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The best little hillclimb in Canberra!

Famous restaurant on top of Mount Stromlo discovered by car club



Following an enjoyable brunch at Grandma's last month, on 14 August we will be heading for Mt Stromlo and one of the nicest hillclimb circuits laid on for Canberra motorists by our friendly roads department.

The purpose of the expedition will not be to engage in stargazing of any kind but rather to enjoy a fine lunch in the newly opened Scope restaurant on the summit.

This is set up in the old heliostat building which gives panoramic views of the surrounding countryside, both from inside the restaurant and from the circular balcony, not to mention cracking views of the sun if anyone is interested. We aim to arrive at noon, establish our latitude and sit down by 1230 for the feast. Word has it that a roast may be on the cards, so keep your fingers

crossed. Parking is in the main public area beside the old observatory domes. To reach this wonderful destination, just follow your nose to the top of the hill, don't divert into the research areas, and there it is in front of you.

You will be ordering and paying individually but kindly confirm with one of the committee in advance so that our hosts can prepare for the numbers. Sundays are busy days for lunches everywhere in Canberra and we don't want to upset the well-armed chef. See you there!

Historic registration for our cars

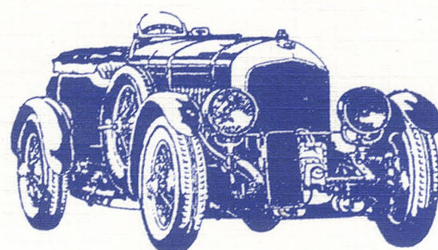
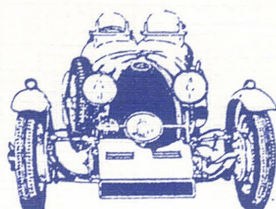
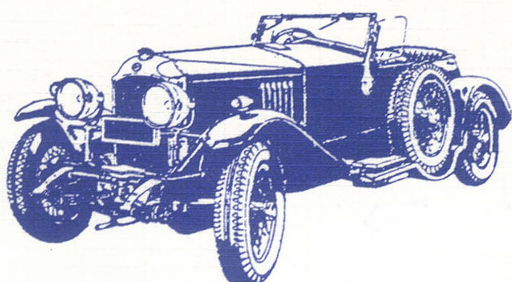
We would like to remind our loyal readers that Ian Barges is now the Chapter's delegate to the ACT Council of Motor Clubs and is the man to call when you need to renew your ACT historic registration.

The Council is the peak motoring body in our region and it is our membership of it which permits the issue and renewal of ACT historic registration plates on eligible members' cars.

If your rego is up for renewal, contact Ian to have the necessary certification made out. You can reach him on Ian.Barges@xactpc.com.au or tel 0437.147715.

You need to be a financial member of the VSCCA and you need the club's certification of this in order to meet the legal requirements for historic rego, which is another reason to pay your dues on time.

The Council is cracking down on the requirements for historic rego after uncovering abuses in other clubs. We are doing our part to ensure that the requirements are met but in the end it boils down to individual drivers using their cars responsibly and within the guidelines. Take care, and enjoy the privilege.



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.

Regalia

Richard Calver carries the club regalia around in the boot of his Interceptor so if you see it and/or him, that's when you should make your move.

Navy blue bucket and surf hats are available at \$18. We have only a few of these so be quick if you want one.

The club is also holding the enamel grille badges (\$60), clothing patches (\$5), adhesive decals (\$2), key rings (\$5) and two of the 2008 George Green Rally DVDs (\$10). For sunny or wet days, golf umbrellas with the VSCCA logo are available for \$30.

The stylish bomber jackets are a discontinued line but we have one L and one 2XL remaining at \$60 apiece. A new addition to our holdings is the popular polar fleece vest (two sizes available at \$30).

We are fresh out of the stadium jackets but you can order these for \$45, and also the \$75 woollen navy pullovers, from Jim Cuthbert in Sydney. They are available in sizes 14 = S, 16 = M, 18 = L, 20 = XL, 22 = 2XL, 24 = 3XL, 26 = 4XL and 28 = 5XL.

