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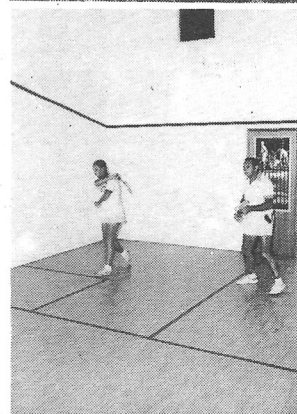
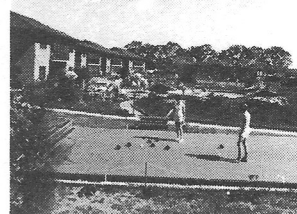
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NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings of the Association will be held at 8.00 p.m. at the Clubrooms on:

THURSDAY	MARCH	24	1988
THURSDAY	APRIL	28	1988
THURSDAY	MAY	26	1988

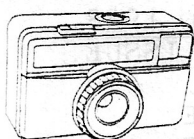
The business of the meetings will be:

- * to receive and act on reports from Committee of Management
- * to raise issues for the attention of Committee
- * to discuss matters relevant to the interests and activities of the Association

PLEASE NOTE: As commenced in February, Committee will meet on the FIRST Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

KEN QUARMBY - HON. SECRETARY

COVER PHOTO:



President Sandy and friend "Automobear" check the air in the "Presidential" Vauxhall during a break in the 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally at Bundanoon
(See report P.10 last issue)

EDITORIAL

BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS EDITION OF "SPIT & POLISH" THOSE WHO ENTERED "THE BIG ONE" ARE ON THE WAY TO CANBERRA, AND THOSE WHO DIDN'T ARE PROBABLY A LITTLE ENVIOUS. I AM SURE IT IS GOING TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS, JUST AS I AM SURE THAT MURPHY'S LAW WILL APPLY AT SOME STAGE. LETS HOPE THAT WE REMEMBER TO APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK TERRY COOK AND HIS HARD WORKING OFFICIALS HAVE PUT INTO THE RALLY. I WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUBMISSIONS I RECEIVED THIS ISSUE FROM A CROSS SECTION OF THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP, IF I HAVN'T USED YOURS THIS ISSUE IT WILL CERTAINLY APPEAR IN A LATER ISSUE.

I OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO REPORTS OF RECENT EVENTS AND ITEMS OF MORE GENERAL NATURE CAN GENERALLY WAIT FOR AVAILABLE SPACE.

DON'T TAKE IT THAT YOU CAN REST EASY THAT THE EDITOR HAS ENOUGH MATERIAL... THAT WILL NEVER BE THE CASE... THE MORE THAT IS SUBMITTED, THE HIGHER THE QUALITY OF YOUR PUBLICATION.

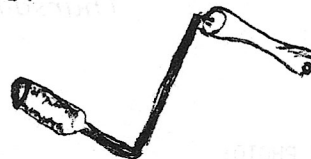
I WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE THE "PERSONAL" CONTENT OF S&P, NOT SO MUCH IN THE SENSE OF "TAKING THE MICKY" OUT OF MEMBERS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES... THAT CAN OFTEN BE TAKEN THE WRONG WAY, BUT MORE "PERSONAL & PERSONALITY" INVOLVEMENT IN ARTICLES ABOUT MEMBERS PAST ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. YOU WILL FIND IN THIS ISSUE A PRECIS OF A LETTER FROM JIM SIMPSON TO KEN QUARMBY AND ALSO A VALE TO THE LATE PEGGY HOLMES... THESE ARE INTERESTING REFERENCES TO PEOPLE AND EVENTS AND THE SORT OF THING I THINK WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE.

ONE THING THAT DOES WORRY ME AND ALSO THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, IS THAT OUR AGEING MEMBERS HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES OF THE PAST AND DETAILS OF CARS, REFERENCE MATERIAL ON CARS THAT COULD BE LOST FOREVER, IF WE DON'T GET THEM DOWN ON PAPER.

PLEASE GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT... I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TRY TO WORK OUT, PERHAPS WITH THE HELP OF RON COX, OUR LIBRARIAN, A SYSTEM OF RECORDING YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

IN THE MEANTIME YOU COULD HELP BY DONATING BOOKS AND OTHER RELEVANT ARTICLES TO THE LIBRARY FOR POSTERITY.

SEE YOU AFTER THE RALLY... ED.



COPY DEAD LINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS THURSDAY 7th APRIL 1988. DON'T FORGET THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL BI CENTENIAL RALLY ISSUE. THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN SET TO GIVE YOU TIME TO WORK ON YOUR ARTICLE OR NOTES FOR THE EDITOR OVER EASTER. PLEASE DON'T FORGET, AS WE WANT TO MAKE THIS SPECIAL EDITION OF "SPIT & POLISH A MEMORABLE COLLECTORS ISSUE.

