

# SWALLOW TALES



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**SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA Inc**

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## **SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA Inc.**

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 – Rob (and Lois) LEWIS*

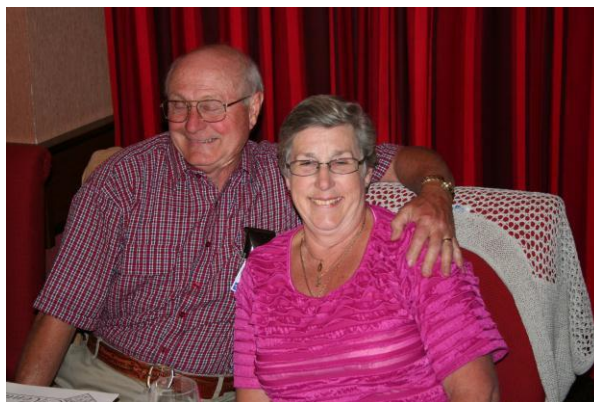
Hello again to all our SIMCA enthusiasts. Here we are at Christmas again wondering where the year went!

It has been a very busy, exciting and eventful year for us both. Since the October edition of Swallow Tales I (Rob) attended the AGM in Albury. It was great to see so many members attending and to have time to catch up socially at the dinner on the Saturday night. Many items were up for discussion at the AGM as well as the election of some new members to the committee as state representatives. Robert and Ina Stapley were elected as the SA representatives and Morrie Barrett the NSW representative. To those representatives that have stepped down we would like to say a big thank you for your contributions to this magazine during the past year. Also it would be amiss of me if I did not say a big thank you to Morrie Barrett in his role as President for his consistent support, guidance and wealth of knowledge to both Lois and myself as new members to the club and editors of this magazine.

Prior to the AGM I was fortunate enough to spend a couple of lovely days with Morrie and Margaret Barrett in Sydney prior to our trip to Albury for the meeting. Following the AGM Morrie and Margaret drove me to Wangaratta where I was met by my cousin from Shepparton. I spent the next 5 days in Shepparton visiting family and working on my cousin's TR3A Triumph sports car.

Whilst in Albury I shared a unit with Geoff Rose. During the weekend we had many discussions on various topics which always included lots of laughs. On a serious note, Geoff mentioned that his wife, Roz, had not been well enough to attend the AGM and that he was anxious to get back home to see her. Not long after Geoff's return to Tuross Head, Roz took very ill and suffered a massive stroke. I am sure we join with all other members in extending to Geoff and his family our heartfelt and sincere condolences at the very sad loss of his beloved wife Roz. Lois and I feel very blessed that we had the opportunity to meet and stay with Roz and Geoff earlier this year whilst we were on our caravan trip east. What a wonderful and interesting person she was and an absolutely incredible host to us whilst we were there.

To all members who contribute to make this magazine what it is we say a BIG thank you. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas – keep safe, and best wishes for safe, healthy and prosperous 2013.



**Having fun at the dinner at the AGM**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT by Geoff Rose

Unfortunately I have not been able to find the time to get the minutes of the AGM done and out to Rob and Lois for the Xmas Edition of Swallow Tales. I believe that Marg Barrett has kindly put them together in a succinct form for people to read and digest. Thanks Margaret!



I'd also like to thank the very many members of our great club for their support over the last month. I have had the kindest of sentiments expressed by people I haven't met yet (like from across the Ditch). I now have to rationalize a lot of things and am planning the biggest garage sale ever early next year to make a start. There will probably be a few Simcas in it!

Can I remind everybody that Annual Subscriptions become due on the 1st of January 2013 and that our BSB is 633-108 and our Account Number is 135350668 should folk wish to EFT instead of a cheque. Please give some reference as to who is paying. Also don't forget to fill out the whole of the Renewal Form so that I know that all your details are correct and don't have to try and copy them from some previous year.

This has been an eventful year and has passed quickly as they all seem to do. I wish everybody a happy and safe festive season and I look forward to getting back into Simca Stuff with a vengeance in 2013.

Safe Motoring Simcaites,

**Geoff Rose** - Secretary/Treasurer



**Having fun at the dinner at the AGM**



## Western Whispers – WA State Representatives Report - By John Pickles

The “Silly Season” is upon us again and after the many years on this earth I still leave it to the last moment to do the Christmas shopping ..... guess I have to admit to the fact that I am a slow learner in regards to preparing for Christmas. While the last few months have been quiet on the Simca front I believe our members in the West are hanging in there nicely.

October 21<sup>st</sup> was the time for the annual “French Car Festival” and much to the disappointment of many only one car turned out to represent the marque and that was the Vedette “Beaulieu. While our numbers were down the attention to the Vedette was up with many interstate and overseas visitors passing through the site and admiring the cars of yesteryear. The highlight of my day was a visitor from France who was ecstatic to see the Vedette similar to the one owned by her father when she was child, she also mentioned that she had not seen so many old French cars in years, even in her home country of France. Oh, almost forgot to say the Vedette took out the “Best Simca” award. Disappointed not to see my old Aronde wagon turn up for the show I was told of a rumor that Emma had gone East but no idea where, however courtesy of my old friend Phil McCumisky a photograph of Emma and the wagon arrived in the post. Phil had been attending a Peugeot Rally in South Australia which coincided with the Adelaide French Car Day in which they participated, much to Phil’s surprise there was John’s old wagon, it appears Emma had the car shipped by train from Western Australia.



