

NEWSLETTER

A Southern Highlands Fling

Garden Visit and Charity Breakfast.



PUT THIS EVENT IN YOUR DIARY. Let Dave know asap that you'll be there. Come for one day or both; it's not too late to be part of this weekend.

On Saturday 14th May we will be visiting the gardens at "Invergowrie" at Exeter for our (b.y.o.) picnic and a chance to see these splendid Sorensen designed gardens (by courtesy of John Hewson).

On Sunday 15th May we will be going to the Giant Morning Tea organised by Jenny Suttie at Exeter from 10.30am. This event is in aid of the Cancer Council. Donations are invited for your excellent morning tea.

Accommodation at the Mittagong RSL Motel: phone 4871 3133.

See the April edition of "The Vintage Car" for full details.

Car of the Month for our Club meeting on the 10th of May will be Dave Stuart's Vauxhall 23/60.

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Club meetings are held at 8pm on the



second Tuesday of the month at the Veteran Car Club's rooms at 134 Queen St, Five Dock.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary at the above address.



CLUB TREASURER

Sean Sherry, has announced that due to health problems, he will be unable to continue in his role as Club Treasurer. We are sorry to hear this news, and we are grateful to Sean for all his work during his time as Treasurer. Our Club only continues to function while members participate in its activities, and contribute to its running. Sean has been the Treasurer, an important role in the Club, for the last eighteen months, and has worked hard at keeping the Club's finances functioning well. We are sorry to hear about his ill-health, and wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

While the Committee is looking for a replacement Treasurer, Sue Miller has kindly offered to look after the Club's financial matters on an interim basis. Thanks, Sue! If you have any thoughts about a Treasurer to replace Sean, please let Dave Stuart know.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

-Ken Swinbourne

Motor manufacturers today seem to have lost the art of naming their car models. Many seem to use some sort of meaningless computer-generated names. Others have made some attempt at inventing a name, but haven't quite got it right. Why would anyone name a car "Charade", suggesting that it is pretending to be something it is not, or "Prado", an art gallery in Madrid? It's tempting to say to the driver of a Prado, "May I come in to see the Goyas?" Other failures include the "Nova" which didn't sell well in countries where its name suggests that it won't go (no va), and "Torana" which seems to be based on "toro" (bull) but with a diminutive feminine ending, so "little female bull". Some names invite misinterpretation, such as the "Terror Can", or the "Outlandish".

In the past motor car models were given imaginative and appealing names. Here is an easy quiz for you to see how many you remember (with a few hard ones to keep you guessing). Which manufacturers produced a model bearing the names below?

INSECTS Hornet, Firefly, Wasp,

MISCHIEVOUS THINGS Imp, Sprite, Minx,

WEAPONS Javelin, Silver Arrow, Rapier,

BEASTS Cobra, Viper (no, not for ze vindscreen), Bearcat, Greyhound, Lynx

BIRDS Hawk, Silver Eagle, Black Hawk, Super Snipe, Alpine Eagle

COSY Sociable, Comfortable,

WEATHER Flying Cloud, Hurricane (actually named after an aeroplane), Zephyr

PEOPLE Alphonso XIII, Prince Albert, Lafayette,

PLACES Shelsley, Cambridge, Oxford, and, more ambitiously, Eldorado

RANKS Major, Commodore, Consul, President

- (Answers next time.) -

You might like to test yourself further

- a) by thinking of some others, and/or, for a bigger challenge,
- b) by seeing how many dates you can put to these models.

Can you identify the two cars illustrated in this Newsletter?



The Glow Worm Rally - 4th June

The Glow Worm Rally (formerly known as The Night Navigation Run) will be on again on Saturday, 4th June. This event has been enjoyed by those who attended in the last couple of years; it is a different experience from our usual events and lots of fun. Why not join us?

We're meeting at Les Miller's workshop at 5.30 for a 6pm start. (Unit 10, 45 - 47 Salisbury Rd, Hornsby) The entry fee of \$10 includes the cost of a sausage sizzle when we return at about 8pm. (b.y.o. drinks.)

The route will include a variety of roads and will cover about 80 kms. There will again be a few questions which will help you to keep on track, and which usually cause some hilarity when answers are checked at the end of the run.

It would be very helpful for catering to know how many people to expect. Please let

Tim know, preferably by e-mail, as soon as possible: tim.shellshear@tsarchitects.com.au or 9810 9777 (w) or 0418 666 952 (m).



Calendar

10th May

Club Meeting, Five Dock

14th May

Highlands Fling - Garden Visit/Picnic

15th May

Highlands Fling - Charity Breakfast

18th May

Mid-Week Lunch, Terrey Hills Tavern

29th May

Breakfast Runs

31st May - 2nd June

Amilcar Rally at Hume Weir, Albury

4th June

The Glow Worm Rally

14th June

Club Meeting, Five Dock

22nd June

Mid-Week Lunch, Terrey Hills Tavern

29th Jun

Breakfast Runs

NOTICE

CONCESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Under the current system, it is possible to have a pink slip for registration, instead of having the car inspected by the Club's inspectors. While this is convenient, it has meant that Rob Everett, our Club Registrar, has lost sight of some cars using concessional plates. **If you have a car on Concessional Registration with the VSCCA as your nominated Primary Club, could you please contact Rob to make sure his records of cars using this privilege are correct and up to date?**

A SUMMARY OF THE REGULATIONS (if you have nominated the VSCCA as your Primary Club):

- Cars may be used for VSCCA events.
- Cars may be driven short distances for fuel, maintenance, etc. If you need to drive a longer distance you should seek approval. Contact the President or the Secretary.
- Cars may only attend events of clubs other than your nominated clubs if an invitation has been received by the VSCCA, and the event is listed in our calendar.
- Cars may be used for other special occasions with approval. You should contact the President or the Secretary.
- You must be a financial member of the VSCCA. If you are not, your car is unregistered, and therefore uninsured.
- In future, to avoid confusion, the Historic Vehicle Declaration form should be signed and stamped by the President or the Secretary.