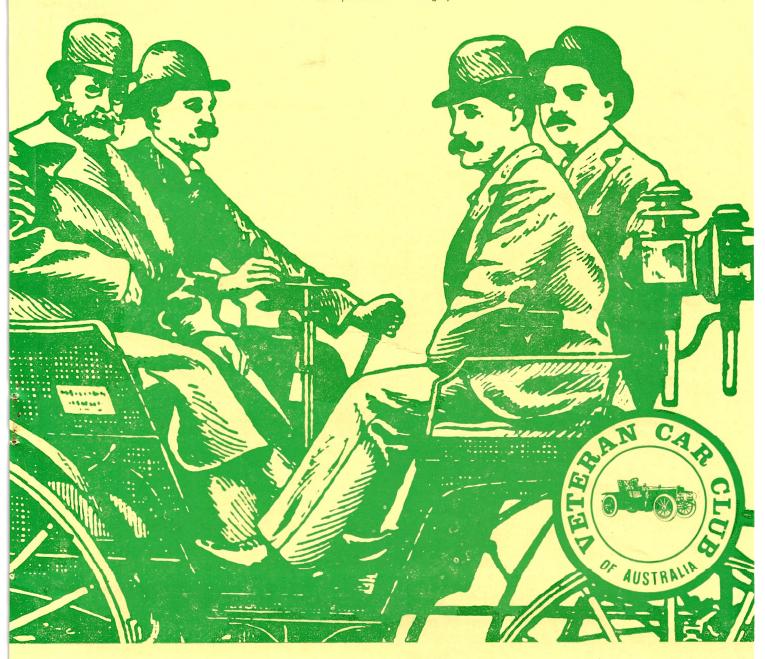
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The Governor of NSW
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All the best,

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The next Monthly General Meeting of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW) will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1978.

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Here it is Christmas time again; to quote some by-gone philosopher "as we get older the days lengthen and the years shorten" -- it seems only such a short time since the last Christmas.

My co-editor wife and I should like to wish you one and all a very Holy and Happy Christmas and a Healthful and Prosperous New Year, with all the things you would wish yourselves, and lots of trouble-free veteran motoring in 1979.

This is a fitting time to say a big "thank you" to all those folks who have contributed so nobly to SPIT AND POLISH since my elevation to that much-soughtafter position of editor, and to Max and Jennie Chapman who, of course, carried the burden in the earlier part of the yar. To all those stalwarts (too numerous to name individually) who turned in copy, articles, events reports, etc., a very special "Thank You". To Warren Irish — thank you for your regular crossword contribution — even though I had a higher education (my ragged-boys' school was situated on top of a hill) my final solution rarely matched the printed one.

It would be very remiss of me if I didn't give a big "thank you" also to Gwen and Len Dunn for their prompt and efficient production of the club magazine, often under extreme difficulties and always in a cheerful and co-operative manner.

The year ahead promises to be an interesting and exciting one for veteran car buffs -- the Festival of Sydney will start things going, followed by the Blue Mountains Rally, Silver Anniversary Rally etc., and the Rally West to Perth for the dedicated.

Please keep in mind any interesting or unusual happenings over the holiday period and let us know about them -- your fellow members are always interested.

All the best,

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PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 1978

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A sincere thank you all for making this last year a very successful one club-wise, with your attendance at General Meetings, Social Outings and Events.

This last year saw the very successful 1978 International Rally organised by the Federal Veteran Car Club of Australia and Max Roberts as Rally Director, with the help of many other car clubs, not forgetting the N.S.W. Veteran Car Club. All members gave all the assistance needed on a voluntary basis - thank you all again for this effort.

It was very gratifying for me to be able to repay debenture holders loans by 50%, representing a payout of some \$8,200.00 last July, only leaving some \$8,200.00 owing. Perhaps next July we may be able to pay a further 50% as cottage is rented at \$55.00 per week, which is banked in a sinking fund for this purpose.

The 25th Silver Anniversary Rally next May for all Veteran Cars and Motor Cycles is shaping up well and I am sure will be a very successful event and a credit to the rally organisers B. Thew, D. Berthon, B. Bronk and the many other members who are helping with the arrangements.

The Children's Xmas Party at Fullers Bridge on Saturday, 9th December was a very enjoyable day for members and children, with free drinks and a dinner provided by our Club. Father Xmas in the Renault made the day with his gifts of sweets for all the children and our thanks to John and Jill Corby and all the lady helpers on this day.

See you all at the January General Meeting. Good health and drive carefully during 1979.

LEN SHEEN, President.

 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE VCCA(NSW) HELD ON THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1978 AT THE CLUBROOMS, 134 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK.

PRESENT

48 members and 6 visitors.

The meeting was declared open by the Chairman (L. Sheen) at

8.05 p.m. and a welcome to all visitors was extended.

APOLOGIES:

R. Boardman, B. Spraggon, J. Dance, John King, G. Gillot,

Len Baxter.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting of 26th October, 1978

were read and moved P. Wards, seconded J. Wards. CARRI

MATTERS ARISING: Nil.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and moved

B. McCarthy, seconded D. Steer.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters from:

Victor Jacobs - 14.11.78

South British Insurance Group - 7.11.78

Meldrum Burrows & Partners, Architects - 20.11.78

Copy Drummoyne Council - 3.11.78 Federal Secretary - from London.

Thorp Family

The Sporting Car Club's S. Aust. Motoring History Book No. 3.

