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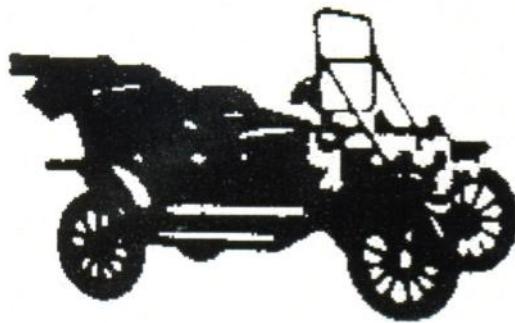
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Cover Photo:-

Bill Dudley's 1909 NAG.

***At the Paxton Bowling Club, the lunch venue
on the 100 Year Birthday run held by the Newcastle Branch.
(NAG = NEUE AUTOMOBILE GESELLSCHAFT)***

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President's Report - July 2012

Dear Members,

Sadly at the June Meeting we paused to remember 3 people, Chris Woolley a member since 2010, John Corby a past member for many years, and Jean Chapman, wife of Max, mother of Louise Yeomans, (also of Gregory Chapman), grandmother of Elizabeth, Richard and Alexander and great-grandmother of their children. Jean, who had not been in good health for a few years, will forever be remembered as a person who was always interested in Club matters, particularly the younger members of the club. She will be greatly missed.

I remember, at Morpeth in 2003, Jean told Nigel that Richard had given Rachel a beautiful ring (engagement) and that she was sure Angela would like one similar, and within a couple of weeks Angela had one! I'm sure Nigel had it in mind, but it always seemed that Jean set "things" in motion!

On a more positive note, at the next meeting we will vote on 3 new members:

Matthew Burke, 1913 Hupmobile

Carrot Wheeler, 1912 Peerless

Lee Wright, 1912 Triumph.

And 2 new Junior Members: Lauren Newman and Tyler Hobson.

Also at that meeting Bob Lamond will entertain us with his report on the "Across Australia Expedition" at the conclusion of proceedings.

Thank you to those members who have paid their fees and taken the time to complete the register update form, and to those who have been "busy" please endeavour to return them to us by the July Meeting.

June Long Weekend was again a great weekend of Veteran motoring, although I believe some people got a bit damp on the return to Cessnock. July and August events are listed in this edition and they would be a great chance to check your cars out prior to the Ipswich National in September. We will also be holding a 1&2 in Mudgee in Nov. thanks to Russell & Chris Holden.

The Committee is still waiting for offers from all you shy folk to join us at the AGM!

After August we will not have a Secretary or Treasurer!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Our phone numbers are in this edition.

Awaiting your Calls,

Best wishes,

Wilga.

VCCA (NSW) INC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Your 2012/2013 Annual Membership Subscription
To the Veteran Car Club (NSW) Inc.

Is due from July 1st

This year's subscription is \$70

Early remittance of your annual membership would be greatly appreciated,
Assisting the Club in keeping costs down.

Phillip Hobson
VCCA (NSW) Inc Hon. Treasurer

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of VCCA (NSW) Inc.

Minutes of MONTHLY MEETING held on Thursday 28th June 2012

ATTENDANCE

Committee 8 Member's Family 2 Visitors 2 Members 23 Apologies 4

MEETING OPENED AT: 8.10pm

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Vice president Bob Hobson chaired meeting due to the absence of President Wilga Coutts. Bob called for one minutes silence for the passing of Chris Woolley, Jean Chapman and John Corby.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

MATTERS ARISING - Nil

Minutes Accepted

Moved: Warren Irish Seconded: Neil Johnston

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Flyers Received –

Invitation to Daceyville Centenary, Bay to Birdwood 30/9/12, Eden Coachman's Motel, Leatherique Leathercare, Redline Oil-Water Wetter Coolant, Outer West Sandblaster, Powerhouse Museum, Katoomba Golf Club 7/10/12, Damfest Warragamba 21/10/12, Bundanoon Winterfest 8/7/12, Cruzin for a cure, Highland Motorfest 28/10/12.

Other Club Publications

Cough & Splutter, Small Torque, Veteran Torque, Auto Antics, Broken Spoke, Edwardian, VCCA Qld, Brass Notes.

Other Mash Minutes, Newcastle Minutes, New CMC proposal for Local racetrack at Nowra, Telstra Bill, Various Chqs for Rentals & Fees.

OUTWARDS

Welcome to new members Robert Duffy, Reply to Daceyville invitation, Condolence card to Woolley Family, Condolence card to Chapman/Yeomans Families,

Correspondence Accepted

Moved: Max Boardman Seconded: Robert Fordham

TREASURER'S REPORT –

Cheque account balance.	\$ 3,003.21
Rally account balance.	\$ 3,065.18
Term Deposit No1	\$10,855.68
Term Deposit No 2	\$10,000.00

Moved: Laurie Garrod Seconded: Mike Bendeich.