NORMAL COPY DEADLINES WILL BE THE SAME NIGHT AS THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, I.E. THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, AS APPROPRIATE. THE NEXT COPY DEADLINE AFTER THE SPECIAL ISSUE OF SPIT & POLISH WILL BE FOR THE MAY/JUNE ISSUE ON JUNE 2, 1988.



P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

I am delighted that the re-introduction of name badges has been so well received. Now you have one, please wear it to all meetings, rallies and functions - it helps us all, but particularly the newer members. Contact our treasurer, Bob Lamond if you have not already ordered one, he will organise it for you for just \$6.00.

January/February have been very active months for the Club with the participation in the Bicentenary Cricket Match, a marvellous day's outing for the 24 cars involved as was seen on the full video of the event at the end of our February meeting. A successful Veteran & Vintage Display Day held at Gledswood Winery capably run by Barry Thew and a team of members from both organising Clubs. Also a happy evening social progressive dinner visiting member's homes in the Hunter's Hill area and all the associated lead up activities for the "Big" Rally - overseas cars to be collected from the wharves, inspected, registered and garaged, the making up of rally packs, colating of luncheon and function tickets, meeting oversea entrants etc.etc. To all helpers and of course especially Terry Cook a well earned thank-you.

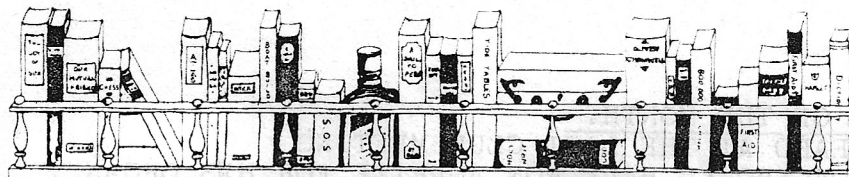
I am looking forward to the veteran motoring ahead and then reading all the reports, stories and articles from the members in our next special issue of 'Spit and Polish'.

On Meeting Night, Ron Cox reported that the February Library Night was much better attended and for those that are not on the Rally the Library will be open on second Thursday in March, as usual. Thank you to Sandy Holmes who has kindly donated the book 'Great Auto Races' to our collection.

Until the March Meeting

- SANDY ROBERTS

LIBRARY



THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN FOR MEMBERS' USE ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

EVENTS DIRECTORS REPORT

WE HAD A WELL ATTENDED DAY AND A VERY ENJOYABLE ONE AT GLEDWOOD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE THAT THE FRANKLIN WAS OUT AND ABOUT AGAIN...

THE BRAKES MUST BE GOOD AS IT WAS FOLLOWING THE ROLLS VERY CLOSELY! THANKS TO GEORGE KING FOR PROVIDING THE BEAUTIFUL ORGAN MUSIC. A GOOD DAY WAS HAD BY ALL.

COMING EVENTS.

SUNDAY APRIL 17TH CHARITY DAY SEE DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN S&P.

FROM FRIDAY AT NOON, 15TH APRIL

YENNORA MOTOR CLUB SHOW

SATURDAY 16TH "

WE WILL BE MANNING A STAND

SUNDAY 17TH "

TO PROMOTE OUR CLUB

SATURDAY APRIL 30TH

SUNDAY MAY 1ST

BLUE MOUNTAINS RALLY

ALL ROOMS AT THE RESTEASY MOTEL ARE BOOKED ANY MEMBERS WISHING TO ATTEND CAN DO SO, BUT PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION. MORE DETAILS AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY.

SUNDAY MAY 29TH

THANK YOU TOUR.

STARTING AT LYNE PARK, ROSE BAY AT 10.00AM. CARS REQUIRED TO CARRY MEMBERS OF THE RMYC PLUS OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR CLUB AND CHARITY DAYS IN GENERAL. PLEASE ADVISE ME IF YOU CAN ATTEND THIS WORTHWHILE EVENT.

JOHN WARDS.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH.

OVERHEARD AT THE LAST CLUB MEETING

"GEORGE SHOULD HAVE WON A PRIZE FOR HIS ORGAN".
NICE ONE JOHN!.

Woollahra-Vaucluse Lions Club

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING BY LIONS, ROTARY, VETERAN CAR CLUBS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB OUTING FOR SUNDAY 17TH APRIL, 1988

This year the annual Lions-Rotary-Veteran Car Club Outing will be to take approximately 125 Senior Citizens from various points in the Metropolitan area for a drive in Veteran-Vintage cars. The venue to be Lyne Park, Rose Bay.

Ampol have generously donated the petrol for the days outing. Morning tea, lunch and entertainment will be provided by the Woollahra-Vaucluse Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Hurstville.

