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BULLETIN ARTICLE LOTTO

Pam Reed

Congratulations on winning this month's Bulletin Article Lotto

I would appreciate it if you would supply an article, or two, on any subject(s) of your choice for inclusion

in the October 2018

issue of *'The Vintage Bulletin'*.

Thankyou, Wayne

DISCLAIMER

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PREFACE

There are two editions this month. The Members' Edition contains information from the Annual General Meeting. The Standard Edition for Non-Members has other information.

I had no intention of standing for any position at the annual General Meeting. However, I left the Meeting carrying a tub full of stuff which the retiring Editor had brought along, so keen was he to relinquish the position. The tub was accompanied by some encouraging words from Brian. That is, he told me about some articles in the pipeline.

Well … this Edition is 36 pages thin; and could have been less thin. There are two moving tributes to Fred Stace who passed away in July. Bulletin Article Lotto winners for June, Wilf and Carmen Penley, put pen to paper with an interesting travel story; and a link to more information. Craig Baulderstone probably wishes that he did not have to experience the incident about which he wrote. I will ask him for a follow-up later in the year.

Talking of a follow-up. Next month should see Chris Hudson's story about SteamRanger to complement his account in this Edition of a Mid-Week Run to Mount Barker. For the record, the Trophy and Run Winners are listed and their proud moments, captured by Chris Quantrill's camera, reproduced for all to see. Then there is all the other information which readers expect to see in *The Vintage Bulletin*.

EDITOR'S NOTES

I first edited *The Vintage Bulletin* in August 2005; before I was a Member! Then in July 2014 Brian Bennett asked to have another go at the job so I stood aside. That was an easy decision as we were intending to be overseas for six months. I had produced *The Vintage Bulletin* on occasions when not at home and it was hard work. Now I have the job again.

I have some rules. The main ones are "no jokes unless original"; "no material which shows the Club in a bad light"; "no material printed without proper references and acknowledgements"; and "original material supplied by Club Members is preferred". They ought to be easily followed.

Anyway, that's what I think.

Keep Smiling and Be Happy Wayne Wood

August 2018

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

President 2018-2019

The AGM has come and gone leaving us with slightly less than required however there is some mumblings about that someone may be available for the position of Vice President. I would like to see another committee member or two.

I do thank all of those who have stepped up and let's look forward to a productive year. Furthermore many thanks to the outgoing committee, it was one of the best years I have ever spent on a committee.

For myself I have held the position of President here on two occasions in the past and have been quite proud to do so.

I celebrated my 40th birthday at the top table being presented with a cake and candles and my goodness was that almost 30 years ago? How time flies. I was here again in the mid nineties and from the top table the clubrooms do not look much different. The walls adorned with the stuff of historic vehicle enthusiasts and clubs which hasn't changed all that much, but some of the faces are very different now. There are some that I barely know and I suppose some that may barely know me.

For those in that category I can assure you that I am the normal historic vehicle enthusiast that only has the ability to talk old cars and not much else except for the sometimes slight deviation into railways and 50s and 60s Rock and Roll dancing.

I have a background of automotive crash repairs and its associated variations. I/we have restored all of our own old cars that we have owned (except the green Valiant which we bought) most from basket cases and others for friends and customers. I don't have a favourite make really. I tend to like all makes old or not so old I do believe all have a place in history and all need recognition. I do get stuck with the side valve Ford V-8 label and yes I do love them and their worldwide cult following but it was never suppose to happen that way. It just did in a moment of weakness when someone said this pile of junk is for sale.

Back to business and our club activities do appear to be reasonably in line for the very near future but I do believe the task is to increase the average number of attendees at events.

How many times has this been said in previous years but I will say it again in the hope that any increase in numbers will be very welcome.

President's Page *(Cont'd)*

From now on, right up to the New Year and beyond, not only do we have a concise VSCC calendar but there are a myriad of events for old cars happening all over.

Also we have the sub-committee working away on our club's future and I wish them well. I do not want to see them working away in isolation, if any information is required the committee and others can assist.

So at this point in time we appear to be under full control mainly due to the efficiency of the last committee.

I sincerely hope I and our current team can continue to achieve the standard that has been set.

Graham Tonkin

CONDOLENCES

Gloria Ruggiero
Born in Adelaide on 21st July 1947.
Died on Saturday 7th April 2018 at North Adelaide.
In her 71st year.

On behalf of the Vintage Sports Car Club of South Australia the Committee extends belated condolences to Fernando, (Frank), on the passing of his wife, Gloria. Condolences are also expressed to Gloria's children and her immediate and extended family.

A Joint Member of the Club with Frank, Gloria will be remembered as a cheerful, generous lady always ready to enjoy a chat and a coffee.

Vale
CHARLES FREDERICK (FRED) STACE

Fred passed away on 19th July 2018 from a very aggressive cancer. He was only 72.

I have known **Fred** for over thirty five years, mainly through the car club but for a while I also serviced the lifts in the building where he worked, so at that time we often had the opportunity to chat and developed a strong friendship.

Fred liked to call a spade a spade, (or something less complimentary), so I don't think he would want me to sugar-coat my comments. He tended to see things as black or white and could be aggressive and abrasive to some – tact and diplomacy were not his strong points - that said, he always treated me respectfully.

