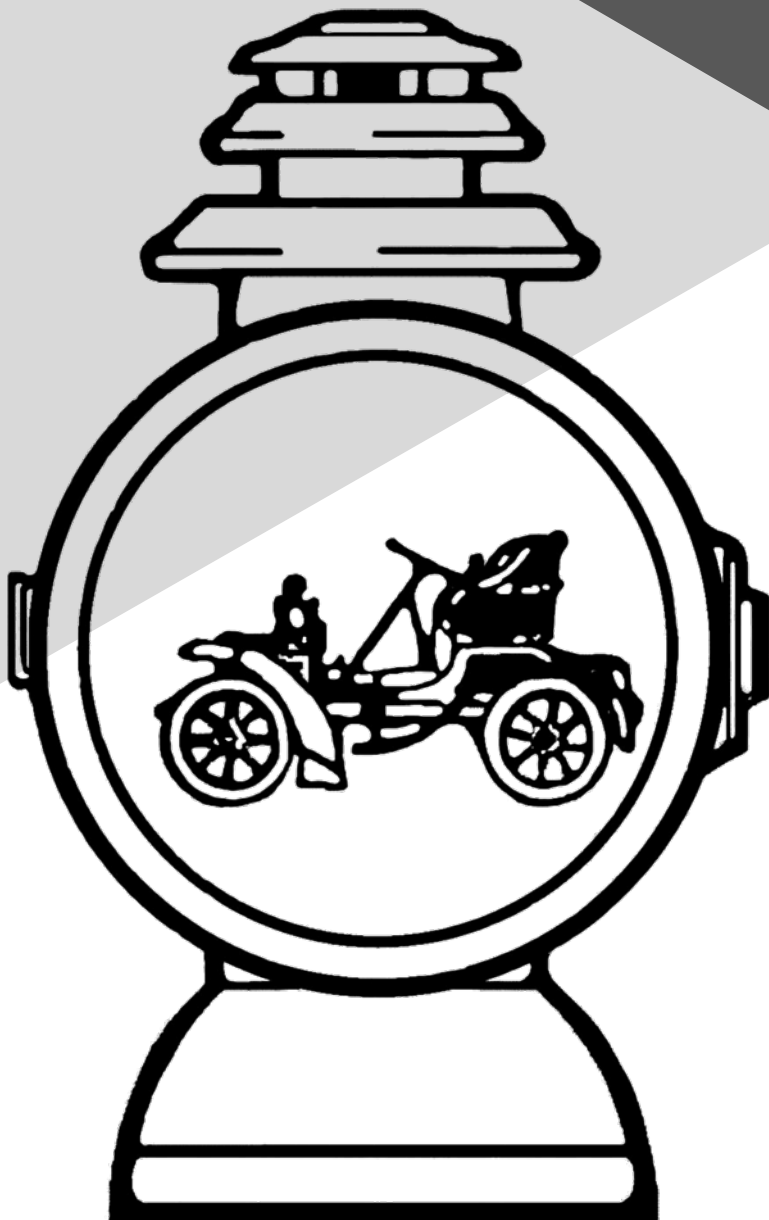


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March 2023



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MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Friday of each month at our temporary location; the Rugby League Clubrooms, McDonalds Park, 150 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga. All members, guests and visitors are welcome.

CLUB EVENTS

Club events are held on various days during the year. Please check the "Coming Events" section of this newsletter for details. For all events it is necessary to complete your log book

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS

The Club's Statement of Objects is as follows:

For the association of persons interested in Veteran, Vintage, Classic and Post Classic motor vehicles.

To encourage the restoration, preservation, use and display of these vehicles and associated literature, films, photographs, tape recordings and video tapes.

To demonstrate the capabilities of these vehicles by engaging in competitions including economy trials, regularity runs, observation events, motorkhanas, concourse competitions and vehicle rallies.