Moved J. Pickup, seconded J. Simpson.

CARRIED.

MATTERS ARISING:

Proposals as put by Willys Overland Knight Registry for

discussion at CVVTMC on 27.11.78 discussed.

It was moved A. Foy that this Club vote in favour of the motion put forward by Willys Overland Knight Registry:
"Notice of motion received from the Willys Overland Knight

Registry:

Amendment to Constitution: Clause 5, to add after the words

'are approved by the Council' -

"provided that the applicants Club name is not similar to an already affiliated Club or a name which is derogatory to the functions of the Council"."

Seconded by M. Chapman and

CARRIED.

INVESTIGATION & DATING:

G. Roberts reported on his trip to FIVA Conference in Ireland.

NEW MEMBERS:

Nil.

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Minutes 23/11/78 (Cont'd.)

25TH SILVER ANNIVERSARY:

B. Thew reported 87 entries and possibly 89. Sponsors greatly assisting. Route not yet final. Final lunch at Rothbury Estate. Gordon Bennett Trophy has been made available by Irish Veteran and Vintage Car Club as a commemorative trophy for Silver Anniversary Rally.

EVENTS:

J. Corby requested cars for Lakemba Chamber of Commerce 25.11.78. 27.1.79 Manly Council Colonial Day Celebrations.
V. Jacobs gave details of Lions Club Day -26.11.78. Applications available from J. Corby for International Rally in New Zealand - 1980.
Requested cars Festival of Sydney, January 29th, 1979. Advised Children's Xmas Party 9.12.78 Lane Cove National Park, for lunch.
Blue Mountains Rally application forms in SPIT AND POLISH.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

D. Berthon thanked M. Roberts for erecting Silver Anniversary Rally Board in Club Rooms.
Caltex to sign-write Club B.B.Q.
Booklet to be produced for Silver Anniversary Rally.
Advised on Schoefields Air Show Day.

MAGAZINE:

D. Steer thanks for copy for magazine and thanks to Ross Marshall for donating plaques for day at Schoefields Air Show.

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

F. Mountford requested numbers of Christmas Party at Willoughby Ex-Service Legion Club.

PERMITS TO MOVE:

K. Cardin advised G.I.O. fee increase. 3 new registrations - B. Burrows, D. Tunbridge, N. Johnson.
Thanked all helpers on registration days.
Vic. Jacobs moved "that this Club approach G.I.O. for a preferential rate for compulsory Third Party Insurance independently", seconded A. Garthon.

Motion was open for discussion. A. Foy spoke against motion.

B. Maunsell spoke in favour of motion.

D. Berthon spoke in favour of motion.

J. Simpson spoke on motion. Vic. Jacobs spoke in reply.

Motion put to the vote and on a show of hands was <u>CARRIED</u>.

D. Berthon requested that as V. Jacobs is to approach G.I.O. he attend at December Committee Meeting and report.

REGISTRAR:

Nil.

CLUBROOM CHAIRMAN: L. Sheen advised Development Application approval received from Drummoyne Council.

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Minutes 23/11/78 (Contd.)

LIBRARIAN:

J. Simpson nothing further to report.

CVVTMC:

Nil.

INSURANCE:

Vic. Jacobs requested advice on Public Risk Policy, confirmed this now is in force and suggested policy be increased to \$500,000. Reported on meeting with South British Insurance and requested better service from that Company.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

L. Sheen reported on A.G.M. of V.C.C.A. and gave resume of minutes of that meeting.

G. Roberts gave report on results of Dublin meeting and read from report by Federal Secretary. Also gave an interesting report on his travels whilst in Europe.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.45 p.m.

HIDDEN COGS

This month we pay a special tribute to a cog who does the work of a whole "gear box" -- the lass is Judith Thew.

She has the onerous job supporting energetic Barry in all his club activities, and more often than not she is the one elected to collect the canteen trailer and bring it to the outings through all sorts of traffic hassles. Week-end traffic presents sufficient problems for a single vehicle, but with a heavy trailer behind, and very often young "Thew's" in the waggon, the problems are doubled. So a very special "thank you" to Judith for a job so well carried out.

Also, it is always a pleasure to watch Judith and Barry on the dance floor.

OVERSEAS TOUR

Any Club Members or friends interested in an economical Overseas Tour may like to consider the following:-

Leave Sydney or Melbourne 6th June, travel to Athens for 2 days, then Rome, Piza, Florence, Venice, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Fussen. Liechtenstein. Zurich, Basel, Frieburg, Strasburg, Heidelberg, Mainz, Koblenz, Luxemberg, Brussels, Ostend, London for a fortnight. Return 19th July.

This is not a packaged tour, but travel would be in an individual bus throughout. Anyone interested might telephone 44-3415.

S T E E R I N G C O L U M N

Hilda Sheen would like to thank all members for the lovely get-well cards, telephone calls and flowers sent to her while she was in hospital. She is bouncing back well, and says she will soon be back in the supper room.

Heard a whisper that a much-loved club member, a regular attender of rallies in a Studebaker, is taking a course of vitamin pills in readiness for his fifty-fourth wedding anniversary. More about this is January.

The over-enthusiastic help of a fellow Rotarian caused me to mark the side of my wife's car whilst parking at a Rotary function. After suitable grovelling to my irate spouse, I approached Peter Ward, and he made such an excellent job I can't remember now which side it was -- and cheap too!

