

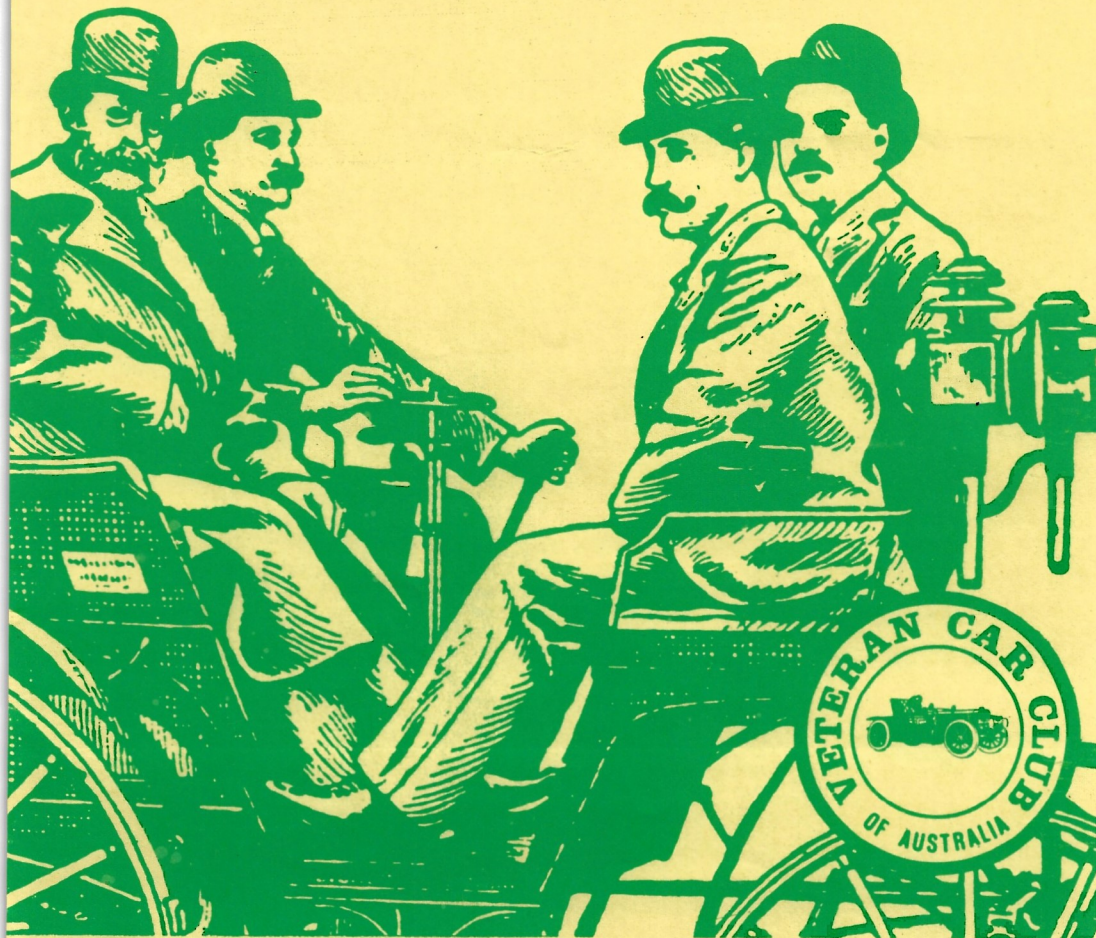
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The next Monthly General Meeting of the V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.)
will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 1986.

*Editorial**Comment*

February '86 and SPIT AND POLISH is full of information about forthcoming rallies, Display Day and the Club Auction.

I'm sure you will all enjoy 'A Story of Dedication to a Horse'. I wonder if any other members might be able to find interesting articles amongst their old papers and letters?

