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What a Lovely Pair



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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,

I must apologise for being unavailable via email these past seven weeks. Yes we had paid the bill! All of a sudden we stopped receiving emails and despite dozens of calls to Telecoms “Helpline”, more like “joke line”, they couldn’t fix the problem. Blamed the NBN. In desperation we took the computer into our local IT expert. He got the same run around. Finally he got it working in a fashion and we ended up with the bill. Mention Telecom and Leila starts frothing at the mouth.

On a brighter note our Simca finally zoomed out of the shed last week. Resplendent with her new lotus look alike wheels and new continental tyres. Rob Lewis has the motor ticking over like a top. The next step is to fit the new Pedder’s shocks, springs and 1 ½” lowering blocks. The lowering blocks are simple enough, but still took me most of a day to make. Sitting on the newly installed seat I was pleasantly surprised how comfortable it was.

The Art Deco Ambience of the interior is streets ahead of the more sombre interiors of the day. All that aside, there is no way I am going to take to eating snails! I’ll stick with fish n chips.

Our esteemed web master, Lorraine Laney, assured me she will have important information Re: our State Rally later in the week. This information will appear in the magazine when received. I guess everyone is rushing to get their cars ready. We have heaps still to do, John Smith is working on his P60 and Vince is surging ahead on the racing Vedette.

We were at the Winton Historics’ three weeks ago and it was a fantastic show as always. It was particularly poignant for me, as it was the first time back since my stroke. We have been going for years and always book the same cabin, so it was like coming home. Sadly we didn’t have a little blue Simca or Vedette thrashing around this year. Geoff Rose had his wedding the following weekend. (See photo). On be-half of the entire club, I wish Geoff and Ruth every happiness in their life together. May all their troubles be little ones. (This time round they won’t have legs!)

It was good to catch up with Peter Gaggioni at Winton. He was there with the Vintage Motor Bikes. He was resplendent in white overalls and somehow he never looks any older. We have never discussed age, but my guess is he doesn’t have to show ID to get a seniors discount at the pub. Neither do I! He informed me he has had his 90A running and with a bit of help could have it finished by the end of the year-this would be great as both he and his car are Wangaratta Identities.

Once again huge thanks to everyone in the club who has helped with the car. This of course includes Morrie Barrett, untiring parts searcher, Geoff Rose, Peter Leech (Tas), Rob Lewis, (Tas) and Vince Parisi. As mentioned previously, Rob Lewis moved back to Tassie at xmas and this is his first winter. He reckons he looked out his window the other morning and the seagulls on the power lines, were doing press ups, to keep warm.

Look forward to catching up in Adelaide. Good health until then.

Iain and Leila Dyer
Editors



Engine going in, some expletives!!



Running like a Swiss Clock



Out in the sunshine, under own power



Is that a helper, or an old fart snoozing!



Monte Carlo here we come!

PRESIDENTS REPORT – by *Vince Parisi*

I am still in a state of disbelief.... The Simca Car Club of Australia's Face Book page has gone crazy, the amount of interest it has had is truly amazing not only from Australians but also from overseas, I could never have imagined the amount of people that are interested in Simca's... Canada, Netherlands, USA, France, Argentina and Brazil to mention a few, (some pics from Facebook elsewhere in the Newsletter). It has been a treat to be able to communicate with these other Simca lovers all over the world, if you haven't got on to the Face Book page yet I certainly recommend you do.

