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STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Note: To participate in any event, eligibility criteria and entry requirements put in place by organisers must be satisfied.

2nd, 3rd and 4th February 2024 - Peter Waddle Rally to be held around Deloraine.

Peter Hawkins - Rally Coordinator - esplanadetransport@gmail.com

9th, 10th, 11th March, 2024 - 67th VCCA Tasmania State Annual Tour

Hosted by the Northern section - registration form included with this edition of Small Torque

Mike and Marion Cassidy, State Tour directors. Contact: phone 0458 944 001

17th - 23rd March 2024 - 1 & 2 Cylinder National Rally - Albany, Western Australia

Please email your Expression of Interest to Bob Henley bobjos89@westnet.com.au

26th May to 1st June 2024 - Horseless Carriage Club of America 8th International Tour -

Tweed Valley NSW - More information here: www.hccasea.org

18th - 23rd November 2024 - The 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally

Launceston, Tasmania. Expressions of interest are now open.

Please head to our website and click on the link to complete your EOI.

Thanks,

Rally Directors - P - 0404 917 366 (Ben) - P - 0448 678 291 (Jill)

N.B. – Please be aware of all current COVID19 restrictions when attending events.

Presidents Prattle December 2023

Big things are happening in the Club with the Ambulance unveiling and it's return home, and more important still is the imminent arrival of Santa Claus. It seems as we get older he comes at least twice as often as he did when we were young. All sections have Christmas functions on so get in there and enjoy the company of other members and friends.

The Ambulance unveiling was a great day, well attended by members, the Tasmanian Ambulance Service, who came with their latest Mercedes ambulance and three of their staff, the Launceston City Council and three generations of the Paine family who's ancestors built it in the first place in 1910. Thank heaven for digital photos as it would have cost a mint to print all the snapshots that were taken on the day. You will find a good coverage on the website, and some more here in Small Torque

It seems that the format of a monthly run to the same destination each time for a coffee, cake and chatter day is proving popular with members as each section now has taken on some variation of this type of event.

Planning for the State Annual Tour is well advanced so keep an eye out in Small Torque and fill in your entry form as soon as practical so the organisers can plan with some idea of numbers likely to be attending. We are also getting further advanced with the National Veteran Tour to be based around Launceston in November next year.

It amazes me how much stock is still being donated to the club spares shed because last week we had a very generous donation of left over stock from a garage that was operating from the fifties till the nineties. It was thought that Alan and Ashley had done the hard part of sorting, cataloguing and adding the parts to the website but they are still being kept busy with logging out all the bits they sell and adding in the new stuff that comes in.

As I have told you before, the Club needs a State secretary and it reflects very badly on us that we are unable to find some-one.

The hassles with Transport and Service Tas over VC rego renewals seems to have been sorted out and you will just need your membership card to prove your eligibility for your VC renewal. The problem of new registrations has also been sorted. It seems the Blue Form needs to state that the vehicle is roadworthy and give vin number or chassis and engine number to meet current requirements. All regos have to be done at Service Tas again just like before covid struck which made Transport allow internet VC registration so as to keep us away from Service Tas counters,

Safe motoring and a Happy Christmas to you all, Joe

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Front Page Photograph

This months front cover photo is the 1929 Dodge 6 Ambulance of Terry and Marie Jones (see story and pictures on page 22)



Back Page Photograph

This months back cover photo is the 1985 BMW Coupe of Wayne Percy and Josie Poke



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2023 SHANNONS

Classic Car Charity Run!



Sunday 3rd December
10.30am till 2.30pm

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Southern Section Events

The Club rooms are open every Wednesday from 12noon, why not join your fellow enthusiasts for a chat and a cuppa.

If you have any items for Small Torque – car related For Sales or Wanted, or stories of your first car, your first restoration etc. or anything you think would be of interest to other enthusiasts - please submit to Section Editor before the 12th of each month.