On the other side of the coin **Fred** could be the life of the party and very funny. He performed the role of auctioneer for our car club multiple times and was always very entertaining with his wheeling, dealing and humorous repartee.

Many years ago at one of our car club camp-outs, **Fred** appeared in the doorway of their camper-van with a dish-mop in his hand. He may have also have been wearing an apron but my memory is a bit vague on that. **Fred** regaled us with an impromptu performance on the merits of dish-mops. He managed to keep us in stitches for ages. How he managed to extract so much mirth from such a mundane object is beyond me. I remember **Mark** being somewhat embarrassed by his **Dad**'s tomfoolery.

Fred was a perfectionist; an outstanding mechanical/electrical engineer, perhaps artisan would be a good description. His skills extended well beyond his initial training and he had expertise in many other areas – electronics, pneumatics, hydraulics, automotive, machining, sheet metal work, spray-painting, refrigeration, etc. If he couldn't locate a part he would make it, often incorporating functional improvements.

Vale Fred Stace *(Cont'd)*

Although **Fred** officially retired several years ago, he continued to enjoy doing jobs for his former employer on a contract basis almost to the end. **Fred** would also use his expertise to manufacture components and provide advice to help others to complete their projects. He enjoyed his time in the workshop creating and restoring.

Fred always treated me well, There was a mutual respect between us and I will miss him. It was **Fred**'s decision to cease treatment when it became obvious that medical intervention was not working. Nature was allowed to take its course - **Fred**'s suffering has ended.

My deepest sympathy to **Judy**, **Darren**, **Mark**, his extended family and friends for their loss.

Brian Bennett

CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the VSCC of SA condolences are extended to Judy, Darren and Mark on the passing on Thursday 19th July 2018 of their husband and father,

Charles Frederick (Fred) Stace

Born on 10th August 1945 Fred was in his 73rd year. An intelligent, clever and generous man, his contribution to the Club and its Members was outstanding.

A TRIBUTE
TO A TRUSTED, TRIED AND TRUE FRIEND

"FRED" STACE

My association with **Fred** commenced only after May 1999 when, by coincidence, and completely independently of each other, we purchased **T Type MG 'TF'** motor cars, which provided the catalyst for a long and valued friendship. In time it was revealed that, like John West's fish, **Fred** had rejected my car before he made his purchase.

Although we acquired our cars about the same time and our objectives were similarly based, there was very limited mutual understanding of how this was to be achieved. Basically, **Fred** knew the complexity of the project, and had the knowledge and skill to complete such a project, whereas I perceived the outcome being no more than a mechanical three dimensional jigsaw puzzle.

Over the lapsed time from whoa to go, and after many Swap-Meet attendances, meetings, telephone conversations, morning teas, and exchanges of technical literature and spare parts, our friendship was reinforced and became firmly and indelibly established. In March 2015 **Fred** refereed my application to join our Club.

Much has been proclaimed in my past, (September and October 2015), reports in *The Vintage Bulletin* about **Fred's** exceptional technical ability ... our cars give credence to this fact. His perseverance and diligence to see a way through problems, and his patience to complete a task with the utmost finesse, is well documented.

One common experience we shared long ago occurred during the early days of our tertiary education. Unknown to each other at the time we were tutored by the same lecturers, although outcomes were quite diverse. **Fred** achieved Honours in Mechanical Engineering, and thereby set the foundation for his future employment right through to recent times, whilst I graduated in Civil Engineering.

I was not the only person **Fred** helped with his mechanical expertise. Generously, he shared his time with many of our Club Members and often resolved quite complex and sensitive issues. He was also often involved with other than vehicular related projects, and showed ingenuity and creativity to overcome some unique situations for people with disabilities.

Tribute to Trusted, Tried and True Friend *(Cont'd)*

I cannot help but comment on **Fred's** sense of humour. "What?" I hear you say. Let's face it, **Fred** would never have made a politician; his sense of political correctness was non-existent. Nevertheless, he had an opinion on most things and we shared many cynical and sarcastic comments on issues of the day whilst still having time to laugh. On reflection, it is with regret that with the serious onset of his illness our happier times gradually diminished, but never did his responsibility.

Many times I was witness to the dedication **Fred** expressed for his family. Always at call, what most of us take for granted, I rarely saw **Fred** completely comfortable and relaxed. Maybe now, I hope, he can accept the satisfaction of others whose projects he worked on throughout his life, and whose standards may never reach the same level of perfection he aspired to in all he tackled.

Cheerio my friend, … rest peacefully, for you can do no more!

Rob Jacob

Fred in his shed with the Bob Gascoigne Restoration Trophy and the MG-TF

JULY MID WEEK RUN
Thursday 19th July 2018

Organised by Graham and Shirley Tonkin, we met at a soggy Keith Stephenson Park, Mount Barker. I planned on giving our new MUSTANG a run into the Hills but had washed and polished her the previous weekend and didn't want to get her dirty in the predicted rain. So in brilliant Hamley Bridge early morning sunshine I shuffled cars around to retrieve the '66 MUSTANG from the back of the shed; still dusty from the previous dust storm due to the lack of rain.

