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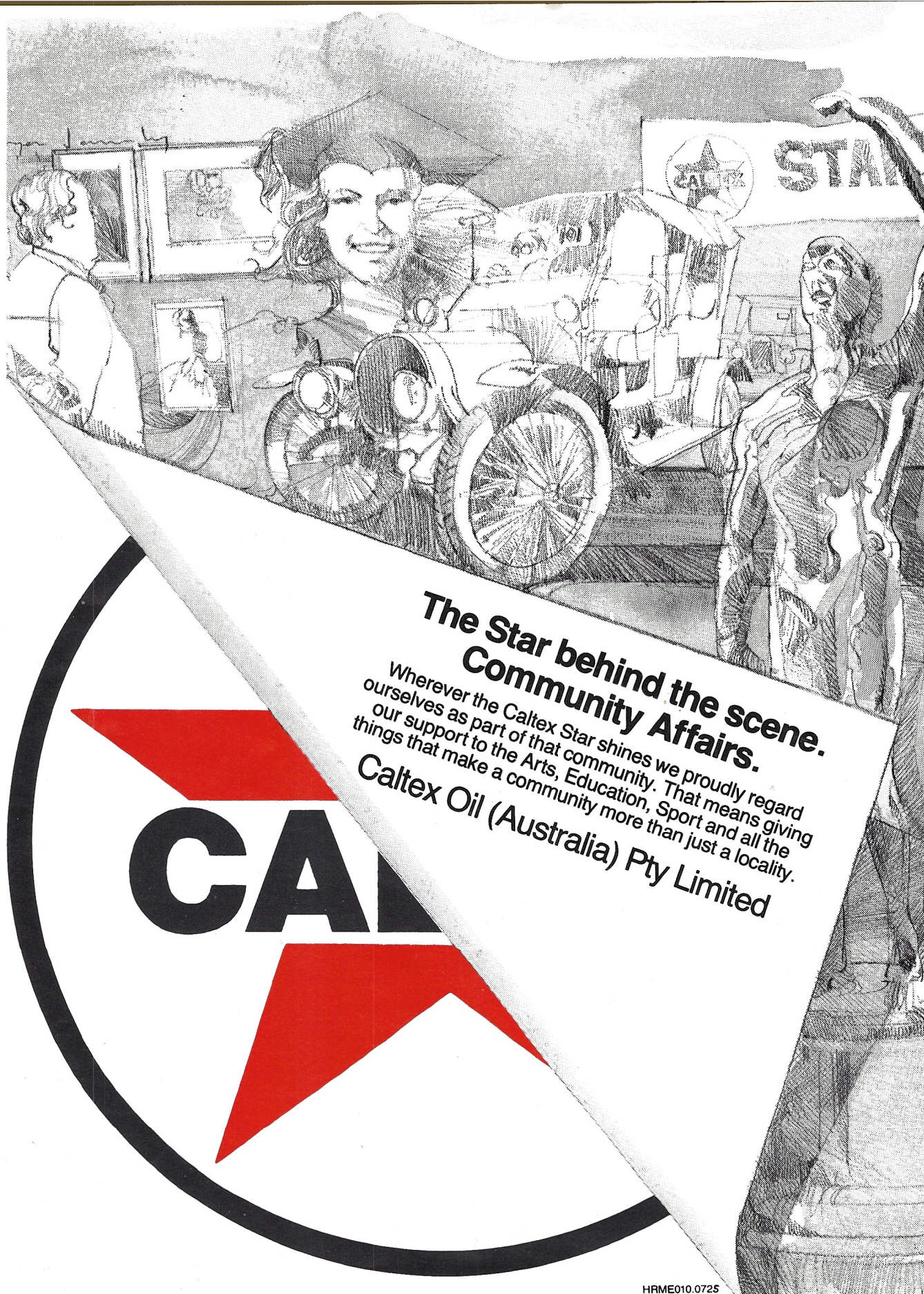
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Other Veteran Car Clubs have permission to copy.

The next Monthly General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1979 and a film on 'Bini' dome shell construction will be shown.

COPY REQUIRED BY FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

SPIT AND POLISH, 134 QUEENS RD, FIVE DOCK, 2046.



OPINION

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity afforded me and trust that I can carry on and maintain the standards set by my predecessors.

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The energy crisis is something that will affect all of us in our enjoyable hobby, but how real is the crisis; is it real or is it manufactured by those who produce the raw product, or those that refine and distribute the finished product?

