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PRESIDENTS PAGE

Peter rang me from his hospital bed on Saturday morning to apologise for being unable to provide a **President's Report** for this month's Bulletin.

Peter has suffered a number of ailments recently, individually they have not seemed too serious, but collectively together with a multitude of medications appear to have played havoc with his immune system.

I am sure that all members will join me in wishing **Peter** a full and speedy recovery. Perhaps paying more attention to the Doctors and **Brenda**'s advice will help.

There are a couple of matters that **Peter** would like me to raise on his behalf.

- **Members Cars** - we used to have a reliable list of members cars which was updated annually from information provided by members on their renewal forms. With the advent of 'direct funds transfer' many renewal forms were not returned and some that were, - marked 'same as last year'.
- **Membership Recognition** - Our records of member joining dates are incomplete, where records exist some members have been awarded 30 year certificates, possibly others have been missed. We are aware that some have been members for 40, 50, even 60 years and believe that these milestones also deserve celebration and recognition.

As a first step in establishing accurate records members are urged to fill in and return to the President the form provided on the reverse side of the mailing wrapper of this month's Bulletin. Please provide historic vehicle details and if your memory permits the month and year that you joined the Club.

Future membership renewal forms will have provision for updating member vehicle details, but it will only work if members take the time to fill them in and return to the Secretary.

Ed...

EDITORIAL

The New Year started with a flurry of Club activity - a very amiable **NYD Lunch** on the 1st hosted by **Chris** & **Joan Catt** and the **Early Birds Run** on the 7th organised by **Wilf** & **Carmen Penley**, both events being very well attended.

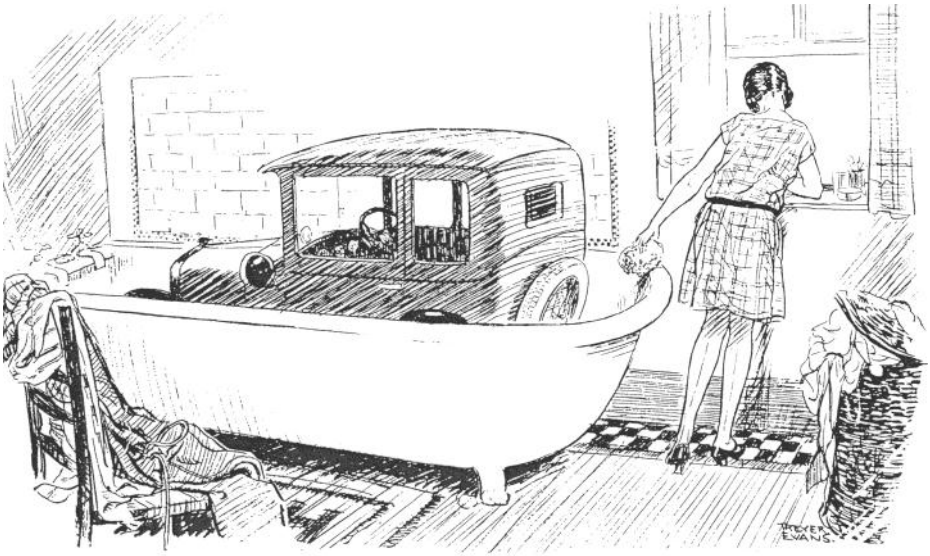
The **Early Birds Run** was a most enjoyable event as usual, I think that these runs are ideal for vintage motoring, definitely one of our most enjoyable activities, it's a pity we can't have more of them. Well perhaps we can, the **Gawler Club's - Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run** (for pre-1930 vehicles only), is coming up on 8th April, it would be a simple matter to organise a Club Run to coincide with that. We could enjoy another easy early-morning run with low traffic density to Gawler then take part in the run to Greenock. Entry forms for the Gawler to Greenock Run are available from the Secretary, a $10 per car entry fee applies which covers morning tea at Lyndoch. Have a think about it and let the Club Captain know if you would like to take part.

We missed out on the **Bert Pope Weekend** last year, to make up for it a 3 day run to Port Victoria is proposed in April this year - preliminary details appear in the "Coming Events" pages of this Bulletin - please consider!

