Photos from Creepy Crawly Run through McLaren Vale– 5th March

Run List:
1 and 2 cylinder vehicles:
1907 Darracq - Travis McDonald
1909 Brush - Hamish McDonald
1909 Maxwell - Trevor Paynter
1909 Renault - Don LeBasque

Other vehicles participating:
1913 Ford - Bob Sellar
1913 Ford - Ian Voysey
1913 Vauxhall - Andrew Hayes
1924 Delage - Alan Hollyfield
Modern - Tony Beavan
From the Chairman

Last month was a very busy time for many of us and our vehicles, with a good turnout of veterans across a number of events. As a club offering runs for all types of member’s cars, we held our annual 1 and 2 cylinder event - the Creepy Crawly Run - and this saw a good number of participating 1 and 2 cylinder cars take part. In addition, there was also a good turnout of larger veteran vehicles and club members supporting the event, which is always great to see. I think those involved would agree it was a great day and finished off very well with our alfresco lunch on the terrace at Wirra Wirra winery. Same again next year?

On a similar theme, a number of club members ventured across the border to participate in the Victorian 1 and 2 cylinder Rally. Those who attended said this was a memorable experience. I think this Rally highlights how successful veteran car events can be when enthusiastic members work together and meticulously plan to ensure every aspect is covered. We are very fortunate that the Victorian 1 and 2 Rally is the feature of this month’s Gathering and those in attendance will hear first-hand why it was such a positive event.

More recently, a good number of our members offered their vehicles for the VSCC Gathering Day in the west parklands. This event has evolved over the years and whilst classic vehicles now have a large showing, it is always good to see the veterans roll up and capture the attention of other vehicle owners. The early years of motoring still turns heads and has some interest. I thank all those VCCSA members who made the effort to attend this display. Given the fact that this opportunity is for us to share the importance of our movement, we need to ensure we are seen to have an active presence, especially at events like this. As an adjunct, given the number of veteran vehicles at this event were basically all owned by VCCSA members, I would like to seek your feedback on increasing our numbers in 2018 by looking to stage a short club run in the morning and ending at the Gathering. That way our group arrival will draw full attention to our vehicles.

This month finds the VCCSA reaching out to support another car club eager to embrace and support the veteran vehicle enthusiast. The Gawler to Lyndoch Run already has a number of VCCSA entrants registered. Let’s hope this proves to be another successful event for our vehicles.

Happy veteran motoring.  

Hamish McDonald (Chair)

Note from the editor: If anyone has photographs taken at the VSCC Vehicle Demonstration “Gathering” Day on Sunday March 19th can you please forward them to the editor@vccsa.org.au. These photos will be added to the club website and will record our support for the event.
Meetings

The Club holds informal gatherings at 8pm on the first Wednesday of each month, except January, at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL, Dorset Ave. Park behind on what was the bowling green, enter from Windsor Ave.

Assemble at 7.30 for a pre-meeting chat. The only formal club meeting is the Annual General Meeting, held on the first Wednesday in July each year.

Wednesday 5th April – Rally report from the RACV One & Two cylinder Rally, Hamilton Victoria by Larry Clarke

Wednesday 3rd May – Fred Jones sharing information on his car collection in a live interview with Don LeBusque.

Wednesday 7th June – Insight into our Garages TBC

Upcoming Club events

9th April

Combined Club Run with the ‘Gawler To Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run’. Organised by the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club, this run is from Gawler to Greenock, via Lyndoch, Tanunda & Seppeltsfield. The run is for cars, motor cycles and commercials up to & including 1930 only.

Those participating VCCSA members will meet at 8:00am at White Road, Gepps Cross then proceed as soon as possible to the start in the Gawler TAFE car park, Lyndoch Road (South Side - next to Fasta Pasta) by 9.00am. Contact the VCCSA Run Co-ordinator, Phil Keane on Ph: 8277 2468 for further information. NB: Large area for trailer unloading at the start in Gawler and at the destination.

Rally start time: 9:30am
Cost: $10 entry per vehicle includes morning tea.

Contact: David Prest: 0438 112 266 & email: vvrun@gawlercarclub.com
An entry form was included with the February 2017 Bulletin.

7th May

Ladies Run to Kingston House for a restorative Deavonshire tea. Built in 1840, Kingston House is one of South Australia's oldest remaining houses. It is still being used today. The quiet beauty and hidden charm of the House and Reserve make it a favourite picnic spot for visitors.

Location: 5 Cameron Ave., Kingston Park 5049
Run details are being finalised and will be published in next months Bulletin.

