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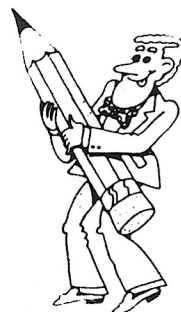
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*The next Monthly General Meeting of the V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.)
will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY,
AUGUST 28, 1986.*

EDITORIAL



Welcome to my first issue of "*Spit and Polish*". I've heard it said that, to be the owner of a veteran car, "*you don't have to be mad, but it helps*". But to volunteer (or allow your arm to be twisted) and become Editor, you WOULD have to be mad. After six years as Editor/typist/courier/dispatch officer of the Rover Owners' Club magazine, I resigned to spend some time with my family. Now, with a wife, two kids, a dog, four cars and a box trailer to support, I find myself living in a fibro shack which is so small we have to go to bed to watch TV. Hence, I have no room at all to edit at home until my current project, a large garage with attached domestic quarters, is completed. I have therefore undertaken to be Editor having been promised the help of Sandy Roberts, Mr & Mrs Dunn and Geoff Simmons. Any other help would be appreciated but, of course, a steady flow of items from the members for inclusion in the magazine is the best help they can give. Having said that, I never intend to plead for articles again. I reserve the right, however, to commission articles from particular members on particular subjects. Furthermore, I don't intend the Editorial in the future to deal with the "nuts and bolts" of putting the magazine together; I hope instead to discuss general topics.

Our stocks of the current covers are nearly exhausted so, at the end of the year, I intend to revert to an A4 format and add a few photos here and there. Otherwise, I hope that the spirit of "*Spit and Polish*" will continue unchanged.

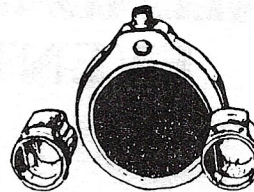
Jim Moule
EDITOR

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President's Message



Since our last monthly meeting in July, the old Hall, formerly the Sunny Side Congregational Church, has been pulled down and we are virtually ready to start the earth-works for the car park. Slowly, but surely, we are completing this long drawn-out exercise of building our Clubrooms.

The Annual General Meeting of the V.C.C.A. was held in Adelaide on Saturday, August 9 and the Club's two delegates were Terry Cook and myself. During the meeting - which is a long drawn-out formal procedure - it was announced that Ian Irwin was successful in negotiating for a major sponsor, Castrol, to back the 1988 Bi-Centennial Rally. Reports were also received on the 1986 National Rally to be held in Perth and the 1987 National Rally to be held in September at Mildura. The 1987 Annual General Meeting of the V.C.C.A. is to be held in Sydney on September 12.

Well, by the time you are reading this Anne and I hope to be touring through Australia's sunny north soaking up the warmth.

- BOB BAXTER
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1986

- September 14-19 3RD NATIONAL 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY
 28 LADIES DAY TOUR. See details on Page 7.
- October 3-4-5-6 NEWCASTLE'S ANNUAL MORPETH TOUR
 12 (SUNDAY) 1986 BRITISH DISPLAY & SWAP DAY
 Hawkesbury Agricultural Showground
Assembly By 1:45 PM For 2:00 PARADE
 18 (SATURDAY) GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDEN PARTY
- November 9 (SUNDAY) FISHERS GHOST TOUR
 23 (SUNDAY) CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY
 29-30 (SATURDAY & SUNDAY) VEHICLE INSPECTION
 DAYS. Venues to be advised.
- December 6 (SATURDAY) MEMBERS' XMAS PARTY
 12 (FRIDAY)] FUND-RAISER. Take American
 16 (TUESDAY)] tourists from Regent Hotel
 to Opera House.

1987

- January Long W'end PROPOSED CAMP OUT
- February 21-22 31ST ANNUAL BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR
- March 15 (SUNDAY) ANNUAL VETERAN & VINTAGE DISPLAY
 DAY
5TH APRIL (SUNDAY) VICTOR JACOB'S & ARTHUR GARTHON'S
 CHARITY DAY
- April EVENT TO BE ADVISED
- May 15-16-17 HAVACHAT WEEKEND AT RANELAGH HOUSE AT
 ROBERTSON

GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1986

in aid of Arthritis Foundation of Australia (NSW)

Cars to assemble at 2.00 p.m.
(further details next month)

Arrive Government House 2.30 p.m.

