

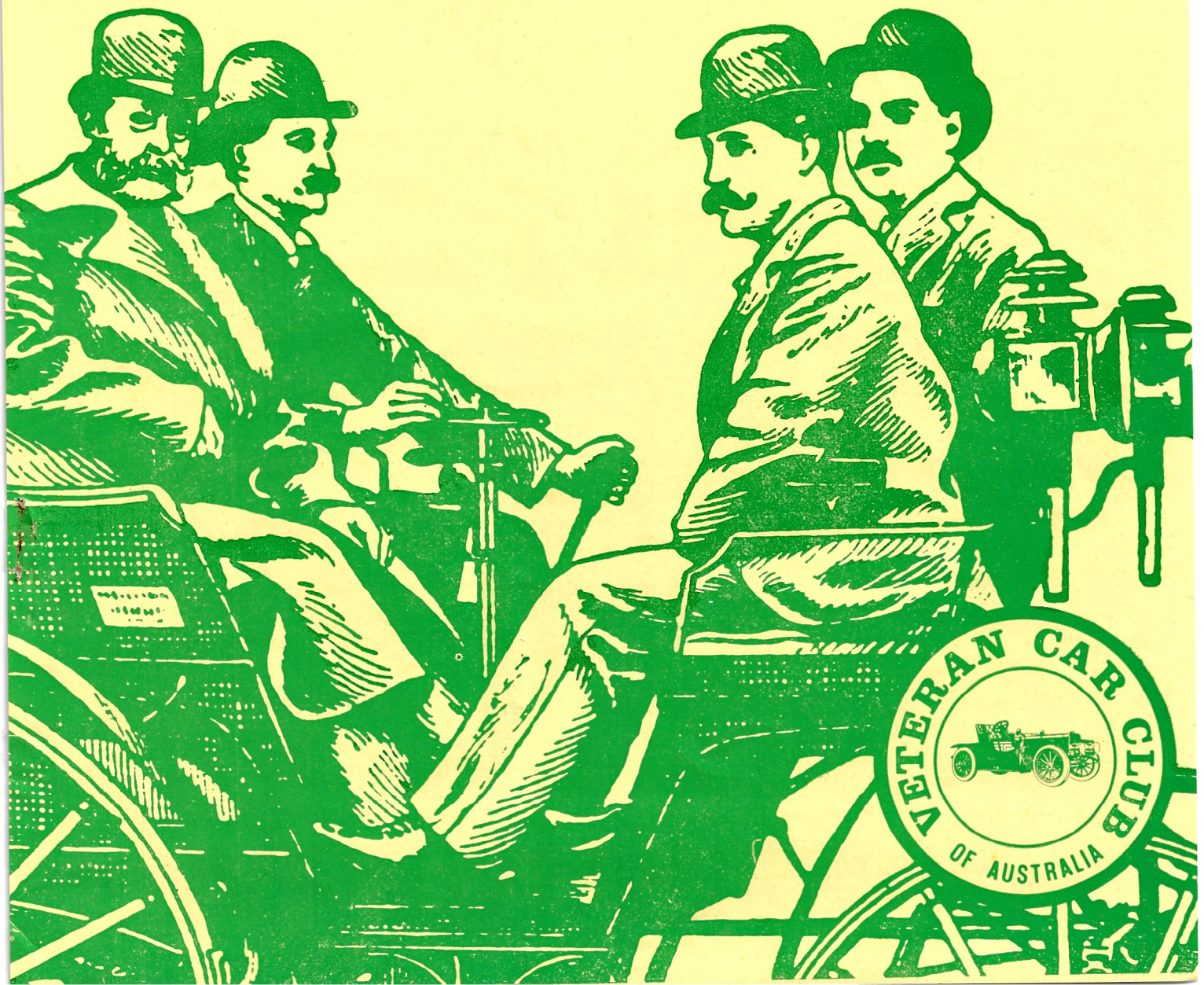
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Other Veteran Car Clubs have permission to copy.

The next Monthly General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (N.S.W.) will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1978.

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# OPINION

First of all, apologies for the fact that last month's "September" issue arrived at your letter box with an "October" cover. This occurred because our hard-working and highly-esteemed printer, Mrs. Dunn, was admitted to hospital, leaving her family to staple the issue, and you can guess the result. For the sake of the "purists" all that is required is the removal of this month's cover, and the interchange of the two covers.

The Club attended in strength the Drummoyne Council Carnivale '78, on 24th September, in order to support that Council, and it was once again brought home to us that we need to solve the problem of protecting our cars from over-enthusiastic crowds. Some of us have seen evidence of this to a greater degree at the "Rocks" procession and festival -- even though the cars were roped off, this proved quite inadequate. At the Drummoyne festival fifty per cent of the ropes were on the ground, proving no deterrent to small boys eager to climb on the paintwork and blow every horn it was possible to blow.

