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MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP

HELD EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7.30PM.

Meetings have returned to Shannons Insurance at Unit 20/2 Yallourn St, Fyshwick. The Shannon's building can be accessed from either Yallourn St or the Canberra Ave Service Rd (using driveway between Taubmans Paints and Fyshwick Car Wash – next to Ampol Petrol). Meetings are usually followed by a talk on some interesting theme, a film or other entertainment and supper. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Standard membership fees are \$50 per year.

Life Members – Ian Irwin O.A.M., Alan Higginson (D'csd), Garth Fisher (D'csd), Alan Pickup (D'csd)

WEBSITE

Visit our website to find out about club news, upcoming events, and digital copies of The Edwardian. You will find many previous editions of The Edwardian here, with more to come in the future as we digitise printed copies of the magazine dating back much further.

<http://vvccaact.org.au/>

Like our Front Cover? The radiator badges and scripts shown have been specifically chosen as each depicts a marque of which a veteran and/or vintage example has been represented in our Club over the years. At last count there were 116.

OUR CLUB

The Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia ACT (Inc) was formed in 1963. Its Objectives are;

- To sponsor and encourage the preservation, restoration and use of Veteran and Vintage vehicles
- To engage in rallies, exhibitions and other events suitable for Veteran and Vintage vehicles
- To encourage the retention of Veteran and Vintage vehicles in Australia
- To collect and disseminate technical and historical information as shall be of interest to the members
- To offer the services of the Club, its members and vehicles to such charitable organisations as may be decided upon from time to time
- To engage in such other activities associated or allied with all or any of these Objectives which are intended to promote a better and wider knowledge and understanding of Veteran and Vintage vehicles among club members and the public generally

SAVE THE DATE

(DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Wednesday 19th October	Club meeting at Shannons Insurance at Unit 20/2 Yallourn St, Fyshwick from 7:30pm.
Sunday 23rd October	Club run. Run to Terry and Glenda Davis' home in Bungendore for a picnic lunch and to have a look at Terry's cars and Glenda's garden. POSTPONED.
Thursday 3rd November	Coffee run. "Stand by Me". 7/9 Lyons Place, Lyons shops from 10am
Wednesday 16th November	Club meeting at Shannons Insurance at Unit 20/2 Yallourn St, Fyshwick from 7:30pm.
Friday 18th to Monday 21st November	Club members are invited to Antony Davies Braidwood property to join in with the Sunbeam, Talbot, Darracq Register who are holding a three day rally in the Braidwood district including several events at Antony's property 18 kms out of Braidwood. Several members have indicated that they will attend the whole weekend whilst others will attend for one or possibly two days.
Thursday 1st December	Coffee run. Details to be confirmed closer to the date by email.
Sunday 4th December	Club pancake breakfast to be held at John Cadona's timber business in Fyshwick. Pancakes to be made by the Hogan and Robinson families.
Wednesday 14th December	Club Christmas evening dinner to be held at the Hotel Kingston. John Cadona has made a booking.

RETREADS—'Re-tyred' members of many ACT Car Clubs meet informally for lunch at the Southern Cross Club Woden, 12 noon, on the 1st Friday of each month. Also at 12 noon on the 3rd Friday of each month a lunch is held where members, partners, and friends of all car clubs are also welcome to attend. **If you plan on attending either, please contact Wayne and Sandra Smith on 02 6254 8524 or email whssec@webone.com.au so bookings can be increased if necessary.** The group is known as "The Retreads". Outings in their old cars are often arranged. The VVCCA (ACT) recognises these outings as legitimate events for any of its members who wish to participate.

Upcoming Partners run/lunch

Friday 18th November—Calwell Club, Were Street, Calwell from 12 noon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2021-22 YEAR

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Club as President for the past 11 months.

Due to Covid the AGM in 2021 was postponed until October when we were able to meet again. Thanks to the generosity of Peter and Darrell Leemhuis for the use of their Offices in Fyshwick while the Shannons Club Room was closed due to Covid.

This year has seen the passing of a number of long term members, who made significant contributions to the running of the Club and assisting many of our members in the restoration of their vehicles. They will always be remembered for their friendship, skills and willingness to assist fellow members.

Club meetings have been held except when the ACT Government restricted the public meeting. Rick has done a great job in arranging interesting guest speakers.

This year we started Coffee runs on the 1st Thursday of the month, thanks to Nick and Carol we have enjoyed some great coffee and food and enjoyed the opportunity to take our vehicles out for an extra run.

Our monthly runs have been varied this year with a weekend away in Griffith to plan for the National Veteran Vehicle Tour in October 2023 and local runs to places of interest. In November Antony Davies our member from Braidwood is organising a weekend in Braidwood with the Sunbeam Register and our Club to visit a number of interesting places and their 1820's homestead and vehicle collection.

The committee for the National Vehicle Tour have been working on setting in place venues, runs and places of interest for entrants to visit and see while in Griffith and the surrounding towns. Some of the committee are meeting with the Mayor and Tourism Manager on the 5 October to lock in a number of events that the Mayor has agreed to sponsor or support during the Tour.

I would like to thank the committee for their support and work during the year. Nick Nowak has done an excellent job as Secretary keeping accurate minutes, members informed of Club activities and coffee and Club runs. Thanks Nick for your support over many years.

John Cadona as Treasurer has kept the Club finances in great shape ensuring timely information for members.

Darrell Leemhuis as vice President has stepped in when I have not been available and is working on a great events program for the coming year.

Mathew Spackman, was awarded Club Person of the Year, for the great work that he has done on The Edwardian, Club website, National Veteran Vehicle Tour newsletters and registration forms that we used for the Presentation Dinner.

Carol Nowak, Membership Secretary who does a great job in keeping our register up to date and ensures all members are financial who have vehicles on concessional registration. Carol also makes sure we have biscuits for supper.

Thanks also to the Beth Woolley the Public Officer, Roy Bendall Librarian, Concessional Registration Compliance Officers Nick Nowak, Roger Gottlob and Rob Woolley, Dating Committee, Ian Irwin, Greg Spackman, Bill Atkinson and Rob Woolley, Meeting activities, Rick McDonough.

The Club Presentation Lunch was celebrated at Gold Creek Station at Hall where 38 members enjoyed lunch in the rustic Function Centre. The lunch was excellent and enjoyed by all.