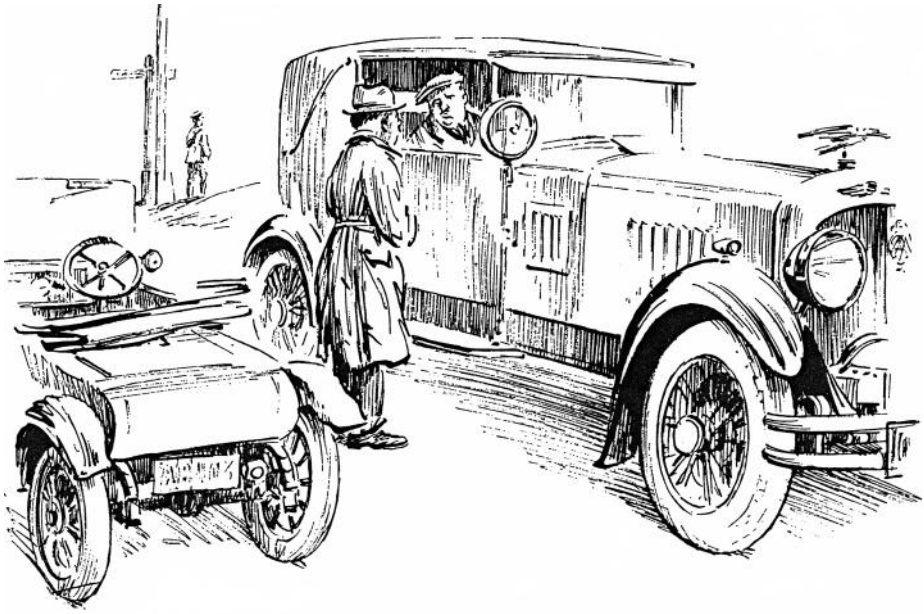
Regards Brian

CCC CLUBROOMS SECURITY

Marion Council via the CCC Committee have advised clubs using the Glandore facility that all existing user security codes will be made void in the new year.
Each club will be entitled to submit up to a maximum of three authorised code holders to the CCC Committee.
Our committee has decided to nominate **Peter Dawes, Chris Catt** & **Brian Bennett** as the authorised VSCC code holders.
Use of an invalid code will result in Security being summoned and a financial penalty awarded against the club.
Please contact one of the above if access to the CCC Clubrooms is required outside of normal meeting times.



"I can't come out yet Chris, I'm washing the baby"



Owner of ancient car: 'Could you oblige me with a match?'
Owner of luxury car: 'Yes, but I shouldn't set fire to it here.'

NEW YEARS DAY LUNCH

Just be careful what you say in casual conversation or you may be given the joy of writing an article for the Bulletin. This happened to me when I made the mistake of saying I had written two letters the day before which I had been putting off. You know the story, I will "get around to it".

Jim and I were at **Chris and Joan Catt's** for the **New Year's Day Lunch** and that is why I have the task of reporting on the day. The day was fine and sunny and was enjoyed by Chris & Joan Catt, Peter and Brenda Dawes, Kevin and Rona Field, Peter & Anne Mott, Ian & Lorraine Loader, Phil & Marj Luke, Brian & Chris Bennett, Jim & Margaret Thompson, Graham & Shirley Tonkin, Heinz & Susann Brandt, John & Lee Michelmore, Sandy Nash, Wilf & Carmen Penley and Mike & Lyn Strang.

Good company, great location, good food and interesting conversations what more can you ask to start the New Year on the right foot. Having said that I am writing this for the Bulletin NOW and wish a Happy New Year to everybody and thanks again **Chris** and **Joan** for welcoming us all at your home..

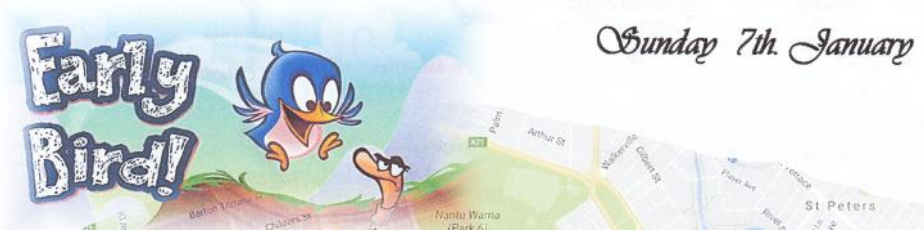
Margaret Thompson

RESTORATION TROPHY

The **Restoration Trophy** for 2016 / 2017 was belatedly presented to **David Ragless** by our President **Peter Dawes** at the November 2017 General Meeting.

Over the years **David** has restored a number of vehicles to a very high standard, we hope to see a bit more of him when the 1927 **Falcon-Knight** Tourer is on the road.

