



# The Wheel



**Southern Tablelands  
Heritage Automotive Restorers Club Inc.**

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## Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club

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**Club Meetings are held at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Girl Guide Hall, Erin Street, Queanbeyan.**

Contributions should be submitted **by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month** for the following month's issue. Articles covering events, members' experiences, automotive/mechanical items or photographs

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## Club Notices

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday 5 July** Starting at 8pm  
Girl Guide Hall Erin Street, Queanbeyan

Please bring a plate for supper to share. Remember that this means all members so if you have not brought anything along for a while it is your turn. All welcome a little bit earlier for a cuppa and a catch-up.

### Committee Meeting—Tuesday 19 July 8pm

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Our July guest speaker will be Robert Buettner who is Manager of the Fyshwick-based “Battery Factory”! Robert will speak on ‘care and maintenance’ of batteries for heritage and modern vehicles, and demonstrate the use of battery chargers and jumper leads. Just at the right time of the year in our cold winter months. Be there or get ‘caught out’ this winter!

## COMING EVENTS FOR JULY 2011

**Sunday 3 July Henry’s Winter Wander.** Meet at Mt Ainslie 10am for a cruise then gold coin sausage sizzle, tea & coffee

**Saturday 16 July evening 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Presentation Dinner** – RSL Bowling Club, Yass Rd 6.30 for 7pm – RSL Club provides a live band 8pm.

**Wednesday 20 July Mid Week run – Museum of Australian Democracy**  
(Old Parliament House) Adults \$2, Conc \$1

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

*Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club Inc*

### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 7 June 2011

**Meeting Commenced:** 8.00 pm

**Attendance:** as per meeting book

**Apologies:** Geoff Rudd, Steve Cole and as per the attendance book

**Visitors:** Sue and John Whelan, Troy McLeish

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Accepted as issued in The Wheel.

**Moved:** .. Lawrie Nock      **Seconded:** Ian McLeish      **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report: as of 07/06/2011**

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Balance previous         | \$9853 |
| Income:                  | \$ 414 |
| Expenditure:             | \$ 662 |
| Balance as at 07/06/2011 | \$9602 |

**Correspondence: In**

- Invitation: Yeoval Mulga Bill Bicycle Festival 30 July 2011
  - Renewals: Terry & Glenda Davis, Lyndal & Donovan de Light, Allan and Chris Boyd
  - Yass Antique Motor club invitation to Celebration of Heritage Motoring Saturday 5/11/2011
  - Notification North West Swap Meeting, Gunnedah Showground 10-11/9/2011
- Magazines: (available for perusal) Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club *Drive Chatter* May 2011, CA&CMC *The Colonial* May & June 2011, Classic Motoring Club Wagga Wagga *Classic Lines* March/April 2011, Cootamundra Antique Motor Club *Coota Hoota* May & June 2011, FE-HR Holden Owners Club *Pist 'n' Broke* May 2011, Gundagai Antique Motor Club *The Crank Handle* May 2011, Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Goulburn *The Broken Spoke* May & June 2011, VCMCCACT *Bike Torque* May 2011, Yass Antique Motor Club *Get It Together* June/July 2011; Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair newsletter May 2011.

**Correspondence: Out**

- Sympathy card: Jannie Bruggeman-Brown
- Thank you letter: McFeeter Museum
- Thank you letter: Don Turvey, guest speaker
- Councillor/Deputy Mayor QCC Sue Whelan (June) and Robert Buettner (July) – guest speakers
- Thank you Letter: Dave & Jan Wyatt CACMC

**Property Officers:** Ray & Barbara Malam – windscreen banners available – these are being subsidised by the club one per each member, and members are encouraged to buy one for their vehicle when on display.

**Registrar:** John Corbett – no new registrations.

**Editor:** Malcolm Stewart – still requires photos and stories. He has mastered the new software and acknowledged Paul Hogarth's huge contribution.

**Website:** Steve Cole has proposed a Swap, For Sale and Wanted – members comments please.

**Public Officer:** Ian McLeish. Nothing to report.

**Events:**

Events Committee reported that events are going smoothly and are updated in The Wheel monthly.