Owners have two alternatives: (1) to leave their cars to the tender mercies of the sightseers, or (2) to stand guard and miss the entertainment and activities.

I realise there are two schools of thought -- those who agree with Frank Nissen, who feels we should allow spectators to "touch and try", and having done so and never suffered any damage -- and those, on the other hand, like Bill Spraggon, whose stentorian voice orders all and sundry to keep off the cars.

We are in danger of losing attendances at such functions, unless adequate protective barriers are provided, or unless we organise amongst ourselves a roster of, say, one man to guard three cars.

It may be that static displays will be part of the Silver Anniversary Rally next year, and we should give serious thought to the measures required -- any brilliant suggestions?

Ed.

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Success consists in getting up once  
oftener than you fall down.

Anon.



MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE VCCA (NSW) HELD ON THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1978 AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK.

- PRESENT: 61 members and 3 visitors.  
The meeting was declared open by the Chairman (L. Sheen) at 8.05 p.m. and a welcome to all visitors, including Frank Thornhill, was extended.
- APOLOGIES: J. Wilson, J. King, N. Johnson, J. Pickup, J. Garwood, C. Burke, J. Preston, B. Garth.
- MINUTES: Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting of 24th August, 1978 were read and moved P. Wards, seconded R. Jones. CARRIED.
- MATTERS ARISING: Nil.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and moved B. McCarthy, seconded A. Blevins. CARRIED.
- CORRESPONDENCE: Letters received from:  
Newcastle Minutes.  
Abbotsleigh School, Wahroonga.  
H. Holcombe.  
R. Sheaf.  
D. Barker.  
R. Hadfield.  
V. Jacobs.  
CVVTMC Minutes and A.G.M. Minutes.  
  
Moved J. Eisenhower, seconded B. East. CARRIED.
- MATTERS ARISING: Nil.
- INVESTIGATION & DATING:
1. G. Roberts reports on vehicles of I. Irwin.
  2. Letter from C. Dunn requesting dating Wolseley Siddeley.
  3. Letter I. McEachern re T Ford truck chassis.
- NEW MEMBERS:
- |   |                          |               |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| M.J. Barlow,<br>C/- Hunter Douglas Ltd.,<br>338 Victoria Road,<br>RYDALMERE. N.S.W. | 1912 Overland            | F. Membership |
| J. Gerdtz,<br>C/- Hunter Douglas Ltd.,<br>338 Victoria Road,<br>RYDALMERE. N.S.W.   | Napoleon Tourer,<br>1902 | F. Membership |
| Maxwell Welch,<br>2 Milne Road,<br>NORTH BOX HILL. Vic.                             | 1908 Clement<br>Bayard   | F. Membership |



NEW MEMBERS

(CONT'D.): Mrs. Susan M. McLennan,  
Channon Road, 1910 SPA  
VIA LISMORE. N.S.W. 1911 Albion F. Membership

Moved M. Roberts, seconded K. Cardin.

CARRIED.

SOCIAL  
SECRETARY:

F. Mountford advises Christmas Party 1/12/78 Willoughby  
Ex-Services Club. Details to be published.

EVENTS:

D. Berthon advises and tenders apologies for J. Corby:

1. Picnic Day 22/12/78
2. Schofields Air Show - 29/11/78

L. Sheen advises of Drummoyne Council Day as a most successful day.

SILVER  
ANNIVERSARY:

64 entries to date. All going well.

PUBLIC  
RELATIONS:

D. Berthon reports on Sydney Motor Show and extended thanks to  
F. Mountford, M. Roberts, D. Steer and B. Trollope.

Guest speaker from Wynns Motor Oils courtesy of D. Tunbridge.

MAGAZINE:

D. Steer reported and extended thanks to contributors.

PERMITS TO  
MOVE:

K. Cardin reports on new club plates.

REGISTRAR:

M. Roberts awaiting further information from interstate and  
roster programming.

CLUBROOM  
CHAIRMAN:

Plans for new hall have been lodged with Drummoyne Council.

B. McCarthy advises of number of organisations now using the  
Hall.

LIBRARIAN:

Nothing to report.

CVVTMC:

G. Roberts advises judging pool is progressing and advised  
meeting nights. Advises on new affiliated clubs.

INSURANCE:

Nil.

A.G.M. OF  
VCCA:

1. Summit proposal was rejected.
2. G. Moore new Federal President from Western Australia.
3. V. Cross and G. Roberts to attend FIVA meeting in Dublin.
4. National magazine to be published.
5. Next meeting 11/8/79 in Melbourne.
6. Met Vintage Federation on 17th September, 1978 the day after  
Federal Meeting. VCCA as FIVA representative in Australia

(Cont'd. on P.5....)



AGM OF VCCA:  
(Cont'd.)

suggested a draft proposal which was referred to Vintage Federation and VCCA for comment and amendment and return to VCCA as FIVA representative.