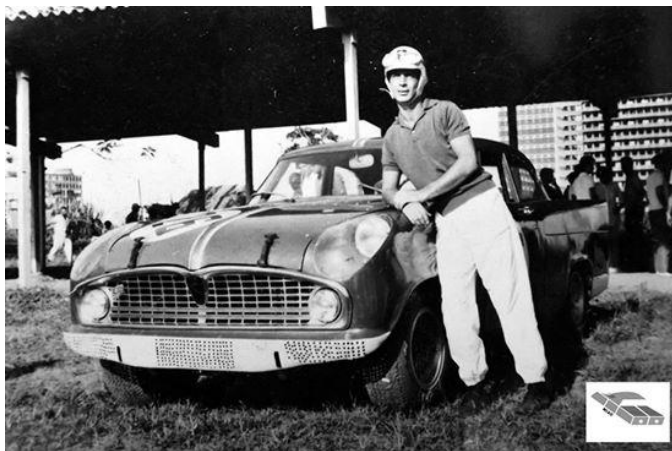
I hope that the winter has been kind to you and you have been able to enjoy your hobby but the Spring is not too far away so get that metal polish out and ready for some polishing.... I have been very busy with the build of the Vedette and it should be nearly complete by the end of July, I was originally going to enter the August Historic meeting at Winton but have decided not to as I want the Vedette looking fresh for our Adelaide AGM meeting (I would have hated to bend it on its maiden run) so just a couple of test/tune days instead.

I will be attending the Sydney French Car Day on the 12th July and hope to catch up with a few members, I will be on my return back to Melbourne as I am picking up another Vedette in Grafton (it needs to be saved from the junkyard) and hopefully enlist another member from there... It would be great to see a large turnout of Simca's in Sydney.

Our Adelaide AGM is getting closer so if you haven't made arrangements to be there you probably should do now (check for details in the Newsletter) it sounds like it will be a great event and of course the Focus will be on the Simca Marque (I think)..

Also apart from the usual AGM activity there will be a Special General Meeting held so as all Members can discuss some very special Club formalities (more details in the newsletter), these issues must be dealt with so as the SCCA can move forward and both the Club (which are the Members) and Members have a clear understanding of the obligations that we all have.... Like I say "this is the best little Car Club in the World"..... let's keep it that way.

See you all in Adelaide



Is that Vinnie Vedette in his youth?

SECRETARY'S REPORT - *by Lorraine Laney*

Secretary's Report for Swallow Tales - June 2015

It has been a busy time for me as Secretary/Treasurer of our club as renewal fees have been coming in, along with entries for the Adelaide Rally in September. Thank you to those members who have sent in renewal forms and notices of intention re Adelaide – it is a great help in facilitating the keeping of accurate records.

A good deal of time has been spent going through the Constitution of the Simca Car Club Aus. and, in so doing, I have come to realise that there is a bit of confusion about when club membership renewal subscriptions are due. After discussion with President Vince Parisi and past secretary Morrie Barrett, along with the fact that we MUST abide by the terms of our Constitution [see Clause 2.8 b) re Fees and Subscriptions], I would ask all members to please take **special note** of the following:

1. At each AGM (held in September) fees are determined for the following year.
2. Our Constitution [Clause 2.8 a)] states that "The Annual Membership Fee will commence each year on 1st July and expire 30th June the following year."
3. The above indicates that fees which were set at the September 2014 AGM became payable on 1st July 2015, giving financial membership till 30th June 2016.
4. There was a previous Renewal Form stating that the club membership is from January to December and accordingly that fees are due on 1st January. However, there is no mention of this in our Constitution.
5. When a new member joins, they are sent a "Letter of Welcome" and in this the following is included: "The Club's financial year is the same as government i.e. 1st July to 30th June, but the Membership Year begins on 1st January and ends on 31st December. Those who join our club after 1st September will also have membership for the following year."

To correct this ambiguity we have two options:

1. **Adhere to our Constitution with membership renewal subscriptions being due on 1st July, expiring 30th June the following year. OR**
2. **Amend our Constitution to state that Membership renewal subscriptions are due on 1st January, expiring 31st December of that same calendar year. A clause would then need to be added stating that a member joining after 1st September shall have membership for the following year.**

As Secretary/Treasurer, I suggest that we adopt the Membership Year as being 1st January to 31st December and amend the Constitution accordingly. This would mean that all records would be more easily finalised by the end of the financial year (i.e. 30th June), and a membership list could then be made available to members. It would also mean that every member attending the AGM would be a financial member. A great many of our members, it would seem, have regarded fees as being due on 1st January, even though many have regarded fees as being due on 1st July. However, the matter will be presented to the members present at the AGM in Adelaide on 26th September, and the decision will be made as per our Constitution with reference to "Special Resolution".

