

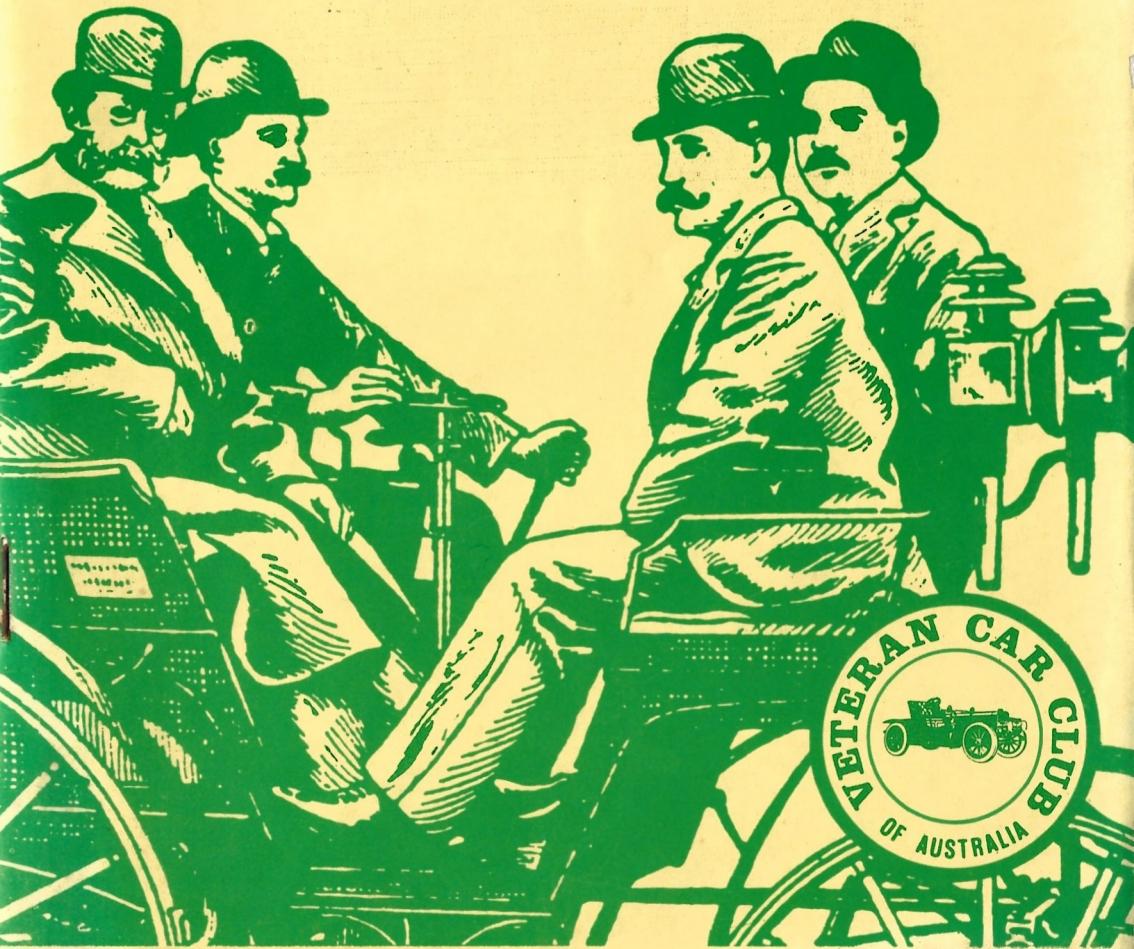
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His Excellency,  
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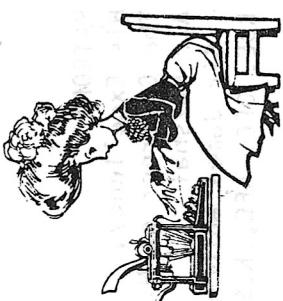
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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 1985.

*Editorial**Comment*

Well, I'm still with this job of being Editor of SPIT AND POLISH. Thank you to all on Committee and particularly to my husband Max for support throughout the past year. I will try to continue keeping you informed of club news, events and interesting articles, but don't forget it's your magazine so do contribute too.