George Roberts, who contributes with Nostalgia this month, has handed me a "thought", as he put it, and I liked it so here it is:

"One day at a time - this is enough.
Don't look back and grieve over the past,
for it is gone.
Don't be troubled about the future,
for it hasn't come.
Live in the present and make it so
beautiful that it will be worth remembering."

Enjoy being a member of our Veteran Car Club.

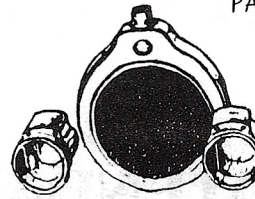
- SANDY ROBERTS

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President's Message



My latest conversation with our Events Chairman, Roly Coulcher, revealed that entries for the Blue Mountains Rally were very slow in coming. This year it will be a three-day event held over the "Anzac" Weekend and if you wish to join in the fun then get your entry in before it is too late.

This event will be followed very soon after by the "May Tour" to Merimbula leaving Sydney on Saturday, May 10 and returning on Sunday, May 18. While in Merimbula we will be meeting up with the V.C.C.A. (Vic.) and holding combined tours through the Bega Valley and South Coast beauty spots. Entry forms for this Rally were in last month's magazine and if you are intending to drive down, could you please give me a ring on 522.9661 as soon as possible so that accommodation can be booked.

At the present time we are tiling the kitchens and toilets in the clubrooms and urgently need helpers to assist in unpacking tiles, mixing mud etc. If you can assist for a day or several hours please turn up on Saturdays at 8.30 a.m. and you will be welcomed with open arms. Without any doubt my worst task is asking for volunteers and being refused then to hear the critics ask why a certain job has not been done correctly or why the work is not proceeding faster. It is your help we need!

John Cherry and Bill Trollope have developed into master tilers and have been assisted by Don Steer, Jock McGowen and Roly Coulcher and their efforts continue to enlarge the light at the end of the tunnel.

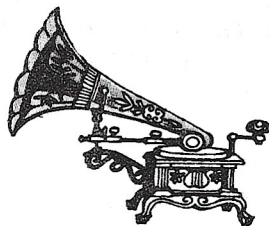
- BOB BAXTER
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1986

March	16	VETERAN & VINTAGE DISPLAY DAY (Details page 5)
March	23	CLUB AUCTION DAY (Details page 6)
April	5-6	1 & 2 CYL. MAITLAND RALLY (Details page 7)
April	25/26/27	ANZAC LONG WEEKEND - BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR (Blackheath)
May	10-17	RALLY TO MERIMBULA & HUB TOUR WITH VICTORIAN CLUB (Details page 7)
May	31	(SATURDAY) PRESENTATION DINNER Details later
Sept.	14-19	THIRD NATIONAL 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY (Details page 16)





4TH ANNUAL VETERAN & VINTAGE
DISPLAY DAY

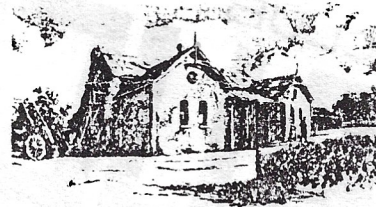
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1986



AT "HISTORIC GLEDSDOOD"
Hume Highway, Catherine Fields

Gates open 8.00 a.m.

Display area will be open to all
vehicles manufactured prior to
January 1, 1931

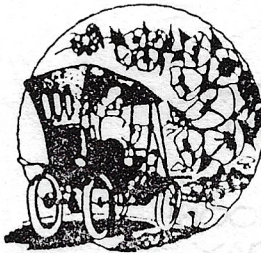


ADMISSION TO GROUNDS: \$3.00 per vehicle

TROPHIES will be presented for:

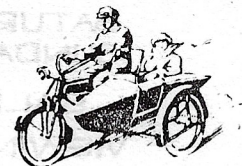
1. Most Appealing Veteran Car
2. Most Appealing Vintage Car
3. Most Appealing Motorcycle

- N.B. (A) Post-1930 vehicles will not be admitted to
to the display area
(B) All tender vehicles will be marshalled to
suitable area outside the display area



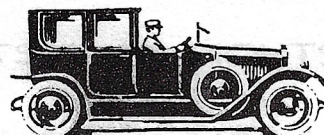
ALSO:

- * Light refreshments
available
- * Dining Room
- * Sheep-shearing and
Herding
- * Hay Rides



This event is being organised jointly by the Veteran
Car Club of Australia (NSW) and the Vintage Vehicle Club
of Australia, 1919-1930.

