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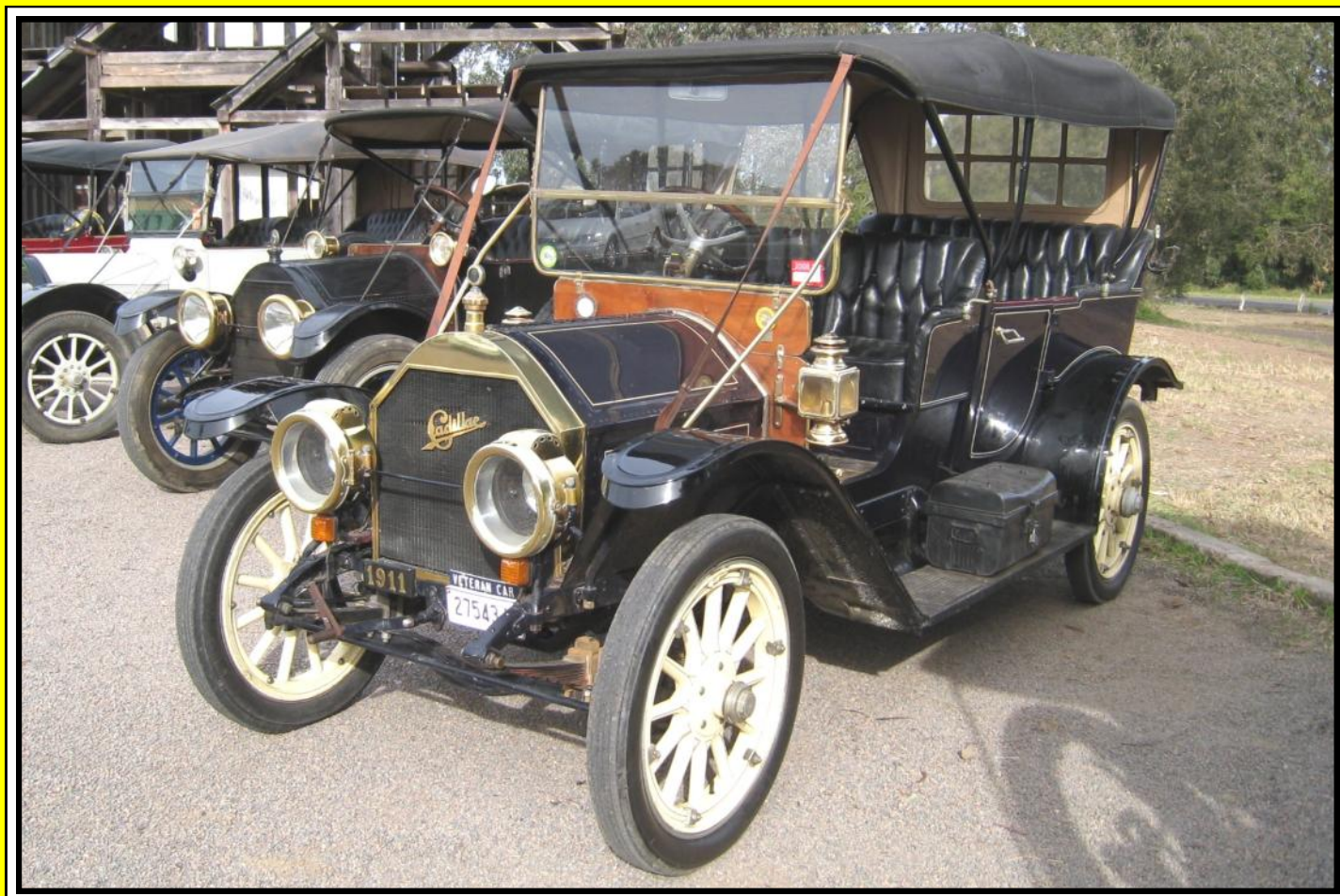
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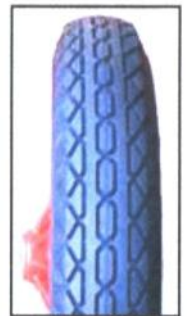
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*Allen Dunlop's 1911 Cadillac.
On show at the Newcastle Branch Garage Crawl,
at Paterson, July 2008.*

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc held on Thursday 28th November 2019

ATTENDANCE

Committee: 8 Members: 23 Family members: 3

APOLOGIES: Dennis Ballard, John Burke, Laurie Garrod, Rod Holmes, Melinda Kovacs, Don Liddle, Peter Martin, Norm Mitchell, Phil O'Loan, Phillip Virgona, Les Watton

MEETING OPENED AT 8:20 PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President welcomed all members and their families to the last meeting of the year.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Lynette Martin Seconded: Greg Roberts

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations

2019 Shannons Sydney Spring Classic Auction
2020 National Trust Pre 31 Historic Houses Tour
John Flower CARnivale

Other Club publications:

Small Torque	Small Torque	Brass Notes
Retronauts (online)	Country Motor (online)	Early Auto
Cough and Splutter		

