

JOURNAL

The official magazine of the
Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia

ACN 004 677 570

February 2014
Volume 48 Number 10



Seen at the Tri-Club Sports Day, VDC Clubrooms, Norcal Road Nunawading, 2nd. February 2014

Lester & Yvette Cole's 1934 Plymouth Roadster
Marion & Phil Simpson's 1929 Dodge Victory 6 Sedan

Coming CHACA Events

*Next General Meeting will be on Thursday 27th. February 2014 at 8pm. at
VDC Clubrooms, Unit 8, 41-49 Norcal Road, Nunawading. Melways Ref. 48 G-11.*

*Sunday March 16th.....Charlies Auto Museum, 175 Purves Rd. Arthurs Seat
Mornington Peninsula.*

Friday April 18th. Hot Cross Bun Day, Hosted by VDC..

To bring together persons with a common interest, to encourage the use, maintenance and preservation of automobiles built from the 1st January, 1931 up to 25 years old, without prejudice to make, model, method of manufacture or country of origin.

Committee

Secretary

Kate Marotta (Peter).
kpmarotta@bigpond.com
Ph. 9756 7828

President

Kevin Churchill (Erica) 28fordor@gmail.com
Ph: 5983 8981
Mob: 0412 802 177

Vice President

Ray Griffin (Margaret)
raymar77224@bigpond.com
Ph: 5977 6649
Mob: 0409 216 273

Treasurer

Dennis Healy (Esther) estden@bigpond.com
Ph. 9740 1441 Mob. 0411 187 882

Editor

Eddie Reynolds (Gail Evans)
editor@chaca.com.au
Ph. 9770 1231
Mob. 0429 142460

Technical Officer

Neville Thomas Kunnel
thomas_neville@yahoo.com.au
Ph. 03 8712 3161
Mob: 0422 324 072

Property Officer

Eddie Reynolds eddier2@optusnet.com.au
Ph: 03 9770 1231
Mob: 0429 142 460

Membership Secretary

Barry & Rosslyn Smith rozbar@bigpond.com
Ph: 5985 9220
Mob: 0408 440 240

Activities Coordinator

Peter Barker (Merryn)
PO Box 8019
Wattle Park, 3128
9808 8086
peterbarker@fastmail.fm

Committee Person

Brian Garrett (Irene).
Ph.9459 1779

Meetings

4th. Thursday of the month (except December) at VDC Clubrooms, Unit 8, 41 Norcal Road, Nunawading

Tea, coffee and snacks are served at the conclusion of each meeting. Visitors and prospective new Members are welcomed.

Club Newsletter

The Journal is published monthly. Items for inclusion in the Journal must be mailed, emailed or passed on to the Editor at Club Meetings. The Committee reserves the right to edit or decline any article deemed unsuitable. Photographs submitted for possible publication should preferably be glossy 5"x 7" or 6" x 4" prints or high resolution jpg/bmp images to ensure best reproduction in the Journal. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Club.

Journal Closing Dates

Nominally 2nd. Wednesday each month.

Journal Nights

Normally 3rd. Thursday every month.

Website

The Club's website **www.chaca.com.au** is updated regularly and features Club History, Club Promotions, an Events Calendar, a full Journal for downloading and many photographs of Club Events.

Webmaster

janelle@tpg.com.au

Journal Layout Editor

Janelle Thomas PH: 9776 5370 janellet@tpg.com.au

editor@chaca.com.au

Archivist and Historian -

Margaret Griffin - 5977 6649

CHACA Life Members

Max Austin, Ray Griffin, Margaret Griffin,
Barry Smith, Jim Kerr, Dale Allen, Bill Kerr,
Tom Lambert, Roy Pepprell, Eddie Reynolds, Bob Mantle,
Patricia Wightman, Peter Galley, John Schuurman.

Deceased: Fred McGeary, Norm Watt, Don Main, Ian Davey
Eddy Dobbs Snr, Col Patience, Gordon Wightman, John Hunt.

Notice To All Reciprocating Clubs

Please address your magazines to
The Secretary
LPO Box 72
Bittern Vic 3918

*Support our advertisers!
Mention their ad in our Journal
when dealing with them*

From the President's Keyboard.....

It is extremely pleasing to write this New Year report. During the last three months we have welcomed Peter Barker and Brian Garrett to our undermanned Committee. Thank you gentlemen for stepping forward. Peter Barker has taken on the role of Activities Co-ordinator and has an exciting year of monthly runs planned. Our Members will again take on the organising of these runs and Peter will liaise with the run organisers and assist where required. Thank you Peter for taking that on. Brian is our Federation rep and will help out in other areas on Committee. At our last Committee meeting we appointed Kate Marotta as Secretary. Kate is well qualified for this role and we are very pleased to have her on board.

Also, we have moved to our new "home", at Norcal Road Nunawading in the Vintage Drivers Club (VDC) building, where all future monthly meetings will be held on the FOURTH Thursday of the month. The facilities are good and the surroundings very pleasant.

Our first meeting at the Clubrooms was held on Thursday 23rd January and we had in the vicinity of 60 Members present, which is excellent. We have also rented a small room upstairs for our library and thanks to the efforts of Barry Smith & Mick Whiting our books are all on the shelves and ready for inspection at the February meeting. Over the next few months we will be assessing the use of the library and later this year will make a decision about its future. A list of books is available on our website.

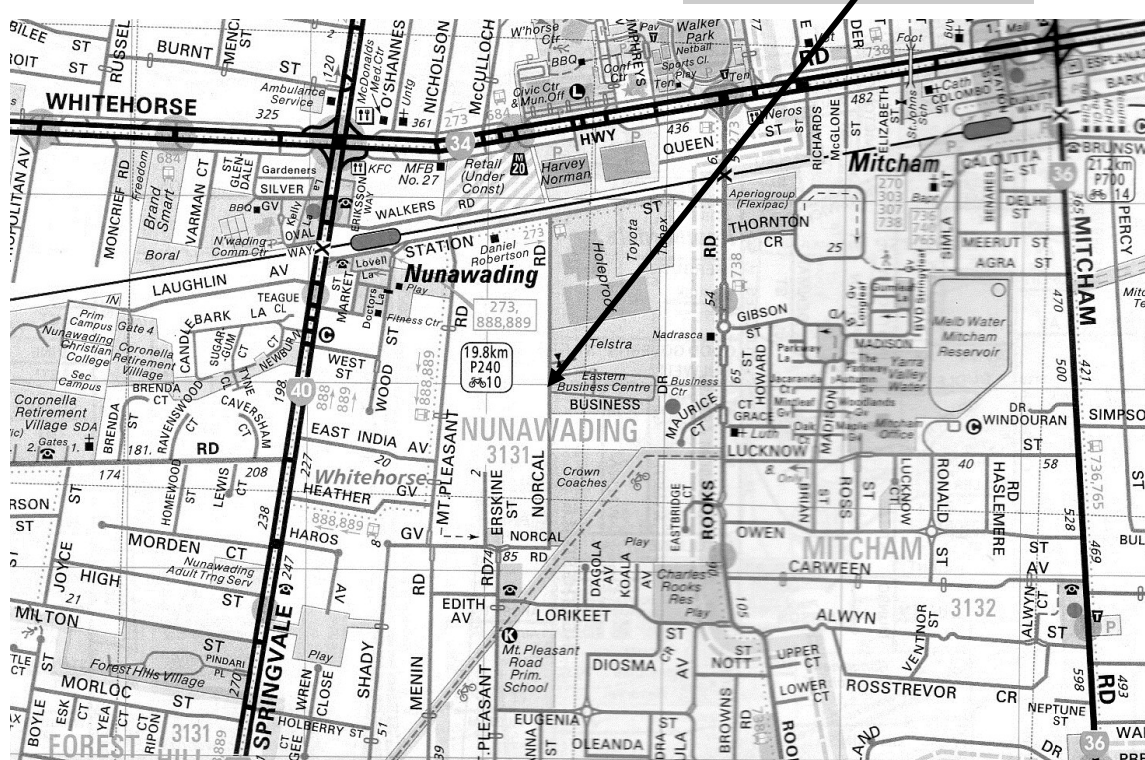
As we move towards our 50th Anniversary in 2016, let us all think about how we might celebrate this important milestone. If you have any ideas or thoughts on this, we would be pleased to hear them. Maybe we could do a Tour of Victoria, strike a special medal, publish a supplement to our 30 Year book or all of the above. These are just some random thoughts.