Further information: Bob Baxter 522.9661
Ben Bronk 624.8224



V.C.C.A. NSW CLUBROOMS
QUEENS ROAD
FIVEDOCK

CLUB

AUCTION

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 1986

SURPLUS VETERAN & VINTAGE
CAR PARTS

BRIC-A-BRAC, PAINTINGS, ARTIFACTS
& MEMORABILIA

ARTICLES ACCEPTED FOR SALE:-

SATURDAY - 12 MIDDAY TILL 5 P.M.

SUNDAY - 8 A.M. TILL 10 A.M.

SALE COMMENCES 11 A.M.

VIEWING:- SATURDAY AFTERNOON
& FROM 8 A.M. SUNDAY.

VETERAN & VINTAGE PARTS - DONATION TO CLUB
BRIC-A-BRAC ETC. - 10 TO 20% SLIDING SCALE
PROCEEDS TO V.C.C.A. NSW. CLUBROOM FUND

WANT TO KNOW MORE

CONTACT:-

ARTHUR GARTHON ON 572740(H) 5794388(W)

OR

JIM REDMAN ON 464254(H) 330511(W)



APRIL 5 & 6, 1986

1 & 2 CYLINDER MAITLAND TOUR

A short afternoon run on Saturday,
Saturday Night Get-together
and Sunday Tour of District
and B.B.Q. Lunch

Details: JOHN SIMMONS - 78.2663

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MAY TOUR 1986 - TO MERIMBULA

START: SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1986

FINISH: SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1986

If you are intending entering the
Rally or driving down for part of
the Rally, could you please ring:

BOB BAXTER 522.9661

ROLY COULCHER 546.4791

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H O L I D A Y I N V I T A T I O N

1 or 2 weeks from June 30, 1986.

Vic Jacobs has issued an invitation to members and friends of the V.C.C.A. to join him at VACATION VILLAGE, PORT MACQUARIE for 1 or 2 weeks from June 30, 1986.

Come in Modern, Veteran or Vintage vehicles as there are plans for day tours and prizes for tennis, bowls, golf, snooker, table tennis, swimming (heated pool) etc. etc.

Normal tariff for the two-bedroom units is \$500 per week but for this period it is only \$340 per week.

Come along and share the accommodation and this cuts the cost in half.

Anyone interested please contact:

VICTOR JACOBS (02) 922.1535 OR

ROLY COULCHER (02) 546.4791

Interstate visitors very welcome

NOTICE

YOUR COMMITTEE IS REAFFIRMING THE MANDATORY
MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR 3RD PARTY PROPERTY
INSURANCE ON ALL CLUB REGISTERED VEHICLES.

ALL ENTRANTS IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS RALLY ARE
REMINDED THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
EVIDENCE THAT THEY HOLD 3RD PARTY PROPERTY
INSURANCE BEFORE BEING PERMITTED TO START IN
THIS EVENT. THE SAME APPLIES TO ANY CLUB
EVENT.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THIS YEAR IT IS THEIR
OBLIGATION TO INSURE.

NUMBER PLATES

MUCH DISCUSSION AT THE JANUARY MEETING CONFIRMED
THAT MANY MEMBERS WISH TO RETAIN CLUB PLATES "ON
HOLD" FOR FUTURE USE.

A DECISION WAS MADE BY UNANIMOUS VOTE TO
RE-INTRODUCE A HOLDING FEE EQUAL TO D.M.T. FEE -
I.E. \$20.00 THIS YEAR.

