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Wings and wheels over the Illawarra!

The Southern Highlands tour

The Illawarra tour last month was another great trip to remember, building on our first club drive through the region a year ago, and branching into new fields. This time the program included two magnificent car shows and two aviation museums, and of course it afforded all involved – the members from Canberra, Southern Highlands and Sydney – the opportunity to catch up and chat about all sorts of things.

Alan Baker from the Blue Mountains joined us for lunch in the Aviators Restaurant at Albion Park before we headed off on the guided tour of the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society museum where it seems their enormous facility is already running out of space for all the aircraft being donated or rescued for preservation. Connie the Super Constellation, the only airworthy example remaining in the world, was undergoing pre-flight checks for a circuit scheduled for the following day and as usual all manner of ex-military and civil aircraft, with particular reference to Australian aviation history, were on display or undergoing maintenance or repair work.

The Fleet Air Arm museum located inland from Nowra was another fascinating stop for us devotees of old aircraft. Its superb facilities focus on the naval aspects of aviation and are home to a static display ranging from a replica First World War Sopwith Pup to more recent aircraft such as allied and Soviet jets from the Vietnam era.

Back at ground level, the picnic on the lawns of Tony Strahan's magnificent property at Bellawongarah was a sight to behold with some superb machines ranging from a 1924 Silver Ghost through to cars from the 1950s and 60s. Among the displays was Tony's own James Young Derby Bentley drophead, fresh from the restoration shops

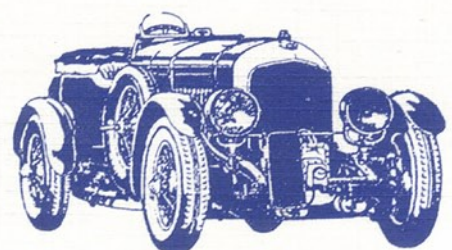
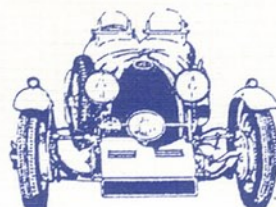
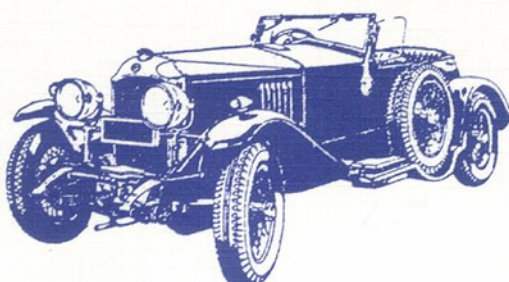
and looking absolutely the part among the tea tables and mingling crowd. Some familiar faces showed up in the form of Euan and Wilga Coutts, well known in Canberra until they moved to the Highlands a couple of years ago, and of course the Nicholsons, Vic and Warwick, were there with their Vauxhall 30/98, rounding out a display of some 20 or so vintage and classic cars from Sydney and the Illawarra region.

The National Day of Motoring at Chevalier College in Burradoo provided an opportunity to take in a range of cars of all types and sizes with another 100 interesting vehicles on display. Proving it was more than just a show pony, the Strahan Bentley motored up the mountain to take part in this, its first public event, and proved a great point of interest. A squadron of Jensen Interceptors flew up from Sydney, 21 litres between the three of them in their engines and another 270 litres in their tanks, which should have been enough to get them home again. Some quite rare "everyday" Vauxhalls from the 1930s were shown, rarely seen nowadays, as was a brace of very fine Daimlers including a limousine built for King George VI and another used by the Governor of Tasmania.

The accommodation arranged by the club at the Pioneer Motel in Kangaroo Valley was excellent with quality spacious rooms at a reasonable tariff and with great pub food just across the road. Kangaroo Valley makes a fine base for touring between Nowra and the Highlands, and with all of the wonderful scenery and interesting roads close to hand, who knows, we might go back next year!