Proud Cadillac owners, Frank and Jo Nissen, recently went to Laurieton for a fishing holiday to "get away from it all". The fish heard of their coming and promptly went out to sea, but they got together with Pauline Jones and Joan Moss, who were holidaying there also.

Head at the Children's Christmas Party -- a new member, referring to George Sevenoaks, called him "Mr. Ninepines".

Take care, don't be too eager at an auction. Max Chapman, at the Children's Party, in an endeavour to stimulate the bidding, made an offer, and found himself the proud possessor of a ham. "Mr. Ninepines", on the other hand, when called upon by correct name, promptly hid from sight.

Fay Mountford and Len Sheen's choice of the Willoughby Legion for our Christmas function certainly paid off. The dining room was well appointed and free from club noises, etc. Due to advancing years, my only indoor sport now is eating, and the menu was excellent — even the Campbell's (who are on a very rigid diet) threw caution to the winds and ate all in front of them. There was much merriment from the centre table — Thomson's, Berthon's, Blevins' and company. A very good time was had by all, and thanks to Fay for another successful get-together. Rumour has it that this night was the first step forward towards recovery that Hilda Sheen took. She gained a great psychological "boost" when she discovered she was strong enough to pull a poker machine or two. A very happy "lucky door" prize-winner was Rita East.

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STEERING COLUMN (CONTINUED)

The following night, yours truly attended the "T" Ford Club's "do" at John Everett's lovely home at Picnic Point and ate my way through c beaut. barbecue.

Then on the Sunday night it was the Cadillac Car Club's function at Epping R.S.L., where our President Len and wife Hilda, ably supported (not physically) by V.C.C.A. members Ken Moss, Frank Nissen, Bill Spraggo, John Pickup (to mention a few) appeared to enjoy the magnificent spread, including oysters, prawns etc. Thanks particularly to all those "Caddie" Club members who were so kind to our two young Rotary Exchange students from Japan and South Africa — they really had a "ball". Incidentally, Yoshi says she doesn't know anything about cars but after car functions three nights running she is beginning to talk the language.

Saturday, 10th December, the day set aside for the Children's Christmas function was just perfect weather-wise (showing the strength of prayer); there was a good gathering of "little anchels" at Lane Cove National Park. The organisers had reserved a delightful spot, "Illoura" with ducks paddling past, and the paddle-wheeler making stately progress on "old man river" The number of "voitures ancienne" which put in an appearance was small, but under the guidance of that capable "maitre d'hotel" David Berthon, the ladies prepared a super lunch, and there were more goodies than kids -- the parents and grandparents were even co-opted to help eat the excess paddle-pops etc.

Santa then appeared over the horizon in a Veteran car, and proceeded to hand out sweeties and wish one and all a very Merry Christmas. It is understood that as the venerable gentleman possesses a red face and a "brewer's goitre" he finds the use of make-up and a pillow in the appropriate place quite unnecessary.

Having portrayed Kriss Kringle on numerous occasions, I'm convinced the V.C.C.A. children and grand-children are the best-mannered and most appealing.

Norma and Dick Tunbridge arrived on the scene in their newly-restored turtle-backed "T" Ford Roadster, and Dick also drove Santa to the party and back.

Seen "working their fingers to the elbow" were Diana Berthon, Jill Corby, Judy Thew, Merryl Godfrey and Julie, with David Berthon and Berry Thew to keep the "staff" in order. Thanks, folks, it was a really superb effort.

Whilst admiring a beautiful blue Volvo station-wagon, owned by Cyril and Penny Stanbridge, and driven from Wollongong in record time to the children's Christmas party, we heard its history. It appears a firm bought this vehicle, along with several other Volvo trucks and wagons; this one, for use as a service vehicle.

An 1/8" steel plate floor and the oil topped up when necessary was all the attention ever received until the time it came into the "Stanne's" possession. Part of the renovation included the removal of 1½ lbs. of dirt from the air cleaner, the removal of solid-packed dirt behind bumper bar, and the use of 5 buckets of hot soap and water to clean the dashboard. The vendor asked that

STEERING COLUMN (CONTINUED)

they not drive the vehicle beyond Wollongong. (8 miles).

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The two new Wards babies made their first public appearance at the "Krissie" party, and came in for a lot of "kootchie-kootchie" from admirers.

At the same "do" saw the lovely Bendeich baby, minus teeth, munching on a pink lolly called "snakes alive". (Future feminine Eric Worrall).

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Barry and Jan Cliff are at present holidaying on the Gold Coast -- understand they are blazing the trail for the Godfreys and other families expecting to holiday there.

Peter Matthews, a dental mechanic, had to have a tooth extracted - wonder if he'll do his own bridgework.

Whisper from Hector, the Bul-Bul Bird, that Jim Wilson has bought the Jones Oakland. If so, watch him for dust.

Understand Val and Jerry Stelling have not lost daughter Megan, but have gained a son per medium of veteran car wedding. Best wishes to the young couple.

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A special "cheerio" to Max Pratt, who is not enjoying very good health at present. Saw his Fiat at Warwick Farm, but have since learned it was driven there by his friend, Max Smeeth, of the Illawarra Vintage Car Club. The Fiat brings back memories of the '65 Rally in New Zealand with the Pratt's and their friends. Hope to see you back in circulation soon, Max.

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A Driver's Paradise -- a country whose roads were cleared of all those careless, irresponsible motorists known as the Other Driver.

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If all the cars in the world were parked end-to-end -- ninety per cent of the drivers would pull out and try to pass.