IF YOU HAVE PLATES ON HOLD EXPECT AN ACCOUNT
SHORTLY.

- MAX ROBERTS
REGISTRATION OFFICER

CHAUFFEURING ON JANUARY 22, 1986

So it was pouring with rain but it didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm for undertaking the task of chauffeuring some 110 American visitors from the Regent Hotel to the Opera House.

Joe Quattrochi and Jim Redman had it all organised and under control. All cars drove to the back entrance of the Regent Hotel where passengers were escorted under umbrellas to the waiting vehicles.



Route Instructions to the Opera House seemed to vary - or else drivers had their own ideas - I have never seen so many Veteran and Vintage cars going every whichway between the Opera House and the Regent Hotel. Of course we all did several trips in order to carry such a number of people - who all seemed delighted with their mode of transport. I don't think the local taxis were as pleased however!!!

All in all it was fun and a great success I understand for our Building Fund!!!

- SANDY ROBERTS

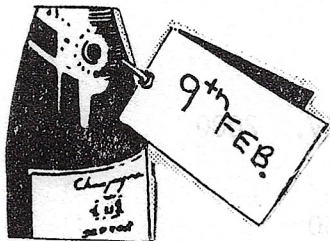
"Hear you have been having car trouble," said one motorist to another.

"Yes," was the answer, "I bought a new carby that saved 30% on petrol, a new gear box that saved 50% and a new set of plugs that saved 40%."

"So what happened?"

"After I'd gone about 10 miles the petrol tank overflowed!"

(Veteran Torque, BCCAQ, August 1985)



CHAMPAGNE & CHICKEN BREAKFAST RUN

3 Veteran, 1 Vintage and 4 Modern Cars accepted the invitation to join the Vintage Vehicle Run at Audley:

Anne & Bob Baxter
Glad & George King
Madge & Alan Blythe
Merryl & Jack Godfrey
Jan & Roly Coulcher
George Roberts
Barbara & Bill McCarthy & Bob & Fay
Joan, Evan & Ken Quarmby

After assembling at 7.00 a.m. at The Causeway, Audley, the cars had a choice of 2 short runs before breakfast.

The Veteran Cars went on a pleasant run from Audley back up to the Princes Highway along to the Waterfall turnoff, back thru' the National Park via Lady Game Drive and Artillery Hill back to Audley for a very welcome chicken salad and champagne breakfast.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

WARDS, ROBYN & PETER

Amberwood, Manilla Road, Tamworth. 2340

(P.O. Box 1112, Tamworth. 2340)

GILLOTT, G.

61a Cattai Ridge Road, Glenorie. 2157

NEWMAN, R.

10 Saturday Street, Wyongah. 2259

NEWMAN, G. (as above)

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS (CONT'D.)

COLLINS, NEIL

P.O. Box H.43, Australia Square, Sydney. 2000

PRICE, W.

3/9 Stewart Street, Campbelltown. 2560

BURKE, JOHN & KELLY

17 Houston Street, Bendigo. Vic. 3550

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"A STORY OF DEDICATION TO A HORSE"

We have to thank Jock McGowen for this short story written to his late brother Frank - undated - but before decimal currency and the author is unknown.

Read on..... Editor.

"A year ago I came into possession of a German N.A.G. with front axle and wheels missing. The chap I obtained the car from told me that he had given them to a rouseabout who worked for him about 12 years ago to put on a sulky.

He found out for me the rouseabout's present whereabouts, so when my holidays came around I packed the old Ford and set off to see if I could find him.

Parkes was my first stop; there his wife told me that her husband was working on a station at Peak Hill. I then drove to Peak Hill, only to find that he had sold the sulky to a fellow at Albert, but when I reached Albert I found that this bloke had moved to Tottenham.

