

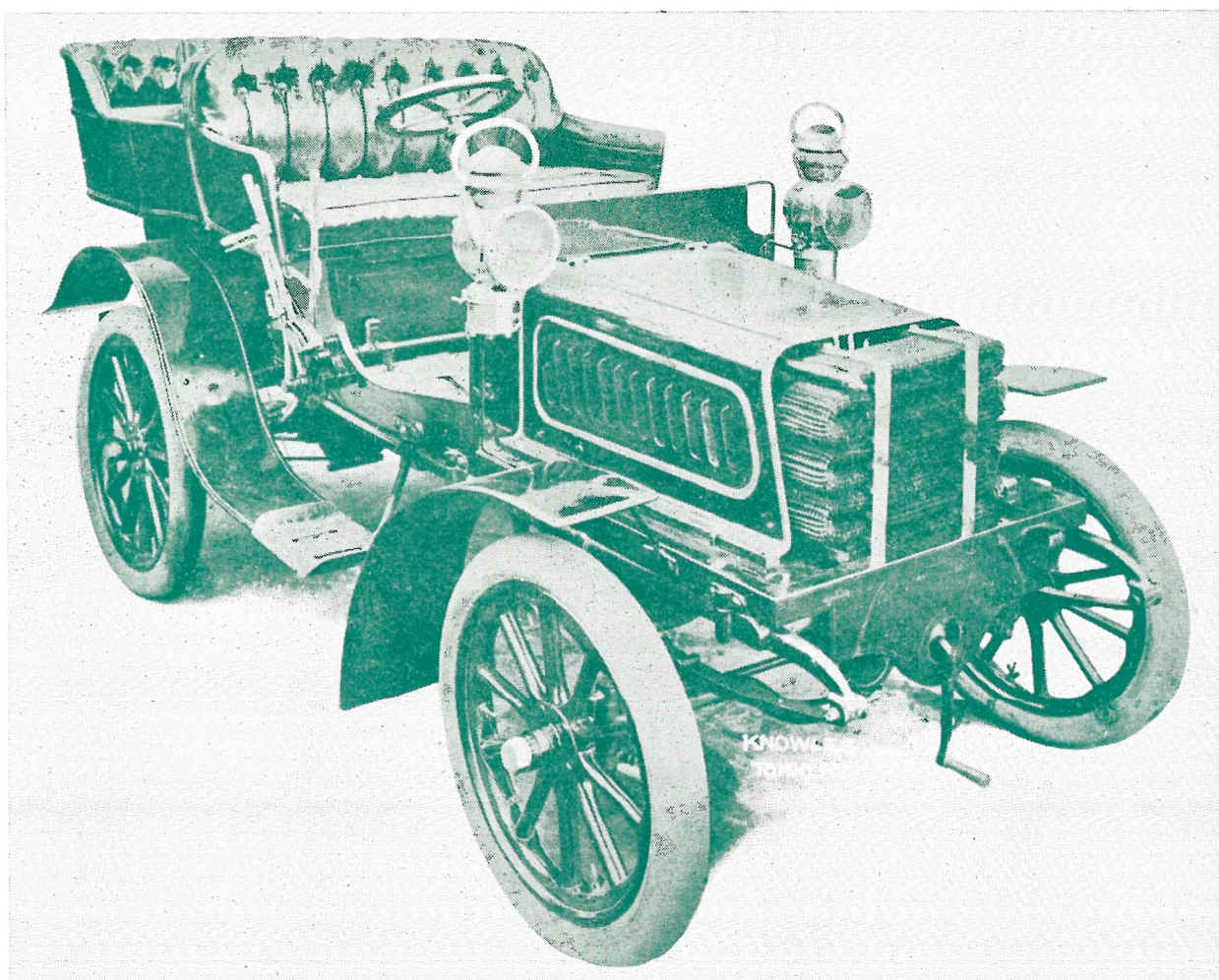
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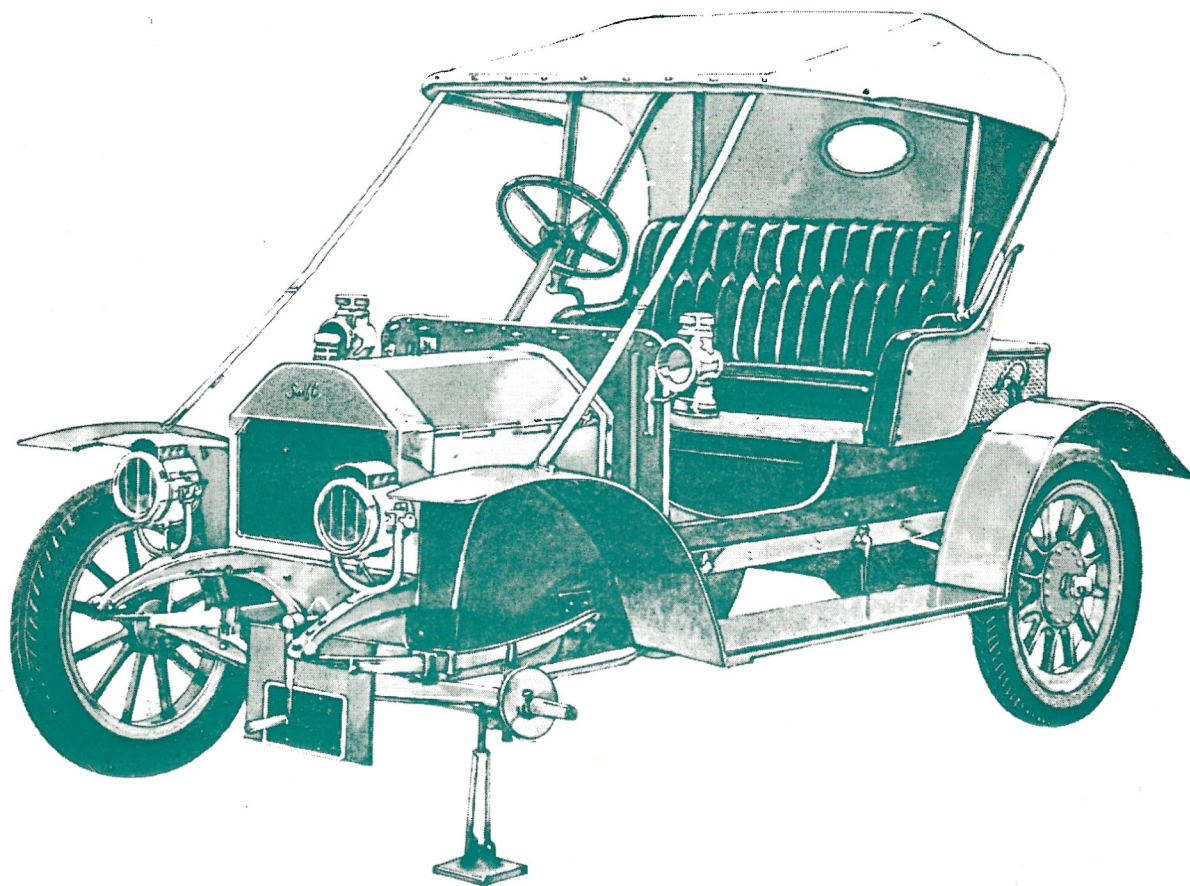


