



# Spit and Polish

NEWSLETTER OF THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.)

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## EDITORIAL

Firstly, I would like to wish all entrants in the Blue Mountains Rally happy motoring.

Secondly, I wish to thank several correspondents for letters and articles. I now have a small reserve and an interesting article for the next issue.

- GEOFFREY LEHMANN

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next General Meeting will be held in the Amenities Room, H.C. Sleight Ltd., 190 Clarence St., Sydney, on THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH, at 8 p.m. sharp.

- JACK DANCE,  
Hon. Secretary.

## CONCOURSE DAY AT VAUCLUSE HOUSE.

The Concourse Judging Day was held on 21st February at Vaucluse House. Twenty five cars attended and seventeen were offered for judging. There were some surprises and the result will not be announced until after the Blue Mountains Rally - at the Annual Ball in April. The well-known Armstrong Whitworth and Metalurgique attended. The Locomobile is back in circulation - and Lober's 1901 Oldsmobile has been re-restored.

Ray Hills newly-restored Hupmobile made its first official outing.

It has been said that the judges had difficulty in choosing the best restored and most original vehicle.

Vaucluse House again proved an ideally pleasant place for the outing, providing excellent picnic and lunch facilities - reasonable privacy and plenty of shade for the February heat.

## Cars attending the Concourse judging:

A. McLeod	Star	1912
J. McGowan	Armstrong Whitworth	1910
W. Hardman	Oakland	1914
K. Moss	Cadillac	1912
W. Spraggon	Renault	1908
J. Cooper	Renault	1909
K. Lober	Oldsmobile	1901
J. Vanstone	Metalurgique	1908
L. Masser	Hupmobile	1911
L. Sykes	Humberette	1913
V. Jacobs	Ford T	1912
J. Jeffrey	Locomobile	1914
J. Knight	International	1910
G. Roberts	Calthorpe	1912

F. Nissen	Humber	1906
K. Nutt	Hupmobile	1911
R. Hill	Hupmobile	1909
L. Jones	Hupmobile	1909
B. Roberts	Ford T	1910
L. Deimel	Maxwell	1909
D. South	Overland	1912
A. Garthon	Delahaye	1914
L. Sheen	Humber	1913
R. Jones	Oakland	1914
R. Corlett	Oakland	1916

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#### THE DAY THE ROT SET IN

It all started one day about five years ago. Friends had invited us to visit a relative's farm, and while the women stayed in the kitchen, the men had a look at the machinery around the place. In one of the sheds my husband came across what was the start of a project which has taken all of his spare time ever since - it was a very old car engine, and for the rest of the day that was the only thing he was interested in. He had the owner tell him all about the history of the car, who owned it, where it had been during its useful life etc., and when we left for home that night he had bought it from the farmer and was on the way to becoming an enthusiast.

After that we spent three or four weekends visiting other farms in the district where the car had been. The body had been left at such and such a place, about 40 years ago, so over there we went, only to be told that it had been in a shed up till about five years ago, then a new owner took over the farm, and he had pushed all the junk (his words) over a cliff to get rid of it, so down this cliff we climbed, only to find out that some boys had been seen dragging the car body away. We traced these boys, now grown up, but they had pushed it into a pond, somebody else had dragged it out, but the last they saw of it was when it had run down a steep hill and into the river, and as this river had been in flood a few times since then, you can guess that we never did find the rest of that veteran car, and so I thought that was the end of that fad, but how wrong I was! My dear husband heard of another one and he was off again - this time he got one with an engine, plus four wheels and a chassis, then the fun really started. We had to get parts, lamps, horn etc. etc. etc. We took many country trips looking for things for the car, and the thrill we got when we came across anything made it all worth while.

Then when he started to work on it, the garage wasn't big enough so another one had to be built right across the yard (hang the expense) then a lathe was bought to make the parts that were needed and slowly the bits and pieces started to go together again, and something looking like a car is emerging from the ruins. Now each week bits and pieces are added to the pile; these pieces always look as though they should have been left where he found them, but after hours of buffing and polishing the brass looks as good as new and so onto the car they go, and now at last he has got just about everything he needs. I sigh with relief - now maybe we can catch up on the jobs around the house, but once again I'm wrong - he declares that he has a few bits over, so he may as well get another car, and that's just what he has done. So here we go again, but that's another story!