By the time I reached Gawler the dark clouds were looming so I decided to use the freeway instead of the winding scenic back way. I thought it would be safer; early MUSTANGs aren't known for good brakes. Plus, there are lots of kangaroos around at the moment. (I nudged one near Morgan in May.).

After leaving our meeting place we headed for the *SteamRanger* Depot, just down from the old Mount Barker railway station. This has been their home since 1995 after the standardisation of the Adelaide to Melbourne line. A sub depot is located at Goolwa. Our group was divided in halves, as two *SteamRanger* volunteers took their groups around various parts of the Depot, which included the carriage shed, machine shop and restoration/ maintenance areas. It gave the us the chance to get up close to heritage locomotives and carriages and also see the equipment and commitment by volunteers required to keep these aging pieces of railway history running.

Our two guides, by self-admission, were not train buffs as such but were volunteering some of their retirement time to a good cause. At the end of our tour we all mingled for a while and Members were able to ask questions of long time *SteamRanger* volunteer Ian Johnston who had turned up. A big thankyou to the *SteamRanger* people for their time.

It was then back out into the chilly Mount Barker air and into our cars for the pleasant drive to Strathalbyn, where we had lunch at the Victoria Hotel. The town was very busy, perhaps because it was the school holidays, and parking was at a premium. We had a designated area all to ourselves in one of the dining areas where the usual chit-chat took place and lunch was consumed. A pleasant time seemed to be had by all.

There was talk during lunch that it would have been interesting to have heard some history and information on locomotives and carriages we saw during our tour.

July Mid Week Run *(Cont'd)*

As previously mentioned the two *SteamRanger* volunteers were not train enthusiasts. They are relatively new to the organisation and in retirement are volunteering some of their time. Therefore I will write a separate article on this which I hope many Members will find interesting.

The following people and cars attended:

- Phil and Marj Luke, (CHEVROLET Ute);
- Kevin and Rona Field, (ALFA ROMEO);
- Chris Hudson with Clinton and Jack, (MUSTANG);
- Andrew Christopherson, (ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY);
- Graham and Shirley Tonkin with Marcos, Casey and Jensen, (VALIANT);
- In moderns were Ian and Lorraine Loader; Nevin and Marilyn Skurray; Duncan Hudson; Brian and Christine Bennett; Peter and Brenda Dawes; David Prest; Roger Bennett and Karen Brown; Garth and Margaret Mugford; Richard Kretschmer and Christine Quantrill; Jim and Margaret Thompson; and Rex Wilson plus Peter.

An excellent turn out considering the weather forecast.

We were lucky the rain held off for most of the day. I only encountered a few showers on the way to the start, but was drenched back at home shuffling cars around again later that evening!!

A big thankyou to Graham and Shirley for organising a great day out.

Chris Hudson

Two locomotives in the SteamRanger Workshops
Pictures supplied by Chris Hudson

ANNUAL LUNCH
Sunday 22nd July 2018

I had stopped patronising the Morphett Arms Hotel because of the falling off in standards, so it had been a while since I ate there. I am pleased to say that the upgrading of the physical assets has been accompanied by a new menu and a wider range of drinks. Consequently I was pleased that I made the effort to attend the Annual Lunch. Chris and Joan's choice of venue was tops; although a little crowded due to its popularity and the fact that although some who booked were "no shows" others turned up un-announced. I understand that an added complication was that the hotel had tried to change our booking to a less advantageous area. Chris did well to resist. As a bonus, there were no race-horses in the front bar; the last one being Adelaide Cup winner Lord Reims in the 1980s.

We shared the dining room with others; so it was a little noisy. Eventually it was quiet enough for the President to announce trophy winners and hand out awards. Chris Quantrill took pictures of the winners before jetting off for a baby-sitting assignment, as proud grandmothers are wont to do. Some of her pictures, relayed via Joan, are printed below and opposite

Wayne Wood

JOAN CATT: Watts

BRIAN BENNETT: Bateman

BRIAN BENNETT & DAVID PREST Vintage

CHRIS & BRIAN BENNETT Mid-Week

BRIAN BENNETT: President's (CHRIS BENNETT unavailable)

V.P. Chris Catt presents PETER DAWES: Bampton PVT

VSCC TROPHY AND RUN WINNERS
2017 - 2018

BATEMAN SHIELD	**Brian Bennett**
WATTS TROPHY	**Joan Catt**
BERT POPE MEMORIAL TROPHY Hosts Richard Kretschmer & Chris Quantrill	(No Competition)
PEOPLES' CHOICE TROPHY	(No Competition)
ROBIN CUP	(Run Not Conducted)
VSCC JIM BISHOP FELLOWSHIP DAY PLAQUE	**Rodney Wood and Ian Loader** Down Under London to Brighton Run and Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering
STANTON OHLMEYER MEMORIAL TROPHY By Brian & Chris Bennett to Ian & Toni Nicholls'	(No Competition)
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY	**Brian and Christine Bennett**
GEORGE BAMPTON MEMORIAL PVT TROPHY	**Peter Dawes**
VETERANS' DAY TROPHY	(Trophy Retired**)**
BOB GASCOIGNE RESTORATION TROPHY	(Not Awarded)
VINTAGE CUP	**Brian Bennett and David Prest**
MID-WEEK TROPHY	**Brian and Christine Bennett**

