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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".

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday – State Executive Meeting** at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston, commencing at 10.30am.

October 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Tenth National Rally for Veteran Motorcycles at Ararat in Victoria conducted by the Antique Motorcycle Club of Australia. This is a "Pre 31<sup>st</sup> December 1918" only event. Contact John Burke, 2 Occident Street, Cessnock, NSW 2325 for further information.

November 1<sup>st</sup> – 38<sup>th</sup> Gordon Fysh Memorial Tour – hosted by the Northern Section. Will be centered on Campbelltown. More details later.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 Shannons National All Veteran Tour** by VCCA ACT Inc. at Goulburn NSW. For further information, entry forms and rally newsletters Contact Roger Gottlob, Tour Secretary, GPO Box 2349, Canberra ACT 2601 or (ah) 0262413169 or 0418962312 or <a href="mailto:canberrarally2015@gmail.com">canberrarally2015@gmail.com</a> or Tour Director, Rob Woolley ph 0409549485

#### 2016

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Peter Waddle Memorial Veteran Tour. Journey to the end of the earth.

Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 Diamond Jubilee State Annual Tour on Tasmania's rugged West Coast.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> RACV Veteran Car Club National 1 & 2 Tour** at Latrobe Valley, Victoria. See full details in June issue of Small Torque.

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Nov 4<sup>th</sup> National Veteran Tour centered on Ulverstone and the surrounding region.

# Calendar of Events to be run under the Auspices of the T. A. V. C. C. A.

Veteran Tours: 1 and 2 Cylinder tours

2015 ACT 2016 VIC 2016 TAS 2018 TAS

2017 S A 2018 NSW

## North West Section Events

The NW clubrooms are at 40 Maskells Road, about 1.5 km. East of Ulverstone Heading towards Devonport on the left between the weighbridge and Camp Clayton. All Welcome

**Weekly learn and practice old time dance** at the clubrooms each Thursday Evening at 7:30 followed by coffee and a natter. Call Rocco & Elaine on 6424 4718 for more info.

**Craft Classes.** Held fortnightly on Tuesdays. Ring Jill Hawkins 6428 2255, Helen Sims 6427 9080 or Helen Stebbeings 6424 3321 for more info. Begins at noon, bring lunch plate to share.

## July

**Sat 25th Bingo & Trivia night at club rooms**. Come along for an evening of fun, from 7 p.m. for a 7.30 start. Friends & acquaintances welcome, gold coin at the door please. Make up a team for the trivia questions and try your luck. Rocco will have his chook wheel spinning too. Please bring a plate for supper.

## **August**

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> General meeting** Day meeting and drive. Start at Maskell's Rd Clubrooms. 11AM Start. Please BYO Lunch. Short Drive afterwards.

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Old Post Office Burnie.** Old Burnie Post and Telegraph Office are hosting a BIG DAY OUT. After some restoration they are holding an open day and would like us to display our Vehicles 9.45am – 12pm. A run to Guide Falls for lunch afterwards. More info ring Laurie 6428 2444.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Cuppa and Chat (Men's Afternoon) will be held at the clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa with your fellow members. More info ring Laurie 6428 2444

**Sun 23rd Run to Sheffield & Railton.** Meet in the K&D Hardware carpark, Devonport, for a 10 a.m. start, from where you will work your way up to Sheffield for lunch - BYO or buy in Sheffield. Keep your eyes open along the way as it's an observation run, so who knows what devious clues Hank has up his sleeve for you to find. Afternoon tea at Bells Parade, Latrobe, where Hank will reveal all - the answers that is. Questions to Hank 6435 2347 or 0408 375 243

## September

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> General meeting** 7.30pm Start at Maskell's Rd Clubrooms. Please bring a plate of supper for afterwards.

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Cuppa and Chat (Men's Afternoon) will be held at the clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa with your fellow members. More info ring Laurie 6428 2444

#### **October**

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> General meeting** 7.30pm Start at Maskell's Rd Clubrooms. Please bring a plate of supper for afterwards.

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Bloomin' Tulips Festival**. Meet at the Truck stop West of Doctor's Rocks but before the Highway Round-a-bout, on the left side of the highway when travelling west (towards Smithton). We will leave here at 10am to drive into the festival together as a group.