Other:

Russell Holden – HCCA Gazette with report on Bathurst Rally
Charles Fitzhardinge
Rod Holmes, Les Watton and Phillip Virgona - apologies
Dorothy Shinfield
Graham Froud – resignation
John Burke
Charles Graham, Judy Grellman – thank you for Christmas party
Newcastle club minutes

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

John Burke
Leon McGuire
Neil and Peter Martin
A Rostron
Terry Lyness – membership kit
Warren Wilson, John Radzevicius, Lance Pymble – membership
Chris Zoch
Invitations to Swap Meet – Model T Ford Club, Model A Ford Club, VMC, APMC, VSCC, Motorlife, Russell Holden, Norm Mitchell
Lyn Martin, Sue Martin and Jan Grant – thank you for Christmas party
Emails: Christmas Party, Spit and Polish, National Trust EOI Pre '31 Historic Houses Tour

Moved: Graham Weekes Seconded: Neil Martin

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances of Accounts as presented to the meeting.

Special Guest Speaker

Meeting Night 27th FEBRUARY 2020

Mr Chris Zoch of 'Zochy's Magnetos'.

He will be speaking about service repairing magnetos, motorcycle dynamos and 6/12 volt electronic regulators.

Please come with your questions and make Chris feel welcome.

Income has been received from subs, rent and Christmas party. Outgoings were for the cleaning, printing and postage of Spit and Polish, reimbursements for Christmas party and secretarial expenses including payment to Department of Fair Trading.

Moved: Greg Roberts Seconded: Ian Streatfield

MAGAZINE Nothing to report

EVENTS

Previous events

Graeme thanked Geoff, Louise, Lyn, Sue and Jan for the Christmas Party which was most enjoyable. Three veterans were there.

Coming events

29 November – MaSH Coffee Run

1 December – Sydney Inspection Day at Smiley Power Yennora

8 December – Newcastle Christmas Party – let Graeme know if you plan to come as participants need a code for the gate.

13 December – MaSH Branch morning tea run

26 January CARnival Entries are on the website.

29 February – Pre 1931 SWAP Meet at club rooms

One- and 2-cylinder owners need to save the date for 1- & 2-Cylinder Rally Orange to be held 29-31 May 2020.

Entry forms for the Berrima Rally are on the front table or on the website.

Calendar published and posted to members in Spit and Polish.

Graeme urged members to attend at least one significant event next year. If not in the veteran, come in a modern car as they could hitch a ride as a swaggie or help with rally.

PERMIT TO MOVE/REGISTRATION

One permit issued. A reminder that Sydney Inspection Day will be held this coming Sunday 1 December at Smiley Power Yennora from 9 am to 12 noon.

LIBRARY

Shelves have been delivered for the compactus.

DATING Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP Nothing to report

CMC Nothing to report

HALL

Robert Fordham thanked the members who came to the working bee. The next working bee will be held on 18 January. Robert would like some volunteers to start at 7:30 am to clear the hall for the carpet cleaner who starts at 8. Robert had membership cards to distribute.

WEBSITE

Abbey Newman has been loading items to the Members Area – invitation events, the events calendar, save the date and events reports. An EOI for prospective members will be loaded to the public area.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Christmas Party

Lyn Martin, Sue Martin, Jan Grant and Louise Yeomans were thanked for their help with the Christmas Party. A small presentation was made by the President.

Guest speaker

Chris Zoch has been invited to the February meeting to speak about magnetos.

Criteria for 100 - year badges

The President outlined the situation that currently all vehicles recognised as veterans by the club are now eligible for a 100-year badge. Currently vehicles need to be officially dated to qualify. As the dating process is rigorous it has been suggested that the guidelines be amended so that any vehicle deemed to be a veteran is eligible. By a show of hands, the majority of members supported the proposal.

Techie Talk

Not too technical this month!

Request for old copies of *Spit and Polish*.

Les Johnson would like copies of *Spit and Polish* from 1970 to 1980.

The raffle was drawn.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:00PM.

Doug Fulford
President

Louise Yeomans
Secretary

Events Calendar - Club Events

JANUARY 2020

- 21st Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
23rd Committee Meeting starting at 6.30pm
23rd Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm.
24th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*
26th **CARNIVALE 2020**, to be held in Parramatta Park.

FEBRUARY 2020

- 8th **Newcastle Branch Breakfast Run.** *See Page 6 for details*
14th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
18th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
27th Committee Meeting starting at 6.30pm
27th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm. **Guest speaker Chris Zoch** *See page 6*
29th **Pre 1931 SWAP Meet at club rooms.** *See Page 7 for more details*

MARCH 2020

- 1st **Sydney North Breakfast Run.** *See Page 7 for details*
13th **MaSH Branch** Morning Tea run. *Check with Greg Roberts*
17th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba at 7.30pm
26th Committee Meeting starting at 6.30pm
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27th **MaSH Branch** Coffee run. 10.45am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. *Check with Doug Fulford*
28th - 29th **Blue Mountains Rally.** *Details to follow*

Events Calendar - National Rallies

APRIL 2020

- 1st - 7th **1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally** - Charleville Qld. Hosted by the VCCA (Qld) Inc.
Entry Form etc. See Pages 18 to 20. Of July 2019 Spit and Polish.

