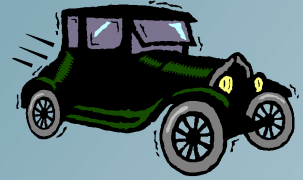


BRISBANE VINTAGE AUTO CLUB [Inc]



An inexpensive, friendly, family club, catering exclusively for **Historic Vehicles** (Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage and Classic) built up to September 1995.

The Secretary, BVAC Inc.,
6 Riesling St, Carseldine, QLD, 4034.

Vintage Views – November 2025



“BVAC “Come & Share Day” – Scott Hill”



BVAC OFFICE BEARERS - 2025

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CLUB OBJECTIVES

- (A) To promote the restoration to original condition and also the use and exhibition of Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage and Historic vehicles by members in competition and social activities.
- (B) To assist members to locate, restore, and maintain their vehicles
- (C) To form a library to assist members in obtaining information related to their vehicles.
- (D) To co-operate with other clubs and associations with similar aims.

Brisbane Vintage Auto Club Inc. holds monthly meetings at Events which are published in the Vintage Views (except January). Contact the BVAC Committee for further information.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO:

The Secretary, BVAC Inc., 6 Riesling Street, Carseldine, Qld. 4034.

November 2025 President's report



Hello BVAC members. The sign on morning at McGavin's View went well. Our secretary Mal turned 89 that day. Quite a chorus led by Darryl sang Happy Birthday to our club stalwart. It's wonderful to see the cheerful enthusiasm.

Plenty of helpers arrived early to assist with cooking the BBQ breakfast. The smell of sausages and bacon permeated the air. And the sizzle was a nice background to the sound of old and new members chatting.

Ray Dixon, our newest member, lent a hand and was welcomed by many. Ray rescued a 1926 T Ford from the crusher. Ray is a scrap metal merchant employee. Good person to know if you want steel for projects. His model T is named Norm after his father. Norm is a dark blue tourer, getting very close to being on the road. Ray is very enthusiastic to be part of our club and has already enjoyed some runs with us in Sharon's '28 Chev.

Lately I have renewed my interest in flying drones. This brought my mind to documenting our outings, by making short movies and taking still photographs from above. Maybe we can even do some short stories on the history of car that you drive. Perhaps a short documentary on the make and model of your car with some reference to the decade that it was produced. That would be fun, I think.

The weather has changed again, with plenty of heat, then storms. We had a few delightful weeks of dry days and mild temperatures. On those beautiful days, it's best to take advantage and get out and about for some sight seeing and delightful drives around our seaside and scenic mountain hinterlands.

We had a nice time at the home of Scott and Debbie. Truly a car enthusiast's oasis. Dozens of curious eyes cast over the cars in the sheds. Scott has Mal's old 1927ish Morris Oxford sitting, patiently waiting for revival to road worthy again. Scott enjoys transplant surgery with his fifties and sixties British sedans. He has dropped Datsun motors in the engine bay of old Austins and Morris sedans. Very nicely giving the old Brits a little Japanese pep. There is even a man-shed bar at the English car paradise. We have been invited to drop in anytime for a cuppa or a cool bevvi on a hot day.

I'll sign off now and remind you all to check the club calendar for events. Please come along to as many as you can to enjoy our company and have a good chat with like-minded people. See you at an outing soon,

Adrian and Sharon Bensted.





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So November has finally rolled around. It did it about this time last year too, come to think of it! That means it is Membership Fee time as well. Those who attended the 'Sign-on Breakfast' at McGavin View Park on the 26th of October will have digested the excellent breakfast put on by the club by now, and are up to date with their fee too, and we thank you. Those who have yet to contribute their membership fee are reminded that their

SIVS registration remains legal only due to their current membership of the club. If you have an accident while your membership is overdue, it may be possible that your SIVS registration could be cancelled by law and your insurance void. Please do not take that chance.

Our new volunteer librarian, Marion Angel (and she is one too)- *[there may be a smidgen of bias here, seeing as she is my daughter]*, has started collecting the club books together so she can get the job done. To that end, anyone who currently has any of our books out on loan, or has books that they are intending to donate to the club is requested to contact any of our committee members to arrange the gathering of such books to enable Marion to complete her job. From the sound of it, when completed members will be able to search the club library from their homes via the club website to find the book they need. Let's help her in any way we can, for our own benefit.