**Past Events:** Collector Pumpkin Festival display; Canberra Region Transport show (Ian McLeish); National Heritage Motoring Day (Lawrie), Snowy South Care display – Ronda & John Cornwell went and reported there were few people and few cars on display, John Grannal Charity Day, EH All State (Easter) Jeff Gill – a great rally and display.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Long weekend: Wagga Wagga Rally – coordinator: John Corbett.
- 26 June Gunning Markets: no show of interest – no coordinator appointed.
- STHARC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner: 16 July to include Club Presentations, for STHARC members; family and friends are welcome. Tickets available from tonight from Brian Thomas: as advertised in The Wheel – prices are: STHARC adults \$10, kids \$5, non-members \$20 and \$15.
- 3 July – please note this run is organised by the Chev Bowtie club, and meets at Mt Ainslie at 10am.
- June mid-week run - Arrangements need clarification. Meet at the Guide Hall at 10am. Travel to War Memorial: Rats of Tobruk exhibition. Park undercover in the car park underneath the Outpost Cafe. Idea is to have coffee in the cafe after viewing the Rats display.

**Council Reports:** Allan Boyd

**STHARC ACT Council Report**

- Affiliation fees to the Council are due 30 June 2011.
- Even though NSW has an 'exemption with conditions' for under 7 child restraints, ACT has nil action to date.
- New affiliation from 'Australian Military Equipment Collectors'. Collect all types of military equipment; some eligible for CRS. Garry Collins, Sec.

- The Council's restored 'Chev Pie Cart' getting some use from affiliated clubs – Duntroon Dairy display \$70 and Sutton Road display \$40 – both donations.
- SIVS. Still under negotiation with ACT Government Motor Registry.
- Recent Publicity Officer and long time Council Committee member, and well known classic motoring identity Graham Gittins has resigned from the Council Committee; he will remain delegate for his club.

**Events:**

- Good response from affiliated clubs for NHMD (see article in The Wheel).
- Two events on Sunday 29 May – John Grannall Charity car show and the American Car show snowy Hydro at Epic - both were advised too late for our STHARC events, however an email was circulated to our members.
- Battle of Waterloo on Sunday 19 June. Send an email STHARC list re Battle of Waterloo ie STHARC members who are owners of British or French vehicles are welcome to attend at Patrick White Lawns – make your own way there.

**STHARC CHMC (NSW) Report**

- There was no STHARC delegate at the Easter Rally AGM at Tuncurry – so have nothing to report.
- We have not received a newsletter since No 48 March/April so no new news from that source.
- A check of the CHMC website on Sunday night indicated a new Secretary/ Treasurer outcome from the AGM – Terry Feint from Tamworth area (Kootingal). There were no Minutes of the AGM on the website, so no news from the AGM.
- We requested a copy of the AGM Minutes as there may be something relevant to our hosting of the Half Yearly meeting in October 2011.
- In recent months CHMC has prepared a 'Comfort Pack' and distributed to affiliate clubs. Copies available here tonight.

**General Business:**

- Membership cards now available to pick up after the meeting.
- Articles – vehicles For Sale – 2 Studebakers.
- Club Person of the Year nominations – Secretary to email out nomination form.
- As advised that some motoring technical books plus old magazines are available for members to borrow; sign the book on taking and returning.

**Birthdays, anniversaries:** Ronda Cornwell 4/6, Ray Malam 22/6, Boyds' wedding anniversary 11/6.

**Raffle:** \$37.15 won by: Graham Bates

**Meeting closed:** 9.00 pm

**Guest Speaker:** Councillor Sue Whelan

## Cover Story

### Max and Maree's 1978 Mini Moke



It all started out as a bit of fun to drive around on warm and sunny weekends. It has been a father son and maree effort. The Moke was brought for \$850.00 and needed a good tune up. So tune up done it was off to rego.

On the way to rego after taking off from the lights in the main street, the little Moke came up with a big clicking noise, thought to be a CV Joint. No such luck, it turned out to be 2 teeth broken off on the cram wheel in the diff. So while the diff, Gear box and motor where in pieces, it was decided that a set of rings and bearings would be in order. But Terry at QIM (Queanbeyan Industrial Motors) had another idea. Max if you put this cam shaft and these bigger pistons into your 1275cc motor it will go much better and you may as well rebuild the gear box at the same time.