OCTOBER 2020

- 11th - 17th **VCCA National Veteran Rally 2020** - Swan Hill. Our official rally website is now up and running. You will find this via our club website - www.veterancarclub.org.au. Click on "National Rally" at top of page and follow the links.
Here you will find an on-line Expressions of Interest form (preferred method). Fill it in now to stay up to date with rally information. 1st Newsletter is anticipated before Christmas.

OCTOBER 2021

17th - 22nd The National Motorcycle Rally to be based in Manjimup WA.

24th - 29th The National Veteran Rally to be based in Busselton WA.

Invitation Event

FEBRUARY 2020

15th - 16th Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club Inc Invitation to our 44th BERRIMA RALLY Once again the Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club Inc will be holding our "Berrima Rally" on the weekend mentioned above. Our theme for this weekend will be "*Heroes Heroines Villains & Vagabonds*". We are looking forward to your participation with this theme. Our club welcomes all historic vehicle enthusiasts to our major annual rally, a weekend in the Southern Highlands with country hospitality and motoring through some exciting country.

Come for the weekend or just for the day (to be eligible for category trophies, entrants & vehicles must attend both days)

All Starts and Meals from MITTAGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Entry LEE STREET, MITTAGONG.

Further information on our web site:- Information sheet with suggested accommodation
Weekend Programme and Entry Form

General Information

HCCA Gazette covering the 7th HCCA Int'l Tour Bathurst

Here is a sneak peak at the Nov - Dec HCCA Gazette with the photos and articles for the Bathurst Tour. Wonderful articles by Sharon and Tracy showcasing New South Wales and our fantastic brass era movement.

NB: this is the 1st time the Gazette has been issued electronically, so we thank Tracy very much for her effort to facilitate that process.

Just click the link below.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/57245389-b5b4-40fc-bf74-4836b4df4813>

Russell Holden

Coming Events

Newcastle Branch Breakfast Run

Saturday 8th February 2020

8.00am

To be held at Neil & Maria Heilbrunn's,

237 Martinsville Road, MARTINSVILLE 2265

Any queries contact:

John: 0412 821 945

or Graeme: 0412 138 063

Newcastle Branch members will receive an email prior to the event.

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VCCA (NSW) Inc Swap Meet Pre 1931

Saturday 29th February 2020

Following the success of its first swap meet the VCCA (NSW) Inc is holding Pre 1931 Swap Meet to be held on **29 February 2020** at the club's premises at 134 Queens Road CANADA BAY from 2 pm. At 5pm an auction of pre 1931 items will be held.

Items to be sold are to be pre 1931 and car related. Spaces available for vendors are half a trestle table for \$5 or a full trestle table for \$10. Vendors have access to the hall from 1pm onwards. To book a space contact John Grant jgr13216@bigpond.net.au, mobile 0418 558 949. To enter an item for auction also contact John Grant.

Ten per cent commission from the auction price will be paid to the VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Tables need to be paid for in advance and auction items where possible nominated to John Grant by 14th February 2020.

The bank details are:

Account name: Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc

Bank: Commonwealth

Branch: Wynyard Sydney NSW

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Acc number: 28023425

Sydney North Breakfast Run

1st March 2020

Our first breakfast run for the year is being held at Saddles Restaurant at **20 Ashbrookes Road, Mount White**. Please let Louise know, ASAP, if you intend attending so as a group booking can be made.

SADDLES

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Breakfast group Dining Menu for 10 or more adults at \$35pp.

Coffee & tea (choice of)

Coffee - house blend

Tea - English breakfast, Earl grey, green sencha, peppermint or chamomile

Savoury (choice)

House made waffle with maple & mascarpone, strawberries & blueberries

or

Roast sweet potato with fried eggs, cashew cream, spinach, chamomile, honey & seeds

or

Pork & fennel sausage roll, bbq sauce

or

Pino's smoked bacon & eggs, house made sourdough

Sweet (shared selection)

Strawberry & cream brioche

Lamingtons with Daintree estate chocolate

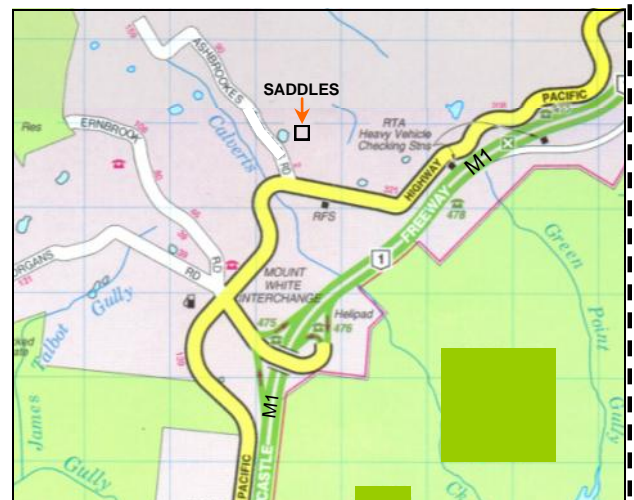
Donut with pistachio cream & praline

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NATIONAL TRUST HISTORIC HOUSES TOUR 2020

23rd and 24th May 2020.