With the advent of our new storage facility at the Environmental Centre at Deception Bay, it is time to gather all the club assets together there. To that end, it is requested that anyone who is holding such assets, would you please gather what you have and either take them to a general meeting, or contact a committee member to arrange the return through them. Thank you.

On a lighter note, the valve seats in my Standard are now ground in, and once I have lapped the valves in, I can finally get the car back on the road. Hope I can remember how to drive it! It's been 14 months off the road now.

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Pithy Sayings: 1. I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.

2. Borrow money from pessimists- they don't expect it back.
3. Half the people you know are below average. Hmmm! So where do you fit in?
4. 87% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
5. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
6. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
7. I almost had a psychic girlfriend- but she left me before we met.
8. OK, so what's the speed of dark?



B.V.A.C Inc. General Meeting No. 627

Date: 1st October 2025

Location: Deception Bay Environmental Centre

Meeting opened by President – Adrian Bensted at 7.35pm



Attendance: 8.

Apologies: 7 as per attendance book.

Welcome:

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated by e-mail & posted.
Confirmed on motion of Mal Dale, seconded by Glen Sorensen. Carried.

Business arising from the previous meeting: Nil

Car Badge: Nil.

Name Badge: Nil.

Secretary's Report: *Inward Correspondence:* *Club magazines *MBCC Leasing register
*Resignations of D & B Priest, R & T Kelso.

Outward Correspondence: *MBCC re Leasing register *D & B Priest *R & T Kelso.

Inwards received & outwards endorsed on motion of Mal Dale, seconded Lawrie Godde. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report received and accounts passed for payment on motion of Darryl Gomersall, seconded Rod Hibberd. Carried.

Q.H.M.C. Nil

Events Co-ordinator: As per Events Page in Vintage Views. Caboolture Historic Village photography 5/10. Volunteers for sign-on breakfast. November Wrinkllys run to Woodford & Kilcoy.

Spare Parts: In mag.

Dating Officer: Nil

Librarian: Marion Angel has volunteered to catalogue the library. Accepted with thanks.

Editor: Discussion re laptop – referred to Committee.

Safety Officer: Thanks to Midas for Safety Day.

Web Master: Website server has upgrade in progress.

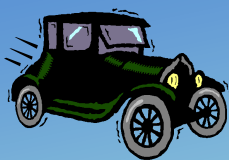
General Business: Assets in storage at OPT moved to Joseph Cres. Glen Sorensen moved, seconded by Adrian Bensted, that the Club volunteers receive a \$50 Bunnings gift card. John Coutts thanked the Club for use of chairs.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

President..... Adrian Bensted

Secretary Mal Dale

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EVENTS PAGE



Please confirm event details prior due to changes that can occur due to unforeseen circumstances. Event email normally sent out in the week prior to the event.

NOVEMBER 2025

Wed – 5th Nov **“BVAC General Meeting”** – 7.30pm. Environmental Centre, 7 Joseph Crescent, Deception Bay, QLD. Supper provided.
Ph: Adrian Benstead (0438) 305 516

Thu – 6th Nov **“BVAC Coffee Morning”** – Club Pine Rivers, Lawnton. Social outing 10am. BYO good stories and share memorable times.
Ph: Mal Dale (0418) 733 575

Thu – 13th Nov **“Wrinkley’s Run”**. Coffee at Anahata Cafe 1611 Anzac Ave Kallangur and afterwards BYO lunch at Norfolk Lake Narangba. Further details to be emailed prior to event.
Ph: Maureen (0447) 230 846

Sun – 16th Nov **“BVAC Monthly Event – not to be missed” – Combined Club Event with BVAC, QVVA, & VCAQ.** We will be visiting the Mathema Foundation (Mt.Mee). Meet at Tullamore Park off McKenzie St in Dayboro near the Dayboro Community Kindergarten on the western side of the showgrounds at 9am and leave at 9.30 am and head up to Mathema Foundation which opens at 10 am. Lunch will be back at Dayboro at the Sugar Mill Café around 12 noon. Final numbers required for a group booking.
Ph: Glen Sorensen (0423) 885 055

