

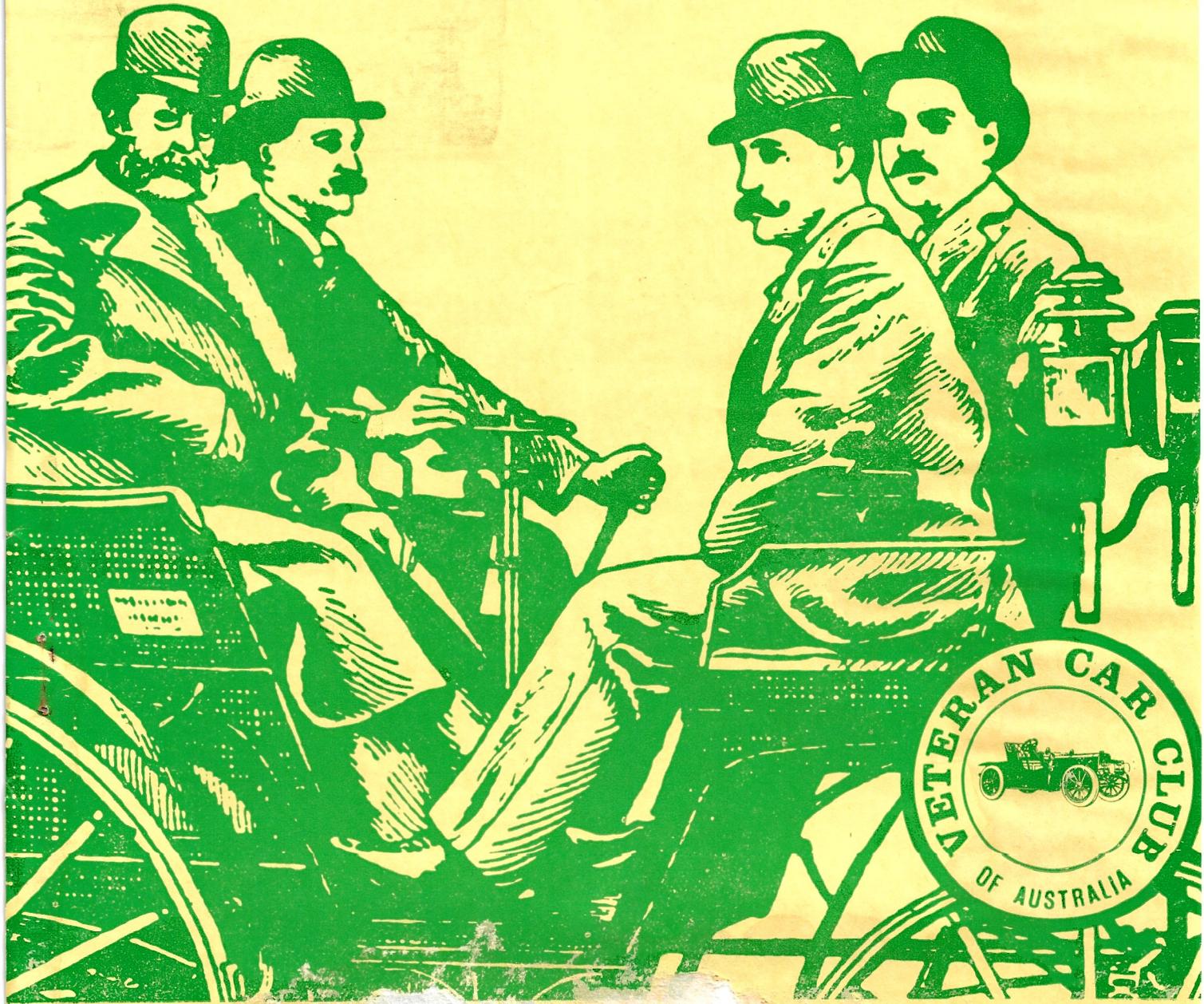
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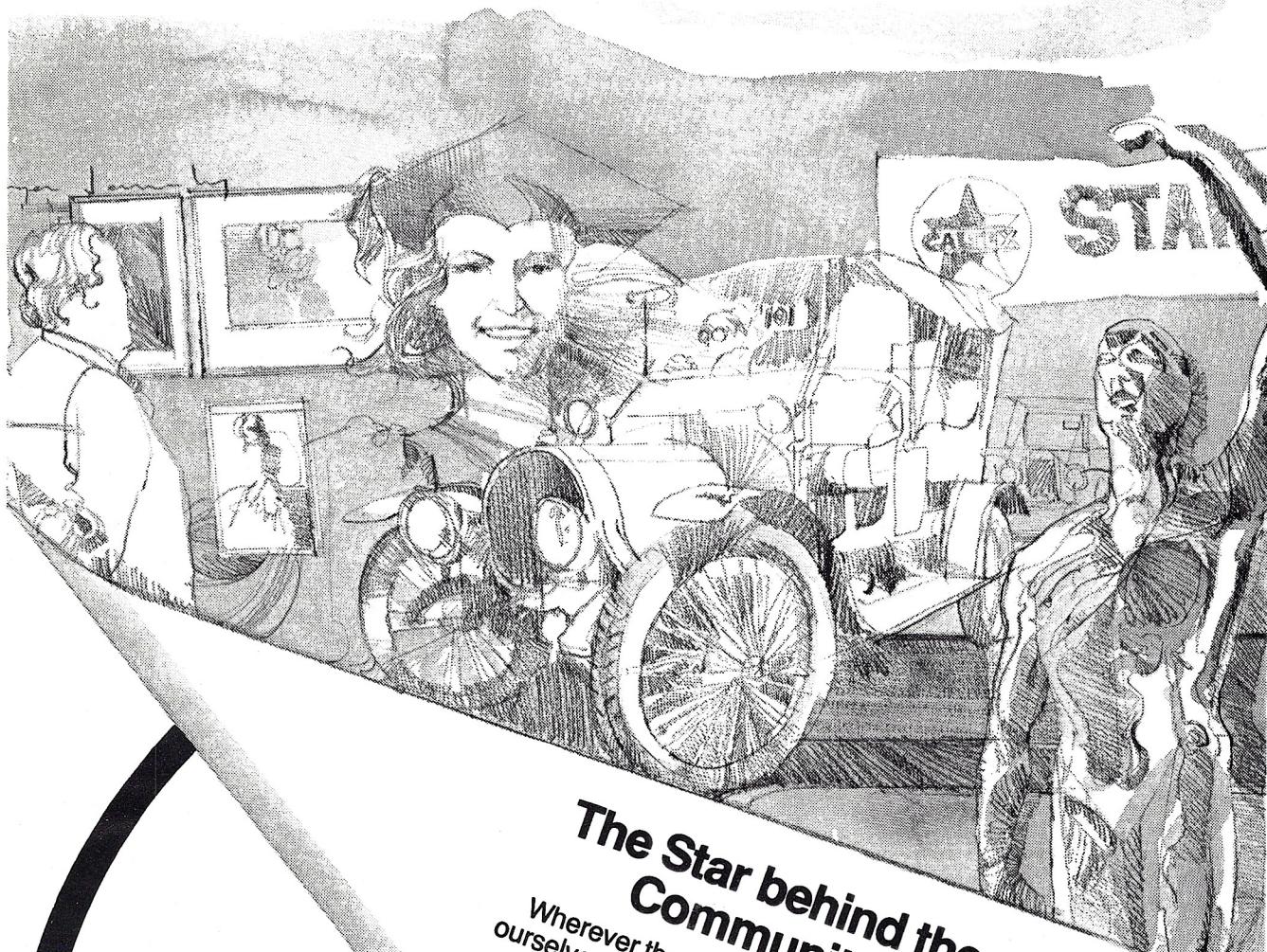
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Other Veteran Car Clubs have permission to copy.