ATTENTION ALL PRE '31 (Veteran and Vintage) VEHICLE OWNERS

Many of you may have attended the previous National Trust Historic Houses Tour in 2017, a lot of people then expressed disappointment at not being able to spend more time at Retford Park. As a response to that it has been decided to repeat the tour on **23rd and 24th May 2020**.

The format will be similar to 2017, but we will spent the day at Retford Park and after lunch and a tour of the house will travel the back roads to Goulburn for the night. On Sunday morning we will have morning tea and a house and garden tour at Riversdale before returning home. There will be trailer parking available at Retford Park

The Paul Butler Trust will be subsidising this tour and your only expense should be your accommodation and any liquid refreshment you require.

Unfortunately The National Trust has set a limit of 80 people, so if you are interested please return your expression of Interest form ASAP.

Wilga Coutts

Expression of Interest Form is on Page 21

1 & 2 Cylinder Rally

Dave and Lana Perry are ready to start organising us a NSW 1 & 2 cylinder event in Orange.
The proposed dates being 29th to 31st May 2020.
Further details later.

General Information

Resignation

Graham Froud

Change of Address

Kevin Boardman
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(M) & (E) the same



Sydney meeting November 2019

Editorial

Normally I start my report with a thanks to the members for articles they have supplied for this edition of **YOUR** Spit and Polish. Unfortunately apart from 2 articles of light-hearted humour from Ron Hattersley, I have received nothing from the members. Yes I have received a lengthy article on the National T Ford Rally, which was most welcome, but the authors are not members.

Three outings were reported on this month, being the National T Ford Rally, mentioned above from Narelle Spackman, Denise Harris & Matthew Spackman and a report on the Sydney and Newcastle Christmas parties from your editor.

Coming events for the next month or so are: The MaSH Branch's Morning tea run and their Northern Coffee run, also the Newcastle Branch Breakfast run. Then we have a guest speaker, Chris Zoch at the February meeting so come along and make his trip from Harrington worthwhile, also the Swap meet on the 29th February at the club rooms. An invitation to the National Trust Historic Houses tour followed by the 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour.

Just remember that if you wish to compete for the Hattersley' Cup, articles on outings and a list of those attending must appear in Spit and Polish.

At the moment I have a **small** supply of material, but it is always handy to have a little extra just incase things get quiet. I would prefer to get more reports on outings attended. So if you have something it would be appreciated.

Just remember a short article can be made into a page presentation with a couple of photos as I have stated before.

Remember this is **"YOUR MAGAZINE"**.

Enjoy your Veteran motoring

Nev Preston



Light-Hearted Humour

THE CATHOLIC HAIRDRYER

In parochial school, students are taught that lying is a sin. However, instructors also advised that using a bit of imagination was OK to express the truth differently without lying. Below is a perfect example of those teachings:

Getting a Hairdryer Through Customs.

An attractive young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the Priest by the name of Andre beside her, 'Father, may I ask a favour?'

Of course child. What may I do for you?

Well, I bought my mother an expensive hair dryer for her birthday. It is unopened but well over the Customs limits and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Hide it under your robes perhaps?

I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you, I will not lie.

With your honest face, Father Andre, no one will question you.

When they got to Customs, she let the priest Andre go first. The official asked, 'Father, do you have anything to declare?'

From the top of my head down to my waist I have nothing to declare.

The official thought this answer strange, so asked, 'And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?'

'I have a marvelous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused.'

Roaring with laughter, the official said, 'Go ahead, Father. Next please!'

The Adventure of Team Sphach

2019 National T Ford Rally - Pop into Maryborough. 29/9 to 5/10.

Narelle Spackman, Denise Harris & Matthew Spackman

Northern Bound:



Team 91

Bet-T (1915 Tourer) & Crank-it-T (1911 Tourer) rolled with excitement as they were loaded onto their respective trailers and secured for their journey north.

Unfortunately, their Canberra cousin Matt-T (1913 Roadster) was overzealous on his last trip to Bathurst and is in the workshop awaiting repairs. Alas, new cousin Soot -T (1917 Tourer) from Canberra was eager to meet them and join Team Sphach.



Team 93

So it began; Team Sphach's epic northern adventure from the NSW Central Coast and ACT, comprising of three generations; the Spackman Team (92 – Kevin, Narelle & Mathew - 93), Harris Team (96 – Scott & Denise) & Cherry Team (91 – David & Betty) all of whom couldn't wait to 'Pop into Maryborough'.