\$6.500 later motor, gear box and diff are ready to reassemble. While all this was happening, Max decided to paint the white Moke blue, while putting the Moke back together Max noticed a couple of bits not good enough to go back in our Moke. So Max said let's put an ad in the Canberra times it read "Wanted Mini Moke dead or alive".

The ad returned 15 phone calls (15 Mokes) much to Maree's disgust Max bought 12 of them. Plenty of part's now darling Max replied.



Now after a lot of hard work and 10 months later the Moke is fully restored not a bolt and nut unturned or painted, now it was back to reg, passed no worries. The Moke was entered in the 1st Australian Moke Muster held 2006 at Shepperton Victoria. Imagine 200 Moke's in one place at the same time. They came from all over Australia. One couple even brought their Moke out from England. THAT'S DEDICATED IF YOU LIKE.

We entered our Moke in the show and shine competition, we came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ute class. THE MOKE has been in our family for the last 12 years and now with 4 grand children ONE in particular LILLY who is only 3 years old says it is hers and poppy's Moke so we guess it will stay around a bit longer.



The Moke has also proudly brought Santa Clause to our STARC Christmas parties for the kid's. It sure takes the slack out of those soft top Mercedes Benz's and Rolls Royce convertibles.

It might not be as comfortable but it will still mess your hair up and turn heads when you drive it down the street no worries at all.

Maree has a follow up story to tell in a later edition about how she sent Max (with his love of old cars) down to Woollies to buy milk and bread and he came home with a FJ HOLDEN!





**SOUTHERN TABLELANDS HERITAGE AUTOMOTIVE  
RESTORERS CLUB INC**

**NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE POSITION – 2011/2012**

**COMMITTEE POSITION** .....

**NAME OF NOMINEE**.....

Signature.....  
(Accepting Nomination)

**PROPOSER**.....

Signature.....

**SECONDER**.....

Signature.....

DATE:...../...../2011

**ACTION BY SECRETARY:**

DATE RECEIVED:...../...../2011

**MEMBERSHIP CHECK**

ELIGIBILITY OF NOMINEE: FINANCIAL FULL MEMBER ..... ☐

ELIGIBILITY OF PROPOSER: FINANCIAL FULL MEMBER ..... ☐

ELIGIBILITY OF SECONDER: FINANCIAL FULL MEMBER ..... ☐

**Positions:** President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor,  
Events Director, Membership Secretary, Registrar, Webmaster,  
Property Officer.

## STHARC Items Available

The following items are available for sale at our monthly meetings.

Please let our property officers **Ray and Barbara Mallam** at a meeting or on phone **6230 3663** if you would like to buy or try on any items.

There are items for both Summer and Winter, so have a look at what is available. All clothing is embroidered with the STHARC logo.



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| Polo T-shirts   | \$35 |
| Good sun protection Broad brimmed Hat                               | \$18 |
| Peaked Cap  | \$18 |
| For your car a Must should be a Metal Badge                         | \$27 |
| Plastic Car Badge   | \$8  |
| STHARC keyring  | \$11 |
| Club name bars to suit the new CRS number plates - pair for cars    | \$18 |
| Club name bars to suit the new CRS number plates – single for bikes | \$9  |
| STHARC WINDSCREEN BANNERS (subsidised)                              | \$15 |
| Polar fleece pullover – adult (by order)                            | \$42 |
| Polar fleece vest – adult (by order)                                | \$32 |
| Polar fleece pullover – children                                    | \$32 |
| Two-in-one jacket (new to our range)                                | \$75 |