The Senior Citizens will be picked up at various designated points in the Metropolitan area at 9.30 a.m. on the 17th April, 1988. They will be arranged by:

Woollahra-Vaucluse Lions	approximately	25 persons.
Rotary Club of Hurstville	approximately	50 persons.
Rotary Club (John Corby organizing)		25 persons.
Rotary Club (Don Steer organizing)		25 persons.

Approximate total: 125 persons.

The cars and passengers will arrive at Lyne Park at about 10.30 a.m. when morning tea will be organized by the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Hurstville.

At approximately 11.30 a.m., the Commodore and Officers of the Royal Motor Yacht Club, Rose Bay, have kindly arranged to take all for a cruise on the Harbour prior to lunch.

Lunch will be approximately 1.p.m. - 1.30 p.m. organized by the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Hurstville.

Entertainment between 2 p.m. and 3. p.m. and the cars will depart for the return journey approximately 3.p.m.

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85c PACIFIC HIGHWAY

PYMBLE.2023

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MR. ERIC MADDEN 651

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6 THE ANCHORAGE

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DARYL BLYTHE 664

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JIM COOPER 267

45 ALAN ST.,

NIAGARA PARK 2250

GILBERT WRIGHT 569

"THE HAVEN"

CHURCH LANE

CASTLEREAGH 2250

AT THE CRICKET

The Rover hadn't been out since the November Christmas picnic and hadn't been keen to run during the week before the event. I mentioned to Arthur Garthon at the meeting that I was in mortal fear of getting a fuel blockage in the middle of the S.C.G. in front of thirty thousand people. When I arrived at the S.C.G. a little after twelve, he made a wise crack about my having made it after all. That may have been tempting fate, Arthur!

We had a mixed bunch of old cricketers to take around the ground. Sir Donald led in the Rolls and twenty-three other notables, as listed below, followed. I had Alec Bedser, perhaps England's greatest bowler (7/55 and 7/44 at Trent Bridge, 1953). We didn't know whom we would be chauffeuring so took along my copy of "England Vs Australia" for an autograph. Alec wanted to sit in the front next to me but I suggested a more visible position in the back seat. Really, what a shy man! Rather than sign the fly leaf, he looked for a photo of himself in the book to sign, then, rather than wave to the crowd, he began to read the book. He seemed oblivious of the huge cheering crowd and carried on a conversation with me about the car.

Colin Cowdrey was a couple of T Fords in front. Though dressed in a suit, he picked up a wide-brimmed straw hat and posed in that - always a character, on and off the field.

Well, we're on the field. Hullo, someone's being pushed. It's Arthur's little Rover, carrying Yorkshire's infamous slow-coach opening bat, Geoffrey Boycott. The car must have fallen asleep out of boredom. By the way, I taped the ABC News showing a few cars, including the little Rover being pushed. Any Rover owner may view it free but Ford owners will be charged \$20.

Our neighbours had been telling us that morning that they had been in the NRMA for sixty years. When I saw Arthur being pushed, the thought crossed my mind that it would be just the time to call for Road Service. I imagined the following conversation:

ARTHUR: Hullo, Road Service? My Rover has broken down.

NRMA: Where are you, Sir?

ARTHUR: I'm at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

NRMA: Oh. In Anzac Parade or Moore Park Road?

ARTHUR: Well, actually I'm at Deep Fine Leg in front of the Brewongle Stand. At this point Road Service mutters something about crank callers and hangs up.

Several members took advantage of free tickets. I stayed for a while but the cricket was not very interesting. It had been ten years since I had been to the S.C.G. The dignity of the ground has been replaced by commercialism on a gross scale. Even the white picket fence has gone; now there is wall-to-wall advertising. (Were we the Coca Cola Motorcade?) The nearly completed Sports Ground is stunning but will probably be spoilt with advertising soon.

Well, it would be nice if we could make money for the Club in that way every day. I would have done it for nothing (but don't tell PBL that).

Jim Moule (786)

living legends motorcade

Saturday January 30, 1988.

SIR DONALD BRADMAN	1911 ROLLS ROYCE
PETER MAY	ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH
RICHIE BENAUD	1913 AUSTIN
ARTHUR MORRIS	1909 DELAGE
GOEFFREY BOYCOTT	1905 ROVER
GREG CHAPPELL	1903 CADILLAC
NEIL HARVEY	1910 BRUSH
TED DEXTER	1915 CALTHORPE
DOUG INSOLE	1906 REO
RAY LINDWALL	1912 MODEL T FORD
BOB APPELEYARD	1911 STAR
ROD MARSH	1914 DE DION BOUTON
BILL O'REILLY	1914 TALBET
LINDSAY HASSETT	1908 FIAT
COLIN COWDREY	1916 MODEL T FORD
JOHN EDRIDGE	1913 MODEL T FORD
ALEC BEDSER	1912 ROVER 12 HP
RAMAN SUBBA ROW	HUPMOBILE
JOHN WARR	1915 MODEL T FORD
ALAN SMITH	1915 MODEL T FORD
TED DEXTER	1904 FORD
MIKE SMITH	1912 AUSTIN
BOB WILLIS	1913 FRONTY FORD
TONY GREIG	1913 WOLSLEY

