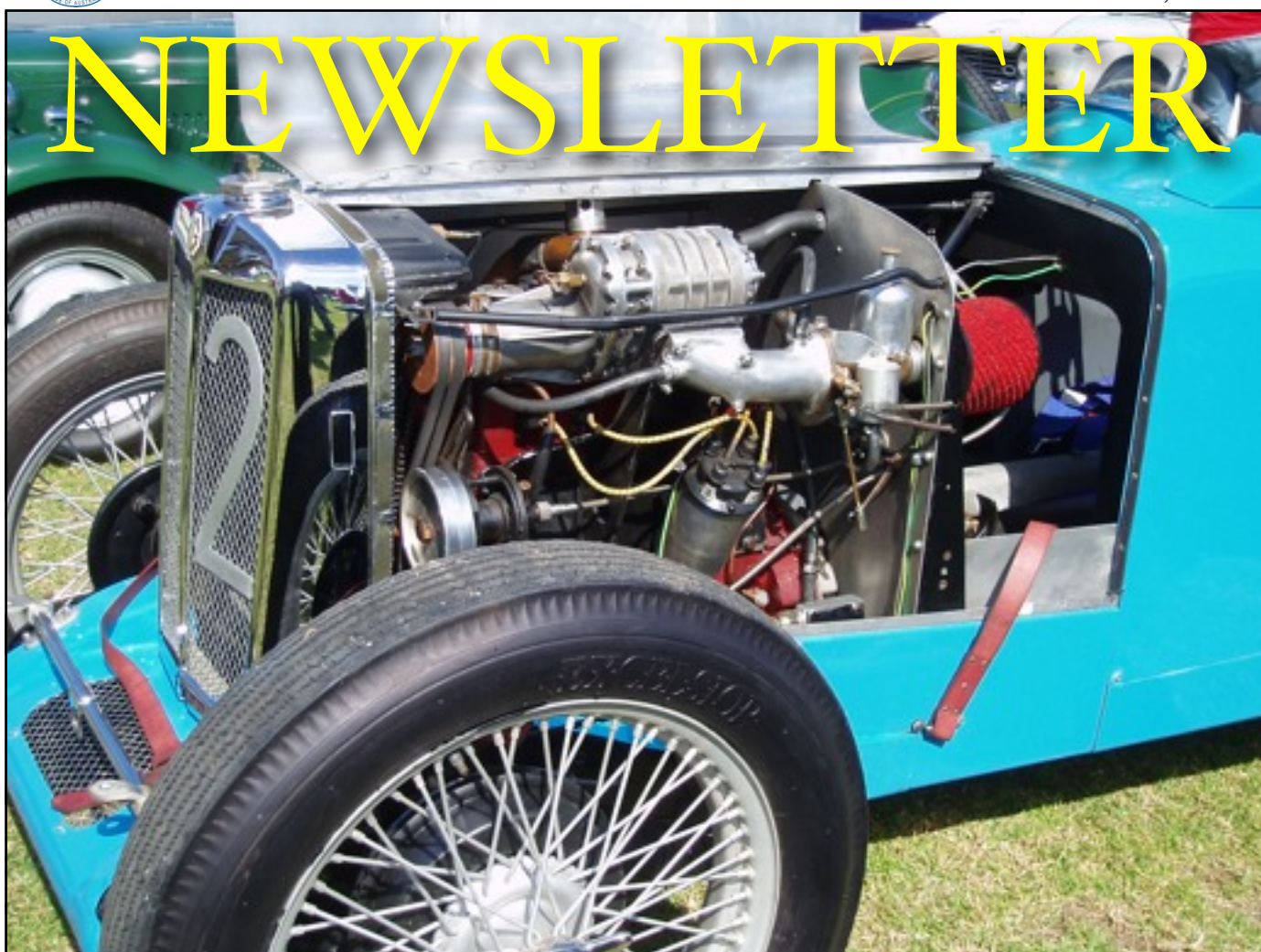


**This Month:**

8pm, Tues. 13th: Club Meeting, Five Dock
10.30am, Sun. 18th: Steam Harbour Cruise
12 noon, Wed. 21st: Mid-week Lunch
Sun. 25th: Breakfast Runs

April:

10th: Club Meeting
15th: John Giddy Vauxhall Lunch
18th: Mid-week Lunch
19 - 24th: Alpine Rally with VSCC Vic
29th: Breakfast Runs

Regular Events:

Club Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January) at 8pm at the Veteran Car Club, 134 Queens Rd, Five Dock.
The Mid-week Lunch is on the Wednesday of the week after the Club Meeting, at Terrey Hills Tavern, cnr Mona Vale Rd and Aumuna Rd.
Breakfast Runs are on the last Sunday of the month (except Dec.) 9am

Blowfish Café, Narrabeen St, Narrabeen
Greenshades Café, 353 Galston Rd, Galston
Como Boatshed Café, Cremona Rd, Como
Blue Mts - contact Alan Baker
Sthn Highlands - meet at Moss Vale Services Club
ACT - The Diplomat Hotel, Kingston (8.30am)

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Across Australia 1912-2012

The Veteran Car Club's Expedition to Mark this Centenary

On the 16th March a group of 18 veteran cars and 22 veteran motor-bikes will set off from Government House, Perth to cross the continent. This event will mark the 100th anniversary of Francis Birtles's 1912 crossing from Perth to Sydney in a Brush motor-car.