The next meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) will be held at the Monthly General Meeting, to be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1980.

COPY REQUIRED BY FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual General Meeting V.C.C.A.

On the weekend of 10th-11th August the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia was held at the Deakin Inn, Canberra and hosted by the V.C.C.A. (A.C.T.) with delegates present from all States.

New South Wales was represented by Hon. Secretary, Bill Maunsell, and myself, while on the Federal scene, Len Sheen was re-appointed Secretary/Treasurer and myself again the National Technical Committee Chairman.

Considerable discussion centred around the 1988 Australian International Rally, its inclusion in our nation's bi-centennial celebrations and its conduct by the V.C.C.A. under the auspices of F.I.V.A. In general principle it was agreed that the event would commence from a number of starting points in capital cities, e.g. Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, and converge on Canberra, its passage through towns en route to coincide with bi-centennial celebrations in each town. It is possible that an event organised in this manner could accommodate up to 1500 entrants.

Approval to run a national 1 and 2 cylinder rally under a N.S.W. banner, in 1982, received an enthusiastic response and it was agreed that, centred on Albury, the rally should command a large following.

Continuity of our national annual journal 'Veteran Gazette' was recommended and several methods of funding considered. Federal moneys will not be used for its publication, but hopefully as a result of its wide coverage a national sponsor will be found.

The retiring Federal President, Albert Blashki, Victoria, was unable to attend and the meeting was very ably chaired by the incoming President, Ian Irwin, A.C.T.