Bet -T, Crank-it -T & Soot -T were snug as bugs in rugs as we meandered along the highways; Team 91 & 92 heading along the Pacific Highway while

Team 96 travelled the inland Highways and unscheduled diversions. Caravaners coming through Cowra asked if we were heading to Maryborough because they had travelled from Caboolture and met some rally entrants along the way. When they enquired if it was cool in Canberra, I 'reassured' them saying, "this was the first time I've worn short sleeves for months".

Now we're not sure if any of us had walked under a ladder recently or crossed paths with a black cat but luck was and wasn't on Team Sphach's side.

Team 96: "Are we there yet?"

Team 93: Nope



Stopping for fuel, Team 92 got a surprise when a young lady suddenly flagged them down to inform them they might be missing a tyre. It had fallen off when entering the servo and was last seen rolling through the carpark.

The 'luckiest unlucky team' around were getting over their shock when a kind truck driver who also watched the mishap unfold, collected the tyre and returned it to its rightful owner. The 'luckiest unlucky team' sent the search team off to find parts for the trailer. You guessed it, the 'luckiest unlucky team' happened to find just the right wheel hub and bearing in Taree.

A couple of hours later they were on their way again after some great service from Bursons Taree. This part of the story had a happy ending!

Sometime later after an assortment of nibbles along the way, Teams 91 & 92 settled into Ballina while 96 stayed overnight in Narrabri.

An early start for Team 96, while the others feasted on coco pops & toast for breakfast. Thank goodness for mobile phones and texts as Team Sphach entertained each other along the way; sharing messages and passing the hours playing 'spotty' & 'Navigation Domestics'. Now to understand 'Navigation Domestics', it's important to know Team 96 live and work apart, so spending 15 hours in a confined space can be a bit stressful to begin with, but certainly never boring. We're sure many couples can probably relate to journeys involving maps, directions ... husbands, wives, partners ... google maps and siri!

A koala, goanna, highland cows and even a pelican! Team 92 were a little bit jealous of Team 96's animal sightings, suggesting they were looking forward to the return trip home via this route. It wasn't long before Team 96 deterred them from pursuing this path, noting that an unexpected detour, undulating roads and car trailers are not a good combination (Navigation Domestic number 1).



Team 92



Team 96



Meanwhile, Team 96 noticed Soot-T wasn't looking too well. (You know things don't feel quite right when your T-model had a single pane windscreen when you left home, but the windscreen cover now resembles a split screen). We didn't need to remove the cover to confirm our suspicions. To rub salt in the wound, the windscreen was new and hadn't been on a rally yet.

Arriving in Maryborough about 4:30 pm Saturday afternoon, Teams 91 and 92/93 had time to unload, relax and chat with the other T Ford owners staying in the caravan park before heading to the neighbouring tavern.

Registration Day:

Each Team Sphach car started successfully and proceeded to the registration venue. Unfortunately, the black cat followed us all the way to Maryborough as Team 91 had car issues and turned back to the caravan park with support from Team 92.

Under the scorching sun and travelling without a windscreen, Team 96 continued on to registration only to notice a boiling radiator as they stopped for the official photograph underneath a sculpture of a gear cog. Surely the photo won't show the rust coloured mess across the front of the car!

The assortment of goodies in the rally packs put smiles on our faces as we found time to sit and relax with a welcoming cuppa. A small cooler bag containing two thermal coffee mugs, two reusable drink bottles for our daily water and a promotion for Happy Days cafe offering to fill our coffee mugs for \$2 for the duration of the rally.



We also received a reusable shopping bag containing; tea bags, pen, bottle opener, two belt clips for drink bottles, a ladies' scarf, samples size toiletries, a Mary Poppins drawstring soap bag with soap, band aids. We also received a brass Ford point gap reader, six copper gaskets, windscreen sticker, a Queensland shaped car rally badge, silver gauge ruler, torch and a measuring syringe(pen), rally number plate, along with a 46 page 2014 measuring instrument book. Lastly, our faithful instruction book for the week (the rally bible - don't leave without it).

Teams 91 and 92 finally made it to registration and joined the rest of the team, catching up with familiar faces and meeting new entrants along the way whilst investigating the assorted raffle prizes and rally merchandise.

The raffle involved purchasing your tickets, writing your rally number then selecting the prizes you wished to win by placing your tickets in the designated prize boxes. Prizes included handmade quilts and blankets, steering wheel, replica ford toolboxes, portable fridge, heavy duty sewing machine, wheels, Hervey Bay holiday, T Ford Heads, tyres, Camp chairs, Nutrimetics Goodies Basket, and the list goes on. We were all looking forward to the raffle draws at the final dinner.

The rest of the day was spent flushing out Team 96's radiator and doing final adjustments and fine-tuning before returning later in the day for an official welcome and light dinner. The Mayor of Maryborough, provided an extra special welcome as he fired the town cannon to the delight of the rally entrants, followed by a welcome from the club president and valuable rally information from the rally director.