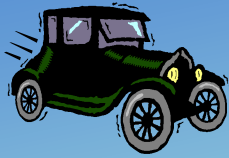
Sat – 29th Nov **Jingle all the Bay - Sandgate** - Sandgate Town Hall. Jingle All The Bay is proudly presented by the Sandgate & Bayside Chamber of Commerce in partnership with local businesses. The event transforms Sandgate Town Centre into a hype of free festive fun not to be missed. Once again this year it is being held on a Saturday. 4pm – 9pm. Twilight parade – 7.30pm. Further details to follow for assembly instructions.
Ph: Glen Sorensen (0423) 885 055

DECEMBER 2025

Wed – 3rd Dec **“BVAC General Meeting”** – 7.30pm. Environmental Centre, 7 Joseph Crescent, Deception Bay, QLD. Xmas Supper provided.
Ph: Adrian Benstead (aka Little Dipstick) - (0438) 305 516

Sat – 7th Dec **BVAC – Christmas Lights run**, visiting the best Christmas lights on the Northside of Brisbane, followed by Supper. Placeholder, further details to follow.
Ph: Glen Sorensen (0423) 885 055

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EVENTS PAGE



Sun – 14th Dec

“BVAC Xmas Party” – A little bit different this year. We have a lunch 12.00pm to 2.00pm booking at Jayliano’s Brookside, Mitchelton, where an “all you eat steak and seafood buffet” will be available.
<https://www.jaylianos.com> The booking is 30PAX, so please register early to avoid disappointment. RSVP – 30 Nov 2025.

The lunch will be subsidised by the BVAC and will cost \$20/person. There will be a Secret Santa – value \$15. Get dressed up in your best Christmas attire.

Ph: Glen & Pauline Sorensen, (0423) 885 055

Thu – 18th Dec

“BVAC Coffee Morning” – Club Pine Rivers, Lawnton. Social outing 10am. BYO good stories and share memorable times.

Ph: Maureen (0447) 230 846

IMPROMPTU EVENTS

Remember SIVS registration requires Club Membership.

Historic vehicles—proof of eligibility

Club membership—To be eligible for this concession, you must provide evidence of current membership with either an incorporated vehicle club/association or a vehicle club that is a public company limited by guarantee.

Note: membership from other company type can't be accepted. This membership must be maintained while the vehicle is registered under the scheme. Find out about [incorporated associations](#) and [public companies limited by guarantee](#).

Transport and Main Roads officers may verify compliance with membership requirements at any time.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/fees/concession/special-interest/apply>

The BVAC Committee has reviewed the SIV’s registration in regards to “Impromptu Events” and established BVAC guidelines so our members can work within the SIVS scheme, BVAC constitution and our risk management procedures.

The BVAC Committee requires BVAC financial members who wish to hold an “Impromptu Event” to **provide at least 24 hours’ notice of the event**, with notice provided to all BVAC committee members by post or email.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The “impromptu event” details must include the event start location, **“start time”**, destination location and **“destination time”**.

BVAC members shall also include a statement that their SIV’s registered vehicle will be operated in accordance with the DTMR - SIV’s conditions and restrictions as legislated. Once endorsed by the BVAC committee, the member shall carry the “impromptu event” documentation at all times during the event.

Sun – 16th Nov “BVAC Monthly Event”

Combined Club Event with BVAC, QVVA & the VCAQ.

We will be visiting the Mathema Foundation (2557 Mount Mee Road Ocean View QLD 4521).

Meet at Tullamore Park off McKenzie St in Dayboro near the Dayboro Community Kindergarten on the western side of the showgrounds at 9am and leave at 9.30 am. Head back through Dayboro, left into Williams St then left into Mt Mee Rd continue 6 miles or 10 kilometres to Mathema Foundation, which opens at 10 am, you will pass David Close, a street on your right & watch for a brown tourist sign for “Ocean View Estate Winery 350m” turn right into the Estate taking care as it comes up quickly, it is on a bend and is a bit hard to see, Mathema is visible from Mt Mee Rd and is approx. 20 minutes from Dayboro.