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Cuppa and Chat (Men's Afternoon) will be held at the clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa with your fellow members. More info ring Laurie 6428 2444

#### Thu - Sun

**15th - 18th - Camping Weekend NW Clubrooms**. Please see notice in July issue or contact Peter Stacey 0407 334 110.

#### November

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> General meeting** 7.30pm Start at Maskell's Rd Clubrooms. Please bring a plate of supper for afterwards.

## Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Fysh

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Spring Clean** and decorate the clubrooms for Christmas Dinner, 10AM Start. Please bring some cleaning equipment, Sausage sizzle for the workers afterwards. More info? Call Rocco 6424 4718

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Cuppa and Chat (Men's Afternoon) will be held at the clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa with your fellow members. More info ring Laurie 6428 2444

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Xmas dinner @ c/rooms

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Devonport Show

#### December

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Circular Head Show**, Stanley – Meet at Truck stop on the highway behind Wynyard, just before the round-a-bout at 9.00am

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> General meeting** 7.30pm Start at Maskell's Rd Clubrooms. Please bring a plate of supper for afterwards.

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas BBQ** at the clubrooms, starting at 11:15am onwards. Enjoy a social get together before our Christmas break.

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Cuppa and Chat (Men's Afternoon) will be held at the clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa with your fellow members. More info ring Laurie 6428 2444

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## **Southern Section Events**

Southern Section Clubrooms, 169 Tea Tree Rd. Brighton, are open each Wednesday afternoon for maintenance, a cuppa and natter. Spares also for Sale. Committee Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month except January.

## August

Tues 4th Section Committee Meeting at the Club Rooms 7pm for 7.30 meeting. All members welcome. Refreshments following the meeting.

Wed 5th Club rooms open 12 noon to 3pm. Come on out, have a cuppa and achat, browse the library, lots of old photos, etc. The spares shed will be open, you may find that part you need.

Sun 9th A short afternoon run to visit the Tasmania Fire Service Museum and workshops at Cambridge (Cambridge Road). Make your own way there by 1.45pm. Tour commences at 2.00pm. A 1920s Garford fire engine is under restoration. A member of our club was instrumental in putting TFS and the owner in touch with each other enabling TFS to acquire the vehicle.

Wed 19th Club rooms open 12 noon to 3pm. Come on out, have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library, lots of old photos, etc. The spares shed will be open, you may find that part you need.

Sun 23rd Visit to Oak Lodge, Bridge Road, Richmond for a tour of the original Georgian House including afternoon tea. Cost \$5.00pp. Tour from 2.15pm. Meet atCambridge Oval car park at 11.30am for BYO picnic/BBQ lunch by the Coal River (lower car park) Numbers please for Oak Lodge Ph. 0417 312 377.

## September

Tues 1st Section Committee Meeting at the Club Rooms 7pm for 7.30 meeting. All members welcome. Refreshments following the meeting.

Wed 2nd Club rooms open 12 noon to 3pm. Come on out, have a cuppa and achat, browse the library, lots of old photos, etc. The spares shed will be open, you may find that part you need.

Sun 6th We have been invited to attend a Rural Primary Health Services and Southern Midlands Council Blue September Father's Day Event to show support for those men affected by cancer, including a Free BBQ at the Oatlands Recreation Ground,

27 High Street, Oatlands from 11.00am – 2.00pm. Meet at the Club Rooms 9.30 to leave at 10.00am. Please call 0417 312 377 if you are attending – numbers are required for BBQ catering.

**Sat 12th OlieBollen Festival – Calvin Christian School**, 36 Maranoa Road, Kingston10.00am – 2.00pm. Make your own way there by 10.00am please. All welcome to display your cars.

**Wed 16th** Club rooms open 12 noon to 3pm. Come on out, have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library, lots of old photos, etc. The spares shed will be open, you may find that part you need.

Sun 27th Northern Section Spring Swap Meet at Willis Street Council Car Parkadjacent to the National Auto Museum. \$10.00 per site. Plenty to see and buy. Further information contact Ken Watts Ph 0411 404 560.

#### **October**

6th – 12thGreat Tassie Tour 2015 – Contact Tas Vacations Touring. Local Call 1300 827 822 / www.tasvacations.com

If you have any ideas for a run or would like to help organise an event please contact the Events organiser of the Southern Section.

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## Northern Section Events

**The Northern Section Clubrooms** at 67 Lawrence Vale Road are open on Wednesday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Come in for a cuppa and a chat and visit the spare parts shed. All members state wide are welcome.