The Chairman, National Technical Committee, put forward a proposal and moved: THAT the maximum average speed, 40km/hour, allowed under F.I.V.A. rules be raised to 60km/hour to comply with the minimum road speed in general use in Australia and that F.I.V.A. Technical and Legal Committees, through the General Secretary, be made aware of this recommendation of the V.C.C.A.

Having been accepted, this proposal will be forwarded to F.I.V.A. for their consideration.

-GEORGE A. ROBERTS

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

C.V.V.T.M.C.

For newer members and for those who only know of it as the C.V.V.T.M.C, a short explanation as follows may help. The Council for Veteran, Vintage and Thoroughbred Motor Clubs was formed in 1961 and it was, I feel, the intention of the founders that it would act as an advisory body and oversee the interests of Veteran, Vintage and Thoroughbred Motor Clubs, which at the time were in need of their own association to escape the clutches of C.A.M.S. (Confederation of Australian Motor Sports) which really only concerns itself with motor sport of all types.

In the preparation of the constitution the founders - for all their hard work, effort and good intentions, for which they should be thanked - have unfortunately left some legal loopholes and because of this it would seem that the council has now digressed, probably a little too far from its original concept, and together with some people who seem to want to create some sort of empire for themselves (rumour has it that some people are thinking of combining/associating with other states to become national), heaven forbid.

I am not alone in these beliefs, especially when one looks around and evaluates that the members of the committee give their time for the betterment of the Veteran Car Club and of late have had to spend far too much time at committee meetings and general meetings discussing the coming and going of the C.V.V.T.M.C and for what, under its present structure it is only a watchdog - and one without teeth, any major achievement obtained is usually only after the Veteran Car Club has done all the hard work (i.e. club Registration, Insurance).

If the V.C.C.A. can achieve these things on its own, do we really need C.V.V.T.M.C.?

- Ed.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK ON THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1980.

Meeting opened at 9.25 p.m.

PRESENT: 85 members; 8 visitors.

APOLOGIES: George Sevenoaks, John Corby.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Read, moved, accepted Max Roberts, seconded Peter Wards.

CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Appendix '1' and '1a' attached. Moved as read, Bill McCarthy, seconded Jack Dance.

CARRIED.

ARISING: Treasurer recommended that fees remain at \$13.00 per annum. Moved Bill McCarthy, seconded Jack Dance.

CARRIED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President then read his report - see Appendix '2' attached.

The President then declared all positions of office vacant and Allan Foy took the Chair and called for nominations for the ensuing year.

The nominations received were for the following:

President George Roberts, Barry Thew
George Roberts elected by ballot.

Secretary Bill Maunsell
Bill Maunsell elected unopposed.

Treasurer Ben Bronk
Ben Bronk elected unopposed.

Vice-Presidents: Len Sheen, Barry Thew
Len Sheen, Barry Thew elected unopposed.

Committee: Keith Carden, Mel Pope, Neil Martin,
Mrs. Jan Coulcher, Peter Wards, David Berthon
Elected by ballot:
Keith Carden, Mel Pope, Neil Martin,
Jan Coulcher, Peter Wards

Insurance Officer: Victor Jacobs
Victor Jacobs elected unopposed.

Official Photographer: Arthur Porter
Arthur Porter elected unopposed.

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Hall, Rents & Letting: Bill McCarthy
Bill McCarthy elected unopposed.

Messrs. M.V. King and Associates were appointed as Auditors.

Moved Jock McGowen, seconded Arthur Garthon. CARRIED.

Scrutineers: Colin Clements and Carl Stanbridge
Colin Clements and Carl Stanbridge elected unopposed.

President thanked the Scrutineers.

President thanked Allan Foy for taking the Chair.

Meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK ON THURSDAY, 24TH JULY, 1980.

Meeting opened at 8.30 p.m.

PRESENT: 54 Members, 1 Visitor - E.M. Bronk.

APOLOGIES: J. Wards, K. Carden, K. Sharp, L. Follan, N. Jonstone, M. Pope, C. Stanbridge, L. Rossiter, E. Lewis, H. Sheen, C. Bourke, W. East, K. East, R. McCarthy, G. Sevenoaks, A. Maunsell, D. Steer, B. Cliff.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Read, moved and accepted Peter Wards. Seconded Jim Redman. CARRIED.

ARISING: Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received from:

Transport Department - being acknowledgement of our request to be permitted to transact business at Chullora Motor Registry Office.

Newcastle Club - Minutes of their July meeting.

Tibooburra Progress Association - requesting cars for their centenary celebrations.

Forwarded to:

C.V.V.T.M.C. - advising of our delegates.

Governor, Sir Roden Cutler, advising of our new Publicity Officer.