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PLEASE NOTE: Annual Subscriptions are now due.

The next General Meeting of the V.C.C.A. of N.S.W. will be held in the Club-rooms on THURSDAY, 28TH JULY, 1977.

Guest Speaker: Senior Constable Harvey Juergens, Police Public Relations
Subject: "Activities of the Highway Patrol"

COPY REQUIRED BY FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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



Attendance at the June meeting was gratifying. Surely it was an omen for the continuing strength of our club when so many members came out to elect their office-bearers for 1977-78; members of long standing, too numerous to mention by name in this space. Keep up the practice and please also start up those lovely machines hidden under dust covers and air them at events. You can be certain of a welcome at each activity.

Your newly elected Committee has met and had portfolios allocated so it would not be brash to suggest that another year of achievement can be anticipated by the members, with the members participating, for the members to enjoy. (It is a democratic club.)

Editor.

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) HELD ON THURSDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1977 AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK.

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- PRESENT: 96 members and 6 visitors.
The meeting was declared open by the Chairman (L. Sheen) and the visitors were welcomed.
- VISITORS: L. Hardman, G. Pickering, E. Bronk, S. Lovell, W. Muddell.
- APOLOGIES: D. Steer, K. Quarmbay, R. Tunbridge, A. Rosebray, L. Baxter, B. Pearce, I. McEachern, B. Seward, B. Garth, M. Holmes, R. Thomas, C. Sultana.
- MINUTES: The minutes of the Monthly General Meeting of 26th May, 1977, having been circularised in SPIT AND POLISH were confirmed as a true record on the motion of W. East, seconded by D. Rosebray.
CARRIED.
- TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was accepted on the motion of A. McLeod, seconded by R. Farrell.
CARRIED.
- CORRESPONDENCE: Newsletter from the Crankhandle Club of South Africa.
Letter from the Catholic Teachers College re the car of R. Jones for their stage production.
Letter from P. Clough re change of address.

Minutes 23/6/77 (Continued)Correspondence (Cont'd.)

Letter from V.C.C.A. Newcastle Branch re lapel and name badges also minutes of June meeting.

