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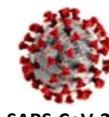
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Father Christmas as a farmer and as a DJ

BACK COVER: Season's Greetings to all Members and
Readers from The Vintage Sports Car Club of
South Australia



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is officially in abeyance, but Members and Readers are invited to submit items for publication; and thereby see their name listed in the panel above this notice—in addition to having the satisfaction of contributing to the enjoyment of the Readers of the journal.

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The Editor is always pleased to receive copy but reserves the right not to publish material which he considers prejudicial to the interests of the Club. The Editor also reserves the right to edit all contributions to maintain an acceptable standard and length.

Preface

This edition of The Vintage Bulletin is the thinnest that the Editor has ever produced. In part, this is due to the lack of material but more importantly has been brought about by other factors. These include tidying the front and back yards at home, complying with Bushfire Prevention requirements at the shack; and readying the house for Christmas lunch. There have also been an extra couple of cricket matches requiring his attention. So, for a time the Car Club has had to take a back seat. That will change in the New Year.

No need to mention the Test Match. Our games are far more interesting. Anyway, the S A Cricket Association has been recruiting new Members; and the numbers exceed the capacity of the ground to seat them ... or so it seems to the Editor. For the first time in his life he left the Adelaide Test at lunch on Day One, having been forced to watch the game on a small screen in one of the kiosks. Not Happy!

There will be an Early Birds' Run in January. Members will receive an email seeking information so that the route chosen will suit the vehicles participating..

In local cricket, the boys are still at the foot of the table on Saturdays. Never mind, they are doing better in the T.20 games on Tuesday evenings. All young, the lads play reflecting the lack of patience apparently characteristic of their generation. It works sometimes!

Anyway, that's what I think.

Meanwhile, I extend Greetings to all Readers
for a Happy, Safe Christmas and New Year.

Wayne Wood

DECEMBER 2025

E and OE Thank You

SA Car Club Programme

The VSCC of SA gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the South Australian Government's Car Club Programme funding provided towards the conduct of the 2025 Down Under London to Brighton Run.

From the Committee

- ◆ Steve Ford is awaiting comments about a “**Buddy System**” to help keep people in touch with the Club whilst unwell or unable to drive.
- ◆ The **Christmas Party** was held on Friday 12th December 2025 in the Clubrooms. It was an enjoyable nearly three hours of fellowship and joviality.
- ◆ **HMVG 2026** now awaiting response from SA United Church Netball Association. However a Council has responded with a suitable venue. **Third Sunday in March as usual. (15th March 2026.)**

- ◆ **COMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2026**

Sunday 11th January	Early Birds' Run
Friday 30th January	Ice cream and Spider Night
Wednesday 18th February	Twilight Run
Sunday 15th March	Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering
Sunday 19th April	Stanton Ohlmeyer Memorial Run
Saturday 9th May	Club Auction and Log Book Day
Sunday 14th June	President's Run
Sunday 19th July	Annual Lunch
Sunday 16th August	Ladies' Day
Sunday 13th September	The Bert Pope
Sunday 25th October	Down Under London to Brighton
Sunday 15th November	Club Picnic
TBA xth December	End of Year Run
Friday 11th December	Christmas Dinner

Planning for Mid-week Runs and General Meeting Activities:

Member input needed. Please give these some thought
for discussion at General Meeting(s).

- ◆ **Thank You** to all who have assisted with and/or participated in 2025's Club activities.

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DUE TO COVID-19, ALL CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE REVIEWED AND CONDUCTED IN THE LIGHT OF GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS AND THE RISK TO MEMBERS.

Coming VASOC Events

GENERAL MEETINGS IN 2026

in the Combined Car Clubs Clubrooms
Clark Avenue, Glandore

Clubrooms open 7.00pm
Formal proceedings 7.30pm

GENERAL MEETING

Friday 30th January 2026

Theme: ICECREAM and SPIDER NIGHT

Then the following (Friday) General Meetings:

28th February 2026	28th March 2026	25th April 2026
30th May 2026	27th June 2026	25th July 2026

More VASOC Events

EARLY BIRDS' RUN

Sunday 11th January 2026

Information to be circulated separately.

6.00am start at Montefiore Hill, North Adelaide.
The route will be designed to take into account
the age of the vehicles attending.