This issue of course always contains reports from the A.G.M. for those who were unable to attend.

There are more letters to the Editor and remember to do the MINDSTRETCHER.

- SANDY ROBERTS  
P.S. Investigation and Dating Report, with more information from George Roberts, will appear in August SPIT AND POLISH.

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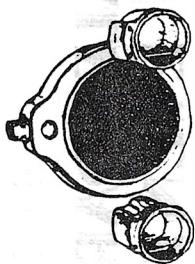
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**THANK YOU MEMBERS:**

TO THE MEMBERS OF VETERAN CAR CLUB WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE PAST TWO YEARS AND WHO HAVE MADE OUR JOB SO MUCH EASIER AND OUR FUNCTIONS A GREAT ENJOYMENT - THANK YOU. WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH LYNN MARTIN & NOELLENE THOMSON BEST OF LUCK AS THE NEW SOCIAL SECRETARIES. WE ARE SURE THE CLUB MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO THEM AS THEY DID TO US. OUR KINDEST REGARDS TO ALL, MERRY, AND SANDY

*President's Message*

Congratulations to Neil Johnston for being elected to the highest position within our Club, which is Honorary Life Member. Much more on this subject is written in other parts of the magazine.

Your new Management Committee for 1985/6 is:

President	R. Baxter
Vice-Presidents	G. Roberts
Hon. Secretary	K. Quarmbly
Hon. Treasurer	R. McCarthy

Committee: S. Roberts, R. Cox, R. Coulcher, N. Martin, J. Quattrochi

Social Committee: N. Thomson, L. Martin

I am sure that we can look forward to another full year of club activity and progress.

At the Annual General Meeting it was resolved that members could pay their membership fee in advance for life. The current cost for this has been set at \$1,000, with a limit of 5 per cent of total membership. This is one way that members can help to finance the construction of our new clubrooms.

The clubrooms are progressing steadily, with the Library and Committee Rooms all plastered and the electrical work and P.C. items being installed.

My writings occupy too much space in this month's magazine so I will end hoping we all have an enjoyable 1985/6 year.

