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NEWSLETTER OF THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.)

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EDITORIAL

Your attention is drawn to the change in date of the Blue Mountains Rally, to the week-end of 27th and 28th March.

As this year's rally is unsponsored, a great deal of extra work is falling on the shoulders of your Events Committee. It is important that you fill in your entry immediately on receipt. This will greatly facilitate the printing of the leaflets for distribution along the route. Likewise, the early return of entry forms will greatly facilitate the accommodation arrangements.

It is very important that this rally is a success. The Club has to show what can be done without sponsorship -- this could greatly influence our future. The Management Committee would like to see as many cars as possible - particularly those that are only occasionally seen.

Naturally your payment of entry fee and accommodation is also required as soon as possible. Entry fee 30/- per car. Accommodation £2/10/- per person for dinner, bed and breakfast.

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MEETING NOTICE

The next General Meeting will be held in the Amenities Room, H.C. Sleigh Ltd., 190 Clarence St., Sydney, on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1965, at 8 p.m. sharp.

The Preliminary briefing of the Blue Mountains Rally will be given.

- JACK DANCE,
Hon. Secretary.

MEETING REPORT.

The first meeting for the year 1965 was held at the H.C. Sleigh Amenities Room. The usual reports were received and at this meeting quite a few important business matters arose.

The most important of these matters concerns the future association of the Club with Golden Fleece. It has been pointed out by H.C. Sleigh that the Club has accepted a degree of sponsorship from competitive companies and that they were desirous of resuming occupancy of the club rooms. They also felt unable to make the Amenities Room available whilst we accepted sponsorship from competitive companies. There was considerable discussion on this matter. The advantages of sponsorship were considered and there was no doubt at all in the views expressed at the meeting that sponsorship is of very great value to the club. It was pointed out that H.C. Sleigh gave the Club a great deal of publicity in the early years of their association, but this had become minimal at this stage. The value of the use of the Amenities Room was also acknowledged.

However, it was also generally agreed that at this stage the Club was desirous of having a more active association with some other suitable organisation that would provide both sponsorship and publicity. It is also desirous that such an association be a long term one. At this stage there was some doubt as to whether such a sponsorship could be arranged before the forthcoming Blue Mountains Rally. The opinion of the meeting was unanimous that we seek sponsorship and the committee was instructed to proceed along these lines.

The Management Committee reported their concern over the sale of a Rolls Royce veteran car to a non-member of the V.C.C. The result of consideration of this matter was that the member in question will be called before the committee to show cause why his membership should not be terminated.

A letter had been received about colour slides concerning 200 cars in the Great Britain Brighton Rally, for sale at £6 sterling. Although the quality of these slides was not known, it was suggested that a set be purchased for the Club's use.

A letter has also been received from the Newcastle branch asking that an annual subsidy of £25 plus £1 per Newcastle member be requested from the parent club each year. This matter was viewed by the Management Committee. The President pointed out that it seemed as though the amount of money involved seemed rather large in respect to the fact that the annual membership dues were only £2. 10. 0 per member.

Len Sheen gave the outline of the forthcoming events, including the anniversary week-end tour to Wollongong and to the President's property near Goulburn. He mentioned the forthcoming outing to Vaucluse House for the judging of Concourse events. There was also discussion concerning the starting point, the route and the termination point for the annual Blue Mountains Rally in March. The termination point was still in doubt but a large number of members are in favour of it being at a place on the western side of Sydney rather than at Centennial Park.

George Roberts has had a recent tour north and was able to report that Bob Baxter's Calthorpe in Grafton is well under way. He was also able to visit Ed. Yabsley at Kempsey.

L. Davies is building wheels for this Cadillac - he is making the spokes. He also inspected the Delage of Paul Armstrong and the two cylinder Renault of Mrs. J. Hochstadt. Alan Foy informed the meeting that there had been some delay in finalising registration due to some confusion with the insurance company. These were going through at this stage.

The Social Secretary thanked members for participating in the Christmas Dinner. She also reminded members that the Ball would be coming in April and she asked them to keep the evening available.

Mr. J. Naylor has offered to take on the responsibility of Secretary whilst Mr. J. Dance is absent in New Zealand.

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DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CLUB.

Lakemba Chamber of Commerce	£1. 1. 0	(R. Jones)
Pacific Film Lab.	£5. 5. 0	(J. Cooper)
Farmer & Co.	£6. 6. 0	(W. Spraggon)
Willoughby Bowling Club	£5. 5. 0	(W. Dudley, J. Butcher)
Eastwood Enterprises	£5. 5. 0	(J. Pickup)
Peter Warr Pty. Ltd.	£2. 2. 0	(R. Craze)

The Club is most appreciative to the above members who loaned their cars - and brought forth the donations.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Mr. David Middleton,
St. Leonards.

NEW MEMBERS: Mrs. Olga Hochstadt,
3/10 Glenwood Ave., Coogee. Renault

Mr. Paul T. Armstrong,
25 Richland St., Kingsgrove. Delage 1910

JUNIOR MEMBER: Mr. K.P. Buxton,
14 Harleigh St., Ashfield.