Just when one thinks all is going well the problems crop up. The “Versailles” is experiencing all sorts of electrical problems for which there seems no logical explanation and after 24 years of ownership my old babe the “Beaulieu” let me down with a fuel problem on the way home from the “French Car Festival” in Perth. With the able assistance of Rob Lewis we traced the problem to the pivot arm of the fuel pump that has a recessed end with fitted filler on which the push-rod sits, appears the filler disappeared resulting in a decreased stroke making the pump inoperative.

October was also the month of the S.C.C.A. AGM at which Western Australia was represented by our editor Rob Lewis, no doubt Rob will report on his attendance.

In response to an invitation from the Peugeot Car Club WA Evelyn and John attended the “Busselton Motorfest” on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. As an added attraction, Trish and Kerry Torpy organized a Saturday night dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a games night in the club room of Veteran Car Club, great entertainment and the opportunity to meet with other Peugeot members. We also thank Trish and Kerry for accommodating Eve myself and Granville in their lovely home. The “Motorfest” is a large event attracting vehicles of all types and sizes that compete with displays, demonstrations and traders showing their wares.



**BUSSELTON MOTORFEST  
LINE-UP OF FRENCH CARS**



**GRANVILLE WORKING FOR HIS  
KEEP WITH TRISH SUPERVISING**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November** the Veteran Car Club of WA Peel section held their annual Christmas function and this year we were kindly invited to the “Ron West Ford Museum”. Over the years Ron has amassed a large collection of cars consisting mainly of the Fords but others as well, included in the collection are a number of speedway cars including a Vedette engine car number 98. Apart from the cars Ron has built a replica diner which takes us back to the sixty’s and features the juke box, neon sign, life size Marilyn Munroe and more. It is great that individual people will devote their time, effort and money to rescue things of the past to pass onto the future generations, in times gone by so much history has been destroyed or discarded and in many cases lost forever. Ron has cars like the original Checker Cab, the Ford Pilot, humble cars like the Austin A40 and Vauxhall tourer keeping company with the Ford Tank and Chevrolet hearses, immaculate Dodge Phoenix etc. all housed in the enormous spotless shed. Although it is a private museum Ron opens it to the various car clubs and charges a very modest donation to help maintain the premises.



**No.98 Vedette Engine Speed car**



**Just some of the Ford collection**



Yellow Cab No.1

Ian Williams is still making progress on his Vedette and should by now have completed the modification of the front drum brakes to disc using Ford Fairlane/Falcon units. Having access to the wreck of a Vedette Ian has been amazed at the variation in parts used by Chrysler in building the cars, he has found the inner diameter of bearing on the stub axles have varied in size from one car to another, in the case of body sections one has been bolted in and on the other car welded, the list goes on.



One of two Ford Pilot sedans

*On behalf of our members in Western Australia I take the opportunity to wish you all*

*“A Joyous Christmas*

*and a*

*Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year”*

*John Pickles - State Representative WA*



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

### My Fellow Simca Enthusiasts

What a busy time we have had over the past few months in S.A. As we came out of winter into September we looked forward to the Bay to Birdwood not so much for Simca's (pre 1957 this year) but a chance to see some old cars on display. This year's numbers were boosted by approx 160 Austin 7's from all over Australia in town for the their national Rally held in the Barossa Valley the week following the Bay to Birdwood. What a great collection of Austin 7's there was including the little racer belonging to Don Scanes who along with Barbara was in town to join in the proceedings. It was great to catch up with two fellow club members who we hadn't seen since the National Rally in Mildura.



Then the French Car Day in S.A. was held just down the hill from us at Tea Tree Gully on the 21st October. Quite a contingent of French cars from Victoria made the trip over and what a pleasant surprise when Phil McKumisky wandered over to our camp to say hello. Ina and I attended in the yellow P60 sedan that Ivan and Collin drove in at Mildura Rally and my blue wagon with the teardrop bringing up the rear. We have spent quite a few weekends away in the wagon and the teardrop and

where ever we go it seems to be the centre of attention. Also attending the French Car Day was Emma Brace-Girdle who has moved back to S.A. from W.A. and brought her two little French cars with her, one of them being a little blue Simca P60 wagon to which I believe John Pickles has a certain attraction. Never mind John you know if the need arises there is a Simca hospital in Lobethal which specialises in Simca's and their ills.

It is a shame but there is only a handful of Simca's in S.A. and it would be great to see more of these great little cars out and about.



Ina and I hope that all members are well and looking forward to the festive season. We wish you all the best for xmas and hope to maybe catch up with some of you in the New Year.

*Regards Robert Stapley*



## NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT by Colin Smith

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "colin and lucy smith" <lucol@clear.net.nz>

**Sent:** Sun, 09 Dec 2012 22:01:35 +1300

**Subject:** nz activities

Hi Folks.

There is not a lot to tell you about from over here this time. We have been working away quietly on the goodies we obtained over the last few months. We have two engines for 1501 stripped down neither are usable so start on no3. We did a father xmas on fire engine last weekend. Yesterday Ivan and I went to Wellington towing my yacht to the ferry where we met the new owner who then went to Picton and from there he towed the ship back to Christchurch. NO word yet on how it went. Ivan is still short of big end nuts valve spring retainers and collets for his vedette motor all else we have perhaps one day it will be ready. On Tues 11th the ariane is going out on a monthly run put on by burger fuel. Saturday will see Lucy and I will be in the xmas parade in Gisborne where I first met the simca family in the 70,s have to dress up little red. All the action starts in January with 2 shows out of town and one in feb with our main event in March hoping for the top prize this time? instead of best individual. The a7 is back up running again ready for Don and Jenny's return from the UK. I caught up with Phil Butcher last week he is o/hauling the braking system on the 1000 little progress on his other cars due to pressure of work. Richard's Versailles has a motor problem with engine in reconditioners . Three weeks ago I drove Quinn's 1501 s/w to a gymkana run by the British and European Car Club. Quinn has supplied his version of events.