**Veteran Car Sheet Metal Work** For all workshop bookings/lessons, Fridays 9.00am until early afternoon (mud guards and radiators) please contact Bill Carter on 63918 271.

**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.

## August

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at "ELCIES"LAUNCESTON COLLEGE. Paterson Street, Launceston. Meal prepared by Catering Students. 3 course meal \$20.00 per person.2 courses \$16.00 per person. Meet at College 12 noon for 12.30 pm start. Booking has been confirmed with College. Contact Peter Riggall 0427358289 for any further information.

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Section General Meeting at Clubrooms commencing at 7.30pm. A committee meeting will commence at 7 pm. Following the meeting there will be a guest speaker, Dr. Frank Madill, who will speak about Prostate Cancer. Important subject and all ladies and gentleman should attend. Other sections most welcome. Please bring a plate of supper.

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> National Motor Museum of Tasmania Community Awareness Weekend. Due to AFL game on Saturday the outside display will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> ONLY. Arrive and park before 10.30am. No need to book, just turn up. Admission to museum free all weekend.

## September

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> - Section General Meeting at Clubrooms commencing at 7.30 pm. A committee meeting will commence at 7 pm

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> - Film Evening by Ken Silver at Clubrooms**, 67 Lawrence Vale Road. BYO fish n chips, pizza or whatever. Early start at 5.30pm. Look forward to some entertaining fun with Ken.

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> - BYO BBQ at Skemps - Myrtle Bank**. An all weather event. Leave Clubrooms at 10.30am. Rain, hail or shine, just turn up. Small donation on the day to cover costs of use of property will be appreciated.

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Spring Swap Meet - at Willis Street Council Car Park**, next to the National Auto Museum \$10 per site. For further information contact Ken Watts on 0411 404 560. Plenty to see and buy.

#### **October**

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> - Section General Meeting at Clubrooms commencing at 7.30 pm. A committee meeting will commence at 7 pm.

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> - Rock & Rods at Longford – further information later.

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> to Sun 11<sup>th</sup> RACT Great Tassie Tour – Veteran, Vintage and Classic vehicles up to present day welcome. Entry forms and details at <a href="https://www.tasvacations.com">www.tasvacations.com</a> then click on 'Events' then scroll down to RACT Great Tassie Tour 2015.

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Camping weekend at N.W. Clubrooms. These dates coincide with the Ulverstone Scout Yankee Auction which has been of interest to club members. Ken Silver will also provide another fabulous film night on Saturday evening and we can join Rocco and Elaine for old time dance practice on Thursday evening. Unpowered Camp sites available at a cost of \$15.00 per night (with access to clubroom toilet facilities) so please register your interest by contacting - Peter Stacey on 0407 334110 or pelestacey@gmail.com

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> – From Britain to Bunna (Triabunna).** After the success of last years event this British Car Show at the village Community Centre 20 Melbourne Street Triabunna is on again. All British cars welcome from 10am to 1.30pm. Village market craft & produce. 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books & bric a brac. More details at triabunnavillage.com.au or phone Peter on 62 577506. Make your own was there.

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Quarterly cars, coffee and torque events.** These get togethers are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in July, October, January and April. The next one being on 18<sup>th</sup> October, at the Motor Museum from 10am to 12.00 noon. All old car enthusiasts to get together for a coffee, talk cars & look at their vehicles. Whilst there check out the Museum displays and the gift shop. The coffee van will be in attendance. This event is to support the Motor Museum with entry fee to Museum \$9.50 pp (group rate.)

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> – "Bill & Ben's mystery car club tour"** Run commencing at Clubrooms 9.30am. Comfort stop on way. Coffee shop available or byo coffee/morning tea. BYO lunch. Under cover protection if needed. INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT CLUB ROOMS.

Spring 2015 Launceston Swap Meet
Organised by The Veteran Car Club of Aust. (Tas.) Inc.
Northern Section
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2015
At Willis Street Council Car Park, Launceston.
Start time 9 a.m. \$10 per site. Further information
Contact – Ken Watts Phone 0411 404 560 after hours

#### Vale - Keith and Una LAING

It is with regret that we record the passing of Keith LAING on 18<sup>th</sup> June and it was followed by the passing of his wife Una on 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Keith and Una joined the club in 1982 (33 years). Keith formed the very successful Northern Section Wednesday afternoon group. Condolences to their family.

