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BULLETIN ARTICLE LOTTO

Jim Wills

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 November 2019
issue of *'The Vintage Bulletin'*.

Thankyou, Wayne.

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Refer to "Diary of Events" for copy deadlines which allow preparation, printing and posting.

PREFACE

Third Time Lucky? Or, was it just practice? The July edition of this little publication was free of the problems which dogged the two before it. We seemed to have got the better of the mischievous sprites alleged to have caused the events without, at the time, apparent cause. That is not to say that all is now perfect. It's not; but we now know what to expect.

Chris and Joan Catt by all accounts were not stressed by taking care of the packing and posting. I assume that the staff at Allbiz were similarly untroubled.

Also last month, I trialled a new web version of *The Vintage Bulletin*. It seemed to work so I have repeated the experiment this time. There are also Members' and Standard versions this month, with the President's report and the Club's finances not included in the Standard edition. In September there will also be some changes. More about that later.

What now? Well, Brian Bennett has contributed some Run Reports. As the new Club Captain he also passes on some ideas and a request that Members let him have feedback about Club Runs. Mike Strang's article about his experiences restoring, (or should that be "putting back together"), a vintage car is interesting; and prompts in my mind a swag of questions.

To me, a pleasing outcome of the July edition was unexpected. I received an e-mail from a former Member in response to the Armstrong Siddeley article. Denis Basson pointed out that John Siddeley was quite involved in the aircraft and other industries. Andrew and Barbara's article concentrated on the Armstrong Siddeley marque; in the context of "100 years of Armstrong Siddeley". Like other "automotive entrepreneurs" of the times, Siddeley had fingers in many pies. Denis has provided a peek into some of them. His page is opposite the graphs which I was unable to reproduce last month.

Wattle Day, Rodney's Holiday Ramblings, the Annual Lunch and Trophy Presentation are also covered. There is even a poem … not Roly's though.

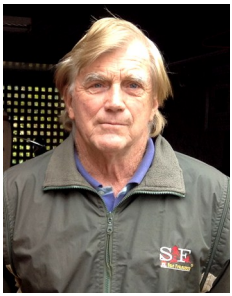
Members have already supplied material for the September edition. It's good to be back.

Anyway, that's what I think.

Wayne Wood

AUGUST 2019

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Well, another Club year is upon us and hopefully at the end of it we will look back on a successful one.

Many thanks to Joan, Chris and Kevin for their time spent on our Committee and the commitment given.

Most welcome on to the Committee is Brian Bennett in the role of Club Captain; a most important role and an important part of our Club taken care of.

John Clare has joined the Committee as a Committee Member and great to have someone who has not been on before, something that rarely happens these days. Thanks John.

Wayne Wood has taken on the position of Vice President. Although we are still left without a Recording Secretary, hopefully it can be filled.

Jim Thompson has resigned from his post of Public Officer, (thanks Jim), and this will be taken over by Chris Catt. Thanks Chris.

Librarian duties are now in the hands of Paul Williams, who is one of our newer Members, a Citroën man, and very enthusiastic. Many thanks to our long serving Librarian, Kevin Field for his time and effort at this post.

Shirley and I have just spent a week in Singapore. We achieved all that needs to be as far as sightseeing and various tours around the island and we feel that we didn't leave anything out.

A most interesting place for the motoring enthusiast as the ownership of a motor car comes with many encumbrances, a permit to purchase a car, huge tariffs and taxes on the purchase price and the cost of somewhere to put it if one lives in a high rise condo or similar as most do.

Regardless of all this, the makes of vehicles on the roads of Singapore are quite astounding, nothing over ten years old, and plenty of them. JAGUAR all models, MERCEDES all models, AUDI, LEXUS, PORSCHE, BENTLEY, MASERATI FERRARI, LAMBORGHINI and the icing on the cake, BUGATTI *Veyron*.

The President's Page *(Cont'd)*

Many events are on offer during the next three months, some great opportunities for driving our cars. Let's make good use of our generous club registration system.

Motorfest Classic events are also still available; a good selection of events that can take the historic motoring enthusiast to all parts of our city and country areas regardless driving a historic car or a modern. Everyone is welcome to enter.