On one hand you have a Government and petrol companies talking about the shortages of raw product, while on the other hand you have a Government and an oil company wanting to build a third refinery in Sydney, and we have those advocating the use of Liquified Petroleum Gas which also involves the above type of people with one of the world's largest companies recording its highest ever profit of \$1.6 Billion - up some 30% on previous profit.

It would seem that there is an analogy between the motorist and prize cattle in that the ring has been placed and the motorist is being led a merry dance - what do you think?

- BARRY THEW,
Editor.

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VALE

It is with regret that we comment on the passing of Walter Wescott Cox, known as Wal. To his wife Mary and family we extend our sincere sympathy.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGETwenty-five Years' Commemoration Plaque.

To commemorate 25 years of veteran motoring by our club, and as a fund-raising exercise toward new clubrooms on the present site, your Committee has recommended the striking of a plaque, appropriately designed and presented as the occasion demands.

At the July Monthly Meeting these recommendations were formulated and ratified.

Measuring approximately 100mm x 88mm (4" x 3½"), the plaque appearance will be in bronze, with a silvered medallion superimposed thereon. The medallion face will include our emblem, the "Tarrant" car and the words "VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA - N.S.W." all featured in relief. Below the medallion, on the bronze area, also in relief, will be the numerals 1954-1979 and the words "COMMEMORATING 25 YEARS OF VETERAN MOTORING".

The plaque will be backed with felt and its presentation will be in a green, velvet-covered jewellery case, opening lengthwise.

Each plaque will be numbered consecutively, the numerals to be machine-engraved on a raised plinth situated below the wording.

Production will be limited and due to the nature of the occasion this exclusive memento will undoubtedly become a collector's item.

At a price of \$25.00 each, sale is intended on the basis of pre-payment with order, which should be addressed to the Hon. Treasurer who will allocate and register plaque numbers consecutively against the purchaser's name.

At the Garden Party, to be held at Government House on Sunday, 21st October next, No. 1 plaque will be presented to our Patron, the Governor of N.S.W., Sir Roden Cutler. The manufacturers have promised delivery within six weeks, which will ensure collection by purchasers at the September meeting.

Packaging and posting will cost an additional \$3.00.

I am sure members will be most pleased with the design and presentation of this memento of the club's successful twenty-five years of existence and I would commend purchase to you. May I also add that you place your orders early to avoid disappointment.

- GEO. A. ROBERTS

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE VCCA (NSW) HELD ON THURSDAY, 26TH JULY, 1979, AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK.

Meeting opened at 8.10 p.m.

PRESENT: 59 members, 8 visitors.

VISITORS: Joan Shawe, John Shawe, Howard Bebbington, Kevin Sharp, E.M. Bronk, Peter Wherrett, Simon Wherrett and Peter Buckingham.

APOLOGIES: Barry Garth, J. Garwood, Esme Lewis, Chris Sultana, D. Steer, B. Pearce, W. Earl, G. Sevenoaks, L. Baxter, M. Pope, C. Stanbridge, Allan Blythe and Madge Blythe.

WELCOME: To Mrs. Joan Shawe and son John, from England. Peter Crawford, South Australia.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Read, moved, accepted. A. Blevins, seconded L. Sheen. CARRIED.

ARISING: President advised of a fund-raising scheme - details in SPIT AND POLISH.
Max Roberts moved Club order 25th Anniversary plaque, and sell to members at \$25.00, seconded David Berthon. CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved, accepted as read, K. Carden, seconded B. Thew. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Advice from Sporting Car Club of South Australia of Committee for '79/'80.

Letter from Premier's Department re receipt of letter from Len Sheen.

Letter from Joan Duffy re "T" shirt printing.

Moved, accepted as read, R. Petersen, seconded R. Baxter.

CARRIED.

INVESTIGATING & DATING: Dating Certificates - two Vauxhall - George Green
Sandy Holmes

NEW MEMBERS: No new members.

EVENTS & SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Next event - 26th August, 1979 - Navigation Run starting from Queens Park, Concord.

Permission granted for cars to attend Lily Festival.

Len Sheen gave report on A. Blevins Day and thanked Allan for a great day.

President advised of new Committee (as no SPIT AND POLISH - mail problems).