To encourage goodwill, friendship, and communication between members of this Club, and between members of this Club and all other persons, clubs and associations having like Objectives

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING 3rd MARCH 2023

Held at Rugby Rooms Wagga

Meeting opened by V. President R. LeLievre at

7.35pm

PRESENT : 14

APOLOGIES: 9

VISITORS: 1

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by J. Clout 2nd C. Rainbird that the minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 3rd Feb and as read at the March 2023 Meeting be accepted. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

*The All Days & Onions has passed for rego

CORRESPONDENCE IN

*Chiltern Cancer Cruise April 2nd

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

*To Miss Wagga Committee

BUSINESS FROM CORRESPONDENCE

*Invites are with John Rockliff

TREASURERS REPORT

C. Billingham moved that the report as tabled be accepted 2nd B. Smith Carried

Contents Insurance due in March, this will be reviewed after we move into new rooms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGISTRATION:

Peter Jope has registered his Jag.

Cole's Corolla is a new rego.

Their Studebaker went to Griffith and the Celica to Melbourne.

RALLY:

Phil gave an update, with badges and trophies being ordered. Voting process has been sorted. Locals need to get their entry forms in. 71 entries to date.

GENERAL

*Chris reported that Morrie runs like a British car

*Graham reported that the Yarra Glen truck show great 30-40 buses on show, a large number of trucks and cars as well. Well worth going.

RELOCATION

Hold up due to an engineering problem, Time frame late July

EVENTS

PAST

Gundagai Truck & Tractor Show

Strawberries and cream

Rob's shed day

COMING EVENTS

Temora Museum Day 11th March

Clout's Museum run 12th March

Midweek run 15th March

Jindera Swap 26th March

Please check COMING EVENTS for more info

Meeting Closed 8.17pm

Secretary

Janelle Clout

CLUB ROOMS UPDATE

The Club rooms are starting to take shape. Despite the most current delay, structural steel going in, rear awning area has the frame up. The Fascias have started, and it won't be long till windows and cladding start appearing.



These photos were taken on the 29th of February 2023, Courtesy of Louis Debono

VISIT TO STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM

A Sunday run on the 5th February 2023

We met at the north end car park of the Equex centre 9:15 am. A great roll up, 40 attended and the weather was beautiful.



Due to roadworks at the end of Copland Street we had a slight detour to commence our drive, and no one got lost, so that was a good start. Our run took us over Eunony Bridge, Byrnes Rd, even found Hillary Street, through North Wagga, onto Travers St and then followed the road along the river to end up at Bidgee Strawberries and Cream Cafe in Billagha Street.



If you are driving by and notice some progress I will gladly accept photos for Reflection so that we can report back to all members.

This venue is very spacious, friendly staff, good selection of enticing delights and very enjoyable coffee / drinks.



Eleven of our Members attended, and Geoffrey Holgate and Phil Mullins from the Engine Club took over the Robey Traction Engine For a running public display and they also put it on the resistance sled to show the power of this mighty machine.



Well worth a visit if you haven't found it, open 9:30 - 3 :30 daily. You can pick your own strawberries, or even go on a guided tour. Think all that attended this day enjoyed been out and about in the countryside. Look forward to our next outing.

Contributed Pam T

THE GUNDAGAI TRACTOR PULL, TRUCK SHOW AND SHINE

The Gundagai Tractor Pull, Truck Show and Shine along with a swap meet was held at the Gundagai Showgrounds on the 25th February.

Numerous Vintage tractors of all shapes and sizes competed in the event. A large number of restored trucks, small stationary engines were also on display along with many car clubs attending. A great annual event put on by the Gundagai Museum.



Ian Grainger delivering the concrete

“I've waited a long time due to difficulties with current Council and Planning regulations which was/ is a very drawn-out procedure.