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Val Cross and George Roberts are now back home from Ireland, where they represented the V.C.C.A. at the F.I.V.A. Conference; from all accounts their trip was successful and their reports will follow next month.

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BACK ONE DECADE

Arthur Garthon was President and Jim Simpson Editor, and it would seem quite a momentous time for the Club.

The magazine was "undergoing restoration" and this was the last issue in the existing form of 9 foolscap pages, which included 3 pages on yellow paper covering Newcastle Club.

The Commonwealth Department of Shipping and Transport held a rally of Veteran and Vintage cars to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Macquarie Lighthouse. Approximately 60 cars assembled and inspection of the lighthouse was carried out. The cars then left in procession, passing through Rose Bay, Double Bay, Rushcutters Bay, Kings Cross and finished at Garden Island, lunch being eaten on the lawns there. One of the Lighthouse Supply Ships, M.V. "Cape Pillar" operated by the Department of Shipping and Transport, was then inspected by drivers and passengers, with points of interest explained by the crew. On the helicopter deck at the aft of the ship the prizes for the best car and crew in various classes were awarded by the judge, Model of the Year. A few of the crews inspected H.M.A.S. "Brisbane", a guided missile destroyer, and H.M.A.S. "Parramatta". The prizewinners were: Terry Cooke (Magnum of champagne and a kiss) and Bob Baxter (large box of chocolates and a kiss).

There appears an article in reference to the transfer of abode of Len Masser "to, not into" Lake Macquarie, and of his indomitable spirit, having "travelled up to and back from Katoomba on one lung!" Further there is reference to the fact that "the Little W has had a loving 700 odd hours put into its restoration. An this does not include the added work on that delightful piece of toiletry -- the deep narrow body which she now sports!! In fact, it puts us in mind of the Soccer code, i.e. "Pan" Hellenic. Although it is de Dion, we conjure up thoughts of a 'chain' drive! Doubltess an appropriate coat of arms could carry the words: "Be seated, gentlemen". (At this stage Len must have felt like strangling the Ed., after spending some 700 hours plus on the car).

Then followed a description of the "Masser Modulating Masticator" which had been supposedly patented by Len to rectify a "free floating upper denture". "The simplicity of the whole device is astounding, really. In effect, a hole of approximately 1/16" diam. is drilled in the uppermost point of the denture. A 6½" bolt, of stainless metal, is passed through the hole while the denture is in the working position. The bolt is passed upwards through the head till it passes through a hole in the skull, and thus reappears. At this stage a plastic spacing washer is slipped over the bolt, and a nut is then fastened. The denture now possesses no capacity for getting out of alignment."

(Really, they were colourful characters in those by-gone days.)

STOLEN CAR

Readers will be pleased to hear that the "Replica Veteran Car, loosely patterned on 1916 Maxwell" has been recovered by Police. Its description was printed in the November issue.

"THE GHOSTS OF MANY CHRISTMASES"

(As seen by Henry Lawson)

"Did you ever trace back your Christmas days? -- right back to the days when you were innocent and Santa Claus was real. At times you thought you were very wicked, but you never realize how innocent you were until you've grown up and knocked about the world.

"Let me think!

Christmas in an English village, with bare hedges and trees, and leaden skies that lie heavy on our souls as we walk, with overcoat and umbrella, sons of English exiles and exiles in England, and think of bright skies and suns overhead, and sweeps of country disappearing into the haze, and blue mountain ranges melting into the azure of distant lower skies, and curves of white and yellow sand beaches, and runs of shelving yellow sandstone sea-walls -- and the glorious Pacific! Sydney Harbour at sunrise, and the girls we took to Manly Beach.

"Christmas in a London flat. Gloom and slush and soot. It is not the cold that affects us Australians so much, but the horrible gloom. We get heart-sick for the sun.

"Christmas at sea -- three Christmases, in fact -- one going saloon from Sydney to Westralia early in the Golden Nineties with funds; and one, the Christmas after next, coming back steerage with nothing but the clothes we'd slept in. All of which was bad judgment on our part -- the order and manner of our going and coming should have been reversed.

"Christmas in a hessian tent in 'the' Westren', with so many old mates from the East that it was just old times over again. We had five pounds of corned beef and a kerosene-tin to boil it in; and while we were talking of old things the skeleton of a kangaroo-dog grabbed the beef out of the boiling water and disappeared into the scrub -- which made it seem more like old times than ever.

"Christmas going to New Zealand, with experience, by the s.s. 'Tasmania'. We had plum duff, but it was too 'soggy' for us to eat. We dropped it overboard, lest it should swamp the boat -- and it sank to the ooze. The 'Tasmania' was saved on that occasion, but she foundered next year outside Gisborne. Perhaps the cook had made more duff. There was a letter from a sweetheart of mine amongst her mails when she went down; but that's got nothing to do with it, though it made some difference in my life.

"Christmas on a new telegraph line with a party of lining gangmen in New Zealand. There was no duff nor roast because there was no firewood within twenty miles. The cook used to pile armfuls of flax-sticks under the billies, and set light to them when the last man arrived in camp.

"Christmas in Sydney, with a dozen invitations out to dinner. The one we accepted was to a sensible Australian Christmas dinner; a typical one, as it should be, and will be before the Commonwealth is many years old.

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"THE GHOSTS OF MANY CHRISTMASES" (CONT'D.)