GENERAL BUSINESS: D. Berthon extends thanks to Federal President for his efforts at Federal Conference.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

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MAILING LIST CHANGES OCTOBER 1978NEW MEMBERS:

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DECEASED:

G. McLennan



BACK ONE DECADE

The Editorial, under Jim Simpson's guidance, dealt with Permits to Move and the Navigator's Rally. Apparently the small number of entries for the latter was blamed on the fact that the regulations stated that the navigator cannot be a friend of the club, but must be wife or relation of the owner and/or driver. One worthy member put forward the suggestion that it should be possible to obtain a "Permit to Consort" to allow a couple to enjoy matrimonial company for a period of 24 hours, or whatever period was designated. A somewhat fearful Events Committee suggested a way out was for associate members to participate.

Len Masser was presented with the Larry Leresche Magazine Trophy, and a brilliant humorist and journalist was lost to the club when he moved to Lake Macquarie.

Plans were well in hand for the 1970 International Rally and it was proposed to allocate 400 places for Commonwealth Veteran and Vintage motor cars and cycles, and 50 for Overseas entries.

Hilda Sheen was Social Secretary, and under "Revs. and Backfires" by Len Masser there appeared a statement to the effect that "that incorrigible pair, Hilda Sheen and sister Dot were seen to offer their room key to all and sundry at the dinner at Golden Sands Hotel. All in good fun, but prim little daughter Denise didn't seem to appreciate the carryings on, altho' husband Lennie with his slow grin took it all in good part. Dunno whether they got any takers but myself, well, I'm a bit long in the tooth for that sort of caper. Have my memories tho'. By the way, where didja get that hat Hilda?"

Berry Thew's 1916 Hupmobile roadster was on the road "graced by delectable wife Judith and topped off by the baby Robert."

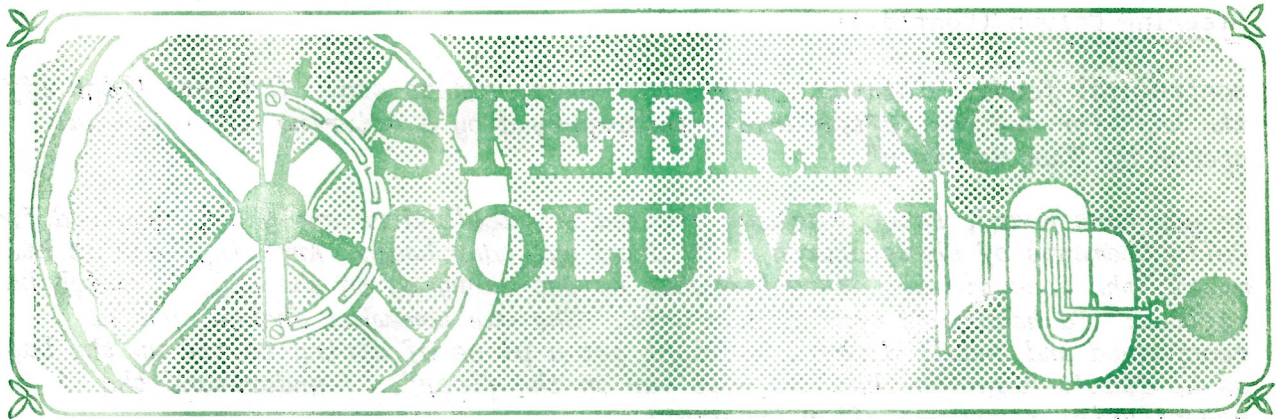
Jan and Rowley Coulcher "wandered hand in hand around the green sward, starry-eyed and oblivious of the rest of the peasantry", and in the same category came Allen Rowe's daughter, Alison and John Smoothey.

"As a room-mate at 'Ray's Rancho' I had that straight shootin' two-gun hombre Bill Spraggon. Willie slept on a mattress on the floor and I was in a bunk about four feet above him, and brother, did he snore! About 2 ack emma the light fixtures were rattling and the walls were vibrating far worse than my De Dion ever did, as he went into the Anvil Chorus from 'Il Travatore'. Evil thoughts flashed thru' my brain as I mentally pictured bowie knives, sledge hammers etc., but I adopted a psychological approach and leaned down, touched him on the thigh and kissed him on the forehead, and for the rest of the night he lay awake wondering, whilst I slept peacefully."

(God Bless You, Len -- how we miss your lively presence!! Ed.)

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Glimpsed in Sunday paper, par concerning proud "Silver Ghost" owner Barry Gillings -- "Dr. B.R. Gillings of the Dept. of Dentistry at Sydney Uni. has developed a technique for holding dentures in place by tiny magnets." Wonder if said magnets came from "Ghost's" magneto?