Letter from R. Turner re patterns for Renault gear box. This work is to be organised by R. Jones. Meeting considered this arrangement to be satisfactory.

Letter from V.S.C.C. inviting this club to their outing to the Lithgow Zig-zag Railway on 3rd September.

Moved J. Pickup, seconded J. Butcher, that correspondence as read be received. CARRIED.

INVESTIGATION & DATING:

Fred Symes	1912 T Ford Roadster
Denis Lovell	1909 Sizaire Naudin Victoria Phaeton

NEW MEMBERS:

Norman John Wakeham,
64a Pellisier Road,
PUTNEY POINT. 2112

Incomplete Calcott

Richard Graham Day,
Lot 7, Stahls Road,
OAKVILLE. 2765

1913 T Ford Tourer (Not yet
inspected.)

Both the above are applying for Associate Membership and the following two are applying for full membership:

Frederick George Symes,
Sapphire Street,
TINGHA. 2369

1912 T Ford Roadster

Denis Lovell,
619 Forest Road,
PEAKHURST. 2110

1909 Sizaire Naudin Victoria
Phaeton

It was moved by D. Berthon, seconded by R. Farrell, that these applicants be accepted as members of the club in the appropriate category. CARRIED.

The new members were welcomed to the club.

EVENTS:

The Navigators Run on 28th August is the only run proposed, because of the change in Committee.

The trophy for the 1976 Navigators Run was presented to L. Hardman. The barbecue trailer is now almost complete and what was not acquired specifically for the purpose by donation was paid for out of raffle funds.

MAGAZINE:

No report.

Minutes 23/6/77 (Continued)

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

There are only four tickets left for the shage show "A Chorus Line".

PERMITS TO MOVE:

There is only one permit being processed at this time, for P. Michaels.

REGISTRAR: No report.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY:

A map of the proposed route was on display in the hall. Photographs from the entrants are still required for the souvenir programme.

CLUBROOMS: The carport at No. 136 Queens Road has been approved by Council and will be erected in the near future.

LIBRARIAN: No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The entertainment for the July Meeting has been confirmed. This is a talk by Harvey Juergens of the Highway Patrol.

PHOTOGRAPHER: No report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Items to be included on the agenda for the Federal A.G.M. are:

- (1) The International Rally.
- (2) The Federal Roster.
- (3) The position of Sales Tax on cars and parts coming into the country.

Change of address for G. Dibley, this is C/- Bank N.S.W., Albury. G. Sevenoaks proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Committee.

As there as no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) HELD ON THURSDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1977 AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK.

Meeting convened by Chairman (L. Sheen) at 9.00 p.m.

PRESENT: 96 members and 6 visitors.

APOLOGIES: It was agreed that apologies for June Monthly Meeting be accepted.

BUSINESS: This Special General Meeting of the V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) was called by the President L.K. Sheen to consider the appointment of

Minutes Special Meeting 23/6/77 (Cont'd.)

Mr. W. McCarthy, Honorary Treasurer, to the position of Honorary Life Membership of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (N.S.W.).

After the meeting was opened, the Chairman invited comment from members. Discussion for the proposal was voiced by A. Foy, K. Moss, M. Chapman, R. Baxter, and G. Roberts. There was no comment against the proposal.

It was then moved by J. Dance and seconded by K. Carden that W. McCarthy be made an Honorary Life Member. CARRIED.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1977

This is the Twenty Third President's Report to our club members, and firstly I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Management Committee for their loyal support during the past year, also to all members who have willingly given their services which all adds up to a very successful club.

Club Membership stays stable, with a loss of some members through non-payment of dues and resignations, while we have a steady inflow of new members both full and associate. It is surprising the number of Veteran Cars still being found. Full membership 12 new members, 5 Junior, associate wife 2, making a total of 322 members.

Vice-President George Roberts has been busy with the dating and investigation of cars during the year and also very active with the 1978 International Rally.

Vice-President Max Roberts is doing an excellent organising job with the 1978 International Rally which looks like being the greatest event of the seventies. Max is also our Club Members' Registrar.

Secretary Bob Peterson has been very helpful in his capacity as Secretary which has been ably carried out. It is regretted that he cannot carry on this year.

Treasurer Bill McCarthy is to be congratulated on the efficient manner that he carried out his duties; always so precise. Treasurer duties include most demanding bookwork as we now have a turnover of some \$42,000 for the year - not a small amount for any club. Bill has stated he is not standing for Committee this year and I trust some time in the future he may be treasurer again. I would like to congratulate Bill on his appointment as Life Member, so rightly deserved.

Max Chapman as Editor and Chairman of the Magazine Panel has managed to keep costs within his budget, while presenting a very interesting SPIT AND POLISH each month, and also very punctual.