Graham Tonkin ☺

FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

I have undertaken this role because I believe that events are an important part of Club life. I have been a Member of this Club for thirty-five years and for all that time we, (Christine and I), have enjoyed the diversity of events and companionship of VSCC members. There is no doubt we have been to many places we would otherwise not have seen if not for the variety of interests of the many organisers of past VSCC events.

To assist me to carry out this role I need feedback from Members as to what type of events you prefer, (and would participate in); and, of course, volunteers to organise events. Of particular concern is the apparent reluctance to support the traditional two-day events – the Robin Cup and Bert Pope weekends. We have participated in many of these. They are always very enjoyable, relaxing and a great way to get to know fellow Members.

One area I think we can improve is in providing advance notice for events, particularly the two-day events. It is very difficult to commit to an activity if the details are not available until the last minute. Of course this comes down to the willingness of volunteers to commit to organising an event well in advance.

I look forward to Members' feedback at the August General Meeting.

Regards ...

Brian Bennett

STARTING SOMETHING CAN BE EASY … THE DIFFICULTY IS FINISHING IT

This article is an account of my efforts to restore a 1924 STANDARD Warwick Tourer – a journey that was long and frustrating.

In 1989 I bought this vehicle from a mechanic who worked a few doors down from my Salisbury crash repair workshop. I then stored it, (under canvas), at the rear of the shop for about twenty years.

In 1991 we purchased an empty block of land next to our house in Parafield Gardens. At this time there was only a shed on it. (A tragedy had occurred in January 1991 and the original house had been demolished.) As the shed was only suitable for storage, I had another one built. So around 2011 I put the STANDARD on a trailer, bought a rolling chassis and parked both in the new shed. Over the next few years I occasionally went over to the shed and started slowly to dismantle the car and get it ready for restoration. Mistake number one: no photos and no labelling of parts removed. The bigger parts were discernible but not the smaller ones – just put them into boxes and on shelves. Time went by and finally we sold the business and retired in 2012.

It must be noted that I had been a member of The VSCC but had let this membership lapse although I renewed it later. I had also joined the English Standard Car Club and in 2013 was invited to a rally which was to be held at Gaydon in Warwickshire. We were retired with no obligations.

ROLLING CHASSIS … LOOKS GOOD

So, we packed our bags and journeyed overseas. After touring England and Ireland until 17th May 2013 we arrived at Chesford Manor, near Kenilworth. There we met and socialized with members of the Standard Club.

We also visited Kenilworth Castle, Warwick Castle and the British Motor Museum in Gaydon.

Starting something can be easy *(Cont'd)*

At the end of the rally we went to Coventry to visit the Coventry Transport Museum. We walked in and there saw a finished version of what I had envisaged re my STANDARD: a blue 1924 STANDARD SL:04 Warwick Tourer. The Standard Company named their body styles after villages surrounding Coventry. Over 20,000 were made before 1929, the cost of £345 new, engine size 1944cc, engine type 4 cylinder and maximum speed 52 mph. Note that mine does not exceed 35 to 40 mph.

BODY ON … MORE LIKE A CAR

In 2013 we went back to England to get parts from Vintage Spares in North Walsham, (east of Norwich), and I purchased a lot of parts. Luckily our daughter was a logistics manager in the motor trade and she arranged all the freight to Australia.

Late 2013 work commenced on the "old girl" and I spent a lot of time sorting out the bits and pieces that were not labelled. I repaired and painted the body but the upholstery and hood were contracted out. By 2016 I started to do short trial runs in the local area – the RAA towing personnel got to know me quite well.

Success seemed to come on 19th March 2017 when I exhibited the Standard at the Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering in the Parklands. I received many favourable comments and a photo of the car was featured on the front cover of *The Vintage Bulletin* in April 2017.

The next trips were to the Adelaide Airport to pick up my daughter and on 9th April 2017 we all did the Gawler Vintage Run and no problems arose then. There were a few problems with the clutch but on 10th February 2018 it was off to All British Day at Echunga.

Starting something can be easy *(Cont'd)*

We did reach the South Eastern Expressway and there we stayed for two hours sitting on the side of the road and waiting for the RAA to tow us home. After this there were lots of dialogues with mechanics I knew and a lot of discussion about setting fire to it and claiming insurance.

ALL BRITISH DAY 2019

However, on 6th January 2019 I decided to go on the Early Birds' Run from Montefiore Hill to Gawler. A perfect performance. However Lynn refused to come to All British Day unless it was put on a trailer and towed to Echunga. Again, lots of comments especially about the radiator mascot.