A reminder also that ALL ITEMS should be submitted through your Section Editor.

WE ALSO NEED IDEAS FOR OUTINGS and RUNS – Have you got a favourite pub for a meal, a picnic spot or just a scenic drive, can you organise a treasure hunt, a quiz or even a mystery run – in fact anything you think will be of interest – contact any Committee member.

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd December – Classics on the Beach

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am. Make your own way there. 1st Sunday of month.

Tuesday 5th December – Committee/General Meeting



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2 Merriworth Road Tea Tree

Committee/General Meeting at the Club Rooms - 7pm for 7.30. Refreshments follow. All welcome.

Wednesday 6th December – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome

Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library - lots of old photos etc. Check the spares shed, new area complete - you may find a part you need.

Sunday 10th December - Richmond Bicentennial

You are invited to bring your club vehicle for a static display on the Richmond Village Green to celebrate the Richmond Bicentenary.

The organising committee have requested that members notify Geoff Williams Ph. 0417 312 377 of their intention to attend. Only those who register will be permitted on the Village Green – all others will need to park in nearby streets.

Numbers required by the 5th December.

Please be at the Village Green by 8.00am for admission.

Sunday 17th December – Christmas Lunch booked at South Arm RSL for 12.30.

\$38 per person for two course traditional Christmas meal. **Names to Roger please before Monday 11th December on 6249 3344.** Make your own way there.

Sunday 17th December – “Coffee and Cars at Richmond”

9am onwards till noon at The Richmond Arms Pub car park. Open to all-comers. Just turn up and show off your vehicle and enjoy a coffee and chat. Ladies can wander the many artisan shops and galleries. This event is the 3rd Sunday of each month, similar to “Classics on the Beach”.

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Wednesday 27th December – Club rooms CLOSED

2024 – HAPPY NEW YEAR - NO MEETING IN JANUARY

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Sunday 7th January – Classics on the Beach

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am. Make your own way there. 1st Sunday of month.

Sunday 14th January – Tunnel Hill Mushrooms Run

Morning Tea at the Club rooms at 10am then proceed to Mt Rumney via Back Tea Tree Road to be there by midday for Tour and lunch.

BYO Meat etc as the working train BBQ will be fired up or bring a picnic lunch. Throw in your table and chairs. \$20 per car. Tunnel Hill Mushrooms, 2 Coach Road, Mt Rumney.

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Sunday 21st January – “Coffee and Cars at Richmond”

9am onwards till noon at The Richmond Arms Pub car park. Open to all-comers. Just turn up and show off your vehicle and enjoy a coffee and chat. Ladies can wander the many artisan shops and galleries. This event is the 3rd Sunday of each month, similar to “Classics on the Beach”.

Friday 26th January – AUSTRALIA DAY FUN at the Club Rooms with sausage sizzle

Welly throwing, kite flying, quiz, races etc and maybe other silly games!! Just turn up from 11am.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th February – Classics on the Beach

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am. Make your own way there. 1st Sunday of month.

Tuesday 6th February – Committee/General Meeting

Committee/General Meeting at the Club Rooms - 7pm for 7.30. Refreshments follow. All welcome.

Wednesday 7th February – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome

Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library - lots of old photos etc. This is trailer loading day for the Car Show on February 11th. Check the spares shed, new area complete - you may find a part you need.

SUNDAY 11th February – OLD BEACH CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET at the Cricket Oval

WE NEED YOU AND YOUR VEHICLE - we will also need members to help on the day.

Please be on site by 8.30.

We will be raising funds for City Mission again this year and for **your club**.

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Sunday 25th February – Picnic Run to Gordon

Meet Margate Train 10.30 for morning tea, then drive to Gordon for BYO Lunch.

VALE - John Keats

The Southern Section mourn the passing of long-time member John.

We will miss his ready smile and wit. Our condolences to Margaret and family.

