



Canberra Chapter Newsletter

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Warm winter nosh-up at Murrumbateman!

Members dine high on the hog ...

Springers Rest served us admirably for our Winter in July event with nearly 40 people gathering for the traditional cold weather feast at the old inn. Jenny and the staff did their utmost to make us happy and welcome, and the food was superb as usual, especially welcome with the drizzly weather putting a damper on things.

Despite the elements, Chris and Jenny Edwards brought along their lovely 1750 Alfa Romeo to show for the first time, and we had several of the more familiar older cars keeping it company. Thanks to all who brought their cherished autos out on the wet roads, and thanks also to Rod Warriner, Gwen and Fay Thompson who made the trek down from Young for the day. Some of us will be returning the compliment in October on the George Green rally. All in all, we had an excellent run, and members will be pleased to know that we took the opportunity to secure our booking for the Christmas dinner on 12 December.

As a side treat, we were given the opportunity of visiting the Irwin ranch to have a look at progress on the Silver Ghost. The engine is sitting in the chassis and much work has been done in terms of sorting and fitting all the accoutrements, the extent and complication of which is little short of amazing. Peter Jones showed us progress on a new body frame which he is building next door for an early Australian Lincoln, another example of a massive restoration which has a long way to go. We can't help but admire heroic efforts such as these, aimed at breathing new life into some extraordinary examples of motoring from the early part of the last century.

... and another one is on the way

Linda's Restaurant at the Goolabri Resort just north of

Canberra will be the venue for our next run on 15 August. We have a lovely roast lunch laid on, complete with dessert and coffee, not to mention a roaring log fire to keep us entertained (and possibly also warm) on the day. Arrive 1130 for 1200. See the map for the exact location.

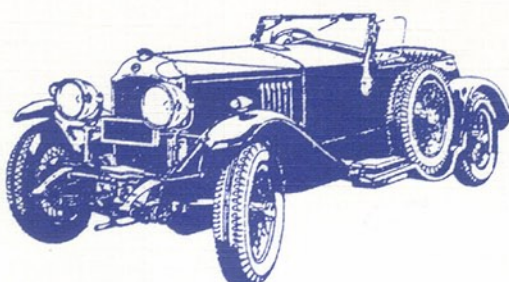
The cost is \$35 a head plus drinks, if you feel so inclined. We want money in advance because we have to confirm the numbers and pay accordingly. So don't delay – hand over the cash to one of the committee, mail us a cheque or else make your payment direct into the club account at BSB 062914, account # 1071 7349.



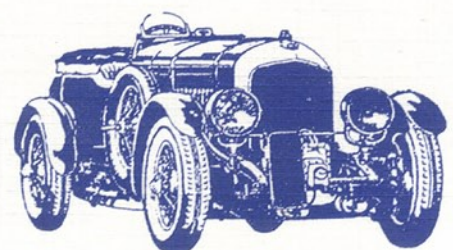
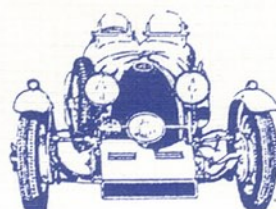
Chris Edwards with his 1750 Alfa Romeo at Murrumbateman.

The Newsletter

The Canberra Newsletter goes out about every month, depending on the pace of events. It is sent 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.



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In the works

Sydney has organized another Cootamundra Sprints for the 4-5 September weekend and that will be our run for the month. We had a great time last year and are looking forward to going again. Spectators and competitors are equally welcome, and the Coota Swap Meet is on Sunday for those who like to fossick for treasure or bargains. For accommodation on the Saturday night, we recommend the Heritage Motel at 94 Hurley St, tel 1300 221000.

The Highlands Chapter is organizing a Bay to Birdwood expedition in the period 19 September through 3 October. See *The Vintage Car* for details or contact Warwick Nicholson for more info.

If you have any ideas for our run in October, let us know. Suggestions so far include runs to Lanyon Homestead, a trip out to Forbes to see McFeeters Auto Museum, or possibly the Carrington in Bungendore.

The Wolseley Hornet Special Club has some members in Canberra and the club's annual rally, to be staged here from 15 to 17 October, will be of interest to devotees of the marque.

The VSCCA's annual George Green rally will be held around Young from 15 to 18 October. This is a major vintage touring event and all members are invited to participate. See *The Vintage Car* for details or contact Dave Stuart.

Marques in the Park will be held in November, date TBA, but now it will be staged on the Patrick White lawns behind the National Library like all the other events this year, rather than in Belconnen as in previous years.

Syd Reinhardt is organizing a Thanksgiving Weekend trip based around Braidwood's annual airing of the quilts. Cars will leave Sydney on Friday 26 November and head home on Sunday 28 November. Lunch on the Saturday promises to be an interesting opportunity for Canberra members to mix and mingle with our comrades, and there will also be a dinner that evening at Trapper's Motel just south of Goulburn. Details are in *The Vintage Car*.