- R. BAXTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

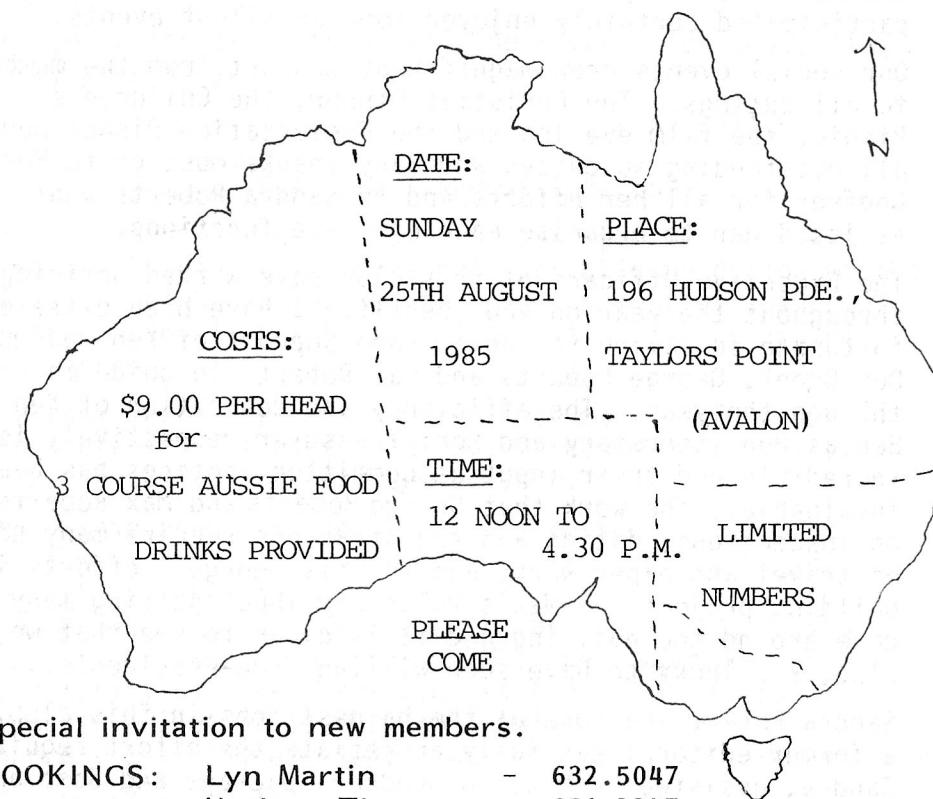


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August	11	NAVIGATORS' TOUR.
August	25	AUSSIE LUNCHEON - near Avalon - details page 5.
September	7	(SATURDAY) CLUB AUCTION DAY.
September	22	Drummoynes Carnivale '85.
October	4-7	25TH ANNIVERSARY NEWCASTLE TOUR - Morpeth. Enquiries: George Adams (049) 48.8140.
November	10	FISHERS GHOST RUN.
December	1	(SUNDAY) CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.
December	7	(SATURDAY) CHRISTMAS DINNER.

1986

## A U S S I E   L U N C H E O N



### Special invitation to new members.

**BOOKINGS:** Lyn Martin - 632.5047  
Noelene Thomson - 651.2247

## 1984/85 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has been one of outstanding progress on our new clubrooms and a successful campaign to fill the entry positions available in the 1988 Bi-Centennial Rally.

The Annual Blue Mountains Rally was well attended and all who participated voted it to be a top event and appreciated the efforts of Terry Cook, Mal Garthon and their helpers for a job well done. It was vintage Katoomba with a wide variety of Veteran cars, good weather, an excellent route, friends for company and a good evening's entertainment all added up to be a very successful weekend.

Our other motoring events were only moderately supported by the members, but you can be assured that those who participated certainly enjoyed some excellent events.

Our social events drew magnificent support from the members to all outings. The Christmas Dinner, the Children's Picnic, the film evening and the Presentation Dinner were all outstanding successes and many thanks must go to Merryl Godfrey for all her efforts and to Sandra Roberts who assisted her to organise each of these functions.

The Executive Officers of this club have worked untiringly throughout the year on your behalf. I have been extremely fortunate in having the advice and support of Ken Quarmby, Ben Bronk, George Roberts and Max Roberts to guide me through the year. The efficiency and dedication of Ken and Ben as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively is incredible and their input at committee meetings has been invaluable. The work that George Roberts and Max Roberts do on inspections, dating and registrations require many hours of travel and paper work, add to this George's efforts in our building project and Max's voluntary input getting many jobs done around the building and it is clear to see that we, as a club, are lucky to have such willing Vice-Presidents.

Sandra Roberts has one of the hardest jobs in this club. As a former editor I can fully appreciate the effort required by Sandra, assisted by Max, to produce, package and post an extremely interesting and informative SPIT AND POLISH on schedule each month. Again we must remember that Sandra was one of the mainstays of our Social Committee and her advice and assistance at management level throughout the year was invaluable.

The first year on committee for Ron Cox has been of great benefit to the club. His efforts in raising funds, printing and working on the building has been greatly appreciated.

I must single out Neil Johnston, our Honorary Builder, for special mention. Without Neil and his expertise, efforts and contacts, it would not have been possible to build our new clubrooms to the point where we are today. There are a lot of members who have helped him on the site and realise the contribution he is making, but there are only a few members on committee who are fully aware of the extent of his involvement in this building project. This club's

indebtedness to Neil for his efforts over the past several years is enormous and one deserving of the VCCA (NSW) highest honours.

In conclusion may I thank all the members for supporting me in my year as your President.

- R. BAXTER

#### TREASURER'S REPORT 1984/85

It is with some regret that I present you with my last Treasurer's Report. I have not been able to decide whether it is the club that needs the break or me (perhaps both). On the whole, it has been an interesting and rewarding experience.

The past year's operations have been more comfortable, with the increase of fees to \$18.00. I recommend that they remain at \$18.00 for the coming year.