"13 The Scarp,
Castlecrag.
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The Editor,

If space permits, would you grant a line or two in the next issue of SPIT AND POLISH, to air my problem (or one of them).

Upon attaining my dream, namely my "Austro Daimler", it was suggested by an old army friend of mine, that as an "old brush painter" of the early 20's, he be allowed to brush paint the car for me, having worked on cars by this method for over fifteen years. Eventually the job was done, but to put it kindly, not in a manner a good veteran deserves, and although portion of it is brushed, the body panels, I am sure, are sprayed. Also, there are a few runs, and in at least six places a type of rippling which all tends to spoil the overall finish. I might mention, by the way, I paid well for the job!

I asked that the affected parts be redone, but my friend now informs me he has lost his touch with a brush, and will not have another try at the job, which brings me to the point. Are there any members in the club who know of a good painter, perhaps a retired person, or anyone at all who can and will rectify the job?

It is no use approaching the spray firms, for they are full of work, and only interested in a 'get in and get out' job as quickly as possible, and have not the time or inclination to paint - as it should be done - a veteran car.

So are there any suggestions - and not rude ones - of overcoming this problem?

Naturally I'll be only too pleased to pay a reasonable sum, and will co-operate in any way possible.

Anybody got any bright suggestions? Please ring me at night, 95/6034, or see me at the meeting.

Yours (with hope),

JOHN NAYLOR."

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EXTRACT OF LETTER SENT TO KEN MOSS - from Chas Teed, Grand Junction, Colorado -
(film librarian of the Horseless Carriage Club of America) referring
to Australian film being shown in America.

".....One thing that has recently come up, and I should tell you about, it will cheer you up, I'm sure. The annual meeting of the H.C.C.A. is to be 22nd and 23rd January, in Los Angeles. They are going to show your Australian film to the group on that Friday night, which pleases me, and I'm sure will please you too.

In the meantime it is up at Casper, Wyoming, then Sacramento, California, and then down to L.A. In February it will be up in Yakima, Washington, and then later on in Champaign, Illinois, and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I want as many of the clubs to see it as there is time for, as it is a good film (of course), and being from "down under" is of special interest too.

Those are sure pretty photos of yourself and Joan up in the Blue Mountains. Kodacolor is fine film, isn't it? You will enjoy a wide variety of scenery in the U.S., from farm land to desert, mountains, rivers and all.

.....I'll return the photos soon. It will be interesting to see your Model A in its wine colored glory....."

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March	27th and 28th	Annual Katoomba Rally
April	10th	Annual Presentation Ball (Anthony Horder's Ballroom)
April	24th	1965 V.C.C.A. National Tour Sydney, Adelaide.
April		Gymkhana and Barbecue.

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND WOLLONGONG/INVERERY/SYDNEY

After the very enjoyable morning tea supplied by Vic. Jacobs at Service City we started out in sunshine for Wollongong, the following cars and crews attending:

P. McKeown	Rolls Royce	1910
T. Cook	Rolls Royce	1911
G. Daley	Rolls Royce	1908
P. Davis	Hispano Suiza	1914
A. Colburt	Crossley	1912
F. Craze	F.N.	1911
R. Farrell	Fiat	1913
R. Jones	Oakland	1913
R. Thomas	Buick	1916
V. Jacobs	Ford	1912
L. Sheen	Humber	1912

After a nice easy run to Wollongong we all settled in our Motels to await dinner, after which we attended the Mardi Gras procession. The lucky drivers carried the festival queens in the car as passengers. Some drivers spent the night at a night club that featured a strip tease act, others at the Leagues Club as guests of the Secretary. All in all a good night was had by all.

Sunday morning saw us off again for Inverery, up Macquarie Pass to Robertson which the Humber climbed in third gear without any trouble - at about 15 miles per hour, so this is not a hill to stop a Veteran. Lunch stop at Moss Vale at a Cafe, then off to a barbecue dinner at G. Green's property, "Inverery", after which a very noisy night what with football, chariot races, pillow fights in the wool shed we all prepared for bed. Some Ford driver walked around all night then blew a whistle at six o'clock, so everybody up. A good night with plenty of laughs - a night to remember with pleasure.

After breakfast we all set out again for Sydney and home, which most of us reached by 1.30 p.m., before the traffic became heavy. We wish to thank our President for all the trouble he and the staff went to to make us welcome at "Inverery".

- Len Sheen,
Roy Farrell,
Ken Moss

Events Committee.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

D. Trounson,
123 Woids Ave., Hurstville. 54/5425
J. Butcher,
39 Russell Ave., Valley Heights.
B. Price,
31 Innesdale St., Arncliffe.

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REVS. & BACKFIRES

By Len Masser

Those lucky boys got away on the boat to New Zealand for the International Run in the Kiwi isle. Black disappointment for one crew though. They were taking George Green's Prince Henry Vauxhall but the old girl developed a cavity in the block around No. 3 piston mark. Wailing and gnashing of teeth did nothing to the filling of the said cavity, so they sailed happy, but disconsolate at leaving the "White Terror" behind. Actually, they are not really slumming it, as the R.R. Tourer of George's took its place, but it is not a Veteran, and I'm told that the two cars representing New South Wales are both Vintage. Bad show, sir! George Green was the backbone of the whole business. Surrounded by no-hopers, he got everything organised and away to a good start. Good show, sir!