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Nothing Further

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EVENTS

June Long weekend was held in good weather on Saturday and Sunday but rained on Monday. Runs very pretty, Max Boardman spoke on the MaSH Ramble on 11/12 August 2012. Motel choice is Camden Valley Inn or Camden Country Club Motel. Both have plenty of Trailer Parking. This year we are heading towards Warragamba Dam abt 90km run and Sunday short run.

Tramway Museum at Loftus run on 29th July. This was a great event when held some years ago.

Les Watton outlined the Navigators Run 5th August.

There will be a 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally at Mudgee on 10/11/12 November 2012 .Full details to follow in S & P.

Eastern Creek Tickets are now available.

PERMIT TO MOVE

4 movements and 2 new regos pending.

LIBRARY

Nothing Further

DATING

100 year badge presented to Phil O'Loan. Dating certificate and 100 year badge presented to Robert Fordham.

MEMBERSHIP

Applications approved by Committee and to be voted on at July meeting. Carrot Wheeler 1912 Peerless, Matthew Burke 1913 Hupmobile, Lee Wright 1912 Triumph, Lauren Newman Junior member, Tyler Hobson Junior member.

CMC

Norm Mitchell gave report on CMC meeting

HALL

Phil O'Loan said that they had no further enquiries since last month Market is very slow at present.

WEB SITE

Nothing further.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Bob Hobson announced the safe arrival of the Nigel and Angela Coutts' twin girls . All are well.

Raffle was drawn

Meeting Closed 8.45 p m

Bob Hobson

Greg Roberts

Vice President

Vice president.

At the July Meeting

Bob Lamond will give a talk and a Power-Point presentation of the 2012 "Across Australia" Expedition

Events Calendar - Club Events

JULY 2012

- 26th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
26th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm
29th **Invitation Event to the Tramway Museum, Loftus.** *See Page 8 for details*

AUGUST 2012

- 5th **Navigator's Day.** *See Page 8 for details*
5th MaSH Meeting, Lake Alexander, Mittagong. 11am.
11th - 12th **MaSH Ramble Weekend.** *See Page 9 for details*
12th **Newcastle Branch Milbrodale Outing.** *Meet at John Burke's at 9.30am*
14th Forum Sydney Club Rooms
19th **Eastern Creek Classic**
21st Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba
23rd Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
23rd Monthly Club Meeting and **AGM** at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 11th Forum Sydney Club Rooms
18th Newcastle Branch Meeting **No meeting to be held do to the National Rally, Ipswich**
12th - 19th **National Rally Ipswich**
27th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
27th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

OCTOBER 2012

- 9th Forum Sydney Club Rooms
12th - 15th **Newcastle Annual Tour** *See Page 9 for details - Entry Form Page 20*
16th Newcastle Branch Meeting at Westlakes Mining Museum, Teralba
25th Committee meeting starting at 6.45pm
25th Monthly Club Meeting at Club Rooms, Fivedock at 8pm

National Rallies

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 12th - 19th **NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY** hosted by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Queensland) Inc.
To be held at Ipswich. Tour Chairman Trevor Farnell (07) 3200 3432 or
Email: trevorfarnell@bigpond.com.au
Entry Forms can be downloaded from their Web Site: www.vccaq.org

MARCH 2013

- 10th - 15th **SHANNONS NATIONAL 1 & 2 Cylinder** Veteran and Centenary of Canberra Tour
To based at the Canberra motor Village. Rally Director Rick McDonough, Ph (02) 6293 1533 (ah) or
Email: rick@netspeed.com.au or
Rally Secretary Roger Gottlob Ph (02) 6241 3169 (ah) Email: rogerandgillian@grapevine.com.au
Please call after 7.30pm Canberra time. *Expression of Interest Form March Spit and Polish*

SEPTEMBER 2013

15th - 20th **NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY** hosted by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) Inc.
To be held at Shepparton. Kevin Quigley, Tour Secretary, 55 Daly Street, Brunswick West. Vic 3451
E-mail: kwquigley@aapt.net.au *Expression of Interest Form March Spit and Polish*

OCTOBER 2014

19th - 24th 2014 **NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY** hosted by the veteran Car Club of WA (Inc)
To be held in the Kalgoorlie - Boulder area Western Australia
Correspondence to Committee:
Secretary John Wood Email: wood1941@bigpond.com 7 Eleanor Court CRAIGIE WA 6025
Chairman Harry Pyle Email: hdpyle@bigpond.net.au
Expression of Interest Form February 2012 Spit and Polish

Applications for Membership

Matthew J Burke 2 Occident Street CESSNOCK NSW 2325 1913 Hupmobile Nominated: Neville Preston Seconded: Bob Hobson	Carrot Wheeler 7 Boundary Street SINGLETON NSW 2330 1912 Peerless M/c Nominated: John Burke Seconded: John Brumby	Lauren J Newman 60 Ocean View Road GOROKAN NSW 2263 Junior Member Nominated: Graeme Newman Seconded: Neville Preston
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Tyler Hobson
9 Sardinia Avenue
GLENWOOD NSW 2768