Lunch at the Battle of Waterloo

Sunday 20 June will see the annual Battle of Waterloo in Canberra and for those with an interest in French or British cars it's a sight not to be missed. Even if you don't



own one of these cars, you can come along to The Pork Barrel Café, which is the eatery behind The Lobby in the parliamentary rose garden, and enjoy the surroundings with your VSCCA mates over lunch. Our planned June run to Bundanoon is off so we are rescheduling to Waterloo instead. Members can check progress in the Battle on the lawns behind the National Library before coming over to the Pork Barrel for a bite afterwards. A booking has been made but we need to know numbers, so ring John Phillips and let him know your intentions ASAP. We look forward to seeing as many as possible, and of course any visitors from Sydney or the Highlands are welcome to join us. We'll be sitting down at noon which will leave plenty of time to go back to the Battle afterwards and see who won.

The Newsletter

The Canberra Newsletter goes out about every month, depending on the pace of events. It is sent as an email attachment to the Canberra regional members and to anyone else who expresses an interest in receiving it. If you don't want it by email, let John Phillips know and you can have it posted instead.

Name badges

The Canberra Trophy Centre, 12 Molonglo Mall, Fyshwick, makes the proper VSCCA name badges for members. The order code is T-VSCCA-NB and you can have it in magnetic form for \$11.55 or with a pin for \$8.50 (prices correct last time we checked). You can order by phone and have it posted for a little extra, or collect direct from the store. Their number is 6280 6520.

Contributions

If you have anything you want to spread around for the benefit of all, send it to Richard Calver for inclusion in the next Newsletter. If you have a great idea about something to make things better, or anything at all related to the club and the Canberra Chapter, don't assume we know about it already – speak up and let your voice be heard. For longer stories, remember that Cliff King will be interested in anything you send for inclusion in the main publication, *The Vintage Car*.

Lakeside Tuesday

Our weekly sojourns to Yarralumla Bay continue to attract a good roll-up and no wonder. We have a great spot by the water, the right crowd and no crowding, shade or sun as the seasons change, and a brick dunny close by for the occasional emergency. Remember to bring a folding chair or Esky to park your bum on because this otherwise excellent position is devoid of seating conveniences. A warm jacket would be a good idea at this time of year, too. Tuesdays, 11:30 til whenever. UBD map 58, ref M10.

Breakfast at Delissios

The club breakfast at Delissios in Curtin is held on the last Sunday in the month, 08:30 for 09:00. The price is \$15 so have the exact money ready as you go in. Overpayment on your part will be considered a donation on our part, unless by some miracle there is still change left when you show up late.

Events calendar

20 June – Battle of Waterloo and club lunch

27 June – breakfast at Delissios

11 July – Christmas in July

In the works

Our winter Christmas will be at Springers Rest, Murrumbateman, on Sunday 11 July. You know how well we are treated there so confirm your acceptance to John Phillips now and mark it in your diary.

We've had good reports about Linda's Restaurant at the Goolabri Resort just north of Canberra so we are considering a fireside lunch there for our run in August.

Sydney has organized another Cootamundra Sprints for the 4-5 September weekend and that will be an official run for the Canberra Chapter. We had a great time last year and are looking forward to going again.

Following the success of our lunch at The Royal in April, we are considering going back for our closing run in October. If you have other ideas, let us know.

Marques in the Park will be held in November, date TBA, but now it will be staged on the National Library lawns like all the other events, rather than in Belconnen as in previous years.

Syd Reinhardt is organizing an excursion for the Sydney people based around Braidwood's annual airing of the quilts. The cars will leave Sydney on Friday 26 November and head home on Sunday 28 November. Details are in *The Vintage Car*. The lunch and dinner on the Saturday promise to be enjoyable and interesting opportunities for Canberra members to mix and mingle with our comrades, so watch for further announcements.

Terribly British Day will be held on Sunday 5 December, probably in the same location as the other major displays this year. Members with appropriate cars are of course free to go along and join in.

If you want to organize an event, jump in and let the committee know so that we can publicize it in the Newsletter.

Money matters

We're going to have to find a bigger Vegemite jar if things keep going the way they are going. We now have \$468 in the Canberra kitty, giving us a handy reserve for planning future events.

Welcome to our latest member!

We are happy to welcome Jim Kennedy to our midst. Jim owns not only a lovely E-type Jaguar but also a Swallow Doretti, a rare car in anyone's language. Word has it that the Doretti isn't that far from being back on the road, so bring it out Jim and let's see more of the cars and yourself as the year progresses. Jim's E-type is pictured below, along with a view from the cockpit.