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BUILDING No report.
DEVELOPMENT &
MAINTENANCE
COMMITTEE:

PUBLIC
RELATIONS: S.C.A.T. to go on display at Motor Show. Caltex to assist.
Garden Party at Government House, 21st October.
Peter Wherrett will be here but unfortunately no video equipment -
will give talk only.
Next month - Film on Bini Shell.

MAGAZINE: Editor called for copy.

PERMITS TO
MOVE: No report.

REGISTRAR: Roster has been deferred to December/January.

LIBRARIAN: Asked for members who have books to return same to enable records
to be completed.

INSURANCE: V. Jacobs advised members to check their policies and keep
current.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Called for colour negatives of members' cars.

CVVTMC: No report.

GENERAL
BUSINESS: President advised not imperative to carry Events Calendar on
rallies.

President advised of the passing of Wally Cox from Queensland.

Volunteers for officials for Navigation Rally:
Rowley Coulcher, John Gorton, Warren Irish.

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

SOMETHING YOU HAVE ALWAYS WONDERED ABOUT:

The old Indian chief had two sons, FLYING EAGLE and
FALLING ROCK. He was unable to decide which should be
chief when he died, so he told them to go away and bring
back all the treasure each could gather in one moon.

Flying Eagle returned with his treasure, but Falling
Rock never showed up.

To this day, you will see signs along the highway
reading: "Watch Out For Falling Rock!"

ROSTER ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONSDECEASED:

John Thomson

NEW MEMBERS:

Mrs. Janece E. Coulcher,
24 Stuart Street,
BLAKEHURST. 2221

Lawrence Ocrane,
132 Hastings Parade,
NORTH BONDI. 2026

Arthur Pendlebury (Associate)
91 Groze Street,
PARRAMATTA. 2150

Desmond J. Kelly,
17 Atkinson Street,
MUDGE. 2850

Paul L. Race,
143 Baulkham Hills Road,
BAULKHAM HILLS. 2153

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Lionel Erratt,
"Heydon",
9 Thomson Place,
GUNNDAH. 2380

G. Knodler,
10 Keswick Grove,
VALENTINE. 2280

D.A. Blythe,
60 Central Road,
BEVERLY HILLS. 2209

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LIBRARY

The club now has a new Librarian, namely Jan Coulcher with the help of husband Roly. Jan is in the process of preparing a listing of all books so that the library will become functional for the members.

To assist Jan in this manner it would be appreciated if members who have borrowed books or know the whereabouts of any, contact Jan with the information. When the listing is completed the library will be opened to members at a date to be advised in this magazine.

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With all the Anniversary Rallies taking place in Australia the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain will celebrate their Golden Jubilee in 1980 also with a large rally. Rumour has it that Australia will be well represented with at least 3 cars from our own club attending.

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Next year Blue Mountains Tour will be a little different with a 3-day event and will be ably supported by our good friends from Caltex.

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How far do you travel to a meeting? Peter Crawford from Policeman's Point, Meningie, South Australia, made the trek to the July meeting; with so far to travel he has good reason for not attending many meetings. (P.S. Peter's membership No. is 150).

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Mrs. Joan Shaw and son travelled from England to visit. Mrs. Shaw owns a 1904 English Mechanic 2 cyl. - 8 h.p. one of two cars of this make surviving.

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George King apparently enjoyed working on the F.L. earlier this year, so much that he has started to go through same exercise just for fun.

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Glad to hear Bill East is home again and has Reta running around.

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Reg and Olive Jones are grandparents again.

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Sorry to hear Jean Sevenoaks has had a trip to hospital - trust it is not too long before she is back on her feet.

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Scientists have discovered a bacteria that when allowed to ferment produces ethanol, maybe some members' cars may be in the same process.

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A long-standing member travelling towards Goulburn years gone by in family car complete with tank full of home brewed petrol!!! At the bottom of the hill, on applying the throttle, a loud and large explosion followed together with a feeling of being shot into space on bringing the car to a halt, inspection showed the entire exhaust system missing, although petrol was rationed one wonders if the cost savings would offset the cost of a new exhaust for the R.R.

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A certain early Vauxhall had its maiden outing at Greens Motorcade the other day with Bill Maunsell learning the ropes and Max Roberts running alongside affecting minor adjustments. I would have thought things should have been reversed.

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It would seem that Swap Meets such as Canberra and Bendigo may soon have to appear as an Event on the Club Calendar judging by the number of members seen at these recent meetings.

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CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER

Your Club Photographer, Arthur Porter, is endeavouring to bring up-to-date the club albums.