David Berthon as Public Relations Officer ran our first large display of cars at Westfield, a very professional event which deserved a much better following from the public.

President's Report (Cont'd.)

Peter Wards, Events Chairman, had some well-attended family outings which were much enjoyed by all who came along in Veteran or Modern cars. The club events I think are one of the most important of all club affairs.

Allan Blevins as Building Chairman has spent all available time on our buildings; some things still need to be completed.

Michael Bendeich as Registration Officer has carried out his duties efficiently during the year. Please help Michael by sending your cheque early for next year's registration.

Barry Saward as Social Secretary, our first male member as such, has had some rewarding "firsts" in social outings, well attended by members and friends.

Jack Thorpe our official photographer has again been active with his camera, completing the club record of members' cars.

This past year has been very pleasing to me to see the completion of our purchase of the property next door to clubrooms. This purchase has been very successful, thanks to the debenture holders who subscribed generously, and with the rent received over the ten months we only owe the bank \$2401 and our overall position, as audited report states, is that we are in credit at the bank \$1092, all rents after outgoings should be paid back to debenture holders next February and so start to reduce our commitment to them.

This coming club year is very important to N.S.W., being the prestige year. The President of N.S.W. is the President of the Veteran Car Club of Australia, an honour which only comes around every eight years and should be earned by the President of each state in turn, so that a continuity of Federal matters is obtained.

May our great club continue to prosper in the future and a very successful club it is indeed.

LEN SHEEN,

President.

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TREASURER'S REPORT 23/6/77

I am pleased to report that the Club has again completed a successful year. Net profit exceeded expectations at \$3774, an increase of \$1171 over last year, and gross turnover of funds the the year was \$46904.

Income and Expenditure Account

While donations (excluding the major raffle proceeds) fell by \$450 from the record figure of 1976 an increase of \$298 in subscriptions and entrance fees, the sale of advertising in SPIT AND POLISH, sale of colour transparencies of veteran cars together with \$1068 raised by raffle of a painting donated by artist member Colin Parker enabled us to achieve this most satisfactory result. As all donations have been acknowledged in monthly financial reports I

Treasurer's Report (Cont'd.)

have not repeated the individual details but once again the Club's thanks are offered to all those members whose cash donations, trophies, prizes and articles for sale etc. at meetings have contributed towards this outcome.

Hall rentals totalled \$1199 compared with \$890 last year. We now have 19 organisations using the hall though several meet less frequently than monthly. We gained 5 new tenants during the year and the hall showed a trading surplus of \$11. This is considered satisfactory as all expenses, namely rates, lighting and heating, caretaking, insurance etc. have been paid from rents; we have conducted all V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) meetings on the premises without cost and still made a profit. However, the Committee decided recently to raise rentals slightly from 1/6/77 to keep pace with steeply rising charges. This is the first increase since we began letting the premises in January 1973. All tenant clubs were notified and no adverse reaction has been noted to date.

The purchase of the adjoining property, 136 Queens Road, was completed in August 1976 and the house was immediately let at \$50 per week to most reliable tenants. Profit from this property was \$1411. Capital repayments of \$1600 in reduction of the bank overdraft were excluded from this figure.

Other club activities such as Rallies, Social Functions and 3rd Party Insurances operated successfully, reflecting the efficiency of the various office-bearers concerned.

SPIT AND POLISH costs were contained within revenue, showing an actual surplus of \$26 over expenditure. A significant factor in this result was the sale of \$613 worth of advertising and the importance of this source of income is commended to the incoming Magazine Panel. It will be noted in the published statements that surplus from magazines is shown as \$276. Our accountants have grouped \$250, sale of car colour transparencies, under this heading.

Other operating expenses generally followed the normal pattern and have not been commented upon in detail, other than the following:

- (1) Interest \$588 reflecting usage of the bank overdraft and payments to debenture holders (less amounts redonated to the club by numerous members).
- (2) Bank Charges \$322 which include various costs associated with discharge of the mortgage on 134 Queens Road and establishment of the new overdraft secured solely by a mortgage over 136 Queens Road, Five Dock.

As a matter of interest the deeds to 134 Queens Road are now completely free of any encumbrance and are lodged for safe custody with the Rural Bank of N.S.W., Rockdale.

In view of this favourable financial result it is recommended that membership fees remain unaltered at the existing level.

Balance Sheet.

Liabilities. Accumulated Funds rose by \$3774, the amount of the surplus for the year, to \$22713. The bank overdraft stands at \$2401, a most encouraging position after only ten months' ownership of the 136 Queens Road property.

Members' Loans (debentures) \$16650 constitute the club's principal liability. Other Current Liabilities amount to a nominal \$325.

Treasurer's Report (Cont'd.)