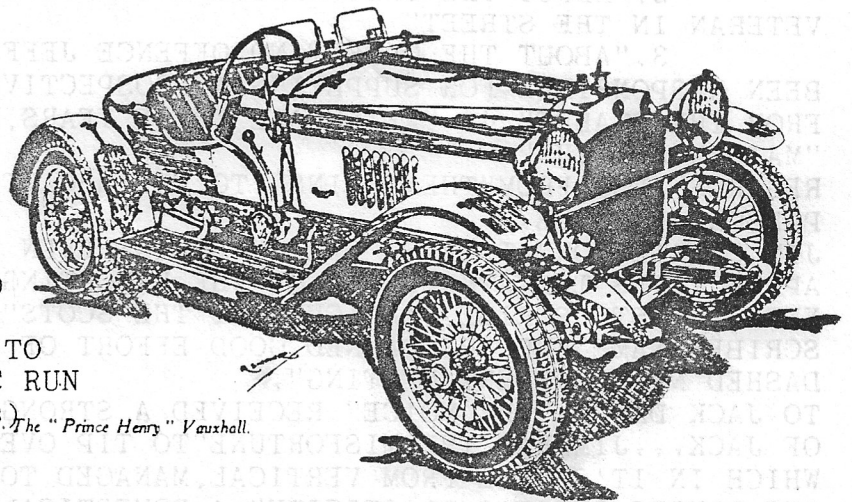
VALE PEGGY HOLMES.

UNDERSTANDABLY, MANY EARLY MEMBERS WILL HAVE NEARLY LOST A RECOLLECTION OF "FIFTY BOB", SANDY HOLMES' 1912 VAUXHALL, WHILE LATER MEMBERS WILL SCARCELY KNOW OF THIS WELL ACCOMPLISHED VEHICLE.

IN JANUARY 1956 SANDY SET OUT AT 3.00AM WITH HIS WIFE PEGGY, TO BREAK THE SPEED RECORD FROM SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE. PEGGY MUST STAND OUT AS ONE OF THE VERY FEW WOMEN, IN FACT THE ONLY WOMAN MEMBER OF THIS CLUB TO THIS DAY, WHO HAS BEEN FLAGGED OUT OF SYDNEY G.P.O. AT SUCH AN UNEARTHLY HOUR... IN AN OPEN, SINGLE SEAT VEHICLE WITH NO HOOD AND MUDGUARDS REMOVED! SOME CLUB MEMBERS MUST BE READING OF THIS EXPLOIT WITH FEELINGS OF ENVY, MOST MEMBERS WITH FEELINGS OF RESPECT FOR A WOMAN WHO HELPED AS NAVIGATOR, IN THIS FORMIDABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT... THE BREAKING OF THAT SPEED RECORD BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES. IF ONE PASSES OUT OF THIS WORLD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF THE RESPECT OF FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS, WELL THEN, ONES LIFE HAS NOT BEEN IN VAIN.

A MINUTES SILENCE WAS OBSERVED AT THE JANUARY MEMBERS MEETING.

OUR PRESIDENT
FOUND THIS DRAWING
OF "FIFTY BOB" IN AN
EXTRACT FROM A MOTOR
MAGAZINE ARTICLE DATED
16/6/1947. IT IS
REPRODUCED IN TRIBUTE TO
PEGGY AND SANDY'S EPIC RUN
(see Vale Peggy Holmes)



The "Prince Henry" Vauxhall.

VALE IRIS COOPER.

WE ARE ALSO SAD TO REPORT THE PASSING OF ANOTHER RESPECTED CLUB MEMBER, IRIS COOPER WHO ALONG WITH HUSBAND JIM WAS IN THE PAST VERY INVOLVED AND SUPPORTIVE OF CLUB ACTIVITIES. OUR PRESIDENT AND OTHER MEMBERS ATTENDED HER FUNERAL AND A MINUTES SILENCE WAS OBSERVED AT THE JANUARY MEMBERS MEETING.

TO SANDY AND TO JIM OUR CONDOLENCES.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER "FROM THE VOICE FROM THE PLAINS"
 WRITTEN BY JIM SIMPSON TO KEN QUARMBY AND OTHERS
 EDITED BY AND RETITLED "NOSTALGIA" BY S&P EDITOR.