To do this he needs help in the form of 35mm colour negatives of a lot of cars that do not appear in colour. Should a member be unsure as to the club having colour photos of his car I suggest you contact Arthur and make the necessary arrangements. Arthur will also begin work on the Jack Thorpe Memorial Album for which he will need photos, so come forward with your negatives to help.

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THE TIRED WOMAN'S EPITAPH

Here lies a poor woman as always was tired,
For she lived in a house where help wasn't hired.
Her last words were, "Friends, fare ye well, I'm a-goin'
To where there's no bakin', nor washin', nor sewin' -
Then grieve not, my friends, since from you I must sever,
For I'll have a nice time, doin' nothin' forever!
Oh, everything there is exact to my wishes,
For where they don't eat, there's no washin' of dishes!
And the courts with sweet anthems eternally ringin':
But havin' no voice, I'll get rid o' the singin'!"
She folded her hands with her latest endeavour,
Cryin', "Nothin', dear nothin", sweet nothin'
for ever."

(Submitted by Geo. A. Roberts)

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E V E N T S

ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1979

Procession thru' Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill shopping centres.
Details next meeting.

WARWICK FARM - CVVTMC INSPECTION DAY - SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1979.

Arrive 9.30-10.00 a.m.

NEWCASTLE TOUR - 29TH SEPTEMBER - 1ST OCTOBER, 1979.

C o m i n g E v e n t :

NAVIGATOR'S RALLY - SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST, 1979

9.30 a.m. Commence Broughton Street, Concord
(Between David & Stanley Streets).

Finish: South Pacific Electric Railway Society,
Princes Highway, Sutherland.

Duration: Approx. 30 miles

First car away: 9.30 a.m. Entrants requested to arrive
approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. before departure.

Barbeque trailer available.

Bring: Steaks, food, kids, veteran car, street directory
and navigator.

Rides available on antique trams at small cost.

MODERN VEHICLES WELCOME FOR WHAT SHOULD BE AN ENJOYABLE
FAMILY DAY.

This is a Points Score event.

Remember:

Library books back to Jan Couleher.

Photo negatives to Club Photographer, Arthur Porter.

25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR 1979RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE A/C.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Entry Fees	2060.00	Accomm. Deposits	6236.00
Accomm. Deposits	6877.50	Accomm. Refunds	599.00
BBQ & Dinner	3531.50	Fuel	3411.32
Sponsors (Caltex)	8138.00	BBQ's & Final Dinner	5573.90
Other Sponsors	1501.00	Promotions	1433.77
Promotions	1051.00	Rally Expenses	768.74
Sales (Badges & Posters)	757.00	Trophies & Plaques	1568.21
Displays	1565.13	Stationery & Postage	315.32
Interest:	99.93	Cloth Badges	630.58
	48.60	Insurances	262.62
Miscellaneous	1.66	Honorariums: B. Thew	200.00
		D. Berthon	200.00
		Bus Hire (Orange)	70.00
		Band (Dubbo)	45.00
		Donations (from Displays)	1171.35
		Bank Charges	28.90
		Rebate to Competitors	2350.00
	<u>\$25631.32</u>		<u>\$24864.71</u>
		SURPLUS	766.61
			<u>\$25631.32</u>

SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO SINKING FUND:

28th June	600.00
9th August	166.61
	<u>\$766.61</u>

PUBLIC RELATIONS

This year, as in the past 5 years, we will be staging a display at the Sydney Motor Show. The Chamber of Automotive Industries has made space available to us free of charge in the Amatil Pavilion where I intend displaying the S.C.A.T., together with some background of our 25 years as a club.

As we were assisted so generously on our recent Silver Anniversary Rally I intend also acknowledging the generous sponsorship by Caltex and the many other companies who assisted with smaller trophy donations. Caltex, who, as can be seen from the above Treasurer's Report,

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provided over \$8,000 directly to the club for the rally, in addition spent in excess of \$15,000 themselves in promoting the event. This money was spent on such things as printing, newspaper advertising, radio advertising and reports, bus hire, name tags, posters, car stickers and the like.

Our display at the Motor Show gives us the opportunity to thank them for their generosity which at a time when petrol as a future energy source is in doubt I believe our Association with a major oil company is of substantial benefit to us as a club, especially considering the fact that our cars are the oldest operating on the road. To this end I intend to continue to foster our relationship. I am pleased that Caltex wish to continue their association with us and will next year sponsor our Annual Blue Mountains Tour which - for the first time - will be held over 3 days instead of 2.

