



NEWSLETTER



Southern Highlands Weekend - Charity Day 19 & 20 May

Meet at 8.30 at the Information Centre at Curry Reserve, on Camden Valley Way, Camden. Our drive to the Southern Highlands will include a visit to the Lewis's farm near Mittagong for a picnic lunch and a chance to see Brian's collection of cars.

We are staying overnight at the Mittagong RSL Motel. Rooms have been reserved in the Club's name but make your own booking.

If you can't come on the Saturday run, you can still join us on Sunday for a short scenic drive, then the Charity Morning Tea at David & Jenny Suttie's place at Bowral in aid of the Cancer Council.

See the April edition of "The Vintage Car" for full details, and let Dave Stuart know that you are coming.

THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

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Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Veteran Car Club's rooms at 134 Queens Rd, Five Dock, beginning at 8pm.

See the magazine for details of all events.

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



Come and enjoy the fun of a different experience - a night rally - in your Club car. Afterwards there is a sausage sizzle, with good company and laughs as the prizes are announced.

NIGHT NAVIGATION RALLY - 16TH JUNE

Once again, the Night Navigation Rally will start and finish from Les Miller's workshop at Unit 10, 45-47 Salisbury Rd, Hornsby. There is an entry fee of \$10 which will include the cost of a sausage sizzle when we return.

Our route will cover a variety of roads, most of them very quiet at this time of day. Navigators and drivers to be alert, but the directions will not be too demanding or confusing.

There is a small but enthusiastic group of regulars who attend this event, including Ross McMurray who has driven each year from Wentworth Falls in his 14/40 Vauxhall to attend.

The event is fun and it is a chance to enjoy driving your car at night. At the finish you can see some interesting treasures in Les's workshop and have a good chat with friends. The presentation of the results usually causes a lot of hilarity. Why not give it a try and join us this year?

Meet at Les's workshop at 5.30 for a 6pm start. The run will cover approximately 80 kms. Although booking is not essential,

If you don't like night driving, why not come as navigator for someone, or just come as back-seat assistant navigators.

it would be a real help with catering, preparation of the directions and so forth if we could have an idea of numbers attending. Could you contact Tim to let him know you are coming,

Don't forget to bring a good torch and warm clothes! A small torch for reading the directions would be useful too.

preferably by e-mail on tim.shellshear@tsarchitects.com.au or 9810 9777 (w) or 0418 666 952 (m)

Bring your vintage car!

CLUB RECORDS PRESERVED

Tim Shellshear, our Club Archivist, has been working hard to preserve some of our earliest records and to make them available to members. We now have copies of early editions of "The Vintage Car", and also the beautifully illustrated and illuminated Club log book of Gordon Nichols. Tim has been having these valuable documents copied by Pascoe's, the people who copy documents for the State Library. We will soon have permanent copies on archival microfilm, and searchable DVDs of these records. The microfilm will be sent to the State Library, and we should be able to make copies of the DVDs available to members and other interested parties for a reasonable price.

Tim's searches have revealed that "The Vintage Car" was published from 1945 to 1947. Publication then ceased, but was taken up briefly by the Victorian group. Following this, there was no magazine for some 10 to 15 years until it was revived in the 1960s.

All of these Club records make fascinating reading and the Gordon Nichols 1947-8 diaries are a delight.

Watch for more information about how you can get your copy.

George Green Rally

19 - 22 October

this year centred on Bathurst

**Make a note in your diary,
and let Dave know that you are
interested**

See the magazine for details

DIARY FOR MAY:

Tues. 8th: Club Meeting at Five Dock

Wed. 16th: Mid-Week Lunch at Terrey Hills

Sat. & Sun. 19th & 20th: Southern Highlands
Weekend, incl. the Charity Breakfast

Sun. 27th: Breakfast Runs.

See the Magazine or the March Newsletter for details of our regular events. Please contact the organiser of your Breakfast Run to ensure that enough tables are reserved.

BEING INVOLVED . . .

is the best way to enjoy the Club. Attending events and meetings is an obvious way to participate, but, as with most things, the way to get the most out of the Club is to be involved in its organisation.

My retirement at the next AGM as Secretary and Cliff's as Editor will provide you with a chance to play a part in the running of the Club. I have certainly found the Secretary's role to be rewarding and enjoyable. It has been an excellent way to get to know the other members and to have some input in the Club's workings. I have also been glad to have the chance to contribute something to the Club.

I know Cliff feels the same way about his job as Editor.

This is your chance to use your skills and ideas for the Club, and at the same time, benefit yourself in many ways.

Carpe Diem!

Ken Swinbourne

Some Recommended Reading

"Tierra del Fuego to Alaska in an Austin Seven" by Willy Maket. The author has attempted several other ventures, including a trip down the Darling River on an inflated inner tube, and crossing the Simpson Desert on a unicycle. None of these previous adventures, described in this book, has been successful, but Maket hopes that his plans for the attempt described here will be his crowning glory.

"Preparing a Car for Concours Judging" by Hans Zoff. Details about detailing for a concours winner.

"Ideas for Alternative Transport" by Rick Shaw. Novel ideas on how to get there if your car fails. A useful booklet to keep in the glove box so that you aren't stuck in those emergencies.

Other Suggestions

"Safety Notes for the Solo Sailor" by Aaron C. Search.

"Decorating the Modern Home" by Walter Wall-Carpet.

"Control Your Weight" by Hugh Jundies



Make sure you have your car in order for Winter, and for the Club events coming up each month:

Highlands Run and Charity Breakfast: *May*

Night Navigation Run: *June*

South Coast Run: *July*

Eastern Creek & All British Day: *Aug*

Cootamundra Sprints *Sept.*

George Green Rally *Oct.*

Navigation Run *Nov.*

and all the regular events.



VSCCA Cootamundra Sprints, 1st September, 2012

The organisation for this year's event is well under way, and it looks like being bigger than ever. Put it in your diary NOW. This is our major sporting event and needs your support. It's a great drive to Cootamundra and a most pleasant town to spend the weekend in. Our event coincides with the huge Cootamundra Swap Meet. Book your own accommodation a.s.a.p. We suggest the following motels: Cootamundra Heritage Motel 1300 22 1000; Bradman Motor Inn 6942 2288; Southern Comfort 6942 3366; Cootamundra Gardens 6942 1833; Wattle Tree Motel 6942 2688; White Ibis B+B 6942 1850 (roughly in order of popularity.)

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South Coast Run, Helensburg to Mt. Kembla Hotel

Sunday 15th July

Meet at the Sunrise Nursery

193 Princes Highway Helensburg

from 9.30am for 10.30 am start

Coffee or Breakfast

is available from 9.00am



Picnic Grounds at Mt. Keira Lookout



Mt. Keira Lookout

We take a leisurely drive down the old Princes Highway, turning left onto Picton Road we continue on Picton Road where we turn left onto Mt. Keira Road, here we begin the windy road though the dense escarpment to the top of Mt. Keira. We turn off to enjoy the spectacular Mt.Keira Lookout we then back track & turn left onto Harry Graham Drive to Mt. Kembla Village & Mt. Kembla Hotel where have lunch.

I need numbers for the
Mt. Kembla Hotel
RSVP. Saturday 2nd July
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Historic Mt. Kembla Hotel