Hear proud "Top Hat" owner, Alby Frost, is at present on a 4-months' trip around Australia -- left on 4th August. Frank Nissen had a card from Alice Springs, which town he had reached after leaving Cairns, and he was then making for Darwin and then down the West Coast to Perth. Glad to see the pioneering spirit is not dead.

Noted that September 11th was the 50th anniversary of the first Tasman flight from Richmond Aerodrome to Wigram, Christchurch, N.Z., by Sir Charles Kingsford Smith and Messrs. Ulm, Litchfield and McWilliam. This was accomplished in a gruelling 14 hours, in a Fokker V11b Monoplane, the "Southern Cross". With this in mind, assist the Events Chairman by "winging" your way to the Charles Kingsford Smith Commemorative Air Show at Schofields Aerodrome on Sunday, 29th October.

Back to Earth, a good attendance and fine weather is required also for the Rally to Green's Motorcade on October 22nd. Bring a picnic lunch or barbecue "eatings" and help "rich Uncle George", even though he doesn't need the money.

Red Faces Department: We omitted to report the fact that Max Pratt and his Fiat, and also Jim Lewis and his Buick, attended Warwick Farm. Jim was requested to put his veteran Buick under the Buick banner together with his vintage Buick, and this is the way we repaid his loyalty to the VCCA. Sorry, Max and Jim.

Incidentally, Jim and Esme have taken off for Hong Kong to visit their son there and will probably return with lots of goodies.

Judy and Barry Garth's "coming out party" produced a bouncing baby son, Warren; said to look like Barry -- but what matter as long as he's healthy? Congratulations to you both from all your friends in the VCCA.

At the Drummoyne Council Carnivale our President, Len, was supported by 15 Veteran and 2 Vintage cars. Twenty thousand spectators also came. There was Ethnic Dancing of several nations, stalls loaded down with a diversity of



Steering Column (Cont'd.):

continental foods, clothing, ornaments, cakes, sweets etc. (Ed. ate "high off the hog" for one week afterwards), interspersed by a stirring multi-lingual speech by "Our Man Wran".

As you have heard, Peter Matthews visited New Zealand recently and acquired from Colin Clements of Christchurch a "T" Ford cylinder head. Arriving back at his motel, the receptionist asked him what he was carrying in the bag, to which he replied: "a head" and went to his unit. She was somewhat shaken, but he reappeared and enquired where he might get a piece of string to tie up the bag as he didn't "want the head to roll our on the floor". I understand the receptionist recovered after treatment.

The Club has gone a little International, with the Corby's hosting a Danish girl (Rotary Exchange), the Matthews have had three Indonesian R.E. girls, and we currently have Yoshika from Japan. Incidentally, when we explained to her that King Solomon was the proud possessor of 500 wives, Yoshika remarked: "What a Playboy he must have been!"

We understand that a traditional Japanese wife welcomes her husband back home from the office by kneeling down in front of him, bowing low to the floor, and at the same time saying: "Welcome home, my Dear Husband". Keeping this custom in mind, male club members could institute this to promote domestic bliss.

A beautiful square-tube Wolseley Radiator was brought back from New Zealand recently -- a gift to Max Chapman from a N.Z. friend. The freight charges were \$56.00 and when it was found that the original radiator new was advertised at Twelve pounds, twelve shillings we realised the extent of the inflationary trend over the years.

A brand-new baby girl was born to Robyn and Peter Wards on 11th October (a very good birthday - it's mine.) ((Also "Our Man Wran's" and elusive, opal-hunting Len Dunn, co-printer of SPIT AND POLISH.)) No doubt this little one will be just as beautiful as her mother and sister. Congratulations to you all.

Heard George Sevenoaks and Spouse have returned from the U.S.A. Being in an R.R. income bracket has many advantages.

At the Carnivale, and further to our comments on "To Rope or Not to Rope", the protective one, Bill Spraggon, with Bob Hobson's interests at heart, instructed a small boy to "get out of that car, at once", then was mortified to find that the "small boy" belonged to Bob H.

Under Len Sheen's able Chairmanship, the Federal Veteran Car Club Conference was an outstanding success. Delegates from all States attended and were entertained after the conference at a convivial smorgasbord dinner. The new Federal President is Geoff Moore of W.A., Len Sheen Vice-President and our own Val Cross as Federal Secretary. After the dinner mints, some of the younger members of our club - accompanied by some of the younger interstate members - were seen to leave for King's Cross and the "strip joints".

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S C E N E     S O C I A L L Y

My apologies to those people who went to see "Dracula" - I was unable to make the night at the last minute owing to family illness (daughter). Reports that have sifted back to me have indicated it was an enjoyable performance.

As stated previously our next social event is a club Christmas Party on 1st December at the Willoughby Ex-Services Legion Club. Pre-dinner drinks can be obtained at the bar and also drinks throughout the evening. After we have had a 3-course meal we can move into another part of the club to enjoy the club entertainment or remain at our tables and chat.

