
<u>AUGUST</u>			
Sat/Sun 6/7	V.S.C.C.A.	Southern Highlands Rally	Invitation
Sun. 14	A.C.M.C.	Motorkhana	Open
	Alvis C.C.	Picnic Day	Closed
Sat. 28	Riley C.C.	6-Hour Trial	Open

SEPTEMBER

Sat/Sun 10/11	A.C.C./V.M.C.	All Night Trial	Invitation
Sun. 11	A.C.M.C.	Spring Tour	Open
Sun. 18	A.A.R.C.	Vintage, Historic Races, Vintage Parade (Warwick Farm)	Open
Sat/Sun 24/25	A.S.C.C.	Weekend visit to Mudgee	Closed
Sun. 25	V.S.C.C.A.	Hillclimb (Silverdale)	Closed
	Riley C.C.	Driving Tests	Closed

OCTOBER

Sat/Sun 15/16	A.C.M.C.	Bundanoon Run	Open
Sun. 16	V.S.C.C.A.	Treasure Hunt	Closed
	Alvis C.C.	Short Trial	Closed
Sun. 23	Riley C.C.	Hillclimb (Amaroo)	Closed
Sat/Sun 22/23	V.M.C.	Anniversary Rally	Closed

NOVEMBER

Sat. 12	A.S.C.C.	Concours d'Elegance	Closed
Sun. 13	V.M.C.	Inspection Day + Concours	Closed
	A.C.M.C.	Inspection Day + Concours	Closed
	V.S.C.C.A.	Hillclimb (Silverdale)	Open
Sat. 26	Riley C.C.	Treasure Hunt	Open
	Alvis	Annual Picnic + Concours	Closed

DECEMBER

Sun. 4	V.M.C.	Gymkhana	Invitation
Sun. 11	Riley C.C.	Concours	Closed
	A.C.M.C.	Christmas Picnic	Closed

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W A N T E D

KRIT parts - particularly crankcase and radiator. - STAN COX,  
Lot 46, Roycox Cresc., Dubbo.

Radiator and front axle assembly with springs for 4-cylinder 1915 Scripps-Booth.  
Engine No. 5566C.

- E.C. ABRAHAMS,  
10 Wongoola Close, O'Connor, A.C.T.

All States

Information and Parts for Regal Underslung. Information and parts for De Dion,  
1904 Model C, 8 h.p.

- ARNOLD WORBOYS,  
P.O. Box 212, Gunnedah, N.S.W.

AVAILABLE

Hancock Tyre Service, 542 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Vic. has available for  
immediate delivery new tyres in the following sizes:

500 x 24  
440 x 23  
880 x 120  
875 x 105

F O R   S A L E : 2 Tyres and Tubes 440 x 23 (Unused but slightly old).

- K.R. Goodyear,  
Evans St., West Wyalong, N.S.W.

WANTED ALL STATES

Early Chev. Crown Wheel and Pinion Part No. GMC 33738  
9-38 teeth.

- DOUG. PEARCE,  
111 Kingsland Rd., Bexley North.  
50/6280

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Itala radiator and other parts. Wire wheels 26" rim.

- J. MC KINNON,  
51-53 Burwood Rd., Concord.  
88/2830

F O R   S A L E : 1913 Studebaker Engine. - STAN COX,  
Lot 46, Roycox Cresc., DUBBO.



WANTED ALL STATES

1907 8 h.p. Single cylinder Rover front axle,  
front engine mounting, fan, carburettor and radiator.  
- D.G. HENLEY,  
56 Celebration St.,  
East Cannington, W.A.

FOR EXCHANGE ALL  
STATES

500 x 24 S.S. Tyre new, 600 21 S.S. Tyre new,  
Pair Germania silver sidelamps, Bosch horn, small  
Dietz lamp, full set Ford T diff. bearings new,  
all available in exchange for Full Lighting set  
for 1913 Ford T and other Ford T parts, or will  
purchase.  
- WAL MARTIN,  
337 Greensborough Rd.,  
Watsonia, Vic., Ph.431418

WANTED ALL STATES

Talbot 1911 gearbox. Cadillac 1928 Hub and Axle.  
- SID CRIPPS,  
32 Proctors Rd., Dynnyrne,  
Hobart, Tas.

WANTED ALL STATES

De Dion 1903/05 2-cylinder engine or parts.  
(Will pay good price).  
- T. JEREMIAH,  
201 Melville Rd.,  
West Brunswick, Vic.  
36/3808

WANTED ALL STATES

Speedwell M/c. 1910. Information re location of  
parts.  
- DON BIGGAR,  
C/- Station Motors,  
Frankston, Vic.