The following awards were made:

Wheeler-Rees Shield – Restoration of Veteran Vehicle – Antony Davies 1912 Sunbeam and Jim Kennedy 1913 Hupmobile

Peter Doering Trophy – Restoration of a Vintage Vehicle – Bill and Robyn Betts – 1929 Buick

Graham Bennedick Trophy – Longest Distance driven in a Veteran Car – David and Deidre Robinson 1915 Model T Ford and 1909 and Renault AX

Vintage Touring Trophy – Bruce and Cathy Booby – 1928 Chevrolet

Murdoch McDonald Trophy – Most Club Runs in Veteran or Vintage – Greg Spackman and Mary Brown – 1923 Talbot Darracq

Incentive Trophy – Most runs in non V&V - Terry and Glenda Davies

Frank and Bet Lockley Memorial Trophy – Club Person of the Year – Mathew Spackman

The Motor skills and Edwardian Trophies were not awarded.

Rob Woolley

September 2022

VIDEO OF THE ISSUE

Do you have a video you might like to feature in an upcoming edition? Please send the details to mathew.spackman@outlook.com

RACV Pre 1905 Pioneer Run 2022

Held 1st—2nd October, 2022 in Ballarat, VIC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHNFFDJrB6U>

Upcoming Swap Meets and Shows

5th November 2022—Cooma Motorfest—Cooma Showground. 8am to 4:30pm.

13th November 2022—Marques in the Park—John Knight Park, Belconnen. 7:30am to 3pm.

4th December 2022—Terribly British Day—Queanbeyan Park. 10am to 2:30pm.

19th February 2023—Shannons Wheels—Queanbeyan Showground. 10am to 1:30pm.

2nd April 2023—Auto Italia—Queanbeyan Park. Vehicles from 8am, spectators from 10am to 2pm.

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the October 2022 edition of The Edwardian. My apologies for getting it out a bit later this month, life has been quite busy. I recently attended the National Model T Rally in Dubbo NSW and was hoping to get a few timelapse videos from the windscreen of my car uploaded for this edition, but unfortunately it has not happened yet. I will try to make them available in a later edition. You will find in this edition however a write up of the rally. It was a great week, and am happy to say my car came home in a “still running” condition. My last few outings have required a trailer ride home and a little more work to get it running right. I look forward to getting it out again on a few more club events in the near future.

Mathew.



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THE NATIONAL CALENDAR

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| 23—28 October, 2022 | 2022 National Veteran Vehicle Rally, held in Busselton of south-west of WA (2 hours south of Perth), for all roadgoing vehicles build before 31 December, 1918. For more information visit the website https://veterancarclubofwesternaustralia.wildapricot.org/2021-National-Veteran-Rally or email busso2021@gmail.com |
| 2—8 October, 2023 | 2023 National Veteran Vehicle Rally, held in Griffith NSW, for all veteran cars, motor cycles, trucks and steam driven vehicles built before 31 December, 1918. For more information visit the website https://griffith2023.vvccaact.org.au/ or email griffith2023@vvccaact.org.au . An optional pre rally event on the 30th September and 1st October is also available. |
| 17—22 March, 2024 | 2024 1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally held in Albany, WA. For more information contact Bob Henley at bobjos89@westnet.com.au |
| 27 September—4 October, 2025 | 2025 Model T Ford National Rally held in Ballarat, VIC. Hosted by the Model T Ford Club of Victoria. For more information contact ballaratrally20T5@gmail.com |

Are any of our calendars missing major events?

Please email the details to mathew.spackman@outlook.com for inclusion in the next issue.

SAVE THE DATE–WEEKEND IN BRAIDWOOD 18–21 NOVEMBER, 2022

Antony Davies, our Club member from Braidwood NSW has invited our Club to join with the Sunbeam Talbot Darracq Register for a weekend in Braidwood.

The suggested dates are Friday to Monday 18-21st November, in Braidwood NSW. Braidwood is a delightful Georgian village set in the picturesque Southern Tablelands of NSW, about an hour from Canberra, Goulburn and Bateman's Bay. A cold climate area, Spring offers quite beautiful driving weather with crisp mornings and the promise of generally clear days. The town was the first entire village to be included on the NSW State Heritage list and is famous as the location for several significant movies including Mick Jagger's 1969 movie "Ned Kelly" (did you know that the song "Brown Sugar" was written in a pub in Braidwood?), "The Year my Voice Broke" and Joan Sutherland's "Dad & Dave". There is an excellent museum, several good cafes and restaurants and lovely rural settings.

Surrounding the town are a series of delightful small villages and settlements and some wonderful country roads, both sealed and unsealed. Accommodation is limited, but there are three motels and several good air B&B options, and we will help find appropriate beds for whoever wishes to attend.

The tentative programme is:

Friday 18th November – Meet and greet, informal look around Braidwood village, dinner at Casanovas Restaurant

Saturday 19th November – Informal breakfast in Braidwood, meet at Braidwood Museum for a private tour of the collection, run to Majors Creek Hotel for lunch, and then afternoon tea at the Reidsdale Cheese Factory. Dinner in Braidwood. (80kms, mixture of good unsealed and sealed roads)

Sunday 20th November – Drive to Farrington for a motorkhana and picnic at Mount Elrington homestead, followed by a BBQ dinner and an outside movie in Braidwood. (50 kms, choice of good unsealed country road or sealed road with short river crossing)

Monday 21st November – Private view of the Braidwood Model Car Shop and "It's all about Chocolate" and depart.

The suggested routes have good all-weather access and are relatively level with a few easily achievable hills. Needless to say, we'd love to see as many members and period cars as possible, and accommodation will fill quickly as Braidwood in Spring is popular for tourists and for weddings. There's no charge for attendance and the Register will cover some of the food and ancillary costs. We realise that the Bendigo Swap Meet is on the previous weekend and perhaps interstate members might work this into their travel schedule.

Expressions of interest to Antony Davies - antony@pennyfeather.com.au or telephone 0438 126 987 for more information.