## Attention! Motor vehicle Owners & Restorers

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#### **New Members**

N W Section welcomes Katrina & Wayne Farley of Boat Harbour with a 1964 Vanden Plas Princess R

**Northern section welcomes** Jeremy Jackson & Haley Hutton 130 Lees Road, Western Creek 7304...... **Also Bruce & Inka Hutton** 158 Lees Road, Western Creek 7304

## Front page photograph

I have used a great photo sent to me of something other than a car. This is a photo of the 1934 Ford D truck that belongs to Tim Johnson.

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#### Where am I now?

Answers for The car # 22 (Right) for the July issue taken down at Shipwright's Point on the Southern State Rally in 2006

Answer from Scott McElwee, Guessing that this car is a 1936/37 Packard sedan. Correct! Thanks Scott.

Also an answer from Robert Smith This car is 1937/8

Humber Super Snipe owned at the time by Jim Wheatley. Prior to this it was owned by Peter Waddle. The latest photo is of a Packard 6 of about 1937 owned at the time by Ernest Hodge and before that by Wally Don of Swansea. Hodge bought it from Heathorns in Hobart. It was originally green but was re-painted black by Hodge.

Cheers. Robert Smith



Vehicle # 23(Left) This photo was also at Shipwright's Point on Southern State Rally 2006

If anybody knows what it is and where it may be nowadays please send answers to myself, Eileen .Any incoming answers etc. will be published in the next news letter. Thank you. Eileen Mason editoryccatas@gmail.com

#### 2015 Annual General Meeting. A General Impression.

Today I attended my first State A.G.M at the Northern Section Clubrooms and I went, not knowing what to expect.

Sitting on each chair was a very comprehensive and professionally done Annual Report document in A4 format with section reports and Treasury information.

The whole Report covered some forty- five pages including a very good Agenda that was stuck to rigidly. Some A.G.Ms I have attended in the past have contained 10% Agenda and 90% waffle or thereabouts so it was like a breath of fresh air.

I would have thought there would be more members in attendance considering the size of the club but those that didn't go also missed out on the excellent lunch that was put on by the lady members.

One aspect I thought was a great idea was that time was set aside to "Have a Say" or "Open Forum" where members can offer any suggestions or ideas that can be further acted upon.

Some-one asked the question that would have to be the question asked by just about every car club. "How does the club attract new younger members"? With the exception of those that own veterans, and have a grandson to take the helm as history dictates the answer I'm afraid is "it doesn't".

Young people these days just aren't interested in vintage cars or anything pre what they were bought up with. In other words you cannot restore a computer controlled, fuel injected car of today. If the local garage man can't diagnose issues, then what hope has today's restorer got?

University hex fees, housing loans and marriage have eaten up any disposable income and these people become purely spectator elements. They still have an interest but it will remain just that.

#### So what do we do? We get smart.

We do more static car events. We do more talking to spectators. We produce some written handouts or general information about the club and or cars. We invite bona–fide prospective members to a "meet the members" at the clubrooms. Perhaps we put on lunch. We advertise "cars for sale" at venues we attend. You would be surprised how much gets sold by way of mouth, cars and parts. We have to market ourselves better to be better.

What I have noticed is that as soon as one arrives at a venue, out come the chairs and picnic tables and the scene resembles something out of "Wagon Train." A new member or someone who just wants to ask a question hasn't got a hope.

### Maybe we need new signage?

The thing that we sometimes forget is that it is <u>our</u> club, and it is up to us to bring in new members. It is up to us to make sure we abide by the rules that we put in place and it is up to us to ensure we promote our club as best we can.

Judging by what I saw today we are meeting most of those aims. Our club is indeed in safe hands.

#### **RUN TO CARRICK ON SUNDAY 21st JUNE**

Well what a great day. We meet up at Latrobe on a very fresh, sunny morning,7 classic cars and two modern, but oh no we didn't take the highway, our leading car took us on a slight detour.

We travelled through Hartford, Frankford and then via the Birralee road out through Selbourne to Carrick. Some of the roads where very icy and the degrees was minus 1 in some areas.

We arrived safely at Chester and Sally McKaige's house in Carrick.

What a fantastic garage (which was the envy of many) and display of cars, motorbikes and memorabilia.

After morning tea we headed back towards Westbury, back up the Birralee road to Joe and Julie Clippingdale's property to their massive big shed, where we had lunch and the men checked out more things of interest, some a works in progress.