Assets. The property 136 Queens Road appears fully in the balance sheet for the first time, further strengthening the club's total assets. A film projector was purchased during the year at cost \$1104.88. The actual position showed Fixed Assets (freehold, buildings, furniture, fittings etc.) \$37464; Current Assets (stock, debtors, cash at bank etc.) \$4625. Grand Total of Assets \$42089, surplus of assets over liabilities \$22713.

General. Current reduction arrangements with the Rural Bank indicate that our overdraft will be repaid in approximately three years. Earlier clearance would, of course, be to the club's advantage.

Members' debentures, carrying interest at 3 3/4%, are at a month's call and it would also be to the club's advantage to consider establishing a sinking fund now to meet possible redemptions if called for and the progressive repayment of this liability.

The club has concluded a most gratifying year and thanks are extended to all members whose support has made this possible.

All books, vouchers and records have been audited by W.V. King & Associates, Chartered Accountants, who have certified as to their correctness. A full Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet, compiled by the Accountants, is annexed hereto. As is customary a copy of this report with supporting annexures will be published in the July issue of SPIT AND POLISH.

BILL MC CARTHY,

Honorary Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We report to the members that, in our opinion:

1. The accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the Club, which are to be read in conjunction with the notes attached to and forming part thereof, give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 31st May, 1977 and of the results for the year then ended.
2. The accounting records and other records and the Register of Members required by the Constitution to be kept have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Signed at Sydney,
June, 1977.

W.V. KING & ASSOCIATES,
Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1977

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		
Balance as at 1st June, 1976	18,939	16,336
Add: Surplus for the year	3,774	2,603
Balance as at 31st May, 1977	<u>\$22,713</u>	<u>\$18,939</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Stock on Hand at Cost - Note 1	320	506
Sundry Debtors	726	286
Cash at Banks	1,771	16,923
Deposits	80	80
	<u>2,897</u>	<u>17,795</u>
<u>DEDUCT:</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Bank Overdraft - Note 2	2,401	-
House Bond	100	
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	225	468
Rosters	-	390
	<u>2,726</u>	<u>858</u>
	171	16,937
<u>ADD:</u>		
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Meeting Hall, 134 Queens Rd., Five Dock at cost	10,264	10,264
Building, 136 Queens Rd., Five Dock at cost	24,765	3,013
Furniture, Fittings, Office Machines, Equipment		
Floor Coverings & Library at cost	3,874	
Less: Prov. for Depreciation	<u>1,439</u>	<u>(1,076)</u>
	<u>2,435</u>	<u>14,970</u>
	<u>37,464</u>	<u>37,464</u>
	37,635	31,907
<u>ADD:</u>		
<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
Bank of N.S.W. Investment Account	-	500
Building Fund	1,728	1,632
Commonwealth Bonds	-	1,500
	<u>1,728</u>	<u>3,632</u>
	39,363	35,539
<u>DEDUCT:</u>		
<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Members' Loans - Note 3	16,650	16,600
<u>EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$22,713</u>	<u>\$18,939</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1977.

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
Annual Subscriptions & Entrance Fees	2,042	1,744
Donations	1,680	2,130
Hall Rentals	1,199	890
Less: Hall Expenses	1,188	(824)
House Rents	2,000	-
Less: Expenses	589	-
Interest Received	350	275
Raffles	1,068	-
Surplus on Insurances	169	143
Surplus from Magazine	276	-
Surplus from Rallies	167	74
Surplus from Social Functions	-	107
Surplus from Trading	-	4
Sundries	-	3
	<u>7,174</u>	<u>4,546</u>

DEDUCT:EXPENSES

Affiliation Fees	133	133
Audit and Accountancy	225	180
(The Auditor received no other benefits)		
Bank Charges	322	39
Depreciation	363	222
Federal Conference	151	312
General Expenses	139	20
Honorarium	300	200
Interest	588	149
Loss on Socials	85	-
Loss on Other Events	14	-
Magazines	-	55
Printing, Stationery & Postages	637	379
Rosters	261	-
Tea Money	-	62
Trophies & Presentations	182	192
	<u>3,400</u>	<u>3,400</u>
	<u>3,400</u>	<u>1,943</u>

SURPLUS for the year transferred to
Accumulated Funds

\$3,774 \$2,603

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1977.1. STOCK ON HAND.

We have accepted a certificate from the Honorary Treasurer as to the value of stock as at 31st May, 1977.

2. BANK OVERDRAFT.

This account (\$2,401) is with the Rural Bank, Rockdale Branch, and is secured over 136 Queens Road, Five Dock.

3. MEMBERS' LOANS.

The unsecured 25 loans of \$16,650 on issue are redeemable at one month's call and yield an interest rate of 3 3/4% p.a.

