



HAMILTON & DISTRICT

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Veteran Vintage Classic
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NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2015

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**Membership Renewals are due
and must be paid by September**

Renewal forms enclosed



Around the Garages Casterton

Ross Davidson 1960 Humber Vogue

Colin Hewson Honda

Dirt Buggy based on Ford Prefect parts

Currently building our club website

<http://hamiltondistrictvvcdriversclub.webs.com/>

Committee 2014-2015

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Club meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month, excl. Dec Jan. at the
Club rooms at the Pastoral Museum Ballarat Road Hamilton unless otherwise advised
in the monthly newsletter 7.30 for 8pm

MEMBERS CURRENTLY ON CLUB RED PLATES WILL HAVE RECEIVED LOG BOOKS FOR THE NEW PERMIT SCHEME. YOU WILL NO LONGER REQUIRE PERMITS FOR USING YOUR CAR AS LONG AS YOU COMPLETE THE LOG BOOK. YOU MUST ALSO BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF OUR CLUB AND HAVE COMPLETED THE INFORMATION FORM AND RETURNED IT TO THE SECRETARY.

Views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily official Club views

NEWSLETTER

Please submit articles for the newsletter by the first Friday of the month. Please note articles submitted after this date may not appear in the following newsletter

Emailed articles preferred
peterandlorrainewilson@hotmail.com Please put Hamilton VVC in subject.

Members welcome to attend newsletter production night on the Thursday after the first Friday of the month at the clubrooms commencing at 6.30pm NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

Looking for a Queen's Birthday Event Committee for 2016. Are you interested ?

CLUB CALENDAR 2015

SEE CLUB CAPTAIN NOTES FOR FULL DETAILS Other events may be listed in the minutes

NOTE DATE	CHANGE OF	
	16	This is a run to Grassmere Junction to view a very large motorcycle collection, which is not normally open to the general public. Lunch is at the Woolsthorpe National Hotel (Contact Caroline on 0407 806 681).
	21	Club meeting—Friends of the Botanical Gardens
	23	No run—Note change of date to 16th August
	26	Assemble at the Clubroom at 12.45pm. for a 1.00pm. Departure. On arrival at Macarthur Geoff Sharrock and Friends will escort us on an Historic Walk of the Township with special buildings being opened up for us. Please bring an overcoat and umbrella in case of rain. An afternoon tea venue has been booked for us following the walk but you will need to bring your own food etc (hot water supplied)
September	4	Newsletter deadline
	10	Newsletter publication NOTE THURSDAY NOT FRIDAY
	18	Club meeting
	20	River cruise—Hopkins River see Club Captains report.
	27	Invitation to Macarthur Market Day— see Club Captains report
	30	Midweek run
October	2	Newsletter deadline
	8	Newsletter publication NOTE THURSDAY NOT FRIDAY
	16	Club meeting
	18	Pastoral Museum Open Day and club run.
	28	Midweek run

INVITATION EVENTS 2015

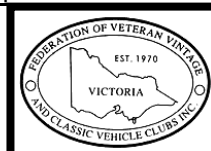
Also see some brochures and reports later in the newsletter for details or other events.

August	29	Mt Gambier Veteran & Vintage Car Club – Celebrate 50th Birthday , opening of new club rooms at Shelton St & Anniversary dinner at 6pm \$15 per person . Contact Mavis Thompson Sec 0419 403 682, colvis2@gmail.com RSVP & payment by July 31 st 2015
	29-30	Naracoorte's Caveland Tour Can register on Friday 28 th August 7.30 – 9.00pm. Information from Tour Registrar Gordon Wright 0418 942 190 . (Flyer & Registration form on Notice Board at Hamilton Vintage Garage)
	30	Golden Oldies: This rally for vehicles 1919 – 1930 is an 8 day event commencing at the Marong Picnic on 30 th Aug 2015 visiting Castlemaine, Rochester, Cobram, Corowa, Chiltern and Benalla areas. (Entry forms available at our Clubrooms)
September	19-20	Maryborough Wings & Wheels Enquiries David Lowe 03 9827 8124 AH
	21—Oct 2	Federation Motorfest Classic – Entries close August 28 th Contact Dean Byrne 0428 244 966
	27	Bay to Birdwood (Classics 1956 – 1978) Entries close August 7 th National Motor Museum Entries@baytobirdwood.com.au Phone 08 8568 4022
November	1	Balmoral Show & Shine Lions Club
	13-15	Federation Bendigo Swap Meet November Friday 13 th to Sunday 15 th request for volunteers for gate keeping duties. Pay \$10.00 per hour to Club for 2 hour shifts. Contact Graeme Ralph.