When I located this chap I was disappointed to find that he had sold the much-sought-after sulky to a drover at Condobolin. At Condobolin the drover drew me a map in the dust of a short-cut over a stock route to Bogan Gate, where I would find the rouseabout that he had sold the sulky to.

On the stock route to Bogan Gate my old faithful Ford suddenly decided to have a rest. I found the engine overheated and while I was sitting on a rock having a smoke while the engine cooled, I saw my back tyre slowly go down. That settled it and I spent the night there.

The next morning when I arrived at the station at Bogan Gate the grazier told me the rouseabout had sold out and moved to Dubbo, but he had friends in Parkes who might know where the sulky had gone to.

Back in Parkes again - his friends gave me the address of a carpenter who had brought it and sold it to a horse dealer at Orange.

With the dealer's address in my pocket I set off for Orange on a much warmer trail. When I located the dealer's home I heaved a long sigh of relief, for there in an old lean-to shed I found a sulky with brass hub caps on the wheels and on the hub caps three letters boldly embossed:

N. A. G.

All that was left to do now was to arrange a little business transaction with the aforesaid horse dealer. His wife told me I would find him at the local Ale House and there he was.

His price was 10 pounds, but after I bought him a beer he came down to 9 pounds. I thought this was alright so I bought him a few more. Eventually he made the supreme sacrifice and let me have the complete sulky for £4/10/-.

With the sulky tied to the back of the speedy Ford I set off for home. After a week of chasing around all over the west I decided I would have a well-earned rest."

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NOSTALGIA

Nostalgia plays an important part in our hobby and if not directly one of our objectives, it is part of our heritage and it's patronizing head keeps reappearing from time to time in unexpected quarters.

Earlier this month, to be precise, Saturday, February 1, the advance party engaged in tiling sections of our new clubhouse were enjoying a well-earned sojourn over a cup of tea and biscuits when the face of our No. 1 founder member, "Ron Grant", appeared at the door entrance to the temporary Committee Room.

Questioned, he entered into a discourse of events that led up to the establishment of our club, a summary of the individuals and numbers who attended pre-discussions at Ron's home in Bankstown, activities of each of the five founder members, back in 1954 and not least, Ron's collection of cars and their origins, including a Cottin-Desgouttes which, though immaculate and in good running order at the time, now - thirty years later - our tiling expert, John Cherry, is doing his utmost to salvage and restore; such is the sad story of many a vehicle known to members.

Ron had been driving by when he noticed the activity within and decided to see for himself the efforts of members, most of whom he has not known, nor they him.

He was pleasantly surprised on an escorted tour of the building at the achievements of many of those who followed in his footsteps and at the progress made by the club over the past almost thirty-two years, especially the status of our new clubhouse.

Of those five foundation members, two have passed on and although the other three are rarely seen, it is encouraging when one, at least, re-presents himself on the scene of current activities.

Quite separately from this episode, I was telephoned recently by member Peter Sim enquiring the year of manufacture of a 'T' Ford, Engine No. 11539, a car sold secondhand to his grandfather (also Peter Sim) then a resident of Morpeth, Newcastle, in 1913.

The vehicle, a 1912 model, was purchased from Davies and Fehon, 112 Hunter Street, Sydney and a copy of the original document (Contract Note), giving details of this transaction and printed herewith, will disclose that the signatory was none other than our late member, "Lancelot O'Meagher", who with his 1912 Renault resided on Riverside Road, Emu Plains.

Lancelot participated in many early club events, including the Blue Mountain rallies, in his white, 2-cylinder, 8 hp roadster, but as our records will show, he passed away in 1962.

This poses questions: "Where is the Ford, or the Renault, today?" Perhaps the answers to one or the other are known to our members.

- GEORGE A. ROBERTS
Research Historian

CONTRACT NOTE

Sydney, 21st Feb 1913
N.S.W.

To M. Peter Sims
Morpeth

~~We~~ ^{we} have this day ^{sold to} ~~bought from~~ you one Motor Car
as follows:- Second hand

Ford Touring car No 115,399
to be shipped to Newcastle
by boat to Peter Sims.