IAN LOADER waltzes off with Fellowship Plaque (ROD WOOD absent)

OTHER RUNS FOR WHICH TROPHIES ARE NOT PRESENTED)	
EARLY BIRDS' RUN	Carmen & Wilf Penley organisers
TWILIGHT RUN	Marilyn & Nevin Skurray organisers
PICNIC RUN	John & Lee Michelmore organisation
MYSTERY RUN	(Not Conducted)
MID YEAR RUN	(Not Conducted)
LADIES DAY	By Ian Loader, with Lorraine's help
END OF YEAR RUN	Run by David Prest
DOWN UNDER LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN Piloted by **1909 BRUSH RUNABOUT** Owned and driven by Lachlan McDonald	Co-ordinated by Rodney Wood and Ian Loader; with Project Team of Doug Gordon, Evan Katsouras, David Prest, Gunter Tieman, and Wayne Wood

The Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering was co-ordinated by Ian Loader and Rodney Wood, helped on the day by Cub Members.

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NOTE
Runs and Events printed in **BOLD** are Approved VSCC Runs and Events.

2018

Football continues to entertain and frustrate. The Annual Lunch has been and gone. Trophies presented. An enjoyable occasion. Too much cricket is barely enough. Ireland played its first Test Match in May, (against Pakistan). Afghanistan played its first Test Match, (against India), in June. India doing badly against England. Not need a bed ... just sleep in front of the telly. Beautiful!

FRIDAY	31st August	**GENERAL MEETING**
SATURDAY	1st September	**NATIONAL WATTLE DAY "DRIVE IT DAY"** (P. Dawes)
SUNDAY	2nd September	Fathers' Day
THURSDAY	13th September	**Committee Meeting**
SUNDAY	16th September	**WATTS PICNIC & TROPHY DAY** (R.Wood)
SUNDAY	16th September	Copy DEADLINE for September *'Bulletin'* 12 midnight
FRIDAY	28th September	**GENERAL MEETING**
SUNDAY	30th September	**BAY TO BIRDWOOD RUN**
MONDAY	*1st October*	*Labour Day Public Holiday in S.A.*
WEDNESDAY	3rd October	**VSCC MOTORFEST EVENT** (W.Wood)
SUNDAY	7th October	**Marshalling** for ADELAIDE HERITAGE RUN
THURSDAY	11th October	**Committee Meeting**
TUESDAY	16th October	Copy DEADLINE for October *'Bulletin'* 12 midnight
THURSDAY	18th October	**MID WEEK RUN**
SUNDAY	21st October	**LADIES' DAY** and ALL FRENCH DAY
FRIDAY	26th October	**GENERAL MEETING**
SUNDAY	28th October	**DOWN UNDER LONDON TO BRIGHTON**
SAT & SUN	3rd & 4th November	**ROBIN CUP WEEKEND**

(Diary of Events continued on page 16 after Insert)

THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF S.A. INC.

The Vintage Sports Car Club of South Australia Incorporated was founded on Sunday 18th November 1945 by a small group of enthusiasts keen to preserve and drive Vintage sports cars.

Over the years the availability of genuine Vintage sports cars became insufficient to match the demand and as a result the Club now accepts all vehicles, (not only sports cars), manufactured before 1931. To recognise the collectability of some younger vehicles it also accepts other, later, vehicles

The Club is a Foundation Member of the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs of South Australia Inc.

This *'The Vintage Bulletin'* is its monthly magazine.

The Club conducts a range of motoring events throughout the year, an average at least one each month. It also includes a number of social events in its calendar.

It has an extensive Reference Library of motoring books, magazines and other material available for the use of Club Members.

It owns a 1926 RUGBY 4 TOURER which is available for Members to use on Club Runs and Approved Events.

www.vsccsa.org.au

31st

‘Down Under’

London to Brighton

Sunday 28th October 2018

for

Veteran Cars and Motorcycles

Enquiries: Rodney Wood
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Hosted by
the Vintage Sports Car Club of SA Inc.

HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING
Sunday 17th March 2019

The Gathering is an Annual Event conducted in the Adelaide Parklands
on the third Sunday in March
from 10.30am until 3.00pm

ENTRY IS FREE

Primarily for Cars, Motorcycles and Commercial Vehicles from 1885 to 1930 but there will be space for younger vehicles too.
They will be displayed either in a separate area adjacent to the Veteran and Vintage vehicles
or as part of a "Club Circle".
Has your Club booked at least one (all free) "Club Circle"?

Clubs and Individuals are invited to attend.
Options include making the Gathering an Official or Unofficial Club Run in its own right; or making the Gathering a Lunch Destination as part of a Club Run; or simply calling in on the way to somewhere else.