Wishing members and friends a merry xmas

from Kiwi Land Colin / Lucy Ivan / Jan



The proud new owner with his daughter and myself



The Vedette motor that Steven Fisk is working on

## Letter to the Editor – Quinn Langbroek (N.Z.)

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Quinn Langbroek](#)

**To:** [Colin of Lucy Smith](#)

**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2012 7:44 PM

**Subject:** Story for aussie club

Good Morning Australia, I'm sure by now most of you have heard about me and my dad here in New Zealand. Either from Colin or just good connections to all the other clubs in Europe and I think my dad wrote a story for this magazine as well, But anyway this is me writing and not Dad or Colin.

I'll just quickly tell the back story for those that are new or something and then get to the story, so Me, Dad, Mum and my Brother lived happily together in Holland for about 9 years I think it was. Anyway we had about 10 to 13 simcas in Holland including a red 1974 Simca 1501 Station Wagon which was seriously the car of my dreams, then out of the blue Mum and Dad decided to move to New Zealand. I think I was about 7 or 8 when they told me, but anyway that meant having to sell all our simcas that was fine by me. Apart from the red '01 Station Wagon so I made dad promise to keep that and take it to NZ with us, ofcourse like a real parent he didn't take it with us. But my parents made it up for me, they said here's 1500 Euros you can use to buy a car when you're older in NZ (don't worry they gave my 2 year older brother the same as well). Anyway lets skip ahead 2 years later watching trademe we find a simca 1000 for sale on tradeMe (the NZ version of Ebay) sadly it got bought before I could buy it, but like an act of god all of that was good for me because fast forward 1 year later. Dad tells me he found a green 1501 on TradeMe for sale in Auckland this time we played it smart we waited till the last minute and put our bid on it then we bought it for \$1,015 NZ dollars and I had about 3,000 to start. We spent the entire summer holiday fixing up the car and after months of hard work put in by me and Mostly by dad.

Fast forward about 1 and a half years forward I'm thirteen now the car is road legal, but I haven't driven it yet. This is where Colin comes in to the story, well i've known Colin for about the entire time I've been in NZ but Colin said there was a Gymkhana somewhere 45 mins away from where I lived and he said there was no age limit for the drivers. Hold up I thought, that means I can drive. YAY. But dad had the night shift that day and that meant he couldn't drive me there, Colin so kindly volunteered to drive me there. The day came up, finally I'd drive MY car for the first time in my life. Colin came over at about 9-ish to pick me up and drive me there, but when we Arrived it was cancelled they said it was now in Bay view park only 15 mins from where I lived. Colin said "Do you want to go home now or do you want to go to Bay view park?" I replied "Afcourse i want to go to Bay view, why wouldn't I?".

Do you know that feeling you have that the way back feels faster than the way there? That is just what happened, so when we arrived I was the only person there without grey hair. It was an 2 dollar entry fee per person but Colin forgot money, I came in to save the day as mom had given me 20 dollars for the entry fee and stuff. so after Colin had done the entire course (with my car) and scored 10 points or something, It was my turn I had only ever once driven a car before and that was a Automatic. so Colin said "Why don't you drive the car up to the starting point for the first activity?", "Me?" I said "but I might hit a car...". "Oh don't worry" he replied "What you do is turn on the car, push in the clutch push a little on the accelerator put it into gear and then slowly take of the clutch." Easy I thought.

I try, splurtel da splurtel PLOP! "Again!" Colin said laughingly, I try again splurtel da splurtel PLOP! But this time it was worse, the engine entirely shut of and the battery also stopped. Bugger I thought to myself what do we do now? Colin got out opened the hood and it was just a loose wire so all good, but it scared me half to death. Anyway I finally kinda get it to work, but the first task was way to crowded with cars so we moved on to the next one which was drive 10 full circles of your wheel and then stop. I drove to fast (on accident) and he couldn't count it, and then I braked. Now it was as much "Brake" as

turn the engine completely off, I had forgotten to push in the clutch. Then we drove up to the next thing, keep your right front wheel on a fire hose and drive a curve. That was quite hard to say the least, I got a 5 which was apparently more than most people but I still found it really darn hard to do. The next that we had to do was put a toy car in a pipe and drive about the same speed of it and then catch it on the other side, this wasn't exactly easy but I got the job done because I accidentally sped up way too fast. Then came the speed test, what you had to do was drive the course and then after lunch drive it again and do exactly the same speed. What I did at the start is I accidentally stalled the car for about 10 seconds and a couple of times while braking, so then I had 2 mins and thirty something seconds and Colin had 1min 30.

Finally we reached the first task it was to drive backwards for about 20 or 30 meters with a wine bottle on a sled attached to your car with rope and if the bottle fell over you lost... the bottle fell over after 10 seconds, but somehow I felt happy. Then of course we had lunch, and afterwards we did the speed test again Colin got 0.66 seconds away from his target and I got 10 to fast. I drove as slow as I could but I still didn't get my original Grrrr. Next up I asked Colin for a final drive thru the park just before we left, I had finally learnt it and got it working just before we left we also had prize giving. I got an award for participation and it was probably also for the youngest person there, then we got on our way home.