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Northern Section Events and Meetings

The Northern Section Clubrooms at 67 Lawrence Vale Road are open on Wednesday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm until Christmas and will then be closed until Wednesday February 7th 2024 when normal business will resume

NOTE: - VC vehicle inspections please contact the Northern Section Technical Officer, Ashley Monks, on 6344 3134 or 0409 703 440 for an appointment that is mutually convenient.

Veteran Car Sheet Metal Work - every Friday 9.00am until early afternoon. Build your own vehicle body or just a bonnet or mudguard. Other projects also catered for. Just come along to the downstairs workshop at the Clubrooms to become involved. You will be made most welcome.

December

Fri 1st - Northern Section Committee Meeting – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by **General meeting** at 7.30 p.m. at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

Sat 2nd – Christmas Dinner at the Northern Section Clubrooms.

Time 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.

Cost \$20 per head and also please bring a salad or dessert to share and advise Julie or Joe Clippingdale which you will bring. Meat and Christmas pudding and Tea and Coffee supplied. BYO drinks.

Contact Julie or Joe Clippingdale Phone 63961144 or email jaclipp@bigpond.com to confirm your attendance. Monies to be paid on or before 25th November to the Treasurer – direct bank BSB 067 601 A/C 2801 8164 (Surname as reference). Book early as numbers will be limited.

Sun 3rd – Shannon's Classic Car Charity Run at Campbell Town Memorial Oval between 10.00am and 2.30pm **NON PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS IN LIEU OF TOYS PLEASE.** See advert elsewhere in newsletter for more details.

Sun 3rd - Classic cars and coffee Georgetown – Hosted by Don Mario’s restaurant. Park in council car park in the Main St. 9.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m. but come and go as you please. Ph. 63821821 to book for breakfast or lunch. (Event is to book for breakfast or lunch

Sun 9th - Wheels to Westbury - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

January 2024

No meeting for January.

Sat 6th - Visit Richard Edmonds at Sidmouth to view his scaled down creative builds and other clever engineering projects. Meet at Rose Bay Park, Gravelly Beach for BYO barbecue or picnic lunch at 12.00 o'clock and leaving at approximately 1.30 p.m.

Sun 7th - Classic cars and coffee Georgetown – Hosted by Don Mario’s restaurant. Park in council car park in the Main St. 9.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m. but come and go as you please. Ph. 63821821 to book for breakfast or lunch. (Event is first Sunday of every month)

Sun 14th - Wheels to Westbury Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Sun 14th - Lions Club of Bridport - Show & Shine Car/Bike show. Village Green 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. - entry \$5.00

Fri 26th - Australia Day run to Andrew & Margaret Smith's, 56 Westwood Street, Bridport. BYO barbecue lunch and drinks. Don't forget sunscreen and hat. Make your own way there.

N.B. – Please be aware of all current COVID19 restrictions when attending events.

New Members

We welcome Rosemary and Scott McCallumsmith of Windermere with their 1959 Morris Minor 1000 Sedan to our Club and Northern Section.

NORTH WEST SECTION EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Sunday 19th - Inaugural monthly Sheffield classics and coffee.

3rd Sunday of each month from 10 am and 3 pm. Come and go as you please but don't forget to enjoy Sheffield murals, shops, cafes. Parking beside and behind the Sheffield RSL and Citizens Club, 77 Main Street Sheffield.

Saturday 25th - Thankyou Show Ulverstone

Ulverstone Show Grounds. Heaps of activities things to do for the young and more mature. Gold coin donation entry with all profits going to Beyond Blue. Please contact Kate Mitchell before close of business the 17th November 2023 – 0428 834 482, katemitchell190@gmail.com.

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd - Stanley Show

Meet at Wynyard truck stop at 8am to leave 8.15am re group at Stanley tourist stop to drive into show at 9.30 as group

Saturday 2nd - General Meeting *Commencing at 7.30 pm, bring a plate of supper to share.*

Wednesday 6th - NW Cuppa & Chat

These gatherings are held at the NW Section clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along for a cuppa and enjoy the company of fellow members. Spare parts and the library will be open. Have a look you may find a spare part, or a book of interest.