Next try out was the Historic Motor Gathering on March 17, 2019. It performed well on the trip down then OK on the trip back to Prospect for a barbecue. Lynn had gone home earlier and left me to drive home.

I was set to follow and backed out the driveway and a bolt fell off the tail shaft: RAA again. Left Prospect and got as far as a service station on Main North Road and another two fell off. I have now replaced the bolts with nylon lock nuts and the old girl has stayed in its shed and is yet to be road tested. Stay tuned!

WORDS AND PICTURES BY

Mike Strang

A BEAUTIFUL JOB!

PENRITE OIL PRESENTATION

In response to an invitation from the Armstrong-Siddeley Club a handful of VSCC members attended a presentation on Friday 2nd August 2019, 7:30 pm at Shannons business premises on South Road, Clarence Gardens.

Unfortunately, the video presentation did not work so the Penrite representative gave us some background on the family owned company and its products, then invited questions.

We learned that Penrite are the only company in the world that still blend oils for older engines, gearboxes and differentials. They also do shocker-oil, carby dash-pot oil, automatic transmission fluids, coolant and cleaning products. In addition, with extended service intervals vehicle manufacturers are demanding specific formulations for individual models; one product no longer suits all modern vehicles.

Some Penrite products can be difficult to find but the company does have a helpline to assist customers.

Thank-you Andrew Christophersen and Barbara Pennington for the invitation

Brian Bennett

Shirley and Graham Tonkin with the Bateman Shield awarded to Shirley at the Annual Lunch on Sunday 21st July 2019

32nd "Down Under" London to Brighton

Sunday 27th. October 2019
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Supported by Shannons Insurance

Assemble in London Road, Mile End South at 9.30am for a 10.00 am start waved off by the Lord Mayor of London

MorningTea at Combined Car Clubs, Glandore
11.15am depart for Wattle Reserve, Brighton to be

HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING
Sunday 22nd March 2020

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

FREE ENTRY FOR EVERYONE

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 community club vendor on site.

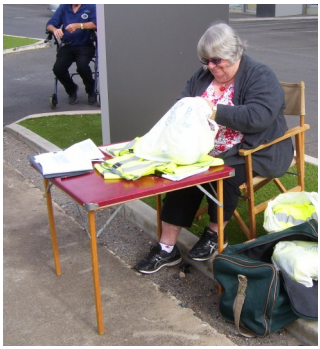
Please encourage owners of Historic Vehicles to attend.

DOWN UNDER LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN 2018

The Run Director with the Lord Mayor of London

The Pilot Car at the Start

MorningTea at Glandore



Preparing for the Marshals

Some of the crowd at Wattle Reserve

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2019

Gee it's cold, sitting up with blankets watching the drawn 2nd Ashes Test.

AUGUST	SUNDAY **25th**	**FUNDRAISING BBQ**
	FRIDAY **30th**	**GENERAL MEETING**
SEPTEMBER		
	SUNDAY **1st**	*NATIONAL WATTLE DAY* **OLD CAR DAY/DRIVE IT DAY**
	SUNDAY **8th**	**Watts Trophy Day**
	THURSDAY **12th**	**Committee Meeting** Copy DEADLINE for Sept'ber *'Bulletin'* 12m
	THURSDAY **19th**	**MID-WEEK RUN (Corrected by DP)**
	FRIDAY **27th**	**GENERAL MEETING**
OCTOBER		
	MONDAY **2nd**	*LABOUR DAY Public Holiday*
	THURSDAY **10th**	**Committee Meeting** Copy DEADLINE for October*' Bulletin'* 12m
	THURSDAY **17th**	**MID-WEEK RUN**
	FRIDAY **25th**	**GENERAL MEETING**
	SUNDAY **27th**	**DOWN UNDER LONDON TO BRIGHTON**
NOVEMBER		
	SAT/SUN **9th/10th**	**ROBIN CUP WEEKEND**
	THURSDAY **14th**	**Committee Meeting** Copy DEADLINE for Nove'ber *'Bulletin'*12m

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DECEMBER

SUNDAY **1st**	**END OF YEAR RUN**
THURSDAY **12th**	**Committee Meeting** Copy DEADLINE for Dec'ber *'Bulletin'*12m
FRIDAY **13th**	**CHRISTMAS PARTY**
WEDNESDAY **25th**	*CHRISTMAS DAY Public Holiday*
THURSDAY **26th**	*PROCLAMATION DAY Public Holiday*

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY **1st**	*NEW YEAR'S DAY Public Holiday*
THURSDAY **9th**	**Committee Meeting**
SUNDAY **12th**	**EARLY BIRDS' RUN**
THURSDAY **16th**	Copy DEADLINE for January *'Bulletin'*12m

EATING AT THE MEAL BEFORE THE MEETING?