Federation Events and Information

Please visit their website www.federation.asn.au

[This website has quite a list of coming events around Victoria.](http://www.federation.asn.au)



President's Corner



Following a very successful AGM the Club is off into what is hoped to be another year of very successful activities. We have two new faces on Committee in Les Toohey and Rod Potter but I am still looking for one more volunteer as Graeme Ralph has decided to take a well-earned break from an officials position. I would like to thank Graeme, and his hard-working Wife, Betty, for their contributions to Club activities over many, many years. We have also failed to attract a Mid-Week Rally Director so if any of you feel that you may be able to assist with this position please contact any of the Committee members. Club members offer many different things to see and do but we do need someone to co-ordinate the runs on a monthly basis.

Over the past twelve months as President I have attended many different functions and participated in the organisation of Rallies for visiting clubs all of which, from the feedback I have received, have cemented OUR Club's position as one of the best organised, and most stable, in country Victoria and all are very envious of our Clubroom.

I have noticed the lack of Ladies attending our monthly meetings over the past twelve months so I am in the process of rectifying this by arranging guest speakers that will talk on subjects that will create interesting topics to entertain ALL members and the first of these will be introduced into the August meeting. Our ladies are, in my opinion, most important to the Club. Looking forward to your company and friendship over the next year's activities.
Doug Palmer

AUGUST MEETING—GUEST SPEAKER

Will be a representative of the 'Friends of the Gardens' Committee who will give a talk on the future "Ten Year Plan" area as to restore the Hamilton Botanical Gardens back to the original idea of the area as laid out by William Guilfoyle (creator of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens)



a small zoo and playground and the ornate Thomson Fountain. The [National Trust of Australia](#) classified the gardens in 1990 with eight tree species listed on the Register of Significant Trees in Victoria.

[Hamilton](#) Botanic gardens from 1881. Set in four acres (16,000 m²), the gardens are distinguished by rare botanic species, a superbly restored rotunda,

CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

August Mid week run Wednesday, August 26

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An afternoon tea venue has been booked for us following the walk but you will need to bring your own (hot water supplied)

September Car Club Run, Sunday September 20:

Some people travel to America to do a Niagara Falls and river cruise. However our car club will save you the cost of the plane ticket- we are doing a falls and river cruise on the Hopkins River. The Hopkins may not be as impressive as Niagara, however it is listed as one of the widest falls in Australia. The river cruise doesn't go upriver as far as the falls, so we will visit the falls first, then travel to the cruise departure point. Hopkins River Cruises are putting on this cruise just for us and we need a minimum of 25 people. It will be \$15.50/head. Please contact Caroline on 0407806681. More details in the September newsletter.

Macarthur market day, Sunday September 27:

The Macarthur and District Lions Club have invited any interested car club members to their Macarthur Market Day on Sunday September 27th, from 9am. The market will provide: morning tea, egg & bacon sandwiches, BBQ lunch, drinks, coach rides, stalls, musical entertainment, craft, jewellery, woodwork, home produce, bric-a-brac, original paintings, garden supplies, 2nd hand treasures and much more. Car Club members are invited to show their cars in the main street, around the Macarthur Hall, during the market. If you do this and wear your club badge, you will receive free lunch. For further information (and to find out where to display your car) please contact Christine Duyvestyn on 55761217.

October Car Club Run, Sunday October 18:

Hamilton Pastoral Museum open days on October 17 and 18. There will be a short run on the Sunday, culminating at the Museum so our cars can be exhibited and we can partake of the entertainment at the open day.

November Car Club Run, Sunday November 22:

Note- 2 runs this month.

Treloar Roses, Bolwara. Tour through Treloar Roses, \$10/adult, children no charge. Further details in future newsletters.

Also car club run on the following weekend, November 29, to Casterton for their POO day (Pride of Ownership).

Question: When should I prune my rose plants?

The best time to prune your roses is late winter or early spring. Regions with the danger of frost need to make sure they prune after any chance of frost to ensure your new shoots don't get frostbitten.



