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A step back in time, to the peaceful and colourful 60's



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Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of SIMCA cars for the purpose of maintaining the Simca marquee as part of the motoring history of Australia.

The Club was formed to provide technical information and spare parts assistance to Simca club members.

The Club has an affiliation with Simca owners and clubs throughout the world, permitting a global update of Simca activities to our members.

The Club maintains a register of Simca owners through our specialist Registrar for both Simca and Simca Vedette.

The views or opinions offered by members in this newsletter – Swallow Tales may not necessarily represent the views or opinions of the Committee of Management.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK – *by Iain Dyer*

Greetings all,

For a range of reasons, magazine 3&4 have morphed into one volume. I must apologise for this. At French day last week I discussed this with our esteemed President who suggested we combine the two magazines. Just as well, after hogging the lime light at French day. More of that later.

Leila and I would like to thank the Club for the card and many kind words, at the loss of my sister. Without elaborating, she was a very special person. Whilst on this note, two other Club members have also passed away. The Club extends best wishes to John Brown, on the loss of his beloved wife Madeline. Whenever I rang John I inevitably got Madeline. She was always super friendly and cheerful, despite not being in the best of health. In speaking to John, I know he is feeling his loss deeply. Thinking of you John.

Also on this note we note the passing of long time Club Member Ross Fleming. Leila and I only met Ross and his wife Peggy once, which was at the Mildura State Rally. We were really taken with his lovely P60 which we believe he displayed on many occasions. The Club extends its deepest sympathies to his wife Peggy and family. All that has happened since the last Swallow Tales reminds one of our mortality.

Well the Bay to Birdwood Rally was a huge success. Another Rob and Ina triumph. Everyone I have spoken to enjoyed every day of the Rally. The actual Bay to Birdwood Rally itself, knocked every ones socks off. The support from the Club was fantastic, most members travelling long distances to attend. Our Qld members having a particularly long haul. It must have been a fantastic sight to see so many Simca's assembled. All performed faultlessly, showing the Adelaide public, a sight they are not likely to see again. The hard luck story of the Rally was Morrie Barrett. Morrie set out only to have to turn back with problems again. Hugely disappointing, considering the time and effort that has gone into the car. Morrie is not a man to give in, so watch out Grand Large. Our Aronde is running out of excuses for hiding in the shed as well. I think it is a term they use at the auctions, "another one back in the traffic," that scares it. Over Christmas I want to drive it out to the workshop and spend a few days underneath on the hoist. She should be ready for Rego then. The last Rego label still on the quarter vent, is 1974, so she will get a shock how things have changed. I do hope she is not a racist!

I really like the sound of the next State Rally. The Qld team are into it already, even though it is two years away. Leila and I wish it was next year. However, it gives us all time to get our cars ready and save a few bob. Our plan, god willing, is to really give the Aronde a work out next year. Various local car shows, historic Winton in May, Simca AGM in Albury and French day in Vic in October.

Well Xmas is nearly on us and another year has slipped by. On a reflective note, it has been hugely apparent to us, how vital our family and friends are. Leila and I wish all our Simca family, much joy with their family and friends this Festive season. Cheers until next year **Iain and Leila.**

PRESIDENTS REPORT – by *Vince Parisi*

Presidents Report Oct 2015

Well what a fantastic couple of months it's been if you're a Simca enthusiast....

Firstly, the 2015 Simca Rally/AGM in Adelaide was an absolute buzz culminating in the Bay to Birdwood run on the Sunday and WOW what a day, actually I had a ball from the time I got there and still can't get it out of my head, A big Thank You to Rob and Ina for arranging the event and supplying their Arondes to be driven (Colin Smith and John Pickles and possibly others enjoyed them) during the events, It was a buzz to be surrounded by Simcas (including Mel Rogers Vedette) most of the time and enjoying other Simca enthusiasts company/conversations such as knowledgeable heavyweights John Pickles, Kerry Ryan, Rob Stapley, Geoff Rose, Colin Smith, Richard Laney, John Smith, Don Scanes and Morrie Barrett... of course these people form the back bone of our club and it is fabulous to be in there company... I look forward to our next catch up. Accommodation was excellent as where our dinners at the Surf Club not to mention the dinners at the barbecue kitchen arranged by Ina and her helpers.

Of course the AGM was held on Saturday afternoon with reports from state reps John Pickles, Luke Huntly, Morrie Barrett, Colin Smith and Rob and Ina Stapley, Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Laney presented the Financials and Constitutional amendments which were discussed and amended as required all in a most professional manner, as a club we can rest assured that Lorraine has all administrative duties under control and that all of the committee members are grateful for her work in this area. Not much change in the committee (actually none) and I'm back as "El Presidente"... Thank you to all Committee members for their work in the last year and I look forward to the year ahead....

2016 will see the AGM held at Albury possibly in October and the 2017 bi annual Rally to be held on the Gold Coast in June with plans already underway by the Queensland Rally 2017 Sub Committee consisting of Luke Huntly, Rob Verhagen, Kerry Ryan and Doug Murphy, the boys are well underway in their planning and I am sure it will be a great event... More in this newsletter.

There is so much going on in Simcaland... some projects (and there are plenty of others I don't know about) underway or nearly finished are

John Smith.. Aronde.
Doug Murphy.. Vedette.
Ivan Smith.. Vedette.
Richard Laney.. Vedette Convertible.
Harsha Wickramasinghe.. A90.
Iain Dyer.. Aronde.
Morrie Barrett.. Grande Large.
Mel Rogers.. Vedette.
Kerry Ryan.. A Simca.
Peter Gaggioni.. A90.
Stuart Hollingsworth.. Vedette.
Me.. Vedette.

Impressive list... I am also aware of a Vedette, Versailles and a Simca Abarth, I understand that work has recommenced on this vehicle, I hope that they can be enjoyed by all SCCA members in the future.

In July I was contacted by a chap in Grafton who informed me of a Vedette that was in his paddock, after some negotiating I drove up trailer in tow and picked up what was left of the old girl (very very badly deteriorated) no engine or g/box and not much trim left (pics in newsletter) only just rolling, On the way back I attended the Sydney French Car Festival (Vedette on trailer) and was great to see some Simcas and members there (report in newsletter), unfortunately the Vedette was in a very poor state and after taking/cutting what I thought can be used the remaining 350kg went to scrap (a sad sight)... the race Vedette has progressed and is now drivable, it is currently having the rear suspension modified and I have applied to CAMS for a Historic Log Book, this means supplying them with all specifications on the Vedette and providing photos and any racing history of them, I am keenly awaiting their response as this will be the only racing Vedette in Australia and possibly the world, the Vedette is attracting some attention in Historic racing circles and many are waiting to see it on the track... at this stage I hope to enter the Geelong Speed Revival in November with it and then attend the 2016 Phillip Island Historic's in March as it will be well sorted by then.. (some pics in newsletter).

The Melbourne French Car Festival is on the 1st November and I hope to attend and am keen to catch up with some members and their Simcas.

It was sad to hear of the loss of Iain Dyers sister, my heart felt condolences go out to him and his family, Iain was planning to attend the Adelaide AGM but instead was able to spend some time with her and her family before she passed, I hope to see him at the Melbourne French Festival.

