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*The next Monthly General Meeting of the V.C.C.A. (NSW)
will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY,
22ND JULY, 1982.*

Editorial Comment

Congratulations to all those re-elected to office and to those taking office for the first time, good luck as well as congratulations.

I propose to introduce a new heading in our magazine to be called "EVENTS CALENDAR". This will list forthcoming events which will be of interest to members. It will include social events and rallies and outings conducted by our club, as well as major rallies conducted by other clubs, swap meets etc. These will be tabulated for quick, easy reference.

In the case of our own club events, more details will be found in the body of the magazine. If you know of a major event that may be of interest to fellow club members, please send it to SPIT AND POLISH as per copy.

In reply to last month's Letter to the Editor, I tend to agree with Jim, his cunning linking the traditional London-to-Brighton Run with our Blue Mountains Tour. (To avoid complications it has been suggested that the Blue Mountains Tour be called Tour not Rally). One can only concur with his point of view. Also, the cars know the way and if the drivers get lost, the cars will still get there. If club members would like an alternative venue, perhaps another week-end tour could be organised, say for a spring tour week-end?

- NORM WAKEHAM

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President's Message

Firstly, I would like to thank the members for the opportunity of serving you in this position, it is indeed an honour and I trust that I can carry out the required duties in a manner satisfactory to you, the members.

One major project that I would like to see maintain its present rate of progress is the new premises which are well under way; if you the members can continue your support of this project as in the past, or increase your support, then the completion of this project cannot be too far off. Remember, whatever effort you put into this project is not just for the benefit of a few but for the benefit of all the members.

Yours sincerely,

- BARRY T. THEW

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CROCK SHOP

At the time of writing, Mr. George Green is in intensive care at Royal North Shore Hospital. We hear he is responding well to treatment and I know all club members wish him a speedy recovery.

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SEE PAGE 9 FOR LIST OF OUTSTANDING CLUB PLATES ON
ON UNREGISTERED VEHICLES (& OFFENDERS' NAMES).

EVENTS CALENDAR1982

- Aug. 14 p.m. Barbecue - Greens Motorcade with Veteran Cars
- 15 ALL BRITISH DAY - Greens Motorcade -
Bob Moore 799.7252
- 23)
Sept. 5) 4th Annual Tour Vintage Vehicle Club - 624.8224
- 11)
18) National Rally Queensland
- 18 Orange Blossom Procession, Baulkham Hills to
Castle Hill
- 19 Carnivale - Five Dock to Drummoyne
- Oct. 2) Veteran Car Club of Aust. (Newcastle Branch)
3) Closing date Aug. 31, contact: 314 Warners
4) Bay Road, Mount Hutton. 2290
- Nov. 7 Annual Inspection Day - Len Sheen
13 " " " Arthur Garthon
- 13)
14) Bendigo Swap Meet
- Nov. To be advised - Vic. Jacobs Help the Handicapped
Drive
- Nov. " " " XMAS PARTY

1983

- Feb. National Rally, Tasmania, Around the Apple Isle
To be advised - Blue Mountain Tour
- Easter Easter Bush Council Rally - Tamworth

1984

- Mar. Early March Vet. Car Club of S.A. Hub Rally
- Mar. 31) A.C.M.C. 25th Anniversary Hub Rally - 871.1900
- Apr. 8)

1985

To be advised - Hub Rally Christchurch N.Z.

1988

Bicentenary INTERNATIONAL VETERAN & VINTAGE
MOTOR RALLY hosted by V.C.C.A. to commemorate
our Nation's Bi-centenary 1788-1988.

VALE FRANK NISSEN

The greatest memorial that Frank has left to the Club is the feeling that he possessed for the Club, partly through the assistance which he gave to individual members in their mechanical troubles, and the undoubted co-operation which he gave to the Club generally, including his travels in obtaining accommodation in various touring events.

The new building can be expected to carry a memorial to him by virtue of the installation of cooling fans which were his gift to the Club for the comfort of members in the existing building.

He built up his personal memorial with the time and effort which he put into the faultless restoration of the Cadillac.

Let us not be saddened by the loss of Frank's company, but rather let us keep in our mind's eye the soft whimsical smile which he was always ready to produce. Such a friendly gentle-natured fellow.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1981-1982

It was with great pride and some humility that (three years ago) I accepted the honour, in becoming your President, to uphold the dignity the office deserves.

In this chair of authority is has at all times, been my desire to fulfill the office with dedication and impartiality.