(Signed) VINTAGE WIFE

(Mrs. D. Pearce)

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#### MEETING REPORT.

The February General Meeting was held in the H.C. Sleigh Amenities Room on Thursday 25th. In the absence of the President, George Green, and the Secretary, Jack Dance, these positions were occupied by Ken Moss and John Naylor.

At this meeting no information was presented concerning the future sponsorship of the Club and future meeting accommodation was left quite undecided. George Roberts had established that the Sydney Motor and Bicycle Club had not had any female admitted to its premises in all of its 87 years and as a licensed club it would not be able to admit juniors. Arrangements with the A.M.P. for room, kitchen, crockery and attendant would work out at about 22 guineas per night. Qantas charge



6 guineas per night for their theatrette and an additional 2 guinea charge if their projectionist is required. He has some further places to investigate.

Len Sheen reported on Concourse Day at Vacluse House. This has been reported separately. He also outlined the preliminary arrangements concerning the Blue Mountains Rally on 27th and 28th March.

An arrangement has been reached with the B.M.C. concerning the printing of the leaflets and this will save the Club a considerable amount of money. The entry forms are to be in by 13th March and it is probable that final instructions will accompany this issue of SPIT AND POLISH.

Invitations have been issued to the Veteran Motor Cycle and the Antique and Classic Clubs for veterans to attend the Rally.

Cars have been requested for the Festival of Fishers Ghost at Campbelltown, but as the notice is extremely short, it is unlikely that any would be able to attend. Cars were also requested for some charity event at Brookvale Mall on 3rd April.

George Roberts reported on the activities of the Investigation Committee and as a result of this, two new full members were admitted. Darryl Cawthorne will also change from an Associate to a Full Member, having procured both an Austin and F.N.

There was again considerable discussion with the Registrar, Allan Foy, concerning the failure of members to return plates when registration of vehicles is not required. There was criticism that these vehicles could possibly be used and thus jeopardise the position of the whole club.

Allan Blevins, speaking as a judge at the Concourse, was critical of the mechanical position of quite a few cars and he raised the point that he felt that inspection for registration had not been severe enough. It was readily pointed out that the club was much more stringent than garages. It was also pointed out that there was no follow-up to see that members had remedied faults prior to issue of a current certificate. Inspection Officers pointed out that this follow-up inspection would be impracticable to carry out as the Committee travels vast distances doing essential investigations and dating work.

The Social Secretary reminded members about the Ball on 10th April. Her notice will be printed separately.

New members and Associate Members were nominated and accepted at the meeting. See separate list.

FULL MEMBERSHIP:

David Roberts, 61 Dobroyd Parade, Haberfield.	71/6445	1909 Renault Tourer.
Kenneth McKeown, 5 Orban Street, Maclean.		Armstrong Whitworth Tourer, 1914 or before.
Darryl Cawthorne, 14 Bligh Crescent, Seaforth.		Armstrong Tourer, and T.N. Tourer

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Phillip Aldous,  
56 Telegraph Rd., Pymble.

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THE COUNCIL OF VETERAN, VINTAGE AND THOROUGHBRED MOTOR CLUBS - RALLY, 1965.

The Council of Veteran, Vintage and Thoroughbred Motor Clubs will hold a Rally at Warwick Farm on Sunday, 11th April 1965. The same area that was used last year has been made available again, i.e. the car park at the Sydney end of the racecourse property, fronting the Hume Highway. A teams event will be held after lunch to provide interest for spectators and a trophy will be presented to the winning club. The general public will be excluded.

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STARTING TIME: Gates open at 10 a.m.

LUNCH: Participants are requested to bring their own picnic lunch and drinks. Soft drinks, cigarettes etc. will be available on the grounds. Lunch at 12 p.m.

TEAMS EVENTS: 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Member clubs are each invited to enter three cars in the teams events. The cars may be from any one or all categories - veteran, vintage and PVT. The events will be based on driving skill and team co-ordination, and not on vehicle performance. To this end, member clubs are requested to submit the names of their nominated representatives to the Secretary of the CVVTMC before Friday, 9th April, 1965.