Furthermore, in making myself more familiar with our Club Constitution, I have come across some other items which need to be made more suited to our members' circumstances. Fair

Trading suggests that any Constitution needs review after at least 10 years and, as our club is approaching that, it would seem an opportune time to make any changes which would be beneficial to the Club and all members.

There will be four Proposals of Motion (proposed by Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Laney and Seconded by NSW Representative Morrie Barrett) to be put to the members at a Special General Meeting, to be held prior to the AGM. These Proposals of Motion are listed in the "Notice of Special General Meeting", which is included in this issue of Swallow Tales. As these amendments come under the category of "changing the Club Rules", a Special Resolution is required - as per Clause 4.9 (1).

Also included in this issue is the Notice of the 2015 Annual General Meeting. Any Special Business which a member may wish to put forward for discussion at the AGM must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to 31st August 2015.

I make no apologies for any of the above detailed information, as I feel it is necessary to be done for the benefit of all members, present and future, of our Club. I would also like to reassure everyone that all matters have been discussed with our Club Public Officer, Margaret Barrett, to obtain her endorsement.

Don't forget the National Simca Rally 18th-28th September and to let me know if you are (or are not) planning to attend all or part of this. There is a form attached to this newsletter and late entries will, at this stage, still be accepted. While we are in Adelaide, our AGM is to be held on Saturday 26th September - the official notice of the meeting is in this issue of Swallow Tales.

Remember to have a look at the Club website from time to time to keep updated with photos and the calendar of events. Do you have an interesting photo or story which others may like to see? If so, please contact the webmaster via the Contacts page on the website, or email me direct at: loric2@bigpond.com

The website address: www.simcacarclubaus.org

To members who have not yet paid their renewal fees (\$40 Single, \$45 Family), it would be appreciated if you would please forward your payment (either by cheque or direct deposit to Bendigo Bank) before 1st July 2015. A Renewal of Membership Form is attached to this newsletter. If you do not intend to renew your membership, please let me know – a phone call, a brief note, an email, or use the contact form on the website.
(So many options in this modern age of technology!)

A reminder for any member who has changed address, phone number, mobile phone number or email address – please let me know so that our Members' Details listing is kept up to date. An updated Members List will be compiled and forwarded with the next issue of Swallow Tales – after the AGM.

In conclusion, my best wishes to everyone – thank you all for your support and make sure that you "rug up and keep warm" over the winter months!

Lorraine Laney
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer

Proposals of Motions for Special General Meeting 26.9.15

1. Renewal of Membership Fees:

- a. Although Clause 2.5 (e) states that supply of the newsletter may be restricted where a member has failed to remit fees after 6 months, there is no actual time frame set for payment of fees.
- b. Proposal: Addition to be made with an extra paragraph in Clause 2.8 b) "Renewal of Annual Membership Fees is to be paid within 90 days of the due date."
- c. Rationale: Members need a time-frame for an acceptable "late payment" and The Treasurer needs to know when a member needs to be sent a "reminder note" re outstanding fees.

2. Fees and Subscriptions:

- a. Our Constitution - Clause 2.8 a) and b) - This Clause relates to fees being due on 1st July and expiring on 30th June the following year.
- b. Our "Letter of Welcome" sent to each new member states that "The Club's financial year is the same as government i.e. 1st July to 30th June, but the Membership Year begins on 1st January and ends on 31st December. Those who join our club after 1st September will also have membership for the following year."
- c. Proposal: Either the Constitution or "Letter of Welcome" needs to be amended.
- d. Rationale: The Constitution and "Letter of Welcome" need to provide consistent information.

