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## Friday the 13th a day to remember!

### **Big event coming up in Goulburn**

The Golden Era Auto Racing Club (GEAR) is organizing a celebration of what they are calling the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Australian Grand Prix, said to have been held at the Goulburn showgrounds on 15 January 1927. The celebration will commence on Friday 13 January 2012 at Belmore Park in the centre of Goulburn at around 10 a.m. with a display of vintage cars, motorcycles and racing cars. There will be entertainment, an official opening ceremony and in the evening a free outdoor movie show including comedies of the 1920s. If you turn up in period costume, you might even be selected by the wandering judges to receive a fashion award.

### **Yarralumla is on again this year**

For the third year running, the VSCCA has been invited by the organizers of the Open Day at Government House to put on a display of cars. The date is 18 March and we have indicated our acceptance on the condition that there is no clash with the annual Wheels event, which is normally held at the end of March. Arrangements will be as per last year's event with cars placed on the driveway in front of the House. In due course, we will be inviting participation by about 10 owners of pre-war cars.

### **Awards for 2011**

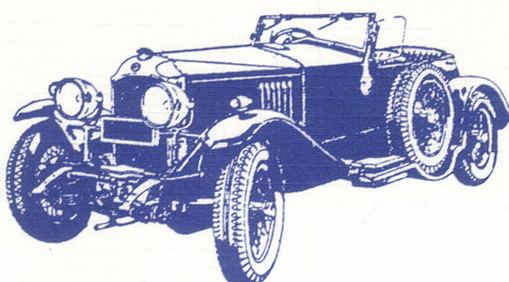
The end-of-year lunch at Murrumbateman included the annual awards ceremony for activities in 2011. Given that the price of pewter has gone up 300% over the course of the past year, we were fortunate indeed to secure five engraved pots at a reasonable cost. The recipients were John Phillips (1st points score), Richard Calver (2nd points score), David Pearse (3rd points score), Peter Hoskin (best restoration) and Richard Calver again with the Carol Moore Memorial Trophy for most significant contribution to club affairs. Our thanks to Graham Moore for acting as MC, congratulations to the trophy winners and thanks to all members who supported the club throughout the year.

### **The Newsletter**

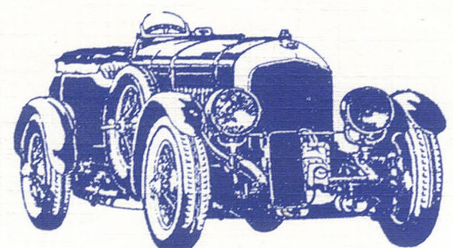
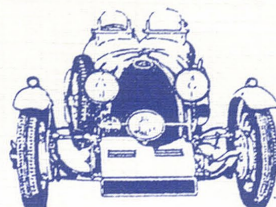
The newsletter goes out every month as an email attachment to the Canberra regional members and to anyone else who expresses an interest in receiving it. If you don't want it by email, let John Phillips know and you can have it posted instead. Back issues are posted on the club web site.



Track events will follow on Saturday and Sunday at Wakefield Park. Club members who have vintage vehicles are invited to display them at Belmore Park on 13 January, and those who don't have such machines are of course welcome to go along and have a look. Confirmations from intending displayers should be sent to Gil Whitehouse, tel 0408.786685 or [lhoys8@bigpond.com](mailto:lhoys8@bigpond.com).



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## **Regalia**

Calver carries the club regalia around in the boot of his Interceptor so if you see it and/or him, that's when you should make your move.

Navy blue bucket and surf hats are available at \$18. We have only a few so be quick if you want one of these. The club is also holding the enamel grille badges (\$60), clothing patches (\$5), adhesive decals (\$2), key rings (\$5) and two of the 2008 George Green Rally DVDs (\$10). For sunny or wet days, golf umbrellas with the VSCCA logo are available for \$30.