As this will be our last newsletter before the festive season I would like to wish everyone a very safe, healthy and joyous Christmas and hope that 2016 brings happiness and health to you and your families..... and of course lot's n lot's of Simca enjoyment...

El Presidento..... **of the best little car club in the world.**

VALE – MADELEINE BROWN
DUNDAS, NSW
SCCA Family Membership No. 129

Dearly beloved wife of John.
Mother of Catherine, Margee and Anthony.
Mother-in -Law of David and Nikki.
Devoted and proud Nannie of Tavis and Cooper.
Madeleine will be dearly missed by all her extended family and endless list of social friends.

May she rest in peace



SECRETARY'S REPORT - *by Lorraine Laney*

Secretary's Report - AGM - 2015

It has indeed been an honour and a privilege to have been Secretary/Treasurer of the Simca Car Club Aus. Inc. 2014-2015. It has been a very busy time and I have had so much to learn about the members and the workings of the Club. I would like to thank those members of the Committee who have willingly given of their time to answer my questions and help with any needed information.

As at 14th September 2015 we have a total of 50 financial memberships – many of which are family memberships, thus giving us quite an appreciable number of actual members. Sadly we had one of our Queensland members pass away, but we were delighted to welcome two new members – one in Queensland and another in U.S.A. It seems that our fame may be spreading! Feedback indicates that the Club Facebook page and the Club Website are both a useful and informative asset to our members. Please take advantage of these.

Wearing the "Treasurers Hat" I can report that all accounts have been paid and renewals of memberships have been processed. At the 2015 AGM the time that renewals are due will be determined, as in the past there has been some confusion regarding this. Once this has been finalised there will be a notice in the Swallow Tales and I would ask that all members respond accordingly by promptly forwarding their subscriptions. I would like to thank those members who submitted their renewals punctually as unfortunately I was faced with the very unpleasant task of needing to send out several reminders. However, I am very hopeful that such a course of action will not be necessary again.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly touch on the matter of Public Liability Insurance for the Simca Club, as this question has been raised with me, and I believe has been raised in the past. I contacted the President of ANSMA (Australian National Street Machine Assn.) to ask for some clarification and I was advised that as the Simca Club is an Incorporated Association, not having regular meetings as such (apart from the AGM) and not hosting any Show-and-Shine events, there could be limited need for Public Liability Insurance (when compared with those clubs having regular meeting and holding shows etc.)

Wearing "Treasurers Hat" again - a copy of the Annual Financial Report is available to all members – those present at the AGM will receive a printed copy. As the Financial Report will not be printed in Swallow Tales, any member who would like a copy will simply need to contact me and I will be happy to email or post a copy to them.

In conclusion, I know a change in secretaries has brought about several changes in "matters secretarial" and I would like to mention that members are more than welcome to contact me with any concerns they may have in this regard. I have enjoyed my year – I trust that all members have done likewise.

Lorraine R. Laney



SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC.

MINUTES : Annual General Meeting 26th September 2015

Held at Semaphore Surf Club (Point Malcom Reserve, Military Rd, Semaphore Park SA 5019)

Meeting opened at 4.25 p.m.

Members in attendance: 24 (as per attached signature list) **Apologies:** I. & L. Dyer

Welcome by President: President Vince Parisi welcomed all members present, making special mention of those who had travelled long distances.

The Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held at Napier, N.Z., were read by Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Laney

Business Arising: Nil

Acceptance of Minutes: Moved G. Rose and Seconded M. Barrett - Carried.

Correspondence

It was Moved G. Rose and Seconded M. Barrett that all correspondence be read and dealt with at the Annual General Meeting – Carried.

1. Letter from CAMS seeking our affiliation. Both G. Rose and V. Parisi have a CAMS licence and spoke on the subject – as CAMS is incorporated in NSW and SCCA is a national club, the subject of affiliation is not applicable. President Vince is to follow up the matter.
2. An email had been received from I & L Dyer giving an apology for the AGM due to ill health in the family. A member advised us that Iain's sister had now passed away and Secretary was asked to send a Sympathy card to the family.
3. Morrie Barrett mentioned that he had received a donation of service manuals from 1956 to 1963 and he is now the custodian for these on behalf of the SCCA.

Financial Report:

Financial Report is attached to the agenda for the benefit of all members present.

Treasurer Lorraine Laney presented the Financial Report of the S.C.C.A. Inc. for the Financial Year ending 30th June 2015.

Acceptance: Moved Lorraine Laney and Seconded M. Barrett - Carried

Financial Report was handed to Public Officer Margaret Barrett.

Committee Reports:

1. **President** Vince Parisi: **attached**
2. **Secretary** Lorraine Laney: **attached**
3. **Editors** Iain & Leila Dyer: **attached**
4. **NSW State Representative** Morrie Barrett: **attached**
5. **Victoria State Representative** Stephen Maloney: Not present and no report available.
6. **W.A. State Representative** John Pickles: **attached**



7. **S.A. State Representative** Robert Stapley: Our Club has several cars in S.A. – some used as daily drives, some on regular usage, and some only for special events. There have been no specific Simca events in S.A. this year – apart from this Adelaide Rally.
8. **Queensland State Representative** Luke and Michelle Huntly:
 - a. **General Report – attached**
 - b. **Proposal and information re 2017 National Meet - attached**
9. **New Zealand Representative** Colin Smith: **attached**

Acceptance of Reports:

There being no further reports, it was Moved M. Barrett and Seconded R. Laney that all reports be accepted and confirmed – Carried.

ELECTION OF CLUB COMMITTEE

All Committee Members stood down from their current positions and all positions were declared vacant. Any financial member is entitled to stand for any position, provided that the member has been nominated and seconded by financial members.

Public Officer Margaret Barrett took the chair to conduct the election of the Club Committee.

POSITION	NOMINEE	Accept	MOVED	SECONDED	Appt.
President	Vince Parisi	Yes	Pat Smith	Barbara Scanes	☺
Secretary/Treasurer	Lorraine Laney	Yes	Ruth Rose	Morrie Barrett	☺
Editor	Iain & Leila Dyer	Yes	John Pickles	Richard Laney	☺
NSW State Rep.	Morrie Barrett	Yes	Barbara Scanes	Richard Laney	☺
VIC. State Rep.	Unfilled – this position remains as a Casual Vacancy				⊗
W.A. State Rep.	John Pickles	Yes	Ina Stapley	R. Verhagen	☺
S.A. State Rep.	Rob Stapley	Yes	Barbara Scanes	Kerry Ryan	☺
QLD. State Rep.	L. & M. Huntly	Yes	Doug Murphy	Kerry Ryan	☺
New Zealand Rep.	Ivan Smith	Yes	Colin Smith	Geoff Rose	☺
All Simcas Registrar	As per previous nomination				
Simca Aronde Registrar	The position of Simca Aronde Registrar was filled at the 2008 AGM by Kerry Ryan and will remain until such time as Kerry Ryan submits a formal notice that he is no longer able to fulfil this position.				

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Determination of Fees:

Treasurer Lorraine Laney advised that she could see no reason for any increase. It was Moved G. Rose and Seconded Pat Smith that the fees for both new memberships and renewing memberships remain at \$40 Single and \$45 Family - Carried.