Junior Member

Nominated: Phillip Hobson
Seconded: Bob Hobson

Lee Wright
54 Spurwood Road
WARRIMOO NSW 2774

1912 Triumph M/c

Nominated: Don Liddle
Seconded: Euan Coutts

Voting for the above applications for membership will take place at the Monthly Meeting on the 26th July 2012

Change of Address

Alan & Selina Lowe
188 Parraweena Road
Miranda 2228
Ph: (02) 9501 1788

CONGRATULATIONS
to
Nigel and Angela Coutts
On the birth of their twin Daughters
Mikheala Quinn &
Clancy Ruth
On the 15th June 2012
Twin sisters for their brother Lachlan

Coming Events

Tramway Museum

Sunday 29th July 2012

Bring your own lunch

10am start

The Museum is easily reached by travelling south from Sutherland on Rawson Avenue, formerly the Princes Highway. Be sure to travel along Rawson Avenue, not the Sutherland bypass.

There is no right turn from the bypass.

The Museum buildings can be seen on the right just before Rawson Avenue joins the bypass.

There is limited parking in Pitt Street; other parking is available along Rawson Avenue itself.

The Museum entry fees are:

Adults \$15 Children \$8 Seniors and concessions \$10

Family of (2 adults + 2 children) \$46, additional children in the same family free.

Children under 5 years of age are also free.

NAVIGATORS COMBINED SOCIAL DAY

Sunday 5th August 2012

“WALK THE BOARDWALK”

Start. 9-30am

Buffalo Creek Reserve Pittwater Rd East Ryde

Finish. Gladesville Area

This is a very short run with easy navigator's directions. “No questions while driving”.

“THE BOX” will be at the start.

Bring your walking shoes as there will be a short walk at the start & a bushwalk at lunchtime for those who are interested.

Tea & coffee provided at start & morning tea.

It's on wet or fine.

Undercover area available at lunch stop, with kitchen facilities & continual tea & coffee available.

A gold coin would be appreciated in the donation jar.

Short walk from car park to lunch area.

Les Watton 9838 8063 M 0418 973 866

“RUN to the COUNTRY”

MaSH Branch

11th and 12th August 2012

Saturday: Start 9.00am - 9.30am

at Wire Lane, South Camden

(Found off Remembrance Drive / Old Hume Highway)

We would like to invite you to a fun time driving your veteran car or bike through some of the scenic country areas once owned by the McArthur's and their early neighbours.

The Saturday Run will start on Wire Lane, Camden South at around 9:30 am.

A run to Waragamba Dam, a round trip of 92kms.

Morning tea will be provided but be prepared to provide your own lunch at the designated stops.

If enough people are interested an evening meal location will be sought for Saturday night.

Sunday: will be a short run to a selected location from which we will depart to go home.

Starting time for Sunday to be announced.

Accommodation: Make your own arrangements for Saturday Night if staying over. Two venues are available and are located on the Old Hume Highway, Camden South, and are situated on either side of Wire Lane.

Camden Country Club Motel (previously used by entrants). Phone 4655 8402,
and

Camden Valley Inn and Country Lodge (a more upmarket abode). Phone 4655 8413.

Overnighters in the past have used,
Camden Country Club Motel,

Any queries contact Kevin Boardman 4654 5499 after 5pm.

NEWCASTLE ANNUAL TOUR

FRIDAY 12th to MONDAY 15th OCTOBER

Based at

Molly Morgan Motel

New England Highway
East Maitland
(Cnr New England Highway & Chisholm Road)

Phone (02) 4933 5422

BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

We have made a provisional booking at the motel so it will be necessary to mention you are with the V.C.C.A when booking.

Any queries contact
Graeme Newman (02) 4392 1035
Neville Preston (02) 4352 1533

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Editorial

Again I have been supplied with more articles than will fit in this edition of **YOUR** Spit and Polish. Thanks to the members for the articles they have supplied and if it is not in this issue it will be in the next month's edition.

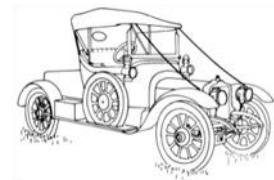
A report from Neil Martin on his trip to WA for the start of the "Across Australia" expedition, hopefully we will get part 2 from "West to East". A couple of reports on a wet 'All Veterans Day' at Maraylya, from Graham and Max. A report from Lauren Newman, prospective Junior Member, on the June weekend at Singleton. A couple of interesting articles from Mike Bendiech, a brief history of David McCredie's Maxwell and some photos of the display in Tamworth from Bob Lamond. Also below the answer to the mystery gearbox.

I would still appreciate some articles that can be used as fill ins when things are quiet. Just remember a short article can be made into a page presentation with a couple of photos as I have stated before.

Remember this is "**YOUR MAGAZINE**".

Enjoy your Veteran motoring

Nev Preston



The mystery gearbox has been identified as a 1922 Crossley gearbox.