2018 EARLY BIRDS RUN



The historic motoring God's smiled upon us, after two stinking hot days came a cool change and a beautiful morning for a vintage car run. We left home at 5:00 am and had only two stops on our way to Montefiore Hill, so we arrived early, but there were several couples already there.

Wilf & **Carmen Penley** handed out comprehensive route instructions, and by the time we got under way twenty cars formed our convoy which included two cars from the Morris Register. Sadly only five vinti's made it to the start line - three Whippets, Falcon Knight and Essex, (there were a couple of hard luck stories) .

Guests cars from the Morris Register

It is a great time to drive a vintage car on roads devoid of traffic, the route was easy and free flowing. Our only holdups came at a couple of traffic lights where the right-turn cycles were very short and we were forced to sit for long periods waiting for no traffic go by.

Most of the time though we were able to travel in convoy at a comfortable pace, we were third in line in our Essex, behind the leaders **Wilf** & **Carmen** in their Whippet roadster. David Prest with Wilma was next in line for the whole journey and most of the time we could see several other participants following him.

We travelled from Montefiore Hill via Payneham, Pooraka, Fairview Park, Highbury and Felixstow to Mawson Lakes for a buffet breakfast at the Mawson Lakes Hotel. We had a choice of either Continental or Full Buffet breakfast and were seated at four large, round, tables which comfortably seated ten.

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The staff at the venue were pleasant and efficient, we were able to start our breakfast immediately on arrival. We enjoyed a leisurely breakfast among friends accompanied by stimulating conversation.

As usual this event was very well attended despite a couple of late withdrawals due to ill-health, we hope you are better soon Margaret and Nevin.

The Loader TF was not too keen to re-start after the long run with the lights on but they made it home without further problems.

Luke-Holden Premier, Tonkin-Ford Mercury & Bennett-Essex

Thanks to **Wilf** & **Carmen** for a most enjoyable run - there is no doubt in my mind that it's well and truly worth getting out of bed early to drive and enjoy our vintage and classic vehicles on roads with hardly any modern traffic - stress free vintage motoring.

We made it home by 9:30 am, the traffic was still light but we did strike more red lights on the return journey, Chris went back to bed while I decided to stay up and have an early night later. Our daughter put paid to that by staying late (before driving home to Strathalbyn), I was still tired on the Monday morning but it seemed to improve my golf, so I won't complain.

Brian Bennett

Buying "Things" on the Internet

Everyone has probably noticed the infernal Trivago adverts on television; whereby there is more than one site advertising room rates for the same hotel room at different prices. The same applies to car parts whereby different sites have differing prices for the identical item and supplier. I found this out by accident recently.

With the decision made to try and restore the original EXPAG engine that came as a spare part with our 1949 MGYT I began shopping around for parts needed to bring what is basically a sump, block and head with rocker gear, back to life.

Surfing around the web I was looking for a water pump to suit. I started with a general description using NTG Motor Services in the UK as a start point.

Pricing was as follows for three choices:-

Rebuilt 4 Vane Cast Iron	A$ 150	plus delivery from the UK
Fully sealed reproduction	A$ 82	"
Heavy Duty Bronze/Brass 6 Vane	A$ 105	"

Once I knew what was available I honed the search to Australia, eBay and the 6 vane unit that I believed would be better suited to Australian conditions and the looming climate change (I'm joking of course). The site that came up through eBay was an Australian offering MG spares and the price for the heavy duty unit was A$103.50 with free delivery. I filed that result in my brain with the aim of purchasing tomorrow.

Next day I sat down at my computer and put the water pump part number, details and the local suppliers name in the search engine to purchase the pump locally. In disbelief I saw the price was now A$130.50, plus delivery of A$25, a total of A$155.50. How could that be in less than 12 hours?

Once I had calmed down, taken another dose of blood pressure tablets, and thought about Trivago; I went back to purchase through eBay using the same Australian supplier and pump details. You guessed it, you can purchase through other larger sales web sites at lower prices than direct from the suppliers web page.

The moral of the story, shop around in sales sites even though the supplier is the same, sometimes you'll buy 30% or more cheaper by using another website!

John Michelmore

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT

Meeting 25th November 2017

- VSCC application for grant towards Down Under London to Brighton Run accepted.
- 20 Clubs have not paid Federation affiliation fees.
- Over 9000 log-books issued since June.
- Clubs urged to support Sept. 2021 National Rally - refer Federation website.
- Bay to Birdwood matters settled. A Federation representative is required for the B to B committee.
- Log Books must be signed by ALL drivers of a historic vehicle on any event.
- Discussion on motor-homes and LHD military vehicles on conditional registration.
- Reminder to car enthusiasts from the Australian Border Force (ABF) that Australia has a zero tolerance for asbestos. Products with any level of asbestos, regardless of age, are prohibited for import or use in Australia. The ABF actively targets products suspected of containing asbestos - several examples quoted eg. Brake-pads and gaskets, $15 fine for asbestos exhaust gasket.
- 845 entries for All British Day.