| <b>Date/<br/>Day</b>  | <b>STHARC EVENTS<br/>JUNE 2011 to DEC 2011</b>   | <b>CONTACT</b>   | <b>BBQ<br/>Trail<br/>er</b> |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>All STHARC runs start from Qbn Girl Guides Hall Erin St Qbn unless otherwise advised.</b><br><b>For all runs: BYO chairs, tables, picnicware, drinks &amp; food, sunscreen unless otherwise advised.</b> |  |  |                             |
| <b>Mid Week runs will meet at the Guides Hall at 10am, leave 10.10am unless otherwise advised.</b>  |  |  |                             |
| Note: not all months are finalised – there is always space for more events.   |  |  |                             |
| <b>JULY 2011</b>  |  |  |                             |
| <b>3 Sunday</b>   | <b>Henry's Winter Wander. Meet at Mt Ainslie 10am</b> for a cruise then gold coin sausage sizzle, tea & coffee (ACT Motor Council endorsed event). | <b>Chev Bowtie Club</b><br>Chrissie Corkhill<br>62972828                                       | <b>No</b>                   |
| <b>16 Ju-<br/>ly<br/>Satur-<br/>day<br/>evening</b>   | <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary &amp; Presentation Dinner –</b><br>RSL Bowling Club, Yass Rd<br>6.30 for 7pm  | <b>Events Com-<br/>mittee</b><br><b>Tickets: Brian Thomas</b><br><b>See ad this newsletter</b> | <b>No</b>                   |
| <b>20 Wednes-<br/>day</b>   | <b>Mid Week run – Leave Guides Hall for the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House)</b>  | <b>Events Committee</b><br>Adults \$2, Conc \$1  | <b>No</b>                   |
| <b>24 Sun-<br/>day</b>  | <b>War Memorial run – Rats of Tobruk display</b> Meet Guides Hall 10am, leave 10.15  | <b>Events Committee</b>  | <b>No</b>                   |
| <b>AUGUST 2011</b>  |  |  |                             |
| <b>18 Thurs-<br/>day</b>  | <b>Mid Week Run</b>  | <b>Geoff Rudd</b>  | <b>No</b>                   |
| <b>20/21<br/>TBC</b>  | <b>Mid winter day or overnight run: Araluen pub</b>  | <b>Events Committee</b>  | <b>No</b>                   |

| <b>SEPTEMBER 2011</b>  |  |  |            |
|------------------------|--|--|------------|
| <b>4 Sunday</b>        | <b>Father's Day run TBC</b>  | <b>Events Committee</b>  |            |
| <b>18 Sun-day</b>      | <b>German Autofest/Telecom Tower/Stromlo (TBC)</b>   | <b>Events Committee</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>21 Wednes-day</b>   | <b>Mid Week run</b>  | <b>Geoff Rudd</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>24-25 Sat-Sun</b>   | <b>Queanbeyan Swap Meet – STHARC display site Saturday only – volunteers needed for the site</b>   | <b>Events Committee</b><br><a href="mailto:qbnswap@hotmail.com">qbnswap@hotmail.com</a> PO Box 66 Calwell 2905 | <b>?</b>   |
| <b>OCTOBER 2011</b>    |  |  |            |
| <b>15 Oct Saturday</b> | <b><u>Bush Council Half Yearly Meeting</u>, STHARC coordinators, Guide Hall volunteers needed : help with registrations, morning tea &amp; lunch</b>     | <b>Allan and Chris Boyd</b><br>6297 6014/0427<br>976 014<br>John Corbett                                       | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>20 Thurs-day</b>    | <b>Mid Week run : Christmas shop TBC</b>   | <b>Events Committee</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>22 Satur-day</b>    | <b>Qbn Uniting Church Spring Fair display, Martha Gray</b>   | email of-<br><a href="mailto:fice@guc.org.au">fice@guc.org.au</a>  | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2011</b>   |  |  |            |
| <b>1 Tues-day</b>      | <b>Melbourne Cup Day Lunch TBC</b>   | <b>TBA</b>   |            |
| <b>13 Sun-day</b>      | <b>Marques in the Park, John Knight Memorial Park,</b><br>Bruce Perry email<br><a href="mailto:bruce_perry@three.com.au">bruce_perry@three.com.au</a> or | <b>Events Committee</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>16 Wed</b>          | <b>Mid Week run</b>  | <b>Geoff Rudd</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>DECEMBER 2011</b>   |  |  |            |
| <b>4 Sunday</b>        | <b>Terribly British Day, Patrick White Lawns</b>   | <b>Events Committee</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>11 Sun-day</b>      | <b>STHARC Christmas Party</b>  | <b>Events Committee</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>15 Thurs</b>        | <b>Mid Week run</b>  | <b>Geoff Rudd</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
|                        |  |  |            |