We invite Clubs to book "Club Circles".
Each "Club Circle" can accommodate Eight vehicles and makes a nice spot to gather with fellow members where it is easy to watch over the vehicles and answer questions from the public.
An ideal way to promote your Club too.
Bring banners and other display material

BYO food and drink or purchase from service club van on site

Please encourage owners of Historic Vehicles to attend

VETERAN VEHICLES

Veteran Vehicles are vehicles manufactured
on or before 31st December 1918

VINTAGE VEHICLES

Vintage Vehicles are vehicles manufactured between
1st January 1919 and 31st December 1930

POST-VINTAGE VEHICLES

Post-Vintage Vehicles are vehicles manufactured between
1st January 1931 and 31st December 1945

OTHER COLLECTABLE VEHICLES

Other Collectable Vehicles are vehicles manufactured between
1st January 1946 and 31st December 1959

F EVENTS

2018 (Cont'd)

THURSDAY	8th November	**Committee Meeting**
THURSDAY	15th November	**MID WEEK RUN**
Thursday	15th November	Copy DEADLINE for November *'Bulletin'* midnight
FRIDAY	30th November	**GENERAL MEETING**
SUNDAY	2nd December	**END OF YEAR RUN**
THURSDAY	13th December	**Committee Meeting**
THURSDAY	13th December	Copy DEADLINE for December *'Bulletin'* 12m
FRIDAY	14th December	**CHRISTMAS PARTY**
TUESDAY	*25th December*	*CHRISTMAS DAY Public Holiday*
WEDNESDAY	*26th December*	*PROCLAMATION DAY Public Holiday*
TUESDAY	*1st January*	*NEW YEAR'S DAY Public Holiday*
SATURDAY	*26th January*	*AUSTRALIA DAY Public Holiday*

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, **ALL GENERAL MEETINGS** WILL BE HELD IN THE **C.C.C. CLUBROOMS** AT CLARK AVENUE, GLANDORE **ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING AT 7.30 P.M.**
COMMITTEE MEETS AT 7.30 P.M.ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Eating Before General Meeting
6.30pm Friday 31st August 2018

PIE FLOATERS

If these are not your thing, then please bring your own food and eat with us. We don't mind. "The more the merrier", as they say. BYO drinks too if you wish.

$3 per adult

COMING VSCC EVENTS

OLD CAR DAY / DRIVE IT DAY
Saturday 1st September 2014

The object of the day is to get the Old Car out, drive it and show it off.

To that end I ask that you join Brenda and me between 9.30 and 10.00am at Becks Bakehouse, corner of Clarke and Ward Streets, Port Noarlunga.

Yes we know, it's not a long drive, but as above it's about getting the Old Car out and showing it off.

There's a big car park diagonally opposite Becks and we can see the cars while we drink coffee.
NB., if you don't have a rewards card for Becks you can use ours!

Any queries, please call us. **Brenda** 0418 837 401 **Peter** 0418 837 402

"See You There"

WATTS PICNIC AND TROPHY DAY
Sunday 16th September 2018

("WATTS ON" Games played with old motor cars. A driving skills event.)

Meet at the CCC Clubrooms at 10.00am, have a quick cuppa and be ready for the 10.30am start. Then travel in "CONVOY" to our driving activities and lunch venue. Route sheets will be provided at the start.
BYO sense of humour and lunch; and be ready for a good day.

Roger Bennett 0419 855 138 or **Rod Wood** 0419 806 552

Coming VSCC Events *(Cont'd)*

BAY TO BIRDWOOD RUN

Sunday 30th September 2018

For vehicles built before 31st December 1959
From West Beach, "Traditional Route" through Adelaide City
Veteran and Military Vehicles can start at Modbury
Information and Entry Forms at baytobirdwood.com.au

VSCC MOTORFEST EVENT

"Drought Proofing Adelaide"

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Visit HAPPY VALLEY WATER FILTRATION PLANT, **enjoy** a COUNTRY PUB LUNCH at Clarendon, **Tour** LONSDALE WATER DESALINATION PLANT.

9.30am from Glandore Clubrooms. Finish 3.30pm at Lonsdale
COST only $20.00 per head
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ADELAIDE HERITAGE RUN 2018

Sunday 7th October 2018

Formerly called the "Coast to Coast Run"
Conducted by the Morris Register
Our Club received help from Morris Register Members at last year's Down Under London to Brighton Run. Now it is time to repay the favour.
We have been asked to help with marshalling from 9.00am before the Run begins at 10.30am. Marshals can participate in the Run as they will not be needed at the finish at Hart's Mill, Port Adelaide.
Marshals needed in Adelaide Parklands at Edwards Park, off Anzac H'way.

Please call Roger Bennett if you can help with marshalling
Phone (08) 8325 0407 or 0419 855 138 or see Roger in person.

COMING VSCC and OTHER EVENTS

ADELAIDE HERITAGE RUN

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Sunday 7th October 2018

Arrive at Edwards Park, off Anzac Highway, between 9.30am and 10.00am. Tour to Hart's Mill, Port Adelaide, begins at 10.30am after the Official Welcome by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide.

Not a race but a leisurely tour with slowest vehicles leaving first.
12.15pm Official Welcome by Mayor of Port Adelaide Enfield.
Cars on display until 3.00pm.
BYO Lunch or purchase locally.