"THE VOICE" WAS GALVANISED INTO ACTION, PEN IN HAND, BY THE ARRIVAL OF A REQUEST FOR MONEY FROM OUR, IN REAL LIFE "MILD MANNERED BOB" BUT ON CLUB BUSINESS "MEAN AND MISERABLE ROBERT". JIM WAS HOPING FOR A WORD OF CHEER PENNED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE ACCOUNT, BUT OUR OVERWORKED AND UNPAID TREASURER UNDERSTANDABLY COULD NOT HOPE TO PEN FELICITATIONS TO ALL 300 ODD FORMS EVEN IF HE KNEW EVERYBODY PERSONALLY!. NEVERTHELESS, HE SENDS GREETINGS TO ALL, WITH A HOPE THAT YOU HAVE ALL PAID UP, OTHERWISE THERE IS A RUMOUR THAT A FELLOW WITH A GUITAR CASE, WHITE TIE, BLACK SHIRT DRIVING A MAROON VINTAGE CAR WILL VISIT ETC ETC., JIM GOES ON (AND ON & ON) TO SEND REGARDS TO KEITH & JEAN CARDEN AND NOTES THE NEWS THAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO GAIN A SON-IN-LAW, RATHER THAN LOSING A DAUGHTER. TO "DADDY" VANSTONE "BY NOW QUITE USED TO THE PATTERN OF TINY FEET", A MEMBER SAYS "THE VOICE" WITH 4 POINTS OF NOTORIETY, AS JIM SEES IT 1. "NEVER MISSED A MEETING EVEN IF AN EX LAME DUCK HAD TO SUPPLY TRANSPORT.

2. "ABOUT THE ONLY MEMBER KNOWN TO HAVE PAINTED HIS VETERAN IN THE STREET"

3. "ABOUT THE OLDEST (NO OFFENCE JEFF) MEMBER TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER STRAIGHT FROM THE STABLE" 4. "AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, NO RECORD OF THAT "MAIDEN SPEECH"."

REGARDS ALSO FROM "THE PLAINS" TO THE MCCARTHY FAMILY IN RATHER PAROCHIAL STYLE.

JIM CARRIES ON "AT LEAST ONE OBSERVANT-EVEN DISTANT MEMBER APPRECIATES THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE REPORTING BY THE NORTHERN ENTHUSIASTS SCRIBE, PARTICULARLY THE "SCOTS" SPELLING OF THE SCRIBES NAME, AND THE DAMNED GOOD EFFORT OF THE NEWMANS ATTENDING DASHED NEARLY EVERY MEETING".

TO JACK DANCE: "THE VOICE" RECEIVED A STRONG REMINDER RECENTLY OF JACK... JIM HAD THE MISFORTUNE "TO TIP OVER A CHINA VASE, WHICH IN IT'S FALL FROM VERTICAL, MANAGED TO BECOME "BENT BEYOND THE LIMITS OF IT'S ELASTICITY"-A DOMESTICALLY INSPIRED SHUDDER SHOOK MY FRAME AS I CONTEMPLATED THE INERT VASE, NOW COMPOSED OF 7 SEPARATE PEICES! AND I RECALLED JACK'S ABSOLUTE FAITH IN ARALDITE... YES IT DID THE TRICK AND GAVE ME A REMINDER OF JACK. TO GEORGE & GLAD KING WHOSE NEPHEW IS THE "REO GURU" OF THE LOCAL HISTORIC CAR CLUB, "THE VOICE SENDS GREETINGS.

JIM TURNS HIS PEN TO THE NEW MEMBERS, THE YOUNGER ONES AND ISSUES A CHALLENGE "WHAT DO THE LETTERS OF THE MAKE F.L. STAND FOR?"

SOME SAY IT WAS NAMED AFTER THE EIFFEL TOWER (PRONOUNCED EFF ELL).

JIM SEEMS TO REMEMBER EMBOSSED ON THE RADIATOR THE WORDS "LEONARDES FRERES" WHICH WOULD BE THE BROTHERS LEONARDES OR

"LES FRERES LEONARDES" GIVING US F.L. OR WAS THAT JUST THE NAME OF THE RADIATORS MAKERS?.

AS JIM WROTE THIS DISSERTATION FROM "THE PLAINS" HE RECEIVED HIS "SPIT & POLISH - HE EVEN READ THE EDITORIAL AND SAID TO HIMSELF "I MUST KNOCK UP SOMETHING FOR THIS POOR BENIGHTED EDITOR. LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT THE EDITOR WOULD "DO A JOB" ON HIS LETTER TO KEN!

JIM CONCLUDES THAT WHILST THE CLUB IS OUT OF SIGHT OF THE PLAINS IT IS BY NO MEANS OUT OF MIND.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER REPORT
FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE.....

Sixty one intrepid members braved the elements on Saturday evening 13th February for the progressive dinner in the Hunters Hill area.

Plans for holding the entree course on the lawn overlooking the Lane Cove River at Don and Annelies Crone's 133 year old home were curtailed and our venue was Don's spacious garage with the more robust of his wonderful car collection put out in the damp night air. After the delicious mushroom vol-au-vent entree most members left their shoes at the front door in true Japanese fashion and were taken on escorted tours through the house by our host and hostess.