TROPHIES: A trophy has been donated by Eric White and Associates on behalf of Castrol and will be presented to the winning Club for this year by a representative of the firm.

AMENITIES: Toilet facilities and drinking water are available. There is a shaded area bordering the creek.

This Rally should prove to be the greatest gathering of veteran, vintage and PVT machinery seen in Sydney - some nine Clubs should be represented - and the greater the support of your Club, the greater the success of the Rally.

Participants are requested to co-operate with the marshalls, who will be directing the placement of the vehicles. Visiting veteran, vintage and/or PVT vehicles (and crews) will be welcome.

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I suggest that you publish the above information per medium of your Club magazine so that as great a number of people as possible are informed of the Rally. If you would also let me know the approximate number of vehicles from your Club that are likely to attend, it would greatly facilitate the arrangements.

Finally, I would be grateful if three members of your Club would volunteer to act as marshalls on the day of the Rally. If these people would 'phone me at 211/4322 (business hours) I will give them further information.

B. Mercer,  
Hon. Secretary,  
C.V.V.T.M.C.

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Letter from Council Vintage Veteran and Thoroughbred Motor Cars:

114 Oliver Street,  
Harbord.  
23rd February, 1965.

The Editor,

At a C.V.V.T.M.C. Delegates Meeting some time ago, a sub-committee was formed known as "PARTS & INFORMATION POOL" (P.I.F.) The idea behind this is to collate all available information concerning spares into a register for the use of members of the Clubs which comprise C.V.V.T.M.C.

The Committee of P.I.P. would therefore be obliged if you would print something to this effect in your next News Sheet in such terms to persuade the members of your club to come forth with some information which could be valuable to someone somewhere, interested in motor vehicles.

To get in touch with P.I.P. Committee, phone No. 93/1479 is available, or correspondence should be addressed to P.O. Box No. 123, Brookvale.

Thanking you in anticipation,

(Signed) G.N. GOLDING  
(Delegate C.V.V.T.M.C.)

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WANTED      URGENTLY      !!!

130 PERSONS FOR

VETERAN   CAR   CLUB   PRESENTATION   BALL

to be held on 10th April, 1965

at Anthony Hordern's Ballroom.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS cordially welcome.

Cold Chicken Supper provided. Bring your own drinks.

A professional M.C. will be running the evening, so a good night is assured.

Parking will be available at Anthony Hordern's Carpark  
for a charge of 5/-.

Price of tickets is £1/7/6 per person.

Tickets can be obtained from Social Secretary by sending  
a cheque to:

Miss E.E. Hardman,  
6 Phillips Road,  
KOGARAH, N.S.W.

Please make an effort to come along if it is at all possible and contact me re the number of tickets required as soon as you can.

Business 58/1574. Home 58/1815.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 27th & 28th	Katoomba Rally. Start Centennial Park 9.0 a.m. Finish Sunday Parramatta Park 3.30 p.m.
April 10th	Annual Presentation Ball.
April	Gymkhana and Barbecue.
May 23rd	Economy Run.
June	Warwick Farm outing.

### POINT SCORE FOR KATOOMBA RALLY

The Handicap Point Score now stands at:

A. Rowe	Nil	Fiat
R. Marshall	10	Brush
J. McGowan	20	Armstrong Whitworth
S. Rumble	20	Renault
G. Burton	30	Dodge
A. Grellman	50	Crossley
P. Garwood	50	Renault

Will all the above trophy winners please return trophies to Len Sheen at or before next General Meeting so they may be inscribed with new winners' names before the Annual Ball on 10th April.

Len Sheen  
Roy Farrell  
Ken Moss

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CONDOLENCE CORNER: Trouble, trouble, trouble. World-wide trouble.... Indonesian question; racial disturbances in America; Mt. Isa dispute; Chinese uprisings; Dick Tracy; and now ..... Revs. and Backfires has had big boil on his rear end, followed by a boil and carbuncle on back of neck. Feels very un-funny. Back with caustic comments next month.

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