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S C E N E S O C I A L L Y

Jack Garwood in dock for oil pump and timing adjustment.

Ron Craze having a bit of sleeve valve repair.

Our best wishes for speedy return to health to both of you.

Don Steer's lower ball joints have been creaking a bit lately (no wonder you say considering the rough roads he travels) and he's going to have the seals broken and the joints re-lubricated soon.

Andrew Matthews, who enlivened the Western Tour, has been collecting wood splinters in his rear body section - which had to be cut away and rewelded.

S O C I A L C O R N E R

Public Relations Officer David Berthon will roster people for social events. Please contact him with your good ideas. This system will spread the load so he is expecting a rash of volunteers. Ed.

August Meeting - Film - 9 p.m. sharp.
Full length feature, "The Blue Max"
starring George Peppard and Ursula Andress.

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V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) OFFICE-BEARERS 1977-78

President	L.K. SHEEN	42.4198 (H)
Vice-Presidents	G.A. ROBERTS	371.8626 (H)
	D.M. ROBERTS	449.1722 (H)
Hon. Secretary	J. THOMSON	651.2247 (H)
Hon. Treasurer	B. BRONK	337.4396 (H)
Committee	D. BERTHON, A. BLEVINS, K. CARDEN, M. CHAPMAN, B. THEW	
Investigations	G.A. ROBERTS, D.M. ROBERTS	
Events	B. THEW	638.1155 (H)
Magazine	M. CHAPMAN	94.6402 (H)
	J. THOMSON	651.2247 (H)
	J. SIMPSON	869.1350 (H)
Public Relations	D. BERTHON	639.0603 (H)
Property	A. BLEVINS	639.8727 (H)
Permits to Move	K. CARDEN	871.2158 (H)
Librarian	J. SIMPSON	869.1350 (H)
Social Secretary	Roster basis, per D. BERTHON	639.0603
CVVTMC Delegates	L. SHEEN, G. ROBERTS	
Registrar	D.M. ROBERTS	
Property Controller	W. MC CARTHY	798.6941 (H)
Insurance Officer	V. JACOBS	
Photographer & Vehicle Records	J. THORPE	
Club Historians	A. ROSE-BRAY, R.A. FOY, G.A. ROBERTS, J. GARWOOD	
Research Historian	G.A. ROBERTS	
Legal Office	J. THOMSON	
Auditors	W.V. KING & ASSOCIATES	

PLEASE KEEP THESE FOR REFERENCE



Beware you speedsters! Member George Harris's son David was pulled up by the gendarmes for speeding - 80km/h in a 60km/h zone - on a pushbike!

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Where was the Member for Robertson on the night of our A.G.M.? Never mind, he's still Insurance Officer and must have been about the only absent one judging by the dearth of seats. Pam Roberts (George's) and Hilda Sheen had to give up their seats.

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Couple of members recently flew to Paris where the younger and taller just happened to find some De Dion bits - quite a collection, apparently.

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Who was the wit at the back of the hall during the May Meeting who suggested that we "keep it in the family and send along the Pope" to the Roman Catholic school stage show? Quick, delightful and certainly "a'pope'riate" thinking.

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Another recent tripper - George Sevenoaks who said he'd been "overseas at Manly".

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Masochism from way back? Look at the bottom picture on page 31 of RESTORED CARS No. 23. There is a club for such activity; thriving too.

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Following on the yeoman's service that Allen Blythe has given to a couple of members with his trailer, it was gratifying to see him go to the official table to receive a trophy. Nice work, Allen.

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The club is once again, in its own quiet way, a power in the land. It may not be known to many that even if Val Garthon is unable to get a verbal grip on Arthur's ears, at least she can claim attention from newspaper editor's eyes. What members interest themselves in the letters to the editor? (Reference "Sydney Morning Herald" 9th June.)

(Continued on Page 14.....)

STEERING COLUMN (CONTINUED)

Did you notice Bill McCarthy's theatrical comings and goings at the A.G.M.? He passes out through one door off 'the stage' (the theatrically minded buffs doubtless saw it as the OP side) as an ordinary member, and apparently seconds later he reappears through the other door to be acclaimed as a Life Member. Real theatrical it was - Bill standing on the dais in a brilliance of photo flashes, just like some notable receiving an Oscar! Could not have happened to a more deserving, hard working member.

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Three wheels or four? Along the grapevine we have heard a rumour of the acquisition of a Morgan. Has the Chalmers lost its charm? Is this to be another case for George Roberts?

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V A L E

The death occurred on 4th July of Sep. Hall. As he had been suffering for a number of years, most fellow members, and certainly the younger ones, have not seen him very often. He was unable to make very much use of his Minerva due to his disability.