The Club's future is looking very bright, so until next time

Stay safe on the roads.

Kevin Churchill

Approx. Location of VDC Clubrooms in Norcal Rd.



A Draft Copy of the Calendar of CHACA Events for 2014.
The Final Copy will be available in the March Issue as a loose leaf insert.

Categories: CHACA (23 items)				
CHACA	CLUB RUN	BRUNCH @ KEVIN'S	Sat 11/01/2014 10:00 AM	KEVIN CHURCHILL
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 23/01/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	CLUB RUN	TRI CLUB SPORTS DAY - VDC Clubrooms	Sun 2/02/2014 12:00 AM	RAY GRIFFIN
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 27/02/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	CLUB RUN	MORNINGTON PENINSULA	Sun 16/03/2014 9:30 AM	PETER BARKER
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 27/03/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	CLUB RUN	HOT CROSS BUN RUN - CHELTENHAM	Fri 18/04/2014 12:00 AM	EDDIE REYNOLDS
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 24/04/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 22/05/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	BIRTHDAY RUN	MARYSVILLE AREA	Sun 25/05/2014 12:00 AM	JAMES ALLAN
CHACA	CLUB RUN	WILLIAMSTOWN TO MT MACEDON	Sun 15/06/2014 12:00 AM	RENE GIELEN
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 26/06/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	CLUB RUN	MELBOURNE LOCAL - TBA	Sun 13/07/2014 12:00 AM	TBA
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 24/07/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	CLUB RUN	AIREY'S INLET (TENTATIVE)	Sun 17/08/2014 12:00 AM	CLIVE MASSELL
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 28/08/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	CLUB RUN	WERRIBEE AVIATION MUSEUM	Sun 21/09/2014 9:30 AM	JOHN BAKER
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 25/09/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	TRI CLUB PICNIC	TBA	Sun 12/10/2014 12:00 AM	COMMITTEE
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 23/10/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	PRESENTATION DAY	TBA	Sun 23/11/2014 12:00 AM	
CHACA	GENERAL MEETING	VDC Clubrooms	Thu 27/11/2014 8:00 PM	
CHACA	CHRISTMAS PARTY		Sun 7/12/2014 12:00 AM	
Categories: PUBLIC HOLIDAY (11 items)				
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	NEW YEARS DAY		Wed 1/01/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	AUSTRALIA DAY		Mon 27/01/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	LABOUR DAY		Mon 10/03/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY		Fri 18/04/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	EASTER MONDAY		Mon 21/04/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	ANZAC DAY		Fri 25/04/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	QUEENS BIRTHDAY		Mon 9/06/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	MELBOURNE CUP		Tue 4/11/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	CHRISTMAS DAY		Thu 25/12/2014 12:00 AM	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	BOXING DAY		Fri 26/12/2014 12:00 AM	

*If you have any queries or suggestions or would like to organise a run,
please contact Peter Barker, Activities Coordinator.*



Contact John Baker
0419 588 370

CHACA VICTORIA

Unisex Reversible Vests now available

Sizes S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL-5XL
Price. \$40.00 ea

CHACA caps.
Price \$15.00



Next Meeting's Entertainment.

With very late notice, James Allan is trying to arrange a Guest Speaker for our February meeting. However, if this is unsuccessful, we will have a DVD organised featuring "Old Car Stuff".

Hoping to see you all there!

Ray Griffin, Vice President.

Tri-Club Sports Day, VDC Clubrooms, Nunawading.

A reasonable roll-up for the day with some 35 individuals attending. No doubt the threat of a very hot day discouraged many from venturing out. That, and the fact that very few details were available through the VDC and CHACA magazines probably contributed to the low numbers.

We now have an Activities coordinator on CHACA committee and this sort of hiccup will no longer occur.

Thank you to Peter Barker for taking on this role.

Thank you also to Kate Marotta for electing to become our Secretary, an essential position for the efficient functioning of the Club.

Brian Garrett has joined committee this year too and his presence will make a big difference to all committee person's tasks. As a committee person he will assist any other committee member in general as the need arises.

Rene Gielen has offered to help the Editor with the Journal over the next few weeks whilst on Paternity leave initially and possibly further into the future.

Looks like I will continue as Editor for a while.

All in all things are looking up with so many new faces on committee.....and new Clubrooms to boot.....fantastic!

If you haven't been to our General meetings yet at Nunawading, be sure to come soon, bring your spouse/partner too, there's plenty of room and the seats are very comfortable.

Back to the Sports day: The Veteran Car Club of Australia won this year's round convincingly after the handicaps and innovative scoring was accomplished.

Ray Griffin produced some intriguing competitions in the form of "smell tests" and guessing what was in the bags.

Some answers were a trifle off the mark:

Answers for the smell test such as "Jock Strap Sweat", 1934 Pontiac Petrol Tank Dregs, Sheep Dip, Moonshine from Eddie Reynolds' Still, Chanel No. 5, and "Miscellaneous Item from Sexyland (in the bag), were a bit fanciful.....but some good ideas for the future!

There could be some interesting club runs coming up if our Activities Coordinator applies the same lateral thinking to our events.

Eddie Reynolds

***Members
please bring a plate of food for the
general meetings.***



Sunday March 16th CHACA Run – Mornington Peninsula

We're taking a toll free trip down to the beautiful Mornington Peninsula to visit the famous Charlie's Auto Museum.

If you've not been there before, it's worth the trip and you should make the effort to come along.

If you've been there in the past, Charlie has extended in the last year or so and there's an extra 20 or so vehicles of interest to see.

So there's bound to be something new and of interest to grab your attention.

Either way, make sure you come along to enjoy the drive and, of course, some great fellowship.

Most of us now use the freeway links to get to our destination and back, but we'll be taking a different route so that we can take in some of the prettier sights along the way.