<u>Accommodation in Braidwood</u> Antony recommends that you book your accommodation early as it can be difficult to get a room.	Torpy's Historic Accommodation 18 McKellar Street, Braidwood NSW 2622 Phone: 02 4842 1830 Mobile: 0447 421830
Braidwood Colonial Motel Contact: Trish Young 199 Wallace Street, Braidwood NSW 2622 Phone: 02 4842 2027	Braidwood Showground - Caravans and Camping has powered sites and toilets and showers 6247 Kings Highway Braidwood NSW 2622 Australia Phone: 02 4842 2027
Royal Mail Hotel Braidwood 145-147 Wallace Street Braidwood NSW 2622 Australia Phone: 02 4842 2488	Cedar Lodge Motel 64 Duncan Street Braidwood NSW 2622 Phone: 02 4842 2244

UPDATE ON 60 DAY REGISTRATION SCHEME

August advice from ACT Government regarding the 60 day and modified amendments to the Conditional Registration Scheme. Extracted from the CACTMC General Meeting Minutes on 22nd September, 2022

From: "Paule, Rod"

Subject: RE: 60 Day Scheme

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Rogers, Apologies for the delay in providing this update.

Access Canberra and the Insurance Agency have been working to determine the best way forward in relation to insurance classes for VVH vehicles and capturing the Modified Historic class in the Motor Accident Injuries insurance arrangements and in rego.act.

An initial option considered was to combine the Veteran and Vintage classes into one class and then use the vacated MAI class to provide for Modified Historic vehicles. Analysis of that option indicated that there would be significant risks in rego.act from moving vehicles recorded against the Veteran class into the Vintage class and is not now being pursued.

The alternate option of creating an additional MAI class in both the MAI regs and rego.act was also considered, but is expected to create some issues with insurers who would similarly have to create that new class in their systems.

At this stage there are 2 existing MAI classes that do not have any vehicles recorded against them in rego.act. The Insurance Authority is checking with insurers whether one or both of these classes is programmed into their systems that would simplify creating the new class for modified historic vehicles by renaming one of those classes as the modified historic class.

Whichever option is decided on, the Insurance authority is going to need to progress a regulation amendment to give effect to that. It is expected that this will be able to be completed before the end of the year.

Access Canberra is expected to restart programming work concurrently with the Insurance Authority progressing the regulation change, in line with the decision in relation to a MAI class for modified historic vehicles and be able to release that programming into the live rego.act environment early in the new year.

It is expected that implementation of the new arrangements will be undertaken in the first quarter of 2023.

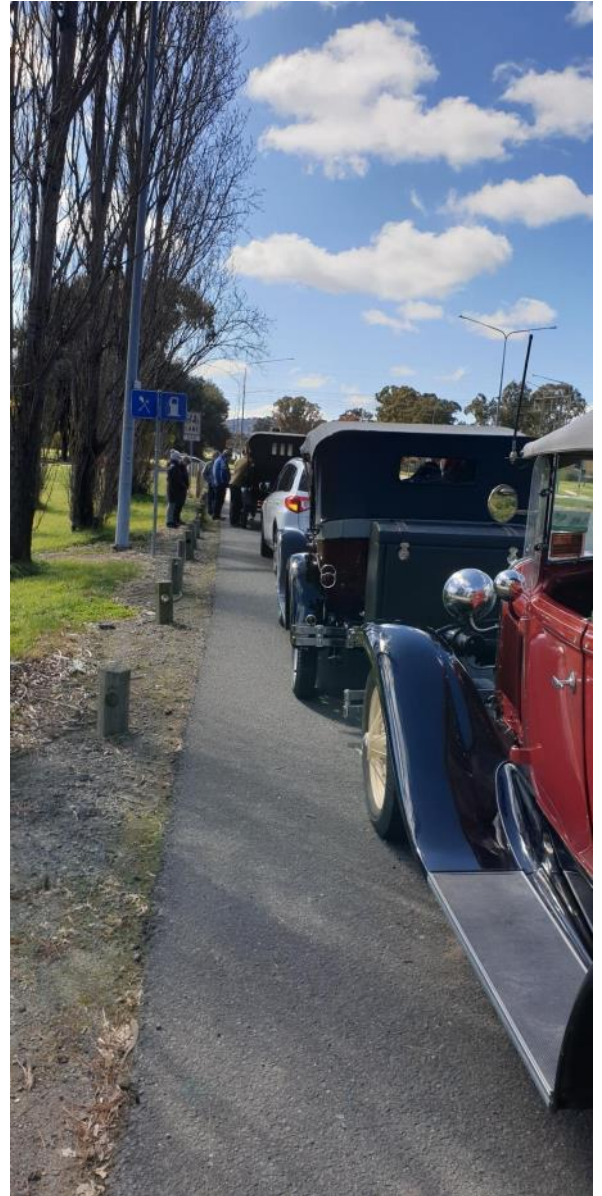
In relation to your comment about numberplates, the government has, as previously advised, made a decision to allow the use of any numberplate on VVH vehicles and this area is required to implement that arrangement. Insurance premiums are a matter for the insurers to consider and they are aware they need to file premiums for the modified historic class in their normal filing for Mai premiums this year.

I expect I will be able to send you the latest versions of the proposed MOU and VVH logbook in the next week.

Yours sincerely

Rod Paule

CLUB RUN TO SUTTON BAKERY 21 AUGUST, 2022





PRESENTATION LUNCH AT GOLD CREEK STATION 18 SEPTEMBER, 2022

A good turn out to the presentation lunch, with 36 members pre-registering through our first online registration form on the website, and potentially a couple people more sneaking through at the last minute.

I did see a few cars also made the run out to Gold Creek Station, but unfortunately never had a good look to see who had actually driven.

I hear the visit over to a friend of John Cadona's to see a collection of Ferrari's was also something to look at, but unfortunately I arrived a bit late and missed the tour.

Overall it was a great day, with plenty of food to go around. Congratulations to all the fellow award recipients, which I won't repeat again here as they are mentioned in both the presidents report as well as the AGM minutes.

Mathew





COFFEE RUN TO SILK CAFÉ IN FYSHWICK

6 OCTOBER, 2022

We held this month's coffee get-together at Silk Café in Cessnock Street, Fyshwick. It had been raining for the previous couple of days and I worried that it mightn't work out. I needn't have worried as we had 13 members turn up and stayed for close to two hours. It is a nice cosy café and we have been there before. The owner made sure that we could all sit in one group.

It was too wet for anyone to turn up in their old car so everyone came modern although I heard Wayne say that he should have brought the Model "A" Ford.

Members who turned up were – Wayne, Gerard, Wayne & Sandra, Greg & Mary, Peter Leemhuis, Eric & Robyn, Terry & Glenda and lastly Nick & Carol.