We hustled everyone away about 8.45 pm and without the aid of windscreen wipers descended on Keith and Kerry Wherry. A super sit down hot meal with scrummy bread rolls and salad, and daughter Emma and friend put to good use replenishing wine carafe's and glasses (thank you girls). Raffle tickets were sold for a travelling iron which was won by Max Vormister and still works even though Lois dropped it on the tile floor!

A whizz through Keith's immaculate quarry-tiled garage to see the Oldsmobile, Austin (which Keith is going to fold himself into in March), the Bentley and the Rolls (just what were Malcolm Johns and Jim Redman discussing so secretly in the Cloud???)

Then on to Max and Madame President Robert's home for lemon meringue pie, apple crumble pie, fruit salad, coffee and the return of the rain.

Visits to the stables in between showers to see the Roberts collection and a chance to view a video of the cars at the cricket ground hosting past and present cricketers at the Centenary test.

Thank you hosts and hostesses for making this a successful evening - thank you also to those ladies who helped with the washing and wiping up at the various homes, and thank you Suzi for your umbrella escort service.

Sue and Lois

GEORGE & BEATRICE ADAMS

Congratulations are in order for George and Beatrice for their 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. What a great achievement despite Veteran Cars --- or is it because of Veteran Cars? We all join in wishing them continued marital bliss and want to know WHEN IS THE PARTY?

MEDICAL FACTSPETROL SIPHONING HAZARDS.

Unfortunately, too many people who understand the principle of siphoning i.e. drawing liquid from one container to another on a lower level by sucking it into a tube, usually by mouth and then letting atmospheric pressure do the work- do not appreciate the hazards of utilising the method with Petrol. Clinical studies have shown that petroleum distillates (such as Kerosene, Lighter fluid, Petrol, Naptha) and some solvents are all capable of causing serious consequences if inhaled or ingested.

The greatest danger is not the effect on the stomach, but that in the lungs. When petrol is taken into the mouth, for example a certain amount may enter the lungs, where it spreads out and causes immediate irritation and tissue damage. The destruction of the tissue in turn causes the lungs to fill with fluid-known as pulmonary oedema- and the victim literally drowns in his own fluid! In addition, although the toxicity of petrol is considerably reduced in the stomach, the substance rapidly enters the blood stream and can slow breathing and the heart function. Since these reactions can occur in only a few seconds (the time to take a breath) death, due to a combination of pulmonary oedema and heart failure can result in a matter of minutes. And even then, if the exposure is not fatal, the damaged lungs can incapacitate the victim for a lengthy period. There is another potential hazard to be guarded against- the strong likelihood of more petrol aspirating into the lungs if the victim vomits. This is why products containing light petroleum distillates carry this warning "If swallowed DO NOT induce vomiting".

Thanks to the Gunnedah "Old Timer" for this "cheerful" article! Seriously though...havr'n't we all done it? We better mend our ways and take the following

SIPHONING TIP

All you have to do is feed a length of wire through your plastic hose and tie a peice of sponge rubber on to one end, before you place it into the donor tank. Then, when you pull the wire and sponge upthrough the tube the petrol will follow right behind, siphoning itself out.

MOTORING IN THE VETERAN ERA.

RAY HILL KINDLY SUBMITTED EXTRACTS FROM
"300 MOTORING WRINKLES"

BY LIEUT. WINDHAM R.N. (1905)

I WILL INCLUDE EXCERPTS FROM HIS EXTRACTS EACH ISSUE...ED.

101. A DOG IN THE WAY

IF A DOG GETS IN YOUR WAY, SHOUT AT IT. BLOWING THE HORN IS NOT MUCH GOOD. DOGS KNOW THE HUMAN VOICE, BUT HAVE NOT YET REALISED THE SOUND OF A HORN AS THEY HAVE THE RING OF A CYCLISTS BELL.

33. COLOUR OF MATS.

WHITE RUBBER SUCH AS IS SOLD & FITTED TO CARS IN ENGLAND IS UNSUITABLE FOR MOTOR CAR WORK, BECAUSE IT SHOWS ALL THE STAINS OF OIL, GREASE, AND DIRT. IN FRANCE A BLUISH COLOURED RUBBER IS ALWAYS FITTED.

(I MUST CHECK THAT OUT ON THE DELAGE & DE DION , BUT I CAN VOUCH FOR THE WHITE RUBBER BEING UNSUITABLE FOR THE RUNNING BOARDS OF "MIDGET"...I USE A WATER DILUTED PLASTIC SEMI-GLOSS PAINT TO REFURBISH IT...ED)



Motor Friend: "WHY DON'T YOU GET OUT OF THE WAY?"
Victim: "WHAT! ARE YOU COMING BACK?"