Sep. gave invaluable service to the Club as its Legal Officer, climaxed during acquisition of the Club Hall and subsequently the adjacent property; and in fact acted in this capacity almost to the day of his death. He was instrumental in obtaining Permits to Move for our veterans.

Another untimely demise was that of Barry King, who likewise had been ill for some time so probably would not be well known in Club circles.

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E V E N T S

SUNDAY, AUG. 28TH

Tentative date for the Navigators' Rally.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

Invitation Run to Mount Wilson with the Vintage Sports Car Club. Rendezvous Castle Hill Road near Thompson's Corner, 9.30 a.m. Lunch at Mt. Wilson then run to Zig Zag - ETA 1.30 p.m. Modern cars welcome.

B. THEW

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Extract from May, 1977 "Claxon News":

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

Non-Fiction

By Margaret Benhom

One of our Ballina members, Howard Hughes*, has almost completed the restoration of his 1906 15 h.p. Ford.

When he first obtained the vehicle, there was precious little of it, but being a keen veteran enthusiast, and a bit of a Ford crank into the bargain, the greater the task of restoration, the more of a challenge to him.

Howard first began work on this car three years ago, and during this time he has searched Australia, New Zealand and the U.S.A. for correct items, including a radiator.

Recently, when visiting our home, he was grinning from ear to ear, and couldn't wait to tell us that he had located a correct radiator in America, and in very good condition into the bargain.

After several letters, and a none-too-small sum of money crossing the Pacific, it looked as though things were progressing very well.

Howard was delighted to think that someone so far away would take the time to help him obtain such a rare and essential item for his car.

As in Australia, Americans use bags similar to our lined postal packets for bulky articles. As you are no doubt aware, these are only made to a certain size. It so happened the largest size available was a fraction too small for our American friend to place the radiator in. Guess what this, this intelligent individual did? He did what any normal halfwit would do. He bought two "post-packs", then CUT THE RADIATOR IN HALF, and after placing one half in each pack, he posted them off.

Then he wrote and told Howard what he'd done.

Howard doesn't look too well these days, and he's aged considerably. Upon opening the letter he had a heart attack and a stroke. Just lately he has a vacant, fixed, glazed look about his eyes, however apart from this and his incoherent stutter he seems to be improving.

It is unbelievable that anyone, with even only a small amount of common sense, could possibly do such a stupid thing, but they say that there's one born every minute, don't they.

* V.C.C.A. (N.S.W.) member.

L.P.G., OR L.P. GAS

From the pen of F.W.D. Bluum

Liquified Petroleum Gas is a commercial mixture of gaseous petroleum compounds, principally propane and butane, with certain similar gases which are present in smaller amounts.

L.P.G. is very similar to gasoline in its chemical nature. Both consist of a mixture of compounds made up of hydrogen and carbon derived from petroleum sources. The principal difference between the two products is that L.P.G. vaporises more easily than gasoline because the ingredients, butane and propane, have a much lower boillint point.

Before World War II, the main ingredient of L.P.G. was butane, and the commerical mixture was commonly sold under the name 'Propane'. The difference, mainly, between propane and butane is the point (or temperature) at which each boils, or vaporises, from the liquid state, propane at any temperature warmer than minus 44° F, and butane at any temperature over plus 32° F.

Considering the vapourising temperature, it is quite easy to understand why butane could not be used in ambient temperatures below freezing, as the liquid could not vaporise. Similarly, propane should not be used in cigarette lighters or other similar appliances, as the lower boiling point of the gas could literally turn this rather harmless article into a virtual high explosive bomb, due to exposure to normal body heat which could increase the internal gas pressure by expansion.

L.P. Gas is a by-product of the manufacture of gasoline. Crude oil yields about 2% butane and 2% propane. L.P. Gas can also be extracted from natural gas. One cubic foot of natural gas contains over 6% butane and 12% propane.

L.P.G. is a gas which, for convenience in storing, transporting and handling, has been transformed into a liquid by compressing and cooking. In the gaseous state it is bulky and unwieldy, but when liquified, about 250 gallons of gas are converted in 1 gallon of liquid. Liquified Petroleum Gas is always stored as a liquid, but is used as a vapour at all times in the internal combustion engine.

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HERE WE GO AGAIN - OR ANOTHER REVOLUTION
OF THE VETERAN WHEEL.

(being an account of moving house).

There can be no denying that life consists of all sorts of odd bits. Should we say 'life', or 'our notion of how to live our life'? Amongst us we have the many who own their home and are hard put to find a veteran car for the additional shed space. There is also the minority who own a veteran car but have not a permanent home at which to house it. Indeed, more often than not

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there is primarily inadequate garaging in most rented houses. But this has its compensations for those who do things the hard way, either by choice or by force of circumstances.