Enquiries: John Chapman (08) 8336 8673

Entries are trickling in for the 31st staging of the Down Under London to Brighton Run for Veteran cars and motorcycles.
Please mark the date in your calendars as there will be jobs to be done. We plan to assemble and start in London Road, Mile End where there will be a short Ceremony to get the entrants on their way. Morning Tea will be at the Clubrooms after a longer than usual drive. Wattle Reserve will be the finishing point where cars will be on display for a short time before dispersing … some for home, others off to the optional lunch at Glenelg.

Enquiries: Rodney Wood (08) 8382 2100 or 0419 806 552

MY ATYPICAL STROKE

I don't really know how typical what happened to me is, but after my many years of first aid training it isn't the stroke that I had pictured. I want to share the story mainly so others might also sense when things are not right and so know to act ***FAST*** and be as lucky as I have been in avoiding permanent damage or death.

I have just turned 55, not overweight, never smoked, light drinker, healthy diet, perfect blood pressure, blood sugar 5 to 6, cholesterol 3.5 - so none of the classic risk factors. To be honest, as an older Dad with 11 and 13 year old sons, I want to experience as much of their lives as I can and so I take my health seriously. Nevertheless, I had an Embolic Stroke with a clot in my Parietal lobe. My speech was affected but no other physical signs. Within hours (without all the wires and tubes hanging off me) you may not have spotted there was anything wrong with me at all. Lots of tests later, an initial echocardiogram is suggests there may be a small hole in my heart, probably from birth, and I find some relief in that this could be an answer and something relatively easily fixed.

It was a busy day on Friday 29th June 2018 running around chasing car parts and visiting a mate of 50 years in palliative care with a brain tumour; back just in time to pick up kids from school and then home via the barber for a haircut for Mick. I checked a couple of emails and at about 5.00pm I decided to head to the shed. I went from the warm house to cold outside air and felt a bit odd. I remembered I had some bits in the car and went to pull them out. Still feeling odd I started to talk to myself out loud; but that's not unusual! My speech was a bit funny and I felt a bit of confusion. Over nearly 30 years working in remote areas as an Ecologist, I have done a senior first aid certificate many times and so I went straight into first aid mode for stroke – ***FAST!***. My face felt normal. I could smile, stick my tongue out and rotate it and that all felt normal too. I could easily raise both arms and both sides were the same. I was walking strongly and could lift heavy parts from the car with full strength. While my speech felt a bit odd it didn't seem slurred. But the "T" bit being about importance of Time and acting fast stuck in my head and was the trigger to go see Jo and resist the temptation to go down the shed thinking 'it will be right'.

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Jo asked "What's wrong ?" and I answered "Yes" and combined with my confused looks was straight on to calling 000. I could hear questions, and was having some trouble with understanding but when I went to answer, odd but clear words came out, even when I had repeated attempts to correct myself.

My Atypical Stroke *(Cont'd)*

While waiting in a chair for the ambulance I picked up a newspaper and kindling from the fireplace, screwed up a page and started rubbing my hair with it. I still can't explain that, but it was very deliberate and well executed.

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I remember doing it but not the reason for it! It was that time of night when I would normally light a fire and I recall it was bothering me that I had worked out I would be going to hospital and my clothes were grubby and maybe that's how my confused brain linked all that together. I was remembering mum saying "Don't wear those daggy undies - you never know when you might need to go to hospital!" I kept trying to go to our room to change but Jo would sit me back down in the chair and I just couldn't make the right words come out to tell her what I was doing. And, of course it was the last thing on her mind.

"walked easily unassisted to the ambulance

The ambulance was called at 5.10pm and the first intervention guy was there at about 5.25. The big bus arrived only about five minutes later. The Ambulance Officers observed waves of where I could say the right words and talk fairly logically; and it did seem I was getting better. I guess they were thinking the clot had passed and was what they refer to as a TIA* **(see below)**. I remember getting excited when I was being understood. They got me to stand up and I walked easily unassisted to the ambulance and climbed in the side door. I started to chat away but at some stage I remember the paramedic looking worried and getting on his mobile and saying something like "We have lost him again". I remember hearing the rail signals at the Blackwood crossing and seeing enough that we were on the wrong side of the road by the gates, with a long line of cars that they must have driven up the wrong side of the road to pass. Train gone, we were off again.

"We have lost him again"

Unloading at Flinders Medical Centre, there was a doctor waiting. They got me all wired up, (ECG I think), and there were lots of questions and tests but it only seemed like minutes before they wheeled me around and I was going in to a CT scan machine. Hard to track time over this period but they wheeled me back to Emergency and the first thing I remember was the doctor saying they had to act quickly to try and avoid permanent damage and a real danger of death. At first he was explaining some sort of physical intervention of the clot but then later said the location was too dangerous and so they connected me to this 'clot-busting' drug in a big syringe that was mechanically, slowly being put in to me.

My Atypical Stroke *(Cont'd)*

At some point I was shown an image of my brain on a screen with a large shaded area that was apparently the oxygen depleted part. My next recollection was that I was having quite complex conversations with the nurse about what I had done as a job and looking at a clock and it was only about 6.30pm.