At the commencement of this term, while celebrating our Club's Silver Anniversary, one major project, "stemming from the foresight of earlier management", became paramount, that of developing our two adjoining properties by the construction of new club premises.

Twelve months ago, thanks to a building committee formed from our ranks, with a nucleus of architect, quantity-surveyor, solicitor, treasurer etc. and, not least, a proficient builder, plans for our new Club House received Drummoyne Council development approval.

During the ensuing weeks and months you have seen that development approval materialize into foundations for our new Club House, which - thanks to those members, who through their expertise, willingness to assist and plain manual labour - have watched those foundations grow from grass roots, at a fraction of the estimated cost.

Inclement weather and the unknown existence of an ancient well situated directly beneath the western foundations, have hampered progress, but behind the scenes such items as the steel portal frames and other sundry items are being manufactured and/or acquired.

Removal of excess soil from the site (the next step) made possible this last weekend, will present a different picture and render the site workable around existing buildings.

While materially our new home is seen to be taking shape, your Building Finance Committee and Public Affairs have not been idle. The former has spent innumerable hours organising and activating fund-raising schemes, some of which should have received greater encouragement from members. We were, however, indeed fortunate to have been associated with the film industry in the shooting of the film "Kitty and the Bagman", soon to be released, but I'm sure you are aware that the business acumen of your Public Affairs was largely responsible for the revenue acquired.

Although building activities during the year have taken precedence, events and social functions have not suffered. Once again the National Heart Foundation welcomed the assistance and part our vehicles and members played in raising further funds for this needful charity at a Government House Garden Party and although the second outing for the President's Run was again marred by inclement

weather, those who braved the elements regarded the route chosen as something new within Sydney's scenic and historic areas.

Our two major events were, of course, the Annual Blue Mountains Rally and the First National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, based on Albury. Both received the well deserved acclaim that their organisers merited, the latter having no previous parallel with veteran vehicles in this country.

Socially the Presentation Night initially ran into a number of problems but the venue, the dinner and the evening were to all in attendance, and particularly those members in receipt of trophies, a surprising success.

Sadly I was unable to attend the Newcastle event this year but am aware, from reports, that its usual high standard and community spirit prevailed.

Twice within the past twelve months our Honorary Secretary has represented NSW as delegate to the VCCA Federal AGM, serving also at the 1981 meeting as Acting VCCA Secretary/Treasurer in the absence of the elected officer. Again on the Federal scene, whilst assisting our delegate, it has been my honour to serve also as Chairman, National Technical Committee.

Our Honorary Treasurer, whose ever-watchful eye is centred on club income and expenditure, is also exercising similar strict control on building and material costs associated with our current project.

The control on Permits-to-Move, also number plates and records kept by our Registration Officer, has set new and very acceptable standards in this area of our activities.

Our official organ, SPIT AND POLISH, in its latest format conceived at the beginning of this year, is more concise in its present form and I believe is well received. The inclusion of copy, such as 'Revs. and Backfires', and 'History Corner from out of the past, makes for enlightened reading and refreshes the memories. Many thanks to our Editor and Staff.

Some may be unaware of the many legal implications associated with the everyday activities of our Association. I have deemed it a privilege to have had the opportunity to call upon the expertise of our busy Legal Advisor at almost any time and I know I express the gratitude of our members for the advice received and so freely given.

Now that my third term of office as your President has expired I propose to stand down to apply myself more fully to the technical implications of our all-absorbing hobby. I trust that in your eyes I have fulfilled the confidence you placed in me and I thank you for the honour.

- GEORGE A. ROBERTS
President V.C.C.A.(NSW)

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CLUB PLATES

ALL PLATES ON UNREGISTERED VEHICLES MUST BE
RETURNED TO REGISTRATION OFFICER OF CLUB. THE
FOLLOWING PEOPLE PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

PLATE NO.	011	ROYCE GREGORY
	014	E. PERDRIAU
	016	B. GILLINGS
	017	K. LOBER
	019	J. BAILEY
	021	G. HOWARD
	036	K. MOSS
	038	G. SIM
	051	N. MARTIN
	055	ADRIAN GARRETT
	067	(RETURNED)
	071	J.W. SCOTT
	076	HARRY HALL
	092	W. DUDLEY
	097	A. GRELLMAN
	108	L. MACEY
	131	P. KABLE

PLATE NO.	136	RAY TURNER
	141	A. WORBOYS
	147	L. PARRY
	164	FRANK EHLERT
	165	MRS. EILEEN CRAZE
	168	MAX PRATT
	179	MAX WITHERS
	183	TREVOR FOULCHER
	189	FRANK ILLICH
	199	BARRY GARTH
	205	ROBERT FORBES
	221	GARRY DIBLEY

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BALANCE SHEET, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT OF THE
VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MAY 1982, AS EXAMINED AND CERTIFIED BY W.V. KING &
ASSOCIATES (CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS).