It was so nice to meet up with our friends from the northern section, there was lots of talking and laughter and a great number of cars to view. On our way back home we just had to call into Deloraine to the 50s Diner. We had a hot cuppa by the nice fire, something always catches your eye there that brings back some (I had one of those, or I remember that) memories and of course there was more talking and laughing.

I'm sure, like me, everyone had a lovely day and thanks to the McKaige's and Clippingdale's for your warm welcome. Toni B (Toni Bishop)

## 'SatNav' as a Speedometer

A couple of members have hit on the idea of using a SatNav system for calibrating speedometers. This seems like a reasonable idea, after all, GPS positioning is very accurate, so the speedometer readout from the unit must also be very accurate.

Sorry to be a spoilsport, but there are a couple of snags which need to be considered, the speedo Readout on a satnav works by knowing the change in location as a function of time, Move a tenth of a mile in half a minute equates to moving one mile in five minutes, or 12MPH, So, at first sight, using a Satnav to show your speed seems a very good idea.

But it isn't quite that straight forward, Satnavs don't measure speed, they calculate it from the change of position in a given time. Same thing, you'd think, but the snag is in the way the satnav identifies position, unless you are using an aircraft grade satnav with an altimeter input, they assume the earth is flat and identify the position as latitude / longitude. Perfectly adequate for finding your way around the roads or down the street.

Where it goes a bit sticky is when you try to use this information to calculate speed when the earth isn't fiat. The satnav calculates distance as the difference between latitude & longitude positions, and divides by time to get indicated speed. This is perfectly ok on a straight, flat road, but goes awry when there are significant curves or worse still, inclines.

What this means is the secondary school trigonometry comes back to haunt you, with old man Pythagoras and all that jazz. On a really bendy road, the satnav will straighten out the corners and thus calculate the distance as a bit shorter than the route you have actually travelled. Not a big deal on most roads, but this error really builds up on a track or circuit.

More significantly, the flat earth society really screws up speed measurements. When you go downhill, (or uphill), you travel between latitude / longitude positions, but you also change altitude. The car will have travelled FURTHER than the simple GPS will calculate. If you drive a half mile down a one in ten (1:10) hill, you have actually travelled ten percent further than the satnav will measure. So, if you use the satnav to determine speed, you are travelling 10% FASTER than indicated. The bigger the incline, the bigger the error, If you know the slope as a percentage, (ail those new road signs will help) then you need to up the satnav reading by that amount. On a 1:6 hill, you travel 16% faster. For example, if you try storming down a 1:5 hill with your engine screaming and your satnav reading 50mph, you are actually going 20% faster, or 60MPH. Maybe the difference between a speeding ticket or not!

Incidentally, for the cycle speedo fraternity: these don't suffer from this effect in a straight line, But if you are cornering, then when you turn towards the side with the speedo pickoff, it will read slow and when you turn away, it will read fast. The tighter the turn, the worse the error. The only cure for this is to put the pickoff on the propshaft which turns at the average speed of the two rear wheels irrespective of corners.

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## Christmas in July at the Mole Creek Hotel on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

I had my first ever Christmas in July on this day and the day was cooperative also as it was very chilly and wet, however I had an excellent lift to Mole Creek with friend David in his "modern' car as most members used as far as I could see because of the wet cold day. However, we had a very pleasant journey together and then in the Mole Creek hotel with about 90 other members from N W & Northern sections, The meal was delicious and filling, and a few pulls of "crackers" and good company, of which I was in need of that day. It was good to get out for a change with club members and I thank them for their support in my time of need which is now ongoing for a long while. Elleen Mason

#### A few quiz riddles answers elsewhere in this newsletter

Riddle 1 ---- How do you make a band stand?

Riddle 2 ---- What is green and bounces around the garden?

Riddle 3---- What did the traffic light say to the Zebra crossing?



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### Its not always about cars.....sometimes its boats!

#### **Grant Rodman**



This is the story about a little boat destined for the tip, but ended up reborn as a source of endless imagination

It all began on the way home from last year's JCCT Christmas BBQ at Ross when Howard Smith mentioned he had the shell of a little sailboat that needed a home –

coincidently
Tamara had often
talked about a

boat for the children to play in at the Childcare Centre she works for.

By early February, Howard rang to advise he had recovered all the components he wanted and we arranged to meet and collect it from the local yacht club rooms





Once home in the back yard, we throw around a few ideas on what to transform it into, and more importantly — how to make it child proof and safe. Power boat seams the best way to go!