3. Committee Meetings :

- a. Clause 3.7 (1) - re committee to meet at least 3 times per year.
 - i. Proposal: Amend to "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."
 - ii. Rationale: geographically impossible to meet by any means, apart from using technology.
- b. Clause 3.7 (3) -
 - i. Proposal: Delete "plus 4 ordinary members".
 - ii. Rationale: A committee meeting should involve only committee members. This will bring it into line with the Model Constitution drawn up by Fair trading NSW.

4. Special Resolution: Clause 4.9 (2) (a)

- a. Proposal: Amend to: "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 an Annual 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" (Clause 2 (b) to remain unchanged).
- b. Rationale: This would remove any ambiguity caused by the use of the words "majority" and "three-quarters".
- c. Note: This would necessitate the amendment of Clause 1.2 "Interpretation" to "A Special Resolution requires a three-quarters majority of the votes cast by members present at an AGM in order to be passed."

Proposer: Lorraine R. Laney

Seconder: Morrie Barrett

Dated

.....(Signed).....

..... (Signed)

25.6.15

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting will be held at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 26th September at the Semaphore Surf Club.

(Point Malcom Reserve, Military Rd, Semaphore Park SA 5019)

BUSINESS:

To pass as a Special Resolution the following Proposals of Motions:

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Proposer: Lorraine R. Laney

Seconder: Morrie Barrett

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on
Saturday 26th September at the Semaphore Surf Club.**

(Point Malcom Reserve, Military Rd, Semaphore Park SA 5019)

The meeting will commence after the conclusion of the Special General Meeting.

BUSINESS

1. **Confirmation of Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th October 2014
2. **Correspondence**
3. **Financial Report** for the year ended 30th June 2015
4. **Reports :**
 - a. **President**
 - b. **Secretary**
 - c. **Editor**
 - d. **NSW State Representative**
 - e. **QLD. State Representative**
 - f. **S.A. State Representative**
 - g. **VIC. State Representative**
 - h. **W.A. State Representative**
 - i. **New Zealand Representative**
5. **Election of Club Committee:**
 - a. **President**
 - b. **Secretary**
 - c. **Editor**
 - d. **NSW State Representative**
 - e. **QLD. State Representative**
 - f. **S.A. State Representative**
 - g. **VIC. State Representative**
 - h. **W.A. State Representative**
 - i. **New Zealand Representative**
 - j. **Registrar – All Simcas**
 - k. **Registrar of Simca Aronde**
6. **General Business**
 - a. **Determination of Fees for New Members and Renewal of Membership**
 - b. **Life Membership**

Lorraine R. Laney

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer



8th National Simca Rally

18th – 28th September 2015

I plan to attend/not attend the 8th National Simca Rally in September 2015.

NAME

POSTAL ADDRESS

E-MAIL

TELEPHONE MOBILE

NUMBER ATTENDING: ADULTS CHILDREN

INTENDED VEHICLE

SIGNED DATE

Note: Deposit required \$50 - BSB: 633000 A/C No: 135350668
Or cheque with this completed form.

Please return your completed form prior to 1st April 2015 to:
Mrs. Lorraine Laney **NOTE: Late entries are still being accepted.**
Hon. Secretary
Simca Car Club of Australia Inc.
C/- 36 Kallaroo Road
San Remo NSW 2262



QUEENSLAND REPORT - *by Luke Huntly*

Greetings to all members.

In our last report we mentioned that some of the northern members were planning to meet at the Superswap and Show & Shine on the Gold Coast. Turns out in the words of Doug Murphy that:

The day of the Superswap was coming and it was raining. It rained for several days in Brisbane. So on the due date, we guessed the Superswap would be washed out, so we looked at the sky and decided not to go. Skip, living on the Gold Coast, said he would go, maybe other members would turn up (which they didn't). Skip said later it was dry, there was a lot of activity and well worthwhile. Reminds me of the Chuck Berry song You Never Can Tell: "C'est la vie" say the old folks, it goes to show you never can tell "

Doug also reports:

For some time I've been searching for a restorable Vedette, and hola, found one, hidden away in Kerry Ryan's treasure trove. Well it's not there anymore, it's tucked into my garage. A full resto will start shortly. I thought parts would be a real challenge but am encouraged by Kerry and Vince Parisi. Kerry says parts for Vedettes are easier to find than for an Aronde. Vince is very reassuring, restoration is very feasible. I have restored several other cars and All French Day 2016 is my target date to have her all spiffy. Nevertheless, I welcome any and every suggestion, recommendation and comment. In Adelaide, you might see me talking Vedettes, if not, you'll know what I'm thinking about. I'm reminded by the Banjo Patterson poem, SaltBush Bill's Gamecock:

"The passing stranger within his gates that camped with old Rooster Hall was forced to talk about fowls all night, or else not talk at all"

Just in case anyone is interested, I came across three Vedette purchase opportunities. One is near Cooma in a paddock, Morrie knows of another one in a paddock near Windsor and Club Member Eddie Abrahams, who lives just west of Ipswich, has three, one in a shed, two outside. Anyone interested can give me a call. Ah, and thank you Kerry for all your help, moving the car and in other ways too.

The Huntly's have been out and about on a few runs lately with the Simca, about time. Luke finally decided to fix the water pump ready to go in the Easter in the Country Parade after the last run in August. It was leaking water severely. Thinking it was the mechanical seal he machined the seal surface and reassembled the pump and bolted to the engine. After running the engine up to operating temperate and checking to make sure there was no leaks let the car cool overnight. The morning of the parade he went to check the water level and heard a horrible dripping sound to find a pin prick hole corroded through the pump housing. With three quarters of an hour left to get ready a panic set in on what to do. Luke managed to seal the leak by squeezing bluetak in and over the hole which managed to work very well to get us out of trouble and on our way.

The Simca was also becoming a mouse's house. We managed to relocate one stowaway unintentionally as when we were parked waiting to go in parade one decided it was all too much and run out from under the car through the legs of bystanders.

The second outing was to Injune approximately 80 km's north of Roma for a monthly meeting of the Roma Historical Motor Club. We were lucky to make it there and back in one piece as the petrol and exhaust fumes were quite overwhelming!!

The third outing was a local run and display at the Apex Park for National Motoring Heritage day. The run started at the Big Rig, ending at the apex park via a visit to four residential care homes to give those who couldn't make it to the display a chance to see the cars. There was a good attendance of cars spanning many years from the 20's through to the 90's.

Kind Regards,

Luke and Michelle Huntly



Luke making last minute checks to the Simca for the Easter in the Country Parade



National Motoring Heritage Day



Meeting in June

WESTERN WHISPERS – WA STATE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT –

By John Pickles

As I sit typing this article I am reminded that today the 22nd June 2015 is the Winter Solstice in Western Australia and the shortest day of our year (least daylight hours) and perhaps the reason I abandoned working on the car so early in the afternoon. Just to satisfy my curiosity I replaced the valley cover and the oil filter housing on the “Versailles” to see if that would alter the oil pressure in any way (the replacement had the oil pressure sensor lower in the housing), unfortunately nothing has changed. Perhaps all this stress of the low oil pressure at idle has been in vain. Our good friend and Vedette “Guru” Vince Parisi has forwarded a page from the American SIMCA owner handbook published by Floyd Clymer which states there is no trouble to be feared if the oil lamp glows intermittently while the engine is idling. Since this whole issue of the low oil pressure on idle, I have been contacted by two Vedette owners who have said that their Vedette’s also have a flickering oil light in idle, perhaps it may be a normal occurrence with the Vedette?

OIL PRESSURE GAUGE

(labelled “OIL” or “HUILE”)

This gauge consists in a red lamp which glows when the ignition is turned on. The light should go out as soon as the engine has started; if it does not, **stop immediately** and have your car inspected by a SIMCA dealer without delay.

However, no trouble is to be feared if the lamp glows **intermittently** while the engine is idling.