RESTORATION HINTS.

KINDLY REPRODUCED FROM "VETERAN TORQUE".

GUM IN THE PETROL TANK

THE GUMMY RESIDUE LEFT IN A PETROL TANK CAN BE DISSOLVED BY ADDING TWO OUNCES OF ACETONE TO FIVE GALLONS OF PETROL AND ALLOWING TO STAND OVERNIGHT IN THE TANK. THE NEXT MORNING THE MIXTURE CAN BE DRAINED OFF OR RUN THROUGH THE ENGINE.

From the Northern Enthusiasts...

The combined gathering at the Dharug National Park was an enjoyable day. I was rostered to work so was unable to attend. The weather was less than perfect, especially for those northerners without such creature comforts as a windscreen and hood. It seems Ray Thomas and John Hughes have gone into the rainmaking business - if our last couple of events are any indication.

There was a good roll-up:

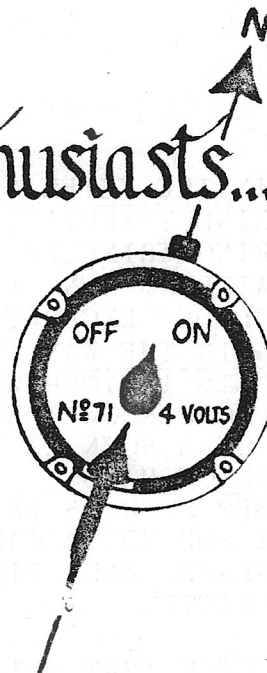
George Adams	- Studebaker
Max Burke	- Hupmobile
Chris Duncan	- Renault
Bob Newman	- Talbot
Neville Preston	- Talbot
Michael Bendeich	- Chalmers
Bill Kay	- Studebaker (If I don't have the correct name, it's the 'ex' John Pickup car and new owner)
John Hughes	- Talbot
Ray Thomas	- Renault
Martin Sorenson	- Modern
Ray Hill	- Renault
Doug Pearce	- Benz
Wards & Garth families	- Benz
Max & Sandra Roberts	- Modern

I'm told John Hughes now has a hood on his car and Ray Thomas is frantically chasing windscreen frames, hood irons etc. for his twin cylinder Renault. His good wife reckons it gets a bit difficult to hold the beach umbrella once Ray gets the Renault into top gear.

On Saturday, February 27 we had an outing to the 'Balickera' pumping station and picnic reserve - a very peaceful spot about 10 miles north of Raymond Terrace, although by following our chairman's instructions (as silly as that may seem) it seemed more like 10 miles south of Taree! It was well worth the drive, we had a quiet lunch, with only a few (thousand) flying and crawling insects with which to share the facilities. We 'adagooday' although we forgot the Aerogard.

Ray T. raised a few eyebrows when he returned to the gathering after a short walk and announced, 'I've had a leak on the dashboard'. We were later told the problem was not a lack of public amenities but a hole in the radiator of the Renault.

Those attending: George A - Studebaker; Chris D - Renault; Graeme N - Talbot (I took the 'old fellow' with me - it's a bit far to go on his own); Martin S - Oakland; Ray T - Renault; Max B - Carbine JAP - made the starting point but had to go home when the JAP went lame; Neville P - Talbot. I almost forgot Nev, after making him wait about half an hour at our meeting point on the day.



George Admas has stepped down from the position of Secretary of the Northerners after many, many years of service to the group. George has not only done a top job as the Secretary but has also had a hand in the organisation of many of our events during that time. Well done George.

He then suggested we should go for someone more youthful and nominated John Gorton - nicest thing anyone has said about 'Gorto' in a long while.

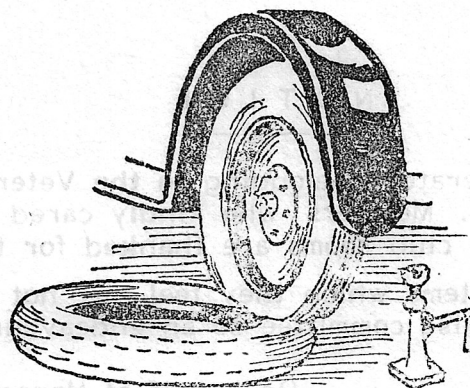
Chris Duncan was again appointed Chairman and Don Moffat is again in charge of the finances - I heard a rumour he's about to retire from his weekday job - we must be doing well.

Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Adams Senior have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary - congratulations and best wishes for many more years of Veteran Motoring - and marriage of course. They celebrated the occasion whilst preparing for their participation in the 'Big Rally' - if there was an award for enthusiasm, they'd win every time.

For those members in Sydney who didn't participate in the money spinner at the Cricket Ground recently, you missed a very memorable, albeit brief, event. I'm sure the V.I.P.'s enjoyed our cars immensely - even poor Geoffrey Boycott who had to hitch a ride after the Rover stopped roving. It's amazing the lengths to which some people will go to get a special mention on the nightly news - shame on you Arthur.