Run Coordinator: Peter Barker Mobile: 0417 051 674

Bookings: Not required – just turn up on the day

Meeting Time: 9.45am for a 10:00am departure

Meeting Place: Le Pine's Car Park – NE Cnr of Waverley and Springvale Rd's Glen Waverley

Destination: Charlie's Auto Museum, 175 Purves Rd Arthurs Seat by approx 11:00

Entry Fee: \$ 12 per person (normal price is \$ 15)

What to Bring:

▪Pack a traditional picnic lunch, noting that tea and coffee facilities are provided at our Destination

▪A fold up chair and/or picnic rug (just in case)

▪Any well mannered and social car enthusiast friends that you can fit in your car

▪Your favourite classic or historic vehicle (or modern if you must)

Route: If you happen to run late or if you want to join us along the way, here's how we're getting there

- Sth on Springvale Rd and left onto Monash Fwy
 - Take the exit onto South Gippsland Freeway/M420 towards Cranbourne/Hastings Continue onto South Gippsland Freeway/M780 (signs for Hastings)
 - Slight right onto Dandenong-Hastings Rd/Western Port Hwy/M780
 - Continue to follow Dandenong-Hastings Rd/Western Port Hwy
 - Left onto Frankston-Flinders Rd - follow signs to Flinders
 - After Balnarring shops turn right onto Stanleys Rd
 - Follow to the end and left onto Redhill Rd to Redhill Sth
 - After 2km turn right onto Arthurs Seat Rd
 - Just over the top of Arthurs Seat pass the parking area on your right
 - Turn left onto Purves Rd
 - Charlie's Auto Museum is on your left after 1.5 km
- After viewing the many cars and memorabilia on display and picking Charlie's brain for further information, we'll venture outside and consume our picnic lunch (and free coffee/tea) under, or adjacent to, the gazebo on the grounds.

If you feel the urge, you can take a trip down and a squirt back up the windy road on the bay side of Arthurs Seat ... that's optional but please watch out for our fellow road users on bicycles.

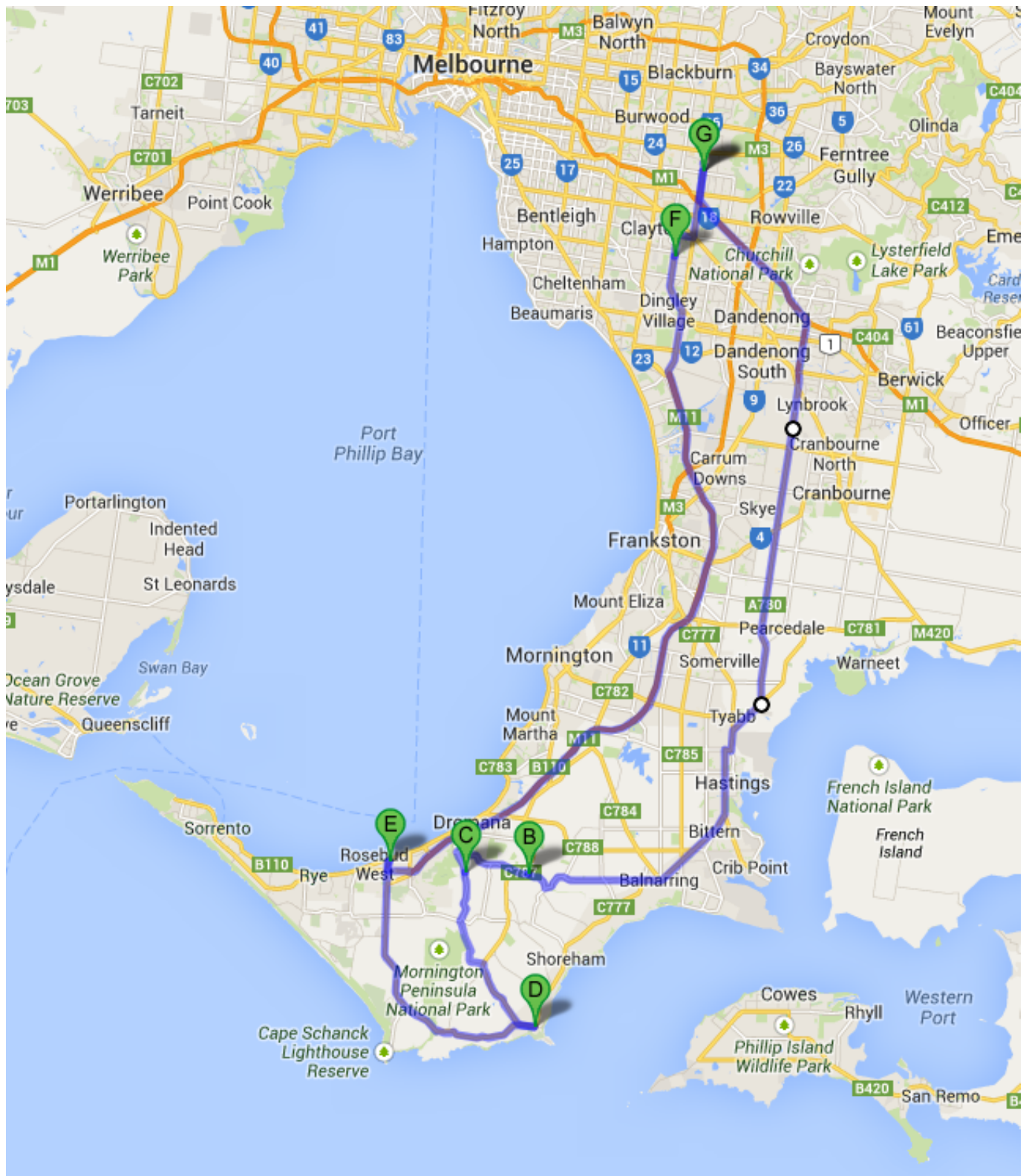
After lunch we'll then head off for a scenic drive through Flinders, Cape Schanck (taking in some awesome beach views and shady tree lined roads) through to Rosebud, where we'll put on a show for the general public and head home in convoy along the Peninsula Link.

If you head back to the meeting place, the total distance is approx 190 km for the round trip, but depending on where you live, you can peel off along the way as you see fit. Note that if you follow the Peninsula Link all the way back to Springvale Rd there's no toll to pay !!

Now that's motoring at it's best !!

See Next Page For the Map.





SMALLEST PETROL ENGINE

SCIENTISTS have built the smallest petrol engine, tiny enough to power a WATCH. The mini-motor, which runs for two years on a single squirt of lighter fuel, is set to revolutionize world technology. It produces 700 times more energy than a conventional battery despite being less than a centimeter long (Not even half an inch!).

It could be used to operate laptops and mobile phones for months doing away with the need for re-charging.

Experts believe it could be phasing out batteries in such items within just six years. The engine, minute enough to be balanced on a fingertip, has been produced by engineers at the University of Birmingham. Dr Kyle Jiang, lead investigator from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, said:

"We are looking at an industrial revolution happening in peoples' pockets. The breakthrough is an enormous step forward. Devices which need re-charging or new batteries are a problem but in six years will be a thing of the past..

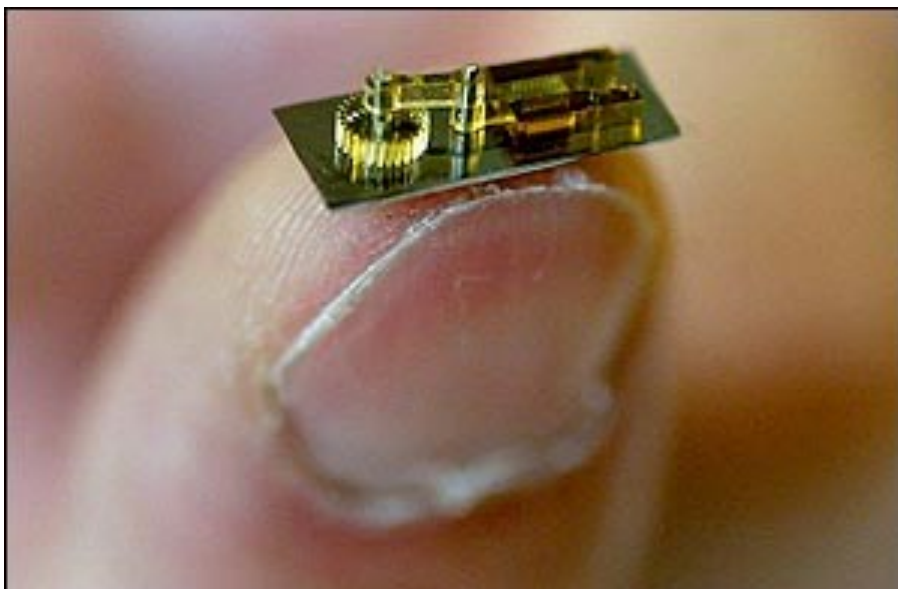
"Other applications for the engine could include medical and military uses, such as running heart pacemakers or mini reconnaissance robots.