Day 1: Monday in the Country

The first day was a gentle 150 km country drive to start the week off in the Fraser Coast District. Leaving Maryborough, we crossed over the top of the Bruce Highway and headed west on Maryborough – Biggenden Road. We crossed the main rail line north a couple of times, taking care to watch for high-speed trains. We enjoyed a leisurely drive through the country past some cane fields, before crossing the Mary River and stopping for morning tea in Tiaro. (Extract from rally instruction booklet)

Rise and shine! A glorious day to start the rally, although a bit too warm for us southerners. First up, Scott and Mat were on a windscreen hunt for car 96 before start time, whilst the rest of Team Sphach managed to get cars 91 & 92 started without a glitch.

Rolling through the start we collected our news and surprise gifts of the day (cans of multipurpose lubricant & rapid release penetrating oil). Smooth sailing for team Sphach as all three cars were now on the road for a leisurely journey to morning tea.

‘Pop into Maryborough’ shouldn’t have been taken so literally by Team 92/93 as an almighty bang resounded from the front left tyre. Once we realised nobody had been shot we pulled off the road, only to discover a deflated tyre. Luckily for Team 92 the tyre elf (Team 91) appeared, changing the tyre before sending a ‘wheelly’ happy team on their way.

Please Note: always heed the safety advice and pack a spare - possibly two!

Settling in for morning tea we discovered Team 96 had finally arrived but Soot - T was starting to feel a bit of heat stroke, her radiator spitting in disgust as she took her position amongst the myriad of vehicles.

A sight to behold was the Tucker Truck and its faithful Team, providing a delicious assortment of refreshments, which were well received. After a revitalising break and a cool down we embarked on the next leg of our journey.

Once again all was going well until the surrounding vehicles heard a far too familiar sound before noticing



having a ‘wheelly good time’ but luckily his trusty tyre changer elf was on hand again. Tape, talcum powder, tube & tyre lever, who knew there were so many things you could spy starting with the letter ‘t’.

We finally made the journey to Theebine Hotel for lunch; sausages, mash and peas with live entertainment in the beer garden and an official rally mud cake for dessert.



members of Team 92/93 having a quick game of eye spy; obviously looking in the bushes for something beginning with ‘t’.

A tyre & tube were the obvious choices, discovered in the scrub and in the middle of the road by elated team members. By this stage, Kevin decides he was not





DAY 2: Tuesday we went Farming

Today's run was a bigger drive of around 190 km that started with a visit to a tasty Macadamia farm for a walk and a talk through the processing plant and orchard, providing a great backdrop for photographing cars lined up amongst



the rows of macadamia trees. A very pleasant drive through some sleepy villages on our way to lunch at Tin Can Bay (Extract from rally instruction booklet).



A cooler start to the day as Team Sphach 91, 92 & 96 made their way to the starting line, receiving new gifts for the day – a car care sponge and cleaning cloth. All started well as 92 reflected on the 'wheely' good time they had yesterday - not!

Meanwhile it turned out Team 96 was having another crackin' start to the day as the brand-new windscreen that was installed yesterday only lasted a few hundred metres from the caravan park. While hubby stayed behind to play the 'elusive windscreen hunt', Team 91 gained another passenger.

A bit of vintage road base (dirt road) and a few thrills along the way, we appreciated the

welcome sight of the Tucker Truck for morning tea at the Red Macadamia Farm. Mmmmm cream buns, free sweet potatoes and fresh pineapples and macadamia nuts to purchase.

The road from the Macadamia farm was also a little eventful as cars began descending Weir Rd to proceed across Tinana Creek Weir only to discover two cars stalled on the causeway. Team Sphach leapt into action as Team 92

and 93 ran ahead to help push the stranded cars & Team 96 ran up the other hill to warn others coming around the blind bend. A short time later, Team 92 were off! Only to lose power on the steep climb, all passengers quickly disembarking to offer extra oomph up the hill until Crank-it – T gathered some speed, providing some entertainment for the following parties. Everything ended well, although the hill climb was challenging, not to mention the ‘sprints’ from our motley crew,

A few showers on the way to Tin Can Bay, an unexpected dose of road spray from a passing semi to wake unsuspecting backseat passengers and a ‘Mr Magoo moment’ in car 92 as Kevin encountered something in his eye providing an additional element of adventure for the passengers.



The unexpected downpour at Tin Can Bay had everyone ‘angle’ parking and scavenging for items to minimise the onslaught of rain as some entrants looked around with ‘side-curtain-envy’ at those more high and dry than others. Looking to our left we noticed a family tucked up snugly in their modern vehicle looking back at us bemused at the volume of water running off our hood and through our ‘windows’. The rain was a welcome sight for some of the locals.

Once the rain passed everyone emerged from their vehicles and took position at the Tucker Truck for another well catered lunch. Dave Robinson did his impersonation of Mary Poppins with matching pink apparel and going by discussions in the lunch queue, side curtains were an optional extra when packing. Some of the Robinson’s left theirs on the bed back home and Rob Woolley said he left the decision up to Beth. In case you hadn’t heard, there’s a drought so no need for side curtains - famous last words.