Minutes of Monthly General Meeting 24/7/80 (Cont'd.)

Received from:

C.V.V.T.M.C. - forms for Canterbury Park Concourse.

Parramatta City Council a request for cars for their Foundation Festival.

Greg. Cohen and Miss S. Morgan for wedding cards.

Read, moved, accepted Barry Thew, seconded John Gorton, CARRIED.

ARISING: Nil.

INVESTIGATIN & 1916 T Ford belonging to Robert Bruce Knight.

DATING: Veteran of the Year awarded to 1903 Rambler belonging to Peter Michaels.

NEW MEMBERS: Robert Bruce Knight
Moved John Burke, seconded Warren Irish. CARRIED.

EVENTS & SOCIAL COMMITTEE: The next outing is to the Auburn Japanese Garden on Sunday, 27th July, 1980.

On Sunday, 10th August, 1980, there will be a Ford Day at George Green's Museum.

On Sunday, 31st August, 1980, there will be a Navigation Run - starting at Queen Elizabeth Park, Concord.

The Drummoyne Council Day falls on the same day as the C.V.V.T.M.C. Display Day at Canterbury Park - cars will attend the Drummoyne Council function before proceeding to Canterbury.

ARISING: Nil.

ABUILDING DEVELOPMENT & Nil.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

FUND-RAISING: Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Nil.

MAGAZINE: Nil.

PERMITS TO MOVE: Nil.

REGISTRAR: Nil.

LIBRARIAN: NIL.

Minutes of Monthly General Meeting 24/7/80 (Contd.)

INSURANCE: Nil.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Still requires photographs of some cars.

C.V.V.T.M.C.: Next meeting will be Monday, 28th August, 1980.

GENERAL BUSINESS: President advised of delegates to the Annual General Meeting in Canberra:

Len Sheen - Federal Secretary

George Roberts - Chairman of National Technical Committee

Baill Maunsell - Delegate for N.S.W.

Delegate to ask for permission from Federal Body to run a One and Two Cylinder Rally.

N.S.W. to recommend to Federal Body that advertisements be used to cover the cost of the Federal magazine.

Jack Dance spoke on Veteran Car Club of Tasmania, and expressed his concern over the number of cars that were not veterans. The President explained Tasmania's position.

Michael Bendeich asked for permission to put on a display at St. Gabriel's School on 27th August, 1980.

ARISING: Nil.

Meeting closed at 9.42 p.m.

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ROSTER ALTERATIONS

New Member:

KNIGHT, Robert Bruce (F) 10 Mauder Ave., St. Ives. 2075

CORRECTION TO ROSTER INFORMATION - PAGE 8, SPIT AND POLISH, JULY 1980:

Apology is extended to BOB BARR, NO. 609 (mistakenly recorded as resigned.)

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF NEWCASTLE BRANCH HELD AT THE HOME OF MAX AND JOAN BURKE, CESSNOCK, ON 8TH JULY, 1980.

MEETING OPENED: 8.22 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: J. Gorton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 12 members and 3 visitors.

APOLOGIES: W. & M. Holmes, N. & N. Adams, R. Newman.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Moved by G. Newman, seconded by N. Preston, that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as read. CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported that the balance at bank was:

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| Building Society | 97.82 |
| Petty Cash | 179.59 |
| | 5.60 |
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| | \$283.01 |

Moved by D. Barker, seconded by R. Thomas, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Moved by P. Adams, seconded by R. Thomas, that the inwards correspondence be received and dealt with and the outwards accepted as read. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Moved by P. Adams, seconded by M. Burke Knr., that the invitation received from the Morisset Festival Committee to attend the Festival on 2/11/80 be accepted. Members to make own arrangements re this outing. CARRIED.

Moved by N. Preston, seconded by M. Burke, that our next outing will be a run to Woodberry's Inn. Meet at Cooranbong Fire Station 10.30 a.m. CARRIED.

Max Burke gave a run-down on our run to Martinsville.

After much discussion re our Annual Tour the meeting was closed.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.35 p.m.

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RALLY REPORT FOR JULY 27TH 1980

Auburn Botanical and Japanese Gardens. This was the last outing organised by the 1979-80 Committee. Thanks to Mel Pope.

Weather: Foggy and overcast morning.

Cleared with sunny breaks in afternoon. Max. 16° C.

Eleven Veteran Vehicles.

Five recycled Veteran Vehicles.

One Classic Sports.

All members viewed the Botanical and Japanese Gardens displayed by the Auburn Municipal Council, then enjoyed their barbecue lunch in the picnic area in front of the Gardens.