'member I gave you the drum about the Frost clan? Well the baby has arrived and although the pedigree is not printed yet, I gather the name is Jennifer Ann, and

someone told me its about 16 hands and has a white flash on the forehead and very slender fetlocks. Think they must have got mixed somewhere along the line because further information tells me its just the loveliest little girl and Father Frost should be very proud. If its only half as beautiful as its Ma it will be a bottler. Greetings O Frosts and felicitations to you both.

If you want a bargain, see our hard-working Hon. Treasurer. Terrific little fire extinguisher in polished brass, complete with clips etc. for £2. 0. 6, with refills for 22/6. You can use part or all of the putter-outer and they say there's enough to knock over a fire in a Boeing 707 Jet. Had a good look at one and was very impressed, so get in the queue, behind Ross Marshall (you old fire bug, you) and score one for yourselves. These things are really something out of the box, s'welp me.

Must be more in owning a pharmacy than collecting tea money or making sets of rattlers. J. Cooper, Jnr. has just taken delivery of an Alfa Romeo so if he knocks at your front door selling soap and razor blades you can bet he's behind on instalments. Unpatriotic I calls it. What about that holy cow, the Holden, or its competitor, the one with the inbuilt rust? I just can't recall its name, but its quite well-known. The Alfa is a crackerjack car, so you've got to hand it to the Japs, they know how to build a good one.

Bill Hardman has gone off the deep end and is now engaged to Lesley. Strike me lucky, Bill, haven't you seen enough trouble around you to dodge that? When I gaze at the miserable faces of the espoused members, and then see the cheery smiling countenance of bachelor Bob Paddle and others, I get all sentimental for the state of single bliss. Ar well, if you want to know anything about the birds and the bees, see me Bill, and I'll make things whistle and hum. In passing, I think sister Helen is going to be rather lost.

George Sevenoaks has sold his 1909 Renault to Ross Marshall. Hope it turns out as nice a job as Ross's little Brush.

Jack Hochstadt was all of a flurry some nights ago when he was roused out of bed and informed there was a fire next door to his gunsmith shop in George Street. Jack had visions of 303 bullets and all the rest of the ammunition going up in a mighty fireworks display. It appeared the fire was in the Prisoner of War Club next door, of which I used to be a member, but as I left my fiery temperament behind when I left the Club, I don't think it was me who indulged in the pyrotechnics.

The story goes that Jack darted out of the house without his pants. That would give him a warm reception from the police, without anything else. There was no damage to his shop, so Jack's quite happy.

The bowling fanatics, in the Veteran Car Club, will be glad to know that that old stager, Jean Masser, has taken up bowls in earnest. Appeared over the horizon today in her new bowls uniform, dress $4\frac{1}{2}$ " from the ground, white stockings - the lot. Simply dripping with lure (and perspiration). Suffice to say she won the first game. International star? I dunno.

Ken Moss met George Giltrap in "Genevieve" on his way from Queensland at Mt. Colah. I feel that some effort should have been made by the Committee to give George a greeting on his epic trip from Queensland. I have no excuses for myself, but some organisation was indicated in this case. Let's hope in the future when somebody does something really outstanding we will be on tap there to greet him.

S W A P : Jones Speedo brass case for Stewart with trip gauge brass case.

W A N T E D : Body parts 1911 T Ford, 4 wheels and other parts - Cash or swap other items.

W A N T E D : Early T Ford, any condition.

Vic Jacobs - MX6666 (Business)
FY6868 (Home)

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FOR SALE: Jack Dance reports that National Tyre Service, Strathfield, UJ2188, have the following tyres for sale:

2, 500 x 24 brand new retreads at £4 each
2, 550 x 19 one nearly new Dunlop, 1 sound casing with tubes, £5 the lot
1, 500 x 21 good used Dunlop £2.10.0.

FOR SALE: Ron Palmer reports that Mr. L.D. Dane, 11 Hitchcock Ave., New Lambton (Phones: 572805 and 613022) has a brass radiator for a B.S.A. in good condition. He is prepared to accept any reasonable offer for it.

FOR SALE: "Extra Air" brake attachments, complete with fittings, cable valve and foot pedal.

D. South,
46 Earl Street,
Randwick. FX2457

FOR SALE: Renault 1912 2-cylinder Roadster. Colour royal blue. Last year's winner of 2-Cylinder class Katoomba Rally. Further particulars:

J. Garwood,
34 Westfield St.,
EARLWOOD.

FOR SALE: FORD T -

D. Codeca,
137 Brook Street,
NEWCASTLE.

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W A N T E D : Braided and rubber insulated cable, suitable for wiring Veteran lights.

J.L. Jones,
28 Highworth Ave.,
BEXLEY, N.S.W. 50/7926

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