BULLETIN ARTICLE LOTTO

Lloyd and/or **Judy Mott**

Congratulations on winning this months Bulletin Article Lotto

I would appreciate it if you would supply an article on any subject of your choice for inclusion in the **March 2018** issue of *'The Vintage Bulletin'*

Thanks *Brian*

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NOTE

Runs and Events printed in **BOLD** are approved **VSCC** Runs and Events.

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FRIDAY	26th January	**GENERAL MEETING** **Ice-cream & Spider Night**
THURSDAY	1st February	**TWILIGHT RUN** (Nevin & Marilyn Skurray)
THURSDAY	8th February	COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY	11th February	ALL BRITISH DAY
SUNDAY	18th February	**PICNIC RUN** (John & Lee Michelmore)
SUNDAY	18th February	ALL AMERICAN DAY CAR SHOW
SUNDAY	18th March	**HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING**
THURSDAY	22nd March	**MID WEEK RUN** (Graham & Shirley Tonkin)
SUNDAY	8th April	Gawler Club - Veteran & Vintage Run
FRI/SAT/SUN	13/14/15th April	**BERT POPE WEEKEND** (Port Victoria)
THURSDAY	19th April	**MID WEEK RUN** (Phil & Marj Luke)

ALL MEETINGS UNLESS OTHERWISE
STATED WILL BE HELD IN THE **C.C.C.**
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SATURDAY	12th May	**CLUB AUCTION & REGISTRATION**
THURSDAY	17th May	**MID WEEK RUN**
SUNDAY	20th May	**STANTON OHLMYER RUN**
SUNDAY	3rd June	**PRESIDENTS TROPHY RUN**
THURSDAY	21st June	**MID WEEK RUN**

REMINDER

All future General Meetings will commence at 7:30 pm.

MEAL BEFORE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

6:30 PM FRIDAY 26th January 2018 (Australia Day)

MENU: BBQ SAUSAGES with sauce on bread

$3 PER HEAD
Includes icecream & spiders after meeting

BYO Drinks

Coordinated by Ian Loader

ALL GUESTS ARE WELCOME

COMING EVENTS

TWILIGHT RUN

Thursday 1st February 2018

Meet at 'Joan's Pantry', East Terrace, Hawthorndene at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start. We have planned a 45 minute drive through the hills, arriving at a restaurant for our evening meal. I don't think we have ever been to this restaurant. It has a very good reputation. We have negotiated a small menu with all meals at $20.

The selection is:
- Fish & Chips (Coorong Mullet)
- Burger
- Pizza
- Chicken Schnitzel

As the meals will be paid as one we ask that you ensure that you have the required numbers of $20 notes. There will be no separate accounts.

Members with food allergies should contact Ainsley (8388 7555) to arrange.

We have arranged for a separate room. Parking is available at the rear of the premises.

We need firm numbers at the January meeting.

Nevin & Marilyn Skurray Ph: (08) 8296 1994

Please note the MID WEEK RUN originally scheduled for 15th February has been postponed due to an excess of events that month.

PICNIC RUN

Sunday 18th February 2018

Meet at the Clarendon Oval for BYO morning tea at 10:00 am. How to get there - drive through Clarendon past the Bakery, cross the bridge with RH indicator flashing - at the far end of the bridge turn sharp-right onto Oval Road (when safe to do so).

Then a scenic drive via paved country roads for a BYO picnic lunch under the Oak trees at the McLaren Vale Oval.

John & Lee Michelmore Ph: 0490 677 520

HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING

Sunday 18th March 2018

Hosted by the VSCC, a static display located centrally in the West Parklands of Adelaide. Admission is FREE for participants and spectators alike. Predominately for veteran and vintage (pre-1931) vehicles, but classic's are catered for as well. Spectator parking on site. All welcome - motoring club members and individuals.

VSCC volunteers required for marshaling.

Ian Loader Ph: 0418 349 693 or **Rod Wood** Ph: 0419 806 552

MID WEEK RUN

Thursday March 22nd 2018

Meet at Steamroller Park, Stirling (cnr Avenue Road and Mt Barker Rd) 10.00 am for 10.30 am start. Enter the park by Avenue Road. Steamroller Park is named due to the steamroller in the park. BYO Morning Tea to have at the park.