Members who attended:

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| Allan and Leah Foy and family with friends | 1913 Vauxhall |
| John and Ann Simmons | 1915 Morris |
| Jim and Iris Cooper | 1913 Wolseley |
| Alan and Madge Blyth | 1910 Hupmobile |
| Daryl and Marilyn Blyth | 1917 Buick |
| Philip Bagnell and daughter | 1906 Reo |
| Neil and Joyce Lewry and family | 1915 Ford 'T' |
| Reg and Olive Jones and grand children | 1908 Clement Bayard |
| Bill and Barbara McCarthy | 1913 Vinot |
| James Simpson | 1908 B.S.A. |
| Neil and Lynette Martin and family | 1913 F.I.A.T. |
| Robert and Anne Baxter | M.G. T.C. |

The following members attended in Recycled Veterans:

President George and Pam Roberts
Peter and Robyn Wards and family
Jack and Meryl Godfrey and family
Roley and Jan Coulcher
Mel and Anne Pope

NEIL MARTIN

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NEXT EVENT

NAVIGATORS RALLY - AUGUST 31ST AUGUST, 1980

START: BURWOOD BOWLING CLUB, BURWOOD PARK

CARS TO ASSEMBLE AT COMER STREET, BURWOOD BY 9.30 A.M.

FIRST CAR OUT 10.00 A.M.

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EVENTS (CONT'D.)Navigators Rally, 31st August (Cont'd.)

To travel north through Hornsby then via Galston Gorge to Galston.

Rally will be approx. 30 miles long.

Finish to be at Galston Park next to swimming pool.

Council barbecues and picnic area available with playing area provided.

Finish is approx. 15 miles from Parramatta.

Please note: Starting time printed in EVENTS SHEET is incorrect.

COMING EVENTS:C.V.V.T.M.C. Annual Concours and Display Day

Sunday, 14th September - Canterbury Park (Racecourse)

Gates open 8.00 a.m. Lucky gate ticket - 1st Prize Colour Television

The C.V.V.T.M.C. are currently organising the 17th Annual Concours and Display Day to be held at Canterbury Park (formerly Warwick Farm).

Our club has been invited to attend and actively support this popular event.

It is anticipated that the drivers of eligible vehicles in attendance will be presented with a 17th Anniversary plaque.

Would participating entrants who will be attending the Drummoyne Municipal Council Carnivale '80 Procession and Display, prior to Canterbury Park, indicate to me (Neill Martin) their intentions; I will organise to have their Anniversary Badge held.

Programme: Gates open 8.00 a.m.

Concours entry closure: 9.30 a.m. In order to assist the Judging Team, this closure time will be strictly enforced, please leave home a little earlier to allow for any traffic hold-ups, punctures etc.

Commencement of Gymkhana 10.30 a.m. (Please support and enter the Gymkhana - it is your day - enjoy it.)

Gathering of Club Presidents

11.30 a.m.

Lunch

12.30 p.m.

Parade of Concours Vehicles

2.00 p.m.

Presentation of Trophies

2.30 p.m.

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C.V.V.T.M.C. Annual Concours and Display Day (Cont'd.)

A full takeaway catering service at reasonable cost is available on the day.

Playground equipment for children.

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| NEIL MARTIN | 632.5047 |
| PETER WARDS | 871.3871 |

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SOCIAL NIGHT

Bankstown Theatre Restaurant - Bankstown Town Hall - Saturday 17th October 7.00 p.

The complete night out - a Theatre in conjunction with Bankstown Town Hall - presents a Traditional Melodrama titled "JUBILEE HORROR or SHERLOCK HOLMES FINEST HOUR".

After show: Sing-a-long with cast.

Dancing to the Q Trio until midnight.

7.00 p.m. Pre-Dinner Drinks.

Melon and Parma Ham ...

Roast Turkey Breast with half peach and cranberry sauce

Chocolate Apple Pie

Coffee and After Dinner Mints

Dinner Wine

Waiter service throughout the evening

COST: \$18.00 per person, including pre-dinner drinks, 3-course meal, dinner wine and Show.

Under-cover parking at Town Hall (very convenient).

Please indicate to me - with money - at the August General Meeting or by 16th September. We need 20 persons for this outing.

- NEIL MARTIN 632.5047

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LIBRARY

Well, a bit more work has now been done in the library, which means that we are now progressing - if a little slowly - towards our aim of having a really worthwhile library within the club.

Unfortunately we are still not in a position to lend out books, but will let you know as soon as this is possible.

- JAN COULCHER

BRIEF BUT IMPORTANT

Crangan Bay weekend came and went, all that's left of it is paying of the dreaded bill. Only a few of us made the whole weekend this time. Burkes were at a Brass Band recital on Saturday night and didn't arrive until Sunday with the families Adams Snr., Newman, Thew and Riley.