AROUND THE GARAGES

or 'Restoration Roundabout'

Casterton, Sunday, July 12th, 2015

On a cold, wet Sunday morning a large crowd of visiting club members gathered at the 5 Casterton Football Ground to be entertained by the Casterton Club. Those from our Club were 'ma /~'~<~:_

Myself, Rod Potter, John Barke, Geoff Sharrock, Roger Moodie, Robert Fraser, Les Rose, Terry & -if 'Jenny Hutchins, Norm Gravestocks, Peter Smith, Richard & Pam Neaves, Jim Ford, Mark Rye and Greg & Julie Lindsay (apologies to anyone I have missed).

There was such a large gathering that we had to split up into two groups with one going to Ross Davidson's Son, Rod's, large engineering business a few kilometers out of town where Rod explained the equipment on the shop floor and how it worked.

There we saw his father's 1927 Ford Tourer and 1960's Humber Vogue with the big attraction being a huge 9 cylinder Radial Aero Engine mounted on a trailer that had been brought down from the Wimmera by Ross's Brother.

When that motor was fired up it was definitely a case of fingers in the ears as the noise was tremendous, and that was only on just above an idle. Thank goodness the propeller was not attached or the thing would have been out the other end of the shed in a flash.

From there our half switched over and drove back towards town to arrive at the home of Colin Hewson to view his large collection of Japanese Micro Cars and early Saloons. We saw Honda's of all types, Subaru's, and a very rare 1971 Honda 1300 Coupe. Also in the sheds were a Datsun 180B, a Renault 10, a Llada Nikki, a Morris 1100, a Triumph TR7 and a whole heap of others in various condition.

From there we all went back to the Football Ground for a very enjoyable barbeque lunch.

Unfortunately I had to leave for S.A. straight after this so the following report was added by Rod Potter.

Once again the group split up with one going to a reasonably large Motor Cycle collection which included a very nice Honda 175, a very rare Honda Super 50 Step-through, a 1960 BMW 500 and a 1990 BMW Racing Bike.

The group then swapped over and visited Arnold Hornibrook's collection which included the Men's/Ladies Man Cave with its collection of various items and then there was several vehicles belonging to Casterton Club members, several Morris Minors and a Tear Drop Caravan, a very early 1967 Holden HB Torana 'Brabham Special' (genuine), a 1960's Hillman (like Peter Wilson's) and a home-made Dirt Buggy based on Ford Prefect parts.

From there we all re-assembled at the Football Ground (Casterton's Club Buildings) for a very warming afternoon tea and chin-wag before departing for our various homes.

The next 'Restoration Roundabout' will be hosted by OUR CLUB in 2016.

Doug Palmer



Rod Davidson's Ford

Colin Henson Renault 10

9 Cylinder Radial Aero Engine Rod Davidson

Colin Henson

MID-WEEK RUN TO DUNKELD

July 29th, 2015

On a cool winters day 16 car loads of members, and guests (Brian & Glenda Mazur from Shepparton) gathered at the Clubroom for a run to visit the new Dunkeld Community Centre.

We travelled out the Strathkellar Road in convoy and on reaching Dunkeld went immediately to the new addition added to the original old hall where we were met by Heather Macgugan and invited inside.

What a magnificent, very well designed, open-spaced interior we stepped into. The building had some ingenious features like dividing walls that slid along rails and were hidden inside special rooms around the edges of the hall. This meant that you could hold several different functions at the same time and also had an overhead projection set-up so that it turned into a picture theatre.

Heather conducted us on a complete tour through the whole complex and we were staggered at the transformation of the old hall, for those that remembered it as it used to be. We were shown the new R.S.L. Rooms, full of paintings and memorabilia from the different war-time periods which were also incorporated within the building. A credit to all those concerned with the design and thought processes that went into this valuable addition to the Dunkeld community.

From there we all made the short journey down the main street, turned left into the Halls Gap Road and left again at the first street across the creek arriving at Dunkeld Delights for what was a magnificent afternoon tea and chin-wag, as is usually the case when we get together.