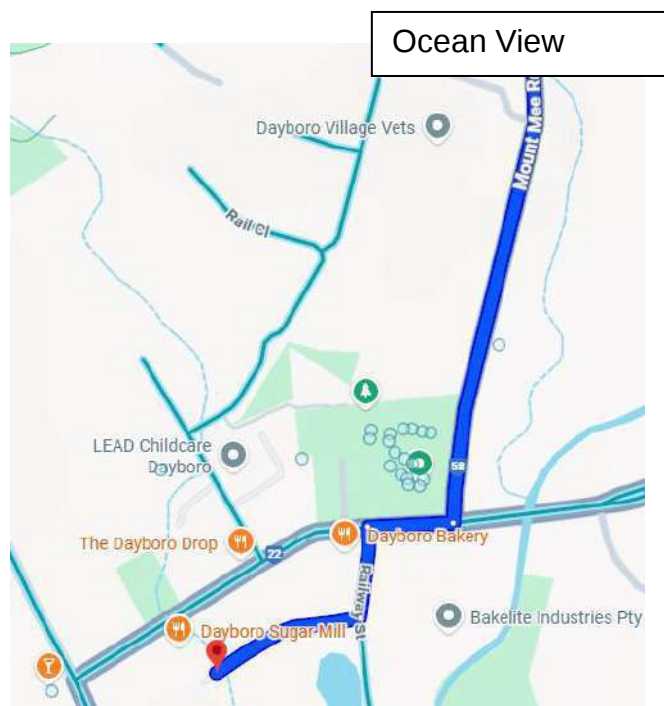


After the visit to the Mathema Gallery, return to Dayboro Lunch will be at The Sugar Mill Café, 12 Williams St Dayboro at around 12 Noon, there is plenty of parking behind the cafe, you will need to enter via Railway Street, first on the left after you turn right to Dayboro from Mt Mee Rd, numbers for lunch will be needed.

[Tullamore Park - Google Maps](#)

[Mathema Foundation | Experience the Power of Mathematics](#)

[MENU | Dayboro Sugar Mill](#)





BVAC Annual Christmas Luncheon

❄️ Jayliano's Buffet – All you can
eat \$20/person (members)
subsidised by the BVAC❄️

★ Mitchelton ★

14th December 2025

@ 12.00pm - 2.00pm



This year let's do something different and send 2025 out with a bang. Get dressed up in your best Christmas clobber, tinsel, sparkles, stars, Christmas trees, your choice.

There will be a prize for the best dressed and a runner up prize for the worst dressed.



If you would like to participate in the Secret Santa, please bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$15 (either per couple or individual).



Parts & Service Register:

It has been suggested by a member, and agreed to by the October members meeting, that the club re-institute what was once a very useful addition to the club's literary offerings, namely a list published monthly in the magazine, of the names and contact details of local or distant, even overseas, suppliers of parts or services which would be of benefit to members undergoing restorations or maintenance of their vehicles.

To this end the table below is provided for members to tear out or copy, then to detail such persons into the form as are known and acknowledged to the member to be of use. Your completed table should then be given to the editor at the next meeting or emailed to him (pthibb@hotmail.com.au) for inclusion in future magazines. This would be of vast interest and useful to all members, so go for it please!

BVAC - Vehicle Parts & Service Provider Register

NOTE: This list is for members to assist other members and no warranty as to the parts or service is provided by BVAC or its members