| Date                        | OTHER EVENTS 2011 – 2012   | CONTACT  | IN-VITE |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---------|
| 15-17 July<br>Friday-Sunday | Bay to Bermagui, Coachhouse Marina Resort<br>CVMCE PO Box 684, Moruya NSW  | <a href="http://www.cvmce.org.au">www.cvmce.org.au</a><br><br>registrations closing soon   | Yes     |
| 17 July                     | Wagga Wagga Swap Meet  |  |         |
| 30 July Saturday            | Yeoval Mulga Bill Bicycle Festival – registration by 15 July 8am-4pm. indiv entry form required.<br>Email:info@mulgabillbicyclefestival.com.au | Melanie Lees, Sec retary<br>02<br>68464185/0419141930/<br>PO Box 39 Yeoval 2868  | Yes     |
| 6-7 August                  | NSW All Holden Day Hawkesbury Show-ground Racecourse Rd, Clarendon   | <a href="mailto:events@oldgmh.org.au">events@oldgmh.org.au</a> Fe<br>-HR Holden Owners Club  |         |
| 7 August                    | Canowindra Swap Meet   |  | Yes     |
| 27 August<br>Saturday       | Historic Truck Club, Western Sydney<br>“Hauling the Hume” Liverpool to Yass using<br>Old Hume Hwy, Saturday dinner Yass Soldiers Club          | Geoff Rudd   | Yes     |
| 27 – 28 Aug                 | South Coast Nationals, Moruya  |  | Yes     |
| 4 Sept                      | Cootamundra Father's Day Swap Meet   |  | Yes     |
| 24-25 Sept<br>Sat - Sunday  | All Ford Day&GM DayAmerican Car Nationals  | <a href="mailto:allfordday@hotmail.com">allfordday@hotmail.com</a> .<br><br><a href="mailto:allgmday@hotmail.com">allgmday@hotmail.com</a> | Yes     |
| 25 Sept Sunday              | Kiama Vintage Classic Car & Bike Rally – route Uni of Wollongong to Kiama Showground   | <a href="http://kiama-car-rally.blogspot.com">http://kiama-car-rally.blogspot.com</a>  | Yes     |
| 8 Oct Saturday              | Harden Kite Festival and NSW S.W. Slopes Get Together, Harden Racecourse   | Paul Ballard 02 69424694<br>Cootamundra AMC  | Yes     |
| 21-23 October               | Boorigal Rally, Albury   |  |         |
| 23 Oct Sunday               | Crookwell Swap Meet  |  | Yes     |
| 22-23 Oct                   | Goulburn Motorcycle Rally  | Michelle Lees  | Yes     |
| 30 Oct Sunday               | VVMCC Canberra Swap, EPIC  | Allan Boyd   | Yes     |
| 5 November<br>Sat.          | Cooma Motorfest  |  | No      |
| 6-9 April 2012              | FE-FC Holden Nationals, Perth, W.A.  | <a href="mailto:events@oldgmh.org.au">events@oldgmh.org.au</a>   |         |
| November 2012               | Snowy Mountains Touring Classic Mountain to the Sea Rally overnight run  |  |         |



## **Snowy Hydro Southcare Support Day Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

It was a brisk and foggy morning when a few intrepid souls ventured to EPIC to support the Snowy Hydro Southcare donations day. I headed out early to help collect donations for the service, with all proceeds from the \$10 car entry fee and visitors gold coin donation going to the service.



Unfortunately the organisation of the event was affected by a forced change of venue (as DFO closed down) and then withdrawal of support from one of the local radio stations. I didn't hear of the event until asked to volunteer to help SHS on the day on the Monday night before the show! The event also clashed with another event, the John Grennell Memorial Day.

Nevertheless we emailed around and found a few members able to attend at short notice, and once the sun came out the day was clear and mild. The vehicles on display were very varied, which gave us all something to look at. To top it off the SHS helicopter arrived on site for a few hours for all to view it. We were lucky to get the helo as it was on short notice to conduct a patient transfer, which was cancelled.

Despite the problems with the event, the organisers still got more than 50 vehicles on site, bringing in some much needed financial assistance to SHS.

I hope they persevere with the event, SHS is an excellent organisation to support in this way. Maybe with more notice we could get a really good turnout on the day.

Most memorable were the excellent Kebabs on offer from one of the stalls. Most of the participants ended up choosing these for lunch and were not disappointed!