Regards,

GRAEME NEWMAN



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Solution to No. 66

STOP-AND GO

The object is an unwound clock at an auction sale (going . . . going . . . gone!).

No. 67

LOBFUSCATION

Some people have the knack of saying simple things in a complicated way. Can you recognise the following simple sayings that have been rewritten that way?

1. Scintillate, scintillate, asteroid minific.
2. Always avoid oral inspection of an equine present.
3. Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.
4. Surveillance should precede saltation.
5. Pulchitrude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.

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NOTICE

All books, records and literature belonging to the Veteran Car Club should be returned to the library. Members who kindly cared for club property during the building of our club rooms are thanked for their assistance.

If members have donated items which they feel may not - at present - be at the club rooms, please advise committee so an endeavour can be made to locate them.

On behalf of Management Committee

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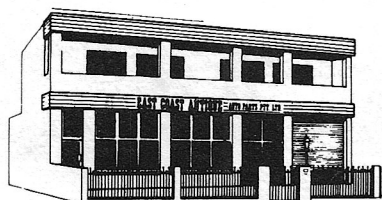
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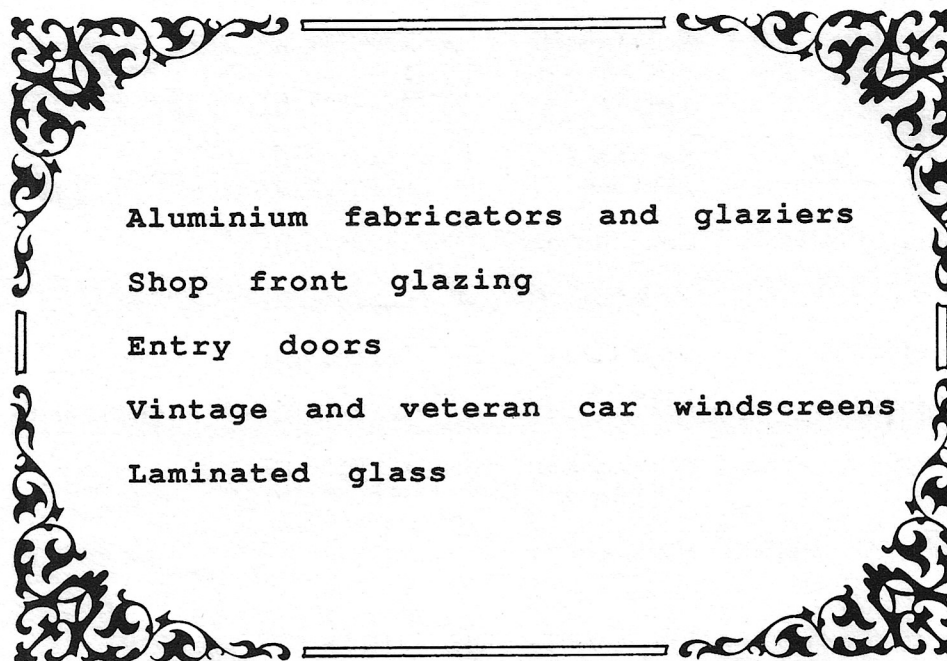
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TODAYS TOUR

- .. a short run of approximately 25km to Lanyon - departing from 10 a.m.
- .. simple directions from the start to the main road are printed on the map face.
- .. the route is shown by the heavy line on the map.
- .. an optional motoring "trivia" quiz will be handed out at the start and answers will be collected on arrival at Lanyon.
- .. prizes will be awarded for this and a "favourite vehicle" selection competition.
- .. lunch has been prepared by Parents and Citizens from Tharwa Village school. Ticket holders will be directed to the lunch area.
- .. cars may depart after 2.30 p.m. - the time and return route being to individual convenience.
- .. cars being taken to the display area to-night are reminded that access to the showground is available from 4 p.m.

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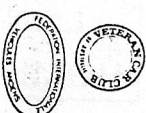
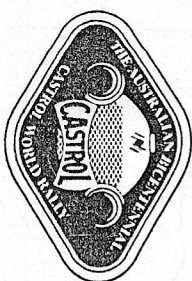
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Sandra Roberts	Ken Quarmby
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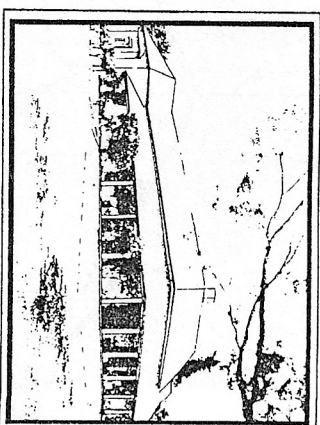
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