Costs for this haven't been finalised but will be approximately \$7.00 per head. This is not expected to include drinks after the meal but will however include some wines on the table.

Any Ideas for the new year would be welcome but I have in mind a Progressive Dinner on the southern side around about February.

Short report this month - junior has the mumps and am crossing my fingers that my family stays healthy for future social events.

- FAY MOUNTFORD

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CASTLE HILL ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL 16/9/78

A truly enjoyable spring day. We did not seem to be very aware of Orange Blossom - neither the flower itself nor its scent. But that did not matter.

Our vehicles had to play it slowly, as there was a large number of small children marching - members of various organisations such as Scouts, Brownies, First Aid, Sports clubs and the like. You name the organisation, it was represented, all with their banners, poles, flags and other accoutrements. The procession included showy floats and some fire-fighting units.

The delays in the veterans' activity gave us time to natter a bit, instead of having to drive the whole time.

Driving through the Castle Hill Shopping Centre the numbers of onlookers on the footpaths gave the impression that all Castle Hill had "come to town". They certainly enjoyed the parade of floats, fire units, horse-drawn carts and the usual collection of ancillary vehicles, plus a couple of saddled horses.

The Club fielded six vehicles.

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A FAMOUS AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURER

(A few words from "Great Motoring  
Stories of Australia & New Zealand.)

We have read of the exploits of numerous drivers, some British, some American, others European, but we have taken little interest, so it seems, in Australia's Francis Birtles.

In 1912 he took a Brush, with S.R. Ferguson of Kensington, N.S.W., as driver, from Fremantle to Sydney. They had a passenger in the form of a fox terrier by name - Rex. They covered the 2,600 miles in twenty eight days, averaging 92 miles per day.

That was a mere week-end jaunt in comparison with a run which he made from London to Melbourne with a Bean.

On 19th October, 1927 he left London and arrived in Melbourne on 25th July, 1928. The Bean was "paid off" by being driven to Canberra to the Australian National Museum where it now resides.

Time and space can be saved by recording in a few brief sets of words, some of the difficulties which beset Birtles, and some of the unusual, even odd, means that he adopted in order to circumvent what many of us would regard as calamities or impossibilities.

The car was his old friend "Sundowner".

He started alone and has planned to camp the whole way, and carry his own food supplies.

Estimated time for the journey - 5 to 6 months.

In Greece, on a mountain road too narrow for turning, he ran back in reverse gear for 5 miles, having been blocked by a bridged ruined in a landslide.

He arrived in Persia (Iran) in winter and had heavy snow to contend with, pushing through snowdrifts along cart tracks. Every landmark was obscured by driving snow.

In a snowstorm near Teheran he found a party of 7 Persians sitting in their car. It was stationary. They had been frozen to death! The blizzard was pretty fierce, so he pitched camp. Using the stranded car (complete with passengers) as a windbreak, he put a waterproof sheet between the two vehicles - and slept quite nicely, presumably! He was not disturbed, mentally or physically, by his macabre fellow campers!

(To be continued.)

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F O R   T H E   C O O K SHEALTH CAKE (As made by Jean Chapman)

1 cup dates or raisins  
 1 cup walnuts  
 2 cups wholemeal flour  
 ½ cup brown sugar  
 1 cup plain yoghurt (or mayonnaise - yes! that's right)  
 1 tablespoon cocoa  
 pinch salt  
 1 good heaped teaspoon cinnamon  
 1 teaspoon carb. soda  
 1 cup boiling water

Method:

Dissolve carb. soda in boiling water - set aside to cool.  
 Mix dry ingredients together, including fruit.  
 Stir in yoghurt (or mayonnaise) and cooled water.  
 Blend ingredients well.  
 Grease square tin very well and dust with flour.  
 Spoon in mixture.  
 Bake at 350° for about an hour. Don't let it become too dry.  
 Cool before turning from tin.

Hide cake until needed, then slice and butter and serve with favourite beverage, whatever it might be.

RUM AND ORANGES

6 small oranges, ½ cup raisins, ¼ cup rum, 2 tablespoons each brown sugar and butter, ¼ teaspoon ground allspice.

Remove centres from unpeeled oranges with an apple corer, then peel them, removing all white pith. Cook the raisins gently in the rum until they have absorbed it.

Fill into oranges, cream butter, sugar and spice, divide among them. Bake in a moderate oven about 40 minutes or until tender. Serves 6. (These are all right for children as the alcohol evaporates during cooking.)

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HIDDEN COGS

Tribute this month to a hard-working "behind the scenes" supporter of our Club -- Noelene Thomson, lovely young wife of Secretary John, and mother of Yvonne and "Aberdeen" Angus. Backs up John in all his escapades, drives the tender-car and trailer without complaint, entertains cheerfully all us "droppers-in" to see the oldest car in N.S.W., makes and wears gracefully period costume herself, and provides them for the children, and -- most



Hidden Cogs (Cont'd.)

importantly -- answers the telephone to all our varied queries and stays up all hours of the night typing reports, letters, minutes etc.