Parade around Government House Grounds
and park on Western Side near Main Gates

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"HAVACHAT" TOUR

MAY 15, 16, 17, 1987

Three relaxing days, starting Friday afternoon until Sunday
afternoon at historic Ranelagh Guest House at Robertson.
All welcome!

Approximate cost for bed and all meals:

With facilities	\$125.00
Without facilities	\$105.00

Children 5-12 years 75% of adult price
" Under 5 years 50% " " "

Accommodation Deposit: \$25.00 per room
Entry Fee: \$5.00

Closing date: September 25, 1986
Enquiries: John Wards - 86.3430 (Entry form next page)

Please photocopy this page.

ENTRY FORM

"HAVACHAT" TOUR
MAY 15, 16, 17, 1987

Name:

No. of People:

Accommodation Type:

Car make: No. of Cyls.:

Accommodation deposit at \$25.00 per room = \$

Entry Fee: \$5.00.

TOTAL \$

Please send entry form and total remittance to:

VCCA (NSW)
134 Queens Road
FIVE DOCK NSW 2046

LADIES DAY TOUR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1986

Organised by Jim Wilson

Start: 10.00 a.m. - Broughton Street, Queen Elizabeth Park

Finish at Prospect. Approx. 25 miles

COME ALONG & MAKE A SUCCESS OF THIS DAY

GOOD PRIZES FOR THE LADIES

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EVENTS REPORT

NAVIGATORS TOUR - SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1986

Due to the short notice of this event there was a poor attendance.

Those who started at Queen Elizabeth Park were:

Jim and Gail Moule	-	1912 Rover
John & Sue Wards	-	1915 T Ford
Reg & Olive Jones	-	1908 Clement Bayard

These were joined at Auburn Botanic Gardens by:

Barry and Judy Garth and family in a modern.

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THAT WAS THE MONTH THAT WAS

For our purposes this issue, let us begin with the July event, the little run that ended up at Georges River Reserve. The Events Committee report in the last issue failed to mention one incident *en route* in which a Frogmobile, firing only on one cylinder, was trying desperately to keep ahead of One of Britain's Fine Cars when said French vehicle was seen to disintegrate all over Queens Rd, right in front of our Head Quarters. Unperturbed, the driver sat resolutely behind the wheel while his wife was sent back to gather together the pieces for a quick rebuild. Yes, the little woman in the passenger's seat is not there merely for decoration. And there are no male chauvanists in our Club, mate!

Later in the day, I was given a drive of this toy car and found that in fact STOP and FLAT OUT are not the only speeds of which it is capable. Indeed, it is a light and flexible car which is great fun to drive and the vibration from the engine is surprisingly slight. In recognition of the test drive, I made the owner Assistant Editor, (Dispatch Branch).

Next came the July meeting. Nothing much gets said in "*Spit and Polish*" about our meetings but this one shall not pass without comment, for it contained some extraordinary debates. First there was the No Smoking debate, surely one of the most passionate we have seen for some time. Perhaps a prize could be awarded for the most original argument. My nomination goes to the rep from the Nicotine Addicts Lobby: "*I have to smoke during meetings because the nicotine chewing gum is pulling out my fillings*". Just when things were getting bogged down in fire extinguisher specifications, some bright spark proposed an amendment: "*That smoking be allowed IN THE FOYER ONLY*". No one seemed to mind that this was against the spirit of the motion so I seconded it and the new motion was carried by a large majority. This left one fire hazard threatening to resign from Committee and not attend meetings in the future.

That matter settled, it was confession time. The good news was that, after months of trying, we had finally given away the old hall. The bad news was that it had been given away twice, to different parties on the same day. Well, we settled down to debate who should get the hall. I began to think of Northern Ireland when some members were clearly going support the rights of the local priest against the South Coast restorer at all odds. Then the Chairman virtually settled the matter by stating that the building could never again be consecrated having been entered by Don Steer. Then came another bolt from the blue: a third party claimed that indeed HE should get the hall as he placed a \$50 deposit on it months ago. Perhaps it was the fact that half the building was already on its way south that swayed the members to favour the restorer in the final vote.