At present, charging an ordinary battery to deliver one unit of energy involves putting 2,000 units into it. The little engine, because energy is produced locally, is far more effective. One of the main problems faced by engineers who have tried to produce micro motors in the past has been the levels of heat produced.

The engines got so hot they burned themselves out and could not be re-used. The Birmingham team overcame this by using heat-resistant materials such as ceramic and silicon carbide. Professor Graham Davies, head of the university's engineering school, said:

"We've brought together all the engineering disciplines, materials, chemical engineering, civil engineering, and mechanical engineering. What better place to have the second industrial revolution in nano-technology than where the first took place, in the heart of the West Midlands.

Compliments.....Ian Hanks.





James Roach <james@doordefender.com.au>
to secretary

Jan 30 (1 day ago) ☆

Hello,

Let us introduce ourselves to you, my name is James and my partners name is Eve and we are based in Melbourne. We are the exclusive Australia distributors of the Doordefender and Doordefender family of products.

The Doordefender product is a magnetic high density foam bumper that you easily apply to your car whilst you are parked, protecting your car from accidental dents and damages in public car parks or in your own garage. The Doordefender has a security tether to prevent theft of the product and has a soft felt backing and can be stored quickly and easily in the boot of your car. The Doordefender Australia team is brand new but we are already generating very positive product feedback, consumer interest and product sales in Victoria from our promotions at major automotive events.

The Doordefender and the Doordefender family of products are innovative, quality products that we highly recommend for the protection of any vehicle but will be especially appropriate for your members amazing cars. These products are great to protect your members cars in public car parks, shopping centres, airports or wherever their car is parked. We are also finding that our customers are using the Doordefender products in their own car garages at home to prevent accidental car on car damages from their children, families or when working, cleaning or storing their own cars. Attached is more information about the Doordefender and product pictures. For more information please see www.doordefender.com.au, We Also appear in Unique Car Magazine.

Library Donation

Thank you to Ken Robinson for donating the following books to our library -
The History of Ford in Australia by Norm Darwin
Model A Ford Lubrication Recommendations (Penrite pamphlet)
On Four Wheels - Volumes 1, 2 & 3 This magazine has a lot of good, general articles about
our vehicles.

These have been placed in our library and are available to Members to borrow.

Kevin Churchill

Tri-Club Sports Day Held at VDC Clubrooms



Guess what's in the bags



Quoits!



And They're Racing!



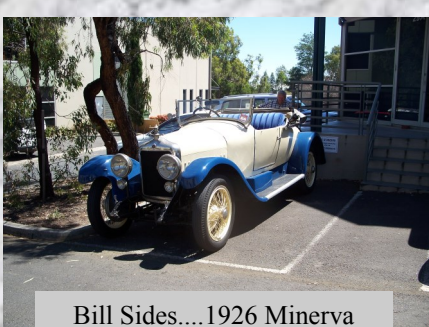
Match the Flag to the Country



Those Mysterious Objects



CHACA's Library



Bill Sides....1926 Minerva



Lindsay Truman...1926 DeSoto

Tri-Club Sports Day Held at VDC Clubrooms



John Rhodes...1925 Rugby



Graeme Moore....1983 BMW



Ian Hanks.....1978 Mazda 121L



Lester Cole.....1934 Plymouth
Marion Simpson....1929 Dodge



John Johnstone...1929 Chrysler 65



Kevin Churchill Presents the
Tri-Club Shield to
Jeff Alcock of the VCCA

Attendance at the Tri-Club Sports day

John and Lynette Johnston	VDC	'29 Chrysler 65 sedan
Arnold and Glenda Chivers	VDC	
Eddie Reynolds & Gail Evans	CHACA	'78 Mercedes 300D
Phil & Marion Simpson	VDC	'29 Dodge Victory 6
Stan Miller	CHACA	
Ray Griffin	CHACA	'85 Toyota Landcruiser
Kevin & Erica Churchill	CHACA	
Barry & Rosslyn Smith	CHACA	
John Rhodes	VDC	'25 Rugby Tourer
Andrew McDougal	VCCA	
Clive Massel	CHACA	Escort Lotus
John & Louise Baker	CHACA	
Lindsay Truman	VDC	'29 DeSoto Roadster
Peter S	VDC	
Bill Sides	VDC	'26 Minerva Roadster
Ken Leeden	CHACA	
Lyle & Ann Drysdale	VDC	
Lester & Yvette Cole	CHACA	'34 Plymouth roadster
Pat & Fred Lombardo	CHACA	
Ian & Jenny Hanks	CHACA	'78 Mazda 121L
Peter Galley	CHACA	
Graeme Moore	CHACA	'83 BMW 635I
Peter Barker	CHACA	
Jeff Alcock	VCCA	



G'day.

I thought you may be interested in seeing these pictures of our entry to the 2014 VHRA Melbourne Hot Rod Show at the Royal Exhibition Building over the January long weekend? I managed to be set up early before most others filled the building. It was an amazing show featuring many fresh restorations & unseen modified hot rods.

Our 1949 Mercury Convertible Coupe is stock in all respects; 6 volt electrics, drum brakes & stock 255 cubic" engine, 2 speed electric overdrive & stock suspension etc.

The interior is completely replaced to factory colours & finish. The body paint is as was applied 30 years back except for minor repainting in original black lacquer to some areas.

It drives very well with seemingly no work required to mechanicals except that I have overhauled brakes & wheel bearings & other safety items.

Peter Hibbert

Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic vehicle Clubs
General Meeting at Berwick Saturday 1st Feb 2014.

The following is a summary of that meeting.

1. Australia Day. 415 cars attended the domain for the Fed Australia Day rally. The event was a success with perfect weather to help. Cars arrived at the event directly rather than collecting at meeting points first. The organisers feel this was a successful arrangement and will apply the same next year.
2. The National Motoring Day will be celebrated on the 18th May 2014. Clubs will organise events.
3. Vic Roads has issued a planning document to the Federation, AOMC and the Street Rod Fed relating to the proposed changes to the regulations for the CPS scheme. The VR letter was not read out at the meeting as it was claimed that VR wanted it confidential at this point in time. Some issues were highlighted however. They were
 - a. In future vehicles built after the 1 January 1931 will require a RWC before they can be issued a permit under the CPS scheme. This does not affect CHACA as we do not do our own inspections, however this procedure will affect many clubs currently doing their own inspections.
 - b. Vehicles built prior to 1 Jan 1931 can still be scrutinised within the club and will not require a full RWC, however these veteran and vintage vehicles must be tested on the road by the club inspector so a VR permit will need to be obtained by the owner for that test to enable the vehicle to be driven on the road during the test.
 - c. Owners applying for new CPS registration through their club will have to enable the club officer to see the vehicle before paperwork will be completed. When applying for CPS renewal a VR form completed by the owner must be submitted to the club technical officer stating that no modifications to the vehicle have been done during that year.
- e. It now appears that VR will change the age criteria for the CPS scheme. Vehicles will need to be 30 years or older to be eligible for CPS registration. This will not be retrospective and vehicles less than 30 years old already on CPS will remain so.
4. The Hub Tour for CPS vehicles 6th to 11th April 2014 is programmed in to the calendar. Based at Frankston the event will be over three days. Trips will be down around the Mornington Peninsula and the Dandenong's. Although the event is currently oversubscribed, as is usually the case cancellations occur, so if you want to enter, place your name on the reserve list. Those interested please contact: Eric Belcher 97839770 or 0400933782 or eric.belcher@hotmail.com to register your interest.
5. The usual Fed event at the Pakenham Race course has been moved to the National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd, Scoresby. The date for this event is 13th April 2014. Free entry, display area for vehicles over 25 years old.