Although the “Versailles” has generated a great deal of interest and enquiries since I expressed my intentions to sell the car no realistic offer has been made, so for those afraid to ask I let you know it will be placed on Ebay in the future with a starting price of AU\$15,000.

Darrel Manning excited many spectators with the appearance of the Simca Aronde in the annual “Round the Houses” racing in Albany over the Easter weekend, unfortunately the car was again plagued by electrical problems and had to retire but not before showing a good performance.

Ian Williams like Vince Parisi has a nose for sniffing out those abandoned and hidden Vedette’s and just as we think there is no more to be found in Western Australia Ian comes across yet another one. This particular car has been sitting in the farm paddock for countless years and the owners of the property had no idea of what make of vehicle it was until they received an education from Ian. While the car appears to be

beyond restoration and is minus the motor there are items that could be salvaged and I am sure Ian will be negotiating with the farmer.



The grapevine also tells me that more Vedette's are being found both here in OZ and in NZ, but in all cases much work is needed to get them back on the road. Exception to this is what I am lead to believe is to be a nice car recently acquired by Doug Murphy in Queensland which may be the car in this photograph.



In the prosperous days of Simca the company had big plans to give the world some of the most unique and perhaps practical vehicles we have ever seen, however

history tells us that all changed when they were taken over by Chrysler who in time sold off all the Simca assets that they acquired. These are just two prototype vehicles that were built but never went into production.



1967 SIMCA 1100 FOURGON



**1954 SIMCA 1200 GHIA MARIO
JAMES MICHAEL TIGHE
27.06.1937 – 07.03.2015**

It was sad to hear of the loss of one of our original Simca enthusiasts of the very early 1960's. Mike Tighe was a very active and successful driver of his Simca Aronde at our now defunct "Caversham Raceway". Mike together with a number of fellow Simca enthusiasts really established the Simca as a performance machine in its day by outclassing most of the competition within the category. As more advanced machinery entered the competition Mike changed his car to a Fiat 1500 which again proved to be a competitive choice. Mike was a member of the original Simca Car Club in Western Australia which in the mid 1960's combined with other clubs of European background to become the Continental Car Club which itself was abandoned in later years. Mike leaves behind his wife Sue and their three children to which we offer our sincere condolences.

I know that many of our members have shared the interesting photographs that come through the net from our good friend Jim Marr who resides in Canada but there is one of particular interest which I must show, this is of a Vedette similar to that produced as a diecast model and was placed on show to replicate a life sized display.



Last but not least of all is a big "Thank You" to Jim Conrady from the Simca Club USA who sent me a replacement fuel pump for my Vedette. After experiencing fuel problems for over two years and reconditioning a fuel pump which worked on the bench but not in the car I am now back on the road. Appears there was too much take-up on the activating arm which didn't allow a full stroke of the diaphragm.

Hope to see you in Adelaide.
John Pickles.

VICTORIAN/ TASMANIA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – *by Stephen Maloney*

No Submission.



Shots of the fabulous Vedette Race Car



If our esteemed President ever needed Centre Link, heaven forbid, it would go something like this. “Mr Vedette it seems from our records that Mr Vinnie Vedette does not exist. What are your qualifications? I’m a professional Simca Vedette race car builder and race car driver. For hobbies I’m a left handed goat crutcher.” Mr vedette, your benefits start Thursday!

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

Hi everyone from S.A.