6.30 pm Friday 30h August 2019

Lasagne

$3.00 per person BYO Drinks

Co-ordinated by Lee Michelmore

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, **ALL GENERAL MEETINGS** WILL BE **PRECEDED BY A MEAL FROM 6.30 P.M.** IN THE **C.C.C. CLUBROOMS** AT CLARK AVENUE, GLANDORE **ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH** EXCEPT DECEMBER.
FORMAL BUSINESS WILL START AT 7.30 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETS AT 7.30 P.M.ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

COMING VSCC EVENTS

DRIVE IT OLD CAR DAY
NATIONAL WATTLE DAY
Sunday 1st September 2019

As you all should know, Drive it Old car Day is a chance to get your car out to show it off even if you only park it outside your home.

We aim higher, so again this year we will meet at Becks Bakehouse 25 Clarke St., Port Noarlunga at 10.00am
Plenty of parking for all
We'll partake of Coffee, Savouries and Cream Cakes;
all purchased showing Peter's Loyalty card!

As we leave we can head for home, or where ever, by a scenic route to further show off our cars
See you there People

Peter 0418 837 402 and **Brenda 0418 837 401 Dawes**

WATTS PICNIC AND TROPHY DAY
Sunday 8th September 2019

("WATTS ON?" Games 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

SEPTEMBER MID WEEK RUN
Thursday 19th September 2019

Meet on Main South Road, near the weighbridge, just past Black Road at 10:15 am for 10:30 am start. BYO Morning Tea.

We will travel via Clarendon to Mount Bold Reservoir where we will regroup near the dam wall and admire the views. (Toilets nearby). The Reservoir is scheduled to be closed for earthworks 15th – 30th August. It should be open for our event. (If not we will take a break in Meadows.)

SEPTEMBER MID-WEEK RUN *(Continued)*

We will continue via Yaroona, Kangarilla and Meadows to Ashbourne - our lunch venue is the "Green Man Inn" - where $15meals are available.

There are several options for the home journey - back the way we came, or via Mt Compass and Willunga if you live down South, or via Strathalbyn and Mt Barker if you live the other side of town - your choice.

We need to provide numbers to the lunch venue. Please fill in the Event Sheet at the August General Meeting or contact us if you are coming.

Brian and Chris Bennett: (08) 8276 2000 or **0409 397 241**

DOWN UNDER LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN

Sunday 27th October 2019

Please save the date and be ready to volunteer to help on the day. Alternatively, buy a veteran vehicle or help some-one who has one and enter the Run as a participant.

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OTHER COMING EVENTS

ARTHUR CLISBY MEMORIAL PICNIC RUN
Sunday 15th September 2019

Wirrina Oval 9.00am to 4.00pm
No Entry Fee but please let Joan know if you intend participating.
Joan Catt: (08) 8381 7823

GAWLER MEGA SWAP MEET
Sunday 22nd September 2019

Gawler Showgrounds, Nixon Terrace, Gawler
Outdoor Undercover Sites and Secure Indoor Sites require booking
Bookings: 0467 603 057
Information: www.gawlerclub.com

NATIONAL MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM
EDINBURGH TRUCK SHOW
Sunday 6th October 2019

Two for One Tickets ($15.00 saving) for Car Club Members
Children Under 15 years free.
10 Sturton Road, Edinburgh Parks, SA 5111
Military Vehicle Rides. Army displays. Food and drink on site.
Information: **Jack (Alan) Benney 0418 897 664**

AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC MOTORING FEDERATION INC.
NATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL
Saturday 28th March to Friday 3rd April 2020

To be held in Albury-Wodonga
Open to Veteran, Vintage and Historic Vehicles more than 25 years old
Cars, Caravans, Motorcycles and Commercial Vehicles
All Information and Entries on AHMF web-site
www.ahmf.org.au/2020tour
Email: 2020tour@ahmf.org.au

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NATIONAL WATTLE DAY

The First Day of Spring

Sunday 1st September 2019

Wattle Day is as Australian as Mateship, kangaroos, Holden cars, meat pies and a fair go. It was first celebrated on 1st September 1910 in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. During the First World War sprigs of wattle were sent to troops overseas; and to returning Service personnel. After the Second World War the tradition of celebrating Wattle Day was lost until the NSW Red Cross revived it as a fund-raiser.