2. Life Membership for Nance Hodge:

John Pickles has outlined a proposal for Life Membership to be made for Nance Hodge and it was Moved Morrie Barrett and Seconded Lorraine Laney – Carried.

3. **2016 AGM:** After some discussion it was Moved G. Rose and Seconded D. Murphy that this would be held in Albury - Carried. It was resolved that the “AGM Weekend” be run over a longer period e.g. arrive Friday and depart Monday or Tuesday (with the AGM to be held on the Saturday). This is to be organised as a combination of AGM, two planned events on the itinerary and some free time. The NSW Representative Morrie Barrett, President Vince

Parisi and Secretary Lorraine Laney are to co-ordinate the event, possibly at the Hume Hotel in Albury.

4. Next Bi-Annual Meeting (2017)

Two locations were discussed – Queensland and Tasmania. Further conversations led to a show of hands, with Queensland being the victor.

5. Pat Smith offered congratulations to Ina and Rob Stapley for their excellent organisation and running of the Adelaide Rally. Members endorsed with applause.

6. Rob Stapley gave a sum-up of the 2015 Adelaide Rally, which included items such as:

- a. There was no charge for hiring the venue for the AGM and the Rally has made a profit, some of which should be “given back” in some form to the attendees.
- b. It was Moved M. Barrett and Seconded B. Scanes that the expenses incurred for the BBQ meal after the AGM be paid from registration fee funds – Carried.
- c. A commemorative badge is being made and one will be given to all attendees.
- d. Rally Caps have been made and are available – a good quality cap for just \$20!
- e. Rob, as Rally Organiser, suggested that the “Expression of Interest to Attend” Form and Registration Fees would be better sent direct to the Rally Organiser. However, J. Pickles pointed out that this would necessitate opening another bank account, specifically for the needs of the particular rally and that, sponsorships, if any, could be added to that account.

7. It was Moved R. Stapley and Seconded G. Rose that the SCCA make a donation of \$100 to the Semaphore Surf Club in appreciation for the complementary use of the dining room and their willing assistance for our needs as required regarding our AGM.

CLOSING OF MEETING

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 6.25 p.m.

Minutes of 26th September 2015 AGM prepared by Secretary/Treasurer 2014-2015:

Lorraine Laney Date:

Signed as a True Record

President Date:

Changes Made to Constitution on 26.9.15 at Special General Meeting

1. Clause 2.8 : Fees and Subscriptions:

- a. Clause 2.8 a) New Members: (First Paragraph) **Delete** "1st July and expire 30th June the following Year" and **replace with** "1st January and expire 31st December of that year."
- b. Clause 2.8 b) Renewal Members: (First Paragraph) **Delete** "1st July and expire 30th June the following Year" and **replace with** "1st January and expire 31st December of that year."
- c. Clause 2.8 b) **Add** "Renewal of Annual Membership Fees is to be paid within 90 days of the due date." (Insert at start of 4th Paragraph.)

2. Clause 3.7 : Committee Meetings :

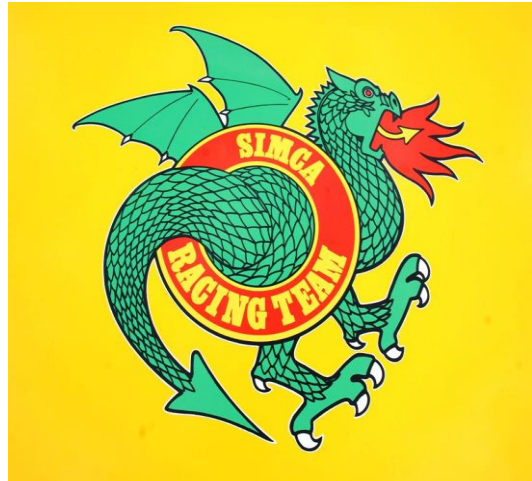
- a. Clause 3.7 (1) – **Delete** existing paragraph and **replace with:**
"A committee meeting may be held at 2 or more venues using any technology that gives each of the committee members a reasonable opportunity to participate."
- b. Clause 3.7 (3) – **Delete** "plus 4 ordinary members".

3. Clause 4.9 : Special Resolution:

- a. Clause 4.9 (2) (a) – **Delete** existing paragraph and **replace with:**
"where it is supported by at least three quarters of the votes cast in person, by members of the Club being entitled under these rules so to do, at a Special General Meeting of which not less than 28 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution was given in accordance with these rules; or"
Note: This would necessitate the amendment of Clause 1.2 "Interpretation".

4. Clause 1.2 : Interpretation:

- a. Clause 1.2 (Fifth Item) – **Delete** "A Special Resolution requires a 75% majority of all club members in order to be passed" and **replace with:**
*"A **Special Resolution** requires three quarters of the votes cast by members present at a Special General Meeting in order to be passed."*



Simca Car Club of Australia

Presidents Report 2015

I am very happy to report that 2015 has been a year of “progression and moving forward” for our Club, apart from the activity of some of our members engrossed in their projects I have also spoken to many non members that are also keen Simca enthusiasts and I am sure that they will become members in the future, Some already have... The task given to me at last years AGM was to move forward with a Face Book page and our own SCC Web page, I am happy to report that both of these items are now active... many thanks to Lorraine Laney and her IT skills, Lorraine produced the web site and is now maintaining that site...It is great to see the information available to all. Not only has there been activity within our shores and New Zealand the SCCA has entered the electronic social media world not only with our website but also with the Clubs Face Book page which has attracted world wide attention and currently has over 110 followers and has reached over 1100 posts... not only individual enthusiasts but other Clubs some being Simca Club, Some clubs are...

Club Vedette France

Club Simca France

Simca Fiat Club West

Simca Automobiel Club Nederland

Talbot Matra Simca Chrysler Official Italia

Of course we also get to see what is happening with their clubs and it is absolutely amazing the amount of information about Simca's that is out there..

Another milestone for our Club is that with Morrie's help we have found a Simca Abarth residing in Sydney and I have made contact with the owner, at

this stage he is still contemplating joining our Club but we are staying in touch and hopefully we will be able to enjoy this very rare Simca in the future....

Our Secretary/Treasure Lorraine has worked very hard in making sure that the Club abides by our Constitution and that all is well in that area, she has made sure that the Club is up to date and has found some anomalies which will be discussed in depth today (more from Lorraine)..

Our state reps... Morrie, Luke and Michelle, Stephen, John, Rob and Ina have also kept up their good work with Rob and Ina organizing and working hard in arranging this year's AGM and also having our Club be part of the Bay to Birdwod..... they all have contributed much to the Club. A special mention must go to our NZ members Colin and Ivan Smith for their tireless work in promoting the Club at every opportunity and also to Iain and Leila for their hard work in producing our Newsletter, all this with the help of our Public officer Margaret..