Everything cold except the vegetables, the hose playing on the veranda and vines outside, the men dressed in sensible pyjama-like suits, and the women and girls fresh and cool and jolly, instead of being hot and cross and looking like boiled carrots, and feeling like boiled rags, and having headaches after dinner, as would have been the case had they broiled over the fire in a hot kitchen all the blazing forenoon to cook a scalding, indigestible dinner, as many Australian women do, and for no other reason than that it was the fashion in England. One of those girls was very pretty and -- ah, well! --

"Christmas dinner in a greasy Sydney sixpenny restaurant, that opened a few days before with brass band going at full blast at the door by way of advertisement. 'Roast-beef, one! Cabbage and potatoes, one! Plum pudding, two!' (That was the first time I dined to music). The Christmas dinner was a good one, but my appetite was spoilt by the expression of the restaurant keeper, a big man with a heavy jowl, who sat by the door with a cold eye on the sixpences and didn't seem to have much confidence in human nature.

"Christmas -- no, that was New Year -- on the Warrego River, out back (an alleged river with a sickly stream that looked like bad milk). We spent most of that night hunting round in the dark and feeling on the ground for camel and horse droppings with which to build fires and make smoke round our camp to keep off the mosquitoes. The mosquitoes started at sunset and left off at daybreak, when the flies got to work again.

"Christmas dinner under a brush shearing-shed. Mutton and plum pudding -- and fifty miles from beer!

"Christmas on the goldfields in the last of the roaring days, in the palmy days of Gulgong and those fields. Let's see! It must be nearly thirty years ago! Oh, how the time goes by!

"Santa Claus, young, fresh-faced and eager; Santa Claus, blonde and flaxen; Santa Claus, dark; Santa Claus with a brogue and Santa Clause speaking broken English; Santa Clas as a Chinaman (Sun Tong Lee & Co., storekeepers), with strange, delicious sweets that melted in our mouths, and rum toys and Chinese dolls for the children.

"Christmas at Eurunderee Creek, amongst the old selection farms in the western spurs of the Blue Mountains. They used to call it 'Th' Pipeclay' thirty years ago, but the old black names have been restored. They make plum puddings yet, weeks beforehand, and boil them for hours and hang them in cloths to the rafters to petrify; then they take them down and boil them again. On Christmas Eve the boys cut bought or young pines on the hills, and drag them home and lash them to the verandah-posts. Ted has turned up with his wife and children from his selection out back. The wheat is in and shearing is over on the big stations. Tom -- steady-going old Tom -- clearing or fencing or dam-sinking up-country, hides his tools in the scrub and gets his horse and rides home. Aunt Emma (to everyone's joy) has arrived from Sydney with presents (astonishing bargains in frocks etc.) and marvellous descriptions of town life.

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"THE GHOSTS OF MANY CHRISTMASES" (CONT'D.)

"Christmas in Bourke, the metropolis of the great pastoral scrubs and plains, five hundred miles west, with the thermometer one-hundred-and-something-scarey in the shade. The rough, careless shearers come in from stations many dusty miles out in the scrubs to have their Christmas sprees, to drink and 'shout' and fight -- and have the horrors some of them -- and be run in and locked up with difficulty within sound of a church-going bell.

"Christmas in Sydney, though Christmas holidays are not so popular as Easter, or even Anniversary Day, in the Queen city of the South. Buses electric, cable and the old steam trams crowded with holiday-makers with baskets. Harbour boats loaded down to the water's edge with harbour picnic-'A trip round the harbour and to the head of Middle Harbour one shilling return! Strings of tourist trains running over the Blue Mountains and the Great Zigzag, and up the coast to Gosford and Brisbane Water, and down the south coast to beautiful Illawarra, until after New Year. Hundreds of young fellows going out with tents to fish in lonely bays or shoot in the mountains, and rough it properly like bushmen -- not with deck chairs, crockery, a piano and servants. For you can camp in the grand and rugged solitude of the bush within a stone's throw of the city so to speak. Jolly camps and holiday parties all round the beautiful bays of the harbour, and up and down the coast, and all close to home. Camps in the moonlight on sandy beaches under great dark bluffs and headlands, where yellow, shelving, sandstone cliffs run, broken only by sandy-beached bays, and where the silver-white breakers leap and roar.

"And Manly Beach on a holiday! Thousands of people in fresh summer dress, hundreds of bare-legged, happy children running where the 'blue sea over the white sand rolls', racing in and out with the rollers, playing with the glorious Pacific. Manly -- 'Our Village' -- Manly Beach, where we used to take our girls, with the most beautiful harbour in the world on one side, and the width of the grandest ocean on the other. Ferny gullies and 'fairy dells' to north and south, and every shady nook its merry party or happy couple.

"Manly Beach -- I remember five years ago (oh, how the time goes by!) -- and two names that were written together in the sand when the tide was coming in.

"And the boat home in the moonlight, past the Heads, where we felt the roll of the ocean, and the moonlit harbour -- and the harbour lights of Sydney -- the grandest of them all."

(Many of our cars would have formed part of the scene in those by-gone Christmases.)

CORRECTION

Referring to the Entry Form for the next Blue Mountains Rally, we understand that it will be the 23rd Blue Mountains Rally, and not the 25th - apparently the first two went to Wollongong, not the Mountains.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:

I hope you are well. I hope you get my letter. I like you very much. I hope you are happy, not sad. And I liked your presents last year. I have been a good girl most of the year. I always have good manners sometimes. I wish you merry Christmas

happy

New

Year

I will leave you some cake and drink

Love

from

Everyone.