Coming Federation's events:

Mortlake Picnic Tractor Trek. 29th & 30th March 2014

Wunghnu Picnic. Sunday 30th March 2014

Mornington Peninsula Hub Tour. 6th – 11th April 2014

Scoresby Picnic. Sunday 13th April 2014

Go to the Federation web page at <http://www.federation.asn.au/index.htm> for info on all

What's in a name?

Do you remember the famous Olympic skier Picabo Street (pronounced Pee-Ka-Boo)

Well, Picabo is not just an athlete.

She is now a nurse currently working at an Intensive Care Unit of a large metropolitan hospital.

She is not permitted to answer the hospital telephones any longer.

It caused too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say, "**Picabo, I.C.U.**".

(Occasionally a good clean one slips through the nets)!

The Death of a Giant

It's December 11th and I'm sitting here thinking of writing an article for the Journal, when I hear the tragic news on the TV that GM are to cease production in Australia.

The repercussions of this for GMH employees is bad enough, the flow on effect for thousands of employees in support industries and the probability that Toyota will follow suit is an absolute disaster for Australia.

But wait, what about that article? Coincidentally, 50 years ago this week, a similar announcement was made in South Bend Indiana in the USA. On the 9th December 1963, after considerable rumour and speculation, the Studebaker Corporation announced they would quit manufacturing motor vehicles in America and by Xmas they had shut the doors for good.

To be historically correct, a small production plant in Canada continued for another year, producing the '65 model. The only alteration was the use of 283 cu. in. Pontiac V8 engines. A small number of '66 models were produced with a slightly altered grille and headlamp rims and the introduction of flow through ventilation. Otherwise, a facelift of the '64 cruiser.

With the USA shutdown, came the end of production of the Gran Turismo Hawk, the Avanti, the Champ Pick Up, Transtar + Diesel Trucks. The Canadian operation ceased in March 1966. The Avanti was sold off as a low production, going concern to a pair of Studebaker New/Used Car Dealers (Newman & Altman) and continued to be profitable under various owners. It continues to be built in Mexico, based on Corvette underpinnings.

The Studebaker Corp had begun in 1852 producing all types of horse drawn vehicles and grew to be one of the biggest wagon manufacturers in the world and one of only a couple to make the transition to motor vehicles, the first being Electric Powered 1902 to 1904, there-after turning to petrol powered vehicles. When Studebaker closed in December 1963, some 6,800 people were thrown out of work in South Bend Indiana. Many had never worked anywhere else. It was common for fathers, sons, wives etc. all to be working at the South Bend Plant. In various departments. The closure therefore had a devastating impact on the city. Many support businesses also closed or laid off staff.

Studebaker had major operations in Los Angeles and Detroit and numerous overseas assembly plants, all of which closed down for good. (Melbourne had CKD assembly plants at Heidelberg and Tottenham in the 1960's).

Notwithstanding the huge impact, the City of South Bend overcame the disastrous effect on the local economy and within a few years had attracted new and diversified industry to once again become a thriving city. That's not to say people didn't suffer. Many were too old to train for new careers. The stress on families resulted in many marriage breakdowns, many lost their homes when unable to pay their mortgage; cars, furniture and other goods were repossessed when loan repayments got into arrears, families split up when siblings moved further and further away in the search for work. Other unrelated businesses closed down due to a lack of cashed up customers.

There are a lot of parallels between the Studebaker experience and the closure of GMH. It may even be the beginning of the end of GM in the States due to many other pressures, although I doubt the US Federal Government would sit by and let that happen. Meanwhile, a new song is being composed for the post 2013 era. It begins.....We have football, meat pies, kangaroos and no more cars!.....

In conclusion, it will be interesting to see what happens to the V8 production racing series. We have already seen the inclusion of Nissan and Mercedes. Will we see the demise of Ford and GM in the next few years? Maybe we will return to numerous brands, running in different classes, within the same race. Much as we had in the 1960's and 70's (for those old enough to remember).

V8 Supercars and rear wheel drive may well give way to 4 and 6 cylinder front wheel drives. The future promises to be challenging but interesting. Sadly, I think we are approaching the end of an era in more ways than we could possibly imagine.

Bob Clark



Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc.

ABN 38 751 574 976 – Inc A0045876R

PO Box 806

1A Sale Rd

Maffra 3860

Ph +61 03 5147-3223

AH +61 03 5145-1103

Secretary: 0412-387-102

Email: admin@gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

1st January 2014

Dear Vehicle Enthusiasts,

RE: GIPPSLAND VEHICLE COLLECTION– 10TH Birthday Party

Next April the Gippsland Vehicle Collection will be celebrating 10 years since the first tentative steps were made toward the establishment of a Motor Museum in Maffra.

The museum has grown from strength to strength over those years as a volunteer not-for-profit organisation. It attracts around 10,000 visitors per year and provides a remarkable example of strong community spirit, passion, generosity and determination.

It is recognised by the Wellington Shire as the main “non-environmental” attraction in the enormous area of Gippsland and therefore plays a very important role for regional tourism.

It is fitting therefore that we celebrate our 10th birthday with the Community and the members of clubs who have supported us throughout the journey.

The Free Special Event is designed to **attract everyone** from young children, passionate people and elderly people and will include a variety of static displays, entertainment, wine and cheese, children's activities and market stalls.

As we are a motoring museum however, we would love to have as many clubs join us as possible. Many of you have called in to see us on club rallies or just as members passing through. Without your support we would not be where we are today.

We therefore Invite your club to put on a static display on Sunday the 6th April & maybe you will find some new members also interested in your club on the day.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Sue Lawrence

Event Co-ordinator

0428 456 614

Sue.lawrence@promm.com.au

**CLASSIC & HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE
CLUB of AUSTRALIA
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

Held on 23rd January 2014 at VDC Club Rooms
Norcal Drive Nunawading

The meeting opened at 8.18 p.m.

The President welcomed those in attendance to the January meeting of CHACA, this being the first meeting to be held at the club's new venue, the VDC Clubrooms.

APOLOGIES: D & M Landells, H & T Alger, M Griffin, R Barker, E Chaplin, R Provan, E Reynolds.