A great afternoon's outing in enjoyable company. Those on the run were:-

Rob. & Heather Fraser — 1939 Ford Deluxe
Doug Palmer — 1957 Ford Zephyr
Terry & Jenny Hutchins — 1964 Holden S/Wagon
Geoff & Eileen Graham — 1973 Mercedes SL
Laurie Stevens — 1968 MG B
Peter Wilson & Brian Mazur - 1956 Hillman Minx
Lorraine Wilson & Glenda Mazur—Modern
Walter Brinkmann & Denis Polack — 1968 Austin
Ian Clarke & Colin Dixon — 1954 Ford Zephyr
Roger Moodie ~ 1999 Porsche
Mark & Lorraine Rye — 1967 Jaguar 340
Arthur & Glenys Hole — 1966 Ford Mustang
Greg & Julie Lindsay — 1989 Mazda MX5
Reg. & Kaye Jenkins — 1967 Humber
John Barber — 1951 Holden
Graeme & Betty Ralph — Modern
Carolyn Schurmann — Modern

Apologies to anyone I have missed.- Doug Palmer



Minutes Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton & District V.V.C. Drivers Club Inc.

Held at H&DVVC Drivers Club Hamilton Vintage Garage Clubrooms

Date: Friday July 17th 2015

Meeting Opened: 8.15 PM

Welcome: President Doug welcomed members to the AGM

Attendance: as per Book Rod Potter, Richard Neaves, Bob Martin, Robert Brody, Lorraine Wilson, John Barke, Graeme Ralph, Betty Ralph, Noel Schneider, Peter Wilson, Jenny Hutchins, Terry Hutchins, Doug Palmer, Les Toohey, Denis Polack, Andrew Anson, Ern Polack, Jim Ford, Michael & Caroline Woodward, David Denton

Apologies: Gus & Glenyce Kuilboer, Don & Irene McDonald, Norman Gravestocks, Trevor & Kay Schulz, John & Jenny Corcoran, Lloyd Hocking, Terry & Margeurite Gunningham, Chris & Sharon Watt, Rob Fraser, Lesley Toohey, Greg & Julie Lindsay, Mark & Lorraine Rye, Wal Brinkmann, Carolyn & Jeff Schurmann, Reg & Kaye Jenkins, David Denton

Moved: Bob Martin Seconded: Andrew Anson
Carried:

Minutes of the previous Annual General meeting July 18th 2014: as recorded in the Newsletter August 2014:

Moved: Lorraine Wilson Seconded: Les Toohey
Carried:

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Annual report: President Doug Palmer See attached

Motion: I would like to thank President Doug and Lorraine Wilson particularly for all their excellent work put in for our Club this year including the Rally.

Moved: John Barke Seconded: Richard Neaves
Carried:

Treasurer's Report: As presented by Treasurer

Motion: Annual Membership fee to remain at \$50.00. A once only Joining Fee of \$50.00 be introduced from tonight to cover costs

Moved: Jim Ford Seconded: Ern Polack Carried:
15 in favour, 4 against

Correspondence In: Annual return to Community Affairs for H&D VVC DC 2015 – 2016 financial year

Correspondence Out: Annual return to Community Affairs for H&D VVC DC 2014 – 2015 financial year

Moved: John Barke Seconded: Michael Woodward
Carried:

Declaration of Office-bearer vacancies and Election of Office-bearers: Conducted by Peter Wilson see table

General Business: Nil

Meeting Closed: 8.40 pm

Next Meeting : Third Friday in July 2016

Looking for more articles about members cars. Please email with photo if possible

Position	Number of nominations	Elected
President	ONE	Doug Palmer
Vice President	ONE	Richard Neaves
Secretary and Public Officer	ONE	John Barke
Assistant Secretary	ONE	Richard Neaves
Treasurer	ONE	Kaye Jenkins
Assistant Treasurer	NONE	
Club Captains	TWO	Michael and Caroline Woodward
Committee members 4	THREE	Les Toohey Rod Potter John Corcoran

EDITORIAL

After visiting the new Dunkeld Community Centre I turned to the Internet for some more information. What I found was a vibrant website that showed how this small community has worked together and achieved so much.

What is Discover Dunkeld?

Discover Dunkeld is a not-for-profit committee passionate about where we live, and eager to share the food, wine, art, history and natural beauty of this picturesque little village. We highlight the hidden gems and sensational events on offer in and around Dunkeld. A weekend away could become a lifetime obsession. The Grampians National Park, rich pastoral heritage and lively food and arts culture means Dunkeld will leave you wishing for just one more bite, one more golden afternoon and one more exhilarating sunrise

<http://www.discoverdunkeld.com/>



EXHAUST NOTES

Congratulations to Betty and Graeme on the arrival of a grandson Archie Lancaster Puskus to Elissa and Andrew in Melbourne.