***Written by Quinn***



**Quinn and Colin at the swapmeet**

## Letter to the Editor – Luke Huntley Update (Via Lynette Huntley)

### Luke's big project.....

After experiencing two floods where the water lapped the front door then the third flood in 2012 washing through the house at a height of approx. 18 inches above the floor boards, Luke thought it was time for serious thinking. So he decided if the house was raised to a full two story height then he shouldn't have any flooding problems in the future. Luke lived in temporary accommodation at the Roma Show grounds for about 4 months while the inside of the house was relined and painted with cupboards, bath, shower, toilet, vanity and stove completely replaced. He was very fortunate that his insurance covered costs of inside repair work as many other people did not have flood damage.



Luke was in Brisbane the day work was started to raise his house and arrived home about 10pm to find the house sitting on the back of the truck, but still managed to climb inside to sleep. Not to be put off sleeping in the house while construction was in progress Luke had some good night's sleep when the house was at full height waiting for stumps to be cemented. Sometimes the wind gusts rocked

the house slightly even though it was well tied. Pictures show flood water height by Luke's hand on the power box, house on truck before raising and full height on stilts after raising. A lot of work is still to be completed but all in Luke's time. He does have steps at the back of the house now after scooting up and down a ladder for a few weeks. You just have to watch the first step at the front door!!!!!!!



On another note Luke had pin point radiation treatment in Sydney in March 2012 as extra treatment. The specialists were pleased with the outcome and are confident that will be the final treatment required. Luke had an MRI in September showing a good image meaning he is not required to go back for a check up until 2014. Luke is back at work on a fulltime basis but occasionally needs to take time off now and then - he still likes to go at flat out speed!!!!

And his Simca - still in good hands stored at Mum and Dad's garage waiting to be cleaned ready for the next Simca Rally.



### INTERESTING!!!!!!.....

When you live on a farm you learn to "make do" with whatever you find in the barn!! This is the exact and perfect example of why we save everything!

This car has been built with all of the "junk" laying out back in the pile, and under the work bench, and stuffed in the rafters. All this guy needed was a little spare time on his hands. Spotted in Cannon Falls, MN on 5/23/12 – **It's a car? or a truck?**



## Letter to the Editor – Fourword Magazine Dec 2012

### BAY TO BIRDWOOD RUN 2012 - BY COL REDMOND

The Bay to Birdwood on September 30th this year was the “Run” which is for vehicles built before December 31st 1955. The “Classic” is run on the uneven numbered years (ie. 2011, 2013 etc.) & is for vehicles from 1956 to 1979. Both use the same route from Barrett Reserve, West Beach just North of Glenelg on the coast, behind the Adelaide airport, & travels about 70 kilometres to Birdwood at the National Motor Museum in the Adelaide Hills. Entries are limited to 1250 vehicles & the programme this year listed 1254 entries with about 60 entered in the Concours de Elegance & around another 8 from the Royal Automobile Associations collection & the South Australian Police Historical Society.

Entrants start arriving at the start from about 6.00am & it didn't take long for the Reserve to fill up with many lines of vehicles. These lines are in sections (ie Concours, Veterans, Vintage, Classic, Motorcycles, Commercials etc. This is the event to get to see superb examples of vehicles from a bygone era. There were also a number of “barnfind” entries that look like they have just been driven out of the barn or shed after being stored away for the last 40 or 50 years. Most appeared to be “buckboards” that started life as a sedan or tourer & in later years had the back half of the body chopped off & converted into a pickup/ utility. Blow the dust off, pump up the tyres, fit a new battery & some fuel & away you go. This event has everything, breathtaking & very expensive restorations, some lovingly restored by their owners & some that have just had a wash. Also included in the entries are vehicles that I have never heard of before, like a 1912 Flanders(which was a buckboard) a 1924 Dort (Bob Scobies mate I think),1927 Arrol Johnston,1953 Horex Regina & a 1949 Ogar 12,both of these are motorcycles & a World War



11 Ford Amphibious Jeep & so the list goes on. The Jowett Car Club Of Australia & the Austin 7 Clubs were using this event as part of their National Rallies & we saw a number of different models of Jowetts & at least 60 Austin 7's with an extremely large variety of body styles.

The weather forecast for this year's event wasn't very inspiring a couple of days beforehand & it wasn't too bad on the day. I

left home with my Renault 4CV at 6.20am & as I drove down my street turned on the headlights as the sun was not yet up or visible. Lo & behold nothing happened. Oh well there was enough light to see & drive by so I continued on intending to check what the problem was when I got to the start. A few miles further on it started to rain. Time now to turn the wipers on only to find they also didn't work either. The horn also failed to make any noise & that is a disaster because it cops a bit of a hiding tooting to all the spectators along the route. I knew the problem couldn't be too complex as they all worked a couple of weeks before. A quick check at the start revealed one of the fuses had broken the blade at one of its ends. Craig Warner came to the rescue with some new fuses so I replaced both of them & all the world was good again.

**BAY TO BIRDWOOD RUN 2012 - BY COL REDMOND (Cont'd)....**

Fortunately after the start we had only one shower of rain for a few minutes & a light sprinkle once at Birdwood so the cars didn't need much cleaning when we got there. Being an entrant in the Concours we are among the first to leave the start. That & the dismal looking weather had only small numbers of spectators for the first part of the route. I am told by entrants leaving later that the spectators increased in large numbers a bit later. Club members I saw at the start were Craig & Anne Warner with their 1948 Bedford utility & Wes Southgate who had his Lancia (the Lagonda had seized another piston & was being repaired again). I also saw Phillip Kitto busy taking photo's while I was getting some breakfast but he had disappeared by the time I got served.