Moved: I Hanks **Seconded:** R Nichol **Carried**

New Members and visitors:

Ted Allan (1968 Ford Torino)

James Cartwright (1973 M Benz)

Visitor-Travis Allan

**CONFIRM MINUTES OF December 2013
MEETING:**

Moved: K Leedon **Seconded:** J Rennie **Carried**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM December 2013
MEETING**

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards

Newsletters from other Clubs;

(ii) RACV – updating of their Motoring Club database;

(iii) Vicroads – re seatbelt exemptions;

(iv) Tracs Truck & Tractor Show 26/27 April – Mildura;

(v) Flier from the Robert Shannon Foundation;

(vi) Fed News

(vii) Fliers from Ryno Insurance

(viii) Vicroads re our unfinancial Members

(ix) Rotary Club Shepparton

(x) Gippsland Motoring Club Museum -10th Anniversary

Outwards

(i) RACV – Club details for their Motoring database;

(ii) CHACA Members re new meeting arrangements & notice of January meeting;

Confirm that correspondence be approved

Moved: B Garrett **Seconded:** P Barker **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Seat belt exemptions;

(ii) Fliers from Ryno Insurance – tabled

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis Healy advised receipts for the month of December 2013 were as follows:

Receipts : \$.504.00

Payments: \$2418.91

Balance: \$7755.39

Moved: D Healy

Seconded: J Allan

Carried

A question was asked from the floor regarding \$4043.53 spent for the month of November.

The president advised that the amount represented a number of payments made during that month.

MONTHLY REPORTS

President – The library books have all been moved upstairs into our room and we are about to commence shelving them, which should be reasonably straight forward because of the work that Pam Chaplin put into cataloguing them. It is hoped that Members will be able to use the library from the February meeting. Thank you to Peter Barker who is taking the role of Activities Coordinator which will ease Eddie's workload. I am pleased to report that there is a possibility that we may soon have a Secretary, but sadly no Editor yet.

Vice President.

Mr. Griffin commented that there was nothing to report.

Technical Officer.

Mr. Kunnel commented that the club was entering a new era and that he hoped younger member would take a more active role in the club's activities. He gave credit to the president for moving to the new premises. He explained what paper work was required by him for CPS renewals pointing out that if members have not attended 2 club runs, as required, their CPS may not be renewed. He also pointed out that cars were not to be modified after being accepted for CPS.

There was a question from the floor regarding modifications allowed. Mr. Kunnel advised that under club rules the car was to be in its original

form.

Mr. Christie pointed out that any alteration to the brakes, steering etc- needed an engineer's report. Mr. Clark commented that talks were ongoing between Vic Roads and AOMC regarding modified cars and that in the long term it was likely that a special plate would be available for modified cars.

Membership Secretary

Mr. Smith advised the meeting that he was receiving about 3 enquires a month from prospective members.

Activities: Club Runs

Mr Peter Barker advised the meeting that he was assisting the committee by taking responsibility for coordinating the club's events' calendar.

The next runs are :

Australia Day In the Domain Gardens

Australia Day at Marysville

Tri Club Sports Day to be held at the VDC club rooms Sunday 2nd February

Run to Charlie's Museum Mornington Peninsula 16th March

Friday Hot Cross Bun Run to Braeside.

Other activities are as per the current Journal
Vacancies exist for club run organisers, for the months of June, July and August.

Editor

No report

Property

No report

QUARTERLY REPORTS

AOMC no report

FEDERATION No report- Next Federation meeting -1st February 2014.

Cars & Parts for sale or wanted

MGB body shell for sale, no rust. See Paul.

Wanted Lucas 2 speed wiper motor, see Victor Pace.

Wanted Globe for petrol Bowser.

For Sale MG 2000 replica TD test car in pieces.

New Nissan motor and gearbox.

In storage for 20 years, price negotiable see Bob Clark.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Galley asked whether it was intended to have meetings with the other tenants of the VDC.

The president advised no, but that meetings could

be organised.

Mr. Pace suggested that a sign be placed on the road indicating where the club rooms were.

Mr. Hilliard supported that idea and the president advised that this would be organised.

James Allan organised the sale of raffle tickets during the course of the meeting .

\$82 .00 was realised. The prizes were drawn after the meeting closed.

Next Meeting Thursday 27th February

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 P.M.



ActonPrint
GROUP

Gary Galvin

TEL: (03) 9729 4500
FAX: (03) 9729 4544
MOB: 0411 606 670
EMAIL: acton@actonprint.com.au
WEB: www.actonprint.com.au

1/11 Michellan Crt.
Bayswater VIC. 3153

Events & Swap Meets of Interest to Club members

2nd February 2014	Epping Swap Meet, Epping Recreation Reserve, High St. Epping
9th March	Yarra Glen Swap Meet, Yarra Glen Racecourse 03 9432 6948
30th March	RACV Classic Showcase Flemington Racecourse, 03 0890 0524
9th March 2014	Yarra Glen Swap, Yarra Glen Racecourse, Melway 275 C1
13th April	Shannon's American Motor Show, Flemington Racecourse 03 9890 0524
10th May 2014	Geelong Bay City Swap Meet, Geelong Showgrounds Melway 452 E10

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

MAKULU SERVICES

EXCLUSIVE VEHICLE STORAGE



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Collection and delivery
- Car towing
- Concourse and show car preparation
- Professional detailing
- Fuel top up
- Wash and shine

**UNDER PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF:
CLIVE MASSEL - MULTIPLE CONCOURS WINNER**

- Secure brick warehouse
- No public access
- Short and long term rentals
- Limited number of bays

(FREE SERVICES INCLUDE:)

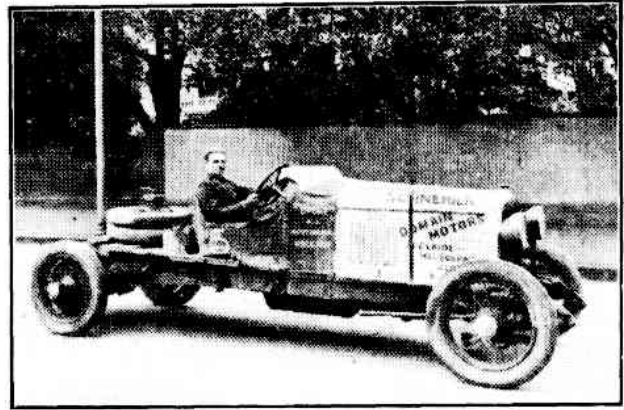
- Scratch proof dust covers
- Communal hoist
- Tyre checks
- Battery trickle charge

Unit 1 Edgcombe Ct, Moorabbin 3189, Melbourne
Email: makuluservices@gmail.com • Ph: 0401 523 713
www.makulu.com.au



Mr. A.H. Barnes, a Sydney motorist, and the TH. "Schneider" Car in which he lowered the Adelaide to Melbourne record. The time was 12 hours 10 minutes for 673 miles.

ADELAIDE TO MELBOURNE RECORD.



MR. A. H. BARNES, A SYDNEY MOTORIST, AND THE TH. SCHNEIDER CAR IN WHICH HE LOWERED THE ADELAIDE TO MELBOURNE RECORD. THE TIME WAS 12 HOURS 10 MINUTES FOR 673 MILES.

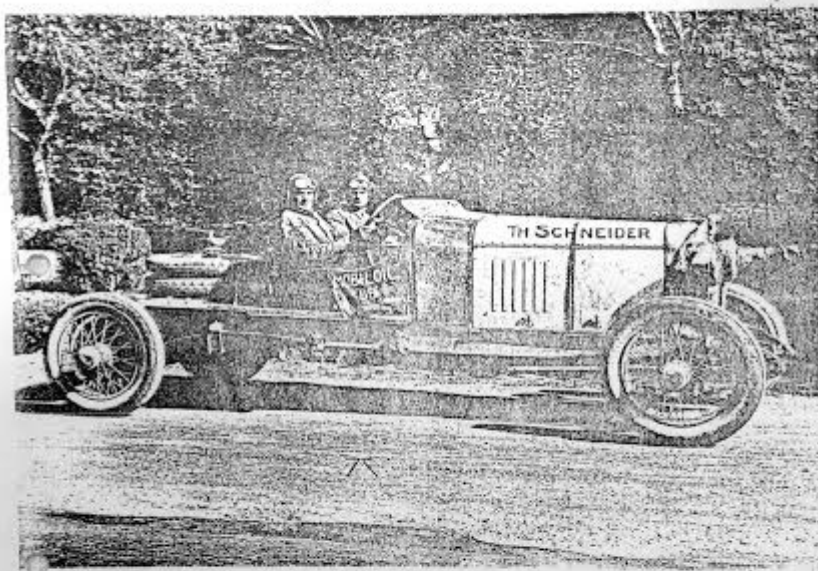
Dear editor,

A rare 1921 record breaking 6 cylinder 4½ Litre Th. Schneider is going to Retromobile in Paris to be sold this February after recently going back to Europe for the first time since it was new. These cars were raced around the world and during the 1920's at the likes of the famous Le Mans race track competing with Bentley, Bugatti, Mercedes and Alfa Romeo. It will be the first time since its construction that it will be in its homeland of France.