There was a lot of chatting and I think that quite a few old car problems are sorted out at these coffee meets. It was a very nice way to waste away a wet morning.

Cheers Nick



FOR SALE

Car Trailer—1700kg ATM car trailer. Fitted with electric brakes, includes built in ramps, manual winch and motorcycle wheel chock. Not registered (but was registered in NSW until a few months ago). We used to transport our Model T Tourer.

\$2000. Contact Mathew at mathew.spackman@outlook.com
(Trailer is in Canberra)



Motorcycle Trailer—Built for carrying up to 3 motorcycles. Includes a removeable ramp for loading/unloading, adjustable/removeable wheel chocks, toolbox, LED lights and plenty of tie down points. Also comes with a top that can be bolted down for other general uses (e.g. furniture etc). Registered in NSW.

\$1000. Contact Mathew at mathew.spackman@outlook.com
(Trailer is in Canberra)



MODEL T FORD NATIONAL RALLY - DUBBO, NSW

25TH SEPTEMBER–1ST OCTOBER, 2022

BY MATHEW SPACKMAN

Day 0 - Canberra to Dubbo

There's nothing like leaving things to the last minute with some very late and last-minute packing the night before. My Model T hasn't done too much in the last few years having spent most of that time off the road, so remembering what spare parts and tools I wanted to take was a challenge. I was told later that having a spare head gasket was taking it too far, but if that was going to be the thing that prevented me from having a successful time away, it was coming just in case. We don't need to tell that person I actually had 2 of them, however in my defence they were different types.

It was a nice drive out to Dubbo, that is except for the extra-large potholes, washed away roads, and possible flooding around every corner. Thankfully this was in the modern car with trailer when I managed to catch a few nasty potholes that couldn't be easily seen, otherwise I suspect there may have been a little more damage. If I had of been in the T I would have either run out of tubes before I arrived or ended up off the road. I arrived in Dubbo not long before dark, with the car then unloaded and prepped for the following day. I am sometimes a little envious of those that don't have a large amount of brass that requires polishing, but then when I stand back and see my efforts afterwards, I remember why its worth it. (For full disclosure, I did have a brass polishing team that did most of it).

Dubbo Photo News September 22-28, 2022

100 x 100 = T

By JOHN RYAN

ONE hundred, 100-year-old cars will be converging on Dubbo this weekend for Australia's 14th National Model T Rally.

Model T National rallies are held every three years with various eastern states taking it in turns to play host and this time round, the Hub of the West is it.

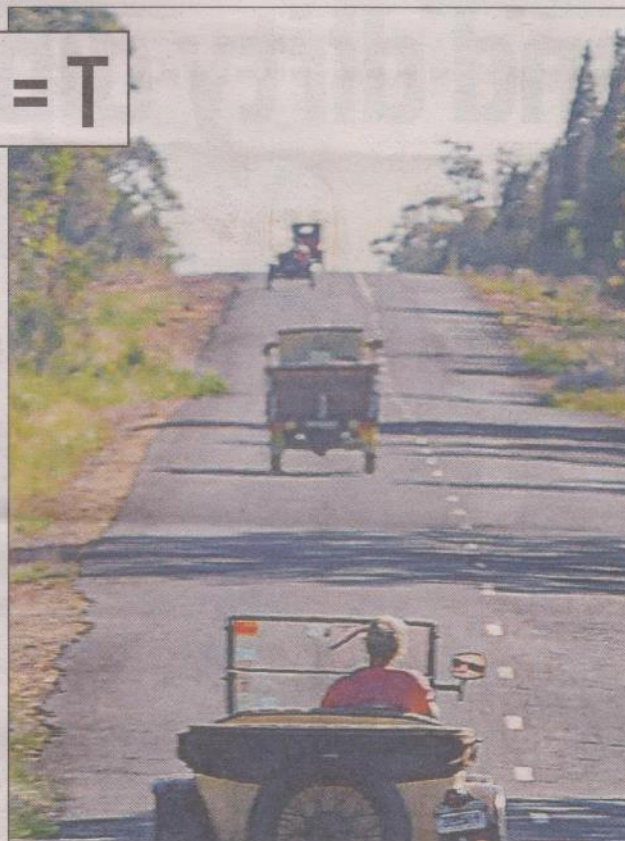
The rallies are based on the 'Hub and Spoke' concept, with the cars and the participants based in the selected town (the hub) and driving out each day to a surrounding town or place of interest (the spokes).

Host club this year is the Model T Ford Club of Australia (NSW) inc., which celebrates its 50th anniversary next year (2023). When the club was formed many of the model Ts were 50-years-old, now, 50 years, later most of the cars have hit the century milestone.

The Model T Ford was produced from 1908 to 1927 and more than 15 million vehicles were produced.

There will a static display of the cars during the check in process on Sunday, September 25 in the MacInnes Pavilion in the Dubbo Showground between 10am and 3pm, where the cars and their participants in period costume will be judged for the historic correctness.

The next day, Monday, September 26, you can catch the vintage vehicles at the Narramine



Aviation Museum from 9am to 10:30am, then strung out along Trangie's main street from 12 noon to 2pm.

Tuesday will see the convoy visit Wellington Caves from 9:30am to 11:30am, followed by lunch in town.

On Wednesday, September 28, the Model T's will be back in Dubbo at Dundullimal Homestead

from 9:30 to 11:30am.

Thursday and it's back on the road to the spoke of Collie, visiting the local pub from 9:30 to 11:30am before heading to the Gilgandra Agriculture Museum and Historical society

Friday, September 30, will see the T's converge on Dubbo's Sandy Beach, thankfully now exposed after the recent floods, for

The Model T National Rally is being staged in Dubbo this week, using the city as a base to explore nearby towns and attractions. PHOTO: SUPPLIED.

a picnic day running from 9:30am to 2pm.

For those who don't know anything about the world's first mass-produced motor car, here's some 'fast facts':

- The Model T Ford has a 2.9 litre 4-cylinder side valve engine and a 2 speed epicyclic transmission which was used though its entire production run and the track and wheelbase also remained the same for the whole 20 years the car was produced;

- The epicyclic transmission is the forerunner of an automatic transmission using drums and bands to engage the drive and the bands were applied by foot operated floor pedals.