Enjoy a pleasant drive through the hills taking the long way round to Langhorne's Creek for lunch at the Langhorne's Creek Hotel.

Numbers will be needed by the February meeting to advise the hotel or ring **Graham** or **Shirley** on 0401314563 or 82586547.

BERT POPE WEEKEND

Friday 13th April to Sunday 15th April 2018

Location Port Victoria on Yorke Peninsular - **Richard Kretschmer** has a holiday home there and there are others available for hire - estimated cost around $70 per couple per night (3 couples per house) - we would need to bring our own supplies - evening meals BBQ or at the pub. We need to know how many members are interested as soon as possible so we can confirm bookings and prices.

Ian Loader Ph: 0418 349 693

MEMBER's MARQUES

THE MUSSARED DODGE

My children had long been told how Dad, when young, had a penchant for Vintage cars. There had been one later essay in the early 1960's when a Humber 9 provided family transport. The older children well remembered that car. A move to Leigh Creek Coalfield put paid to such luxuries.

David, my son, who had a Northern ghost to lay when he left school, became a jackeroo on a station East of Blinman. He wrote home of an old car on the property which just might be for sale - he wasn't sure what it was.

Our years in the North had given us a great respect for the pioneering people and machines of the Northern Flinders, the Birdsville Track and, in fact the whole area in the ring of lakes.

It was a foregone conclusion that I bought the 1924 **Dodge Brothers** remains plus the remnants of a Ford T. We 'rescued' the bits in three journeys - on the first we lost a wheel from the trailer and nearly lost some of the precious old iron.

The **Dodge** had been the work-horse of Jim Young, a boundary rider. Jim had converted it to a buck-board many years before. The car had spent its entire life in the bush and had stopped when, like Jim, it just couldn't work any longer. Every part had been patched, shimmed or bush repaired. I was amazed at the ingenuity when the car came apart. That was in May 1979.

I began to collect bits. An engine and front axle from Sandy Creek, a back axle housing from Lyndoch, gearbox bits from North of Yunta, and oddments from Adelaide sources.

In 1981 I went back to Leigh Creek for a few months and found a collection of **Dodge**'s lying derelict in a paddock behind Copley, they had been thoroughly worked over by scavengers and children. These belonged to Harry Woodifield, a nephew of Jim Young and bits dated from 1920 to 1927. I bought the lot and then wondered how I could harvest this crop of old iron. There were five identifiable vehicles, and bits of several others.

At least two had been up to Birdsville in the 1930's, so here I had a treasure trove and I settled on possibly making three cars - a 1923, 1925 and 1927. The 1927 has stayed in the North, we shipped the other two South with sand and saltbush.

I still had the rosy glow of Northern romance in my eyes, but finally realised that the 1925 might supply spares for my 1924 model and with the other bits the 1923 might make a motor car. So, what to do? Restore one and then the other or both together? After two years of both together I realised that my death might predate even a running chassis. So I quit the 1923 bits.

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What I have left is the original Wirrealpa 1924 chassis with an engine and scuttle from a Graham truck at Copley (used for water supply in early Leigh Creek Coalfield days). Front 'seat' and doors from the 1925 vehicle at Copley, back-axle housing from the Barossa, gearbox parts from Waukeringa and so on. It will be a true Northern car when it is finished. *(I can hear Roly saying 'tut-tut' – Ed.)*

I had not realised just how much work there is in restoring vehicles which had been run until they would run no more and then patched and run again, always in the desert, always on impossible tracks, always repairs made with fencing wire, bits of windmill, etc..

Slowly the car progresses - it is now almost a running chassis. I now have an urgency to complete the restoration so that I can get on and restore one of my true loves - an Edwardian Straker or an A type Vauxhall or another Clement-Talbot - before my eyesight fails!

Peter Mussared

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Collectors items - we have a few left at $15 ea.

Please see the Treasurer if you would like one.

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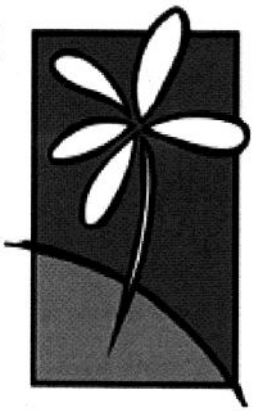

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RIVERLAND - Part 2

The saga continues. Our objective was to view more of the **River Murray Locks** and experience more of the tourist attractions that exist throughout the **Riverland**. An early departure saw us travelling a familiar countryside, although noticeably drier than in October, enroute to **Blanchetown** and thence **Waikerie** for morning tea.

