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Lanyon Homestead welcomes VSCCA!

A southside run for a change

It's been a while since we had a run to the southside so for April we are shifting the centre of operations to Lanyon Homestead on the southern extremity of the Canberra conurbation. It used to be that Lanyon was a good half-day's ride from where most of us lived, way out in the boonies and still largely unspoilt in outlook, reminiscent of the way it must have been a hundred years ago. Not any more. One minute you're on the tarmac, driving past Coles and the BP petrol station, and the next you are on a dirt track leading you back to a place where time seems to stand still. Lanyon is not as isolated as it once was but, when you arrive, you can forget the modern world and relax in the genteel surroundings of a bygone age. Something about that should make drivers of bygone automobiles feel right at home.

We are booked for lunch on Sunday 17 April and the arrangement will be pay as you go. Just confirm your intentions with Calver so that we can keep our friendly hospitaller Owen apprised of the likely requirements. If it's wet, we will be under a marquee and if fine we are free to sit where we like, on the park benches or under cover. Your diligent reconnaissance party has sampled the menu and can confirm that it is fully up to standard. BYO is at your discretion with a \$5 corkage charge.

We plan to arrive at 1200 for a sit-down at 1230. Parking has been reserved for us on what is called the Triangle Lawns. Lanyon won't let us park on the gravel but insists that we park on the grass, so the Lawns it will be. This will keep our cars out of the public carpark and away from the riff-raff. To reach the Triangle Lawns, you must drive down the main driveway leading to the homestead – the part where it says DO NOT ENTER. This is normally blocked to general access but will be open for us. Drive past the public parking area and turn off to the right just before

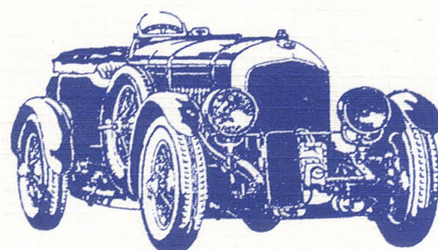
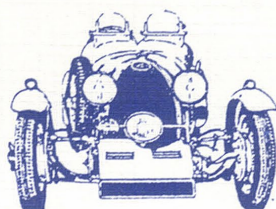
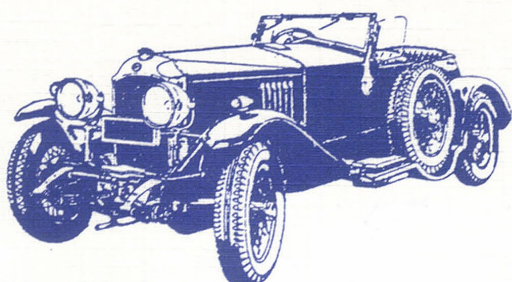
reaching the homestead. If you are not the first to arrive, you'll see a familiar old crock waiting in the designated parking position.

Although you get to park on the grass under the trees, you will have to drive over some dirt to get there. Lanyon has a 2 km dirt driveway which the recce party found to be in fairly smooth and good shape. Taken at a slow pace, it is manageable and safe for our cars, although it will raise some dust. If this is a concern, come anyway but bring your modern and leave it in the public carpark. Then you can wander over to inspect the slightly dusty conveyances of your fellow clubbers who might still be prepared to sit next to you at lunch. Confirm your attendance now — and we'll look forward to seeing you there.

Rolls Royce and Jaguar shows

The Patrick White Lawns adjacent to the National Library will be the setting for two great car shows this month. The 53rd Annual Rolls Royce Owners Club of Australia Federal Rally is taking place on 9 April. The RROCA is celebrating the centenary of the Spirit of Ecstasy and 80 years of Bentley under Rolls Royce. There will be a huge contingent of Silver Ghosts, probably the largest number ever seen together in this country. There should be 160 or more Rolls Royces and Bentleys, including perhaps a dozen veteran Ghosts, which would be a world record for this type.

Then, on 23 April, the Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia will be putting on a public display in the same place during the Jaguar National rally, marking 50 years of the E-type. Full details may be found on www.jaguarationalrally2011.org.au. Both of these Saturday events are likely to attract a lot of attention. Spectators are welcome, so come along and be part of both occasions.



Yarralumla — another success

The Smith Family's charity fundraiser in the grounds of the Governor-General's Official Residence on 6 March was a well-attended and enjoyable day out for our club. This year we were asked to put on a small display of cars, rather than the pageant staged last year, so we were well served by the attendance of 11 owners and the representative marques of Jaguar, Aston Martin, Fiat, Bentley, Austin-Healey, Alvis, Daimler, Frazer-Nash, SS, Mercedes-Benz and Swallow. The *Canberra Times* was on hand to capture the occasion and it was the Fiat Bambino of Mike Shanahan which caught their eye and was shown in the paper the following day. We even had members performing on the musical side of the festivities. Well done to all who attended, and thanks to John Clarke for organizing the outing for us.

Crisp Galleries crisp as ever

Our run to the Crisp Galleries on 20 March was well supported with 20 sitting down for lunch and an informative talk on the glass-making life and times of Peter Crisp. What we didn't know was that the Crisps have a few old cars as well, chiefly Buicks and Whippets, which they plan to display at some point if they can get around to restoring them. At present, there's a recommissioned 1800s shearing shed being erected in the grounds. Some guy apparently won half this shed in a poker game in 1912 and now it is being turned into a new onsite attraction, to be set up as a woollen mill. Under another roof nearby is an interesting display of horse-drawn carriages from an earlier age, boasting such significant owners as Kaiser Wilhelm I and other notable people who are now dead. Once the mill is set up, we might go back for another look. The Crisp run marked the public debut of John Phillips' latest acquisition, a Fiat Spider, which he purchased in Melbourne and drove back to Canberra recently. The Fiat brings John back to the fold of open air motoring after a long spell of saloon driving. Well done, mate – we look forward to seeing it at events from now on.