STATEMENT OF SOURCE & APPLICATION OF FUNDS

During the year the following funds became available:

1. Surplus for the year	22,561
<u>Add:</u> Depreciation charged in the Accounts	180
	<u>22,741</u>
2. Increase in Stock on Hand	186
3. Reduction in Sundry Creditors	29
	<u>\$22,956</u>

These funds were applied as follows:

1. Reduction in Sundry Debtors	225
2. Increase in Bank Accounts	1,405
3. Increase in Sinking Fund	14,498
4. Increase in Capital Expenditure on Buildings	6,828
	<u>\$22,956</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1982

		<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			
Balance as at 1st June 1981			
Add: Surplus for the year		49,866	40,398
		<u>22,561</u>	<u>9,468</u>
<u>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</u>		<u>72,427</u>	<u>49,866</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>			
Stock on Hand	522		336
Sundry Debtors	123		348
Cash at Banks	4,047		2,642
Deposits	80		80
	<u>4,772</u>	<u>4,772</u>	<u>3,406</u>
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
<u>DEDUCT:</u>			
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	475		504
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>2,902</u>
<u>ADD:</u>		4,297	
Meeting Hall - At Cost (Note C)	10,444		10,444
Building At Cost (Note C)	31,613		24,765
Furniture, Fittings, Office			
Machines, Equipment, Floor			
Coverings, Library -			
At Cost	3,883		
Less: Provision for			
Depreciation	<u>2,645</u>	<u>1,238</u>	<u>1,418</u>
<u>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</u>		<u>43,295</u>	<u>43,295</u>
			<u>36,627</u>
<u>ADD:</u>		47,592	
Bank of N.S.W. Sinking Fund	24,835		10,337
<u>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>24,835</u>	<u>24,835</u>	<u>10,337</u>
<u>EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES</u>		<u>\$72,427</u>	<u>\$49,866</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1982

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Annual Subscriptions & Entrance Fees	1,954	2,020
Donations Received	15,711	2,811
Hall Rents Received (Net)	124	1,151
House Rents Received (Net)	2,100	2,551
Interest Received	2,050	448
Surplus on Insurance & Levies	120	289
Surplus on Rallies	13	452
Surplus on Socials	197	76
Surplus on Trading + 1 & 2 Cyl. Rally	959	580
Surplus on Auctions	-	975
Sundry Income - Special Functions (Special Raffle)	2,175	-
<u>TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED</u>	<u>25,403</u>	<u>11,353</u>

DEDUCT:

Affiliation Fees	540	451
Audit and Accountancy	440	400
(The Auditor received no other benefits)		
Bank Charges	24	71
Depreciation	180	206
General Expenses	353	56
Honoraria	200	200
Loss on Magazines	869	128
Printing, Stationery & Postages	236	373
<u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	<u>2,842</u>	<u>2,842</u>
	<u>2,842</u>	<u>1,885</u>

SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR transferred
to Accumulated Funds

\$22,561 \$9,468

W.V. KING & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants

History Corner

IN THE BEGINNING (PART FIVE)

HISTORY CORNER for June 1982 set out, inter alia, the events leading up to, and the actual running of the first Brighton Rally for veteran cars held on 4th April 1954, under the auspices of the Vintage Sports Car Club.

The VSCC Committee's attitude was that such a popular and successful event should become an annual affair staged by the VSCC. On the other hand, the sub-committee of the VSCC representing the veteran car enthusiasts felt otherwise. Grant, in particular, rightly or wrongly believed that the only reason the VSCC Committee had taken this stance was not so much that it served a percentage of the members' interests, but that it engendered a satisfying amount of public awareness and enthusiasm which should be beneficial to the VSCC generally. This attitude added further to the growing dissension. At this stage Joe Capper dropped out of the sub-committee and was replaced by Ray Powell.