- D. BERTHON,
Public Relations.

Club Display - Amatil Pavilion - 12 noon to 10 p.m. weekdays
10 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends

Motor Show opens Friday, 17th August and closes Sunday 26th August.

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THE MAN BEHIND "MARQUE"

At the July Meeting we had the pleasure of the presence of Mr. Peter Wherrett who headed the team which conceived the idea for this series back in June 1977. It was originally planned to show the first two episodes of "Marque" but due to unforeseen problems the video set became unavailable. Undeterred, Peter came along to the meeting and spent an hour of his time reliving some of the highlights of producing this 10-part show which received a very wide viewing audience.

During the 18 months it took to produce, he drove a total of 176 cars from Australia, England, Europe and America, some with preconceived ideas and others which his research told him he should drive. Some of the side issues involved made very interesting stories and were colourfully related by Peter, especially with a certain 'T' Ford owner who I am sure Peter made his mark. (Oops!)

For those that missed this guest speaker I can only say it was a very enjoyable and interesting hour for those present who thanked Peter for what he contributed. Our thanks go to David Berthon who made the necessary arrangements.

- Editor.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

The announcement at the Annual General Meeting that the Club will make a further repayment of members' debentures, leaving only approximately \$2,500 owing, must surely be regarded as a triumph for the retiring President, Len Sheen, as he ended his eventful term of office. It is also significant that there is no other liability against the property and that all funds for the repayment have come from rentals received for the house at 136 Queens Road, Five Dock and from members' donations.

When the property adjoining our Hall became available for purchase, following the owner's death, Len immediately recognised a unique opportunity to increase the Club's frontage to Queens Road from 35 ft. to 80 ft., thereby providing an adequate area for any future rebuilding programme. His proposal was overwhelmingly endorsed at a Special General Meeting and later a personal Presidential letter was circulated to all members seeking support by way of debentures. The response was most encouraging, over one hundred members subscribed a total of just on \$17,000. An overdraft was arranged with our bankers, secured by a mortgage over 136 Queens Road only, to provide the balance of the purchase money and settlement took place in mid-1976.

The overdraft was quickly repaid and half the debenture total was redeemed in September 1978. The Management Committee is confident that all remaining debentures will be cleared in the near future, well within the five-year term originally envisaged.

The Club is in a sound financial position and a major contribution towards that situation has been the foresight, business acumen and unremitting attention to its properties by Len during his term of office.

- BILL MC CARTHY

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OUTING TO ALLAN & BERYL BLEVINS'

The Family Day outing held on Sunday, 15th July at the Kenthurst home of Allan and Beryl Blevins was an outstanding success. A good attendance by veteran and modern vehicles, perfect weather, congenial company and happy children combined to make it a day to remember.

Allan had thoughtfully hired an Inflatable Castle to entertain the children. Not only did it achieve its objective, but when the operator announced a grown-ups' session, the response was energetic and enthusiastic. One member, with more vigour than experience, bounced completely over the wall, fortunately landing unhurt.

The Club's barbecue trailer performed its usual excellent service, chairs and tables were provided by our hosts and everybody enjoyed a happy and relaxed day out of doors in most pleasant surroundings.

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Outing to Allan & Beryl Blevins' (Cont'd.)

Hay rides for the children and a delightful afternoon tea brought the day to a close, regretfully all too soon.

Thank you Allan and Beryl for your gracious hospitality.

- B. M.

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A DAY WITH SQUIRE BLEVINS

In many matters comparison is odious, in others it is envious. Members caught up in suburban living could well have found themselves envying Allan his grass-covered estate, with its outlook, the profusion of trees in the surrounding area, the lack of the sight of all the neighbours' clothes hoists and the unending rows of red tiles. There would seem to be only about one domestic disadvantage. What is the estimated mileage (or is it kilometrage?) to the 'local'?

As an act of kindness to the younger generation it was a stroke of genius on Allan's part to provide them with the Inflated Castle. All those youngsters must have slept like tops on Sunday night. Come to think of it, some of the older members put their minds back a generation and tested Providence by having a turn on the thing themselves. One member, we understand, scaled the walls from the inside and escaped over the top. Think his name was John Paul.

We received a momentary shock at seeing the straw bales. A fast 'round the area' timed run was visualised, and we had quick thoughts of removing the mudguards.