WANTED ALL STATES

Chevrolet model 490 electric headlamps.  
- M.J. LONG,  
3 Rossfield Ave., Kew, Vic.  
81/5555

WANTED ALL STATES

F.N. 1912 Type 2700 Tailshaft, front hubcap and suitable  
windscreen or parts thereof.  
Triumph 1911 M/c. Beltrim.  
- RUSSELL BEACH,  
"The Plains", Birregurra, Vic.  
Phone 55.

WANTED ALL STATES

Ford T 1911/12 cylinder block.  
- J. BROOKER,  
Dimboola, Vic. Ph.331.

WANTED ALL STATES

Peugeot 1913 Bebe Motor or any mechanical parts.  
- G. FISHER,  
23 Ellimatta Street, Reid.  
A.C.T.

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LINES FROM OMAR

...Come, fill the tank and fix the broken spring,  
Your worn-out clutch into the garbage fling:  
This car of thine hast but a little way to roll  
And then you'll ask what price 'twill bring....

We'll make the most of what we have to spend  
Before we, too, to the bankrupt's court descend.

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" S P O K E S   I N   T H E   W H E E L "

Official Newsletter of  
THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.)  
NEWCASTLE BRANCH

The Eleventh Blue Mountains Rally has come and gone once again and Newcastle Branch members who made the trip had an enjoyable weekend. Ray Thomas, unfortunately, had sufficient water pump problems on his Buick to leave it at Bob Newman's garage at Tuggerah on the return trip.

On the Sunday preceding the 'Blue Mountains' a picnic barbecue to Croudace Bay was held. A good roll up of Branch members came along in their Veterans as well as Vintage and Moderns, and a most pleasant day was had by all. Jim Turner's invitation to "call in on the way home for a 'cuppa'" was accepted by quite a number of members and heartily enjoyed. I am sure I speak for all when I applaud Jim for his warm hospitality in opening his home to members on this and many other occasions. I am also sure that this type of fellowship is possibly the most valuable a club can have as it generates a much closer member to member relationship.

The next meeting of the Newcastle Branch on 11th May, 1966 is the Annual Meeting at which officers for the ensuing year will be elected. I would ask all branch members to give serious consideration between now and next month to this election both from the view of accepting an office if nominated (full members only) as well as nominating another member. Please do not nominate anyone unless you are quite confident that person is able, capable and conscientious enough to carry out the job for the next year. Also consider yourself in all of the positions of office (one at a time naturally) and accept a nomination only if you are willing to work at the job for the whole year. Where possible discuss the job with the member(s) you want to nominate before the meeting night so that they will not be new to the idea at the meeting. I feel very strongly that the officers in power can make or mar the progress of the club and we all want to see it prosper. Note: only FULL members can hold office but all members can nominate and vote.

Around and About

Jim Turner is delighted at the magic touch of Bob Newman in his successful tuning of the Benz - hard to keep it under 60 now. Also how do you like the Benz now with its recently fitted mudguards?

Member Ken Elliot, recently returned from a working trip to Canada and the U.S.A., has accepted a transfer to Victoria. We wish Ken every success for the future.

Ex-member Dallas Moore who resigned to go to New Zealand on a working holiday two years ago, came home recently, but has now returned to New Zealand permanently. Must be a good country.

Jim Turner's Benz and Ron Hepworth's Straker Squire were displayed in the window of a Maitland new car distributor laterly -- we believe the branch is to benefit financially -- many thanks.

- DON BARKER,  
Chairman.

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Last month, by courtesy of the Events Committee, we enjoyed an ocean voyage. On board the good ship M.V. Vagabond, ten car-loads of V.C.C. members and their families journeyed up the Myall River from Tea Gardens to Mungo Brush. Although the weather was doubtful at the start, it soon cleared and a very pleasant outing was had by all.

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By courtesy of Hunter Thomas, a "drive-in bottle department" has been established at the side of his workshop. The Ladies Auxiliary requests all members to bring their empty bottles to Hunter's Garage at Georgetown (rear of Mobilgas Service Station) and help their fund-raising efforts.

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NEW MEMBER:

Welcome to Doug. Maher who has joined with a 1918 Buick "6" roadster. In addition to his veteran, Doug. has an immaculately restored vintage Triumph "7" sports roadster.

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COMPLAINTS.

No for sale ads.

No wanted ads.

What happened? Has everyone got a fully restored heap, and hasn't anyone got a spare bit they want to swap, sell or throw out???

- THE SCRIBE

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