The year is flying past and our national Simca Rally is ever closer. For those who haven't yet booked their accommodation we were at the Adelaide Beachfront Discovery Park at Semaphore Park and they say now is the time to book or miss out. The itinerary is basically as presented in the last Swallow tales, although some days and events have been swapped around. I have entry forms for the Bay to Birdwood which I will post to those I know are coming to Adelaide or they can be downloaded from Bay to Birdwood website. So far a dozen entry forms have been presented to our secretary and we are expecting more so we hope to see 15 to 20 Simca's in this year's Bay to Birdwood run. If you can't spare the full week consider attending the AGM of your club on the Saturday afternoon of the 26th and maybe staying on for the bay to Birdwood. We need to see S.A represented by local members. This is probably the last Swallow tales before Sept so I can only say we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Cheers Robert Stapley

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

On the Queen's birthday weekend Margaret and I travelled to Tuross Heads to attend the marriage of Geoff and Ruth Rose, the bridesmaid (Ruth's daughter) Alana arrived in Geoff's P60 Simca whilst the bride arrived in a Jaguar complete with a chauffeur.

Just as the ceremony was concluding 6 Navy trainer aeroplanes in formation flew overhead, makes you wonder.

The wedding was attended by about 30 relatives and friends and whilst the day was overcast a good time was had by all, with a tasty assortment of finger food and main course followed by sweets.



IMC Lynda, Geoff's brother Phill, Geoff and Ruth and Alana



Note 90A on the cake Ruth's daughter

Ian and Rosemary Mckill have decided not to renew their membership, having sold their much loved and travelled P60 to new Member Doug Murphy last year and some years earlier selling their Vedette to Peter Walker. Ian and Rosemary regularly attended the annual Sydney Motorfest and French Car Day's in Sydney as well as attending Simca Rally's, the picture L to R, Rosemary, Jo Ryan and Ian at our 2007 Inverell rally, wow seems like just the other day, they will be missed at the events however the friendships forged over their years in the Simca Car Club will continue.



Great to see Don Scane's has his Austin 7 back on the road after breaking a crank shaft the Austin 7 on display at the Hawkesbury Toy and Hobby Show at Clarendon on Saturday 4 July 2014



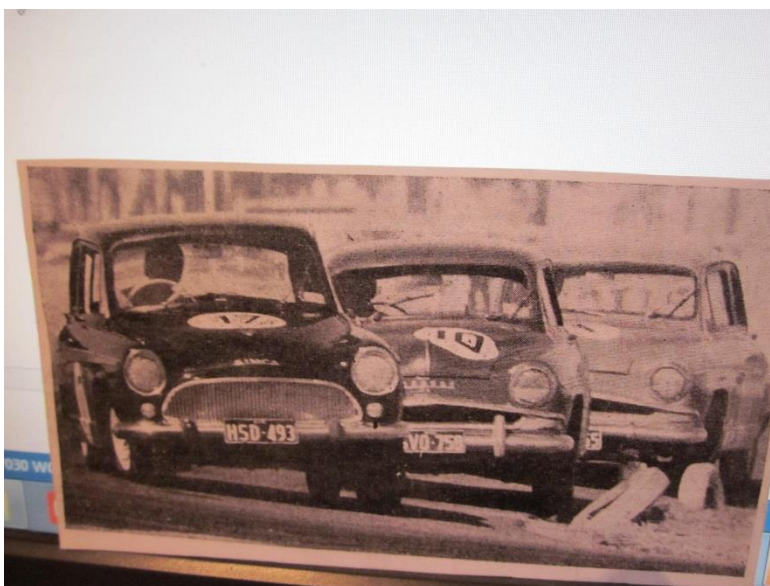
Welcome back home to Rob Verhagen who has returned from Egypt, just in time to attend the French car Day in Brisbane at Cannon Hill on Sunday 19 July 2015, Geoff Rose and I plan to attend the event in our Simca's and looking forward to catching up with the Queensland Members.

Whilst we are up a reconditioned engine will be installed in Robb's P60 Wagon as he prepares it for Adelaide.

The French Car Day Sydney is in Sunday 12 July at Silverwater Park Silverwater
The date and place for the Melbourne French Car Day is yet to be advised.

I have had a number of sump gaskets for 90A/P60 and are available at \$20.00 plus postage. Margaret and I look forward to catching up with all at Adelaide.