A photo of new member Rob Duffy with his Black Motor Buggy at the Gulgong Henry Lawson Festival, the car was very well received on the day and Rob is very happy with the purchase.

Russell Holden

An Experience of a Lifetime

Written by Neil Martin

Two people, two cars with 261 years of motoring experience

Six years ago, Veteran car club of Australia (VCCA) NSW member Bob Lamond wanted to acknowledge Sydney Ferguson driver/mechanic and cyclist/navigator Francis Burtles for their epic Australian crossing in 1912. They drove their 1910 Brush, which has been recorded in Australian history as being the first motorcar to cross the continent of Australia from west to east. Thirty-one pre-1919 (veteran) one and two cylinder motorcars and motorcycles successfully completed the re-enactment on 5th April 2012. This date marks the 100th anniversary of the first crossing.

This is my story.

Part one: East to West

Registering for the event was the easy part, we had five plus years to prepare but as usual preparation time flies and plans change. Restoration of the entered vehicle was not completed, our tow and accommodation vehicle was not finished, but we ended up with the two best vehicles for the event. We allowed ourselves five days to travel to Perth some 4200km away. Our departure day was planned for Friday 9th March 2012 that would make our arrival date Wednesday 14th March, just in time for the welcome spit roast dinner at the VCCA (WA) club rooms. Friday came and went, Saturday came and went, Sunday came and by 3.30pm...we finally went.

Our first stop was Blackheath at our favourite fish n chip shop at 5.10pm. I took this opportunity to check the wheels, tyres, tow coupling and rear lights, all were found to be okay. I rang Bob Lamond to say "expect us when you see us, but don't wait for us at the start as we are running 2 ½ days late". Next stop Dubbo for fuel top up and an overnight stop at the caravan park, but being 10pm it was shut. Eight-foot high fence all around the park and we decided not to free camp so we pressed on for another park. Pulled up at Nyngan some 700km from home and everything was closed, but I needed a tree stop. After the ritual tyre kick, coupling and rear light check of the Toyota my head was being attacked by five million mozzies so I jumped into the rear of the 'troopy' for a quick squirt of aeroguard, and then got under the blankets. One hour later under great pressure I realised I forgot the tree, so back out with the mozzies where the cunning little B's were waiting for me! Mission accomplished but now I was fully awake so I jumped back in the driver's seat, told Lynette to get out of bed and put on her seatbelt. The next stop was Cobar at 6am for fuel top-up and followed by more fuel at Broken Hill.

Driving along we were reminded of the fruit fly problem and the related fines, so we downed our bananas, nectarines, apples and tomatoes etc. which was all our fruit for the next three weeks. The next stop was Port

Augusta for fuel and an ice coffee with our destination, Kimba.

A little power nap was needed so we decided to camp at Kimba for the night with 2000km down and only 2000km to Perth, but unfortunately things didn't go to plan. After re-fuelling we decided to have dinner at the roadhouse, so we ordered and paid, but nothing came out, they had forgotten us! After a few 'discussions' we ended up with take away toasted sambo's and a very cranky driver, so into the troopy and off we went. We travelled for 180km and arrived at a town called Kyancutta at midnight. I found a tree with my name on it, and then jumped into bed. At



The Troopy waiting for dinner at Kimba

1.30am we were off again, we reached Ceduna at 6.20am for fuel and iced coffee and yet another reminder of the fruit fly fines. We pressed on with a good head/side wind across the Nullarbor. Looking down at a container between the seats I said to Lynette "what's in the container?" She replied with "a kilo of grapes", so now a kilo of grapes had to be consumed. Iron Knob came and went, the Nullarbor came and went and were quite proud of

ourselves, although a bit bloated! that when we arrived at the Border Village fruit fly quarantine station; we only had to declare a small lettuce in the fridge. The inspector went through the troopy and the Renault in the trailer and confiscated the lettuce; by that time we were full of sugar and iced coffee. We arrived at Cocklebiddy but they had just got over a mouse and snake plague and it stank of dead mice so we headed onto Norseman. The countryside from Ceduna to Norseman across the Nullarbor was absolutely beautiful. The trees and bushes were all shades of green with red, brown and yellow shades mixed in. A few birds of prey flew overhead, the air was crystal clear and there was no other traffic to be seen. The only accident we saw was an overloaded box trailer that had a tyre blow and pulled the small tow vehicle on its side, when we got to Balladonia the tilt tray driver was in the roadhouse having dinner 130km away from the accident. We reached Norseman at 10pm and booked into a motel, a toasted sambo from the roadhouse, a well-earned shower and off to bed.