It is comforting to know that wherever we are motoring in the region, if the worst happens, Southcare are watching over us.

**Roll Call:**

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Paul Anderson -            | 1971 Hillman Hunter    |
| Steve Cole                 | 1972 - Valiant Charger |
| Marshall McCarron -        | 1977 Mercedes 450 SLC  |
| John and Rhonda Cornwall - | 1974 Mercedes 450 SE   |
| Brian Thomas -             | 1965 Rover Coupe       |
| Max and Maree De Oliver -  | Modern                 |

## BATTLE OF WATERLOO

### **C'est la guerre by Steve Cole**

As I understand it, a couple of hundred years ago, or thereabouts, some bloke from Wellington got into a stoush with the son of a famous French brandy maker – at least that's what I think might have happened. In 2004 a bunch of car enthusiasts decided to commemorate this event and called upon owners of French and British made vehicles to show their colours on the field.

For several years it really wasn't good for the English. The disciples of the frog brandy maker outnumbered those driving mother England's output. Then in 2010 there was a breakthrough. The British forces managed to establish sufficient support to outnumber the French and the French were routed. The event was scheduled for a re-run on 19 June 2011, the day after the 196<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original battle. I was concerned that the French may have taken exception to the flogging of 2010 and resolved that I should do what I could to prevent a reversal. There was a suspicion that the French might mount a strong counter attack.

With this in mind, I made a special visit to Wellington on Sat 18 June, the actual anniversary. There was no sign of military presence and I couldn't find anyone at Wellington who seemed to know much about this history or plans for the Sunday. While at Wellington, I also managed to sort out some details with the photographer who had done the DVD for the recent RROCA Federal Rally in Canberra. The lack of interest and involvement by the local population was ominous, but I reconciled myself in the knowledge that if I spread the word that I had been to see Wellington that would thrust fear into the hearts of French supporters.

Leading up to the event I had already broadcast the propaganda among the British supporters, that Sunday was "Flog a Frog Day". I had hoped that this would bring out British enthusiasts. I tried to make sure that not too many of the French received the message, as I did not want to encourage a desperate defence, or retaliation. I certainly I did not wish to be confronted by a result which actually read "Flogged by a Frog."

We doubled our forces and took both of the red cars and a couple of South African warriors to help in the forthcoming battle. We left Sutton in formation and proceeded through heavy fog along the Federal Highway. The fog provided good cover for our assault but we were sprung by a Citroen DS23 Safari loaded with Frogs before we made it to the ACT. They were too quick for us to despatch them but since we knew that other forces were arriving from different directions, we felt that the discovery of our force might lead them into a false sense of security. The fog on the NSW side of the border disappeared as we passed Eagle Hawk Hill.

I also let the French supporters know when I arrived that my Bentley had come directly from Wellington on the previous day. This possibly sent a shiver up their spines. I felt that the thought of a return by Wellington himself after such a long absence was really intimidating. I noticed that at least one Citroen which attended, remained in the parking area rather than appear on the field to face the mighty British force assembled there. We had also cunningly (I claim) left some of our British vehicles in the parking lot as reinforcements in case there was a late rush of French cars from outside of the local region.



There were a few berets and several bicycles. I lodged an early protest that vehicles with only two wheels should count only as half vehicles. I suspect that the Canberra Renault Club organizers did not accept this very reasonable approach, but in the end it really didn't matter anyway. The organizers refused to count Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Armstrong Siddley and other similar marques at their full weight and credit each with a double count, but even with such massive units counting only as single units, the French could not offer a sound response. The British made many incursions behind the French front line to obtain intelligence on their ordinance. The French made similar incursions and when they had finished laughing at the British technology returned to their positions somewhat inflated. One observer was heard to point out that the British did not seem to have grasped the concept of product perfection and seemed to suffer the delusion that the way to fix a problem was to introduce a new marque. Such blasphemy has no place in honourable combat. In the event, though, the French were not a very effective resistance movement.



The weather was beautiful in the Canberra basin. The sun stayed with us for most of the day, although a cold and quite unpleasant westerly blew up early in the afternoon. At the end of the day a count of participants revealed a resounding victory for the British side.