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Dear Santa:

Were is Rudoff the Red Noised Raindeer?

Love

from

Paul.

DON'S PARTY

Don advised Grandma not to sit on the hot stove -- she's too old to ride the range.

Don would like a rally to Lady Jane Beach -- a marvellous place to air our differences.

Dear Dorothy Dix: Since I found out my boy friend has a wooden leg, I don't love him any more; should I break it off?

Don overhead two ladies having tea -- one said: "There's my husband over there talking to my lover". The other one said: "That's a coincidence, I was going to say the same thing."

Don has a friend who takes his wife everywhere -- no matter where he takes her, she always finds her way back home.

Don met an Irishman who thought a "Rover 2000" was a Bionic Dog.

EVENTS

BLUE MOUNTAINS RALLY 24/25 FEBRUARY 179

Reminder:

Entry forms for the Blue Mountains Rally to be in by 15th January 1979.

If you are unable to participate in the Rally but would be able to act as an official on one or both of the days, would you please contact John Corby, 634.2177.

FESTIVAL OF SYDNEY PROCESSION

Monday 29th January, 1979.

Cars are to assemble in Art Gallery Road at 9.30 a.m.
Our parade number is 21.

RIVERSDALE RALLY - GOULBURN VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB
IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA MARCH 3RD & 4TH, 1979

Assemble Riversdale Homestead, display of vehicles for judging, Coach tour of the City with commentary - free. Presentation Dinner Saturday night. Tour to Hume's Dairy - feeding poddy calves, beef cattle yarded and different breeds explained. Then "Pelican" sheep station for shearing, wool classing, pressing etc.

Enquiries: Robert Clarke 21.5697 or Kathy Booby 21.2560.

BENSEN & HEDGES VINTAGE TOUR - MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION
AREA VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB IN CONNECTION WITH
GRIFFITH VINTAGE FESTIVAL 13TH TO 16TH APRIL - EASTER 1979

The rally will form part of the Vintage Festival and will take in the wine, citrus, rice and fruit industries in the major towns of Griffith and Leeton an environs.

Enquiries: Geoff McCorkell - *phone 62.5068 (069) Home 62.4066 (069) Work

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CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S OUTING - 26TH NOVEMBER 1978

This year, Victor Jacobs and the Vaucluse Lions Club were joined by Arthur Garthon and the Rotary Club of Hurstville to present a wonderful day out for the crippled children from Northcott School, Parramatta and the Broderick School, Lakemba.

The Veteran Car drivers from the North and Hills district picked up the children from Parramatta and the Southerners picked up the children from Lakemba. The two groups of cars met at the Memorial Park, Warwick Farm with cool drinks for the drivers and passengers and petrol for the cars, kindly donated by B.P. Australia.

Following the Henry Lawson Drive along the banks of the Georges River led everyone to the lunch stop at Connells Point, a delightful spot loaned to us by Kogarah Council.

Santa Claus arrived complete with Police Escort and siren, much to the delight of the children.

Really, a most rewarding day. Thank you fellows!

Members attending were:

David Berthon	1910	SCAT	Bill McCarthy	1911	Martini
Frank Nissen	1915	Cadillac	Arthur Garthon	1914	Delahaye
Max Chapman	1913	Wolseley	Jock McGowen	1910	Armstrong Whitworth
Don Steer	1911	Argyll	Alan Blythe	1917	Buick
Ian Steer	1915	Ford	George Campbell	1909	Argyll
Len Sheen	1914	Humber	Neil Martin	1913	F.I.A.T.
Jim Simpson	1908	B.S.A.	Ken Quarmby	1913	Hupmobile
Bob Hobson	1912	Ford	Victor Jacobs	1913	Fronty Ford
Allan Foy		Vauxhall	Chris Sultana	1913	Vulcan
Max Roberts		Rolls Royce	Richard Day	1914	T Ford Jitney Bus
Jack Godfrey	1914	Ford	Ken Moss	1911	Cadillac Cartillo
John Wards	1915	Ford	Bill Hardman	1909	Daimler
Reg Jones	1908	Clement	John Corby	1915	Buick
		Bayard	Norm Mitchell	1923	F.I.A.T.) from Vintage
Bob Baxter	1913	Studebaker	Albey Stokes	1923	F.I.A.T.) Sports Car
Roly Coulcher	1911	Star			Club
Peter Michaels	1914	Hupmobile	John Crawford	1925	Rover

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QUOTES:

10 Very Important Words: If it is to be It is up to me.

People can't concentrate properly on blowing other People to pieces properly if their minds are poisoned By thoughts suitable to the twenty-fifth of December.

 Ogden Nash, "Merry Christmas Nearly Everybody".

COOKS THE

Traditionally, the recipes this month should be "Christmassy" but we feel that the ladies connected with the club are so well organised that the "puds" and cakes will already be in the pantry. How about a couple of ideas for the Christmas and New Year entertaining?

ROCKEFELLER SALAD

1 cup coconut

2 green apples (unpeeled)

1 can mandarin segments (or 2 oranges) drained

1 carton sour cream

1 small can pineapple pieces, drained

Mix coconut through sour cream, add other ingredients, mix thoroughly.

CARROT & PINEAPPLE MOULD

1 packet lemon jelly

1 cup hot water

1 can pineapple pieces, drained

2 cups grated carrot

3/4 cup pineapple juice

2 teaspoons lemon juice

Make up jelly with water and pineapple juice, and mix in other ingredients. Set in a ring tin or suitable mould.