Subsequently, in 1984 Australia's national colours were proclaimed to be green and gold. In 1988 the Golden Wattle, *Acacia pycnantha*, was declared to be Australia's national floral emblem; and in 1992 the Commonwealth and the States agreed that National Wattle Day would be celebrated annually on 1st September. The first day of spring.

The only Australian folk day of any significance is Anzac Day. Most, if not all, others have Northern Hemisphere European origins. Christmas, May Day, Easter, Australia Day are examples. So, when driving your car, (any car), on Drive It/ Old Car Day, how about displaying a sprig or two of wattle? There are over a thousand species of wattle growing in Australia. It should not be hard to find some.

Henry Lawson's poem *The Wattle* expresses the patriotic feelings toward wattles in the Australian psyche around the time of Federation. Having just returned from overseas, I wonder why it is that Australians are slow to demonstrate their patriotism. Is Wattle Day the answer?

Wayne

The Wattle

I saw it in the days gone by,
When the dead girl lay at rest,
and the wattle and the native rose
We placed upon her breast.

I saw it in the long ago
(and I've seen strong men die),
And who, to wear the wattle,
Hath better right than I?

I've fought it through the world since then,
And seen the best and worst,
But always in the lands of men
I held Australia first.

I wrote for her, I fought for her,
And when at last I lie,
Then who, to wear the wattle, has
A better right than I?

Henry Lawson
(17th June 1867—2nd September 1922)
This poem is in the public domain

Poetry Corner

AUGUST MID WEEK RUN

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Studios
Friday 2nd August 2019

The August Mid-Week Run was organised by John Clare and Sandy Nash. We met at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) building at Collinswood for morning tea in the staff café prior to commencing our tour.

Participants

Ian and Lorraine Loader	Lee Michelmore
Mike and Lyn Strang	David Prest
Nevin and Marilyn Skurray	Rex Wilson
John Clare and Sandy Nash	Brian and Chris Bennett

We discovered that John and Sandy are accredited ABC tour guides. They looked after us throughout our visit and provided a great deal of informative commentary. We started with a short video presentation about the establishment of the ABC, both nationally and in South Australia. Locally they started in a small building in Hindmarsh Square. Later they purchased a "farm" at Collinswood with a stately home which housed the offices and radio studios. With the advent of television a purpose-built TV complex was built on the site. (Still in use today). Later the stately home was demolished and the current nine-story building erected, but this was not purpose-built. To save money, the government of the day decided to adapt an existing design for a hospital.

We moved onto a radio studio where presenter David Bevan was conducting "The Morning Show". It was a bit disconcerting watching through a double-glazed window in real-time but hearing the audio on ten second delay, (so producers can dump offensive comments). At the conclusion of the program we were able to enter the studio and chat to David who gave an insight into his career in radio and invited questions.

Next we visited the "Regional" section responsible for local content in country areas. Once again, we received an insight into this service with the opportunity to ask questions. We were shown a cumbersome

August Mid-Week Run *(Cont'd)*

The machine could only store a few minutes audio and was difficult to edit, (cut and join). Now it's all done on mobile phones with the option of taking photos and video as well.

At the TV studio, (used for local news bulletins and the "Behind the News" program), we received an interesting commentary from a producer. A recurring theme was the effect of modern technology on the workforce. The TV studio used to be a hive of activity with several camera operators and ancillary staff, now it is all controlled by a single producer sitting at a complex and impressive console facing a myriad of TV screens and one brightly-lit analogue clock.

I came away with a good vibe. All of the staff we were introduced to, or just passed in a corridor, were very pleasant and cheerful.

At the completion of our tour we were provided with a route-sheet to guide us to our lunch venue the Mansfield Park Hotel. We got lost, but after completing a full circle we spotted "Alex", (John's smart little LLOYD-ALEXANDER), and got back on the right track.