They moved me up to 'CCU', still all wired up for constant checking throughout the night. The following morning I was moved to the Stroke Ward, with the main hurdle now being another CT scan 24 hours on to check if there was any brain bleeding.

It was all clear and I was back home on Sunday night with simply a prescription for an aspirin a day. The main thing they warned me of was periods of extreme tiredness and that has been the case but otherwise good.

back home on Sunday night

Monday about midday I had a very different reaction where my Face drooped and my tongue went dead

Then on the Monday about midday I had a very different reaction where my face drooped and my tongue went dead; but only for about 30 seconds. Another ambulance and another CT scan but no clot, no brain bleeding and they think it was just a reaction from the damage from the original stroke. Luckily no more of these over the two weeks following the stroke.

I am feeling lucky and have had plenty of time to think about the 'what ifs'. I come back to the pivotal moment being when I resisted the feeling to head off into the shed, where Jo would have expected me to keep working for some time, but instead thinking "this isn't right" and going back inside to check things with Jo. The expectations are that I will make a full recovery and all the intensive checks that have been done suggest my health should see me around for a long while yet.

Craig Baulderstone

*TIA is a Transient Ischaemic Attack. Blood supply to brain is temporarily blocked. Like a stroke but effects are temporary as blockage clears, usually within 24 hours.

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Jim Thompson **(08) 8278 2927**

** Surplus Leaf-springs—any size or condition
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** A pair of Split Dorf, green porcelain Spark Plugs
David Bristow (08) 8298 3837

** Tow Bar to suit 'S' Series Valiant: goes under rear panel
Graham Tonkin 0401 314 563

* Marshals to assist Adelaide Heritage Run 2018
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MOTORUMOURS

Fred Stace liked Motorumours. He had lots of suggestions for them too. I also like them. Not everyone likes them. Perhaps they're too clever. (The people … not the Motorumours!)

Previously, as Editor I had a "Poets' Corner" page. During my break from the role I discovered that there is a "Poets' Corner" in Westminster Abbey. Not wishing to confuse readers of this little publication, I changed the name of my page to "Poetry Corner". That should help.

The Club Treasurer reports that **115 Members have paid their fees for the 2018-2019 year but nine have not**. Rumour has it that if membership fees remain unpaid ninety days after the due date then that Membership will cease..(**28th September 2018 is the day.**) Members may be re-admitted provided the outstanding membership fee is paid by 31st December 2018.

Wayne Wood

50,000 MILE WORLD TOUR
In a 100 YEAR OLD FORD 'T'

A Dutch couple have spent three years driving more than 50,000 miles around the world in a century old Ford. Dirk and Trudy Regter bought the iconic Ford 'T' in 1997, and after retiring, decided they wanted an adventure so the grandparents commenced a global road trip.

The Model 'T' has a 3-litre petrol engine which develops around 20bhp, giving it a top speed of around 40mph. The car was built in Canada and imported into Europe in 1997. It is original apart from its tyres, which are slightly larger.

In 2012 they travelled through Africa, racking up 15,000 miles in six months visiting the likes of Sudan, Egypt and Ethiopia before finishing in Cape Town. Despite the tough roads, the Model 'T' proved to be an ideal car for the epic tour, with very few problems (like welding a front wheel at a blacksmith's).

The following year they visited Canada and the USA, home of the Model 'T', and once again over 17,000 miles the 'T' demonstrated its reliability – only suffering a broken alternator, (*Yes, that's right. Ed.*), and one flat tyre.

In 2014, the couple set off for South America, driving the Model 'T' 16,000 miles through Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Brazil; raising almost $30,0000 for children's charity SOS Children's International.

In 2014 they returned to Europe but were hit by a truck on a motorway in Belgium, wrecking the Model 'T'. They took 2015 off while repairs were completed – then planned to continue their journey through New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, crossing the Himalayas to China, through Mongolia and back to the Netherlands via Central Europe.

Dirk and Trudy have a support team in a well-equipped Land Rover. Dirk is handy with screw-driver, hammer, duct-tape, zip-ties and tensioning straps.

The couple have now tackled Australasia, firstly the North and South islands of New Zealand and then, after crossing the ditch, Australia clockwise from Brisbane. We have followed them since they arrived in Sydney on 13th April 2018. On the 23rd April they arrived in Mount Barker and took time out to visit Finch Restorations, established in 1965, a business half the age of their Model 'T'.

Members of the local South Australian Model 'A' Ford Club escorted them from Tailem Bend to Finch Restorations. Three matching colour green Model 'A' Fords were on hand to form a cavalcade with the two Dutch vehicles. Finch Restorations proprietor, Peter Roberts, showed the Dirk and Trudy around the workshops.

World Tour in a Ford 'T' *(Cont'd)*

Then they continued on to Adelaide; and were happy to be able to follow a Ford Prefect to the clubrooms of the Model 'T' Ford Club.

Anyone who wishes to follow Dirk and Trudy's journey can do so by visiting the following link http://www.tfordworldtour.org/ .