TWILIGHT RUN

Wednesday 18th February 2026



HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE GATHERING

Sunday 15th March 2026



All British Day

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Entries closed Monday 1st December 2025



You may have noticed the theme logo is SU, a well-known and respected British carburettor and fuel pump manufacturer and supplier to many British marques, which will be on display next February.

All British Day 2026 will feature the **Best of British Fords**.



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**The following is the late John Chapman's Editorial
in the December 1996, (Volume 44 Number6),
issue of *The Vintage Bulletin*.**

Just as relevant now as it was then.

"Hello Folks!

The end of another year is upon us and, as usual, your Editor is way behind with his festive preparations so this must, of necessity, be a brief editorial.

It seems to be inevitable, at this time of the year, that the road toll increases in almost direct proportion to the number of people on holiday, and I think that much of this can be attributed to the false sense of security perceived by motorists who drive the modern car.

Almost hermetically sealed from the rush of wind and isolated from the busy mechanical sounds of the engine, the modern motorists rush along the country roads with little to occupy their attention apart from the latest rock music blaring from the cassette player. Lulled into a soporific stupor by the gentle breeze from the air conditioning, and warmed by the sun through the almost horizontal windscreen, it is all too easy to lose that sharpness of reflex so necessary in today's traffic and at today's speeds.



An Editorial by the late John Chapman (cont'd)

The vintage motorists faced none of the dangers of high speeds that beset the modern driver, yet they had so much more to keep them alert. The wind in the hair and the roar of the slipstream. The throaty burble of the vintage exhaust. The rattle and clash of pistons, valves and timing gears. One eye on the oil pressure gauge, another on the speedo or rev counter and yet a third on the road surface ahead in an attempt to spot the shackle-breaking pothole. Hands gripping the wooden steering wheel, the vintage motorist hauled the bonnet mascot round corner after corner, where the modern driver, with power-assisted steering, need only think left or right and the insulated capsule immediately responds to command.

We have the advantage of having driven a real vehicle, rather than a transportation capsule. Let us use this experience to ensure a safer driving experience for ourselves over the Christmas New Year break. Don't become a statistic. Use your vintage driving skills to remain alert and conscious of the other road users around you. Leave the demon drink out of the fuel tank. Give consideration and courtesy to your fellow road users.

May I wish all our readers a Very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Happy Vintage Motoring until next time
John Chapman, Editor"



Letter to Father Christmas



Dear Father Christmas

Last year I expressed my view that the Club seemed to have "run out of puff"; and that "Hopefully 2025 will see greater enthusiasm for Club runs and events; and that interesting General Meetings will be the norm".

Well, matters deteriorated and some members left. However, a new Committee was formed and people stepped up and arranged a series of interesting guest speakers at General Meetings. These were well received and we welcomed members of other clubs who attended. Next year we intend following up with some visits to selected businesses and workshops.

The Down Under London to Brighton Run was one of the best yet, according to many commentators. The weather was perfect too. As in the past, the Veteran Car Club supported us with an interesting contingent of Veteran Vehicles. That was balanced by the 100 year old Vintage cars which are now eligible to participate in the Run. Inclusion of these Vintage vehicles has added interest and new supporters whilst not diminishing the focus on the Veterans.

The Committee is now working to resurrect the Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering to reflect its original intention, which was to show pre-1930 vehicles to the public. In doing so, it recognises that it may be necessary to extend the range to include more modern vehicles. On that score, a number of clubs have committed to support the Gathering in 2026.

I understand that, due to age and ill-health, in 2026 attendances at our Club runs and meetings will be smaller than in the past. Nevertheless I am confident that the Club will continue to function for the benefit of its Members and the Vintage Car movement.

Meanwhile, take precautions against Global Warming up your way and ...

Keep Smiling



Wayne

DECEMBER 2025

A gift from a Son to his Dad



What is it?

Perhaps in place of a pine tree for next year, it could be festooned with lights at Christmas?

Perhaps a light tower for the paddock so that rabbits might be easier to spot from the verandah?

Perhaps worth a few bob as scrap metal?

Perhaps a piece of paddock art?



Christmas
Presents?



From Rex



From Rex:

“Who manufactured this sports car?

A block of Cadbury’s Chocolate for the first one who gets it right.”

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