11th June

Club Run to the National Railway Museum, Pt. Adelaide.
The National Railway Museum is Australia's largest railway museum with over 100 exhibits on display, primarily from the Commonwealth and South Australian Railways. Run details are being finalised and will be published in next months Bulletin.

25th June

Vehicle Inspection Day – Colonel Light Gardens RSL.
We will run a Vehicle Inspection Day from 10am-1pm on Sunday 25th June.
8th July

Club’s Annual Commemoration Dinner. Saturday evening 7.00pm start with an a la carte menu. Venue to be advised.

Upcoming Local & National Club events

2nd - 7th April

National High-wheeler Rally – Orange NSW.

21st May

Copper Coast Classic Cavalcade, Copper Coast, South Australia.

In association with the Copper Coast Cornish Festival this event is for enthusiasts of cars & motorcycles manufactured on 1985 or earlier.

The rally entry forms and full details are available from the web site www.kernewek.org or phone the The Kernewek Office at the The Farmshed Tourist Centre, Kadina - Ph: 8821 4500.

10th – 14th July

National Brush Rally 2017, Dalby, Queensland.

For more information on the Rally contact Graham Donges 0417 718 617 or Graham.Donges@me.com.

24th – 30th Sept

National Veteran Vehicle Rally 2017, Clare Valley, South Australia.

Coordinated by the Sporting Car Club of SA and the Veteran Car Club of SA, the 2017 National Rally will be based in the regional township of Clare but will be travelling out each day through and to numerous locations in the region.

The Expression of Interest Form and Rally Registration Form are available from our web site http://vccsa.org.au/events-2/National-Veteran-Vehicle-Rally-Clare-2017

Contact Peter Templer 0417 081 502 or email to rally2017@vccsa.org.au for further information.

1st October

‘Down Under’ London to Brighton Run for Veteran Cars & Motor Cycles

The Vintage Sports Car Club of SA have changed the usual date of this event from the last Sunday in September to the first Sunday in October to give entrants in the National Veteran Rally, being held in Clare, the opportunity to participate in this years 30th Anniversary Down Under Run.

15th – 18th Mar 2018

VCCA (Victoria) Annual Single & Twin Rally, Cobram.

The VCCA (Victoria) is holding its 2018 state Single & Twin Rally based in the RACV Resort in Cobram. The facility is well located to attract entries from the neighbouring states of South Australia, NSW and Tasmania.

For those contemplating attending the 2018 National 1 & 2 Cyl Tour in Tasmania
from 21st-25th March you may wish to enjoy the two events for the one trip.

You are invited to submit an Expression of Interest Form available from Andrew & Francis McDougall, email amfi@dunollie.com.au, or phone: 03 9486 4221 for further information.


The Tour is being run by the VCCA (Tasmania) and is open to cars and motorcycles built before 1st January 1919 and will be travelling on minor sealed roads for most of the time.

You are invited to submit an Expression of Interest Form available from your club secretary or contact VCCA(Tas) Tour Committee, PO Box 182, Launceston, Tasmania, 7250 for further information.


30th Aug - 6th Sep 2019 The Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA) South-East Australia Region – are proposing to hold an International Veteran Tour in Bathurst NSW from 30th August to 6th September 2019. Expressions of Interest – Russell Holden: 0422 219 911

Upcoming Swap Meet events

- 5th-7th May Naracoorte
- 21st May Kapunda
- 10th Sept Gawler
- 15th Oct Strathalbyn
- 18th-19th Nov Bendigo

Notices

New Members
Please welcome our new member Andrew Beal who brings more than just a passing interest in FN’s.

Other Club’s Publications
Many clubs provide electronic versions of their publications and the following Australian Motoring Clubs have provided us with a link to their publication during the last month:

For sale/wanted

For Sale - Lucas lamps. Contact: Peter Crauford 0408 819 980

Lucas fork mount

Lucas mudguard

Lucas King of Road

WANTED

Electric brass CAV model B headlight for my 16HP Darracq to replace one stolen.

It is about 250mm in rim diameter and 210 deep. See photograph.
Condition is unimportant as I only need the side fittings for the fork.

Contact: David Martin Mb: 0410 377 876

WANTED –

1 x BUFFALO WIRE WHEEL TO TAKE A 30 X 3.5 tyre as per photos.

Contact: Ian Voysey 0432454942
Email: coxseyim@gmail.com


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NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY
CLARE SA
24-30 September 2017

Presented jointly by the Sporting Car Club of South Australia and the Veteran Car Club of South Australia for cars and motorcycles manufactured before 1 January 1919.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FORM

Note: Fees are payable by 31 July 2017. Late entries will attract additional fees of $50 per head.

ENTRY DETAILS: - PLEASE print clearly:

Driver’s Name ......................................................................................................................... Club........................................
Address........................................................................................................................................
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Mobile No........................... Email .................................................................................................