Prior to this, an interesting sidelight to the trend in developments occurred during the running of a 24-hour Road Race for Production Cars under the auspices of the Australian Racing Drivers' Club, held at Mt. Druitt from 31st January to 1st February 1954. Whilst Grant, Klein, McLean and Daly were standing among the cars in the pit area, Jack Myers, who operated the then Golden Fleece "Atomic Service Station" at Kingsford, approached and with his usual verve enquired the gist of the conversation. When told that the group was thinking of forming a club for veteran car enthusiasts the laconic Myers crisply replied that action not words was wanted. To this somewhat abrupt challenge the members of the group replied that if that was what Myers thought they would "bloody well" form a club. This verbal interplay sparked the sub-committee to action.

As a result, a pre-inaugural meeting was held at Grant's home at 48 Hoskins Ave., Bankstown on Saturday

evening, 10th April, 1954 "to discuss ways and means of forming a club to further the aims and interests and participation of Veteran and Edwardian car owners". Only two members of the sub-committee were present, Grant and Daly. At this meeting a draft Constitution was devised, leaning heavily on the VSCC Constitution, omitting, in fact, only those portions deemed to be inimical to the interests of veteran car enthusiasts and adding clauses designed to ensure a dynamic committee and the rotation of office for the club's office bearers, lack of which had so long been deemed a weakening feature of the VSCC control. Grant and Daly worked until the early hours of the morning to devise the original constitution.

The inaugural meeting of the Club was held on 30th April, 1954 (see also HISTORY CORNER for October, 1981). The following is the full text of the Minutes of that gathering:

"30/4/54

A meeting was held at Mr. R. Grant's residence on the night of 30/4/54.

Present were A.J. Myers, Mrs. Myers, R. Grant, Mrs. Grant, R. Powell, F. Klein, J. McLean, K.A. Daly.

It was decided unanimously that a club be formed. That the club shall be known as THE VETERAN AND EDWARDIAN CAR OWNERS' CLUB OF AUSTRALIA. (R. Grant/F. Klein).

It was decided that members be active owners of Veteran or Edwardian cars. (R. Grant/K.A. Daly).

It was decided that honorary membership be conferred upon selected persons for one year and shall be reviewed and may be renewed by a 2/3 majority of the members each year and such honorary members may be elected honorary-life members after 5 consecutive years of honorary membership. (R. Grant/K.A. Daly).

It was decided that a quorum shall consist of a minimum of 5 members. (J. Myers/F. Klein).

The sum of 10/- was collected from all present and J. Myers was elected Honorary Secretary and collected monies and issued receipts."

The page is unsigned and since there is no space below the writing and as the top of the reverse of the sheet shows:

"A meeting was held at Mr. J. Myer's residence

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with the remainder of the page being blank, it is evident that the Minutes shown above are all that were committed to paper that evening.

A serious deficiency is the omission of any reference to a Constitution, particularly since a draft document had been prepared on 10th April, referred to earlier.

Despite its recent origin, its small membership and its primitive organisation generally, the fledgling Club possessed sufficient drive and initiative to decide, on 12th July, 1954, a mere ten weeks from its inauguration, to undertake the Genevieve Rally and at the same time write to the Secretary of the VSCC and inform him of this intended action as a separate body.

(To be continued.)

See you at the next meeting.

- THE HISTORIAN

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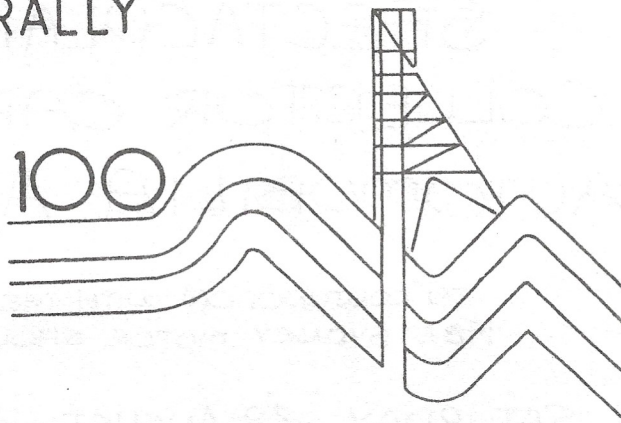
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2. The match.
3. Ten cents and five cents (10¢ is not a 5¢ piece).
4. Two apples.
5. None (Noah took them).
6. It's impossible (the man must be dead).

No. 11 TWO TEASERS.

1. A man found a dead fly in his soup. The waiter was most apologetic. He took the bowl to the kitchen and returned with what was apparently a new bowl of soup. A moment later the man called the waiter over again.

"This is the same bowl of soup I had before!"
he shouted angrily. How did he know?

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From "The Motor Year Book" - Methuen & Co., London, 1906.

INSURANCE ALIBIS

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