Along the route I spotted Peter Hebert & Trevor Donaldson at the traffic lights at Morphett Rd. I missed Rod Blanchard at Holden Hill because he was in Macca's getting a hamburger ( Big Mac) when I went by but he said he saw me pass. Because Halinka has been so ill for the last 6 months she didn't come to the start & I picked her up at Modbury. She didn't look too bad in her period outfit & she lasted out the day pretty well.

Once at Birdwood & lined up for the Concours we gave the 4CV a quick wipe over & waited a short time for one of the Judging panel to come & do their stuff. While we received very good comments on the condition of the car & our costumes we were not chosen as one of the ten finalists in the competition. All the entrants in the Concours were outstanding examples of earlier motoring & the ten finalists were ----a 1950 International KB5 5ton Truck, 1931 Packard 840 Roadster, 2 LHD MG TF1500's, 1940 Buick 840 Special, 2 T Model Fords, a 1932 Chevrolet Confederate Roadster, a 1953 Mercedes Benz 300S coupe & a 1951 Bentley Mk VI.

We didn't stay for the winning presentation as the Organisers were running late & it had been a fairly big day out for Halinka & she was starting to tire out fairly fast. We also saw Steve & Carolyn Chamberlain who bought

Carolyn's father Martin who was on a visit from Western Australia. Entrants were from every Australian state & also included a 1934 Renault Juvaquatre convertible that came down from Alice Springs for his fifth Bay to Birdwood. It doesn't matter where you are in 10 Australia, if you enjoy older vehicles & haven't been to a Bay to Birdwood you should make the effort to come to Adelaide & enter one of the two Bay to Birdwoods. I can promise you that it can experience you will not forget for a long, long time.



**Colin and Halinka looking the part**

**Col Redmond's very nice 4cv at the Bay to Birdwood in Sept**



## Information for Members - AGM Minutes, 2012



### SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC.

### Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held at Albury on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

**Item 1:** Annual Meeting Start Time. 2.00pm

Attendance:

|                  |                |                |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Roger Skeers     | John Brown     | Gelske Rogers  |
| Mel Rogers       | Peter McCarthy | Sue McCarthy   |
| Barbara Scanes   | Don Scanes     | Lorraine Laney |
| Richard Laney    | Robert Lewis   | Peter Gaggioni |
| Margaret Barrett | Morrie Barrett | Pat Smith      |
| John Smith       | Geoff Rose     | Rob Verhagen   |

Apologies: Kerry Ryan Ian & Leila Dyer Roz Rose Evelyn & John Pickles Ian & Rosemary McKill

**Item 2: WELCOME**

The President formally welcomes all club members and friends to the Annual General Meeting in Albury

**Item 3: Appoint a Minute Secretary**

| Position          | Nominated  | Accept | Moved          | Seconded   | Approved |
|-------------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------|----------|
| Minute Secretary  | Margaret B | Yes    | Morrie Barrett | Geoff Rose | All      |
| Presiding Officer | B Scanes   | Yes    | Margaret B     | Pat Smith  | All      |

**Item 5:** The Secretary read **the Minutes of – AGM 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

“Is there any business arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Mandurah on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011”

Geoff Rose – Still checking out the best option on a web page.

Steve Maloney – Will organise Mornington Peninsula for 2013 AGM, Peter Gaggioni said he was willing to help.

There being No further Business arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at Mandurah, I request a motion that the Minutes as previously read be confirmed”.

Moved by: Rob Lewis      Seconded by: Roger Skeers      Approved: All  
Motion Declared by the President.

**Item 6: REPORTS**

The Presidents Report – Copy attached

The Editors Report – Copy attached

The NSW State - Copy attached

NZ Representative Report – Not available

The QLD State Representatives Report – Not Available

**AGM Minutes (Cont'd).....**

The SA State Representative Report – Not available  
 The VIC & TAS State Representative Report – Not available  
 The WA State Representative Report – Copy attached  
 The Secretary/ Treasurer’s Financial Report – Copy Attached

Motion to accept Financial Report  
 Moved by: Sue McCarthy      Seconded by: Don Scanes      Approved: Yes  
 Copy of Financial Report to be handed to the Public Officer.

**Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE**

Web – Shannon’s – Auto Parts – followed up in general business.  
 John Pickles – re logo  
 Reply – John Brown – re logo

Meeting dissolved so that the committee could resolve problem.  
 Meeting resumed at 4.27pm.

The committee withdrew its comment that a copy of said logo had been forwarded to the parties concerned 2 weeks prior to logo being produced.

John Brown asked if all issues had been resolved and agreed answered – “agreed”.

Geoff Rose – John has this been resolved to your satisfaction – John Brown - “Yes”.