The Seniors' menu was good value and a convivial meal was enjoyed by all. Thank-you to John and Sandy for a very informative and enjoyable day.

Brian Bennett ☺

ANNUAL LUNCH PICS

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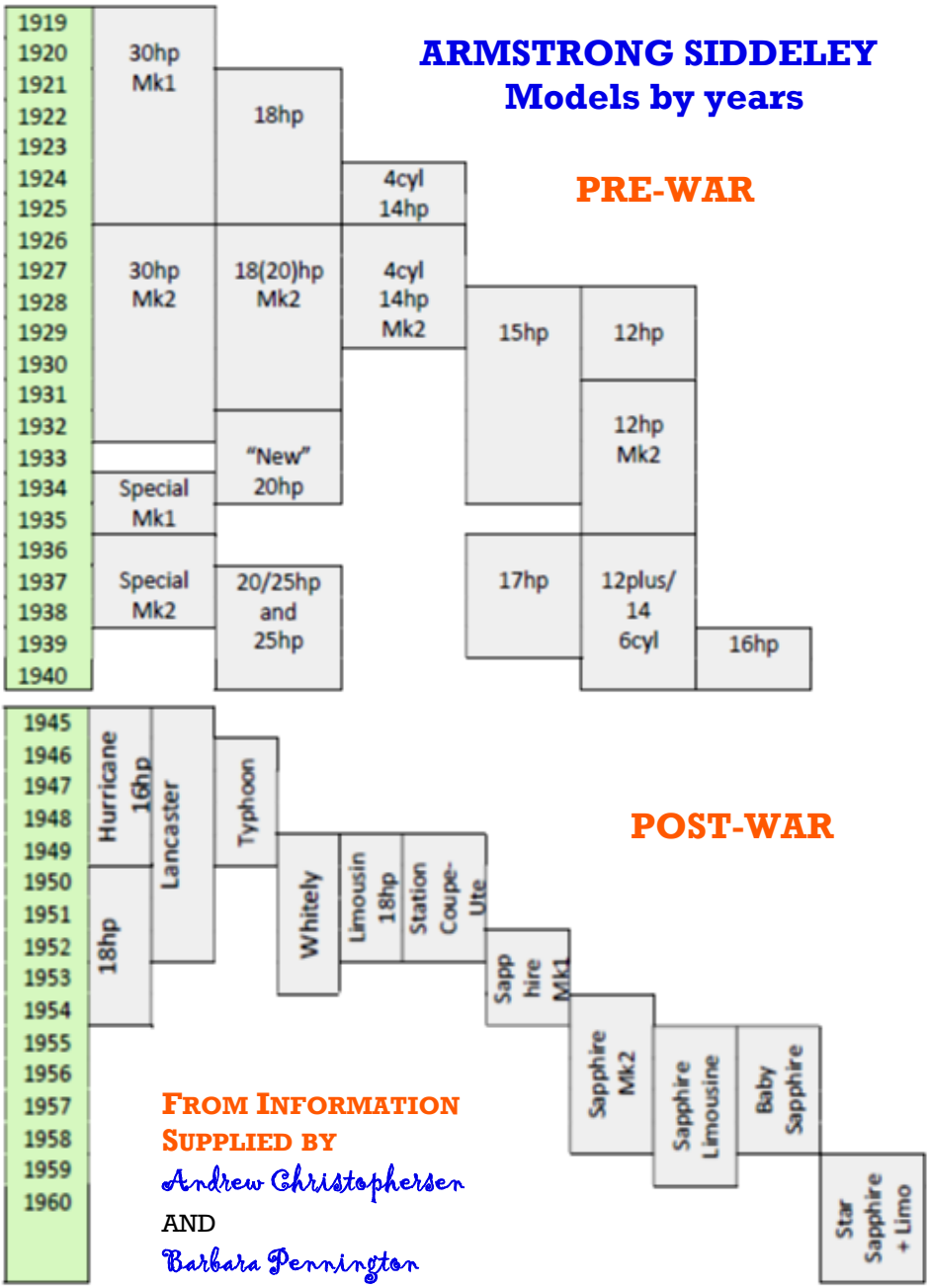
ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY
Models by years



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These graphs relate to Armstrong Siddeley pages in the July 2019 Vintage Bulletin