AMBROS I A

1 packet marshmallows

¼-½ cup rum, brandy or sherry

Cut each marshmallow into 3 and soak in the liquor overnight.

Beat ½ pint cream and stir into it 1 small tin mandarin/orange segments (drained) and 1 small tin crushed pineapple (well drained) and marshmallows.

Serve in individual serves with a cherry on top and an Adora Cream wafer.

(Variations: Use 1 tin grapes (well drained) instead of the mandarin segments, or, alternatively, use pineapple alone).

CHAMPAGNE PUNCH

½ lb. sugar

1 pint water

2 oranges (juice and rind, finely grated)

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1 - 16 oz. tin grapefruit juice (unsweetened)

1 - 16 oz. " pineapple " no and " and a second seco

Grated rind green cucumber (coarsely grated)

1 bottle dry ginger ale 27 skyll 2 to skill a base and base doing the base at a second

2-4 bottles champagne (dry)

Ice cubes

Boil sugar and water - cool. Add fruit juice and rinds. Finally add ginger ale and champagne just before serving.

A FAMOUS AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURER

(More of Francis Birtles' London to Sydney Run 1927/28)

Part III and he is still in Iran (Persia)

One night his best protection was in a village goat pen. There was a dog watching over the goats, and somehow Birtles got himself in amongst them and tricked the dog. He did not get much sleep, as he suffered the indignity of having a goat lick his face for a lot of the time, and in combination with this distraction, he listened to the howling of hyenas outside the compound.

He reached Sibi, beyond Quetta (in India) on Christmas Eve, and he was absolutely fagged out. He fell ill with dysentery, and was in hospital in Quetta for several days.

So far, the Bean had had only one real trouble - a broken crown wheel and pinion. Not at all surprising, really!

In Calcutta, Birtles picked up a wandering young Canadian, by name Percy Stollery.

Swamps made it impossible to drive southeast down the coast of Burma, so they went north to the Brahmaputra valley, and Assam. Many small rivers had to be crossed by such means as local ferries not really designed to carry motor cars, of course. Sometimes by rafts improvised from canoes and bamboos.

At Imphal, following a week's rest, they set off again with quite a load - a live goat, an assortment of vegetables and cake (that seems a dubious commodity in those parts) 100 yards of rope, a crowbar, an axe and "other implements" (including, possibly, a kitchen sink!)

Crossing into Burma meant negotiating the Naga Hills. Progress now looked quite impossible, as the path went upward at ridiculous angles. In 1½ miles the track rose 1400 feet - an average incline of 1 in 4. In parts it was 1 in 2! And the word 'track' is quite correct. Some miles back the road had become a cart track, and this had degenerated to a single file coolie track. Before attempting this section, the two men remained at the bottom and planned their next assault. They reconnoitred and plotted the first three miles, deciding where corners had to be opened out by cutting away the cliff on the inside of the curve. Some offending boulders on the track had to be forcibly moved aside with a crowbar. They then built the road. Widening the path at a hairpin bend, which also boasted a grade of 1 in 2, took them a whole day. This was in order to ensure that the car could be skidded through it without loss of momentum.

REGISTRATIONS

Whilst reeling from the announcement by our over-worked and unpaid Registration Officer, Keith Carden, that the G.I.O. had "upped" our "reggo" by another \$9, let's give some thought to the following:

Firstly, allowing for inflation, our cars are still not as expensive in comparison to, say, a boat, with water skier attached, burning probably in the vicinity of 8-10 gals. per hour, after having paid for the slipway etc. Flying as a hobby can be very expensive, poker machines develop strong right arms and depleted surplus cash etc. May we suggest that smokers use one packet less per week, drinkers 2/3 beers less per week, thereby enabling you to feel better and not to notice the "reggo" and insurance on your veteran.

Secondly, having decided not to retire the "old girl" (car, not wife) to that dream-time world to gather rust and dust, you are anxious to get your money's worth out of these auto taxes. The way to do so is to "front up" at all the rallies and outings possible, thereby ensuring that you get value for expenditure, as well as good fellowship for yourself, and good support for the Events Director.

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MEMO TO ALL MEMBERS: RE INSURANCE

Any member wishing to contact South British Insurance in regard to comprehensive, fire or burglary, or any other insurance cover, should contact Phillip Johnson, Richard Burrows or John Cottoe on 232.0122.

Make sure you mention that you are a member of the V.C.C.A.

- VICTOR JACOBS, Insurance Officer.

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RESIGNED: R. Hogan,

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COMO WEST.

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B. McMahon,

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REVESBY. 2212

Mrs. M.L. Nissen, 18 Saiala Road,

KILLARA, 2071

OLD MEMBER FINANCIAL:

T.M. Crawford, 3 Otaki Place,

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NON-MEMBER (MAGAZINE ONLY):

Basil Monckton

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Roster Alterations (Cont'd.)

UNFINANCIAL 2 YEARS & ADDRESS UNKNOWN: R. Hunter

NOTE: Mrs. Beatrice Adams - Wife associate only

Mrs. Neryl Adams - " "

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BLUE MOUNTAINS RALLY, 1957

To the story of the 1957 Blue Mountains Rally as portrayed in the November 1978, Volume XX No. 5 issue of SPIT AND POLISH, there is a previously untold sequel.

Pam and I in Car No. 21, the Calthorpe Minor, won both the Masser and Coggins trophies, but only just.