Up at 2am, a quick breakfast, refuelled and it's off to Perth with only 800km to go. Two quick power naps before daybreak, Southern Cross came and went. We followed the Perth to Kalgoorlie water pipeline, and what an engineering marvel. The road was flanked with picturesque Western Gum trees, their trunks and branches appear to have been polished to a bronze lustre, and with the morning sun they look magnificent. Morning tea at the Merredin pumping station and a quick look at the exhibits and it's off for the last 280km, we turned off 15km short of Perth towards the VCCA (WA) clubrooms just after noon, Wednesday 15th that's 4000km plus in 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ days. We then contacted David McCredie to find his campsite. He and Don had the penthouse at the caravan park and Lynette and myself had to settle for grass outside for the next two days.

An absolutely delicious spit roast dinner with dessert and coffee was served at the VCCA (WA) clubrooms on Wednesday night to welcome the participants and crew for our up and coming re-enactment adventure. Club president Alex Kirkwood and his wife Linda welcomed us, followed by a welcome and informative talk about our impending adventure from director/entrant #1 Bob Lamond, who incidentally is a man who needs congratulating for his dedication and efforts needed to organise such a mammoth exercise. Well-done Bob and thank you for giving Lynette, myself and other entrants and crews an experience we will never forget.

Well-done Mr Bob Lamond.

Neil and Lynette Martin
Entrant #31
"Marcell"
1912 Renault AX.

Veteran Day - Maraylya - 3rd June 2012

Graham Froud

Preamble

The events committee of the day which worried our President Don Liddle (who wondered what we were going to come up with next) thought it would be a good idea to have a veteran day with only veteran machines eligible and including veteran cars as well. The venue was Maraylya Park and the route of the original run was a left hand affair much the same as it is today, with a soup stop half way round the run. The spot chosen was a verge on the side of Annangrove Road near Blue Gum Road, and the soup was ladled out of the boot of Derrick Guthridge's Rolls Royce. This venue was changed a couple of years later to Oakville Reserve in Oakville Road where it has remained since. The rules were very simple - they were to get as many veteran machines out,

going or not going, basket cases, or even parts - to put on display one day a year. The month chosen was August. Prizes were to be given out for concour's d'elegance and contour's d'état for both cars and bikes. It was decided to have an optional run for registered machines and a prize was given out for spotting a landmark along the route. Lunch was to be provided at a cost, and tea and coffee free.



Dennis Tobler's 1918 Triumph

Veteran Day 2012

The weather was miserable to say the least, however 13 veteran machines turned up, and lots of Club members on bikes or in cars to be marshals or just to help. Nine machines braved the elements and went on the run. It wasn't too bad until we got to the much anticipated soup stop, then it got very wet and dreary. The run from the soup stop to the roundabout at Kenthurst Road was just a series of belt slip, with the exception of Peter Scott. Then we had a reprieve on flattish roads back to Maraylya Park. However, as bad as it may seem, it was most enjoyable. Many thanks to those who helped at the soup stop and providing lunch, the back-up trailer and the marshals who were on every corner. The only problems suffered were with Denis Tobler who had a minor problem, and Kevin Boardman whose Triumph backfired and caught fire, but luckily Graham Goodwin was behind in a car with a fire extinguisher and no damage was done to the Triumph. Not even Kevin's beard got singed.

A blast from the past - Barney Waters came down from Gosford to perceive the doings. Hopefully he will be back next year, bringing down and riding his veteran New Hudson.

The veterans which attended were -

Michael Bendeich - 1914 AKD

Laurie Deller - 1911 Norton

Peter Scott - 1912 Rudge

Denis Tobler - 1918 Triumph

Ian Richardson - 1915 Peerless

Ross McDermott - 1912 Triumph

Kevin Boardman - 1912 Triumph (owned by Ian Richardson)

Graham Froud - 1914 Precision Big 4

Dick Tunbridge - 1917 T-model Ford

Andrew Butcher - 1914 Triumph

Richard Czereba - 1913 Bradbury

Don Liddle - 1907 Rio

Lee Wright - 1912 Triumph

Concour's d'elegance - 1914 Precision Big 4 Contour's d'etat - 1913 Bradbury

Winners were -



*Ian Richardson with his
1915 Peerless*

Veteran Day - Maraylya - 3rd June 2012

Max Boardman

As mentioned before a number of our 'old warriors' braved the very wet conditions.

It needs to be said; that all the one and two cylinder cars piked it, including yours truly.

The M/C fraternity are made of that 'true grit' spirit, with a number of them taking to the road. One entrant from Tilba Tilba, way down south, arrived at the finish with a big grin on his face. Graham knew that a fresh set of dry clothes awaited him in his transport vehicle. Denis T., on that trusty Triumph of his, is another person that carries a 'fixed' gin on his face. The motto – 'Live to Ride' fits him to a tee and he is definitely use to these weather conditions – he comes from Robertson/Bundanoon. Ian Richardson rolled in mumbling something about, 'belt slip' and having to get home pronto. One rider of note came in warm and that was Kevin B, his ride was on the trailer. Apparently the Triumph, on-loan from Ian R., developed a 'hot seat' after a fuel blockage followed by a back-fire through the carbie that ignited the spilt fuel. Luckily, Kevin had managed to turn off the fuel supply slightly before and; lucky for Ian, the modern car following was carrying a fire extinguisher. Out in Moments and no damage done. Darius and I went modern, took some photos and canvassed a couple of riders to attend the August run at Camden.