Of course all our Club Members have one thing in common, they are firstly Motoring Enthusiasts and Secondly they share the passion of Simca Motor Vehicles, this past year I have seen many examples of how that passion is shared one being the swapping of information and also the swapping/sharing of parts (some of these can be hard to source), this is proof in our combined passion to have as many Simcas returned to their former glory and kept for future generations to enjoy, I know of many projects underway and this past year I have been working frantically to complete my own Vedette... unfortunately it is still not completed but will be for the 2016 Historic Touring Car Races in Victoria, this I believe will be the only Race Vedette in Australia and possibly the world and I am sure it will create much interest and lift the Simca Car Club's profile....

I would also like to thank all our members and especially all of you here for the fun and festivities of this week.. I look forward to our future as "The Best Little Car Club in the World"...

Annual Report - AGM 2015 - **EDITOR**

Greetings fellow Committee and Club Members, both Leila and I deeply regret not being able to attend due to sad family business. We both love the Club and were looking forward to catching up with everyone. We have nothing to report except to really thank everyone for their submissions throughout the past year. We feel Swallow Tales has been interesting and brought in on a modest budget. All moneys have been promptly refunded to us, our Secretary having the invoices.

As all positions are open, today we encourage any budding scribes to have a go as the new Editor. If no one wishes to do so, Leila and I are more than happy to continue.

As to our AGM next year, suggestion has been made as to Tasmania. As Rob Stapley will attest we do have some magnificent scenery. We would be honoured and happy to organise same. This being said we would prefer it to be in a location that would more suit our NSW and QLD members.

Leila and I take this opportunity to wish all Club Members, with great affection. Good health until then.

Iain and Leila Dyer
Present Editor



Oh dear, no computer, how can it possibly run?
Miracle, it runs like a clock!

2015 New South Wales Annual Report : Morrie Barrett

This year I have spent quite a bit of time assisting our Secretary in the past workings of our Club finances and perhaps the most important the amendments to our Constitution in regard the actual date for membership renewals, which will be put forward at this General Meeting.

French Car Day Sydney

Attended by Don and Barbra Scanes, Geoff and Ruth Rose John and Madeline Brown Vince Parisi, Keith and Natalia Reddacliff, Morrie Barrett and Ian Powell.

Two P60,s and a Bagehera were on display supported with a trailer with the body of a vedette Vince had collected and trailered from Grafton on it's way to Melbourne for parts and recycling.

The vedette attracted a lot of attention and was featured in the NSW Peugeot magazine

French Car Day Brisbane

Attended by Rob Verhagen, Geoff and Ruth Rose Kerry Ryan and Morrie Barrett.

Geoff, Ruth and I drove from the French Car Day Sydney to Inverell to collect parts, catch up with Bruce and Barbra Holder, then on to Rob Verhagen's place where we stayed for three days during our stay we removed the engine and gearbox from Rob's P60 wagon and reinstalled a reconditioned motor.

On the Sunday 7 French cars, 5 Peugeots and 2 Simca's headed to the Brisbane French Car Day, which coincided with 60 years of the Citroen DS series some 62 DS's were on display with 98% registered in Qld.

The theme for the day was 60 year of production of the Citroen DS Series what a great sight 62 Citroen DS's with the majority being registered in Queensland

Simca Parts at Picton

The Roses and Barrett travelled to Picton to inspect a large quantity of Simca parts some NOS other used unfortunately a lot of the NOS has been exposed to water and were and could not be salvaged.

The great majority of used parts we in poor condition and not of any great value or moment, a couple of items that are good includes 90A and P60 plastic or fiberglass internal door trims and sun visors to suit either model.

The following items are available for purchase:

Vedette tail/blinker lenses \$180 per pair

Windscreen stickers \$5.00 each

Side Cover Gaskets \$11.00 each

Rocker Cover Gaskets \$16.00 each

SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of WA members of the S.C.C.A., I would like to express our appreciation to the out-going committee for their commitment and diligence in maintaining the membership and hard earned reputation of the Simca Car Club. These members volunteer their time to carry out the elected duties to the best of their ability and a fine job they have done, without exception we would again endorse their nomination. A special mention of the work that the editors of our newsletter "Swallow Tales" Leila and Iain Dyer put in to making it such and interesting and much read publication and we would encourage them to continue doing so.

As you all are aware, Western Australia has less Simcas on the road than any of the states and this is recognized by the local car clubs in the West who take us under their wing. The Peugeot Car Club of WA, Vintage and Veteran Car Club of WA and the French and Fantastic Car Club are a few who have invited our club to participate in their club events. Unfortunately most of our Simcas (which are few) have experienced mechanical problems over the past twelve months that have curtailed the activities which has left us with little to report except for the efforts of Darrel Manning in racing his Aronde P60 in the Albany "Round the Houses" over the Easter weekend.

The annual "French Car Festival" which is our main annual event for the French car enthusiasts in WA was held on Sunday 21st September 2014, which was about a month earlier than usual. It was most unfortunate that the rain God was against the organizers as heavy rain and gale force winds lashed Perth on the day resulting in a turnout of less than forty cars and no Simca representation. The 2015 "French Car Festival" is to be held on Saturday 24th October and incorporated as part of a larger French Festival featuring food, entertainment etc. running from 10.00am to 9.00pm in the evening.

As the only Simca representative from WA attending the 2015 Simca National Rally, I would like have recorded the timely manner in which the information on the upcoming rally has been disseminated, a credit to the organizer Robert Stapley.

In having disposed of their Simcas we have lost two valued members in Western Australia and half the road licensed Simcas in WA have changed hands. Rob Lewis sold his P60 and moved to Tasmania, his car remains in Western Australia but the new owner has not responded to our contact or acknowledged the receipt of parts that were sent. Mark Bird has sold his Simca 1000 to Darrel Manning and we can rest assured it's in good hands, Darrel will made this good car an even better car.

John Pickles
State Representative WA
Simca Car Club Australia Inc.
31.08.2015

NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL REPORT - 2015

Not a lot has happened over here in Kiwiland since some of you folk were kind enough to crossover and attend the first international Simca meeting downunder last Oct. It was good to meet new members and renew old friendships.

Phil Butcher is progressing slowly with the restoration of his two-door Aronde, Murray Goodall assures me that he will start on his Versailles towards the end of summer, Keith Marshall is considering the sale of his car as he is in the same boat as me - age and bad health slows us all down.

Early Feb saw us at the Tui brewery taking the fire engine and the v8, Ariane and the 1'000 picked up the best club display being more of the sponsor's products. In March we went to the Show and Shine at Windsor Park. On the annual Artdeco weekend we put on a display outside the local branch of Harvey Norman at the request of the 2ic Damian Battachi who hails from Mildura. He has just returned from being there to celebrate his 21st.

We also showed off at the local model railway club's open day. In June Lucy, Ivan, and I with the two little dogs went to Wellington for the weekend. We took down the older Etoile, red 1501 sedan, helped Richard sort out some of the parts bringing a truck load of spares home - also the red 1,000 that featured in the television program "The missing", some of you will be familiar with. Also Jan went to Auckland to see her children and grandchildren and caught up with Gerard Crombie and his family.

In July Ivan and I started to sort out the bits and pieces needed for reconditioning the v8 motor to go into his Vedette and I had to think hard as it is some 50 years since I last rebuilt these engines. In early August work started on the removal of the Holden motor and autotrans from Ivan's car. On another trip to Wellington we brought back the replacement firewall panel. Much cleaning cutting and sanding was needed to prepare the two parts for welding.