**Item 8: ELECTION OF CLUB COMMITTEE**

“All Committee Members with the exception of the Public Officer will now stand down from their current positions and that all positions are declared vacant and that any financial member is entitled to stand for any position provided that the member as a Nominee has a Nominator and a Secunder”.

| Position                     | Nominated                               | Accept | Moved          | Seconded       | Appointed |
|------------------------------|---|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>President</b>             | Vacant                                  |        |                |                |           |
| <b>Secretary</b>             | Geoff Rose                              | Yes    | Pat Smith      | Peter Gaggioni | Yes       |
| <b>Editor</b>                | Rob Lewis                               | Yes    | Margaret B     | Morrie Barrett | Yes       |
| <b>NSW Representative</b>    | Morrie Barrett                          | Yes    | Geoff Rose     | Barbara Scanes | Yes       |
| <b>VIC Representative</b>    | Stephen Maloney                         | Yes    | John Smith     | Morrie Barrett | Yes       |
| <b>WA Representative</b>     | John Pickles                            | Yes    | Richard Laney  | Geoff Rose     | Yes       |
| <b>SA Representative</b>     | Rob Stapley                             | Yes    | Barbara Scanes | Geoff Rose     | Yes       |
| <b>QLD Representative</b>    | Vacant                                  |        |                |                |           |
| <b>NZ Representative</b>     | Colin Smith                             | Yes    | Geoff Rose     | Morrie Barrett | Yes       |
| <b>All Simca’s Registrar</b> | as per previous nomination – Kerry Ryan |        |                |                |           |

President – Morrie Barrett Nominated – declined  
 Richard Laney Nominated – declined  
 SA Rep. Graham Powell & Rob Stapley - vote by show of hands, Rob Stapley by majority

As there is no President at this time, Morrie Barrett nominated Geoff Rose to be Chairperson for the continuation of the Meeting.

**AGM Minutes (Cont'd).....****Item 9: GENERAL BUSINESS**

Geoff Rose thanked Morrie for his contribution as president in the last 12 months.

The issue is resolved in the affirmative from John Pickles.

A request that information to be sent to the Editor for the Swallow Tales from as many members as possible to enable us to keep improving the magazine.

Auto Parts – Website for Simca where they will help us obtain parts for our car, we can also include a copy of the Swallow Tales, information from other clubs or correspondence that we wish to share.

Rob Verhagen – this weekend we are having here, can we change the format, e.g. have a longer weekend (people have a long drive for one or two nights) 3 or 4 days? Then we could have an observation run or for a drive somewhere. Geoff Rose agreed with the concept. Rob also suggested we meet in between AGM's go for a drive or out for dinner or a picnic.

It was suggested 3 or 4 Days every second year, and leave our main meeting as it is.

Proposed: Rob Verhagen

Seconded: Morrie Barrett

Richard Laney can Stephen confer with the Editor on what is required for next year.

Peter Gaggioni – Has Stephen all the information needed, Peter knows someone who can help, if Stephen agrees John Robinson can be approached.

Morrie – John Pickles has been involved in the Simca Club for 25 years it started with a few members and over the years it has increased to what it is today. It is suggested that the Club purchase Key Rings and have them show: *Simca Car Club Australia Inc. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Proposed: Morrie Barrett

Seconded: Peter Gaggioni

Approved

Rob Lewis suggested that we send a small Swallow Tales to save on costs. It was agreed there would be little saving – therefore leave it as it is.

Geoff Rose – mentioned membership fees single \$35.00 family \$40.00. It was decided to leave as is.

We send a copy of the Swallow Tales to Clubs overseas and receive the same from them, once the website is up and running to will be put on the internet, for members and overseas Clubs to read.

State Reps. To inform members of events in the relevant State e.g.. Sydney Motorfest in January.

Rob Verhagen – suggested Beechworth for the next GM 2014.

Rob Stapley – suggested the Barossa Valley and the Bay to Birdsville for the 2015 rally.

The meeting closed at 5.17pm.

**Margaret Barrett**

**Public Officer**

***Simca Car Club Australia Inc.***

# Information for Members.....

## GROUP D Sports & Tin Tops - 10th October 2012

### Entrants

|                |      |                        |     |               |
|----------------|------|------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Paul Barbara   | 1960 | KM200                  | 25  | Blue          |
| Allan Edwards  | 1964 | A.H. Sprite            | 60  | Purple        |
| Alex Hinz      | 1961 | A.H. Sprite (R. Joyce) | 88  | Blue          |
| Geoff Rose     | 1957 | Simca Aronde           | 52  | Blue          |
| Robert Suttie  | 1960 | JWF Italia             | 46  | Red           |
| Guy Thomson    | 1962 | Ford Anglia            | 711 | Yellow/Green  |
| John Tittume   | 1958 | Hillman Minx           | 91  | Green         |
| John Rawls     | 1960 | VW Special             | 118 | Silver/Yellow |
| David McKenzie |      | A.H.                   | 185 | Red/Green     |



Paul Barbara - KM200

A usual mixed field of cars went out in Group D. Boy does Robert Suttie's glorious JWF Italia go down the straight! Over the years several of us from Newcastle had owned the body shell of the blue KM 200 driven by Paul Barbara. It was fitted on the KM when Paul Samuel's son crashed at Amaroo and needed a new shell.

The Simca Aronde of Geoff Rose with its distinctive Gallic saucer of a grill was as smooth and reliable as usual and John Tittume's tricky Hillman Minx was mixing it with the rest.

John mentioned at the drivers' briefing that the Anglia Don bought shortly before he died was for sale. During the day I had five inquiries as to what you could do with one and at the end of the day it had been sold to a sixth mystery buyer from the Bathurst region with a position of some majesty within GEAR.

Leigh Bowman with his trusty and reliable MGB was, as always, enjoying himself - you can tell by

John Tittume - Hillman Minx leading  
Geoff Rose - Simca Aronde

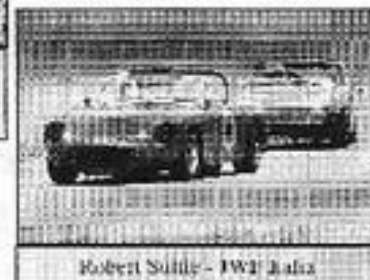
his big smile. The pretty purple sprite of Allan Edwards is a tidy and great-looking car. Red Joyce's rock-et-slip was driven by Alex Hinz and also at one stage by Roger Gates.