- The model T Ford has no front brakes, no shock absorbers, no gear stick, no accelerator pedal, no fuel pump (gravity feed) no oil pump (splash feed) no water pump (uses thermosyphon cooling) no fuel gage, no water temperature gauge, most don't have windscreen wipers and until 2016 did not have a starter motor just a crank handle. The crank handle is referred to in some quarters as an ARMSTRONG starter

- To start a model T Ford, you make sure the handbrake is on which ensures the transmission is in neutral and you operate a lever on the steering column to fully retard the ignition system and you set the hand throttle which is another lever on the steering column to about 25 per cent open.

Day 1 – Check in and Welcome Event

With not much planned for today, it was a slow start at the caravan park before we headed to the showground. Upon arrival we were directed inside the pavilion to some very nice undercover and concrete parking. A garage like this at home would be everyone's dream (or is that just me). Thankfully it was not a bring your own drip tray event, as everybody was issued cardboard boxes at the door after answering the question "how many will you need?". I better take 2 to be safe. It turns out however that the large trail I left heading to my parking space wasn't oil, but bright red coolant. There was no doubt in anyone's mind which car it came from. It looks like I was running just a little bit hot, with my brand-new MotoMeter also showing red in the area where it shouldn't be. A quick check showed my fan belt had slipped off and had some damage. It's ok they said, you can buy another one over there. "All good" I said, "I am carrying 3 in the back". While this would have normally been a quick repair, as most of you would know as soon as you grab some tools and lift the bonnet you are sure to attract everyone's attention who wants stops for a look and a chat.

With the repairs all complete, and now also checked in with rally packs in hand, it was back to the caravan park for a quiet afternoon. That evening we headed back to the showground, this time in the modern car, for the evenings welcome event. My modern car felt a little privileged when it was also allowed to park inside the pavilion. After a formal welcome from several members of the organising committee and some important information communicated (don't forget my rally mug or I can't have coffee, and I do need my morning coffee) the food started to roll out. It is always one of those things as to whether I am looking for the local fast food on the way back to my room after the event, but I have to say for this event the food was plentiful.

Day 2 – Narromine Aviation Museum and Trangie (194 km)

Today was the first of the big drive days for the rally. Starting with a short drive into town and through the carpark of the Dubbo Tourist Information Centre, this would mark the beginning of each days run. Our handy rally book provided the detailed route instructions from this point.



It was a nice drive out to Narromine Aviation Museum, even with the recent rains that had left some washed-out areas of road and potholes. We only witnessed the road try to swallow a car once as it passed through a causeway filled with shallow muddy water. This car had decided to take the middle of the road and proceeded to appear to fall into a significantly large hole hidden by the murky water. It did emerge from the other side, but as we had seen the car in front of them previously opt to stay left and find a clear path, we thought it best to stick to the left as well.

Arriving at Narromine Aviation Museum we headed inside for morning tea, and a visit into the museum itself. The slow drive across the grass had started to see the Moto-Meter again creeping up in temperature, and a quick check of the fan belt indeed it had again been thrown off. With a quick loosen and slip back on, this time I proceeded to nip it up just that little bit tighter. The bearing in my fan does have little bit of wobble, but never fear, I have a brand new one of those back at the Caravan Park as well if I need it.

Departing the Narromine Aviation Museum, we continued down the road to Trangie for lunch. Parking in the main street, lunch was served in the Trangie United Services Memorial Club. After a quick wander down the street and watching every second person try to enter the local Salvo's for a peek (they are closed on Monday's, unfortunate with so many people in town) we headed back on into Dubbo to put the cars to bed for evening.



Above Right—5th April 1930. Hundreds of cars line the road during the first Narromine Air Pageant, which features 21 aircraft and attracts 9,000 paying spectators over the weekend.





Day 3 – Wellington Caves and Wellington (195 km)

Even with the threat of some rain and thunderstorms today, it turned out to be a pretty good day. After a little bit of rain overnight and a slight shower on our way out to the caves, it was a great drive on the back roads with minimal traffic and able to set our own pace. While the pothole trend continued, we thankfully managed to miss everything bigger than a slight bump.

After a quick morning tea at the caves, we joined up with our tour to head on down into the Cathedral Cave. There isn't much to say other than, it was a cave, it was big, it was wet, and if you didn't pay attention to where you were walking, you wouldn't be standing upright anymore. While there was a few "that was close" moments by some on the tour, thankfully everyone managed to stay on their two feet. It was very spectacular though and I would recommend it to anyone visiting the area.

There seemed to be a consensus going around that the pub in Wellington was a pretty good place for lunch, so you can only guess where we ended up. Quite a few of our own rally group ended up there, including Scott Harris and Denise Cherry, Rob and Beth Wooley, David and Deidre Robinson (+ family), and Roy Bendall.

The drive back into Dubbo was just as good as this morning, and knowing the roads were again long and in not too bad condition, this was a good chance to give my Mum some Model T driving lessons / experience. It's not the first time she has driven but has been quite a while and we could probably count the total times still on one hand. We made it back without any scary moments, so she gets top marks.



Day 4 – Dundullimal Homestead and Public Display at Dubbo Showground (22km)

A short run today, only just down the road to Dundullimal Homestead. Scott Harris's car however decided in the last 50 metres before the parking area that it didn't want to get over the slight rise in the driveway. After running the battery flat trying to get the engine started again, and again having no luck starting using a jump battery pack either, it was destined for a trailer ride back to the caravan park.

Departing Dundullimal Homestead just before lunch time, it was back to the Dubbo Showground for a public display afternoon. Again, we were parked inside the large undercover pavilion, which is just as well, as the skies decided to open and provide a considerable amount of rain. The rain on the metal sheet roof would continually get heavier and ease off as if to tease everyone it might be stopping, but it was not yet the case. With the radar images looking like it would eventually clear, just as 3pm passed marking the end of the display the sun reappeared giving a much more pleasant drive for us back to the caravan park. Back at the caravan park we found Scott Harris with his distributor pulled apart, and with a visit to a local welder and a few power tools later, it was back on the road ready for the next days run.





Day 5 – Collie and Gilgandra (180km)

The weather was looking promising today, which was good as there was another long run planned. We started the day with a nice drive out to the Collie Hotel for morning tea. With some long stretches of road it was time for another driving lesson. As soon as I handed over the wheel we started to encounter an increasing number of causeways with water present. Lets just say low and slow were the rules, particularly after seeing one almost swallow a car in front. We did manage to find a few nice submerged holes ourselves, but thankfully while only moving through them at water pace.