MORE OF THE SIDDELEY STORY

The Vintage Bulletin ***last month contained an article celebrating 100 years of Armstrong Siddeley cars. Denis Basson, a former Member of our Club, has supplied more information which adds to the Siddeley story. It outlines the Siddeley involvement in activities other than the purely automotive.***

John Siddeley, after arranging the takeover of Siddeley-Deasy motorcar, aircraft engine and aircraft business by Sir W.G Armstrong Whitworth and Co Ltd., and its amalgamation with the Armstrong Whitworth Motor department in 1919, renamed the new company Armstrong Siddeley Motors. It was to continue till 1960

Siddeley's new holding company established Sir W.G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft in July 1920

Next Siddeley took advantage of the of the mid-1920s financial difficulties of the parent companies Armstrong and Vickers and by 1927 he had gained control of all three Siddeley businesses. He remained their Chairman until 1935 when, at the age of 70, he arranged his last takeover with Hawker Aircraft and formed Hawker Siddeley. At this time Hawker Siddeley bought A V Roe and Company, (AVRO), Gloster Aircraft Company and Air Training Services. This became the founding company of British Aerospace, (Bae). Hawker Siddeley also operated in other markets such as locomotive building via Brush Traction; and diesel engines through Lister Petter.

For this last takeover of Hawker, Siddeley received £1 million plus other perks.

He was knighted in 1932 when he served as High Sheriff of Warwickshire. Sir John Siddeley was elected President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders for 1937-38; the highest honour the British Motor Industry could bestow. That same year he was raised to the peerage as Baron Kenilworth, of Kenilworth in the County of Warwick. He was also elected President of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors for 1932-1933.

On his retirement he bought and gave to the nation the historic Kenilworth Castle to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1937.

After his retirement he moved to Jersey as a voluntary tax exile where he died a few days after his wife; in November 1953, aged 87

He was succeeded in the barony by his son Cyril.

Denis Basson

RODNEY'S HOLIDAY RAMBLINGS
June 2019

We had been travelling for a while and got as far as Bundaberg. From there we drove south to the Gold Coast where we had booked in for a couple of weeks. Whilst there we flew two of our grand-daughters, aged 10 and 11, up from Adelaide and spent an enjoyable week chasing them around theme parks. Roller-coasters were the ride of choice for them and after a couple of rides I decided that they were big enough and silly enough to go it alone. Centre of gravity and G-forces do not sit well with ageing bones! We spent a couple of days recovering after we sent them home, then went on down to Coffs Harbour.

Best Rider of the Series and winner of the

Our eleven-year-old grandson is a keen BMX racer and as it happened he was racing in a Trans-Tasman competition in Maitland, (New South Wales), on the weekend of our arrival in Coffs, so we set off at 5am on Saturday and drove the 400km to watch. Young Preston was the Captain of the Australian Boys team pitted against a team of eleven-year-old boys from New Zealand.

Rodney's Holiday Ramblings *(Cont'd)*

The event is known as "Mighty Elevens" and it was his second try at it.

In October last year he went over the ditch to New Zealand to compete but two days before the races he broke his wrist during training so was out of the running. This time we proud "grandys" were able to see the little champ lead the boys to a win; and also claim the "*Best Rider of the Series*" and the "*Mightiest 11*" trophies for his efforts. After all that we drove back to Coffs Harbour Sunday night.

Another event that coincided with our stay in Coffs Harbour was the graduation of another of our grandsons from basic training at the Army base in Kapooka, just out of Wagga Wagga.

Well, as you may have guessed, we went to Wagga to witness the occasion. We decided to fly there as travel time was only about three hours each way. The pomp and ceremony of the passing out parade was interesting to watch; and it was great to see the new soldiers in all their finery. Lunch was served for all visitors in the mess and although we had been warned about the quality of the food, we survived.

After spending some time with the young soldier and his immediate family we flew back to Coffs to resume our holiday. We then continued on a southern trajectory and spent a week or two in Port Macquarie, our last stop before returning home to a cold and wet Morphett Vale.