Now after all that and a two year wait I finally go into hospital to get my tummy fixed so can eat properly again so will not be able to do much for a few weeks. A trip to your part of the world will sure help.

After serving as the NZ rep for some years I wish to give up this position and with the club's permission pass it on to Ivan as is more up with what is going on around the country.

Colin Smith
NZ Representative

2014/2015 Queensland Report

Greetings Everyone,

It's been twelve months since the New Zealand AGM and it doesn't seem that long ago we were sitting in the Napier Sailing Club catching up with 'old' friends and making new ones. The AGM was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The itinerary was well planned by the organisers and we greatly appreciate all of the hard work that went into this event.

In February we welcomed a new member, Christopher Buckner from Brisbane to our club. Unfortunately earlier in the year we also had the sad loss of one of our members due to illness.

Thanks to all of the members who have contributed to the Queensland Report. It's often hard for us country folk to attend events held closer to the coast like the French Car Day held in Brisbane. This year the flag was kept flying high by three Simcas attended by two Queensland members, Kerry and Skip along with NSW members, Geoff and Ruth as well as Morrie who attended in his Peugeot.

While in Queensland Geoff and Morrie helped fit the engine and gear box to Skip's wagon that Wayne helped rebuild to get the car ready on time for the Adelaide Rally and many wild Simca adventures in the future. Doug Murphy has begun restoration on his Vedette Beaulieu with the assistance from Kerry and Morrie loaning parts to get him started. Good to see members pulling together to help restore their vehicles.

There has been mention of a 'get together' at the Toowoomba Swap Meet in February 2016 to give more opportunities to meet up between Simca events. We hope this will be one of many outings to keep in closer contact with members.

Recently we were contacted by a lady in Longreach who rescued an Aronde P60 from being turned into scrap metal which was located near Barcaldine in far western Queensland. It is good to hear of another car being restored. Luke has been assisting her in locating parts and hopefully with a little persuasion she will join the club.

Kind Regards,
Luke and Michelle Huntly

The 2017 National Meet

The 2017 Meet on the Gold Coast in June 2017 is timed to coincide with Cooly-Rocks-On which is the biggest event on the Queensland 50s and 60s classical car calendar. This event is in the week leading up to the Queen's Birthday, which is on a Monday in all states except WA. In 2017, Queen's Birthday will be on 12th June.

With a street parade on the previous Saturday and a static car display on the day before (Sunday), this leaves the Monday to travel home or whatever.

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With accommodation, Skip, who has gone back to the western desert of Egypt, looked at various caravan parks. Wayne Yeo and I are working to firm up the accommodation arrangements and as early as we can.

We are looking for expressions of interest from you, that you would like to attend the 2017 National Meet. Please contact Luke or Michelle at email beitz@hyw54.com.au or phone 07 4622 3361 by 30 November 2015. This will help our planning.

Queensland Organising Committee

Bay to Birdwood Rally

On Sunday morning 27.9.15 at 6 a.m. we presented ourselves at a 25 acre park at West Beach Adelaide. As we drove in, officials placed a pink sticker on the left headlight so that the State Police would know we were part of the Rally. When all the cars, trucks and motor cycles were assembled, the total was 1,760 – wow! That is a lot of vehicles for any show. This one differed in the fact that after we had breakfast, we then drove in a convoy through Adelaide, Gumeracha etc. on to Birdwood – a distance of approx. 70 kims.

As this is a charity run, the support of the people of S.A. is mind blowing. Very big crowds lined the route. There were BBQ's on the median strips and along footpaths as well, people cooking bacon and eggs and sipping wines or champagnes! As we were in a Simca (see photo) we were greeted with cheers of "Viva La France!" and "Some Car That Simca!"

The Simca Car Club Australia had 12 cars in the Rally, including a mix of Vedettes and Simca Arondés. Two of special interest were: (i) a Simca Oceané which is a left hand drive coupé – the body for these cars were made by Facel and (ii) a Simca Matra Bagheera (some members may have seen this at Tilligerry on Heritage Day) – this car is a typical European Sportscar – very sleek, lime splice in colour, centre mount engine, 3 bucket seats across the font. The car was driven from Fingal Bay to the Rally.

The Rally left West Beach at 8.30 a.m. and vehicles were still arriving at the Birdwood Motor Museum at 1.00 p.m. – a sight to behold. Please Google "Bay to Birdwood Rally 2015" to read more about this fantastic event. This is the second time that Lorraine and I have participated in the "Bay to Birdwood".

Richard Laney

Aerial photo at Wests Beach



QUEENSLAND REPORT - *by Luke Huntly*

Greetings everyone,

It has been a couple of weeks since leaving our friends, new and old in Adelaide and the memories of the rally are still fresh in our minds. A sign of a great time we had. Thanks to Rob and Ina for the time and effort they put into organising this event. There was a good representation from Queensland with Kerry and Josephine bring along their coupe, Skip in his wagon, Doug and Maggie going modern and us in the Etoile.



Skip's
Wagon
Being
prepared
For
Adelaide
Rally



It always seems to amaze us the interest that a Simca generates travelling to and from these events. Our first such experience on this trip was at our first stop in Dirranbandi where a fellow yelled out to us when heading into the bakery – Is that a Simca?! We also had two such experiences on our way home in the small railway siding of Manna Hill where we stopped for a break. The lady from the pub asked us if that was a Simca as her family had owned one in the 60's. She then proceeded to take a number of photos to post them on her Facebook page. The next day we stopped in Cobar for lunch and a motor home pulled along beside us. It turned out that the guy had sold Simca's in Orange in the 60's.

Most of you will know by now that the 2017 National Meet is to be held in Queensland which we are all very excited about. Please take the time to read the information provided.

Kind Regards,

Luke and Michelle Huntly
Queensland
Representatives



A perspective from Kerry Ryan,

Hi All, First of all Jo and I would like to thank Robert and Ina Stapley for the wonderful effort which they both went to in organising an enjoyable Simca event for 2015 which ended with a run in the Bay to Birdwood Classic on Sunday 27 September.

It was wonderful to take part in this well staged celebration of the Motor Car and even Josephine enjoyed the day immensely while waving to the crowds of people who lined the route through Adelaide and up in to the Adelaide Hills. Thank God she didn't wear her hat with the Bunny ears that day.

Our trip down from Queensland was very long but thankfully uneventful as we travelled at a steady 90 km per hour with the Simca coupe on a trailer behind the Falcon.

We left Petrie on Tuesday 15 September and travelled to Warwick where we stayed the night and waited for Skip to arrive. From Warwick we travelled to Narrabri. The following day we had a big run to Wilcannia and then travelled on to Semaphore the next day and arrived safely on Friday evening 18 September.



The accommodation was very comfortable and very well located as it was at a particular nice part of the Adelaide sea front at Semaphore.

Jo and I both enjoyed our relaxing walks along the foreshore especially if the wind was not blowing a gale. The design of the houses, the retention of the heritage buildings and the development of the foreshore areas was of great interest to me as an Architect and Landscape Architect and I was really impressed with the general layout and cleanliness of the City. Josephine was very impressed with Harbour Town and IKEA but not because of the Architecture.