We saw boats, trucks, the makings of a swap enthusiast's stock in trade, delectable machinery, a good shed and one fairly much in need of restoration. It would seem that Allan has a full time job in attending to his part-time jobs.

The cookhouse trailer revived memories of the Anniversary Tour, when we saw the oil company insignia on the side panel. But we were not hundreds of miles away, only a few revs. from the city.

And what comfort Allan's thought gave to the not-so-young, by providing tables and chairs.

A Ferguson tractor, with trailer attached, and driven by the Squire himself, gave delighted children a 'hay ride'. There is hardly any doubt that some members had nostalgic recollections of earlier, more sophisticated hay rides!

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Strange, as it was such a perfect day, that only approximately 50% of vehicles were veteran. There were two vehicles without one sparkle out of place, which were neither veteran nor modern.

Allan's sanctity of his house was respected, remembering that a man's house is his castle. But there are limits to even this courtesy. The ground at one corner of the house was well trampled down. There were moments of doubt at this area, as nearly everyone had to make a quick decision as to the best tactical action to take, whether to say: "Sorry", or "Pardon me", or "No, after you," or to walk straight on, looking blankly ahead, or to mark time six steps, execute a right (or left) turn, and walk off briskly in an attitude of having seen nothing! A few made a bold turn of a knob, and from the sounds which this action released, found that they had met their Waterloo, and walked away - embarrassed.

However, this little difficulty did nothing to mar an unusual event. We are grateful to the Squire for his assistance in the July event.

- J. SIMPSON

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BACK ONE DECADE

'And so it goes on! At meetings we do nothing to help entertain fellow members. Instead, we rely on outsiders to do it for us. Surely there must be some members who could give an interesting talk on some subject. Alan Rose-Bray did just that at the July meeting, telling members of the beginnings of the Club. We can supply our own entertainment just as we can supply our own Blue Mountains Rally finance. We have only to apply ourselves to it.

The same pattern is seen in this magazine. Most members, we understand, like perusing its pages, but very few contribute much towards what goes into those pages for the interest, general information, and sometimes knowledge, of fellow members. We are certain that many members have a capacity for writing up happenings, and we still expectantly look forward to some. We can keep our magazine afloat ourselves, and not place too much reliance on the handiwork of those contributing to other publications, by copying their thoughts, or actually unashamedly copying their writings.

There are very few events which are attended by interstate visitors, but on this occasion we had three from Victoria. Tom Macmanamny (in the pronunciation of whose name one entirely omits the final "n"), Noel Tishler and Alan Bathurst. Very good to see them, of course, but we are not yet entirely convinced that they made the run from Melbourne as a special boost to

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the new Events Committee.

Cars which attended Castle Hill Showground, 10th August:

M. Roberts	T Ford 1915	M. Bendeich	Chalmers 1910
D. Berton	Talbot 1911	B. Thew	Hupmobile 1916
D. Lindsay	Humber 1906	J. Kay	Austro Daimler 1912
J. Corby	Buick 1915	D. Kay	Napier 1911
J. Godfrey	Ford T 1915	R. Warden	Crossley 1912
R. Marshall	Ford T 1915	J. Webster	Franklin 1912
K. Nutt	Hupmobile 1912	D. Short	Clement Bayard 1
R. Marshall	Delage 1912	F. Ehlert	Ford T 1911
R. Jones	Clement Bayard 1908	P. Kable	Ford T 1911
A. McLeod	Star 1912	T. Cook	Rolls Royce 1911
L. Sykes	Star 1910	G. Daley	F.N. 1908
W. Spraggon	Renault 1908	L. Sheen	Humberette 1912
J. Lewis	Buick 1909	J. Simpson	B.S.A. 1908

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The Treasurer has requested that we ask members to explore their minds and/or their records to ascertain whether or not they are financial. Subs., like the garbage can or the milk money, are all too easily overlooked. Don't forget that your Club - YOUR CLUB! - must have your financial assistance in order to keep going. We are not a retail establishment working on a 50-75% mark up! We are a volunteer crowd, with volunteer 'staff'. Don't make their going all the harder by holding back your dues.

(Some things never change! Ed.)

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The Historian, Alan Rose-Bray, gave an interesting talk on the depth to which he considers it necessary to delve when gathering and assessing material for the Club history on which he has been working. He stated that the history must be more than just a day-to-day recording of happenings in and in connection with the Club.