Rodney Wood

The New Soldier

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ANNUAL LUNCH

Sunday 21st July 2019

Victoria Hotel, South Road, O'Halloran Hill

TROPHY WINNERS

Watts Trophy

Some Diners

Jim Bishop Fellowship

Bateman Shield

George Bampton Trophy

Mid-Week Trophy

President's Trophy

VSCC TROPHY AND RUN WINNERS 2018-2019

BATEMAN SHIELD	**Shirley Tonkin**
WATTS TROPHY	**Chris Catt**
BERT POPE MEMORIAL TROPHY	(Run Not Conducted)
PEOPLES' CHOICE TROPHY	(No Competition)
ROBIN CUP	(Run Not Conducted)
VSCC JIM BISHOP FELLOWSHIP DAY PLAQUE	**Rodney Wood** Down Under London to Brighton Run and Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering
STANTON OHLMEYER MEMORIAL TROPHY	(Run Not Conducted)
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY	**Karen Brown and Roger Bennett**
GEORGE BAMPTON MEMORIAL PVT TROPHY	**Peter and Brenda Dawes**
VETERANS' DAY TROPHY	(Trophy Retired**)**
BOB GASCOIGNE RESTORATION TROPHY	(Not Awarded)
VINTAGE CUP	**Ian and Lorraine Loader**
MID-WEEK TROPHY	**Graham and Shirley Tonkin**
OTHER RUNS **FOR WHICH TROPHIES ARE NOT PRESENTED)**	
EARLY BIRDS' RUN	Brian and Chris Bennett organisers
TWILIGHT RUN	Marilyn & Nevin Skurray organisers
PICNIC RUN	Marj and Phil Luke organisation
MYSTERY RUN	(Not Conducted)
MID YEAR RUN	(Not Conducted)
LADIES DAY	By Ian Loader and Lionel Leddra
END OF YEAR RUN	Run by David Prest
DOWN UNDER LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN Piloted by **1915 Model T Ford RUNABOUT** Owned and driven by Ted Mumme	Co-ordinated by Rodney Wood; assisted by Club Members in various roles on the day and beforehand

The **HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING** was co-ordinated by Rodney Wood. Club Members helped on the day by marshalling and in a myriad of other roles. The Gathering was well supported by various Car Clubs and their Members; and by the O'Sullivan Beach-Lonsdale Football Club; the Willys Overland Knight fraternity; the Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club; and the general public.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

The following significant matters dealt with by the Committee at its Meeting on Thursday 8th August 2019 are reported for the information of Club Members and readers of *The Vintage Bulletin*:

- Cataloguing of Library books by Sandy Nash and Lorraine Loader has started;
- A 12 month's programme has been prepared by the Club Captain. There will be an emphasis of giving adequate notice for activities;
- First Aid course being co-ordinated by Marion Council likely to occur in September;
- Wayne Wood appointed as Vice-President;
- agreed Chris Catt would be appointed Public Officer when Jim Thompson resigns from the role;
- Shirley to take over responsibility for Roly's Poem at Gen. Meetings;
- agreed purchase of phone for in-coming calls for Events;
- Rodney Wood has commenced contacting owners of Veteran cars for Down Under London to Brighton Run 2019;
- agreed not to participate in People's Choice Community Lottery next year;
- Club has notified Registrar of non-renewal of Members with Cars on Conditional Registration

REMINDERS FOR MEMBERS

Raffle Books

The **People's Choice Community Raffle** closes on Friday 30th August. Please make sure that all books are returned to the Treasurer by then.

Membership Renewals

Members who have not renewed their Club Membership have until 27th September to do so to be sure that their Membership does not lapse.

THANKYOU

All went smoothly in so far as the July issue of *The Vintage Bulletin* was concerned. No glitches or hitches.
Allbiz printed; Chris and Joan Catt collected, packed and posted.

Cars and Parts and Things FOR SALE

Nil Reported

Cars and Parts and Things WANTED

* Any Information about 1925-29 ROVER 16/50 HP
Alan Hollyfield **0499 893 298**

** Handbrake Assembly Transmission Brake for a 1947 Dodge Truck
Jeff Loader **0407 912 131**

*** Small, 4-jaw Chuck; 6" or smaller
David Bristow **(08) 8298 3837**

*** Early green-coloured Split Dorf Spark Plug
David Bristow **(08) 8298 3837**

*** 1926 HUPMOBILE Running Gear and Chassis
Steve Ford **0497 377 774**

*** 1927 CHRYSLER Model 50 Steering Box
Steven Lovell **0447 787 095**

* 1928 PONTIAC Left rear Mudguard and ...
1931 CHRYSLER Parts
Chris Rees **0456 387 782**

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