Terribly British Day, which is organized by the Jaguar Drivers Club, will be held on Sunday 5 December on the lawns behind the National Library. Our club has been invited to put on a display and our inclination is to do so. If you would like your British car to be included, let us know so that we can convey numbers to the organizers. All members are of course welcome to go along.

Our closing event for the year will be another fine lunch at Springers Rest at Murrumbateman scheduled for Sunday 12 December. Costs will be advised in due course and pre-payment into the club bank account will be required.

Sutton Road Driving Tests

Sydney has approved our plan to host a driving tests day at Sutton Road next March. Details were set out in the last newsletter and will be repeated in the next issue of *The Vintage Car*. We have settled on Sunday 13 March for the track day with arrival of our Sydney guests on the Saturday and dinner at The Diplomat Hotel as before.

This event is not set in stone because we need a sufficient number of expressions of interest before confirming. If you would like to attend, send an email now to Richard Calver. It's not a binding commitment until you pays your money.

Money matters

The Vegemite jar continues to give good service in attracting donations to support our activities, but we were let down by several non-attendances at Springers Rest and the account was obliged to make up the difference. We now have \$436 in the kitty. For future group bookings, we will require pre-payment into the club account.

Club web site

John Grant has taken on the maintenance of the club web site and has asked if all members would submit photos of their cars, together with a brief technical description. You can find details at www.vscga.org.au. John is also posting this Newsletter on the web site.

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 badges in magnetic form for \$11.55 or with a pin for \$8.80. You can order by phone and have it posted for a little extra, or collect direct from the store. Their number is 6280 6520.

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*.

Tuesdays, wet and dry

Our Tuesday sojourns to Yarralumla Bay have taken a hit recently with successive meetings having to be canceled due to wet weather. Driving to the lake in the rain is one thing — sitting out in it is quite another.

We have identified the Turner Bowling Club as a good alternative venue for rainy days and we will use it in future when the lakeside meeting is washed out.

The Bowling Club is a Southern Cross affiliate, so you need to be a Southern Cross member to go to Turner, but membership costs a mere \$5 a year and gives you admission to all seven Southern Cross clubs in Canberra. If you haven't got \$5, someone will sign you in as a guest.

The Turner Bowling Club is located in parkland off McCaughey Street. It offers plenty of parking, a lunchtime special menu, drinks on tap and the place is mostly empty mid-week.

If the weather is looking doubtful on the day, ring John Phillips or Richard Calver to check whether the alternative venue will be used. Otherwise, the default location remains Yarralumla Bay. For lakeside meetings, remember to bring a folding chair because this otherwise excellent site is devoid of seating conveniences. A jacket would also be a good idea this time of year. 11:30 til whenever. UBD map 58, ref M10.

Breakfast at Delissios

The club breakfast at Delissios in Curtin is held on the last Sunday in the month, 0830 for 0900. The price is \$15 so have the exact money ready as you go in. Overpayment on your part will be considered a donation on our part, unless by some miracle there is still change left when you show up late.