A talk on the early days of motoring, as it affected himself, was given at the close of official business, by Mr. Keifer. This is reported in some detail elsewhere.

JULY SPEAKER

Members were treated to an interesting talk by Mr. Keifer, of Lane Cove. He made us clear on two points before setting out on his reminiscences, these being that his name is pronounced "Keefer", and that he states his age to be 105 years, and he is adhering to that figure!

His first car was acquired in 1900, and it was a Locomobile Steamer. He was living out Kogarah way in those days, and took it to the local Police Station to have it registered. The second car that he owned was a 1900 Winton. It tipped the scale at 2 tons, had a horizontal engine and epicyclic gears. It was a used vehicle when he acquired it, and it was sold under the usual terms, i.e. "with all faults, if any" and, he said, "it certainly had all faults". It was always coming to grief in some way or another when he took it out.'

F O R T H E C O O K SDATE SLICEFilling:

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. dates
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar
 Juice $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon

Pastry:

4 oz. margarine
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
 1 egg
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups s.r. flour

Pastry: Cream margarine and sugar, add egg, then flour. Roll out half pastry to line lamington tin. Spread filling and top with remaining pastry. Bake in moderate oven. When cool ice and sprinkle with coconut. (Chocolate or Lemon Icing).

Filling: Heat all ingredients in saucepan and cook till thickened.

RASPBERRY SLICE:

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups s.r. flour
 1 cup coconut
 6 oz. butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup rolled oats
 1 cup brown sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup raspberry jam

Sift flour into bowl, add other ingredients and mix. Rub in shortening, knead thoroughly. Divide mixture in half. Place one half on greased lamington tin, pressing flat. Spread jam over evenly. Sprinkle remaining mixture over jam to cover it. Bake in moderately hot oven 30 minutes. Allow to cool slightly in tin. While still warm cut into fingers and loosen edges. Turn out when cool.

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BITS AND PIECES FROM NEWCASTLE

Members went on the tour to an orange orchard at Milbrodale out past Broke for a quiet Sunday drive.

Did you know that there were 29 entrants in the '64 Newcastle Tour which was won overall by Stan Rumble, Best Car, Bill Spraggon. So how about getting your entry in for the '79 Tour, so see George Adams by the end of August and have a good week-end.

It was good to see John Riley at our August meeting at the Burke's residence at Cessnock.

- JOHN G.

(See Page 17 for "Back A While")

From Newcastle:

BACK A WHILE

January '65 - Beaded Edge Tyres & Tubes

	Pnds.	s.	d.	Pnds.	s.	d.
30 x 3½	10.	10.	0	1.	0.	0
710 x 90	10.	10.	0	1.	0.	0
760 x 90	10.	10.	0	1.	0.	0
810 x 90	11.	12.	0	1.	2.	6
815 x 105	13.	4.	6	1.	0.	0
875 x 105	14.	15.	0	1.	2.	6
820 x 120	14.	15.	0	1.	2.	6
880 x 120	16.	0.	6	1.	6.	0
895 x 135	20.	8.	6	1.	14.	0

- JOHN G.

AN AUTOMOTIVE RIP VAN WINKLE

PART I - THE LONG SIESTA

A long time ago four Norwegian citizens acquired a Benz, with the intention of running a 'bus service over a distance of 150 miles from approximately the south east to the north west of Norway. The year, in fact, was 1895!

The sales talk from the manufacturer showed the car as a 'phaeton' to carry six people, but a picture in the catalogue showed eight people aboard (an increase in passenger capacity of 33 1/3%, no less).

When the Benz was tested on the road numerous problems reared their ugly heads, and some modifications were made by a qualified engineer. About July 1896 the 'bus service began, but instead of the anticipated 150 miles, the rough Norwegian roads were responsible for repeated breakdowns, which 'brought the Benz to it's knees' after only 25 miles. It was returned to the starting point and put into a shed, in which it remained unmolested for 20 years. Our Club has just completed 25 years of activity, remember? This took the Benz up to 1916, when the Kaiser war was in progress. It was bought by a motoring enthusiast who kept it for 10 years before making a gift of it to the Norway Automobile Club, but he very seldom drove it himself. In 1932 the Norsk Teknisk Museum was opened, and the Norway Automobile Club donated it to the museum. To quote from the source of this article: "And there it has remained ever since, the sole surviving example of this model, perhaps the lowest mileage veteran car in the world, and certainly the most original." Having been 'discarded' for such a lengthy period, it is original.