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.

Christmas comes but twice a year

Seems like we celebrated some kind of Christmas only the other week but here it comes again. We are booked in provisionally at Murrumbateman for our closing event on 11 December and this time we are hopeful of enjoying one of those wonderful garden sessions which are so pleasant when the sun shines.

Jenny Foley is proposing to lay on a barbeque this year so that we can have a buffet under the trees. This will be a prepaid event for which you will need to make deposits into our account, so mark the date and start thinking now

about what hat you'll be wearing, while we start thinking about how much to charge you.

The third Cootamundra sprints



If you have been reading *The Vintage Car*, you will know that Sydney has organized another Cootamundra Sprints for the 3-4 September weekend.

This will be our official club run for September. In previous years, some of our members have gone up to have a look, either for the Saturday only or staying overnight and hob-nobbing with the Sydney crowd before returning on Sunday.

The heavy rain last year didn't dampen spirits noticeably but what are the chances of that happening twice in a row? Not great, I reckon. We had a fine time last year in spite of the dismal weather and we are looking forward to going again.

For those with other interests, just up the road the folks at Temora will be putting on a Commonwealth flying day on the Saturday, weather permitting, featuring the Boomerang, Wirraway and Sabre aircraft.

As an added attraction for fossickers and bargain hunters, the Coota Swap Meet will be staged over the same weekend, so there'll be something for everyone.

There's a dinner at the Services club on the Saturday night which promises to be as enjoyable as ever.

For overnight accommodation, we recommend the Heritage Motel at 94 Hurley St, tel 1300 221000. We can vouch from experience that this is a modern, comfortable and inexpensive setup and it's where the right crowd will be staying.

Competition entries are welcome and spectators are always accommodated — check *The Vintage Car* for details and contact Tim Shellshear in Sydney.

George Green rally

Bookings for this year's George Green are filling up fast — check *The Vintage Car* for details or contact Dave Stuart in Sydney for more information.

An option for those Canberrans who do not wish to enrol for the full diploma is to take a part-time interest in the proceedings on Saturday 8 October.



Bedervale Homestead

Rally participants will be visiting the historic Bedervale Homestead at Braidwood and partaking of lunch on that day so, if you would like to join in, that's an option available to you. Just let Dave Stuart know so that costs and catering can be organized.

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 been brisk out there this winter but soon the chilly days will be a thing of the past. Bring your folding chair and cut lunch down to the water's edge at 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 usual date is the final Sunday in the month, 0830 for 0900. 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 and expect 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.

Calendar

31 July — breakfast at The Diplomat
14 August — lunch run to Mt Stromlo
28 August — breakfast at The Diplomat

In the works

3-4 September — Cootamundra Sprints, weekend away
7-10 October — George Green rally
16 October — Loaded Dog, Tarago
11 December — Christmas lunch, Springers Rest

Say no to taxation without representation!

Cabinet has met to consider the potential impact of carbon taxation on our activities but Ministers were unable to agree on a system which would penalise us all equally. Accordingly, it was resolved to apply one credit for the weekly lake run, two credits for the monthly breakfast and three credits for any special outings as might be gazetted from time to time. Double credits will apply if the gross polluter is 30 years old and triple credits will apply if the offender has been ruining the planet for more than 60 years. So far, the leading fossils burning fuel in the ACT Caucus are:

John Phillips, Prime Culprit	83
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John Clarke, Administrative Affairs Minister	50
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Mike Shanahan, Foreign Minister	32
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Geoff Nickols, Minister for Veterans' Affairs	24
Alistair Kinloch, Minister for Salvation	22
Peter Dechaineux, Minister for Lunch	21
Tim Friend, Minister for Roads	18
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Ray Gulson, Minister at Lunch	16
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DIPLOMAT TURNS IT ON IN STYLE



PLENTY FOR ALL TO TALK ABOUT



AN OLD DOG FOR A HARD ROAD



THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (CANBERRA CHAPTER)