Wednesday 6th - Committee Meeting - *Commencing at 6:00pm*

Thursday 7th - Xmas night market night at Bunnings Devonport

The event is 6pm to 8pm with the Bunnings yard being open for stall holders to set themselves up from 5pm. Please let Paul Walters 0401 803 144 know numbers attending.

Thursday 7th - Run to Leven Canyon. It's "Peony time at Kaydale Gardens".

Morning tea at the Clubroom, departing at 10.45am for the Leven Canyon. BYO morning tea and lunch. Depart Leven Canyon for "Kaydale Gardens" to have afternoon tea and a garden tour if you so desire. Numbers for afternoon tea at Kaydale would be appreciated. Laurie Bellchambers. **Mob 0438 282 443**

Sunday 10th - Run to Meander Dam

BYO BBQ/Picnic lunch. Meet at ETC Elizabeth town from 10am for morning tea. Leave ETC 11am. Return via Deloraine with a visit to Red Brick Road Gin Shop. Contact Sue Cunningham for numbers and more details on 0417334683.

Saturday 16th - End of year Christmas BBQ

11 am onwards. BBQ available to use, BYO food and drink.

Saturday 16th – Rosebery Athletics Carnaval Car Show and Shine

\$1200.00 in cash prizes including judges choice, best presented car and people's choice. Register Car by the 12 December via SMS to 0407 306 820 including name, make of car, year and model, colour rego number. Arrive at Rosebery Park oval by 9:30 am. Enter \$15 Family, \$8 Adult, \$5 Pensioner/concession and \$2 Students/children.

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FEBRUARY

Saturday 10th - Waratah Chopping Carnival - *More information to come*

Sunday 18th - Monthly Sheffield classics and coffee.

3rd Sunday of each month from 10 am and 3 pm. Come and go as you please but don't forget to enjoy Sheffield murals, shops, cafes. Parking beside and behind the Sheffield RSL and Citizens Club, 77 Main Street Sheffield

Saturday 18th - Deloraine Car Show – *More information to come*

24th and 25th - Garage Sale and Swap Meet

Rocco Mazzone is collecting garage sale donations. Phone Rocco on (03) 6424 4718 with any queries.

2023 GORDON FYSH RUN - Sunday 5th November

A beautiful day to drive to a beautiful place – Ross Sports Ground; but a disappointing turn out with only 13 cars on site – 1 north west, 3 south and 9 from the north. It was a great relaxing day, which all seemed to enjoy, along with the morning tea, quiz and chocolates.

The Gordon Fysh Trophy was awarded to Martin and Pamela Hingston with their 1928 Ford Model 'A' Roadster. The Shannons Trophy was awarded to Greg Bannon with his 1972 MG 'B'



Photos courtesy of Scott Carter and Alan Smith



Beaconsfield House - Wednesday 15th November

Some nice cars, and the people in them, turned up for a great BBQ lunch put on by the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Council



Lions Club of Bridport Show and Shine Car/ Bike Show

A scenic view of a golf course with a clubhouse and trees. The clubhouse is a modern building with a white and grey facade. The golf course is green and well-maintained, with several tall trees in the background. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Bridport Village Green
Sunday the 14th of January 2024

10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m
Entry- \$5.00

Contact : Leonie 0438 281 352
or Ann Maree 0409 918 068

The logo of the Lions Club International, featuring a blue circle with a yellow 'L' in the center, surrounded by the words 'LIONS' and 'INTERNATIONAL' in yellow.A purple pickup truck and a yellow sports car. The purple truck is a classic model, and the yellow car is a modern sports car.