Lorraine and Peter Wilson welcome a second beautiful granddaughter Audrey Grace to Erin and Cameron Penny in Hamilton. She arrived on her great grandpop's 98th birthday.

Les Thomas has had another fall and nursing some injuries. We wish him better health.

Condolences to Doug Palmer on the passing of his mother.

Please let the Editor know if there are significant birthdays/events to add to Exhaust Notes.

MINUTES

General Meeting of the Hamilton & District V.V.C. Drivers Club Inc

Held at Hamilton Vintage Garage Clubrooms

Date: Friday July 17th 2015

Meeting Opened 8.40 pm

Members welcomed: President Doug welcomed members (& New Members)

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Moved: Caroline Woodward **Seconded:**
Bob Martin **Carried:**

Minutes of the previous General meeting June 19th : 2015 as circulated:

Moved: Peter Wilson **Seconded:**
Les Toohey **Carried:**

Business arising from the Minutes Nil

Treasurer's Report: As presented by Assistant Treasurer.

Accounts passed for payment

Grangeburn Office supplies

Moved: Graeme Ralph **Seconded**
Richard Neaves **Carried:**

Correspondence In:

Email from mailed application to Connecting up – Membership approved

Letter from Community Affairs Victoria for online creation of myCAV account for completion of annual report

Letter from Morris Minor CC of V. Thank you for great organisation of QB rally, enjoyed every aspect of weekend

Letter from Ford Model A Club thanking President Doug & our club for the organisation of their rally to

the Western District based in Hamilton (Ford A club presented two plaques to our club)

Letter from Gordon Pendlebury repairs/reconditions Holden Hydramatic damper plates, splines, ring gears, planetary assemblies for Holdens, Jaguars, etc.

Federation VVC Vehicle Clubs Agenda & Minutes AGM Saturday August 5th Darnum

Federation VVC Vehicle Clubs Agenda & Minutes Delegates meeting Saturday August 5th Darnum

Australia Post request for ABN evidence re Business status for post box

Correspondence Out:

Letter to Federation VVC Vehicle Clubs offering to host a Quarterly Delegates Meeting in May or August 2016 at Hamilton Vintage Garage & Hamilton Pastoral Museum

Two bereavement letters to Jock Whiting & family

Letter of thanks to Graeme & Betty Ralph for donation of new vacuum cleaner to H&D VVC DC

Provided a copy ABN currency & history (ex Australian government website) for Business PO box

Events

Check the Notice Boards at the Hamilton Vintage Garage clubrooms for future Events

Federation Calendar of Events August 2015 to April 2016

Federation Bendigo Swap Meet November Friday 13th to Sunday 15th request for volunteers for gate keeping duties. Pay \$10.00 per hour to Club for 2 hour shifts. Contact Graeme Ralph.

Mt Gambier Veteran & Vintage Car Club **August 29th Saturday** – Celebrate 50th Birthday, opening of new club rooms at Shelton St & Anniversary dinner at 6pm \$15 per person . Contact Mavis Thompson Sec 0419 403 682, colvis2@gmail.com RSVP & payment by July 31st 2015

Naracoorte's Caveland Tour **Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th August** Can register on Friday 28th August 7.30 – 9.00pm. Information from Tour Registrar Gordon Wright 0418 942 190 . (Flyer & Registration form on Notice Board at Hamilton Vintage Garage)

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Federation Motorfest Classic September 21st to October 2nd – Entries close August 28th Contact Dean Byrne 0428 244 966

Bay to Birdwood Sunday September 27th (Classics 1956 – 1978) Entries close August 7th National Motor Museum Entries@baytobirdwood.com.au Phone 08 8568 4022

VVVC Ballarat Interclub picnic to Daylesford Sunday Sept 13th - Contact Mike Simpson 0419 935 147

Maryborough Biennial Rally October 9-11th 2015
Contact Geoff Trengrove 0417411 117