Thank you, Noelene.

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DON'S PARTY

*Mark Twain said that a cauliflower is just a cabbage with a college education.*

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*Don says that one advantage of an unlisted 'phone is that when you get an obscene call, at least you know its from a friend.*

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*Don has a friend so anaemic that when a mosquito lands on him, all it gets is practice.*

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*Don led such a sheltered existence as a boy that he was 15 years old before he was allowed to see a naked light.*

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TRADERS' PLATES

The Department of Motor Transport has very firm rulings on the use of Traders' Plates, so to protect the Club and its members the following rule has been devised:

"To comply with the Department of Motor Transport regulations as noted at CVVTMC meeting on 25/9/78 by a representative of that Department, only vehicles on Full State Registration or Annual Permits to Move are permitted to participate in V.C.C.A. Club events."

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*A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.*

Wilson Mizner



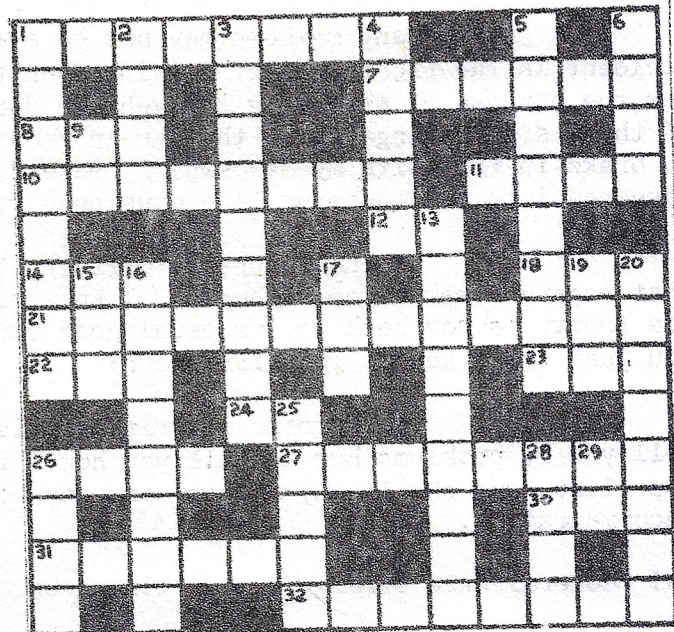
ACROSS

- 1 Cry, Sherl, over an American car. (8)
- 7 Boil an overturned Scottish car. (6)
- 8 Department of Agriculture. (3)
- 10 A prim lie about this American car of an emperor. (8)
- 11 Two current types in a rock group cad arranged before 100. (4)
- 12 Eye loses direction making you old. (2)
- 14 Los Angeles embraces 100 Local Council Associations. (3)
- 18 Extrasensory perception. (3)
- 21 Austrian car leads a rum riot around. (6,7)
- 22 Commander of the Royal Household. (3)
- 23 Heavenly lion seen when the French get a duck. (3)
- 24 Short paid. (2)
- 26 Rope an American car. (4)
- 27 Rover magic rod gets the Queen twice to make a German car. (8)
- 30 Imitate a monkey. (3)
- 31 Krypes! It's a Dutch car. (6)
- 32 Land serf overturned an American car. (8)

DOWN

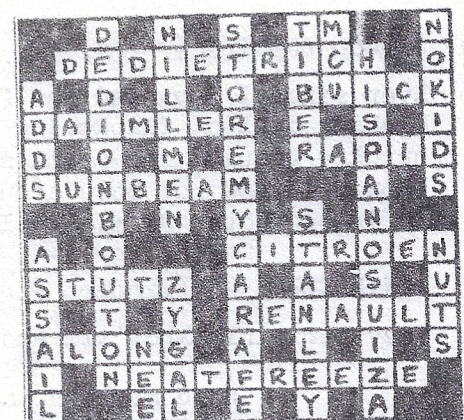
- 1 Acid call about an American car. (8)
- 2 Gather the harvest pear around. (4)
- 3 Little journey. (5,4)
- 4 Organised motoring event really loses direction. (5)
- 5 Tell Mich about an American car. (8)
- 6 French car appears at start and finish of union picnic. (4)
- 9 Italian car has Roy Rene upset. (2)
- 13 Wielded the blue pencil at a

CROSSWORD No. 11



- Sydney daily when undid tees badly. (6,3)
- 15 Worthless dog cursed when Des left. (3)
- 16 Ray's hats make butt receivers. (3,5)
- 17 Not even dodo confused without a duck. (3)
- 19 Observe. (3)
- 20 Forward movement in an English car. (8)
- 25 Forward alteration without alternative is undersized. (5)
- 26 Throw a group of actors. (4)
- 28 Speed contest when bearing vehicle climbs. (4)
- 29 Electroplate. (2)

SOLUTION No. 10





FOUR-CAR ACCIDENT WITH THE FRONTY

Many members may not be aware that unfortunately I had an accident in the Fronty whilst driving over the Harbour Bridge to Alexandria for the purpose of servicing the vehicle during the month of July - it was one of those silly things where the car in front stopped suddenly and I was not able to brake in time with my "two-wheel brakes", hit him in the rear and then careered into the oncoming lane causing a four-car pile-up.

