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2012 kicks off at our breakfast venue!



Back to The Diplomat

No, that's not the view from our breakfast venue, although we wish it were. Like many members, your committee has become concerned over recent months by the declining standards at The Diplomat under its new management.

We have had words with the relevant people and are now reasonably confident that we will be served properly when we show up for the opening event of our 2012 club year.

This will be on Sunday 29 January, 0830 for an 0900 sit-down as before. There will be no personal reminders about breakfasts from now on so kindly telegraph your intentions to one of the committee in advance, so that numbers can be advised to The Diplomat.

Run to Mt Stromlo

Our first organized run this year will be an easy amble up the slopes of sunny Mt Stromlo for lunch in the old helioscope building on Sunday 12 February, noon for a 1230 sit-down. We had a pleasant time there last year and the view, which is as above, is certainly spectacular. Confirmations please to Richard Calver by 5 February.

Points score for 2012

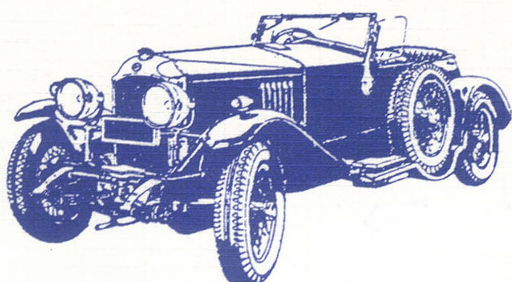
No changes are planned for the points score this year so we will go with the formula used in 2011, favouring the older cars. We have three types of scored events: the weekly lakeside run, the monthly breakfast and the monthly special run.

Your attendance in any form of transport on these occasions is worth 1, 2 and 3 points respectively. If you show up in a 30 year old car, you get double points and if your car is 60 years old, you get triple points. Good luck to all – let's be seeing some fine cars out and about in 2012.

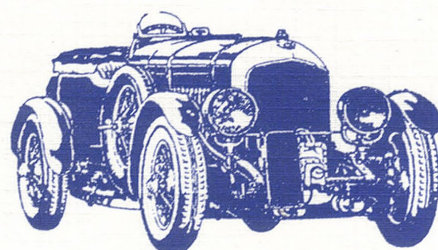
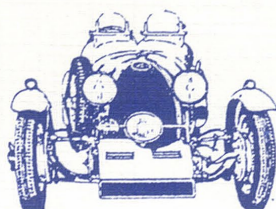
Yarralumla Open Day

We have been invited to display once again at the Government House Open Day on Sunday 18 March and our inclination is to do so. A group of about 10 pre-war cars is what they want and we will be inviting some members to participate.

This is not a scored event. March is normally a full calendar anyway, what with Wheels and other events, so we will not be staging a special run in March.



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Now is the time for all good men

Two of your local committee will be standing down in March. Richard Calver is beginning a move to Melbourne which will see him less and less in Canberra. John Phillips is a VSCCA life member and reckons it's about time he had time to enjoy the life.

Consequently, vacancies arise for the positions of photographer, newsletter producer, special runs organizer, breakfasts organizer, treasurer, points scorer, regalia officer and banner holder. Ian Barges is happy to continue as delegate to the Council of Motor Clubs and will remain the ACT historic registrations officer. Calver and Phillips will bow out at the end of March.

The Newsletter

For the time being, 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 Phillips know and you can have it posted instead. Back issues are posted on the club web site.

Regalia

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 so be quick if you want one of these. 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.

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 Calver for inclusion in one of the next two newsletters. 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. With the weather warm and conducive, bring your folding chair and cut lunch to the water's edge at Yarralumla Bay. On the off-chance of rain, the alternate venue is the Turner Bowling Club in McCaughey St. Noon til whenever. UBD map 58, ref M10.



In the works

29 January — breakfast
12 February — lunch run to Mt Stromlo

Calendar

18 March — Open Day at Yarralumla
25 March — breakfast and Wheels at OPH
April — Auto Italia
June — Battle of Waterloo

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THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (CANBERRA CHAPTER)