There have been many contributions to the Building Fund, which have enabled us to progress with the new building (now at lock-up stage). One more push is required to see it finished. By this I mean a push for funds and it is with this in mind that I propose: THAT the club makes an opportunity available for members (who wish) to pay a "Life Membership Fee" of \$1,000 (this being quite distinct from Honorary Life Membership). This opportunity to remain open for 12 months only.

With only 5% of the membership subscribing to Life Membership we will raise \$15,000 - enough to finish our building project. In support of this proposal, I have two \$1,000 cheques awaiting your approval. You will not only help us to finish our building project, but you will also get the promise that the club will never send you another reminder for dues.

Your club is in a strong financial position, our only major liability being \$13,200 in members' debentures, which is a tremendous effort indeed. Our surplus for the last twelve months is \$6,494.42, not as great as previous years and not as great as next year's (I hope).

Over the last 8 years as Treasurer, and for the many other jobs I stuck my neck out for, I have had to call on numerous

members for assistance of all kinds and I am grateful and proud for the response I have received. A very special thank you to Bill McCarthy for his untiring effort, looking after our property lettings.

An audited copy of our Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Statement will be published in SPIT AND POLISH.

In conclusion I hope you will support my Life-Membership proposal; I am sure the response will raise enough funds to see our Building Project finished.

Happy motoring,

- BEN BRONK

NOTE:

Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Trading and Revenue Accounts are reproduced on pages as listed:

Pages 10 & 11 Balance Sheet

" 12 & 13 Income & Expenditure Statement

" 14 & 15 Trading & Revenue Account

Accompanying the above reports is the following statement:

"We have examined the records of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (New South Wales) for the year ended 31 May, 1985 and report that, in our opinion, the accompanying Accounts, together with the Schedules thereto, present a true and fair view of the affairs of the Club and of the results for the year then ended.

(Signed) G.D.B. Jones, F.C.A.  
Chartered Accountant"

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LETTER TO THE HONORARY SECRETARY:

Dear Ken:

It is my wish to nominate member and Honorary Builder, Mr. Neil Johnston, for HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP of the Veteran

Car Club of Australia (NSW), a wish that is seconded by Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ben Bronk, who shares my sentiments and expresses admiration for a man who has given so much in personal effort to the club.

As Chairman of the Building Committee, it has been my pleasure and my privilege to work alongside Neil, from the inception of an idea to plan and build a clubhouse, to the structure which is now a reality and a building which is the future home of our elite organization, that has its foundations in the restoration and preservation of veteran cars.

Neil has applied himself and his expertise tirelessly to the project from grass roots, has given endless hours of physical and mental effort over a period of some four years and has maintained strict control of material and labour costs.

In his acceptance of the task as Honorary Builder, matched against a lifetime of experience in the building industry, constructing homes, schools, supermarkets, high-rise buildings and not forgetting the reconstruction of Darwin after Cyclone Tracy, also as a Past President of the VCCA (Qld), he was aware of the time such a project would claim on his leisure, his family life and his occupation, yet in his devotion to his hobby (our hobby) he has given willingly of his experience, expertise and time to the construction of a building which we can be proud of, which has now reached the lock-up stage and completion is but a matter of finance.

In presenting this nomination for acceptance, I know that many members who have worked closely with Neil throughout this period are also aware of his prowess, his zealous pursuit of an ideal and will support me in our acclaim of a man we have learned to respect and to value as a member and friend.

To current and future members, I hope that the granting of Honorary Life Membership to Neil Johnston will serve as a reminder of our indebtedness to a man to whom we owe so much and whom we hold in the highest of esteem.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE A. ROBERTS

Chairman, Building Committee

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY, 1985

1983

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

94231	Balance at May 31 1985 as per attached Income and Expenditure Account	\$100725.55
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Represented by:

CURRENT ASSETS

33399	Westpac Bank - Sinking Fund	6189.33
1303	Westpac Bank - Debenture Acc.	419.79
(58)	State Bank	985.50
976	Stock on Hand	612.80
264	Debtors - Rent	492.00
80	Deposits	80.00
300	Prepaid Expenses	-
36264		8779.42

Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES

(4968)	Westpac Bank - Rally Account	20.00
610	Creditors	509.00
156	Rent Paid in Advance	84.00
234	Subscriptions paid in Advance	234.00
4965	Rally Trust Monies	-
997		847.00
35267		7932.42

Plus: FIXED ASSETS

3883	Furniture etc. at cost	3973.00
(2942)	Less: Prov'n Depreciation	(3060.00)
10444	Meeting Hall at Cost	10444.00
31613	Building at Cost	31613.00
29166	New Building at Cost	63023.13
72164		105993.13

Less: TERM LIABILITIES

13200	Debentures carrying interest at 5% pa	13200.00
94231		\$100725.55

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED

31 MAY, 1985

1984

	<u>INCOME</u>	
3912	Annual Subscriptions (sch 4)	5623.00
190	Entrance Fees	150.00
246	Club Levies	268.00
3693	Donations	1991.63
227	Display	-
2946	Interest Received	1743.36
443	Special Raffle Proceeds	754.00
1458	Surplus, on Trading Transactions (sch 1)	496.30
2008	Surplus on Other Transactions (sch 2)	2124.24
(3844)	Less: Deficits on Other Transactions (sch 2)	(3766.70)
2587	Property Transactions (sch 3)	488.32
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13867		9872.15

Less: Expenses

653	Affiliation Fees	672.00
275	Audit Fees	300.00
137	Bank Fees	137.77
137	Depreciation	118.00
-	Hire of Equipment	77.55
200	Honoraria	200.00
878	Interest Paid	668.34
603	Insurance	662.87
30	Microphone - replacement	-
182	Postages	145.70
51	Printing and Stationery	322.50
-	Presentations	50.00
-	Registration - Trailer	23.00
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3146		3377.73
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10721	<u>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>	6494.42
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83510	Add: Accumulated Funds at 31 May 1984	94231.13
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94231	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT 31 MAY, 1985</u>	\$100725.55
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SCHEDULE 1 TRADING TRANSACTIONS

	<u>Stock &amp; Purchases</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Closing Stock</u>	<u>(loss) Surplus</u>
Car Badges	540.00	100.00	400.00	(40.00)
Stickers	12.20	4.00	7.80	(.40)
Lapel Badges	234.00	125.00	65.00	(44.00)
Number Plates	190.00	472.00	140.00	422.00
Plaques	372.00	371.00	-	(1.00)
Cloth Badges	-	30.00	-	30.00
Xmas Cards	-	78.00	-	78.00
Dating Plates	105.00	119.70	-	14.70
T Shirts	105.00	142.00	-	37.00
<u>SURPLUS TO I.&amp;E.ACOUNT</u>	<u>1558.20</u>	<u>1441.70</u>	<u>612.80</u>	<u>496.30</u>

SCHEDULE 2 OTHER TRANSACTIONS

	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Gains</u>
National Rally	1528.00	1318.00	210.00	-
Other Rallies	14150.30	14929.50	-	779.20
Socials	3949.96	5059.05	-	1109.09
Dept. Motor Transport	2582.70	2650.00	-	67.30
Insurance	3826.20	3994.85	-	168.65
Magazine	3796.70	240.00	3556.70	-
<u>RESULT TO I.&amp;E.ACOUNT</u>	<u>29833.86</u>	<u>28191.40</u>	<u>3766.70</u>	<u>2124.24</u>

SCHEDULE 3 PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Rents Received - 134 Queen Street	2862.00	
- 136 Queen Street	<u>2457.40</u>	<u>5319.40</u>
Less: Expenses:		
Rates and Land Tax	3170.35	
Electricity	341.52	
Maintenance & Caretaking	<u>1319.21</u>	<u>4831.08</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO I. &amp; E. ACCOUNT</u>		<u>\$488.32</u>

SCHEDULE 4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions paid during the year	\$5623.00
Plus: Subscriptions paid 1984 in advance	234.00
Less: Subscriptions paid 1985 in advance for 1986	234.00
	<u>\$5623.00</u>

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VCCA (NSW) HELD AT THE CLUB ROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1984, AT 9.00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 66 as record on attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES: W. &amp; R. East, J. Cooper, J. Corby, J. McGowen, E. Lewis, L. Rossiter, B. Cliff, R. Tunbridge, A. Foy, R. McCarthy, J. Dance, N. Martin, P. Martin, P. Hobson, R. Thomas, P. Adams.