Service or parts Provided	Provider Details			Date Used	Rating 1 to 5	Member Name
	Name	Phone Number	Contact E-mail			
Old Motor Vehicle Wreckers	Horopito Motor Wreckers					
"		0011 64 6 385 4151	www.Horopitemotors.co.nz	10.5.23	2	Peter Hibbert
Shockie O/hauls, Gas struts etc, Power steer }	WW Shock Absorbers	07 3265 2133	wwshockabsorbers@iinet.net.au Virginia	2004		Peter Hibbert
Springs, Wheel alignments etc. }	"	"	"	31/10/2023	5	John Coutts
Engines, Parts, Head shaving	J.C. Autos	07 3883 1900	admin@jcautos.com.au	30/10/2023	5	Darryl Gomersall
/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Bearings, Oil seals etc. Excellent Service	Queensland Bearings	32653622	s@queenslandbearings.com.au 260 Zilmere Rd	8/03/2023	5	Peter Hibbert
Vintage Tyres	Vintage Tyre Sales	418884883	P.O. Box 704 Bribie Island	17/07/2023	4	Lawrie Godde
Old Car Gearboxes/ other parts too.	Old Car Gearboxes	03 9553 3203	Moorabbin, Victoria	15/02/2022	5	Peter Hibbert

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	Name	Phone Number	Contact Person or E-mail	Address (if Applicable)			
Hydraulics. Valve Rebuilds	HMR Precision-Engineers	0402 692 096	sales@hmrprecision.com.au	5/26 Huntington St, Clontarf	Visited	3	Lawrie Goode
Gearbox repairs and Parts	Old Car Gearboxes	03 9553 3203		23 Wren St. Moorabbin. Vic.	2023	4	Peter Hibbert
Bearings & associated parts	Queensland Bearings	3265 3622	Brian Peters	260 Zillmere Rd. Zillmere	2024	5	Peter Hibbert
Instrument Repairs	Otto Engineering	3277 3888	John	124Evans Rd. Salisbury. Qld	2024	5	"
British Car Parts	British Classic Spare Parts	5439 9729	classicsportscarcentre@gmail.com	37 Pinelands Drive. Beewah	2024	5	Club Visit
Engine & Head Re-building	Browns Engineering	3205 5375	Ross	7/25 Paisley Drive, Lawnton	2024	5	Peter Hibbert
Upholstery Motor trimming	The Car Upholsterers	3067 0070	Ray Bray- 0414 421 264	60 Bellini Rd. Burpengary	Visited	?	"
Radiator Repairs	Strathpine Radiators	3205 2969	Troy	25/71 Sth Pine Rd. Brendale	Oct-24	5	"
Engine parts machining	Bundy Sales (Rick)	3266 6442	sales@bundy.com.au	www.bundy.com.au	2025	5	"
{ Gasket Manufacture	N&J Gaskets	02 9824 7406	sales@njgaskets.com.au	2/3 Noonan Rd. Ingelburn.NSW	Often	5	Gary Willmot
{ - For head and other gaskets (can cut from computer) also have a lot of template for old engines to make them.							
{ Great service- used a few times for head gaskets, water pumps and clutch gaskets.							
{ Gasket Manufacture	N&J Gaskets	<u>07 3205 5501</u>	sales@njgaskets.com.au	2/2 Deakin St. Brendale Q. 4500	"	5	"
Brake Shoe Re-lining	BHSS-TBS Brakes & Steering			38 Smith St. Capalaba. Qld	?	5	Lawrie Godde
Hydraulics. Valve Rebuilds	HMR Precision-Engineers	0402 692 096	sales@hmrprecision.com.au	5/26 Huntington St. Clontarf	Visited Only	3	"
Bearings & Associated Parts	Queensland Bearings	3265 3622	Brian Peters	260 Zillmere Rd. Zillmere	2024	5	Peter Hibbert

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PART 2 REO After passenger cars

Although truck orders during World War II enabled it to revive somewhat, the company remained unstable in the postwar era, resulting in a bankruptcy reorganization. In 1954, the company was still underperforming, and sold its vehicle manufacturing operations (the primary asset of the company) to the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation of Detroit. Three years later, in 1957, Reo's vehicle manufacturing operation became a subsidiary of White Motor Corporation^[13] White then merged REO with Diamond T Trucks in 1967 to form Diamond Reo Trucks. Volvo later took over White and thus currently owns the rights to the REO brand name.