I have fascinating period photos/info from an Australian newspaper and thought I would just send a message in case you felt it may be something you would like to feature, it is strongly thought to be the sole surviving 6 cylinder 4½ litre Schneider in the world.

Regards.....Chris Scott.

A. H. Barnes, Record Breaker, in his Th. Schneider Car which used Plume Motor Spirit and Gargoyle Mobiloil



Messrs. A. H. Barnes and McCulloch in the Th. Schneider Car, depicted above, recently out-did the previous best performance in breaking the speed record from Adelaide to Melbourne. The time taken was 12 hours 10 minutes, an average speed of 47 miles per hour being maintained throughout.

This remarkable feat was carried out on Plume Motor Spirit and Gargoyle Mobiloil.

The same combination also clipped 36 minutes off the Broken Hill to Adelaide record.

Driving Order 1.4.2.6.3.5.

Compliments.....Chris Scott.

Buy, Swap and Sell

Advertisements in this column will appear for three consecutive months unless instructions to the contrary are received by the Editor. Victorian State laws require all advertisements for registered vehicles to display a Price and Registration Number, and for unregistered vehicles, the sale price together with the engine or VIN/Chassis number.

Advertisements that do not comply with the above will not be listed, nor will it be the Editors responsibility to seek such information.

SELL: 1983 KB Ford Laser. Rego. QOQ 700. Registered to end of January. Drives and goes well, only done 450,000 Km.. Rust in floor, fair condition. Will throw in low mileage Laser, same colour, same model in good condition. \$600 or near offer for both. Will separate. Ring Ray 5977 6649. (1113)

SELL: Two 6 cylinder side valve engines, one No. C101-10670, the other has no engine number. They could be late 20's – early thirties Willys'. \$100.00 the pair. Phone Ray Griffin 03 5977 6649

SELL: 1966 Ford Mustang h/top Coupe Palomino Gold V8, auto, pwr steering, console, new twin exhausts, runs unleaded petrol, low miles, California car, all matching numbers, very good condition interior/exterior CHACA REG = CH3263 M. Taylor 97175732 (0214)

SELL: Stan Miller sent this picture in. It is a Graham Crusader for sale in Durban, South Africa. If you are interested contact Stan Miller for full contact details. (0214)



WANTED:

I have a Wanted Ad for The Journal : Metal external Sun Visor. Will consider Mesh type.

Pair of Wheel "Spats"

4 Door Handle Scratch Plates

Suitable for 1951 Plymouth 4 Door

Reg Dunn 0439688229 (0813)

COLJEN GEAR CUTTING & MACHINING

**Spurs
Helicals
Splines
Sprockets**

**TB Pulleys
Slotting
Milling
Turning**

Colin and Jenny Woods

Tel: (03) 9458 2741

Mobile: 0425 815 849

Fax: (03) 9458 2741

Email: gears@coljen.com

**Factory 3/45 Kolora Road
Heidelberg West, Victoria 3081**

Langford Motor Trimmers
Motor & Marine Trimmers & Upholsterers

Mick Langford (03) 9852 1990

seats • carpets • convertible hoods
tonneau covers • headlinings • boat seats

mick@langfordtrimmers.com.au

20 Greenaway St, Bulleen Vic 3105

ph: (03) 9852 1990 mob: 0409 211 559

www.langfordtrimmers.com.au

Memo ; To all Clubs

Vic Roads are experiencing delays in processing Club Permit Scheme renewals that are posted to their head office address. Delays are being caused by the current changes in staff arrangements, that will see a large reduction in Vic Roads staff numbers.

It is believed that scheme participants that renew at their local Vic Roads office will not be affected by this delay.

It is recommended that for the time being renewals should be forwarded in person to the branches rather than posted to Vic Roads headquarters.

Regards

Graeme Jones

Office Admin

Ph : 03 9555 0133 Mob : 0422 16 88 29

From: Chama Scenic Railway
[mailto:lsr331@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 18 November 2013 11:46 PM

To: webmaster@chaca.com.au

Subject: Reference

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm trying to locate one DAVID PATRIDGE who worked for Fred Page at PAGE'S MODEL "A" GARAGE from the 1970s until the 1990s.

Fred, my step-dad, mentored David into the antique car business.

Can you please help me?

Lou Rupnick

PO Box 9

Mountainair, NM 87036

505-847-2510

lsr331@hotmail.com



AUTO SURPLUS

Auto Surplus supplies parts for cars, trucks, tractors, forklifts and stationary engines.

We specialise in engine, suspension, brake and clutch, electrical and rubber components.



VETERAN • VINTAGE • CLASSIC • MODERN

**Surplus stock bought. We recondition water pumps.
Australia's largest range of loose piston rings.**

- Pistons & rings (sets & loose)
- Pumps (water, oil, fuel)
- Gaskets & seals (made to order if necessary)
- Valves
- Filters
- Engine Bearings
- Suspension
- Brake
- Clutch
- Electrical

We stock these quality brands at very competitive prices.



JP PISTONS

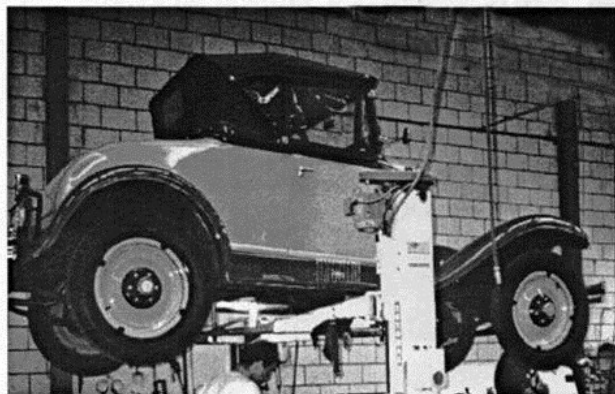
Auto Surplus Pty Ltd (ABN 66 337 496 692)
35 Rooks Road, Mitcham, Victoria 3132 Australia
Tel +61 3 9873 3566 Fax +61 3 9874 1485
Email sales@autosurplus.com.au www.autosurplus.com.au

BILL ELDRIDGE MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Club Member

VINTAGE & CLASSIC ALL MAKES -ALL MODELS

- All mechanical work
- Engine reconditioning
- Panel work & Repairs
- Full Restorations
- Water Pumps modified
- Clutch & Brakes



"When better cars are (re)built, Bill will (re)build them"
Factory 20, 166 Bridge Road, Keysborough Vic. 3173
Telephone: (03) 9798 8636
A.H. (03) 9798 1995

Category	Joining Fee	Annual Subscription	Total
Full Member	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
Joint Membership	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$90.00

CHACA Membership Details.