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Lavender Farm Nabowla, Lunch Run - Thursday 19th October

Around 20 members enjoyed the short country run to this venue in the most pleasant of conditions. Upon arrival and the ordering of lunch, it was off to the tractor shed, albeit with no tractors in attendance. The shed had been set up for VCCA Member's to enjoy the pleasant surroundings, away from the general public in this private setting. A visit from the owner Robert Ravens, who welcomed us to the farm, and gave a most interesting account of the many years of operations at the Lavender Farm, and its working days from the start to the present today.

A lunch was served by the staff, complete with drinks and Lavender Ice-cream which this writer had never tried, but found to be quite appealing. Fudge samples were freely given, much to members' delight. A great day out, driving on some interesting country roads.

Thanks to Peter for the arrangements on the day, and knowing the owner. (which surely helped)

Alan Smith



Stellite car belonging to the Lavender Farm

Westbury Show - Saturday 11th November

Cakes and Cars could have been the heading, as some of our VCCA Westbury club members tried their luck in the cake and food display competitions.

A small number of VCCA members attended today's show, which had a large gathering of the general public. It was Horsepower Heaven of the four legged variety on the central arena, with lots of displays around the ground. The sun sent some looking for shade, but a good country show and day to go with it.

Alan Smith



Gary Overton Spraypainting
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Classic Restorations
Resprays and Minor Touch ups



Finished - the Launceston Municipal Council Ambulance

Terry Jones discovered that what he had wasn't just another 29 Dodge, but a piece of history that deserved some attention, and he soon learned that restoring it may not be a simple process.

He was the custodian of a vehicle that had played an important part in the history of Launceston.

The city's ambulance began its life as a horse drawn conveyance, before the horse was replaced by a Ford Model T, and finally a 1929 6 cylinder Dodge which continued serving the community until the early 50's.

After retirement it passed through several hands including, at one point, VCCA TAS.

Used as a chook shed, burnt, dismantled and bits spread far and wide, the Launceston Municipal Council ambulance was a far cry from being the 'state of the art' emergency vehicle that had served the city with pride in the 20s, 30s and 40s.

Terry has owned the vehicle since 1994 and it spent the next 15 years or so in storage while he retrieved much of the original ironwork from previous owners. The restoration began in 2010, stripping the chassis, rebuilding the motor, panel beating and most other mechanical aspects, but rebuilding the coachwork, the part that makes it an actual ambulance, was proving a little difficult.

In 2020 he came to the Northern section clubrooms and asked if there was anyone who could give him a hand, just to get him started in the right direction and to a point where he could continue. His timing was perfect as the Friday morning crew had just finished the timber work in Barry Parkers 1934 Morris Minor and were wondering what to do next.

After lots of head scratching as no detailed plans were available for the original ambulance body, a way forward was decided using old black & white photographs, the salvaged ironwork and one original window as a template.

Mick Peart and Paul Herdzik devoted many hours to this project, and along with Terry were the main drivers, but many members played a part offering advice or skills where they could. Ashley Monks, Kelvin Callahan, Joe Clippingdale, Terry Campbell, Barry Parker, Arie Vandenberg to name just a few.

The seat was based on photographs and what we thought was fitting for the era, and

upholstered by me in black leather.

The ambulance is now finished and was presented to the public at a celebration on October 27th attended by the local press and paramedics from the Tasmanian Ambulance Service with a modern ambulance.

A little video of the drive home can be seen here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ml_4A-8Yc4E

Our club was built on the values of promoting the restoration and use of vintage vehicles and the friendships and social connections forged along the way, so what better way than for club members to get together to restore a piece of Tasmanian history.

