



Canberra Chapter Newsletter

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Springers Rest for our mid-winter Xmas!

Lunch by the fireside in June

The ever-popular Springers Rest at Murrumbateman is the venue for our winter Christmas lunch, set down for Sunday 12 June. Earlier this year, there was talk of this establishment changing hands but so far nothing has transpired on that front so Jenny and the staff will be pleased to look after us as before. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible to support the occasion. Confirmations and pre-payment into the bank account are required and intending attendees would have ticked those boxes by now. For the usual late stragglers, the cost is \$42.50 a head and the CBA account details are BSB 062914, account number 10717349.

For July, we plan on visiting Grandma's Bakery on the Hume Hwy, just north of Collector. The entrance to this sprawling establishment, which is a combined winery, olive farm, church and restaurant, is on the southbound lane of the highway. Coming from Canberra, you have to cut through the median strip to enter the driveway but the turn is not obvious so you will probably miss it. For those with accurate odometers, the turn is 2.7 km past the northernmost slip road to Collector. If you miss the turn into Grandma's, don't kill yourself trying to go back. Just go up the highway a few hundred meters to the next opportunity, make a U-turn and come back. The driveway has about 300m of dirt so take it easy and you'll arrive relatively clean at the paved car park.

Past events

The weekend run to the Southern Highlands was an enjoyable event with several of our Canberra members participating on the overnighiter or the Sunday-only event. Some pictures of the gathering at Exeter and the National Day of Motoring display at Burradoo may be found on our famous back pages.

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.

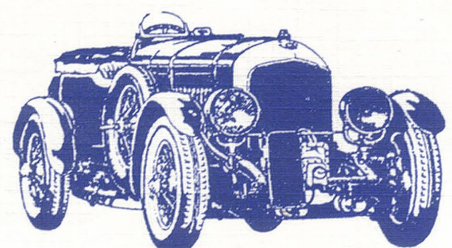
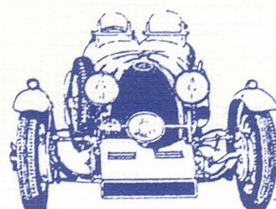
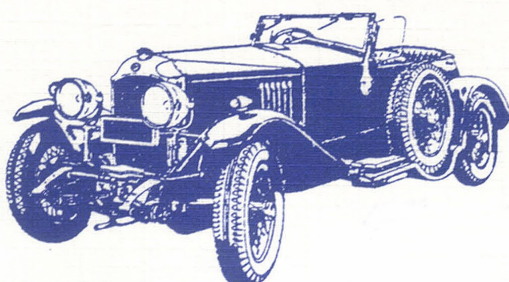
Stick this up your jumper, maybe

We don't actually have any of the woollen sweaters left now but they can be ordered from Jim Cuthbert in Sydney, price \$75 each. These navy pullovers are available in sizes 14 = S, 16 = M, 18 = L, 20 = XL, 22 = 2XL, 24 = 3XL, 26 = 4XL and 28 = 5XL. Unless I am much mistaken, the jolly green giant is not lurking among our ranks so I don't think there'll be much call for a 5XL. However, navy blue bucket and surf hats are available for \$18. We have only a few of these in a selection of sizes so be quick if you want one that fits – contact Richard Calver.

Calver is also holding the enamel grille badges (\$60), clothing patches (\$5), adhesive decals (\$2), key rings (\$5) and two of the unobtainable 2008 George Green Rally DVDs (\$10). For sunny or wet days, golf umbrellas with the VSCCA logo are available for \$30. You can have two of these rippers for the price of one lousy grille badge, so why not lay in a spare for the missus?

John Clarke took last month's featured bomber jacket and now is not only a man to be admired but also one to be emulated. Fortunately, Sydney has dug out two more jackets but this looks like the end of the line – we have one L and one 2XL at \$60 apiece.

New additions to our holdings are the popular grey polar fleece vests (three sizes available at \$30) and the blue



stadium jackets (two sizes available at \$45). Be quick for these as we may not be getting any more.

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.vsc.ca.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. It's brisk out there in winter but we have found a sheltered spot with a wind-break down by the water's edge, so bring your folding chair and cut lunch to Yarralumla Bay. On the off-chance of rain, we'll be at the alternate venue of the Turner Bowling Club in McCaughey St. Noon til whenever. UBD map 58, ref M10.

Breakfast at The Diplomat

The first club breakfast at our new venue of The Diplomat in Kingston was a great success with 27 sitting down to the \$20 buffet. All who attended enjoyed it very much, with cars lining the driveway in a beautiful display of machinery. The usual date is the final Sunday in the month, 0830 for 0900, so our next breakfast will be on Sunday 29 May. Because we are dining among the hotel's in-house guests, we need to advise numbers in advance. This means you need to confirm with Phillips ahead of time and not just show up on the day, expecting to eat food which has been laid on for other people. Make sure to RSVP a week ahead and we'll save you a place. Otherwise, the trains to Coventry are just down the road.

Money matters

The Vegemite jar continues to give good service in attracting donations to support our activities and we have a useful reserve of \$809 in the kitty.

Calendar

29 May — breakfast at The Diplomat
12 June — Christmas in Winter, Springers Rest
26 June — breakfast at The Diplomat

In the works

17 July — Grandma's Bakery, Collector
August — TBA
3-4 September — Cootamundra Sprints, weekend away
October — Loaded Dog, Tarago
7-10 October — George Green rally
11 December — Christmas lunch, Springers Rest

Bang, fizzle and pop

We are half-way through our scoring year now and some clear leaders are emerging. Unfortunately, the two front-runners are the same blokes who won the pot the last two years running. If you want to topple these audacious show-offs, pay attention to the calendar and start showing off your own car more often. Remember, we give a point for the weekly lake run, two points for a breakfast and three points for a special monthly outing. You get double points if you show up in a 30 year old car and triple points if the beast is 60 years old. From the electrical parts catalogue, our brightest sparks this month are:

Richard Calver, the distributor	49
John Phillips, the governor	47
John Higham, the transformer	45
John Clarke, the transducer	32
David Pearce, the tuner	32
Andrew Riley, the balancer	30
Brian Lockwood, the regulator	22
Mike Shanahan, the commutator	18
Tim Friend, the attenuator	18
Peter Hoskin, the potentiometer	18
Brian Oxley, the tensioner	15
Vic & Warwick Nicholson, two live wires	15
Alistair Kinloch, the amplifier	14
Ian Phillips, the rectifier	14
Geoff Nickols, the accumulator	14
Rob Baker, the feeder	12
Arne Schimmelfeder, the terminator	10
Graham Moore, the capacitor	10
Ray Gulson, the generator	9
Harry Hickling, the resistor	9

EXETER TURNS ON A WINTER SUN



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