Balmoral Show & Shine Lions Club Sunday November 1st 2015

Newsletters

Fed News August-September 2015

Casternotes May, June 2015

Hudson Terraplane CC Vic June 2015

Bulbhorn Mildura VVC June, July 2015

Drivers Journal Goulburn Valley MVDC June, July 2015

Mornington Peninsula Historic Vehicles Club June, July 2015

VCCC Ballarat June, July 2015

Southern Border Torque Mt Gambier May, June 2015,

Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Horscham June, July 2015

Backfire WD HVC Geelong May, June, July 2015

Sun Country HV & MC Amap, June, July 2015

Gippsland Historic Auto Club May, June 2015

Morris Register Victoria June, July 2015

Waggin' Wheels Naracoorte HV club May, June 2015

Warrnambool & Dist HVC lub May, June 2015

Bendigo Distributor June, July 2015

Viking Torque June quarter 2015

The Triumph Trumpet May, June, July 2015

MG Wheelspin May, June, July 2015

Chrome & Canvas Portland March – June 2015

Grampians Vintage Vehicle Club Ararat April, May, June 2015

Colac Collectable Car Club June 2015

Singer Wheels June 2015

Moved: Lorraine Wilson
Michael Woodward

Seconded:
Carried:

Club Captains Report

MID-WEEK RUN July 29th Meet at the clubrooms at 1:45 pm for a 2pm start to visit the new Dunkeld Community Centre and have afternoon tea at Dunkeld Delights.

Monthly Run Sunday August 16th (Note date)

9.30 for 9.45am start Run to Grassmere Junction to view a very large motorcycle collection, which is not normally open to the general public.

Lunch is at the Woolsthorpe National Hotel. Contact Caroline on 0407 806 681 by Aug 7th

MID-WEEK RUN August 26th TBA

Monthly Run Sunday September 20th. River cruise to Mystery River

BUILDING REPORT

Doug has spoken to Dennis Belcher about Library. Need to sell oven & hot plates John Barke to ask Ern Polack to test.

A new metal sign – green background, white writing

– is being made, advertising the H&D VVC D Club, to be erected on the Ballarat Rd fence of HPM Cost of sign donated. Check with Vicroads regarding position

Club officials honour board being updated.

New vacuum cleaner donated by Graeme & Betty Ralph

Rally Report

QBW rally very successful. Thanks to all volunteers who helped. No negative feedback. More than \$5,000 raised.

Federation Report: :

Federation raffle tickets (30 x 10 books) are for distribution and sale – great prizes and money raised is retained by H&D VVC D club. Return money stubs & unsold tickets to John Barke by July 17th

General Business:

Ferrari Club coming to Dunkeld on Sunday 19th July
Request from other clubs to visit Club rooms to discuss how they were achieved

Moved: Denis Polack **Seconded:** Bob Martin
Carried:

Meeting Closed:

9 pm

Next Meeting

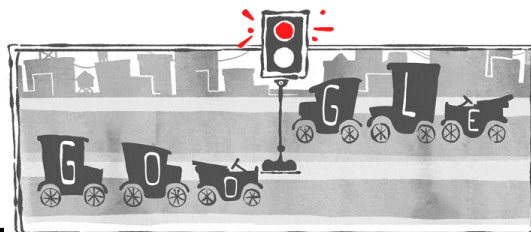
August 21st 2015

Google celebrates the first electric traffic signal

The early twentieth-century intersection was a strange scene. While the world's largest automobile manufacturer sold over 20,000 cars a month in 1914, horse-drawn wagons and carts still crowded the streets, and accidents became increasingly frequent. Intersections in major cities were congested, and traffic was directed by police officers who stood in the middle of chaotic highways waving their arms –an unenviable beat, to say the least, especially during a blustery winter in the Midwest.

A solution to the problem was woefully overdue. Gas-lit stoplights appeared in England before the turn of the century, but these had a tendency to explode, and mechanically operated signs that displayed the words "stop" and "move" still relied on traffic attendants. Enter the inspiration of today's Doodle, the electric traffic signal, which was first installed at the corner of 105th and Euclid in Cleveland, Ohio on August 5th, 1914.

The yellow light wouldn't appear for several years, and overzealous motorists had to stop on a dime.



THIS AND THAT

A couple of weeks ago I was paying an account at the RACV office and there parked out of front of the office was the most magnificent Phantom 1 Rolls Royce sedan. I encountered the owner Vic Nelson at the counter of the RACV who was organising the freighting of the Rolls back to Melbourne

In Rolls Royce language the "Rolls Royce" had failed to proceed". He was busy also hiring himself a car — A Toyota Corollo— A comparison with what he had just left behind, his Rolls Royce!