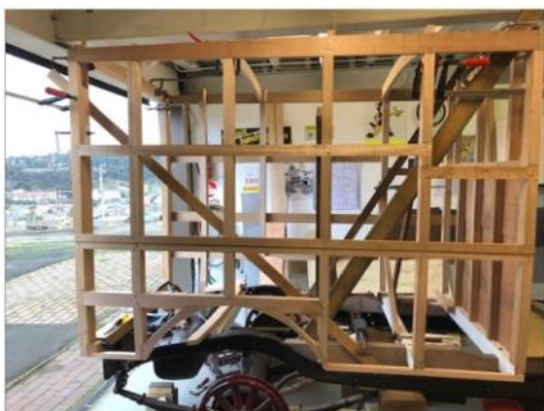
And now onto to our next project.

Bob Wickham

And our next project - sticking with the Dodge theme, a 1926 Dodge Tourer. Last registered in 1954 and spent the years since on a property in the Nunamara area. As they say in the ads “ran when parked”.

We’re yet to really assess what’s required but no doubt it’ll be a lot of work. It’s all there but obviously hasn’t run for a while, but it’ll keep us busy and engaged.





The restoration process





Showing it off to the public



The Westbury Car Show is an annual event held each October and organised as a fundraiser for the local Rotary Club.

Over 250 vehicles lined up this year on the Village Green on a lovely spring day.

Cars ranged from a 1905 Brush to late model Mustangs and everything in between.

Its not often you would see an Auburn at a Tasmanian event but there were two in attendance at Westbury.

Always a fantastic day and a good chance to catch up with other enthusiasts.

Ken Watts



A restoration of a 1923 Vauxhall 14-40 by Noel Richardson

I bought the Vauxhall from the previous owner in the inland Brisbane area in 2017 and delivery to Tasmania was part of the sale. It had been dismantled about 25 years earlier and no work done, and apart from the chassis which had been sandblasted & painted, the rest was a trailer load of pieces and in poor condition.

It is an M type Vauxhall model 14-40 which was built in 1923, apparently at the Luton factory in the London area and this was a year or so before General Motors took over Vauxhall operations in the UK due to strong competition and company finance. The 14-40 was the lower priced Vauxhall - others were the 23-60 and the well known 30-98. An M type named "Cookie" completed a modern London to Sydney Marathon. The M type 14-40 is distinguished by its Michelin disc wheels from the spoked wheel LM type 14-40 [longer chassis]

The Vauxhall cars of that era were well regarded and aluminium was used extensively for diff housing, gear box casing, detachable Ricardo engine head, crankcase, con rods and sump [except cylinder block] and all the body panels. These panels are strengthened by English ash timber which on my car has rotten and I am using King Billy pine to replace the original.



Crayfish Creek Camp.

We organised this event back in April/May. Beautiful bush setting, next to Crayfish Creek and the beach. The idea of the weekend was a relaxing get together. To that end I think it worked. Some went out for coffee, food and oysters in Stanley and Smithton while others sat back and relaxed on site, with walks to the beach and in the bush. Saturday night we gathered in the camp kitchen/lounge area for a BBQ, with a fire to keep us warm. Hope everyone enjoyed it. I know we did. Thanks to all those who attended.

By Sue Turner.



A couple of things from the editor.

As the editor of Small Torque I really appreciate receiving reports and photos about the different activities the club has been engaged in, as it lets members know what we've been up to, and hopefully encourages other members to get involved. Now it could be perceived that a lot of the reports are from the North. Well, guess what, it's people from the North who send me the reports. So, if you want to be in Small Torque you need to send me some stuff.

My other role is looking after the database of members so I know who to send Small Torque to. Every year, a personalised membership renewal form is included with the July edition. It seems a large number of people just throw it away, which results in the Section Treasurers having to contact people directly, often numerous times. If you don't want to renew your membership, that's fine but at least let your treasurer know. If you do want to be a member, just return your renewal form with your money and everyone's happy.

At the beginning of November I received notice that a few members hadn't responded after numerous requests, so I removed them from the database. Then a couple of weeks later I received notice that they had finally renewed. I usually mark them as "non_financial", but by November I delete them completely. Now I have to search through old databases to find their details. A hassle I could do without and don't have time for.

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