Then there was the case of the "missing" Club banner. A former President enquired as to its whereabouts. A current President replied confidently that it was in the Committee Room and in fact there were now three. After the inevitable jokes about them breeding in captivity, the former President stunned the meeting by claiming that indeed HE had the banner and had been waiting for someone to notice that it was missing. Possible solutions to this mystery may be forwarded to The Editor. No doubt, we will see the answer at the Gledswood display day next March!

Jim Moule

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Solution to No. 53

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The names are CHALMERS and HURTU. Like the first four names, they each contain consecutive letters of the alphabet.

No. 54

PUZZLING PRICES

The other day I saw this sign on a shop:

S A L E T O D A Y

2 for 40¢

87 for 70¢

199 for 90¢

The prices look crazy but they're quite logical.
What was the shop selling?

THE 1986 BRITISH DISPLAY DAY & SWAP MEET

6th Gala Presentation of Antique and Historical
BRITISH Motor Vehicles

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1986

Hawkesbury Agricultural Showground
(Midway between Richmond and Windsor,
opposite RAAF Base at Clarendon)

Gates open 7.00 a.m.

Admission: \$2.00 per person
\$1.00 pensioners/children
\$4.00 swappers

(In aid of Burwood Children's Home)

CONCOURSE DE ELEGANCE (ENTRIES CLOSE 10.00 A.M.)

FAST FOOD CATERING FREE PUBLIC PARKING

PLENTY OF PLAYING AREA FOR CHILDREN

AWARDS FOR CONCOURSE AND DISPLAY VEHICLES

Accommodation and entertainment arranged for
country and interstate visitors for Saturday 11th

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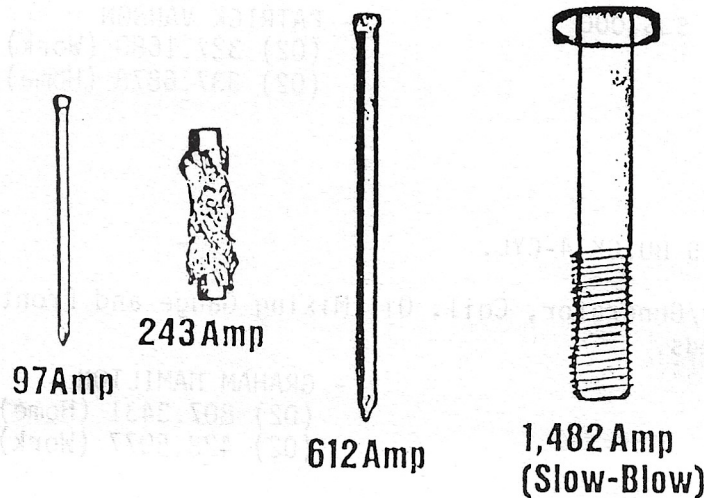
N O T I C E

In the next volume of *SPIT AND POLISH*, beginning January 1987, advertising on the *INSIDE BACK COVER* will be available at \$100 per half A4 page per year (about 3,800 copies). Details may be obtained from:

The Editor
106 Letitia Street
OATLEY N S W 2223
(02) 57.1433 (H)

At the July Meeting it was reported that - due to the extra load on the meter box - the wires in the old Hall were glowing red! Perhaps the following specifications will help to solve the problem:

Guide to Fuse Replacement



AdvertisementsFOR SALE (ALL STATES)

TALBOT, large and powerful "M" type, 20.1 h.p. (R.A.C.) 95%+ complete chassis (unrestored). The motor is fitted with a rare "Bosch" magneto and distributor ignition system (a factory-fitted option). Some spares and a pair of large "Lucas" kerosene side-lamps are included.

284 Talbots of this model were made between 1910 and 1912, this particular car having been delivered when new to the Perth (W.A.) agent for Clement-Talbot.

Price: \$3,500

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FOR SALE

1914 LE ZEBRE. Extremely rare. Mint condition and in working order. Genuine collector's item. Red body, black wings, brass radiator and acetylene lamp. Leather upholstery, good hood.

Price: \$35,000

- PATRICK VANSON
(02) 327.1680 (Work)
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For 1915 BUICK 4-CYL.

Starter/Generator, Coil, Oil Mixing Gauge and Front Mudguards.

- GRAHAM HAMILTON
(02) 807.3431 (Home)
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