Undertaking a 190 km round trip in a T Ford with a head wind had us asking a number of times throughout the day “are we there yet?” as time seemed to stand still.

At last a solution was found for the windscreen issue; a 10mm piece of polycarbonate used in forestry vehicles which had been sitting on the shelf at Novus Windscreens for two years. That evening our caravan park, Maryborough Caravan Park, hosted a sausage sizzle, providing a relaxing end to the day and a chance to meet other entrants and local park residents.

Day 3: Wednesday and a Whale of a Time

Hervey Bay was our destination for the day with morning tea at Burrum Heads, then an enjoyable long drive around the Hervey Bay foreshore and a bit of down time to find a special spot to sit at the beach, kick back in a restaurant with a view or catch up on some shopping.



Team Sphach's day started with a morning 'brass off'; discussions flaring between Team 91 and 92, as to who had the most brass to polish. Team 96 had no chance!

The black cat finally left our trail, as each of our cars successfully rolled through the starting line and travelled to Burrum Head for morning tea, meeting at the Tucker Truck for scones and jam.

A scenic drive onto Hervey Bay, a look around town, through the markets and a lovely local lunch before making our way back to Maryborough. Followed by an evening of pizza, lucky draw prizes and a viewing of the movie 'Saving Mr Banks' was enjoyed by the rally entrants.



Day 4: Thursday, Display Day – Time to Show Off a Little

A short drive around to the 'Portside' district to explore Maryborough's old city and time to visit the Bond Store, original Custom House and the impressive Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum.



There was a chance to jump aboard the 'Mary Ann' replica, built as an exact copy of the 1870's log hauler for a ride around town with some good old-fashioned steam power.

The beautiful Queen's Park, the Duncan Chapman Statue (dedicated to Maryborough's son who was the first man to step ashore at the Gallipoli landing on April 25th, 1915), self-guided walks along the Historic Pubs and Murals Trails were also pleasant ways to spend the day.

The Story Bank building was on offer for those wanting to learn more about Mary Poppins, whilst others enjoyed exploring the local markets. Did you know? The author,

Pamela L Travers (born Helen Lyndon Goff) of the popular and magical story "Mary Poppins" was born in Maryborough and had her story published in 1934.

The afternoon was an optional tour of an old, still operating Foundry.





As evening approached, cars gathered at the Brolga centre to ready themselves for the gaslight parade. With lead cars in front, printed directions for the navigators and a quick rundown on how the parade would be executed a sea of nervous laughter could be heard as we discovered there would be an A and B route basically manoeuvring in a figure of eight formation through the main streets of the town. Clear as mud ... what could possibly go wrong!



Confused and bemused, we took our trusty directions and proceeded to follow the lead cars whilst our navigators took heed not to just follow the car in front. We soon learnt it gets a bit tricky trying to read directions in the dark whilst looking for signs and watching for traffic, but alas we all managed to survive.

The night parade was quite impressive with the array of vehicles, assorted horns bellowing through the night air and the cheers and applause from the delighted crowds that lined the streets. The interweaving convoys of cars as they passed along the streets added an extra element of excitement as T-Fords came from every

direction. This was definitely a highlight of the trip for rally entrants and Maryborough locals.

<https://youtu.be/ErnGT1K-cqQ>

Day 5: Friday – and a SWEET Time



The morning started with a drive to Yerra to visit Harris Farm, to learn about sugarcane and sugar production. An alternative route through a cane field was on offer for the more adventurous, whilst others made their way to the morning tea stop.

Nothing like six degrees of separation! Team 96 happened to have parents/in-laws from Bundaberg, travelling with them for the day and

receiving a pleasant surprise as they drove through Yeera, the town of their youth and past their family home only to find themselves at their cousin's sugarcane farm.



A family catch-up, a sugarcane information session and another scrumptious morning tea from the Tucker Truck and we were once again on our way to the old township of Brooweena to explore the outdoor Museum.



The museum offered insight into the 'days gone by' as we visited the old school house, a cosy one-room home, rail station, blacksmith, machinery shed and butcher. The artefacts gave us a glimpse of the hardships and challenges people faced and a new appreciation for our creature comforts of today.

Luckily for some, they didn't notice the diamond python lurking on the rafters of the schoolhouse ceiling keeping a close eye on the strange intruders. Perhaps it was an urban myth ... we didn't notice!

Another delicious barbeque lunch, then we hit the road to make our way back to Maryborough to begin the task of strapping our cars onto our trailers and tucking them in for

their safe journey home.



The final evening of wining and dining had us entering a black and white themed room, decorated spectacularly by the many volunteers. The rally officials entertained us, recalling some of the stories and events

encountered during the week before enjoying the prize giving and the highly anticipated raffle draws.