Roger's TR3A had a few problems on the drive down from Sydney after a lengthy rebuild and had to be nursed back home. Roger passed me on the road home looking like he was straight out of Heartbeat with the sprint screen and his leather flying helmet.

John Rawles' VW Special abouts the spirit of GEAR and if you scratch your eyes (a fair bit) it looks somewhat like a Tank Bagatti. David McKenzie's Austin Healey is always

a welcome sight - what is it about Henleys that they always look so good?

I was pleased with the way the yellow Anglia was performing as it had misbehaved at Sydney Motorsport Park or whatever.



Robert Suttie - JWF Italia

Eastern Creek's new short circuit is called. A slight carburettor problem had robbed me of power (and there is not a lot to start with). A quick trip to the Dyno had it fixed for GEAR.

I am sure everyone had a ball - I know I did.

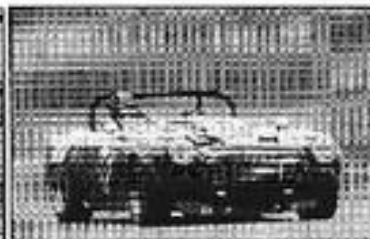
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David McKenzie - A.H. Sprite




Allan Edwards - A.H. Sprite cleared by



Alex Hinz - A.H. Sprite (R. Joyce)

# Information for Members.....Historic Touring Car Assoc of NSW Inc.






## 2013 Pointscore

Points are awarded to financial members only, and cover the three categories, Na, Nb, Nc. The six best results will determine the final outcome. Class placings (as per CAMS Manual) are awarded points as follows:

- Outright results count as 6+ starters (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Points are divided by the number of scratch races held at each meeting.
- 3 Points are allocated for entering and participating in a meeting
- 1 bonus point is allocated for the fastest lap in each class over the entire meeting.
- Members flagging at a pointscore round are allocated 10 points per day, subject to a maximum of 30 points
- Written notification must be received by Chris Dubois, (or at a club meeting), [chris@dubois.net.au](mailto:chris@dubois.net.au)

| Class       | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 6+ starters | 18  | 15  | 12  | 9   | 6   | 3   |
| 5 starters  | 17  | 14  | 11  | 8   | 5   |     |
| 4 starters  | 15  | 12  | 9   | 6   |     |     |
| 3 starters  | 13  | 10  | 7   |     |     |     |
| 2 starters  | 11  | 8   |     |     |     |     |
| 1 starter   | 9   |     |     |     |     |     |

| Nc             |  |    |
|----------------|--|----|
| Laurie Donaher |  | 22 |
| Quentin Bland  |  | 19 |
| Martin Macri   |  | 16 |
| Harvey Felton  |  | 14 |


| Overall Leaders |  |    |
|-----------------|--|----|
| Laurie Donaher  |  | 22 |
| Quentin Bland   |  | 19 |
| Martin Macri    |  | 16 |
| Harvey Felton   |  | 14 |

## 2012 Trophy Winners

Outright Club Champion  
Appendix J Cup Na  
Appendix J Cup Nb  
Appendix J Cup Nc  
Club Champion Na  
Club Champion Nb  
Club Champion Nc  
Club Champion Nb Runner Up  
Club Champion Nc Runner Up  
Pointscore Nb 0-1100cc 1st  
Pointscore Nb 1101-1300cc 1st  
Pointscore Nb 1101-1300cc 2nd  
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Pointscore Nc 4501-5000cc 2nd  
Pointscore Nc 4501-5000cc 3rd  
Pointscore Nc Over 5000cc 1st  
Pointscore Nc Over 5000cc 2nd  
Pointscore Nc Over 5000cc 3rd  
Encouragement Award  
Presidents Cup  
Sportsmanship Award  
Most Improved Driver  
Best Presented & Engineered Car  
**Appendix J Association NSW, Presented to**  
**Dominic Truelove**

Wayne Rogerson  
Geoff Rose  
Chris Collett  
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Geoff Rose  
Chris Collett  
Wayne Rogerson  
Ian Johnson  
John Wright  
Dave Probin  
Chris Collett  
Alex D'Onofrio  
Andrew Bergan  
Greg Meredith  
Steve Beazley  
Brian Titheradge  
Ian Johnson  
Lyn Brown  
Colin Tierney  
Troy Williams  
Bill Meeke  
Laura Kennedy  
Chris Strade  
Chris Dubois  
Stewart Follows  
Wayne Rogerson  
Alan Mayne  
Steve Land  
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Daniel Cotterill  
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Harry Bargwanna  
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December 2012

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2012 1:53 PM

**Subject:** FW: RELEASE TO MEMBERS. - Historic Touring Car Assoc. of NSW Inc.

Good afternoon All,

Club President Marc Ducquet announced at last night's General Meeting that Touring Car Legend and all round nice guy, Colin Bond, has agreed to be the Patron of our club. Colins Touring Car drives in both Ford and Holden in Touring Car Championships and Bathurst 1000's as well as his role as a DSO for V8 Supercars provides a blend of credibility and balance as our new Patron. Colin will be an Honorary member and we look forward to a guest speaker evening in the New Year.

Some Car this SIMCA

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## *More Tools Explained..... (have a laugh!)*

### **SKIL SAW:**

A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.'



### **BELT SANDER:**

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.



### **WISE-GRIPS:**

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.