Contact Barry Smith Ph: 9807 6813 Mob: 0408 440 240

Joint Membership – Husband/Wife, partner etc..

Renewals – If joined Nov-June, must renew when due on November 1st. If joined July-Oct. Membership will carry through to renewal date in following year.

Club Permit Scheme Renewal of Permit.

Send to Neville Thomas Kunnel the Permit together with a copy of your current Membership Card and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Neville will return it to you for you to pay at your nearest Vic Roads Office. You can also see Neville at meetings, **please bring along a copy of the Permit for Club records, also the 3 photos of your Club Permit vehicle/s if Neville doesn't already have them.**

FOR New Applications/renewals: Contact Neville Thomas Kunnel

[Email.....thomas_neville@yahoo.com.au](mailto:thomas_neville@yahoo.com.au)

PHONE: 03 8712 3161 MOB: 0422 324 072

1 Val Court, Dandenong, Vic 3175

To all Permit Plate Holders

Due to VicRoads tightening their control on all Clubs involved with the Club Permit Scheme (CPS) we now request that all members issued with a Permit through CHACA since February 1st. 2011 under the new Log Book scheme attend at least one Club Run or Meeting every 6 months **with the Car**. This will assist the Club in ensuring your vehicle continues to meet with all the guidelines and conditions of use as set out by VicRoads and CHACA.

Members are also reminded that the Club is bound by the new rules of this scheme to advise Vi-cRoads of any Permit Holder who is no longer a financial member of the Club.

Any queries please contact

Neville Thomas Kunnel on **Ph: 8712 3161 Mob: 0422 324 072**

Photos for Club Records

All members

Please send 3 photos of your Club Permit vehicle to Neville (if you haven't already done so).

1. A 3/4 view of the front right
2. A 3/4 view of the rear left
3. The engine

Size of photos: 6x4 inches or 15x10cm.

CPS Handbook

The CPS handbook is available from Neville Kunnel or Eddie Reynolds at meetings or runs. The price is \$5.00 in person or \$6.00 posted

***VicRoads queries 9854 2432
60 Denmark Street, Kew 3010.***

TOMORROW'S BATTERY IS HERE TODAY!

OPTIMA CRANKING



THE ULTIMATE STARTER

- **FASTER, CRISPER STARTS!**
The OPTIMA 12-volt models deliver 850 Cold Cranking Amps at 0°F.

- **LONGER BATTERY LIFE!**

In performance tests the OPTIMA lasted three to five times longer than conventional, flat plate batteries.

- **UNEQUALLED VIBRATION RESISTANCE!**

Vibration is a primary killer of conventional batteries. OPTIMA's tightly wound SPIRALCELL resists jarring and vibration, and eliminates plate shedding.

- **UNSURPASSED SAFETY/ZERO MAINTENANCE!**

Acid can't leak, even if the battery is cracked open. Plus, no corrosion can form on cables, terminals or the vehicle. And you never add water.

- **MORE POWER IN ANY CLIMATE!**

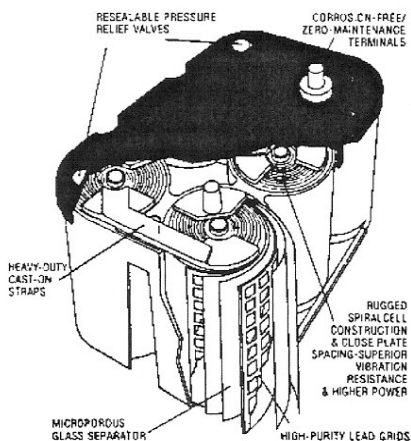
Tests prove the OPTIMA performs better in extreme hot or cold temperatures than conventional lead-acid batteries of similar size.

- **FASTER RECHARGE!**

Greater plate surface area and lower internal resistance allows the OPTIMA to recharge in less time than conventional batteries.

- **EASY TO TRANSPORT!**

Because the OPTIMA is non-hazardous, it can be shipped by air.



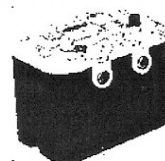
ONLY OPTIMA'S SPIRALCELL TECHNOLOGY OFFERS THESE BENEFITS

OPTIMA BATTERIES

THE ULTIMATE STARTER
Club Member

OPTIMA DEEP CYCLE

THE ULTIMATE POWER SOURCE



- **QUICK RECHARGE!**

The equipment/vehicle spends more time running, reducing down time and improving productivity.

- **FAST ENERGY RESPONSE!**

The OPTIMA delivers peak power faster. There is less capacity reduction with high current loads.

- **CLEAN POWER!**

Consistent, stable voltage throughout the discharge provides better power to your equipment.

- **BETTER CYCLING!**

The unique SPIRALCELL design and chemistry allows the OPTIMA to out-cycle most conventional deep cycle batteries. This means the OPTIMA lasts longer and is more economical for users.

- **COMPLETELY SEALED/ZERO MAINTENANCE!**

With absorbed electrolyte and sealed construction, the OPTIMA won't cause corrosion or leak, even if cracked open. OPTIMA is safer for people, equipment and the environment. And you never add water.

- **UNEQUALLED VIBRATION RESISTANCE!**

Unique SPIRALCELL design is virtually unaffected by vibration and jarring that shortens the life of conventional batteries.

PO BOX 340 LILYDALE VIC 3140 PH: 1300OPTIMA FAX 039735 1842 EMAIL Grae-me@optima.com.au

www.chaca.com.au

Affiliated Clubs

Independent Clubs Affiliated with the
Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia

Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia Wagga Wagga Region Inc.

Secretary: Wendy Hocking, Phone 02 6931 6200
Mobile 0429 316 200

PO Box 749, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650

Meetings:

First Monday of the Month, at Rules Club, Jezza Room

Fernleigh Rd. Wagga Wagga 7.30pm. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Morgan Country Car Club

Secretary: Tony Nelson
Phone: 0403 152 474

PO Box 428, Albury, NSW 2640

Meetings: At Clubrooms on Jindera Sports Grounds,

First Tuesday of every month 7.30pm.

Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia Sydney Inc.

Secretaries: Anne Campbell, 0414 521 521
PO Box 306 Wentworthville, NSW, 2145.

Phone 02 45765872

Email: annecampbell3@bigpond.com

Meetings: All Sunday meetings start at 2pm.

Members may arrive from two hours prior to meeting times to have meal and chat.

Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Caboolture Inc.

Secretary: Jan Beatson PO Box 514 Caboolture, Qld. 4510, Phone 07 3267 0363

email: secretary@chacc.com

Meetings:

2nd Sunday of the Month. Meeting at the Sun-downer Hotel car park, Caboolture at 6.30am

Our New Meeting Venue....VDC Clubrooms.....Auditorium and Foyer.



“NO ONE KNOWS YOUR
PASSION LIKE SHANNONS.”



The passion, the pride of ownership, the sheer emotional attachment – no one understands it better than Shannons. So when it comes to insurance for your special car, daily drive, bike or even your home, there's only one person you should talk to – a fellow enthusiast at Shannons. And remember, you can pay your premium by the month at no extra cost.

So call Shannons for a    quote on **13 46 46**.



SHARE THE PASSION

INSURANCE FOR MOTORING ENTHUSIASTS | CALL 13 46 46 FOR A QUOTE | SHANNONS.COM.AU

Shannons Pty Limited ABN 91 099 692 636 is an authorised representative of AAI Limited ABN 48 005 297 807, the product issuer. Read the Product Disclosure Statement before buying this insurance. Contact us for a copy.