After morning tea we continued on to Gilgandra for lunch, with our next stop at the Gilgandra Museum. There were just a few things on display, as you can see in the photos below.



Day 6 – Dubbo Boondocks Run and Sandy Beach Picnic

It was a short run today to finish off the weeks' driving, with a loop around the local surrounding neighbourhood before heading back into the middle of Dubbo to stop at Sandy Beach for a picnic.

A beach in Dubbo you say? According to National Geographic a simple definition of beach is "a narrow strip of land separating a body of water from inland areas. Beaches are usually made of sand, tiny grains of rocks and minerals", so that patch of sand against the river I guess technically does qualify as a beach. We have a few of those here in Canberra too on our lakes, but I don't think you will ever get me swimming in them.

Arriving at "the beach" I received a phone call from Scott Harris, who had broken down on his run back into Dubbo. After dropping Mum off so she didn't miss out on morning tea, I headed back out to pick up Scott and take him back to the caravan park to pick up his modern car and trailer. His T almost made it to the end of the rally, which is better than early in a rally which has been my luck lately. What was initially thought to be a problem with the Ruckstell Axle, upon returning to Canberra turned out to be sheared off wheel bolts.

With the weeks runs now over, it was a flurry of trailer activity back at the Caravan Park with everybody getting loaded up ready to depart tomorrow, but not before tonight's presentation dinner. The presentation dinner was back at the Dubbo Showground again, which turned out to be an excellent venue for many parts of this rally. While I was hoping to get lucky in the raffle and bring myself home a new Z Head for my car, Scott did manage to win a \$100 gift voucher which would help toward those upcoming repairs.



Did you know?

As you are hopefully aware of by now, next year will see our club host the 2023 National Veteran Vehicle Tour in Griffith, NSW beginning on Monday 2nd October. Prior to this however, is the Good Old Days Festival just outside of Griffith in Barellan, NSW which is being organised as a pre-event to the tour for those interested. It will be held on Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October.

With the 2022 Good Old Days Festival event having just been held, it roared back to life after a two-year hiatus and set a new single day attendance record as one of the nation's biggest gatherings of draught animals. More than 10,000 visitors from every Australia state soaked up the sunshine at the local showgrounds to enjoy, learn and experience Australia's authentic pioneer heritage.

A crowd of this many is quite impressive, given the population of Barellan according to the 2021 Census was only 459 people; a decrease over the 2016 Census which was 538.

The most experienced teamsters in the country assembled to showcase horses, camels, bullocks, donkeys and goats all in harness and hauling wagons, ploughs, water carts, buggies, sleds, sulkies and timber jinkers.

A festival highlight was the committee's own original Bennett wagon loaded with hay bales and drawn by a composite team of 23 Clydesdales and Australian Draught horses.

If you plan on coming to our National Veteran Vehicle Tour next year (or even if you are not), consider coming out to Good Old Days Festival beforehand.



MINUTES OF MEETING VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (ACT) 17 AUGUST, 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:32pm. Acting President Chris Hogan (Both President Rob Woolley and Vice President Darrell Leemhuis were unable to come to the meeting). Chris welcomed everyone “back to Shannons” and also thanked Darrell and Peter Leemhuis for allowing the Club to use their office as a meeting room for the past two years.

Attendance: Members: 15, Apologies: 4, Guests: 1 (Glenn Campbell).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Accepted – Moved: Chris Hogan, Seconded: Rick McDonough.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Correspondence In:

- Email from NSW Council of Heritage Motor Clubs re historic and classic registration schemes. Sent to members.
- Email from Darrell re costs for clothing including the Club logo.

Correspondence Out:

- Email re mid-week coffee on Thursday 4th August.
- Emails re the passing of Les Robinson and a further email re the funeral arrangements.
- Sympathy card to Robinson family re the passing of Les Robinson.
- Email notifying members that the August meeting will be held back at Shannons meeting room – no longer at Darrell’s office.
- Email to members re Presentation day at Gold Creek Station on Sunday 18th September including costs and final payment date etc.
- Email re weekend in Braidwood to visit Antony Davies property – Friday 18th November to Monday 21st November. Club to join in with the Sunbeam Talbot Darracq Register.
- Email re Club run on Sunday 21st August. Organized by Chris Hogan.
- Email to members re costs for clothing including Club logo.
- Email re mid-week coffee on Thursday 1st September.

Secretary’s report accepted – Moved: Nick Nowak, Seconded: Scott Harris.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Balance: General account – amount tabled.

Claims: \$48-43 for Carol Nowak for Club expenses including stamps, biscuits and postage. Treasurer will process.

Treasurer, John Cadona, talked about costs relating to the recent Club trip to the Cooma Car Museum. The lunch was subsidized by \$5 per head. John said that he had paid the amount subsidized and did not want a refund. Thanks John.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Editor Mathew Spackman was unable to attend tonight and Secretary Nick Nowak reported for Mathew - "the Edwardian will be out in the coming days. Just a few finishing touches to be made".

WEBMASTER

Mathew again through Nick – "testing out the use of online forms for the Presentation lunch. Only a few entries so far, but no problems reported. If anyone has any comments or feedback please let Mathew know. Currently working on a larger form for the National Veteran Tour entries next year.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Carol Nowak reported 62 fully paid up members. Carol had seven Club beanies for sale – she sold one.