I think STHARC has only one regular member with French vehicles. George and Pauline now live a bit far away to come to the assistance of their fellow French vehicle owners. STHARC members who were seen on the battlefield were:

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Allan Boyd              | 1951 Ariel KH500 - Late arrival for mopping up |
| Brian and Benita Thomas | 1965 Rover 3 litre coupe                       |
| Peter Jessup            | 1965 Rover P5 3 litre saloon                   |
| Lawrie Nock             | 1966 Bentley "T" coupe                         |
| Chris Forsey            | 1969 Jensen Interceptor                        |
| Paul Anderson           | 1971 Chrysler/Hillman Hunter                   |
| Jane Nock               | 1973 Rolls-Royce Corniche drophead             |

Present but unarmed

Rhonda and John Winnett

American marque owners and doubtful supporters of the British cause

Graig Rowland – walking wounded

Steve Cole – armed with camera for Web page articles

John and Annette Rutherford representing independent Boer forces and visiting with the Nocks. During the day Annette was observed consorting with the enemy. Her husband or boyfriend seemed to be a willing accomplice in this dubious behaviour. As penance for historic links with the French through the Huguenots, John served on kitchen duty on return home and prepared the evening meal.



## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY & PRESENTATION DINNER

**SOUTHERN TABLELANDS HERITAGE  
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### RSL BOWLING CLUB

Yass Road, Queanbeyan

**Saturday 16 July 2011 from 6.30pm**

**IT'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TIME**

#### **Tickets:**

|                       |                   |                                  |             |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>STHARC Members</b> | <b>Adult \$10</b> | <b>Members Kids 5-12 yrs</b>     | <b>\$5</b>  |
| <b>NON members</b>    | <b>Adult \$20</b> | <b>Non Members Kids 5-12 yrs</b> | <b>\$15</b> |

**All Kids under 5yrs Free  
Drinks available from the Club Bar**



**Tickets available at Club Meetings & Events  
from STHARC Treasurer Brian Thomas**

"Tickets are available from STHARC Treasurer Brian Thomas and must be purchased no later than the Club Meeting on Tuesday 5 July to enable firm numbers to be provided to the Bowling Club"



**2011/2012**

***MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM***

Please fill out and return this form with your membership subscription. Details often change, and it is important that the Club's records are up to date



|  |      |                   |     |
|--|------|-------------------|-----|
| <b>Member's Details</b>  |      |                   |     |
| Surname  |      | Given Name        |     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am happy for my details above to be available for club members for private club-related (non-commercial) use. |      |                   |     |
| Payment (\$45 per annum or \$50.00 new member)<br>\$..... enclosed   |      | Paid by: cash/chq |     |

**YOUR HERITAGE VEHICLES: Details of your Heritage Vehicle(s)**


| Vehicle Make | Model (incl body type) | Year | Condition (ie registered, under restoration) |
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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Members are reminded that membership renewals are due before 30 June 2011. Membership renewal forms will be included in this issue of the wheel however you can renew your membership at any time. You can either pay your \$45.00 renewal at a club meeting or send your cheque to STHARC at our registered address published in the Wheel. If you do not want to cut this form out copy it or collect a copy at the next club meeting.

Remember that if you become non-financial your concessional registration and insurance is invalid. (should you have a vehicle registered under this scheme)



### **REST IN PEACE DOROTHY ELIZABETH ANNE SMITH 16 May 1914—22 June 2011**

Pam Corbett's mother, Dorothy, passed away last Wednesday 22 June. Our sympathy goes out to all the Corbett family, and to Pam, John, James and Grace.

Dot was a foundation member of STHARC and many of us have wonderful memories of Dot in the back seat of the Pilot. She will be greatly missed.

Dot was born Dorothy Elizabeth Anne Smith in Goulburn on 16 May 1914.

The funeral was held on Tuesday 28 June in Goulburn at the Presbyterian church. The family indicated that they would like STHARC vehicles to be on display. At the time of going to press a number of STHARC members had indicated that they were planning to attend and to form a guard of honour.

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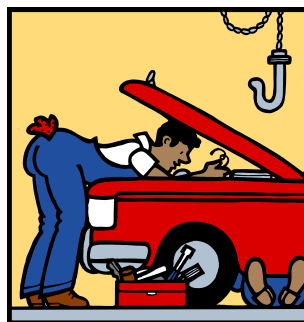


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