All went well on Saturday, March 16th and we were able to burn off our good friend, the late Wally Barker in his Metz Car No. 27 as both cars climbed Lapstone Hill. Wally was later observed at the Buttenshaw Park, Springwood, lunch control to collect a quantity of sugar left over from the tables. (For the uninitiated, the friction drive transmission of such cars as Metz can be likened to a fairy-floss machine. Sugar spinkled over the hot spinning discs produces that "icky-sticky-goo" that adds to traction.) Wally was preparing for the climb up Boddington.

The downhill run on Sunday, March 17th was seen as a pushover and so it was! enhanced by a good lunch at the Oval, Emu Plains. However, when climbing Taverners Hill, Parramatta Road, the leather universal joint between engine and gearbox of the Calthorpe suddenly disintegrated.

The trophy within our grasp, we pot-hunters went into action assisted by Colin and Paula Bryson who were trailing in their then-modern (Cont'd. on P.21.....

Blue Mountains Rally, 1957 (Cont'd.)

Vauxhall. Devoid of the leather discs, the triple-fork hub of the universal joint was moved along the jack-shaft sufficiently to allow the fork-arms to entwine and form a mechanical link. The floor-boards replaced, we drove gingerly to final control at Sydney Town Hall, to take off the trophies.

Not a word was mentioned that anything was amiss, control had been reached on schedule and mission accomplished.

Memories of yesteryear, thank you again, Colin and Paula.

- GEO. A. ROBERTS

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DETAILS OF MEETINGS AT VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.) HALL

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NAME OF CLUB ETC.	LOCATION	MEETING NIGHTS
Vintage Vehicle Club of Australia	Main Hall & Comm.Rm.	1st Monday of month 3rd Friday
" " (Committee Mtg.) R & S Series Valiant Car Club	Committee Room	2nd Monday
	Main Hall Committee Room	2nd rionday
Horological Guild of Australia Packard Automobile Club	Main Hall	2110
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Vintage Sports Car Club of Aust. Ltd.	O COMMITTANT	2110
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Chrysler Restorers Club of Aust.	Main Hall & Comm.Rm.	3Pd
Vintage Motor Cycle Club of England		Last " "
(Australian Section)		1 -+ 11-1
Peugeot Owners Club		1st Wednesday/month
Ashfield District Aquarium Society	99 19	Znd
Vintage Motor Cycle Club of Australia		21.0
Rover Owners Club	E Comm.Rm.	7 (11
Veteran Car Club of Australia (NSW)		4th Hursday
(Committees rieg.)	Committee Room	ZIIQ
The Buick Car Club of Aust. NSW Bch.	Main Hall & Comm.Rm.	ord
CVVTMC Judging Pool	57 85 86 88	As arranged
Alvis Car Club of Australia NSW		1st Friday of month
Antique & Classic Motor Club Committee		Ziid II Iday
Cadillac La Salle Club of Australia	Main Hall	(DI MOHELILY)
Model T Ford Club of Australia		3rd Friday of month
Classic & Enthusiasts Motor Cycle Club	OHED HOT BE SEED DAY	7 (11
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RE MEETINGS AT VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.) HALL:

All enquiries re Hall refer W.H. McCarthy (V.C.C.A. of N.S.W.)

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EVENTS CALENDAR 1978 / 79

ALL ENQUIRIES	- Events Chairman - John Corby, Phone 634-2177 AH
Sunday, 6th August, 1978	- Southern Tour
Sunday, 10th September, 1978	- CVVTMC Day - Warwick Farm
Sunday, 22nd October, 1978	-*Picnic Day - Greens Motorcade Museum Park Hume Highway, Cross Roads
Sunday, 29th October, 1978	 Schofields Air Show - Invitation Event with trophies and plaques provided by "Marshalls Motors". Contact David Berthon 639-0603 AH
Sunday, 5th November, 1978	-*Registration Day - Compulsory) Contact Keith
Sunday, 12th November, 1978	-*Registration Day - <u>Compulsory</u>) Carden, 871-2158 AH
Saturday, 18th November, 1978	- St. George Spectacular 12.30 pm Contact Arthur Garthon 57-2740 AH
Sunday, 26th November, 1978	- Vaucluse Lions Club - Annual Charity Day Contact Vic Jacobs 69-6666 (B)
Saturday, 1st December, 1978 (night) SOCIAL	- Christmas Party - Willoughby Legion Ex-Servicemans Club - Drinks from 7 pm Contact Fay Mountford Phone 502-1182
Saturday, 9th December, 1978	- Family Picnic Day - Lane Cove National Park Contact Barry Thew 638-1155 AH
Saturday, 24th February, 1979 Sunday, 25th February, 1979	-*Annual Blue Mountains Rally
Sunday, 18th March, 1979	- Annual Concourse Day
Sunday, 8th April, 1979	-*Navigators Rally
Saturday, 5th May to Monday, 14th May, 1979	- "Silver Anniversary Rally" to Katoomba, Orange, Dubbo, Mudgee, Muswellbrook and Newcastle Entry forms, all enquiries, Barry Thew 638-1155 AH
Saturday, 26th May, 1979 (night) SOCIAL	- Presentation Night - Contact Fay Mountford Phone 502-1182
Sunday, 17th June, 1979	- Picnic Day and Rally

Sunday, 15th July, 1979 - Picnic Day and Rally

^{*} INDICATES POINT SCORE OUTING