The Rolls owner , Vic Nelson, was quite chatty and gave me a conducted tour of his Rolls.

Evidently his father had owned the car many years before, but had sold it. Many years later Vic had the urge to find it and with the help of the Rolls Royce club had managed to come across it in the garage in a Melbourne suburb looking rather the worse for wear! He purchased the car and had a Sydney company construct a new body on the car—and what a body it is! A magnificent 5 seater with a convertible top and also wind up windows. The top can be rolled back to give the occupants the benefit of the sun (when it is shining). The interior finish of the car was all leather and polished wood— 2 picnic tables which folded into the backs of the front two seats, a cocktail cabinet with a bottle and glasses and two other smaller cupboards which contained cups and sauces and plates—all tastes catered for! The car had wind up windows all around and the window frames could be very neatly folded down into the tops of doors in the space left by the retracted glass!

The Rolls was running very rich and Vic told me that he had to refuel some distance from Hamilton and he calculated he was getting some 5 or so MPG! The rear of the exhaust pipe was extremely "sooty". I had a look at the carby under the bonnet and it was possibly one of the better ones of the 1920's, but by the look of it it had had the "Rolls Royce" treatment.—It looked very large and quite complicated! The Rolls also had a glass panel between the front and rear seats which could be raised and lowered by a window type winder. The car colour was a bright yellow and was part of the Phantom Rolls Royce Club which had been having a tour of Hamilton and district —the Grampians Port Fairy etc. and finishing up with with a dinner at the at the Hamilton Club.

It was worth while having a stroll through the car park at the Botanical Motel where rally participants were staying—A lot of Rolls Royce with many different body styles. One that took my eye was a Phantom I which is a very large chassis with a single seater coupe body mounted on it— with a large boot at the rear — It looked very much like an American body—— It may have been re-bodied at some stage. A lot of Rolls Royce cars were re-bodied in the 1930's — depression days and a re-body was a lot cheaper than a new car. A

It was quite a motoring couple of weeks here in the Western District. Firstly the Rolls Royce Club and then the following week -end the Ferrari Club had a rally to Dunkeld and dined at lunch time at the hotel and a visit to the Dunkeld pub was well worth while to inspect the Ferraris on show at the pub parking grounds!

I stoked the Vauxhall 30/98 up and together with my youngest son Blair who was visiting for the weekend with his family motored to Dunkeld to view the Ferraris.

What magnificent machines Ferraris are! One model which was almost new and another nearly new and the prices of these cars were around \$650,000, each !! The owners of these vehicles

were most generous with their time and spent a lot of time explaining to many interested people all the features. One feature which I thought was of interest was a sensor in the rear tyres which indicated on the dash board the temperature of the back tyres. The idea of this was that it was recommend that a certain speed should not be attempted until the rear tyres were at the correct temperature!

With information like this available you would have to have a very good grasp on the owners manual instructions! I often have wondered how you acquire enough money to have one of these cars—



I have just been reading an English motoring magazine and it states that a lot of these high performance cars are leased on a 3 year plan and then given back at the end of 3 years. Leasing rates must be quite mind—boggling!

My word hasn't the weather been frigid— July 26th was no more than 9degrees—and several other days around the same temperatures. I gave the Porsche 911 a run out the Mt.Napier Rd a couple of weeks ago ——— very comfortable with the heater and radio going —it still goes beautifully, but too fast! As previously reported the 1924 Ceirano which has had its water-pump reconditioned is behaving itself. The pump is not leaking which is how it should be. I took it out for a run a while ago, but the engine was not behaving as it should and was obviously too far retarded. I took the timing adjustment apart and found a nut had come loose which I then retensioned and added a couple of drops of "Lock-Tite" and retimed it all. I then took it out for a run and it was going well— although it could do with a run to "blow some of the Cob-webs out of it".

I have just been reading an article in "Octane" re a Citroen SM which was engine with a Maserati V6. it seems that a well known Rock Star some year ago in Britain had a visit from a car salesman who heard that he was in the market for a Mercedes. The salesman arrived with a Merc 250SEL and was told what extras he required, black tinted windows, a radio, and a record player. There was a 6 week wait for these. The purchaser asked what else he had in the way of cars and he was told an MGB—I'll have that too was the reply and then his wife voiced that there was no room for their son and she wanted a Morris 1000 Traveller. Right I'll have all three was the reply. The salesman noted that the purchaser was about his age, fairly young and asked what he did for a living— The reply was I'm a Rolling Stone".—Bill Wyman by name a base guitar player in the group! (Bill Wyman purchased the Citroen several years later when he was living in Monaco—A lot of big money earners many years ago , left England because of the taxation system which had them paying more tax than what they earned!) Lloyd Hocking.