Meanwhile, after selling Reo's vehicle manufacturing operation to Bohn in 1954, management began liquidating the remainder of the company. For tax reasons a group of shareholders successfully challenged the liquidation in a proxy fight in September 1955, and forced REO to take over a tiny nuclear services company called Nuclear Consultants, Inc. in a reverse takeover. The resulting Nuclear Corporation of America, Inc., diversified and purchased other companies to become a conglomerate, spreading into an array of fields including prefabricated housing and steel joist manufacturing in addition to nuclear services. Most of these businesses failed and the company was bankrupt again by 1966. After reorganizing, only the successful steel-joist business remained; the company started producing recycled steel and eventually renamed itself Nucor.

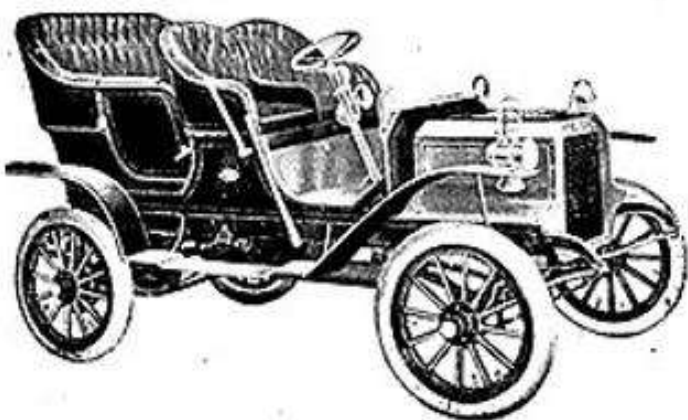
Studebaker agreement



Most Studebaker US6 trucks were built by Studebaker. However, during the Second World War, REO produced a number of them under license from Studebaker. The REO versions of the truck had some changes, such as different door handles and a more powerful engine. It is estimated that REO produced around 20,000 of these trucks and, unlike the original Studebaker trucks which were also used by the United States, the REO versions were only for export to the Soviet Union.