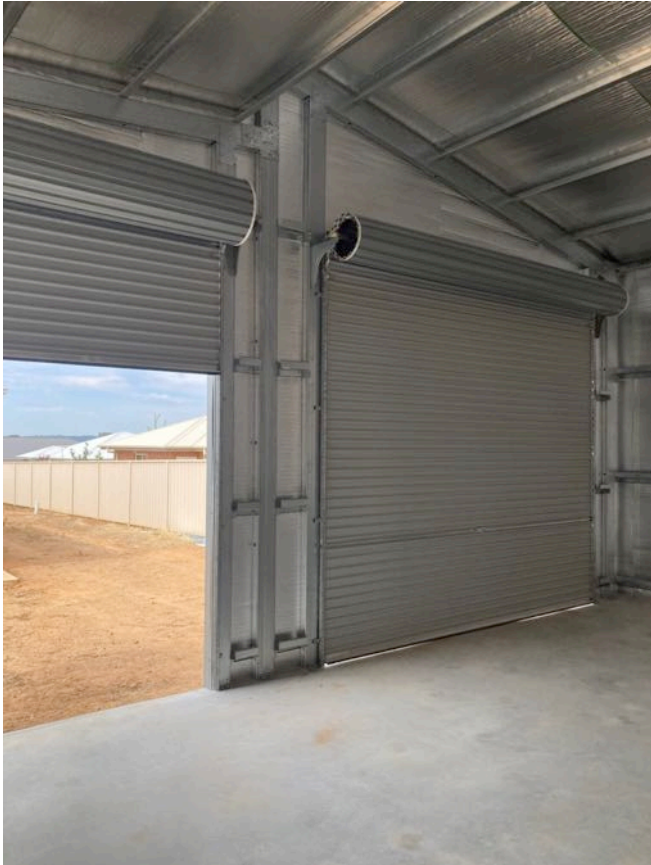
The next step after approval has been the availability of Concreters and Plumbers, crikey talk about a busy building industry in Wagga at the moment and I believe it's going to continue for a while due to Wagga's rapid expansion and approvals.

Anyway, the Slab and plumbing went down just prior to Christmas and Shed construction started in early February and is now complete. Next step is the approach driveway, build a toilet wall and put together the first thing that I purchased, a new 2 post hoist, now the fun bits start happening. I think the Ford is gonna like it's new Home.”

ROCKY'S NEW SHED

If you have been to any meetings over the past year or so, you are bound to have heard the saga of Rocky's shed! Well here it is, finished.

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Inside the shed

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Completed!

Contributed Rocky

GENERAL INTEREST STORY

Story originated in the Western Telegraph, County Newspaper for Pembrokeshire in Wales

November, 2022

Author Ruth Davies, who has kindly allowed us to republish this story here.

TESSA AND TIM WIN FRENCH CAR RALLY IN 100-YEAR-OLD HUMBER



Tessa and Tim heading off in 2022. Image Tessa Pearson

Two old flames from the 1970s have re-kindled the magic of an iconic Continental motoring rally.

Tessa Pearson and Tim Davies donned 1920s garb aboard a century-old Humber car to drive in the recent Paris to Deauville run which they first took part in back in 1979.



The pair dressed in style for the event. Image Tessa Pearson

And to their delight, the pair were announced the winners of the event.

Tessa, 84, from Saundersfoot and Tim, 78, from Kilgetty, have a friendship going back half a century.

During their six-year relationship in the 1970s, they took Tim's Humber car across the Channel to the rally.



Tessa and Tim in the Humber over 40 years ago. Image Tessa Pearson

After Tessa's husband, Jeff, sadly died in January, Saundersfoot garage proprietor Tim called round to offer his condolences.

Tessa felt that his suggestion of a rally re-visit was just the tonic she needed.

"I said 'how fantastic!' and we just went for it," said Tessa.

"We weren't quite as daring as in the '70s, when we auto-railed the car to the south of France and drove all the way up to Paris.

"This time we put the Humber on a trailer to Portsmouth in case it broke down and then drove straight to Deauville where we took part in three

days of events – mainly driving around the streets with people waving at us.

“And at the end of it all, Tim and I are still good friends!”