VISITORS: J. Thew, L. Godfrey.

Minutes of 1983 Annual General Meeting were accepted as read. Moved M. Roberts, seconded K. Carden. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nominated auditors were unable to complete year of appointment due to death of firm's principal; Miss Jacqui Jones completed the audit.

Perpetual trophy has been donated by Greens Family Trust. On the first occasion of awarding it was won by Mr. J. Godfrey for Blue Mountains Rally 1984.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: was read to the meeting and copy attached to these minutes.

Both reports were accepted as read. Moved G. Roberts, seconded N. Wakeham. CARRIED.BUSINESS ARISING: The Treasurer advised of the Committee's recommendation that annual subscription for 1984/5 be raised to \$18.00. Moved P. Wards, seconded M. Roberts. CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The President, B. Thew, declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for offices. There being no nominations for any positions from the meeting, the following persons as proposed by the 1983/84 Committee on the appropriate form were elected unopposed:

President	Mr. Bob Baxter
Vice-President	George Roberts
Vice-President	Max Roberts
Hon. Secretary	Ken Quarby
Hon. Treasurer	Ben Bronk
Committee Members	Sandy Roberts, Ron Cox, Terry Cook, Malcolm Garthon, Jim Redman

ELECTION OF AUDITORS: Moved J. Wards, seconded P. Wards, that Ms Jacqui Jones of Jones and Baker be appointed Auditor for 1984/85. CARRIED.BUSINESS:  
Veteran of the Year Award. 1983/84 winner was Mr. R. Trevan with his 1910 "T" Ford.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Minutes of A.G.M. 1984/85 are to be ratified at the July General Meeting.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sandy:

My old Maxwell (Les Deimel's) is in Southwells Museum at Wellington, New Zealand. Visited the Museum last month and was surprised to find my old restoration there. Still have the Benz and a few others.

Regards,

- JIM TURNER

(The response to "WHERE ARE THEY NOW?" question in April issue '85, Page 19, has been most pleasing. Editor.)

Dear Sandy,

I am enclosing for SPIT AND POLISH a copy of part of a letter from Jim Sandy, one of our members who has taken the red and yellow Alphonso Hispano-Suiza over to America for the Hispano Suiza Rally in California.

"We have just completed 900 miles of touring in California and have hardly incurred any trouble at all. Indeed "we" (the car and I) were certainly NOT the slowest car, nor the most unreliable, our only trouble was a loss in performance over the last two days of the tour, wherein I could not fathom why the water did not boil, yet the oil got very hot and thin. Problem was solved on the afternoon of my return to Haywood, where I found the carburettor to be loose so that we were running too lean.

Being the oldest car in the tour, I guess we were a bit of an unknown quantity to the Yanks, who fielded H6B's and C's, some K6's and a trio J12's. The H6's were no problem and on one occasion I had a K6 pull over to let me through, but the best bit was passing John Perkins' J12 on the coast road (Route 1) going down to San Simeon. No way can the J12's hold the Alphonso on the twisting sections, but they get their own back on the straights.

In due course I'll have some pictures showing the Alphonso at about 500 ft in the Yosemites, quite probably the only Alphonso to have been there!"



## COMMITTEE &amp; OFFICE-BEARERS VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUST. (NSW) 1985/86

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HON. PROPERTY MANAGER	Bill McCarthy	

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

## TRANSFER TO FULL MEMBERSHIP:

INDER, Bryan William Member No. 760  
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(Other details as per Roster)

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Solution to No. 41

BURNING QUESTION

Candle 2 went out at 11 p.m., exactly the same time as Candle 1.

No. 42

TALL STORY

Ned is taller than Red but smaller than Fred.  
Red is smaller than Ted, while Ed is taller than Ned.  
Who is smallest?

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