Price £160

Deposit of £ — acknowledged hereby.

Delivery about immediate

Received by cheque the sum of
One hundred & sixty pounds.

Lancelot O'Meagher
J.P. M. J. Macken



NATIONAL 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY FOR VETERAN VEHICLES

THIRD NATIONAL 1 AND 2 CYLINDER RALLY FOR VETERAN VEHICLES

WANGARATTA - SEPTEMBER 14TH - 19TH, 1986

The organizing body is the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victorian Division), Rally Director Barry Vinen.

Barry Vinen has been a member of V.C.C.A. since 1960. His main interest is Metallurgique vehicles of which he has a 1913 20/30 HP. On both 1 and 2 cylinder rallies he has been with his son Lindsay with the 1914 2 cyl. Perry.

Wangaratta, the venue for the 3rd National 1 and 2 cylinder rally is situated 240km north east of Melbourne on the Hume Highway. It lies at the foot of the ranges having hills to the east and plains to the west and north. First reached by Hume & Hovell in 1824 then created a township in 1845 and a borough in 1863, in 1867 a larger lot of land was added and it became the Wangaratta Shire. Wangaratta has grown to be known as the capital of the area being a prosperous business centre. Sheep and cattle raising and dairying along with cultivation of wheat, tobacco, hops and fruit are carried out in the district. There is also a number of wineries in the area and gold mining in the nearby ranges. In the earlier days bushrangers frequented the area, Dan Morgan, Harry Power and, of course, the notorious Kelly Gang roamed the surrounding countryside.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

THE RALLY WILL HAVE A BOOKING-IN DAY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1986
THEN FIVE DAYS OF RALLYING TO INTERESTING AREAS, WITH CONCOURSE
JUDGING ON ONE OF THE DAYS. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1986 A
FINAL GET-TOGETHER WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENING.

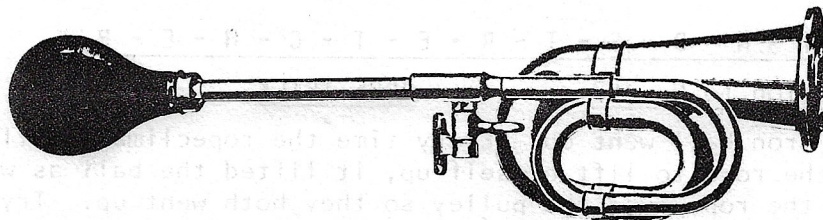
ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS WILL BE MADE IN ORDER OF RECEIPT OF ENTRY.
CANCELLATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 30TH, 1986. IF LATE ENTRY
IS ACCEPTED, A LATE ENTRY FEE OF \$20.00 WILL BE IMPOSED. PERIOD OF
BOOKING WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1986
UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED.

TO GIVE SOME IDEA OF MOTEL COSTS, THE PRESENT RATES APPLY FOR ONE NIGHT'S
ACCOMMODATION:

ASPEN MOTOR INN	\$38.00
MERRIWA PARK MOTEL	\$44.00
WANGARATTA MOTEL	\$38.00
MALAYSIA MOTEL	\$36.00

RALLY DIRECTOR,
THIRD NATIONAL ONE AND TWO
CYLINDER RALLY,
22 LANGMORE LANE,
BERWICK, VIC., 3806.

ENTRY FORMS NOW AVAILABLE



HARRAH'S 1985 SALE LIST (RESULTS)

Frank Dallimore of Victoria kindly let us have the results of the September 1985 Auction and here they are. Believe it or not!

