Canberra Chapter Newsletter

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The Christmas lunch is fully booked!

Springers Rest on 12 December

As you all know by now, our closing event for 2010 will be the Christmas lunch at Springers Rest, Murrumbateman, on Sunday 12 December. Bookings have closed and we will have 40 sitting down to the sumptuous spread.

If the weather is conducive, we'll be seated outdoors as before, but if rain threatens we will be accommodated inside. You can begin arriving from 1130 for a chat and a drink, and we will be sitting down by 1230.

For those who remember the proceedings last year, the Irwin ranch is handy to Murrumbateman. Ian and Ida have again kindly offered tea and biccies for anyone who might like to stop by after lunch to take a look at progress on the Silver Ghost.

Other Vintage Sports Car Clubs

The VSCC of England has spawned a number of offshoots over the years and Australia is blessed with several of them, including not only our mob based on NSW but also other clubs in Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia.

One of our spies was in the land of the sandgroper recently and attended the Festival of Speed at the Barbagallo Raceway north of Perth. This had something for everyone and there was a huge turnout despite temperatures in the thirties and a distinct lack of shade.

Mark Webber showed off his F1 race car with a few demo laps of the circuit and there were racing displays from historic cars, bikes, trikes and quads, with even the WA Police putting on an interesting demonstration of interception techniques.

The VSCC of WA was in attendance with a fine static display, and some of the old cars made a few laps of the circuit for the benefit of the crowd.

Some photos of interest appear elsewhere in this fine publication, along with others from a more local event, the spin around Wakefield Park last September.

Canberra Driving Tests

The Committee has approved our plan to host a Driving Tests event on 13 March 2011 at the Sutton Road Driver Training Complex.

Because the track needs to be booked several months in advance, this is a final call for expressions of interest.

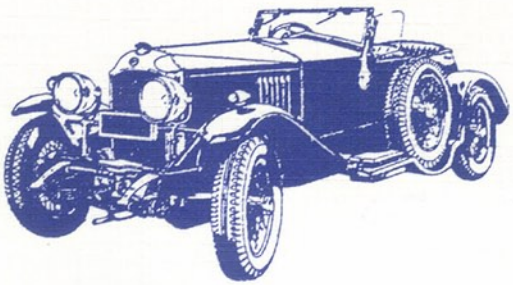
If you would like to attend, send an email now to Richard Calver or phone John Phillips. There's no obligation to follow through but, the more expressions of support we receive, the better the chances of it going ahead.

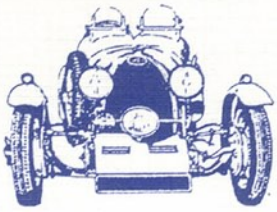
We need confirmations by the end of December in order to make a decision by early January.

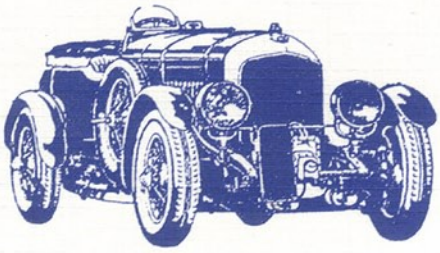
The Newsletter

The Canberra Newsletter goes out 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. Back issues may be found on the club's website at www.vscca.org.au.







Pull the wool, tip the bucket

New club regalia is available from Sydney with a minimum order of six items.

The all-wool navy pullovers are available in sizes 14 = S, 16 = M, 18 = L, 20 = XL, 22 = XXL, 24 = 3XL, 26 = 4XL and 28 = 5XL. These are $85 each including postage to Canberra.

Matching navy bucket hats are available at $25 each, post included, in M, L and XL.

To order, leave your details with John Phillips. Payment will be requested once the minimum order numbers are reached. These items are not stocked and have to be made, hence the requirement for minimum orders.

Regalia

Richard Calver is holding a small supply of the VSCCA metal grille badges and cloth patches.

The enamel badges will make a great addition to your badge bar while the patches will dress up any casual shirt or spray jacket. Costs are $60 and $6 respectively.

Personal name badges

The Canberra Trophy Centre, 12 Molonglo Mall, Fyshwick, makes the proper name badges for members.

The order code is T-VSCCA-NB and you can have badges in magnetic form for $11.55 or with a pin for $8.80.

You can order by phone and have it posted for a little extra, or collect direct from the store. Their number is 6280 6520.

Members' cars

John Grant has taken over the maintenance of the club web site and asks that all members submit photos of their cars, together with a brief technical description.

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 on Thursdays

Thursdays are for catching up with your clubmates down by the lake over lunch.

With the weather turning warm again, it can only get better so bring your folding chair and sandwiches to Yarralumla Bay.

In case of rain, and there has been a bit of it lately, we'll be at the alternate venue of the Turner Bowling Club in McCaughey St.

1130 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, 0830 for 0900.

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.

Please note that there will not be a breakfast function during December. The regular program will resume at the end of January.

Money matters

The Vegemite jar continues to give good service in attracting donations to support our activities. We now have $2084 in the kitty. Thought that'd get your attention. The Christmas party should be good — see you there.

Merry Christmas!

Finally, this being the time for such things, and this being the 12th newsletter which you have been fortunate enough to receive this year, your Committee would like to take the opportunity of wishing all members a safe and happy festive season.

We have seen the Canberra Chapter go from strength to strength in 2010, not only in terms of membership and events but also in terms of a growing bond between the many committed enthusiasts among us.

Thanks to all of you for your support during 2010. Let's see if we can make 2011 another year to remember!

Sandgropers turn it on in style!

Another look at Wakefield Park