EVENTS REPORT

- Chris Hogan spoke about next Sunday's run starting at the "Friendly Grocer" in Spence. Chris has discovered that several of the proposed roads for the run from Spence to Sutton are damaged due to recent rains. He will discuss a new route at coffee at Spence. Nick to send out a reminder on Thursday.
- Thursday 1st September is the next mid-week coffee get-together at "Two before Ten" Café in Aranda.
- Sunday 18th September – Club Presentation Lunch at Gold Creek. Nick said he would like names and payment as soon as possible. He will send out a reminder shortly. John Cadona mentioned that members, if they would like to, can visit a friend of John's living in Hall at 10-30 to 11am before lunch to view a large collection of Ferrari's. Notification of address etc. nearer the day. Members should also note that they are welcome to attend the lunch in period clothing. This will enable the Club to award the "Rob & Beth Woolley Edwardian Trophy" (for the member, couple or family who are judged to be the most appropriately dressed in period costume at the Club's annual Edwardian Day) next year.
- October 23rd – Possible Club run to visit Terry and Glenda Davis' home in Bungendore. Nick to contact Terry and confirm (Peter Leemhuis' property will not be ready for our old cars this year).
- November 18th to 21st - Club has been invited by fellow member Antony Davies to join in a planned weekend visiting Antony's Braidwood property in conjunction with the Sunbeam, Talbot, Darracq Register. Members have been advised. Nick will send out a reminder nearer the time. Chris Hogan advised that some members may only be able to attend for one or two days. Antony has advised Chris that Sunday 20th would be the best day for any members who can attend for one day.
- Sunday 4th December – Club Pancake breakfast. The breakfast will be held at John Cadona's timber yard in Fyshwick (suitable whatever the weather).
- Wednesday 14th December – Club evening dinner at Hotel Kingston. John Cadona has made a booking. Names of members attending will be sought nearer the time.
- Chris asked whether or not members would like to continue with the January "gelato ice-cream evening" which has been held for the past two or three years. Members think it should continue in the same format.
- Nick and Chris were asked about the National Veteran Vehicle Tour in October next year. Neither Rob Woolley nor Mathew Spackman were available and it was agreed that Rob will be asked to talk about the Tour at the September General meeting.

Chris spoke about the annual Shannons Wheels Show, to be held in Queanbeyan next year on Sunday 25th February 2023. He said that our Club hasn't had a good representation over the past few years and that he feels that it should make a real effort to attend next year. Members were in agreement. Members to be notified about the Cooma Motorfest to be held on Saturday 5th November.

Chris said that there will be a car show held by the Goulburn Club on Saturday 26th November to raise money to fight cancer. He mentioned also the pre '31 Rally in Cowra on 5, 6 & 7th May 2023, the Land Rover meet in Cooma next Easter and a Chev rally next year. Wagga also holds a small rally each year.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Librarian Roy Bendall was happy to be back at Shannons and will see if he needs to do anything with the library.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Nick has carried out several rego's in the previous month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Chris welcomed guest Glenn Campbell to our Club meeting. Glenn formerly lived in Canberra, but for many years now, has lived in Coffs Harbor. He is looking to buy a place back in Canberra to be near family as well as retaining his current home. Glenn has 1917 "T Model Ford and a 1930 Willys 98b which he proposes to relocate in Canberra. He is looking at joining our Club. In reply Chris asked members to introduce themselves and say what old vehicles they owned (both restored and un-restored). This idea worked well and gave Glenn a good idea as to what members have.
- Roy Bendall mentioned that he received a "strange" email recently which included names of a few of our members. Roy didn't open the email and warned members to be careful.
- Bill Atkinson said the Bob McGuire's recently sold Fiat was for sale again (in Melbourne). Chris thinks the owner is asking for around \$20,000.

Meeting Closed: 8:18pm.

After Meeting Activity: No speaker tonight.

MINUTES OF MEETING VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (ACT) 21 SEPTEMBER, 2022

Location: Shannons Insurance at Unit 20/2 Yallourn St, Fyshwick

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm by President Rob Woolley

Attendance: Members: 14, Apologies: 1, Guests: 1 (Betty Cherry).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Accepted – Moved: Don Doering, Seconded: Rick McDonough.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Correspondence In:

- Email received from Rob McGuire (Robert's son) re auction details for his father's remaining tools and car parts.

Correspondence Out:

- Congratulations card sent to Glen & Alex Robinson on the birth of their baby daughter.
- Several emails re Presentation Day lunch.
- Various magazines
- Several emails to the Horseless Carriage Club of America re a lost in the mail magazine.
- Email sent to members re Rob McGuire's tools and parts.
- Emailed info re Cooma Motorfest to members.
- Email to Terry & Glenda to visit to their home in Bungendore for the October Club run.
- Email to Rick McDonough to prepare Certificates for Trophy winners.
- Sympathy card sent to Cowra Club members Jim and Christine Hatton re the passing of their son Aaron.
- Sympathy card sent to Ian Irwin and family re the passing of Ian's wife Ida.

Secretary's report accepted - Moved: Nick Nowak, Seconded: Roy Bendall.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance: General Account – Amount tabled.

The Club Presentation Day Lunch was held last weekend. Rob advised that the Club would receive an account for the lunch shortly. The Club discounted the cost to members by \$15 per head. The account to pay will be somewhere around \$1500 to \$1600.

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Moved: John Cadona, Seconded: Gerard Frawley.

(Note - Not mentioned at the meeting was the cost of engraving on Club trophies for presentation to Club winners at the recent Presentation lunch. Nick paid \$188-00 for engraving and received a refund from the Treasurer several weeks ago).

EDITOR'S REPORT

Mathew Spackman had nothing to report and advised that he had commenced work on the next Edwardian magazine.

WEBMASTER

Mathew advised that work on the Club Website was ongoing and that he had no problems at present.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Carol Nowak advised that the Club had 62 paid up members. Carol also said that the Club can expect to have a further two new members shortly.

EVENTS REPORT

Nick mentioned that the next mid-week coffee get-together will be held at Silk Café in Fyshwick on Thursday 6th October. He will notify members.

Events Director, Darrell Leemhuis, talked about Club events for the remainder of the year:

- Sunday 23rd October – Run to Terry and Glenda Davis' home in Bungendore for a picnic lunch and to have a look at Terry's cars and Glenda's garden,
- 18th to 21st November – That Club members are invited to Antony Davies Braidwood property to join in with the Sunbeam, Talbot, Darracq Register who are holding a three day rally in the Braidwood district including several events at Antony's property 18 kms out of Braidwood. Several members have indicated that they will attend the whole weekend whilst others will attend for one or possibly two days.
- Sunday 4th December – Club pancake breakfast to be held at John Cadona's timber business in Fyshwick. Pancakes to be made by the Hogan and Robinson families.
- Wednesday 14th December – Club Christmas evening dinner to be held at the Hotel Kingston. John Cadona has made a booking.

Darrell also mentioned that the Club will continue its annual "gelato ice-cream" evening in Manuka in early January.

Sunday 25th February will be the Shannons Wheels show in Queanbeyan for all older vehicles. It is proposed that our Club attempt to put on a good show next year.