The cars participating are Brush (6), Maxwell, Great Western, Decauville, De Dion Bouton (3), Sizaire Naudin, Clement Bayard, Renault, Dodson Valveless, Sunbeam, Cadillac, 1901 Columbia electric and 1900 Gardiner Serpolet steamer. The motor-bikes are BSA, Maple, Triumph, Alldays & Onions, Peerless, Royal Enfield, JAP, Precision, Sunbeam and Indian. The owners of the cars and motor-bikes are from Australia, the UK, Germany, Spain, France and New Zealand.

On Wednesday, 4th April, at the end of the event, the cars and bikes will be arriving at Martin Place, Sydney (near the GPO) at 12 noon, and will be on display there until 3pm.

It will be worth while going to see them on their return. Not only should they be fascinating to see, but it will be good to be there to congratulate these hardy motorists and motor-cyclists who are commemorating an event in our history, and at the same time, promoting the old car movement.

Car of the Month

at our March meeting will be the Nicholsons' 1926 Vauxhall 30/98. This handsome and fast car is well-known to those members who regularly attend events. As always, though, it will be interesting to see it close up and to hear about it in detail.

Vauxhalls sold well in Australia in the twenties. Of the Vintage Cars in our Club, there are more Vauxhalls than any other make.

The John Giddy Vauxhall Lunch

An annual event which this year will be held on Sunday, 15th April at Greenshades Restaurant, 353 Galston Rd, Galston, starting at 12 noon. As with all Club events, all members are welcome, not just those driving a Vauxhall.

Contact Richard Walton for bookings and information on

9874 6696, or emiandrichard@bigpond.com



ALPINE RALLY

VSCCA with the VSCC Vic

19th to 24th April, 2012

The scenery and the autumn leaves should be spectacular on this run through the high country. It will also be a chance to see some of the interesting cars from the Victorian VSCC, and to get to know some of their members. This event will take us to Goulburn, Cooma, Kiandra, Cabramurra, Tumut and Junee.

At present, we have about forty cars going, with a high proportion of them being Vintage and PVT. This, combined with the Victorian club's thirty cars, should in itself make the trip worth attending. It is still not too late to join us for the excellent drive, the wonderful cars, the delightful scenery and the convivial company.

For enquiries, contact Tim Shellshear at

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but be quick!

"Waratah" Harbour Cruise A reminder for those going on this cruise that you need to be at the wharf at James Craig Rd, Rozelle Bay between 10.15 and 10.30 on Sunday 18th March. Don't be late! Bring your own lunch and drinks. Tea & coffee will be provided. If you have not yet paid, please send your cheque or pay by direct debit without delay.



Two Dates for your Diary:

CHARITY RUN TO THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**19TH & 20TH MAY, 2012**

Following last year's successful charity event at Exeter, Jenny Suttie and her band of helpers have invited us again, but this year the Charity Morning Tea will be held at Jenny and David's home in Bowral. You have the choice of going straight to Bowral on the Sunday or, for those who would like to make it a two-day event, I have organised a run on the Saturday and an overnight stay.

The run on Saturday will start in Camden at about 8.30. From there we will travel on back roads to Thirlmere to see steam things and for a coffee break. We'll continue on to "Old Quarry Farm", the property of Brian and Meg Lewis on the Wombeyan Caves Rd, between Mittagong and Joadja. Here we will enjoy a picnic lunch and have a chance to see Brian's collection of Vintage and Classic cars. Our overnight stay and dinner will be at the Mittagong RSL Motel where we stayed last year. Local members of our Club will join us here for dinner.

On Sunday we'll have a scenic drive of about an hour, ending at Jenny and David's place where we will be treated to a morning tea to die for: all things creamy and bad for you, but nice! The charity part of the morning will be completely different from last year, with no auction but other events instead where your donations will again be going to the Cancer Council.

If you are interested in attending this event, and would like to stay in Mittagong for the night, I have made a booking under the Club's name for 20 rooms. You will need to contact the Mittagong RSL Motel (4871 3133) to secure your own booking, mentioning that you are part of this group. Please advise me ASAP if you are attending this event either for both days or for just the Sunday.

David Stuart

GEORGE GREEN MEMORIAL RALLY**19TH TO 22ND OCTOBER**

For this year's rally we will stay in Bathurst for three nights, with day runs on both Saturday and Sunday. Leaving Sydney on the Friday, we will travel to Linton Morris's property 'Rosewood' near Oberon where we will have lunch before continuing on for our first overnight stay.

Saturday's run will take us through Orange, with lunch at a winery before we return through Miltorpe, Blainey and Newstead to Bathurst. On the Sunday, our drive will include a visit to "Mayfield", with its 40 acres of wonderful landscaped gardens. (Look up "Mayfield Gardens" on Google.) Sunday night will be our usual enjoyable end-of-rally dinner.

Returning to Sydney on Monday, I have arranged a run through Brewongle and Tarana to the Comet Inn at Hartley for lunch. Alternatively, you can make your way directly home along the highway.

More details will be in the next magazine. Email or ring me if you are interested in going.

David Stuart

For bookings or enquiries for both of these events contact Dave without delay

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