Spectators in Deauville cheered Tessa and Tim along the route. Image: Tessa Pearson

“The final day was the judging, when they took into account the condition of the car, the way competitors were dressed and their overall story of how they came to the rally.

“Of course they were aware of our tale, and I think that tipped it in our favour.”

The Mayor of Deauville presented Tessa and Tim with a silver salver to commemorate their win, and cheering crowds in the town square acknowledged their success.

What a great story! From Wales, UK to Deauville, France to Wagga Wagga NSW, AU Veteran and Vintage Motor Club Magazine.

The two Humber restorers in the club may not be driving when their vehicles are 100 years old, but they have grand plans to drive to Perth when the restorations are complete!

ROBS WORKSHOP / SOCIAL DAY

Chris’s Morrie is complete, registered and on the road. Doesn’t she look good parked out the front of the meeting rooms at our December meeting.



Crowds gathered around the 100-year-old Humber to celebrate its rally triumph. Image: Tessa Pearson

“We were delighted to go back, and winning was the icing on the cake,” said Tessa. “I wouldn’t say it was a holiday, but it was an experience I would not have missed for anything.

The Kellys writing desk



Earlier on in 2022 the Kellys took on a woodworking project courtesy of John Rockliff. The old writing desk had belonged to his Father, and his Father before him. Unfortunately we didn't get a before photo, but we are pretty happy with the end result, and hope it continues on for many more years.



An old man was sitting in a truck stop eating a meal when three tough looking bikers walked in.

As they passed the old man, the first biker pushed his cigarette into the old man's pie. Then laughed and took a seat at the counter. The second biker picked up the old man's milk and spat into it. The third biker turned over the old man's plate before joining the others.

Without saying a word to the laughing bikers, the old man put his money down, got up and left the diner. One of the bikers said to the waitress, "Not much of a man, was he?" The waitress replied, "Not much of a truck driver either. He just backed his rig over three motorcycles."

Contributed Ian H

A HISTORY OF AUTOMOTIVE PAINT, PART 1

PRE-1900 TO EARLY 1900S

When vehicles were first invented, modern auto paints were simply not available. Instead, people handpainted their cars using brushes and paint that they could purchase at their local stores. Because the paint faded and flaked away very quickly, many people would repaint their cars every year. Around 1900, automakers used the same varnishes that were used for carriages. Applying paint could take as long as 40 days for each vehicle, and after it dried, it had to be sanded and polished.



It was the painting department in the Ford plant that held up production, therefore providing motivation for a better, faster system.

This caused a bottle neck on any car plant production line and was motivation for the development of a faster drying paint specifically designed for automobiles - DuPont's "Duco" paint (nitro cellulose). This new coating technology made a significant change in productivity by reducing the painting and drying time from many days to a few hours.

Being a lacquer, this coating dried (merely through solvent evaporation) in about two hours. Some formulation development work by the paint chemists found that this new synthetic lacquer resin provided an excellent basis for a paint that had improved appearance, toughness, and durability versus natural oil resin paints, and also could be easily pigmented with a wide variety of color pigments, besides just black! After a couple of years of testing, in 1924 General Motors introduced the use of Duco finishes on almost their entire automotive line.



1925 Chevrolet

Nitrocellulose paint was highly productive and had a much shorter drying time than the older varnishes, but the final coating required polishing to achieve high gloss.

There is a family interest in Automotive paints, but I do hope that some of the club members find the history interesting. Part 2 will follow in the April edition of Reflection.