Saturday 5th November – Cooma Motorfest – several members may attend.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Nick advised that he had contacted the Horseless Carriage Club of America regarding a "lost" magazine (Nov/Dec 2022). The replacement is on its way from the US. Librarian Roy Bendall will have last year's copies of both Horseless Carriage and the Model T Ford magazines bound for the Club library when the magazine turns up.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Rob has been quite busy with Rego's. Nick has done one or two.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting was informed that Roger Amos (Canberra Antique & Classic Car Club) had been elected as President of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.

Rob and Darrell spoke about Club insignia for shirts and sew-on patches for jackets and overalls etc. The Club is required to purchase a minimum number if anyone desires patches. Rob and/or Darrell will look into purchasing the minimum number. Permission was granted to proceed in this matter. Rob/Darrell to arrange for details to be placed in the "Edwardian".

Meeting Closed: 7:48pm

After Meeting Activity: Rob gave a talk about the 2023 National Veteran Tour in Griffith NSW being organized by our Club and where things were at. Rob mentioned that he and several Tour Committee Members were meeting with the Griffith Mayor, Griffith Council members and the Griffith Tourist Bureau in early October. Matters were progressing along nicely with over 110 expressions of interest already received.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (ACT) 21 SEPTEMBER, 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:50pm by President Rob Woolley

Attending: 14 Members, 1 Apology, 1 Guest (Betty Cherry).

Returning Officer – Darrell Leemhuis

Secretary – Nick Nowak

Copies of the minutes for the 2021 AGM held on 18th August 2021 were emailed to members on Friday 16th September 2022.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rob will prepare a report to be printed in the next Edwardian magazine. Rob did however mention that overall the Club was functioning well and that regular monthly events were well attended. Rob thanked the Committee and the many Club members for their work and input over the past 12 months.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Cadona distributed his financial report for the past 12 months and said that the Club was in a great financial position. John also distributed the Auditor's Report confirming that the Club financial statements were properly drawn up. The Auditor, Col McPherson, is very happy with the way the Club keeps its records. Col did not charge the Club for the audit.

Account Balances as at 30th June 2022:

General Account \$3,641.00

Rally Account \$10,300.00,

Investment Account \$29,000.00.

Report: John Cadona moved that the report be accepted – Seconded: Carol Nowak.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Rob Woolley declared all Committee positions vacant and asked the Vice President, Darrell Leemhuis, to act as Returning Officer. Members were asked for nominations:

- President - Rob Woolley, Nominated - Carol Nowak, Seconded - Rick McDonough. All in favour – Yes.
- Secretary – Gerard Frawley, Nominated – Nick Nowak, Seconded – Darrell Leemhuis, All in favour – Yes.
- Membership Secretary – Carol Nowak, Nominated – Nick Nowak, Seconded: Bob Courtney. All in favour- Yes.
- Vice President - Darrell Leemhuis (last outgoing President).
- Editor – Mathew Spackman, Nominated – Darrell Leemhuis, Seconded – Roy Bendall. All in favour – Yes.
- Treasurer – John Cadona, Nominated – Rob Woolley, Seconded – Gerard Frawley, All in favour- Yes.
- Vice President - Darrell Leemhuis (last outgoing President).

- Editor – Mathew Spackman, Nominated – Darrell Leemhuis, Seconded – Roy Bendall. All in favour – Yes.
- Webmaster – Mathew Spackman, Nominated – Carol Nowak, Seconded – Geoff Nicholas, All in favour - Yes.
- Events Director – Darrell Leemhuis, Nominated – Don Doering, Seconded – Rick McDonough, All in favour – Yes.
- After Meeting Activities – Rick McDonough, Nominated – Rob Woolley, Seconded – Roy Bendall, All in favour - Yes.
- Inspection/Compliance Officers: Rob Woolley, Nick Nowak and Roger Gottlob (fixed positions).
- Club Registrar – Rob Woolley – Permanent Appointment (until surrendered).
- Dating Officers: Ian Irwin, Greg Spackman, Rob Woolley, Bill Atkinson. Continuing appointment.
- Librarian – Roy Bendall, Nominated – Gerard Frawley, Seconded – Don Doering, All in favour - Yes.
- Public Officer: Beth Woolley – Nominated – Carol Nowak, Seconded – Geoff Nicholas, All in favour - Yes.
- Council Delegates – President Rob Woolley & Vice President Darrell Leemhuis. The President and Vice President are automatically appointed as Council Delegates.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Rob Woolley spoke about the successful Presentation Lunch held on 18th September 2022. Rob also read out the Trophy winners for 2021/2022. A report will be prepared for the Edwardian magazine.
- 1 - Wheeler-Reece Shield for the best restoration of a Veteran vehicle. The winners were Antony Davies for the extensive mechanical restoration of his 1912 Sunbeam and Jim Kennedy also for the extensive mechanical restoration of his 1914 Hupmobile.
- 2 – Murdoch McDonald Trophy for the Club member(s) who have attended the most Club outings throughout the year. The winners are Greg Spackman and Mary Brown in their 1923 Talbot Darracq.
- 3 – Incentive Trophy for the member(s) who have attended the most Club outings throughout the year in a non-Veteran/Vintage vehicle. The winners are Terry & Glenda Davis.
- 4- Peter Eric Doering Memorial Shield for the best restoration of a Vintage vehicle. The winners are Bill & Robyn Betts with their 1929 Buick.
- 5 – Frank & Beat Lockley Memorial Trophy for the member who has given outstanding service to the Club over the past year. The winner is Mathew Spackman for his work as both Editor and Webmaster.
- 6 – Graham Bennedick Shield for the member(s) who have driven the furthest distance throughout the year in their Veteran car. The winners are David & Deidre Robinson in the 1915 Model Ford and the 1910 Renault.
- 7 – Vintage Touring Trophy for the member(s) who have driven the furthest distance throughout the year in their Vintage car. The winners are Bruce & Kathy Booby in their 1928 Chev.

Rob mentioned also that the Rob & Beth Woolley Edwardian Trophy and the Barry Roberts and Ian Irwin Motor Skills Trophy were not awarded this year.

Rick McDonough asked why the AGM was being held in September this year and not in the usual month of August? Nick explained that both President Rob and Vice President Darrell would be unable to attend the meeting if it had been held in August. Approval was granted at the July General Meeting to move the AGM to September.

Nick retired as Secretary after quite a few years. Rob thanked Nick for his work.

AGM MEETING CLOSED – 8:04pm



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