Here tourist attractions included a War Museum at the local RSL hall, a friendly Information Office, a Toy Museum, Vintage Machinery and an attractive picnic riverbank site with all facilities provided.

An uneventful crossing of the river by ferry enabled us to proceed through **Lock 3** which proved to be less impressive than those previously visited. The structure was more compact due to the river flowing in a more defined 'channel', but the site surroundings offered less in amenity and were far less developed.

Undaunted, we retraced our tracks and proceeded to the **Overland Corner Cemetery**, a landmark overlooked previously - some sad reflections on those at rest giving a perception of hard pioneering days past.

Back onto the **Goyder Highway** we encountered a flock (mob ?) of no less than nine Emus in prime condition, pacing us in an adjacent paddock before we turned off heading for **Cobdogla**. With time pressing, we did not explore the virtues of **Loch Lunar** with its promise of a wet-lands three hour cruise especially catering for bird watchers, perhaps this will form the basis of yet another trip.

After a brief tour of '**Cobby**' and a reconnaissance of the facilities at the **Kingston on Murray** caravan park, we barbecued lamb chops for lunch adjacent to the river and quaffed a nice cool drink or two. (Most civilised).

Suitably fed and refreshed we completed our circular route by returning to **Waikerie**, incorporating a brief detour to **Banrock Station**, an oasis of excellence for Riverland wines and cuisine, (although a bit expensive). A well maintained boardwalk warrants further investigation and a longer visit.

An easy drive home, with a couple of lookout stopovers, completed yet another enjoyable day out.

PS: For those interested, the **Kingston on Murray** caravan park provides drive-through powered and unpowered van sites, six person share cabins, budget two person glamping accommodation, and communal cooking facilities.

Rob Jacob

COMMITTEE MATTERS

Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2017

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

- At Jim Thompson's request, his telephone number as a contact for the VSCC of SA not to be included in the next telephone book.
- Club Captain presented a calendar of events for the first half of 2018 and proposed Port Victoria as the likely destination for April's Bert Pope Weekend.
- Discussed organiser for the ice-creams after January 2018 General Meeting.
- CCC Report - Joan Catt advised a new 5 year lease for the clubrooms has been signed. Marion Council through the CCC has announced a review of clubrooms security - refer notice on page 22 of this Bulletin.
- Log Books - the Federation advise that the DPTI insist that all drivers sign the log book, if more than one person drives a particular vehicle under conditional registration on the same day, they both/all need to sign the logbook - but it will only count as one day's use.
- Peter Dawes requested committee members provide suggestions for guidelines for all events.
- Brian Davies (CCC) requested all members be advised to rinse drink cans before placing into recycle bin provided in kitchen.

Rob Jacob *provided this photograph.*

He surmised that it could be "a typical BMW driver and their car" or perhaps "an early photo of our Editor".

Ridiculous! - I have never driven a BMW.

Ed.

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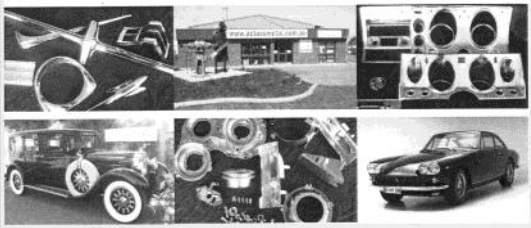

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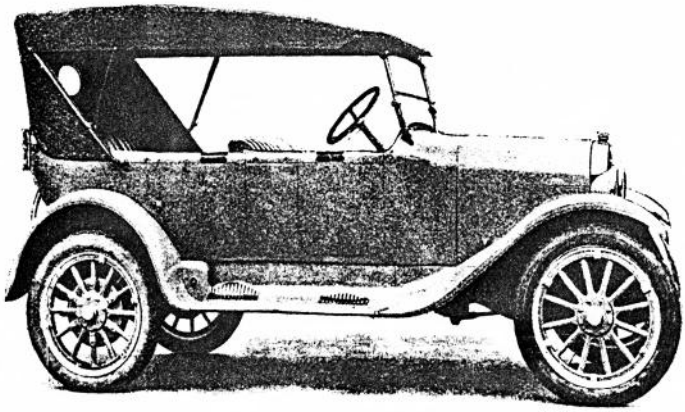
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