Some of the bikes at Maraylya Park

Newcastle Branch - Singleton Rally 2012

Lauren Newman

For those that attended the 2012 Singleton Rally, it is quite easy to say that we were very fortunate with the weather that we were provided. For the Newman family (and I assume for many other families), the mornings that you are due to leave at a set time never really work well. As we usually do, we headed towards Wyee, where we were greeted by Uncle Nev on what was a rather cold Saturday morning (running late as usual). From Wyee, we went through Cooronbong, Freemans Waterhole and then on to Cessnock, where we joined the other entrants at the home of Max and Joan Burke where the rally has previously started.

This year, we were joined by Ian and Jenny Streatfield, Neil and Toni Adams and Carrot Wheeler (and of course, Coffee Dog), as first timers of the annual event. Unfortunately, Greg and Jill Roberts were unable to participate in the weekend, having entered but unable to join.



My new driving instructor and navigator, Coffee

We decided to head to Broke for lunch, grouping at the Stewart McTaggart Park which was a very enjoyable spot in the sun which gave us an opportunity to thaw out from the cool wind that you are exposed to whilst Veteran motoring. Those who had stopped at Wollombi rejoined us at the park after finishing their lunch where many enjoyed an ice cream.

From Broke, we then headed to our destination of Singleton via Mount Thorley. When we arrived, we were greeted by Euan and Wilga Coutts who trailered to the motel as they were eagerly awaiting for the arrival of their twin granddaughters, which gave them the chance to leave quickly if necessary.

Sunday we awoke to what was to be a very nice day especially compared to what the trusty weatherman was predicting of clouds and showers for the entire day. From Singleton, we went through Mount Thorley and Walkworth onto Jerry's Plains, where we stopped for morning tea and a cuppa. From Jerry's Plains, we continued the back way to Denman, which was a very enjoyable drive. The rest of the Newman family claimed that they spotted a Wedge Tail Eagle along the way, however as the driver for the time (and the responsible driver which I aim to be), I did not see the eagle as I thought it was more important to keep my focus on the road whilst the fabulous (or not so fabulous) navigation team spotted supposed wildlife.

After a bit of morning tea and welcoming message from Director John, we then headed for Singleton through Kitchener, Quorrobolong, Paxton and then on to Wollombi. As an entered driver this year, I (quite nervously) drove from Paxton onwards, gaining more experience and a lot of encouragement from the other drivers around me. We headed to Wollombi for a re-group, however most people decided to stay at Wollombi for lunch, however some continued on to Broke. It was quite interesting to see the large number of kangaroos and other wildlife that were spotted along our travels, with even the spotting of a rather large wombat, just north of Wollombi.



Joan riding some of the older modes of transportation

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We regrouped at the Denman Memorial park for lunch where we attracted some rather fascinated spectators. A group of young boys were most fascinated by Carrot's Veteran motorbike with the fact the bike has not only a motor, but also pedals (but the extra chair and dog didn't surprise them?).

From Denman, we headed to Jeff Wolfgang's property just outside of Denman. It was quite interesting to see the variety of things that he is in possession of, especially not having been there before. I was lucky enough to be given the guided commentary by a very tired Matthew Burke, which added to the entertainment. After knowing Matt for quite a while now, I get the impression that the commentary may not have been fully historically accurate, however it did create some entertainment. Some of the members were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to test some of the equipment, guided by Jeff, which was also quite interesting. From there, we proceeded through Mount Thorley back to Singleton.

That evening, we were treated to a very yummy dinner and the prize winners were awarded. A few words of thanks were also expressed to John, by a couple of the members.

Monday morning did not treat us as well with the weather; the hoods went up, the side curtains went on and for some, the wet weather outfit also went on. From Singleton, we went through Elderslie to Branxton, which officially concluded the tour. Many didn't hang around due to the oncoming rain and the cold weather and so headed home to the warmth and shelter of their home.

We got home to a very wet backyard in a very wet veteran car. Sadly, we were also told of the troubles that the Martins were faced with on their way back to Cessnock with the needed assistance of the police (cops are tops if I do say so myself) and to hear of the unlucky misfortunes of Allen Dunlop.

It was also great to see over the weekend the number of families that were involved over the weekend, with a six families being represented over three generations (Burke, Dunlop, Adams, Hobson, Cherry, Preston/Newman).

Overall, another great weekend of Veteran Motoring, with a big thank you to John and his team.