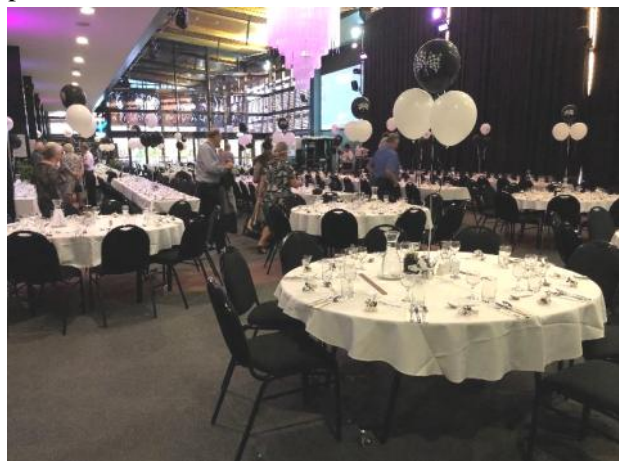
We were pleased to find that the unlucky black cat had well and truly left our camp when Team 92 – Kevin and Narelle Spackman were awarded the most Original and authentic for 1908-1913, receiving a replica T Ford tool box for the running board and a Mary Poppins' umbrella with a unique parrot-head handle.

A few more lucky prize draws for Team Sphach capped off a fantastic week as we reflected on our adventures, said our farewells and headed back to our accommodation for an early start home.

The chance to travel north to 'Pop into Maryborough' was definitely worth the trip and the tireless efforts and tremendous organisation from all of the volunteers was very much appreciated.

We look forward to joining the 2022 T-Ford rally in Dubbo.

By the Sphach Team 2019



Sydney Christmas Party - 23rd November 2019

The Editor

Louise had a great suggestion on using Lane Cove National Park for our Christmas lunch and also booking Casuarina Point as the venue. A great spot with a nice big shelter shed and a couple of picnic tables out under the large shade trees. Plenty of parking area and a nice flat area for the children to run around on.

On arrival at the venue Geoff and Alexander were busy on the BBQ doing the cooking. They also had another job which was to watch the kookaburras as they had discovered that there was a free feed on the offering. Even the Brush Turkeys were keen to have a rat through your picnic basket if it was sitting on the ground to see what they could find.

A good roll-up of people which included 8 children. Most people arrived modern but we did have 3 veterans in attendance. The usual Wolseley, but it was also good to see the Graham families arrive in 2 veterans, American Underslung and an Overland.

Thanks to Louise and Geoff and their many helpers who all helped to make it an enjoyable day. Looking forward to next years at the same spot.

List of Attendees.

Geoff & Louise Yeomans - Wolseley
James & Helen Graham - American Underslung
Charles, Wallis, Oliver & Zoe Graham - Overland
John & Jan Grant
Judy Grellman
Lauren Newman
Dianne Gotley
Graeme & Karyn Newman
Nev Preston
Neil & Lyn Martin
Peter, Sue & Harriette Martin
David McCredie
Barry Shinfield
Rachel, Angus, Harriet & George Yeomans
Bill & Robyn Betts
Doug & Vivian Fulford
Terry & Nika Lyness
Alexander, Joanne, Hamish & Isobel Yeomans



Overland



Wolseley



American Underslung

I do hope that I haven't missed anyone from the list of attendees.

Editor;



Casuarina Point Picnic Area

Newcastle Branch Christmas Party - 8/12/19

The Editor

Again we had a fine day for our Christmas party, with a nice northeasterly blowing which kept the temperature down and the smoke haze away. As is the usual it was held at Bargeod House, Swansea, (NESCA Oval). We had our usual ideal spot under the shade of the large trees on the edge of Lake Macquarie.

Much chatting and cup of coffee was the usual thing after setting oneself up in preparation for lunch. Quite a good role up of 6 veterans and 40 adults and some children. As midday approached our chefs headed off to barbecue the steak, sausages and onions. This year there was no rush as the Motor Cycle Club were not in attendance, so we had the BBQ's to our selves.



Kaye, Jeff & David R

Around 1.30pm there was movement to pack up and head for home with the last of us leaving about 2.30pm. Thanks to everyone who did their bit to make it an enjoyable day.



Helen R



June & Malcolm

The labours of the chefs, was enjoyed along with side salads, etc, followed by apple pie, pavlova, cream and or custard, which all made up our lunch menu. All very nice and thanks to the chefs who cooked the meat and the ladies who provided the side salads, etc.



Neil & Lynette



Talbot, Benz, Talbot, F.N., F.N., Talbot.



Betty, David C & Neil.



Jennifer, Helen S & Peter



Karyn, Graeme, Lauren & Will.

Veterans

John Wards - 1916 Benz

Nev Preston - 1913 Talbot

Chris Duncan & Doug & Dianne Marshall & Issac Strutt - 1911 F.N.

Catherine, Jennifer, & Helen Strutt - 1912 F.N.

Lauren Newman & Will Garthon - 1914 Talbot

Graeme & Karyn Newman - 1913 Talbot

Modern

Malcolm & June Bailey

John & Kelly Burke

Max & Joan Burke

Allen, Kate, Eliza & Rosie Davis

Allen Dunlop

Peter Nevell

Betty & David Cherry

Kevin & Narelle Spackman

Jeff & Kaye Palmer

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