A search for premises is always a two-pronged affair, with each 'prong' having an equal thrust. The building must conform to domestic needs within reasonable limits, but it is vitally essential that the building itself or the surrounding area, provide ready means for housing a vulnerable vehicle.

This must be a definite structure, or trees, bushes, fences - anything which has the potential for carrying lengths of 3 x 2, sheets of iron, gyprock, even masonite or wallboard. Anything, in fact, which can be employed for keeping away the wather and the sun.

Whilst such difficulties would appear to many to be outside the realms of desirability, they do present a challenge, and one which keeps a fellow on his toes. There is always a satisfaction in getting over, or round, or even through some hurdles.

The inconvenience of changing one's residence has at least one compensation, namely, the right to drive the vehicle (a) on a fixture which has not been organised by the Events Committee, (b) on a week day. On all such occasions in the past, it has been mechanically possible to drive the vehicle in question from the old address to the new, and, on each occasion it has been loaded down with a lot of its own gear. However, this time 'the old order changeth, giving place to new'.

We understand that most types of bad luck seem to occur in threes. The Old Girl recently suffered what would appear to be the final indignity, by returning to the stable per medium of a trailer! The lurid reason for this is known to most members, and in consequence of such malfunction she suffered a second indignity by not changing her address, as it were, but by having it changed for her. She was transferred forcibly, but with care, by a medium weight truck, being dragged by a chain, but kept at a safe distance by a 3" pipe through which the chain passed. We always endeavour to appreciate the bright side of most malodorous functions, and in this case the bright side was supplied by the thought that we can now fully appreciate the feeling of the Rolls boys. At 25 to 35 mph there was not a sound from under the bonnet - not a sound! In different circumstances, a thrilling drive.

The first thought for her third transport indignity (similar to that of a sick dog) of being carried home, can be dismissed out of hand, remembering that the name is Simpson, not Samson!

And now she is enjoying the rare distinction, for her, of passing through double doors into a shed. But this new set-up is not as good as it sounds, for the roof is screaming out for complete restoration. It is well beyond the capacity of the combined efforts of Barr's Leaks and the Jack Dance special - Araldite.

However, while this state leaves us in our old position of doing

things the hard way, a complete answer has been provided by an all over cover of plastic, put on over the dust cover.

So that, doing things the hard way still pays off, for it is a means of satisfying one's weakness (Veteranism is a sort of mental aberration) and in addition, keeps a member vehicle mobile. As one member at least will appreciate: *"Vitai meccanicae lampada tradit."*

JIM SIMPSON

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FOR THE COOKS

Dinner-a-la-Working Housewife's Husband

Cooking time: 20 mins.

1 packet Rice-a-Riso
1 bit imagination

- 1 Take one packet Rice-a-Riso, follow directions for cooking and add all those odd bits and pieces out of the 'fridge.

Serve piping hot. Will feed 3-6 people, depending upon how hungry you may be.

Quick Chicken

ROWLEY

Chicken Pieces
1 can Chicken Soup
1/3 cup sherry

Brown chicken pieces.
Combine soup and sherry and pour over chicken pieces in casserole dish.

Heat oven to 375° and cook for 1½ hours.

Serve with rice or vegetables.

JAN.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNTRAINED SERVANTS.

Be not glum, nor twinkle with your eyes, nor be heavy of cheer; and keep your eyes from winking and watering. Twist not your neck askew like a jack-daw; wring not your hands, nor puff up your chest, nor be slow of hearing. Do not lick a dish with tongue to get out dust. Do not sigh or cough or breathe hard in the presence of your sovereign. (An extract from a set of instructions issued in the Middle Ages - we do seem to have progressed somewhat.)

BACK ONE DECADEFrom SPIT AND POLISH July 1967:

Editor Geoff Lehmann reported that this was his final issue and Jim Simpson was editor-elect.

Ron Craze had had a letter from Rhodesia seeking parts for a 1911-12 B.S.A. (Did you strip some of yours to share with the chap, Ron?)

Laurie Sykes won a sewing machine donated by H.G. Palmer's.

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5. Remy Ignition Coil, cylindrical, mounts through bulkhead.
6. Herm. Riemann Gas Generator. Fair condition.
7. Prest-O-lite Gas Cylinder (car size). Good condition.
8. Lucas Triple Twist Bulb Horn. Good condition.
9. Desmo Bulb Horn. Large Size. Good condition.
10. Pair electric side lamps. Suit Veteran Daimler.
11. Brass Mounting Saddles for Prest-O-lite cylinders. Brand new.
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ADVERTISEMENTS (CONTINUED)

ALL STATES

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Model R Hupmobile about 1920, tourer
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or Wanted.)

WANTED:

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