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Autumnal lunch at the Crisp Galleries!

Come and test the glass ceiling

Our organized run this month will be to the Crisp Galleries on the Hume Hwy, 19 km west of Yass, on Sunday 20 March. Peter Crisp is a world renowned artist in glass whose creations have won favour with discriminating buyers of all kinds, from royalty to pop stars. Many interesting examples of his work are on display at the galleries, and the surrounding gardens offer a variety of walks and outlooks for the curious. The Lavender Gallery adjoining the museum is another fascinating point of interest. If your tastes or budget don't run to the extent of original Crisp glassware, you're bound to find something to suit at the other end of the spectrum.

We will rendezvous at noon in time for a talk from Peter Crisp, followed by a light lunch of sandwiches, fruit and coffee. Afterwards, you will be able to take in a classical recital by a well respected cello and piano duo while you digest your ham and cucumber sangers. The museum will be open for inspection and the Lavender Gallery will be there for the browsing. Head home in your own time.

This is a reserved function for which pre-booking and payment is required. So far, we have but one booking. Bookings close on 10 March so, if we don't have an acceptable number by then, we will cancel the event and refund the money to some disappointed members. The cost is \$22 per head and payment should go into the club account at BSB 062914, account 10717349.

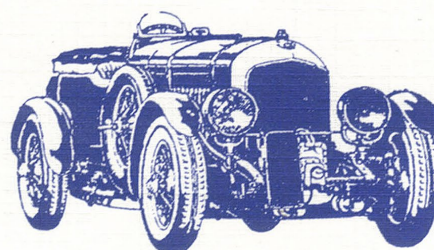
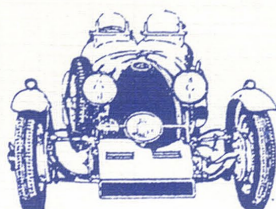
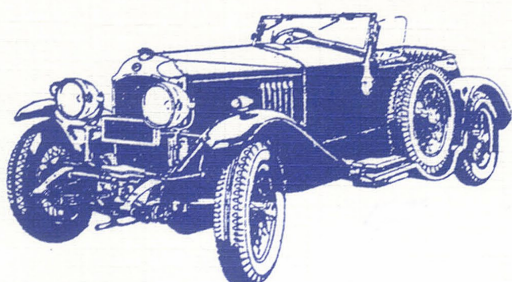
A Rolls Royce extravaganza

Ian Irwin informs us the 53rd Annual Rolls Royce Owners Club of Australia Federal Rally is taking place in Canberra in April. In 2011 the RROCA is celebrating the Centenary of the Spirit of Ecstasy and 80 years of Bentley under Rolls Royce. Saturday 9 April will be the Display Day and



Concours on the Patrick White Lawns beside the National Library. There will be a huge contingent of Silver Ghosts, probably the largest number ever seen together in this country. Entries are still coming in and there are likely to be close to 200 cars, including perhaps a dozen veteran Ghosts, which would be a world record for this variant. There will be a lot of publicity in the print and broadcast media and the event is likely to attract wide attention.

The public display will be open from 1030 to 1500 and there's no charge for looking. Ian has asked for help with rally marshalling on 7, 8 and 10 April. If you can help, contact him direct on keadymore@activ8.net.au.





This fully restored 1921 Silver Ghost will join the display in April.

Lerida Estate offers surprises

Our outing to Lerida last month was well supported with visitors coming from as far afield as Goulburn (the Friends), Burradoo (the Nicholsons) and Sydney (the Stuarts) to join our opening run for the year. Dave Stuart brought with him two trophies which were announced late last year in Sydney. These were awarded to John Higham (the Albert Michell Trophy for PVT car of the year) and Harry and Cathy Hickling (the John Crouch Grand Prix Trophy, for participation in motor sport). Well done folks – it's good to see Canberra cars holding their own.

Yarralumla is on again

The Governor-General's Official Residence at Yarralumla will be open again this year on Sunday 6 March in a charity fundraiser run by the Smith Family. The VSCCA has been asked to put on a small display of cars, as opposed to the huge event staged last year, and several owners have been approached to participate. This is not a point-scored run for our purposes but it will give the club more useful publicity, so come along and enjoy the day out. The Residence will be open for inspection again so, if you missed out last time, be sure to get there early so you don't have to wait in line. Gates are open to the public from 1000 to 1700.

A collection to serve all members

Ian Irwin has observed that unwanted motoring publications – periodicals, books and newsletters – are all too often sent to the tip as rubbish when no longer required. A lot of history goes missing in this way so Ian, who has a large collection of motoring literature of his own, has offered to take on unwanted publications in the name of the club, combine them with his own material in order to create fuller runs, and store it all for the time being at his property. He will act as curator for now with the ultimate aim being to gift the complete collection to the VSCCA, to serve as the basis for a Canberra Chapter library which will be available to members undertaking research. Sydney of course has a large archive which

members can consult (contact Tim Shellshear) but, for our immediate purposes, Ian's collection is handy to Canberra. Initially he is focused on pre-1980s *Motor Sport* and pre-1970s issues of the UK VSCC magazine. If you have material which might fit the bill, contact Ian to discuss how to proceed – keadymore@activ8.net.au.