The week went quickly unfortunately and a highlight of each day was either a Bar b que or dinner at the Surf Life Saving Club.

I am sure everyone will remember the Schnitzel night on the Thursday.

My car ran really well in the Bay to Birdwood and I have managed to find the photos taken by the professional photography studio on the web site which I will follow up and purchase.

The trip home again leaving on Monday 28 September was un-eventful except for a wrong turn at Gawler which sent us towards Mildura instead of heading north towards Broken Hill. We eventually turned due north just short of Mildura and found ourselves in Broken Hill early evening.

We spent the night in Broken Hill, travelled to Bourke the next day and then on to Goondiwindi the day after.

We then had an easy run to home in Brisbane on the 1 October where we were enthusiastically greeted by Sparky the Jack Russel and Ewok the Shitzu/Maltese (and other breeds) cross.

One of the things to note is the good condition generally of the more remote highways within NSW. The road from Cobar to Bourke is particularly good especially if you are trying to escape the nightmare of the large transports on the Newell Highway.

Anyway it was a great week with plenty of discussion around Simca's and shopping bargains. We both look forward to catching up with Club members in Albury next year and the Gold Coast in 2017.

Best wishes,

Kerry and Josephine Ryan

Doug Murphy's Restoration Project update . . .

To restore a car - classical, vintage or veteran, requires motivation, resources (time and money) and tech advice. Before I bought my Vedette - as a restoration project, I spoke to Vince Parisi; Vince encouraged me saying that parts are available, and Vince has been helping me since. So has Richard Laney. I would not have gotten involved without this tech guidance and advice. These are early days, assembling parts for the engine rebuilding firm to put together. More to come.

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The big events in the Coolys program will be the street parade on Saturday 10 June and a static car display on Sunday 11 June. We hear there is a street parking capacity of 1300 cars and about another 300 are turned away. So time is of the essence and when the time comes, we will have to move promptly to register.

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Cheers

The Queensland Organising Committee

Queensland Report (Continued)

Greetings everyone.

Christmas is almost upon us and still plenty to do. In November Luke and Michelle took the Etoile on one of the local club runs to a farm stay about 30 klms north of Roma. Everything seemed to go well until we got home and found an oil leak coming from the engine. Luke found that a fitting started leaking for some reason that had been put in 12 years ago. Further investigation is to continue and looking at taking the vehicle off the road and doing some major repairs.

There has been some suggestions of the Queensland members meeting up at the Toowoomba swap meet on the 6th – 7th of February 2016. We (Luke and Michelle) will be having a stall at the swap and invite anyone to come along to catch up.

We wish everyone a merry Christmas, a happy new year and look forward to meeting up in 2016.

2017 National Meet Report

Also in November we had to go to Brisbane for a specialist appointment, while we were in Brisby we decided to call in on Doug Murphy to discuss the 2017 rally. After some discussion, the outcome for accommodation is the Billabong tourist park. This is the venue chosen by Skip as the best one available, with capacity to accommodate all of us with reasonable rates, and being fairly close to the venue. Billabong (like nearly all the other caravan parks and motel we've contacted), are reluctant to take bookings so far ahead, but they will accept bookings from next May, probably with their regulars getting preference. So, to book there, we will have to move quickly next May. It would give us an indication of numbers coming if you could let Luke and Michelle know if you are planning to come. Further information will be sent out next year.

Kind regards

Luke and Michelle,

Queensland representatives.



WESTERN WHISPERS – WA STATE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT –

By John Pickles

What better news than a report on the 8th Simca Nation Rally. I was fortunate to be able to attend the well organized week long event held in Adelaide to coincide with the “Bay to Birdwood” and to finally put faces to those fellow members of whom I had been speaking with over the years.

As most would know, the very first Simca Rally was held in Adelaide in 2001 and through the success of this event it was decided by all in attendance that a gathering of the Simca Car Club members should be held every second year, history now shows this has happened and with even greater participation.

Sadly, circumstances prevented all the WA members but myself from attending the 2015 rally, as for me it was like coming home again to visit the places that bought back the memories of the first rally, which was really the event that firmly establish the Simca Car Club as a National Club.

It would be remiss if I was not to congratulate Ina and Rob Stapley on the planning and organization of the event which provided ideal accommodation, a full program that took us to the most interesting places and a grand finale with the “Bay to Birdwood” that this year featured 1760 cars. While I feel sure a full report will come from others that attended I must make mention of the Shed Run organized by the “Gawler Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club” to which we were invited. This event saw us transverse the Adelaide northern plains on a cruise to Gawler and the Barossa Valley. Our first shed had an extensive collection of Military vehicles and armaments both on display and under restoration, it was also our morning tea stop where we had the most delicious hot scones baked by the ladies of the G.V.V.. From there we ventured through Adelaide’s northern suburbs to our second shed (sheds) where we found the largest collection of Jaguars and Mini Coopers I have ever set eyes on, “C” Type, “D” Type “XK”. “SS”, you name it and it was there, not just one of each series but a model of each in the series! Next we proceeded along the Barossa Valley Hwy to the Barossa reservoir and the Whispering Wall where we were provided with a BBQ lunch. “Thankyou” Ina & Rob for a most enjoyable week, a job well done.



Bay to Birdwood: Held on Sunday 27th September was for vehicles built between 1956 and 31 December 1978 and for this year the SIMCA was a feature vehicle in the event. In total there were 1760 vehicles registered for the event which began on the bay with the assembly of vehicles from 6.00am. The first vehicle was flagged off at 8.30am for the 70km journey through the Adelaide hills to the grounds of the Australian National Motor Museum where entertainment and food outlets were set up for a carnival atmosphere. The biggest thrill for the participants in their vehicles was the number of spectators that had lined the whole

70kms to watch the passing parade of old cars which took 3 hours to pass, some had even set up BBQ's to cook their breakfast while viewing the parade. The entertainment at Birdwood included a three category competition for the best costumes for the decades of the 1950's, 1960's and the 1970's complete with live bands including an Elvis impersonator to which we had a dance floor full of those doing the "Jive".

Check it out online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-goX65zCVns>





L to R. MEL AND GELSKE, ROB AND JOSIE, DON AND BARBARA, MAGGIE AND DOUG, JOSEPHINE AND KERRY, JOHN AND PAT, MICHELLE AND LUKE, VINCE AND TONY, JOHN, MICHELLE AND LUKE, ROB AND INA, GEOFF AND RUTH, EMMA, INA AND INA LORRAINE AND RICHARD, HARSHA



The most observant would have noticed the Simca 1000 belonging to Mark Bird advertised on Gumtree, fortunately it didn't last very long before being snapped up by none other than Darrel Manning and I for one am very pleased to see the car remain in Western Australia. It is a very original and presentable car with having a total mechanical overhaul completed by the previous owners Paul Evans and Mark Bird.



Ian Williams is making slow progress with the Vedette project and also is now the proud? Owner of the Vedette featured in the last issue of Swallow Tales. Ian has vowed to have his project completed by the next National Rally.