(Continued on P.18...

An Automotive Rip Van Winkle - Part I (Cont'd.)

Some observations are interesting, such as: the sub-frame, axles, wheels and springs, presumably originally painted red and lined in black, have faded to a dusky pink; the bodywork is in dark blue, trimmed in dark brown diamond pleated leather which, naturally, has hardened and cracked; the front seat is very plain in comparison with the rear one, which is beautifully trimmed with a raised woven braiding, now a faded blue which probably would have matched the body paintwork when new.

(Condensed from V. & V. Magazine, March 1979).

End of Part I.

- J. SIMPSON

ADVERTISEMENT S

WANTED: Electric Headlights suit 1915 Ford 'T'.

- BARRY GARTH
Lindsay Ave.,
Ermington.
638.2608

TYRES: Retreads on 880 x 120 available. Contact:

- KEN MOSS,
624.6519

BRASSO: As a result of negotiations initiated by Public Relations Officer, David Berthon, BRASSO is available to members at a considerable saving.

Prices: 2 litre cans \$5.00
5 " " \$10.80

The saving is approximately 38% based on current retail prices for 200 ml. tins, but we must place a minimum order of 25 cans of 2 litres and/or 10 cans of 5 litres to obtain the discount.

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87 Kingston Street, Haberfield. Country members
please add postage or freight. (Postcode 2045)

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FOR SALE: Bosch Magnetos

1 - ZU4 \$35.00
1 - DU4 \$30.00

- BARRY THEW,
638.1155

ADVERTISEMENTS (CONT'D.)

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All steel Tourer body for 1913-1914 4-cyl. Oakland.

1918 Dodge Tourer body panels and scuttle.

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1917 and 1918 Buick 6 chassis.

1914 Buick chassis.

1915 Studebaker chassis.

1912 Overland chassis.

About 1912 Big Talbot chassis.

Talbot parts about 1912 front axle, front hubs,
tie rod, engine pots.

1910 Overland radiator.

1913 Overland radiator.

Also the following vehicles which could be
restored:

1914 Buick

1917 Buick Tourer

1916 Overland

And the basic mechanical parts for 1912 'T' Ford.

WANTED: 1916 Chev. 490 motor and diff., also any Chev.
Royal Mail or Baby Grand parts.

For both above ads. contact:

IAN MC EACHERN,
P.O. Box W.62,
West Tamworth. NSW 2340
067.656696

ADVERTISEMENTS (CONT'D.)

WANTED: 1 Typewriter.

- G.A. ROBERTS,
371.8626

FOR SALE: 1913 Hupmobile Tourer. Top restoration
and excellent rally car, \$10,000.

- PETER MICHAELS,
54 Greenacre Rd.,
South Hurstville. 2221
546.3672

FOR SALE: 1912 Cadillac Tourer (unrestored).
Only mechanical part missing is the tail shaft.
A lot of restoration to body has already been
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1971 Holden Ute. V8 - 4-on-the-floor,
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rough. Full price: \$1,250

2 only 4.40 x 23 beaded edge tyres.
Goodyear. Brand new. Each: \$40

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1979

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SUNDAY JULY 15
SUNDAY AUGUST 26
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16
WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1
SUNDAY OCTOBER 21
SUNDAY OCTOBER 28
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25
SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

- Picnic Day
- *Navigators Rally
- Orange Blossom Festival Procession
- C.V.V.T.M.C. — Warwick Farm
- Newcastle Tour
- Government House Garden Party
- Parramatta Foundation Day
- *Registration Inspection Day (Compulsory)
- Schofields Air Show
- *Registration Inspection Day (Alternative)
- Fishers Ghost Rally
- Christmas Party - Dinner Dance
- Vacluse Lions Club — Charity Day
- Family Christmas Picnic

1980

MONDAY JANUARY 28
WEEKEND JANUARY 23-24
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24
SUNDAY MARCH 30
WEEKEND APRIL 25, 26 and 27
SUNDAY MAY 25
SATURDAY MAY 31
SUNDAY JUNE 29
SUNDAY JULY 27

- Sydney Festival Procession
- Camp Out
- Picnic Day and Rally
- *Concourse Day
- *Annual Blue Mountains Tour sponsored by Caltex
- Model Engineer's Society — Luddenham
- Trophy Presentation Nite
- Picnic Day and Rally
- Picnic Day and Rally

**Indicates Point Score Outings.*

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