The stylish bomber jackets are a discontinued line but we have one L and one 2XL remaining at \$60 apiece. A new addition to our holdings is the popular polar fleece vest (two sizes available at \$30). We are fresh out of the stadium jackets but you can order these for \$45, and also the \$75 woollen navy pullovers, from Jim Cuthbert in Sydney. They are available in sizes 14 = S, 16 = M, 18 = L, 20 = XL, 22 = 2XL, 24 = 3XL, 26 = 4XL and 28 = 5XL.

## **Name badges**

The Canberra Trophy Centre, 12 Molonglo Mall, Fyshwick, makes the proper VSCCA name badges for members. The order code is T-VSCCA-NB and you can have them in magnetic form for \$11.55 or with a pin for \$8.80. You can order by phone and have the badges posted for a little extra, or collect direct from the store. Their number is 6280 6520.

## **Contributions**

If you have anything you want to spread around for the benefit of all, send it to Richard Calver for inclusion in the next newsletter. If you have a great idea about something to make things better, or anything at all related to the club and the Canberra Chapter, don't assume we know about it already – speak up and let your voice be heard. For longer stories, remember that Cliff King will be interested in anything you send for inclusion in the main publication, *The Vintage Car*.

## **Lakeside on Thursdays**

Thursdays are for catching up with your clubmates down by the lake over lunch. With the weather warm and conducive, bring your folding chair and cut lunch to the water's edge at Yarralumla Bay. On the off-chance of rain, the alternate venue is the Turner Bowling Club in McCaughey St. Noon til whenever. UBD map 58, ref M10.

## **Welcome to our newest members**

All of us join in welcoming Peter and Susan Skinner to the club. They came along to our breakfast in November and introduced themselves and we are pleased to report

that they are all *bona fide* and paid up. We look forward to seeing the happy couple and the B at our events in 2012.

## **Breakfast at The Diplomat**

The first event of 2012 will be our breakfast at The Diplomat on 29 January, 0830 for 0900. Because we are dining among the hotel's in-house guests, we need to advise numbers in advance. Don't wait for Phillips to ring up and remind you. Make sure to RSVP a week ahead and we'll save you a place. Don't forget to pay, either. It's \$20 for the buffet, payable on the way in or out.

## **Money matters**

The Vegemite jar continues to give good service in attracting donations to support our activities and we have a useful reserve of \$636 in the kitty. Sydney generously subbed us for the cost of our awards in 2011, so we remain in good financial health.

## **In the works**

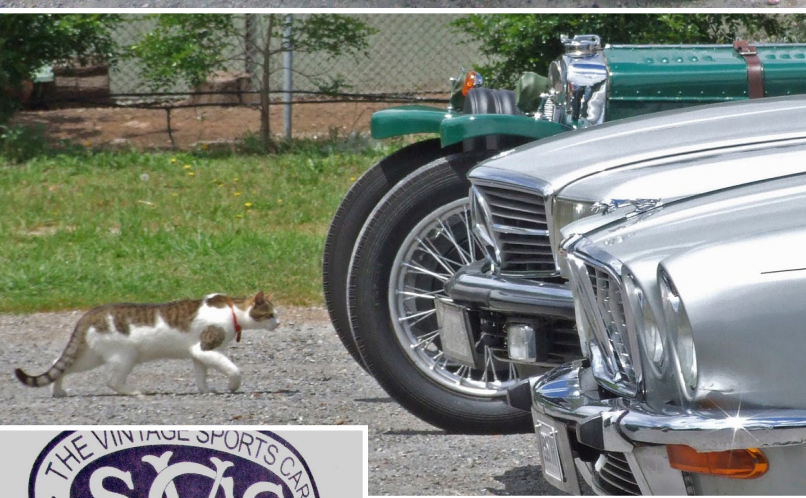
13 January — GEAR display at Goulburn  
29 January — breakfast at The Diplomat  
12 February — opening run of 2012, TBA

## **Calendar**

18 March — Open Day at Government House  
March — Wheels at OPH  
April — Auto Italia  
June — Battle of Waterloo



# XMAS LUNCH AT SPRINGERS REST



The Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia



# ALL PUKKA TERRIBLY BRITISH DAY



**THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (CANBERRA CHAPTER)**