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Postcard from the past.
Perhaps Bathurst from the
Good old days

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – *by Colin Smith*

Gooday, from a wet and cold NZ. down south there has been near record freezing temperatures minus 20d, not to bad up here daytime reaching 10, however back in the warmer times on the 23rd April I shut the back gate next thing I was picking myself up off the ground with no idea how I got there, half when Lucy came home I was telling her about it when my speech went funny and I couldn't get the words out so foned the GP and on arrival the ambo was waiting so off to hosp for a overnight stay full of all sorts of tests and usual nothing found. So after being grounded for a month getting the cars to the annual swapmeet was a bit of a hassle. Ritchard Davies came up in his rare Skoda coupe and Quinn and Peter brought Quinns 1501 wagon so there were two wagons. Lucy did the honours with the BBQ. During the day Ivan conned Ritchard into doing a deal with the 1501 sedan and the cream etoile for the tv star red 1000 no time was lost so on the weekend of 6th,7th June Ivan and I took the two cars down and spent the time sorting and tiding up them both inside and out. Ritchard came on sun in his chambord. I have painted Richards Versailles but the paint shop goofed on the colour so I have to sand it back and start again nice?. I have sent Keith Marshall a set of 1501 headlights complete with buckets as his Versailles was suffering from old age this was in exchange for all his help in sorting Ritchards. Phill Butcher tells me that there has been little progress on his Monaco not good. Lucy registered the 1501 wagon last week so I could go sailing the blokart lives in the back makes it ease. AT long last I now have a reason why my bad reflux is back after xrayâ€™s at the hosp. the found that the bottom of the gullut has a blockage it has taken one and a half years pretty quick?yea right!

we are also in the market for a Beaulieu body as well ask Ivan! when the warmer time get here I have to o/haul the gearbox in Don&Jennys a7 and replace the rear main oil seal just for smething to do. we did go out with the Austins last weekend we visited people with those enormous yank tanks you could have put the Austin in the boot. Lucy and I have booked to attend the A G M and carry on to Mildura to catch up with all our friend up there see you folk in Sept Colin / Lucy





Apologies to Colin and Lucy. They did send a variety of other photos but our computer won't let us open them. We both have been having trouble with our computers. Better luck next time.



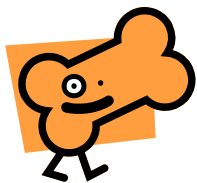
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Funny Bones

STORY OF A SENIOR TRYING TO SET A PASSWORD

WINDOWS: Please enter your new password.

USER: cabbage

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USER: boiled cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

USER: 1 boiled cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.

USER: 50bloodyboiledcabbages

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.

USER: 50BLOODYboiledcabbages

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

USER: 50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYour###IfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow!

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.

USER: ReallyPissedOff50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYour ### IfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow

WINDOWS: Sorry, that password is already in use.

If you don't laugh out loud you need to eat lots of prunes to loosen you up.

Sent in by Colin and Lucy Smith. Col reckons it's a bit of him.

My Satnav by Pam Ayres

*I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car
A Satnav is a drivers friend, it tells you were you are.
I have a little Satnav,
I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.*


*It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive
"Its sixty miles an hour", it says, "you are doing sixty five".
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake
And it tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.*

*It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green
It seem to know instinctively, just when to intervene.
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.*

*I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives it's advice.
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?*

*Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I am properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.*

The Irish have solved their own fuel problems. They have imported
50 million tonnes of sand from the Arabs and they're going to drill
for their own oil.....



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Please remember any contributions welcome or suggestions.

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Electronic Funds transfer (EFT)
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Please identify who is paying and for what if possible in the reference section with name and subs amount.

Don't forget to fill out Renewal Form attached so that all your details are correct/current. Please don't copy them from the previous year.



Breaking News

Vince Parisi is tracking another Vedette in a country area. Also a 90A race car from years ago fitted with a Holden motor. The car is still owned by the Gentleman that raced it. Exciting stuff.

Please note the next edition of Swallow Tales will not be out until early October. Obviously the main focus will be on the state rally. Cheers until then.

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