Sunday the 24th October was the annual "French Car Festival" in Western Australia, only this year it was a combined event with entertainment and stalls selling everything French, from food, alcohol, education, clothing etc. The event went from 10.00a.m to 9.00p.m although the cars began to leave at 4.00p.m, some may have stayed later. From the amount of people that passed through and the lines for food I should think it was a success, we certainly had a lot of people looking at the Simca and much to our surprise the number who were French.



John Pickles – WA State representative

VICTORIAN/ TASMANIA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – *by Stephen Maloney*

As requested I am reporting on the French Car Festival on the 1. Nov at Como Park. The attendance of Simca's was letdown by the failure of Morrie's Grande Large to cooperate and run long enough to get to Melbourne, although we did have Vincennes Racing Vedette to spark interest in the Simca camp, and was supported by 3 Aronde's and Peter Walker with his Chambord. People in attendance were Asher and friends, myself the Smith Family, Ian and Leila from Tassie and Vince.

Overall there was around 200 cars in attendance with the largest collection of Delarge that I have seen at any French Car Day. The event was organised by the Citroen Car Club this year and went very well. The next Event will be run by the Peugeot Car Club and will again at Williamstown docks as in 2013.

Regards
Stephen.



Part of our display at French day, plus a very cute citroen.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - *by Robert Stapley*

Hi all,

Well the Simca rally for 2015 is done and dusted. I trust everyone arrived home safe and sound. For those who drove their Simca's well done. Just proves once again what resilient little cars we own. We look forward to 2017 when we head north to do it all again. However I did take note of little things that happened during the week so I have compiled a list of questions to which you may be able to answer but don't let the truth spoil a good story.

- 1..Who made the best rissoles for the barbecue
- 2..Who took the scenic route to Adelaide and took so long and was reported missing to the police.
- 3..Who drove through a red light on the way to buy wine..
- 4..Who thought they were still on their honeymoon.
- 5..Who was always hungry.
- 6..Who thought he was a rally driver on gorge road, which is incidentally periodically closed for classic Adelaide and scouts rally.
- 7..Who wished they had bought their fishing gear.
- 8..who wished they had bought their golf clubs'
- 9..Who couldn't wipe the smile off his face after the Bay to Birdwood.
- 10..Who spent the shortest time at the Simca Rally.
- 11..who won the meat tray and donated it back for our barbecue
- 12..Who waited for the rally to tension the head, time the tappets and tune up.
- 13..Who spent the most money at Ikea.
- 14..Who kept going back to harbour town.
- 15..Who was traumatised every time they passed an opp shop without stopping.
- 16..who lost their camera at least twice.
- 17..Who got everyone to stand up at the Sunday night barbecue and it wasn't for the national anthem.
- 18..Who proved that swallows are superior to emus,'

cheers

Robert Stapley

For all those who weren't at the Rally, next edition will have the answers to Rob's questionnaire. Hopefully, if I can find the answers from members.
Editor.



Rob's local Pub!

NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – *by Morrie Barrett*

Thank you to all NSW Members who were able to travel to Adelaide for our AGM and take part in the Bay to Birdwood, once again the grand large failed to even leave home, so Margaret and I were restricted to a short stay, which we enjoyed catching up with all Members in attendance.

Unfortunately on their return trip home Geoff and Ruth's P60 collided with an Emu, Geoff was able to pull the front mudguard off the tyre and continue home without further incident. It is with deep regret that we record the passing of fellow Member Madeline Brown, John Browns wife of over 55years on behalf of NSW Members we offer our sincere condolences to John and his family.

I am in the process of installing a Rush motor into the Grand Large with aim of attending the French Car Day in Melbourne on Sunday 1st November.

I sign off with a photo of the work in progress.



A Rush and a Flash, both being a little bit naughty!

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

HI from NZ. First a big thanks to Robert and Ina and all those members who made it possible for Lucy and I to take part in this year's bay to Birdwood motoring event. Early August saw the start of the big change over from that ausie engine to a french flathead, as you can see by the photos we have done it and still waiting for the recon man to finish his part. WE are off to a gathering down the south road about one hour's drive hoping to catch with Steven Fisk with his Husky as it's all legal now, not much happening on the countryside scene at the moment, Cheers Colin pp Ivan



Report from the renegade Vedette Kiwi

Steve Fisk in Palmy who some of you met at the AGM in Napier has finished putting his Vedette engine into the other Chrysler buy out - a Rootes Hillman Husky of 1956 vintage (not unlike a 1954 Simca Aronde Messagere)

As Chrysler owned both Rootes & Simca after 1959 they could have done this. Indeed in Holland they were producing both Rootes & Simcas in the same plant.

Steve got the 1958 V8 Flathead engine from California and completely restored it, tracking down parts with the help of fellow club the Smiths.

Putting the engine in took a years solid work as all the running gear needed replacing to accommodate the beautiful engine which he adapted to a Toyota 5 speed gearbox.

Since obtaining certification he has attended a few shows and had rave reviews for fellow car enthusiasts. As a consequence awareness of the mighty Simca marque has gone up substantially in NZ.

Indeed a national magazine ran a full six page feature on it in October

If you are on Face book send him a friend request (Stevan Gearhead Fisk) to see more photos and a video of it running – or email him

stevesgarage@xtra.co.nz

He also has the bellhousings to adapt the 5 speed gearbox for sale



Steve, beautiful work! Editor

French Day Victoria 2015

Having missed last year's French day, either because I was crook, or we were too broke, we were determined to make it this year. I purchased a 07 Mazda 4x4 the week before on the net, so we had a legitimate tax deduction coming over on the boat and bringing it back. The trip then became a business exercise. As the simca wasn't ready, still, we came over in a 07 Peugeot 407 HDi sedan we had traded. These are magnificent cars. Comfortable, quiet, plenty of grunt and 1000 k's to a tank. What's there not to like.

Having got off the boat at around 7.00a.m we drove out to where the Rally was to be held. The main park had French Festival signs up, but on a different day to that Sunday. We rang Vince and he put us on to a different area where it was being held. No one there at 7.30, so a lovely brekky in a local coffee shop. When we arrived back it was all go. Vince soon arrived with the Vedette race car on a trailer and the marquee. We parked the 407 with the Peugeots and soon we had, Vince and race car, Harsha and family with both his 90A's, Steve Maloney with his Aronde, Peter Walker with his supercharged Vedette. Also we had ever present stalwarts, John and Pat Smith with son David. Having settled in, I decided to have a look around. I must confess while Simcas are my first love, I love em' all. It was pleasing to see not all were pristine, some were quite tatty, but being used and displayed. Quite a few tatty Peugs 403's and a 404, but so good to see them. The Renault display had some lovely cars, a pristine Alpine A110 and a lovely TS16 The only car letting them down was a tatty old unloved Reno R4. Actually it was a lovely little car, owned by our own Steven Maloney.

The Citroen display blew me away. The number of ID19, DS21, DS23 was astounding. Surely some of them would have to be world class. A gold one was particularly stunning. I have always loved them. Whilst walking past the Delarge display, there was a person sitting in an open blue car, with the motor running. As I walked past he drove straight into me. My walking stick was ripped out of my hand and I only just managed to spring out of the way, before going under the car. I retrieved my walking stick from under the car, whilst he sat there. "Didn't see you" was all he said, a bit too posh to say sorry or are you alright. Arrogant prat! I suppose better to have on your headstone "R.I.P. Run over by a Delarge" rather than "Run over by a Daewoo". Actually did hurt my back and bad leg.