The Newsletter

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 John Phillips know and you can have it posted instead. Back issues may be read on the club web site.

Stick this up your jumper

Sydney has reached a better deal with the manufacturer of the woollen sweaters with the VSCCA logo attached. Minimum orders are no longer required so they can be ordered singly. The all-wool navy pullovers are available in sizes 14 = S, 16 = M, 18 = L, 20 = XL, 22 = XXL, 24 = 3XL, 26 = 4XL and 28 = 5XL. They are \$85 each, including postage to Canberra. Order direct from Jim Cuthbert in Sydney.

Navy bucket hats are available at \$25 each, post included, in M, L and XL. These still require a minimum order of six. To put your name down, leave your details with John Phillips. Payment will be requested once six orders are in. The bucket hats are not stocked and have to be made, hence the requirement for minimum orders.

Richard Calver is holding a selection of club regalia including the enamel grille badges (\$60), clothing patches (\$5), adhesive decals (\$2) and key rings (\$5). For sunny or wet days, golf umbrellas with the VSCCA logo are also available (\$30). You can have two of these for the price of one lousy grille badge, so why not lay in a spare for the missus?

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 from the store. Tel. 6280 6520.

Club web site

John Grant has the job of maintaining the club web site and asks that all members submit photos of their cars, together with a brief technical description, for inclusion. You'll find details at www.vscga.org.au.

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*.

Lakeside on Thursdays

Thursdays are for catching up with your clubmates down by the lake over lunch. With sunny days the norm, bring your folding chair and sangers to Yarralumla Bay. On the off-chance of rain, we'll be at the alternate venue of the Turner Bowling Club in McCaughey St. Noon til whenever. UBD map 58, ref M10.

Breakfast at Delissio

The club breakfast at Delissio in Curtin is on the last Sunday in the month, nominally 0830 for 0900. The price is \$15 so have the exact money ready for Richard as you go in. Lately we have noticed an increase in local patronage of this fine establishment, which means parking is at a premium. If you want to park in the dress circle, turn up earlier rather than later.

Calendar

6 March – club display at Yarralumla
20 March – run to Crisp Galleries
27 March – breakfast at Delissio, Wheels at OPH
9 April – RROCA display, Patrick White lawns

Money matters

The Vegemite jar continues to give good service in attracting donations to support our activities and we have a useful reserve of \$619 in the kitty.

In the works

One of our favourite venues, Springers Rest at Murrumbateman, has recently been sold to new owners. Bugger. As you know, it has been our custom to go there twice a year for our Christmas lunches but it remains to be seen how things will go now. At this stage, we hope to continue using Springers Rest but we may have to find an alternative venue if things don't work out as we expect. Double bugger.

Knights in shining cars

For 2011, the tournament scoring system awards each contestant one point for attendance at weekly court, two points for turning up to the monthly feast and three points for participating in a tourney-by-decree. Knights astride a 30 year-old steed are awarded double points and those who can still saddle a 60-year old are given triple points. The top 20 joustors vying for the blue pennant this year are:

Sir John Higham, the Black Knight	21
Sir Richard Calver, Knight Bachelor	20
Sir Brian Oxley, a Knight of the Realm	15
Sir Andrew Riley, Knight Templar	15
Sir John Clarke, a Knight Exemplar	14
Sir John Phillips, Knight in Shining Armour	13
Sir David Pearce, Knight Commander	11
Sir Brian Lockwood, Knight Rider	10
Sir Geoffrey Nickols, Knight in Tights	10
Sir Michael Shanahan, Knight Courtier	10
Sir Robert Baker, the White Knight	9
Sir Timothy Friend, Knight Hospitaller	9
Sir Harold Hickling, Knight of the Long Knife	9
Sir Alistair Kinloch, Knight Crusader	8
Sir Graham Moore, Knight Companion	7
Sir James Kennedy, Knight Chevalier	6
Sir Ian Phillips, Knight of the Round Table	6
Sir Peter Makeham, Knight Hereditary	6
Sir Arne Schimmelfeder, a Teutonic Knight	6
Sirs Victor & Warwick Nicholson, Good Knights	3

The last issue of *The Vintage Car* (p.14) contains details of the club's charity run to the Southern Highlands planned for the weekend of 14-15 May. This will be our Chapter's organized event for that month and your attendance can be structured to suit your preference, either as an overnighter (Saturday night) or a Sunday only event. The overnight option involves accommodation at the Mittagong RSL (\$155 for a 4-star room) where a bloc of 20 rooms has been allocated to the club. Follow the instructions given in *The Vintage Car* if you plan on attending this event. First in, best dressed.

At present, our Chapter's annual program looks like this. More details as things firm up, or not.

April — TBA
14-15 May — Southern Highlands
June — Cooma Cottage, Yass
July — Springers Rest, Christmas in July
August — Tidbinbilla and Cotter
3-4 September — Cootamundra Sprints, weekend away
October — Loaded Dog, Tarago
11 December — Springers Rest, Christmas lunch

THE YEAR OPENS AT LERIDA ESTATE



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