As the Insurance Officer, I was fortunate to be insured! In that regard I set a good example! I know many members will regret to learn that the Fronty is now back to its usual good condition and ready for the road again - you just can't keep a good Ford down!

The purpose in writing this article in the bulletin is not to tell you my problems but to tell you how I found certain repairers absolutely top class, and should any member want any work done they get my full recommendation.

(a) General axle straightening, lining up, engineering, lathe work etc. -

MOTOR REPAIRING AND WELDING, 16 Smail Street, Broadway. 211.3700

Barry Perdriau, the manager and owner, is a top-class bloke and also a member of the Veteran Car Club, although unfortunately we do not see him very often.

(b) Radiator repairs -

I know this is a problem with all members, but I found a small operator who is interested in vintage and veteran cars and wants to do a good job. He took the Fronty radiator in, did a first-class repair and I got it back all polished up without being smeared with solder etc. I thoroughly recommend him -

John Keep, VICTORIA AUTO RADIATOR SERVICE, rear 117 Queen Street, Beaconsfield. 699.1328

(c) Speedo repairs -

Ever since I have had the Fronty I have had continual speedo trouble with braking cables, flickering meter etc. etc. I finally found someone to quickly rebuild the cable system, relathe new parts and the speedo on the Fronty is now not only accurate but the needle hardly murmurs from the speed it is on - over 85 m.p.h. I do get a slight flicker!!! The firm is -

TAXIMETERS, 40 Flinders Street, Darlinghurst. 31.5835

They certainly know all about speedometers!!!!

Hope members may get some benefit from this information.

- VICTOR JACOBS



REPORT ON DRUMMOYNE COUNCIL CARNIVALE '78

On Sunday, 24th September, 1978 at 10 a.m. cars assembled outside the Clubrooms and then proceeded, under police motor cycle escort, to Five Dock Park to take part in a carnival to mark the multi-cultural nature of our State. The cars were paraded and then viewed by the public. Veterans attending were -

John Corby	Buick
Bill McCarthy	Martini
Fred Rossiter	Studebaker
Don Steer	Wolseley
Len Sheen	Humber
Allan Foy	Vauxhall
Jack Dance	Talbot
Keith Carden	Clement Bayard
Jim Lewis	Buick
Bob Hobson	Ford
Neil Martin	Fiat
Max Chapman	Wolseley
Frank Nissen	Cadillac
Allan Blythe	Buick
" "	Hupmobile
" "	Hupmobile
" "	Wolseley

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C O M I N G      E V E N T S

Sunday	22nd October	Picnic Day to Greens Motorcade, Hume Highway, Cross Roads. Cars assemble at "Lake Gillawarna" at 10 a.m. for morning tea. "Lake Gillawarna" is on the western side of Henry Lawson Drive just south of the Hume Highway. First car park past Hume Highway.
Sunday	29th October	Schofields Air Show - Invitation Event with trophies and plaques provided by "Marshalls Motors".
Sunday	5th November	Compulsory Registration Day at Len Sheen's Garage, 1 Cumberland Avenue, Lane Cove. Hours between 8 a.m. to 12.00.
Sunday	12th November	Compulsory Registration Day at Arthur Garthon Motors, 492 Forest Road, Penshurst. Hours between 8 a.m. to 12.00.
Saturday	18th November	St. George Spectacular - contact Arthur Garthon.
Sunday	26th November	Vaucluse Lions Club Annual Charity Day. Contact Victor Jacobs.



NATIONAL SCENIC RALLY FOR VETERAN AND VINTAGE VEHICLES  
TO BE HELD IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA DURING OCTOBER 1979

We have received an invitation from the Veteran Car Club of Western Australia to take part in their National Scenic Rally commencing in Perth on 12th October, 1979, travelling through many country towns and finishing in Perth on 25th October, 1979.

If you require entry forms or further information on this Rally, please contact John Corby (634.2177).

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21ST INTERNATIONAL

VETERAN & VINTAGE RALLY

NEW ZEALAND

The 1980 International Rally is to be held in New Zealand in February of that year. It is based in the North Island at Rotorua and commences on 24th February. The rally concludes on 8th March 1980. Entry fee is \$NZ75. It is emphasised that entries should be submitted NOW without delay.

NSW members should direct enquiries about entering this event to David Manhart, 29 Chester Road Ingleburn, NSW 2565. Victorian enthusiasts are invited to submit their enquiries to Ron Wilson, 22 Park Close, Vermont, Victoria 3133.