Back at our area, John and Pat were cooking a BBQ for us all. Much appreciated I can assure you. Pat and I sat together most of the afternoon happily chatting and watching the world go by. It just so happened, Pat and I were sitting right behind Vince's race car. On numerous occasions, the eager crowd wished to hear it run. The result was, Pat and I were inundated, with possibly, highly illegal race car fumes. When this was pointed out to our President, I seemed to remember two options, move ,or suck it in. Was there a modicum of care? None! One wonders, if he might have a Delarge, at home in the shed.



Homicidal Delarge

All jokes aside, the Vedette race car, was a huge hit with the crowd. When Vince wasn't around I was kept busy during the day.



Apart from the rarity of the car, the obvious build quality and the attention to detail was what impressed all. Quite apart from that, lots of people were impressed with Peter's immaculate Vedette. The workmanship in his car is just as impressive and he is such a likeable, easy to bump along with guy. It is just a pity we get together so infrequently. The 3 Aronde's had plenty of attention as well. The general opinion was "cute". It was surprising how many people knew about Arondes'.



One chap talked to me for half an hour. Like me, he bought a Simca when he was young. He bought a P60. All his mates laughed at him, but they stopped laughing when he still had it 3 years later. He drove from Victoria to Qld several times and did over 500 miles on beaches near Fraser Island. He still has a photo of it parked on the beach, next to the wrecked “Cherry Venture”. If he can find it, he is going to send me a copy. Apart from servicing, he never put a spanner on it. He still maintains it is the best car he has ever owned.



Harsha won “Best Simca” (see above) and was awarded a really nice trophy. Most fitting, as Harsha had made the effort to bring and display both Aronde’s.

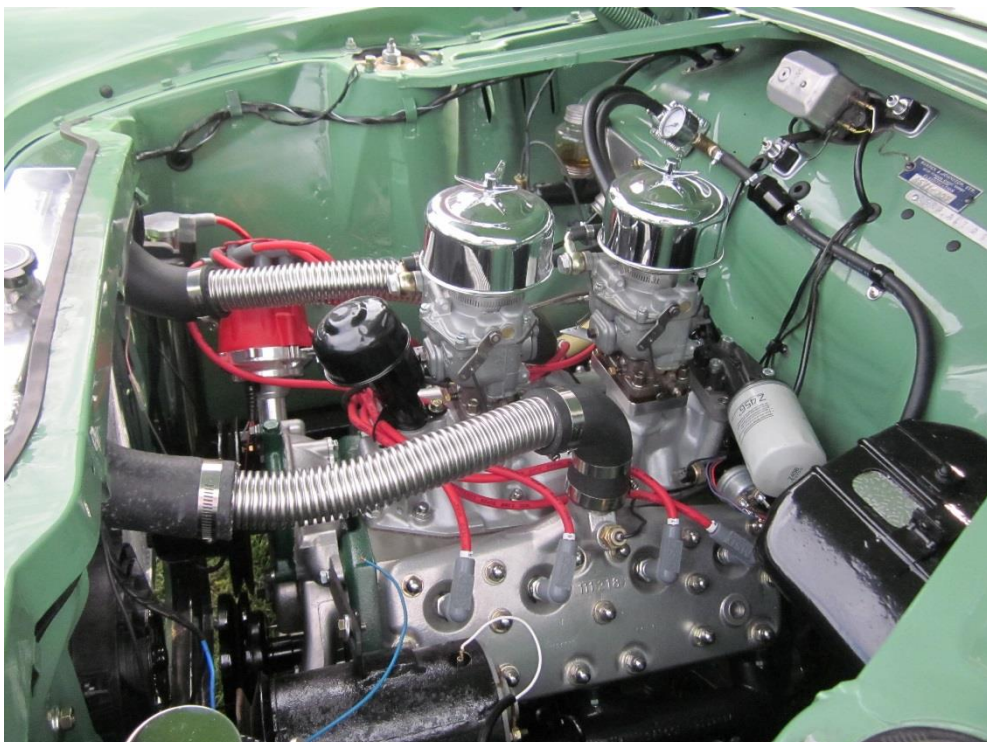
Like all good things, the day came to an end and we wished each other adieu. Leila and I toured around Ballarat and Castlemaine, for a couple of days, and attended the car auction Wednesday. That night we boarded the ship with our two cars and headed home. Great trip, if you discount being run over!

Hopefully next year another Aronde!

Iain and Leila



All shots of Vinnie Vedette's race car





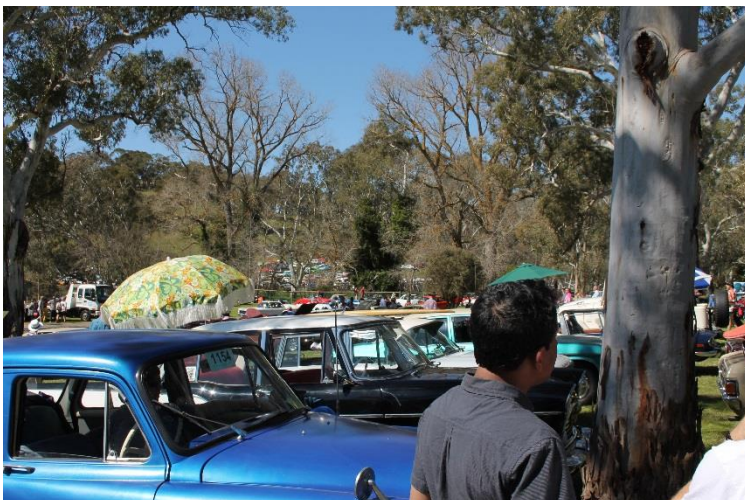




A fine selection of French classics all charming in their own way

A Selection of Excellent Photos taken by John Smith at the Rally

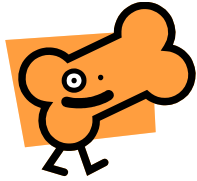










*Funny Bones***THE GAY FLIGHT ATTENDANT:
(This one is too funny not to forward!)**


My flight was being served by an obviously gay flight attendant, who seemed to put everyone in a good mood as he served us food and drinks.

As the plane prepared to descend, he came swishing down the aisle and told us that 'Captain Marvey has asked me to announce that he'll be landing the big scary plane shortly, so lovely people, if you could just put your trays up, that would be super.'

On his trip back up the aisle, he noticed this well-dressed and rather Arabic-looking woman hadn't moved a muscle. 'Perhaps you didn't hear me over those big brute engines, but I asked you to raise your trazy-poo, so the main man can pitty-pat us on the ground.'

She calmly turned her head and said, 'In my country, I am called a Princess, and I take orders from no one.'

**To which (I swear) the flight attendant replied, without missing a beat,
'Well, sweet-cheeks, in my country I'm called a Queen, so I outrank you. Tray-up**



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Also any articles for sale are included free of charge in the publication.



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