Rosie Davis enjoying part of her winning prize



Morning tea at Jerrys Plains Overland, Hupmobile, Buick, Renault

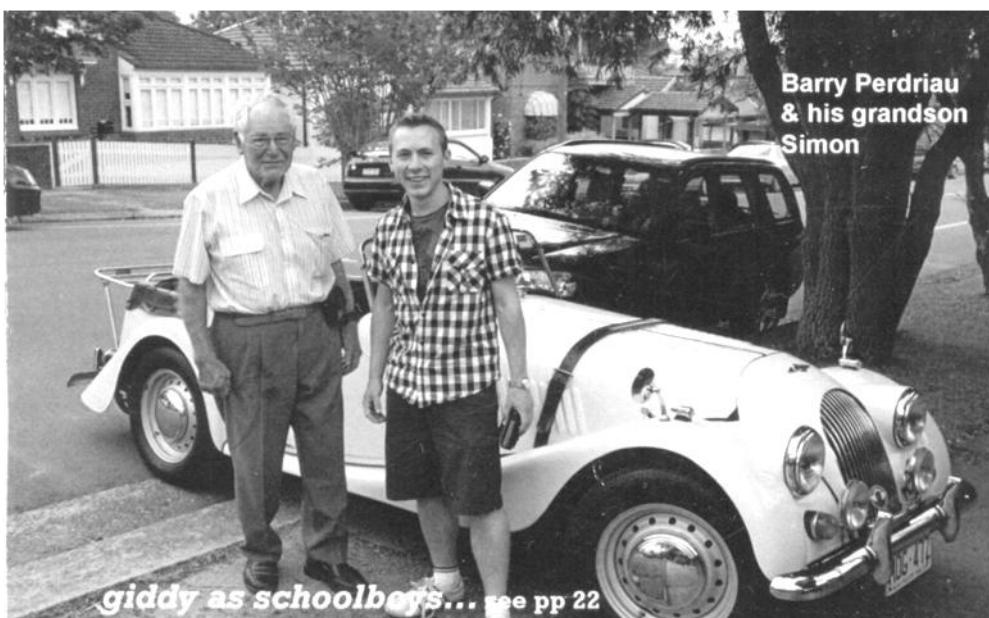
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Hard Luck -	John Brumby, Neil Martin
Coldest Crew -	Euan and Wilga Coutts (Renault)
Warmest Crew -	Eliza and Rosie Davis (Allen and Kate – Cadillac)
Motels Choice -	Newman Family (Talbot with "L" plates)
Director's Choice -	Ian and Jenny Streatfield (Overland)
Cleanest Car -	Neville Preston (Talbot)
Allen-for-being-Allen prize –	Allen Dunlop (Cadillac)
Raffle winner -	Jenny Streatfield
Lollies in the Jar -	Alexandra Adams

Entrants List

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Max & Joan Burke	Hupmobile
Allen Dunlop.....	Cadillac
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Out For a Spin

On the 20th November, 2011, Richard Perkins kindly gave Barry Perdriau and his grandson, Simon, a ride in his 1973 Morgan Plus Four. This was in celebration of Barry's 80th Birthday, but it would be difficult to say who enjoyed it most -- all three were giddy as schoolboys with excitement!

As well as some sheer visceral thrills with Richard at the wheel, Barry and Simon particularly enjoyed the opportunity to appreciate the engineering that makes Morgan cars so unique. Both are quite passionate about the subject- indeed, it seems rather a Perdriau trait!

Barry completed degrees in both Industrial and Mechanical Engineering in the 1950s, before running an automotive and tailshaft machining business in Sydney. He retired a quarter of a century ago and has spent the years since collecting and restoring antiques and tools, amassing one of Australia's largest collections. Even at 80, he still maintains 3 personal workshops, a 1911 Le Zebre automobile and is a keen member of the Veteran Car Club.

Barry's brother Kelvin was also an Engineer, as was his father, who worked particularly with motorcycles as a Dispatch Rider in WWI.

Further back, the Perdriau family helped pioneer steam ferry travel on Sydney harbour and especially in Balmain; beginning with the construction of the steam-ferry 'Alma' in the mid 19th Century. Another industrial venture, the Perdriau Rubber Company began in 1885, manufacturing rubber for many purposes until its merger with Dunlop in the 1930s.

(The above article supplied by Mike Bendeich and from "The Morgan Ear" April 2012)



Mark Foy's 1905 Tour of the Snowy Mountains

By Pauline Downing

Mark Foy was the founder of the famous and fabulously stylish Sydney store which bore his name. His building became a Sydney landmark with its sweeping marble piazza and turreted roofline that covered almost one block on the corner of Oxford and Elizabeth streets.

Mark Foy traded from 1883 until 1968 under the family's incredible business acumen. Even after his retirement Mark Foy purchased three properties and built the magical Hydro-Majestic health retreat and hotel at Medlow Bath in the Blue Mountains.

In October 1905, he decided he would take his family on a trip to the Snowy Mountains in his 1902 Panhard Levasser. His plan for the tour was to drive to Cooma, then Adaminaby, through Kiandra and visit the Yarrangobilly Caves staying at Caves House, which had been constructed only four years earlier.

Fuel was not available, it was 1905 after all, and petrol driven engines were not widespread. This challenged Foy to ensure his supply by having petrol sent to Cooma by train and fuel drops were made at predetermined points by the Mail Coach, which was horse drawn.