As we were preparing this article it appears Dirk and Trudy have had a major failure of the differential – this is an extract from June 20th in Borroloola, Northern Territory. *"Dirk starts this morning with his ritual to lubricate the "T" Ford, check tyre pressure, and check everything carefully after a tough day yesterday. To his horror at the level plug for the differential oil is a lot of gold chips (bronze) on the magnet".*

WORDS BY:
Carmen & Wilf Penley

LEFT:
Dirk and Trudy Regter in their (Veteran) 1915 Model 'T' Ford

POSTSCRIPT

Dirk and Trudy Regter say thankyou and goodbye. Dirk and Trudy have sent a message to say they have completed their 3-month 19,000 km journey around Australia in their Model 'T' Ford. Starting and finishing in Brisbane. On 18th July 2018, the pair, with their support vehicle, travelled the last few kilometres into Brisbane. They then spent a week packing everything for transport to the Netherlands.

On 27th July 2018 they landed in Amsterdam after flying via Singapore from Brisbane.

BELOW:
With A-Model Fords at Finch Restorations in Mount Barker, South Australia.

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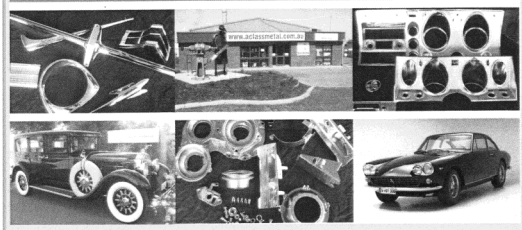

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COMMITTEE MATTERS

Meeting held on Thursday 9th August 2018

The following significant matters dealt with by the Committee are reported for the information of Club Members and readers of *'The Vintage Bulletin'*:

- accepted Chris Catt and David Bristow offers to join Committee;
- sympathy in respect of the deaths of Members Gloria Ruggiero, Fred Stace and Peter Mott;
- Rodney Wood in attendance and presented a draft Budget which was approved for the Down Under London to Brighton Run, 2018;
- discussion about seeking grants from various sources;
- thanks expressed to Caroline Wood and her helpers for the excellent "Winter Christmas" meal before the Annual General Meeting;
- Vauxhall Club has offered to organise a Combined CC Run in 2019;
- agreed to arrange binding of the 20 years of *The Vintage Bulletin* now unbound;
- Joan Catt volunteered to organise raffles for the General Meetings;
- Assistance with marshalling for Morris Register's Heritage Run

Wayne Wood

NEW MEMBER

On behalf of The VSCC the Committee extends a warm welcome to **Richard Michael (Mike) Paul**
as a Full Member of the Club.
Mike owns a "lovely" 1955 CHEVROLET Bel Air.

CONDOLENCES

Peter Hamilton Mott

Peter passed away in the Cairns Hospital
on Tuesday 7th August 2018, aged 84 years.
On behalf of The VSCC of SA the Committee extends
its condolences to Anne Mott and to Peter's children
and extended family.

POETRY CORNER

MY MAN'S BEST FRIEND IS HIS CAR

(Source and Author not known)

It gives me little pleasure
To tell this tale of woe
But what can happen with a hobby,
Unsuspecting wives should know.

My husband's ruling passion
Is undoubtedly his car.
The time he spends with it exceeds
That spent with me

It is washed and polished frequently
With tender loving care
And a day it's not inspected
Is exceptionally rare.

If the bodywork were vandalised
He would go into a faint.
I have told him that all that polishing
Will wear away the paint.

He never drives it in the rain.
To keep it pristine is a must
He's go absolutely manic
If he found a sign of rust.

His latest car's an Alvis,
With a top you can remove.
It's designed for wealthy poseurs.
Don't know what he's trying to prove.

The body's sleek with gorgeous curves
And sexy as can be.
I know it is immodest, but
The description could be me.

It waits just like an animal
For the power to be unleashed.
The twin exhaust pipes snarl and growl
Just like a raging bee.

He always has the hood down,
If it rains we both get wet.
Which ruins my mascara
And spoils my rinse and set.

This is his status symbol.
He treats it like it's sacred.
I'm sure he wouldn't notice me
If I served his meals stark naked!

Once at a show he went berserk
When I on the bonnet leant.
You wouldn't believe the fuss he made.
It was just a little dent.

I was determined to attract him,
Now the thought just makes me boil.
I put my see-through nightie on
But he's gone to change the oil.

My advice to all long-suffering wives.
Don't ask him for to choose
If he loves his car or you the most,
I'll tell you now … you'll lose.

I've decided not to fight it.
He's just a hopeless case.
I've given up the battle
And accepted second place.

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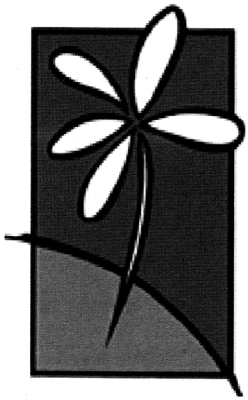

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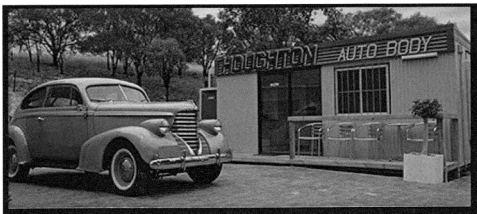

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