Events calendar

15 August – lunch at the Goolabri Resort, Sutton
29 August – breakfast at Delissios, Curtin



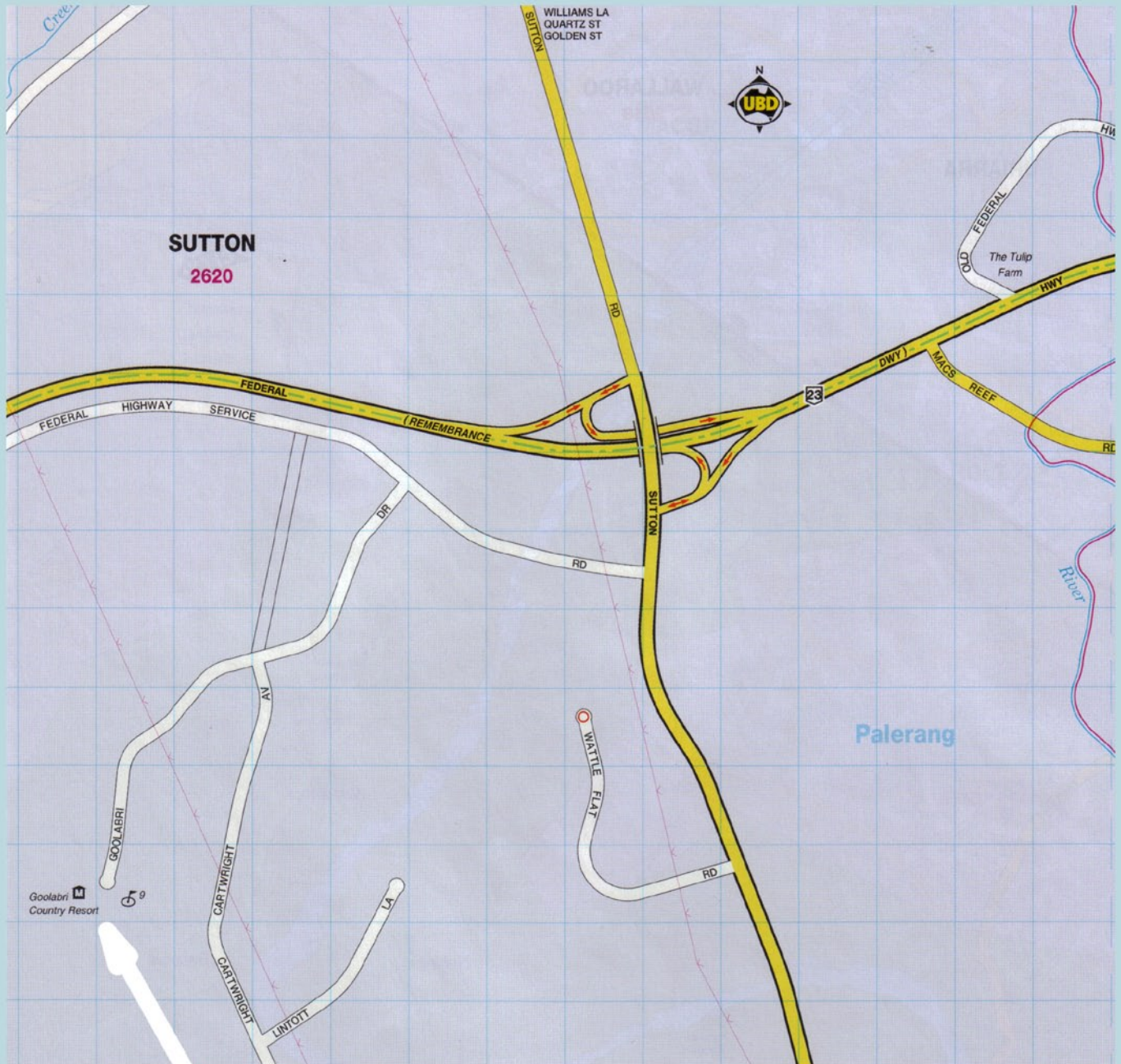
Forward, ho!

As our ever expanding convoy heads out across the plains and hills of the high country, we find that keeping everything on track and on time is no mean feat. With all manner of wagons in the train, we pay our respects to the combined talents of:

Richard Calver, shotgun	90
John Phillips, mule driver	87
Brian Oxley, wrangler	56
Geoff Venn, drover	55
John Higham, provisions	42
Graham Moore, wagon master	40
Brian Lockwood, blacksmith	39
David Pearce, trail boss	39
Geoff Nickols, scout	39
Peter Makeham, pastor	36
Andrew Riley, saddler	35
Ian Kenny, stable hand	31
Ian Phillips, fiddler	28
Peter Dechaineux, wheelwright	28
Rob Baker, trapper	26
John Prentice, preacher	22
Bryan Purcell, roustabout	21
John Clarke, tailor	19
Arne Schimmelfeder, sawbones	18
Phill Coltman, fettler	15

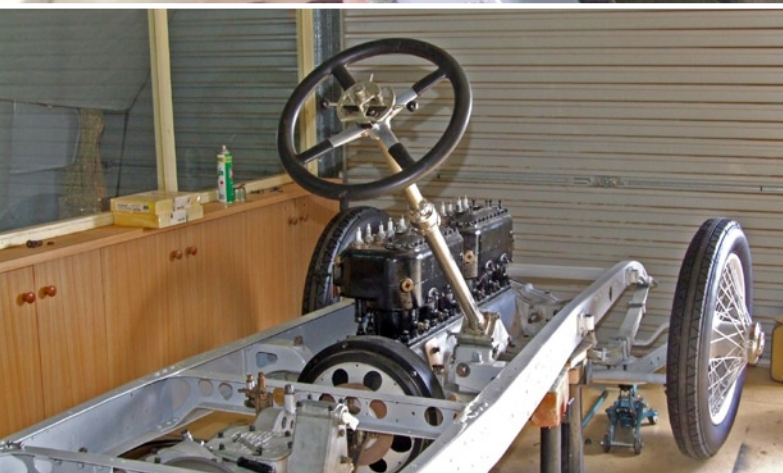


**LINDA'S RESTAURANT
GOOLABRI RESORT
End of Goolabri Drive, Sutton
1130 for Noon
Sunday 15 August 2010**



Linda's Restaurant

1910 Silver Ghost takes shape



Lincoln body-building underway



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