Editor



GET IT OUT & GET IT GOING

Coming Events – Events Calendar - 2023

POINTS SCORE

BONUS POINTS

WOULD MEMBERS WHO ARE INTENDING TO ATTEND AN EVENT PLEASE NOTIFY THE SOCIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR BY EITHER PHONE OR EMAIL, HOPING YOUR NAME MAY ENTICE OTHER MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

CLUB EVENTS

Sunday 12th March 2023 Numbers please required	Janelle Clout 0418 253 010	A Guided tour of the Wagga Railway Station Museum, Cost is \$5.00 pp. Meet at 9.00 am Clout's house for Morning tea, corner of Railway St and Richard St Wagga. When the tour is over, back to Clout's for a BBQ.	1	1
Wednesday 15 th March	Pam Tarlinton 0429 966 684	MID WEEK RUN Log Book entry. Meet at 0900am in front of Co Op in Moorong Street for a full day mystery run to a District small School. Please advise if attending by 12th March.	1	2
Monday 27 th March 2023	Secretary, Janelle 0418 253 010	Committee Meeting 5.45pm, Rugby League Rooms, 150 Copland Street East Wagga.		
Tuesday 28 th March 2023	Rob Le Lievre 0419 445 625	Robs Social Day 10 Willow Tree Place, Springvale. 9:30am start. Bring your own morning tea and lunch and whatever project you wish to work on.	1	1
Friday 31 st March 2023	Secretary, Janelle 0418 253 010	General Meeting 7.30pm, Rugby League Rooms, 150 Copland Street East Wagga. Please bring a plate for supper NB This is one week earlier than usual due to Easter	1	1
Sunday 2 nd April	John Rockliff 0428 254 009	The Proud and Polished Car and Motorcycle Club, have invited our Club to join them on the Green at Downside Recreation Ground. Entry Gold coin donation. Raffles and food available. OUR CLUB: Meet at Northern Carpark, Equex Centre at 0900am for a 0915 departure to Downside.	2	3

EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST

13 -19th March 2023	Kathryn Bredin 0408 257 042	43rd Annual Corowa Military Swim-in. Biggest Gathering for old Military Vehicles in the Southern Hemisphere. Street Parade Saturday 18th March commencing at 0930 in the Main Street
Fri 17 th – Sun 19 th March 2023		30th Chryslers on the Murray. Online entry is available on the website - www.chryslersonthemurray.com
Saturday 18 th March 2023	0427 276 227	Open Day at the Ganmain Museum. 10am to 4.00pm. Take a step back in time to witness life in Ganmain since 1838. Live displays.
Saturday 1st April 2023	Ray Harrison 0407 145 525	Tarcutta Classic Vehicle Club is holding its inaugural GIRDER FORK RALLY. Motor Cycles must be equipped with Girder Forks to enter. The run is approx. 140 km. Closing date 25th March 2023. John Rockliff has Entry Forms

Sunday 2 nd April 2023		Chiltern Cancer Cruise Car and Bike show. 9.00am to 2pm
7 – 10 April 2023	Ken Andrews 0409386082	Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club inc. 24 th Biennial Easter Vineland Rally. email: carolyngowers@gmail.com
Saturday 22 nd April 2023		Rutherglen Rumble. Car, Bike and Truck show. John Rockliff has an entry form
Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th May 2023	Jim Hatton 0419 975 560	Dinosaur Drivers Register are hosting the Pre 1931 Autumn Tour in Cowra. There is a cut off point for meals (restricted numbers) in mid Feb, so if interested get in soon. John Rockliff has Entry forms. Great Rally.
27 th - 28 th May 2023	John Rockliff 0428254009	46 th Historic Winton - Presented by Austin 7 Club Inc, Victoria. Tickets on sale now. www.historicwinton.org Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla Victoria. A great day/weekend of historic vehicle racing.
SWAP MEETINGS		
Sunday 26 th March 2023	Andrew 0427 218 627	Jindera Swap, Show and Shine 7.00am Start \$5.00 entry
Saturday 13 th May 2023	0417 306 177 (no texts)	GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP MEET Western District Historic Vehicle Club. Gates open 7am – Geelong Showground
LONG TERM PLANS		
		We will post something here when plans are underway

Watch your emails for last minute events and information!

Please remember to fill in your logbook the moment you leave your driveway. (Police & WWVVMC Inc preferred).
It is wise to check all events for cancellations.

The April Monthly meeting has been brought forward one week to the 31st March due to Easter.