FEDERATION REPORT

Darnum, August 8th, 2015

Where the heck is Darnum you may well ask. It is approximately 10 kilometers past Warragul, on the Highway to Gippsland (about 1 1/2 hours out of Melbourne) and the meeting was held at the Baw Baw Old Engine and Auto Club complex.



Approximately 80 representatives of our various clubs attended and after a light lunch the business of Federation's Quarterly Meeting began. The usual business programme followed and on reaching the Treasurer's Report it was mentioned that to date 19 member clubs had not paid the annual Federation Fees. The results of the Bendigo Swap Days were down by approximately \$16,000 (and down \$14,000 the year before) and because of this Federation for the last 12 months has shown a significant loss after paying out grants and trophy awards, running of the various picnic days around the state as well as the normal business expenses. This loss of Swap Day money was not because of lack of site holders (which are all booked out) but two years of bad weather.

Because of this Federation has taken the following steps: no \$25 payment to clubs for the attendance of delegates at meetings; Trophy Grants will no longer be of the monetary kind, but will take the form of wooden plaques with the Federation Badge in place; Subs for the year have been set at \$100 and the other measure decided upon was that if the Clubs didn't volunteer members for Gate Duty at the Swap then NO GRANTS would be made to those Clubs for the coming year.

All sites will be checked again this year and those not filled will be confiscated and there will definitely be a NO TRADING rule on the Friday. Sales on the Saturday will start at 6.00a.m.

For the coming twelve months Federation Meetings will be held at Shepparton (February),

HAMILTON (May), Swan Hill (August) and Darnum again in October (because of clubs in that area of the State) and a payment of \$50 will be made to those clubs to cover food supply costs.

Although the C.P.S seems to be running well Vic Roads has had a meeting with the participating clubs with a view to addressing the following matters:

Club Structures — making sure that all clubs are incorporated and have Public Risk policies to the value of 20 million dollars and voluntary workers insurance — no 'one-family' concerns running any club as they will be denied the permission to issue permits:

Vehicle Age Eligibility — because of the vast increase of numbers coming on to the scheme Vic Roads is now looking at extending this to 40 years, instead of 30 as

first considered: Rally Permit Vehicles — Rally vehicles that come within the age periods are now trying to enter the scheme but are not to be accepted unless they comply with proper engineering (for Rallying) certification:

Definition of Replicas — Replicas will be allowed on the Scheme as long as they pass all, engineering, roadworthiness, and age, requirements.

It was also noted that some local Councils are applying the rule that ONE ONLY Unregistered Vehicle can remain on a property and as this will affect most of us with cars on the CPS discussions were held and it was pointed out that what those Councils are on about is those people who leave a large number of unregistered (not our kind of vehicles) old cars sitting around the front of their homes thus creating an unsightly mess throughout the council area.

Once the CPS has settled down and the associated clubs have completed their Register of Vehicles Vic Roads hope to be able compile a Register of every vehicle on the Scheme and the owner thereof. They have also asked that Clubs, as of the end of September, do NOT use the word Rallies for any of their promotions and are to use the words TOUR or EVENT as the word Rally conjures up the thought that it is a 'Competition Style' which requires special permits and insurance cover.

The Australia Day Event, normally run in conjunction with Federation and RACV, may not be held in 2016 because of a hitch with paperwork from the Premiers Department and the fact that the wonderful Federation members who have organised this event over many years will not be available for future occasions. Federation is desperately trying to save this special occasion and is appealing for volunteers to help run it as each year of its existence it has brought approximately

80,000 people to the site. The work required will mainly be the organisation of site-holder spaces and bookwork as the parking volunteers are already in place.

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Doug Palmer

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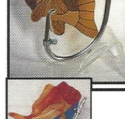


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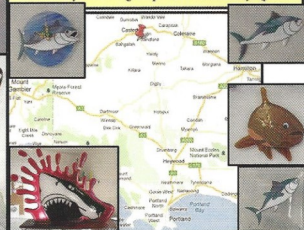
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