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Nice to see Neryl's "Mother's Little Helper" doing the dishes. Should have given him an audition years ago and saved on the price of a dishwasher, Neryl. I think it's taken Peter this long to find out that wishing up leaves his hands so nice for fiddling.

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John Gorton, Uncle Nev. and I were on the other side of the fire when from the dark side we heard: "Oh Don, isn't it lovely. What a pity it doesn't last very long." Cheeky? No, just Audrey and Don Moffat playing with son Ross's cracker night Roman candles.

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Shame you Thews had to leave as the fiddle and banjo players gave a concert on Monday morning for about 3 hours - ended up over in the paddock as the girls threw us out of the hut. Comment is we can only improve. I am sure Barry would have enjoyed it.

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Sandy Holmes is still on the sick list and will be out of action for a while until his filters are changed. I dare say a "Bleeding and Bileing" at the Barber Shop would have done once, Sandy. Hope you are soon fit.

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George Adams' mechanics' tip of the month to reduce fuel consumption - only cut half the holes in the inlet manifold gasket.

Sounds engineering, George.

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Meal time at the Marr's is like a game of Russian Roulette since Father bought a truck load of tinned food with water damaged labels recently. Hear Doug. is now watching the auction columns for water-damaged wine sale.

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Didn't we have a great day at Martinsville? Really nice little spot - should make it a regular meeting place. Missed some of our friends but this gave the rest of us someone to talk about. Sorry to hear R.J. Newman ill with the 'flu, but the family was represented by Graham.

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John Burke attended the National Steam Rally at Echuca - a real eye opener.

Regards to all,

BELT DRIVE BURKE

1980 NEWCASTLE ANNUAL TOUR

OCTOBER 4TH, 5TH & 6TH

News from the boys at Newcastle is not good as entries are only small - seven (7) from Sydney at this time.

For those who have not attended the event before I can only say you are missing out on a very good weekend where one can really appreciate the pleasure of driving a Veteran in open country.

As closing time is fast approaching, may I suggest that you hurry up and put your entry in so that you can enjoy a very pleasant weekend.

- Ed.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1980 MOTOR SHOW

The Motor Show this year will be held at Sydney Showground from Friday 22nd to Sunday 31st August.

3 parking spaces have been allocated to display our club, the theme being to display an unrestored car alongside 2 restored cars in an effort to show visitors the work involved in restoration.

Cars on display:

1. 1914 T Ford - unrestored - George Roberts.
2. 1913 Vinot - et - Deguingand - Bill McCarthy.
3. 1912 Renault - Bill Trollope

Additional attendants are also required to guard cars and answer questions for the duration of the display.

Any enquiries - please contact:

- MEL POPE 521.2821 (H)
237.8222 (B)

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS (CONTINUED)

BAULKHAM HILLS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1980

By invitation from Baulkham Hills Council to again join the Orange Blossom Festival Procession from Baulkham Hills to Castle Hill Shopping Centre.

7 cars are required to carry the Charity Queen and her party.

Departure will be from the car park at Jasper Road Public School at Baulkham Hills for procedure to Castle Hill.

Cars to assemble at 8.30 a.m.

For further details contact:

MEL POPE 521.2821 (H)
237.8222 (B)

DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CARNIVALE '80

Forthcoming Public Affairs Event - also to be held on
SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1980.

We have been approached by Drummoyne Municipal Council to assist in a procession in conjunction with Carnivale '80 held by this Council.

All cars to assemble at 10.15 a.m. at Regatta Road (opposite Club Hall).

The procession will leave Regatta Road, Five Dock at 10.45 a.m. and proceed thru' Five Dock shopping centre to a display venue in Five Dock Park, where cars will be displayed in conjunction with other exhibits and displays.

Whilst we are aware of the C.V.V.T.M.C. event on this day, we are also aware of our dealings with Drummoyne Council regarding our hall development and in view of this we consider that support could be advantageous.

For those wishing to attend, departure time from Five Dock Park would be approx. 12.30 p.m., enabling those who wish to proceed to Canterbury Racecourse.

Contact: MEL POPE 521.2821 (H)
237.8222 (B)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDEN PARTY

CHANCELLORS COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

By invitation -

We have been invited to attend a Government House Garden Party on SUNDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1980 in aid of the Sydney University Chancellors Committee.

Afternoon tea will be provided. No charge for admission.

A maximum number of 6 cars will be accepted.

All those interested in attending please contact for further details:

MEL POPE 521.2821 (H)
237.8222 (B)

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ON THE MOVE

There has been quite a lot of activity this month with Veteran Cars attending displays, open days at schools and of course the odd wedding or two.