The family's successful trip was soured when, on the way back to Sydney the elegant, race-bred, French designed and manufactured Panhard broke down. Ignominiously a draught horse was summoned to drag the vehicle into Cooma.

News spread fast. As the car was coming down Royal Hill in Cooma, the locals lined the street, bailing out of the pub and Haines Stores in Sharp Street. They knew that these new-fangled horseless carriages were a complete folly and waste of time and would never, ever take the role of the horse.

Foy was deeply embarrassed. The following quote from an article by Neville Locker of Adaminaby tells what followed Foy's humiliating entrance into town.

'He had just passed through the crowd when he came opposite Ryall's Blacksmith Shop and Ryall, I am told, rushed out, pulled the draught horse up, then proceeded to walk around and around the car exclaiming, "This is amazing, this is amazing". He had never seen a car before. Upon Foy enquiring what was so amazing Ryall said, "This car thing is made of metal, I'm a blacksmith so I will be able to fix it for you; bring it into the yard."

Bill was an excellent blacksmith. He pulled that car to pieces to find the problem without success. The photo shows the car's vital innards in pieces, with Bill sitting down trying to make sense of the internal combustion engine. Leaning against the shed wall, looking dapper but totally dejected, surrounded by bits of mudguards and engine bonnet, is the forlorn Mark Foy.

Bill tried valiantly; using all his skills learned on mechanical farm machinery but had to admit defeat. The car was bundled into crates and freighted on the same steam train that the Foy Family returned on to Sydney.

(The above article supplied by Mike Bendeich and from the Snowy Times Autumn 2012)

History of 1912 Maxwell Messenger

David McCredie

Engine and Body number AC 76525.

The following is the history of our 1912 Maxwell AC, obtained directly from Ann Bush, Andy Robeson and Sheila Robinson:

The first owner of the Maxwell was Roscoe W Smith a Quaker who founded a company in 1905 that grew to become the Orange & Rocklands Utilities and is still listed on the New York Stock Exchange. He began work as a 16 year old in the fledgling power industry, operating the boilers, stringing wires and setting power poles. This lead him to found his own company, later making him a wealthy man. The Maxwell was used for his work, his personal cars were always Cadillacs. In July 1950 he opened the "Museum Village" at Monroe NY on 18 acres, following a lifetime of fascination with the tools that built America. The Maxwell was exhibited in the museum and remained there until the owners death at age 99 in 1976. He was an extremely benevolent man and his life is well told in the book "The Life & Times of Roscoe William Smith 1877 -1976".



After his death in 1976 the Maxwell was given by Roscoe Smith's son Leland to Roscoe's nephew Dave Bush. He did not restore the car and after his death in 1992 Dave Bush's wife Ann loaned the car to Andy Robeson from Blacksburg VA where he used it as a model to rebuild his identical 1912 Maxwell AC.

Andy Robeson had the car in his garage for many years then he arranged to sell it for Ann Bush to Leonard Votroubek for \$10,000. Votroubek was a mechanic who carried out some mechanical restoration work on the car.

The next owner was Lester Robinson from Buffalo NY who purchased it from Votroubek in May 2003 for \$16,000 and who restored the car cosmetically and did some mechanical repairs however he passed away before completing the project and did not get the car running.

I purchased the car from Lester's wife Sheila Robinson in January 2008 and shipped it to Sydney Australia, it had not run and required significant work to get it running, I have since carried out mechanical restoration. The car has survived with all of its original body panels and woodwork and is painted and lined in the correct original colours. When new, a brass Westchester windshield was an optional extra. I have fitted a reproduction Westchester windshield using a combination of original and reproduction parts, the car is otherwise as it would have been when delivered new.

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2012 Centenary Expedition Display at Tamworth Entertainment Centre

Bob Lamond

Tamworth Rotary invited us to be the Central Display at the Tamworth Classic Car Show on 4/5 May.

There was a huge crowd with great interest in our Veterans and the PowerPoint presentation of the 2012 Expedition "Across Australia" which I will show at the July meeting. A very humble David McCredie won the trophy for the best veteran car and Rotary made \$50,000 over the two days. David's Maxwell and Craig and my Brushes were joined by John Stanley of Armidale Brush and my son Andrew displayed his 1918 Indian PowerPlus.



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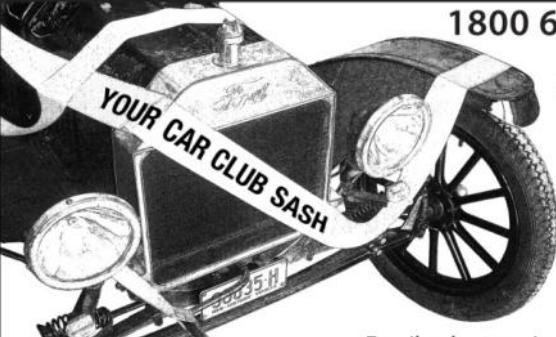
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