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Recognition of Francis Ransley by the Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD

Presented to

Albert Francis Ransley OAM

In recognition of continued and outstanding service as the Federation Internationale des Vehicules Anciens Australian National Authority under the auspices of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia.

Awarded by

The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia (AVCCA) on behalf of all associated clubs

2017

Extract from Citation:
This presentation is specifically made to Francis in recognition of his continued and outstanding service as the Federation Internationale des Vehicules Anciens Australian National Authority under the auspices of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia. Francis has continued and supported the historic car movement for all Australian owners of historic vehicles from member AVCCA clubs as well as individuals from outside the AVCCA. Francis has maintained and administered this role internationally working with other FIVA technical officials from around the world.

Whilst this recognition alone is significant and demonstrates the outstanding commitment and contribution Francis has made, in a wider context, the AVCCA would like to recall the recognition he received in 2006 as recipient of the Montague trophy and build on his wider contributions as a member of the veteran car movement.

Whilst today’s recognition reflects and acknowledges Francis’ work with FIVA and the AVCCA, it is only right that we recognise this work in the broader context of his involvement with the historic car movement here in Australia. To this end, we recognise the service he has contributed specifically to the veteran car movement, as witnessed through the tremendous help and assistance he has provided to all members within his own state club, at a national level and internationally. Through his openness and willingness to help anyone, he has fostered a strong network of close friends all around the country.

On behalf of the AVCCA, its Delegates and all the member veteran car clubs that make up the Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia, we pay tribute and offer our thanks to Francis Ransley for his many years of service with this plaque.
Rally Report – RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Hamilton, Victoria

Story & photos By Julian McNeil

Victorian 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Hamilton 2017

Larry Clarke and I were tempted by the Victorian Clubs reputation for well run rallies to enter the March 2017 1 & 2 cylinder rally in Hamilton – after all - it was just over the border. They were lucky to have a group of club members who live in Hamilton particularly Doug Palmer, the rally director, who is also somewhat of a local historian.

Hamilton is the centre of the rich Western Districts of Victoria. This area was discovered for white settlement by Major Mitchell in 1836 and so impressed was he that he coined the term ‘Australia Felix’. It soon became the home for large sheep runs with fine homes some of which we visited. Prosperity also led to grand houses being built in Hamilton itself, which we also visited on a walking tour on the Saturday morning while our cars were on display in the city. As with any place we visited, Doug provided a detailed and separate handout. The walking tour started at the Gentleman's Club, but don’t worry ladies there was very impressive Ladies Club at the end of the main shopping street so the country ladies could rest up after a hard days shopping while their menfolk transacted their business before returning to their spreads.

I took my 1904 6hp De Dion as I thought the country was reasonably flat but I need not have worried as I have learned that 200 mls of engine oil in the 6hp motor is enough to lubricate without allowing the single plug to become fouled. If this precaution is made then the little motor runs like a Swiss watch. Unfortunately for Larry who had brought his 1903 FN he found that the outlet spigot on the brass petrol tank was the source of a serious leak, this happened - as you might expect – as he arrived at the starting point for the shake-down run on the first day!

The shake-down run was just that, as we had to traverse finely ridged, unmade road which is an exciting experience in a very light single cylinder car as not all of your motion is forwards. No complaints though – this rally was excellently planned and executed, with all of the facilities that one would expect of a National Veteran Rally and hearty congratulations to the Victorian Club and the rally committee for what they achieved. Given that there were over 60 entries their reputation had preceeded them.
The first rally day we visited the small town of Penshurst which boasts a period garage and a fascinating small history museum. The second day was a visit to the local motor museum which was established by a man whose manic collecting had not only included cars but any object that took his fancy, viz electric jugs, toasters, tools you name it. We were also shown the interesting volcanic formations of the region, no doubt one reason behind the areas fertility. The rally itself was based at the local Pastoral Museum in Hamilton which served as an excellent and interesting base.

I was particularly pleased to see my 1906 Cadillac which I had left with Michael Holding who is an expert in these early single cylinder vehicles. Michael has made a number of improvements that have made driving the car less like riding a bucking bronco – but unfortunately it bit him on the leg when he attempted to start it too advanced. He was lucky that the substantial starting handle did not break his leg. Instead the starting handle was bent! He took his 89 year old mother as his passenger as his wife Claudia was overseas.

The Victoria Club’s 1 & 2 cylinder rally will be held back in Cobram next year and based on the recent Hamilton Rally I will certainly be penciling it into my calendar.

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Don’t look back. Somethin’ might be gainin’ on ya. (PAIGE)