I would like to thank all those who 'phoned in and logged their movements beforehand. It gave me great pride in our club and its members this month when I had an enquiry from the Dept. of Motor Transport about the movement of a Veteran car and I was able to supply all the answers, in a flash, because the member had done the right thing.

#

Regarding the acceptance of Veteran Motor Cycles into the club, the wheels of progress grind slowly on.

Our Insurance Officer, Vic. Jacobs, has the insurance side of things in hand but I am still having trouble extracting information from Page Mfg. Co. who make the number plates, and all the above has to be completed before we even go to the Dept. of Motor Transport.

All this must be very frustrating for Don Liddle who is waiting to register the first Veteran Motor Cycle into our club.

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O N T H E M O V E (CONT'D.)

Trafficking in Number Plates:

Apparently the new craze of collecting all types of car number plates is going to create a new hazard for Veteran Motorists.

Don Steer had the plates removed from two of his cars (apparently we are not allowed to print the word "stolen") and these were offered for sale to collectors. We have recovered one plate only at this date so would all members keep their eyes and ears open. Remember that all plates are the property of the club and there is no such thing as a disused or expired plate. On the sale of a vehicle or if a vehicle is taken off registration for an extended period all plates must be returned.

The only exceptions are where a member has applied in writing to the Committee to "hold" a number during a restoration.

There should be no way that plates ever appear on the wall of a collector.

- KEITH CARDEN,
Registration Officer.

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LEAKING PETROL & OIL TANK CAPS

& ENGINE BREATHERS

Most car and motor cycle owners of the older vehicles will be aware of the difficulty of sealing filler caps to prevent leakage. If one succeeds in preventing the escape at the rubber seal, then almost certainly leakage will occur at the vent hole, especially when travelling over uneven roadways, or when a motor cycle is being carried on a trailer, and considerable jolting occurs.

A sure and certain cure for this occurrence is to obtain a motor car fuel pump valve of the type in which a fibre disc is held against a seating by a light spring and these parts are contained in a brass housing of small size (3/4" approx.). A short section of bronze bushing, say 3/16" or $\frac{1}{4}$ " long, is sweated to the underside of the cap and the valve assembly pressed into the bushing, in the manner that will allow an inflow of air to replace the petrol, or oil, being used. However, the valve being an effective one-way device, will prevent any leakage of petrol to the outside.

These valves, too, make a first breather system for the crank-cases on motor cycles and have been known to maintain a vacuum in that chamber, with obvious benefits so far as oil leakage from tappets, mainshafts and timing gear shafts is concerned.

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Leaking Petrol & Oil Tank Caps, & Engine Breathers (Cont'd.)

It is not thought that this type of breather valve would be of benefit in the case of multi-cylinder engine where the pistons rise and fall in such a manner that perhaps an equilibrium is established in crankcase compression. This is, perhaps, verified by observing crankcase fuming which takes place under conditions of piston blow-by, when the vapor issues forth as a regular flow.

The older motor car engines, having exposed tappets, would benefit greatly in reducing, or eliminating, the leakage of oil at these points, if a groove were to be machined in the tappet stem, quite close to the maximum emerging position, and a neoprene "O" ring installed therein. Conversely, if tappet guides were provided, the groove could be cut in the bore of the guide, close to the upper end.

- ARTHUR PENDLEBURY

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Dear Sir,

I would like to know the address of any firm in Sydney which specialises in baked enamelling. I have five wire wheels which I intend to have done and would like to know if any of your members could recommend someone to me please.

- STAN COX

"Tantallon",
Bourke Street,
Dubbo. N.S.W. 2830"

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A FINGER IN THE DYKE'S

(Being a random selection of useful hints and suggestions from Dyke's Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia, Ninth Edition, 1919).

The "master vibrator". When a master vibrator is attached to a regular coil it not only serves but it also adds extra condensing power to the current, giving a hotter spark.

To test the firing of the cylinders independently, the plug cables should not be held too far from plug, as this throws a severe strain on the insulation of the coil.

It always saves time in investigating for causes of misfiring to try the effect of a new set of plugs, because, in the majority of cases nowadays, any persistent misfiring is due to a spark-plug defect.

FURTHER LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Sir,

I am organising a gathering of Vintage and Earlier Austin Sevens and others for Centennial Park (Paddington entrance) for SUNDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1980 - 11.00 A.M. - 3.00 P.M.

Mr. Peter Wherrett has agreed to judge "a most popular car" and the event should be sponsored by a large oil company.

An entry fee of under a dollar will cover advertising etc. costs.

Further details 'phone 02.399.3786.

- PAUL W. BUTLER,
1 Darley Road,
Randwick. N.S.W. 2031"

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A GLOSSARY OF MODERN BUSINESS TERMS

A PROGRAMME: Any assignment that can't be completed by one telephone call.