First step is to fill in all the holes that little fingers, hands & heads could fit, but shouldn't!



Starting at the bottom, the slot for keel board is filled with some treated timber, and the venturi ports are



plated over (but not sealed as they will still be the drains for stormwater).



Some marine ply soon tidies up the inside of the tub. Next is to reinforce the decks to ensure it will stand-up to the pounding of little feet jumping all over it. I used some cardboard to transfer the shape of the curved deck onto a flat sheet of marine ply - once bonded with marine adhesive & screwed in place, the curved shape is

incredibly stiff

Now for the windshield&

dash – a straight windshield just didn't look right, so laminating some layers of marine ply into a bit of a bend

should do the trick.

Now it's time to start to fit out with stuff to play with!

Kids being kids, a normal steering wheel is bound to have little fingers hands in the wrong place at the wrong time, so solid plastic seems a better idea.

(with some machining to remove any sharp edges) Of course having only one is bound to end in tears, so it's

two of everything!

Then there always talk into (Breaker

Buddy! or whatever they say on boats!!),

has to be a radio to Breaker 10-4 Good

For a simple & safe mount – I used some magnets out of computer hard drives, one inside the handpiece and another behind the dash, a wonderfully simple solution!







Time for some paint, starting with some "Go-Fast" stripes



Really starting to look the part now!

Final assembly of the dash, with a few knobs and buttons to play with.





As with all complex projects, it's a "MUST" to have a "Subject Expert" to cast an eye over proceedings, here

we have Tamara's grandson putting some stuff through its paces to ensure all is OK



A few finishing touches and its ready to go to its new home

Finally the day arrives when there are enough hands to carry the beast through a multitude of child proof gates and dig in into the playground.



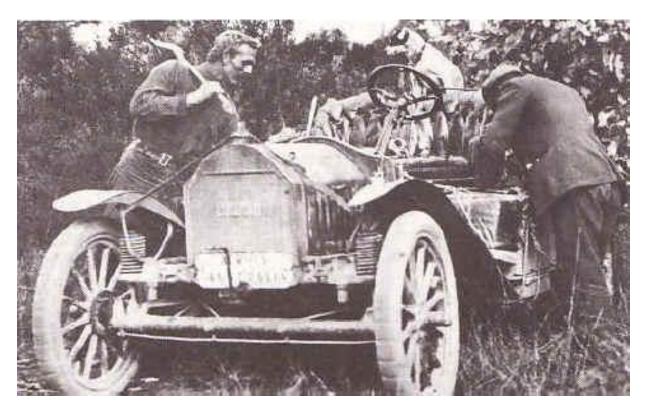
day, but privacy rules prohibit it, so Tam to the rescue again - but trust me, they were packed in like sardines – first thing I thought was "Gee, we need a BIGGER boat" It would have been nice to have added a picture of all the kids in it on the first





#### Q1 - Hide all the chairs Q2 - A spring onion Q3 - Don't look now I'm changing

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Francis Birtles Sidney Ferguson and Digger on the first crossing of Australia 1912. The trip was re-enacted in the same 1910 Brush in 2012. Note the wooden front axle and coil springs.



The Cadillac and Overland dealer with a Hupmobile parked in front

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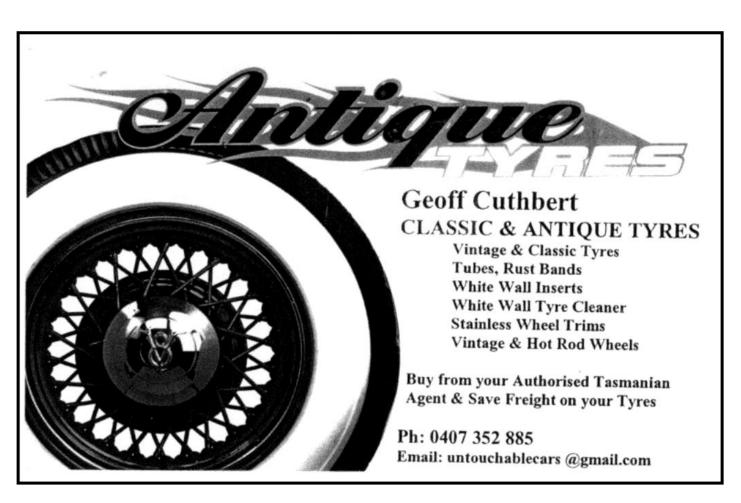
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