What a production!

Many of our members believe that the newsletter is the work of a highly select group of individuals – your committee – but the reality is that a great many talents go to make up a rag such as this. The leading cast and crew, along with Academy Award nominations received so far this year, are:

Richard Calver, best boy	68
John Phillips, director	67
Brian Oxley, focus puller	56
Geoff Venn, gaffer	47
Geoff Nickols, producer	36
Peter Makeham, key grip	31
John Higham, stunts	30
Graham Moore, editing	29
Brian Lockwood, catering	29
David Pearse, screenplay	29
Andrew Riley, colourist	28
Ian Kenny, wardrobe	25
Ian Phillips, sound	19
Rob Baker, cinematography	19
John Prentice, Assistant to Mr Venn	17
Peter Dechaineux, distribution	16
Phill Coltman, set design	15
Arne Schimmelfeder, clapper loader	15
John Clarke, runner	13
Bryan Purcell, special effects	11



BATTLE OF WATERLOO, SUNDAY 20 JUNE 2010

Battle lines form up from 0900 hrs

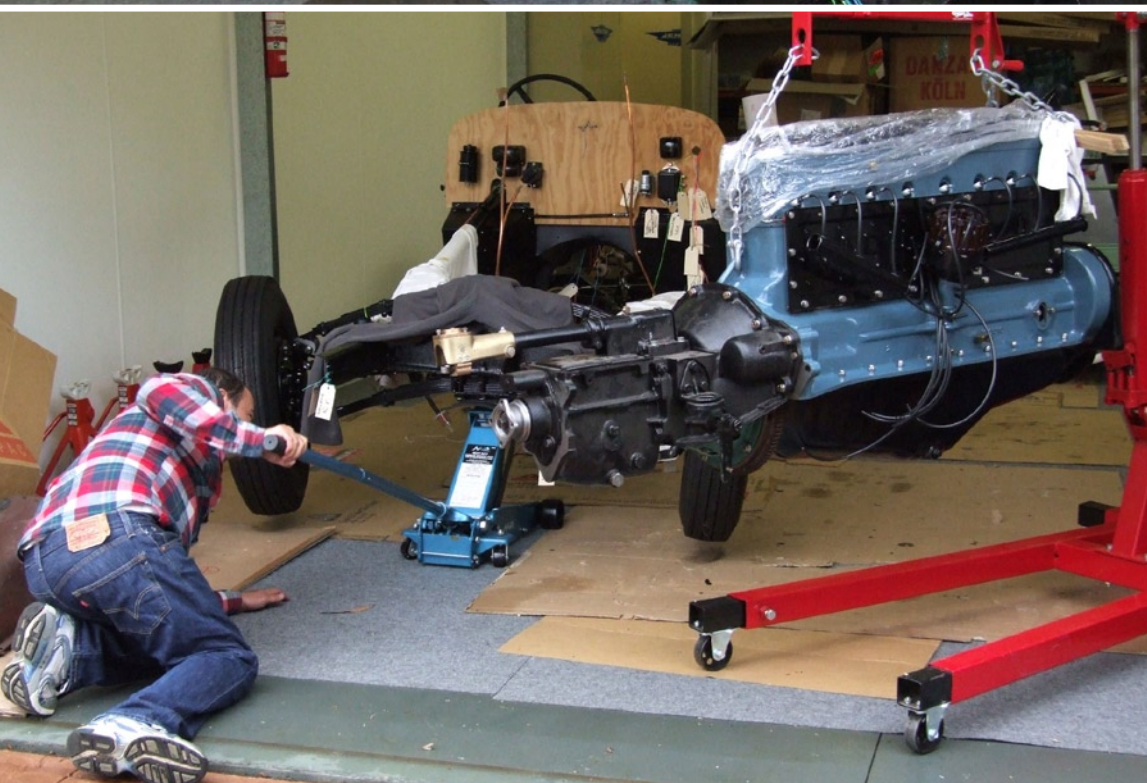
Lunch queue forms up from noon

**BATTLE
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**LUNCH
at the
Pork Barrel**

1939 Jensen coming together at last



Wings over the Illawarra: HARS



High life in the Southern Highlands



THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (CANBERRA CHAPTER)