### **TABLE SAW:**

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.



### **BAND SAW:**

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

### **PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:**

Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.



### **STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:**

A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.



### PRY BAR:

A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

### UTILITY KNIFE:

Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.



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## Information for Members..... Parts for Sale

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Ryan Mischkulnig

**To:** [jpickles@dodo.com.au](mailto:jpickles@dodo.com.au)

**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2012 8:41 PM

**Subject:** Re: Simca Aronde Wagon

Hi John,

If the Simca club is interested I am considering separating out the car so that it can provide life to more. As mentioned previously I have plenty of good condition spares with it. I am not looking for a lot, I'm thinking maybe:

Headlight trims, taillights, \$30/pair (I have multiple good pairs of each)

Doors very straight and basically rust free from memory \$30 ea

Grills \$30 ea

Spare windscreen looks as new \$80

Engine and gearbox, untested but turns over \$150 ono

Speedo clusters \$30 ea

Bonnets also seemingly rust free \$30 ea

Front seats \$50 pair

Back seat with wagon specific folding mechanism (may fit into sedans?) \$50

Brake drums \$5 each

Roofrack parts, side trims, wheels etc, offers.

I'm sure I've got other bits and pieces as well

Do those prices sound cheap enough to be of interest to club members? I don't want the bits sitting around here doing nothing. I have sold most of the Piazza related bits and would like to get around \$500 back for the Simca to cover some of my costs.

I am also involved in the Shitbox Rally, which is in support of the Cancer Council we are aiming to raise \$8,000 while driving a 1976 Daimler Sovereign from Adelaide to Fremantle via Uluru. If people buy more than \$500 in parts I will donate every dollar above \$500 for parts sold to our fundraising effort: <http://fundraise.shitboxrally.com.au/suuscruising>

Let me know what you think please.

Regards,

Ryan - Located in Ringwood, Victoria 0432 889 159

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## Christmas Stories..... (have a laugh!)



After being away on business for a week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift.

"How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk.

She showed him a bottle costing \$50.

"That's a bit much," said Tom, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30.

"That's still quite a bit," Tom groused.

Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle.

Tom grew agitated, "What I mean," he said, "is I'd like to see something real cheap."

So the clerk handed him a mirror.

There once was a Tsar in Russia whose name was Rudolph the Great. He was standing in his house one day with his wife. He looked out the window and saw something happening. He says to his wife, "Look honey. It's raining."

She, being the obstinate type, responded, "I don't think so, dear. I think it's snowing."

But Rudolph knew better. So he says to his wife, "Let's step outside and we'll find out."

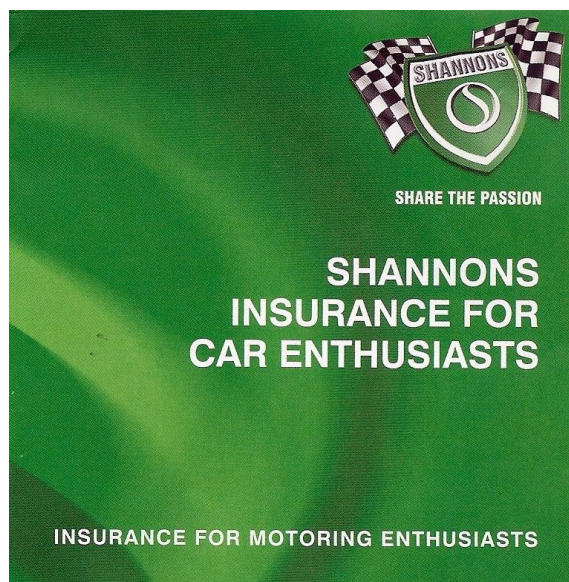
Lo and behold, they step outside and discover it was in fact rain. And Rudolph turns to his wife and replies, "I knew it was raining. Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"



Did you know that according to the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", Santa has twelve reindeer? Sure, in the introduction it goes "There's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen..." That makes eight reindeer. Then there's Rudolph, of course, so that makes nine. Then there's Olive.

You know, "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh..." That makes ten. The eleventh is Howe. You know, "Then Howe the reindeer loved him..." Eleven reindeer! Oh, and number 12? That's Andy! "Andy shouted out with glee." The proof is in the song!





## PS - from the Editor.....

**The next issue is planned for March 2013.**

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of Swallow Tales – very much appreciated.

If you have any articles, items or photos that you think others members of the club would be interested in reading or seeing please send them to Rob Lewis at: [lois.lewis@iinet.net.au](mailto:lois.lewis@iinet.net.au).

### **Reminders :**

The 2013 renewal of membership is due on January1, 2013. Don't forget members can pay their subscriptions by bank transfer as mentioned in Geoff's report.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

- **BSB: 633-108** Bendigo Bank (branch at Braidwood NSW)
- Account number is: **135350668**.
- Please identify who is paying and for what if possible - e.g. Rose Subs \$40.
- Don't forget to fill out the whole of the Club Membership Renewal form (attached) so that all your details are correct/current. Please don't try and copy them from a previous year.



***“Wishing all SIMCA  
Australia Inc. members a  
safe, happy festive season  
and a  
Healthy, Happy and  
Prosperous New Year”***





## SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA Inc.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Given Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate ( x ) in the following box to signify your acceptance to receive the club Newsletter on home email where applicable.

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Make of Car(s)

Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Car required to confirm in vehicle Register.

Model / Year

of Car Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fees are due on 1st of January each year

Membership Fees for Single Membership:                      \$35.00      Per Annum      \* Subject to Variation

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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