	<u>Prices in USA Dollars.</u>
1910 Ford T	\$ 19,000
1902 Oldsmobile Model R (Pedal Car)	3,750
1904 Oldsmobile Model 6-C (Pedal Car)	2,500
1917 Packard (fire truck)	15,000
1911 Marmon "Thirty-two"	38,000
1913 " " "	21,000
1910 Maxwell Model "02"	32,000
1912 Moon	50,000
1917 McFarlan	17,500
1912 National Series V-N1	42,500
1916 Oldsmobile Model 43	14,000
1916 " Model 44	16,500
1914 Stanley/Steam Model 710	55,000
1910 Stearns Model 30-60	130,000
1909 Thomas Six Model 4-16	32,500
1900 Orient Tricycle	27,000
1902 Packard Model "F"	55,000
1906 " " "24"	65,000
1918 Packard "Twin Six"3-35	32,500
1902 Pierce Motorette	21,000
1909 Pierce-Arrow	75,000
1915 " "	60,000
1910 Thomas Model "K" 6-70	275,000
1904 Pope-Toledo Type V	30,000
1907 Renault Type A1	96,000
1910 Royal Tourist Model H	140,000
1916 Scripps-Booth Model C	14,000
1911 Pope-Hartford Model W	115,000
1907 Westinghouse Model 40	140,000

M - I - N - D - S - T - R - E - T - C - H - E - RSolution to No. 47ROPE TRICK

The iron ball went up. Every time the ropeclimber pulled on the rope to lift himself up, it lifted the ball as well via the rope over the pulley so they both went up. Try it yourself and see!

No. 48INFLATION

If two-and-a-half veteran car owners can pump up two-and-a-half tyres in two-and-a-half minutes, how many tyres can ten owners pump up in ten minutes?

Advertisements

FOR SALE: VINTAGE WHEELS, WOODEN SPOKE. Possibly Buick.
VINTAGE TAIL LIGHTS and MISCELLANEOUS BRAKE
DRUMS AND PARTS.

JOHN OSBORNE - 77.6533

FOR SALE: FORD T 1926-27 nickel radiator shell.

ALEX KING - 660.4652

FOR SALE: 1956 STANDARD SUPER 10 - good condition, in
running order. Unregistered, plus a 2nd
complete car and many other spares including
wheels etc. \$400 the lot (o.n.o.)

R. COULCHER - 546.4791

WANTED: 1914 FORD "T" MODEL TOURER - in restored
condition.

RON COX - (02) 642.2855 (H)
560.5070 (B)

WANTED: Needed desperately for a Veteran which is
nearing completion:

"BOSCH" DU4 DUAL, or "BOSCH" ZU4 DUAL MAGNETO,
and a

"BOSCH" COMBINED IGNITION SWITCH AND COIL UNIT
to suit a 1914 MODEL 4-CBX "TALBOT".

JOHN HUGHES - (049) 37.4646

WANTED: BOSCH DASH LIGHT & 12V ELECT. WINDSCREEN
WIPER. (Bosch preferred).

J. WARDS - 86.3430

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S (CONT'D.)

WANTED: ONE RILEY PATENT WHEEL OR CENTRE - to suit
c.1910 Deasy car (or sleeve-valve Rover).

JIM MOULE - 57.1433

FOR SALE: NEW (but very old stock) 4.50 x 18" tyre,
Barnet Glass. \$5.00 donation to Building
Fund.

Contact - JIM MOULE - 57.1433

FOR SALE: LARGE OLD-STYLE TRAVELLER'S PORT in need of
restoration. Could be luggage truck for car.
\$5.00 donation to Building Fund.

JIM MOULE - 57.1433

FOR SALE: "T" FORD PARTS - Mainly 1915, including Motor,
Chassis, Radiator, Body Panels (probably
only good enough for patterns), Front Axles,
Diffs. etc.

I want to sell them in one lot for \$1,500.

DAVID SLENDER - (066) 556.512

FOR SALE: 1912 OVERLAND T60 TOURER
Fully restored. Royal blue and black.
Black all-leather upholstery.
Proven rally car - sale due to illness.
\$18,000

JOHN ANDREW
C/- Garry Coxon, Richmond. N.S.W.
(045) 71.1878