TO EXPEDITE: To confound confusion with commotion.

CHANNELS: The trail left by inter-office memos.

CO-ORDINATOR: The bloke who has a desk between two expeditors.

CONSULTANT (OR EXPERT): Any ordinary bloke more than 50 miles from home.

TO ACTIVATE: To make carbons and add more names to the memo.

TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAMME: Hire more people and expand the office.

UNDER CONSIDERATION: Never heard of it!

A MEETING: A mass mulling by master-minds.

A CONFERENCE: A place where conversation is substituted for the dreariness of labour and the loneliness of thought.

TO NEGOTIATE: To seek a meeting of minds without the knocking together of heads.

RE-ORIENTATION: Getting used to working again.

RELIABLE SOURCE: The bloke you just met.

INFORMED SOURCE: The bloke who told the boke you just met.

UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE: The bloke who started the rumour originally.

A CLARIFICATION: To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.

WE ARE MAKING A SURVEY: We need more time to think of an answer.

NOTE AND INITIAL: Let's spread some more responsibility for this.

SEE ME, OR LET'S DISCUSS: Come down to my office - I'm lonesome.

LET'S GET TOGETHER ON THIS: I'm assuming you're as confused as I am.

GIVE US THE BENEFIT OF YOUR PRESENT THINKING: We'll listen to what you have to say as long as it doesn't interfere with what we've already decided to do.

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A Glossary of Modern Business Terms (Cont'd.)

WILL ADVISE YOU IN DUE COURSE: If we figure it out, we'll let you know.

TO GIVE SOMEONE THE PICTURE: A long, confused and inaccurate statement to a newcomer.

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TECHNICAL

A task often undertaken is the cutting off of a number of screws, or bolts, to a shorter and uniform length.

A simple and effective way is to select a piece of metal or hardwood which is equal in thickness to the required length of screw or bolt and drill a hole through that will accept the objects to be cut. Grip the guide vertically so that the part to be cut is horizontal and slightly above the vice jaw. By holding the bolt or screw from rotating, the saw cuts can be made against the gauge and this will ensure uniform length and squareness of cut.

It is necessary to anneal, or soften, copper tubing, so as to make neat and tidy bends. This may be done by heating the tubing to a dull red colour and quenching in water. Do not have the open end toward you, as the steam generated often escapes with some violence. Long pieces of tubing may be annealed section by section. The heat conductivity of copper is high and it will require an efficient heating medium, such as the oxy-acetylene torch, to produce the necessary quenching temperature.

If uncertain of a drilling size for tapping a thread, try the tap in a drill-stand hole and select one which will allow the tap to enter.

When enlarging an existing hole, the drill will sometimes "cork-screw" into the material, often with disastrous results. This can be obviated by first plugging the hole with hardwood or lightly grinding away the sharp cutting edge of the drill.

Neat holes can be drilled through sheet metal if the work is clamped to a heavier plate and the two plates drilled simultaneously.

Push-pull petrol taps (similar to the older-style British article) are made in Australia. Turner No. 51 Taps can be had from the larger engineering houses. Usual motor-cycle sizes are 1/8 BSP x 1/4 tube and 1/8 BSP x 5/16 tube. Nut and nipple supplied with tap.

- ARTHUR PENDLEBURY

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1980 EVENTS 1981

AUGUST 31ST 1980 - Navigators run - start Burwood Bowling Club,
Coma Street, Burwood, 7.30 a.m. BBQ available.

SAT. SEPT. 13TH - Baulkham Hills Orange Blossom Festival

SUN 14TH SEPT. 1980 - Drummoyne Council 1980
- also CVVTM Day - Canterbury Racecourse

OCT. 1980 - Garden Party Govt. House - Date to be advised

OCT 4-5-6 1980 - Newcastle Tour - Morpeth

SOCIAL FRIDAY 17TH OCT. 1980 - Bankstown Theatrical Restuarant
- \$18.00 per head.

SAT. 1ST NOV. 1980 - Rego Day at Arthur Garthon 1-5 p.m.

SUN 2ND NOV. 1980 - " " at Len Sheens 9 a.m. - 12 noon

NOV 30TH 1980 VCCA LIONS VICTOR JACOBS

SOCIAL DEC. 6TH - XMAS PARTY - Sat afternoon for children
- Sat evening for adults

JAN. 1981 SAT. P.M. 10TH - Ladies Drive and BBQ

SAT. FEB. 8TH LONG LEGS RUN

SOCIAL FEB 14TH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SUN MARCH 1ST CONCOURSE

APRIL 4TH AND 5TH BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR

MAY 16TH PRESENTATION NIGHT

MAY 31ST PRESIDENTS RUN

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