John Phillips Esq. with his new Fiat Spider.

The Newsletter

The newsletter goes out every month 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 are posted on the club web site.

Stick this up your jumper

Sydney have reached a better deal with the manufacturer of the woollen sweaters with the VSCCA logo attached. Minimum orders are no longer required so they can be ordered singly. 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. They are \$85 each including postage to Canberra. Order direct from Jim Cuthbert in Sydney.

Navy bucket hats are available at \$25 each, post included, in M, L and XL. These still require a minimum order of six. To put your name down, leave your details with John Phillips. Payment will be requested once six orders are in. The bucket hats are not stocked and have to be made, hence the requirement for minimum orders.

Richard Calver is holding a selection of regalia including the enamel grille badges (\$60), cloth patches (\$5), decals (\$2) and key rings (\$5). For sunny or wet days, golf umbrellas with the VSCCA logo are also available (\$30). You can have two of these for the price of one lousy grille badge, so why not lay in a spare for the missus?

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 them in magnetic form for \$11.55 or with a pin for \$8.80. You can order by phone and have the badges posted for a little extra, or collect direct from the store. Their number is 6280 6520.

Club web site

John Grant looks after maintenance of the club web site and asks that all members submit photos of their cars, together with a brief technical description. You'll find the details at www.vscga.org.au.

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. On fine days, bring your folding chair and sandwiches to Yarralumla Bay. In the event of rain, we'll be at the alternate venue of the Turner Bowling Club in McCaughey St. Noon until whenever. UBD map 58, ref M10.

Breakfast at Delissios?

Those who showed up to Delissios last Sunday were saddened to read the sign in the window announcing the end of breakfasts at this fine establishment. This is not a reflection on our club — far from it. At first we thought that Calver's practice of doing burnouts on departure had had an undesired effect, but it turns out that our various antics over the years have been welcomed by the management, helping them to keep the breakfasts going through lean times. However, economic necessity being what it is, the low numbers in general mean that Delissios can no longer afford to keep the breakfasts going.

We have spoken with the owner and tried to come up with a solution, because we do like to sit beside our cars while we dine. Besides, the food is excellent and the location is as central as you could want. The boss is reviewing his options and we are awaiting word on what will happen in April. We have a few options of our own, so breakfasts will still be held, one way or another — it's just a question of where and when. Stay tuned for further developments.

Calendar

9 April – Rolls Royce display, Patrick White Lawns
17 April – run to Lanyon
23 April – Jaguar display, Patrick White Lawns
24 April – breakfast (maybe)

In the works

The last issue of *The Vintage Car* (p.14) contains details of a club run to the Southern Highlands planned for the weekend of 14-15 May. This will also be our Chapter's organized event for that month and your attendance can be structured to suit your own preference, either as a two-day event or as a Sunday only excursion.

The Saturday overnight option involves accommodation at the Mittagong RSL (\$155 for a 4-star room) where a bloc of 20 rooms has been allocated to the club. Follow

the instructions given in *The Vintage Car* if you plan on attending this event.

The year's program now looks like this. One bonus is that Springers Rest has not been sold after all and will still be available for our functions, at least for the time being. More details as things shape up, or not.

14-15 May — Southern Highlands
12 June — Springers Rest, Christmas in winter
July — Grandma's Bakery, Collector
August — TBA
3-4 September — Cootamundra Sprints, weekend away
October — Loaded Dog, Tarago
11 December — Christmas in summer

Down on the farm

For 2011, the points score system awards one point for attendance at the weekly lake runs, two points for turning up to the monthly breakfasts and three points for going to one of our specially organized events.

If you show up in a 30 year-old car, you'll get double points and if it's a 60-year old car, you'll get triple points.

Your next opportunity to score a big boost will come at Lanyon on 17 April. Some of our members have expressed an interest in turning to the land, so this month we pay our respects to the top two dirty dozen:

John Higham, pheasant plucker	36
Richard Calver, cat herder	35
John Phillips, sugar cane king	27
Andrew Riley, roo shooter	24
John Clarke, rubber planter	24
David Pearse, cattle brander	17
Brian Lockwood, steer roper	16
Brian Oxley, banana bender	15
Mike Shanahan, yabbie grower	14
Rob Baker, salmon hatcher	12
Geoff Nickols, chicken sexer	10
Ian Phillips, bird watcher	10
Tim Friend, boundary rider	9
Harry Hickling, taxidermist	9
Alistair Kinloch, game warden	8
Graham Moore, sheep crutcher	8
Jim Kennedy, boss cocky	6
Peter Makeham, Llama breeder	6
Arne Schimmelfeder, Pitt St farmer	6
Peter Hoskin, pastoralist and grazier	6
Rod Warriner & Gwen Lobb, vintners	6
Vic & Warwick Nicholson, roustabouts	6

REGAL CAR FOR A VICE-REGAL DAY



BIG DAY OUT AT THE G-G's PLACE



VSCCA WOWS 'EM AT YARRALUMLA



THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (CANBERRA CHAPTER)