Intending competitors are reminded that entries to this event are limited and so it is most important that entries be lodged without any delay to avoid disappointment.

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*One correspondent in September SPIT AND POLISH pointed out not only that the letter "E" appears in many words in our language, but that it helps in the fashioning of many words with a very desirable meaning. Just so!*

*But it can also be seen as one of the most permissive letters of the alphabet. Whenever SEX appears - why, it is slap bang in the middle of it. So what?*

J.S.



THE OPTIMIST - An optimist is a girl who mistakes a bulge for a curve.

THE PESSIMIST -

If unionists got all their claims  
And the boss was always smiling,  
And abattoirs were like Luna Park  
And girls were all beguiling;  
If all the seas were made of beer,  
And all the earth was cheese,  
And crayfish grew already cooked  
Like leaves upon the trees;  
If bank notes fell instead of rain,  
And all the grass was gold,  
And summer days were not too hot  
Nor winter days too cold;  
If houses sprouted in the night,  
And motor cars cost nil,  
And everyone was full of vim  
And no one ever ill;  
If fowls laid ninety eggs a day,  
And work was just a crime,  
And everybody lived and loved  
Three thousand years and nine;  
If every man had thirty wives  
And all were deaf and dumb,  
And diamonds grew like hazelnuts,  
And cows provided rum;  
If cigarettes were three feet long,  
And politics were barred,  
And loaves of bread were big as logs  
And measured by the yard -  
Ah well! 'twould be a happy world,  
But some perverted owl,  
Some pessimistic bloody fool  
Would find some cause to growl!!

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### SILVER ANNIVERSARY RALLY

The closing date of 1st November is fast approaching. At present we have only 70 entries, with 5 of these coming from Queensland, 3 from the country members and 2 from a motor cycle club but, alas, nothing from south of the border. The Committee and myself would like the numbers to be around the 100 mark with more of the older club cars being entered, however it seems that this is not to be and will not detract from the grand showing and good cross section of cars that will take to the road in May 1979 for a very pleasant and enjoyable rally.

The start is confirmed at "Old Government House", Parramatta and to help us become organised, Bob Petersen has agreed to help out and arrange a



Silver Anniversary Rally (Cont'd.)

team of marshalls to organise things at this point.

The stopover points of Orange, Dubbo and Mudgee are nearing the final stages, with the Committee awaiting advice on costs etc. Plans are under way for the final dinner which will be better suited to the family side of things and as these plans materialise we shall advise all entrants.

Newcastle Branch members will be providing the control and marshalling at the finish.

In closing, I should like those not entered to please give it some more thought and should you have any questions don't hesitate to ask - remember its still not too late.

Kind regards,

BARRY THEW,  
Rally Chairman.

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DUMKOPF GLOSSARY

AIRCRAFT: DER FLIEGENWAGEN

CROPDUSTING AIRCRAFT: DAS FLIEGENWAGEN MIT DER HOLINDE BUTTUM VOR PUFFEN DER  
POOPAUDER AUDER

PROPELLER: DER AIRFLOGGAN PFANN

SELF-STARTER: DER AIRFLOGGAN PFANN PFLINGER

CONTROL COLUMN: DAS PUSCHENPULLEN SCHTIK

RUDDER PEDALS: DER TAILSCHWINGEN WERKE

PILOT: DERPUSCHENPULLEN TAILSCHWINGE WERKER

STUDENT PILOT: DER DUMBKOPF LERNEN FLIEGEN

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER: DER SCHWEINHUND UBBINZIE TAUER WATCHEN ALLER ODER  
DUMBKOPFF FLIEGEN

GROUND STUDIES: DER HEDSCHRATCHEN BUKWERKER

VISUAL FLIGHT: LOOKENOUTENSEEIN FLIEGEN

INSTRUMENT FLYING: LISSENWAITENHOPEN FLIEGEN

PARACHUTE JUMP: TRIENEN GEBAKONNER GRAUND MITTOUT DER FLIEGENWAGEN

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Veteran FN parts 1400-1600 Model car, especially oilers, carby, fan assembly, radiator and scuttle, and any FN books and info. to purchase or copy.

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Two wheels 5.00 x 23 demountable rear 12 spoke artillery with useable tyres, early vintage (probably Buick). Good condition.

ALSO: Two model T wheels front with hubs and tyres all wood, and some 30 x 3½ demountable rim sets no centres.

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02.546.1082

WANTED

1 pair square brass side lights

OR: remains of "Dependence", J. & R. Oldfield Ltd.,

Type No. 426

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*Science is immeasurably ahead of nature.  
For example, in the modern household, the  
children are about the only things left  
that still have to be washed by hand.*

*Bill Vaughan*

*There can be no happiness if the things  
we believe in are different from the  
things we do.*

*Freya Stark*



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