A REO US6 Truck

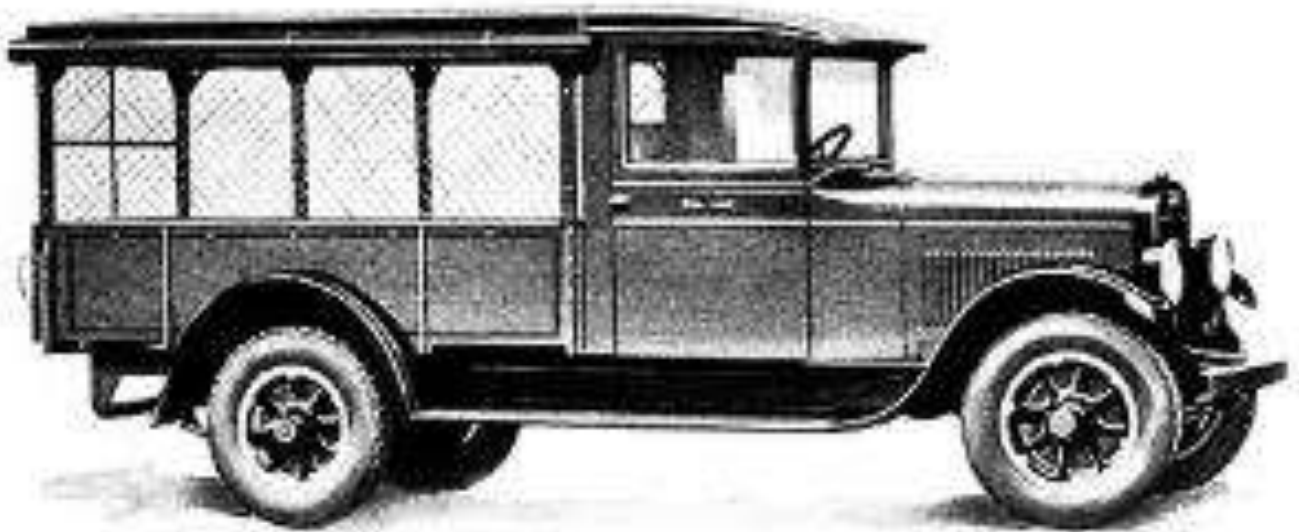
Products



1905 REO Type A (16/20 HP)



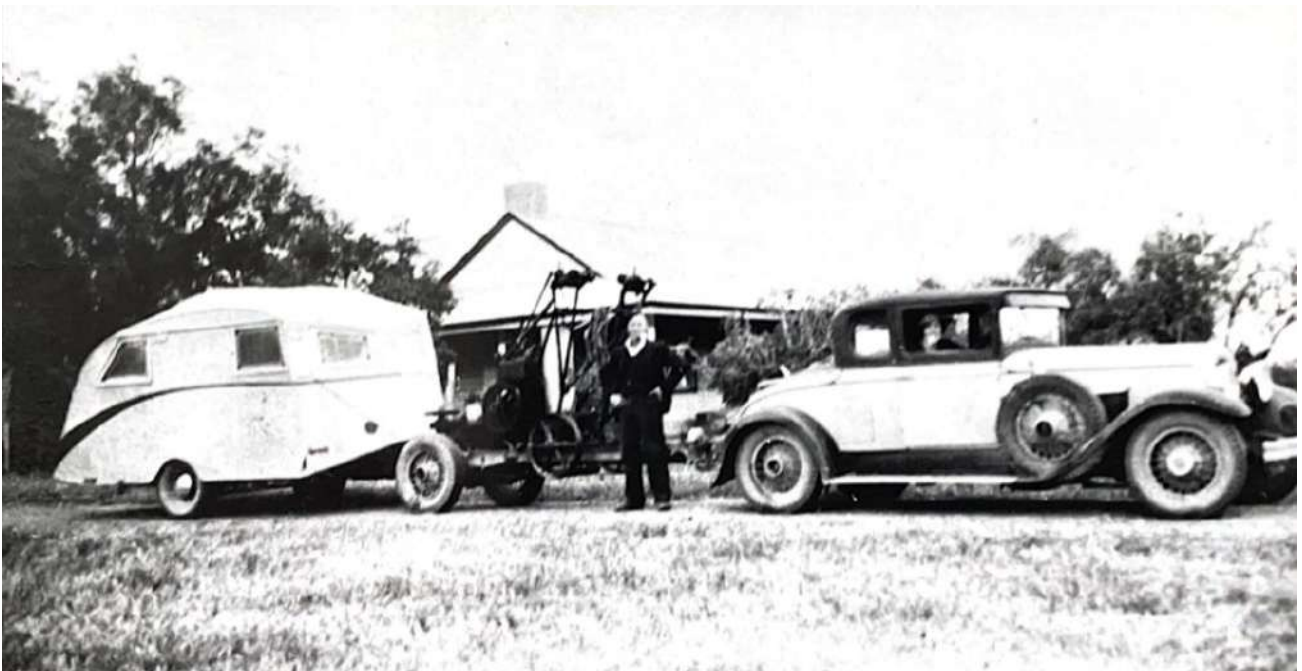
An M35 2½ ton truck that served with the Greek Army



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CARS

We start the 'Cars' section with a photo of the 1929 Flying Cloud REO Coupe that Lawrie Goode once owned. I bet he regrets selling it now, just as much as we all regret selling the vehicles we once had, and which now would be worth literal fortunes. The question- Is that you standing there Lawrie? Hmmmm! He's not got a beard. Can't be you! You were born with a beard, I know. Must be the lucky bloke who bought the REO.



Well actually, No. That is not the man who bought the Reo. Lawrie has just finished telling me the story of his Reo and it goes something like this. He was, as was his wont, driving once again down this certain road in Beechworth, Victoria, when he spied, again, this old car in the paddock behind the house there, and this

time, he could not drive past, as had been his wont, but had to go and have a proper look at it. With no answer to his knock on the door, he ventured out and beheld- a 1929 Flying Cloud REO.

REO!? Never heard of one! And no roof! No doors! All been ripped off, as it turns out, by this same owner, who needed the car as such to make his farming use of the car easier. (He should be shot! thought Lawrie. *[And I agree. Ed.]*). But still- not a bad looking car though. Just then a car pulled into the driveway, and he was accosted by the owner. "I did knock", says Lawrie, hoping not to get shot. "I just wanted to see what that car was. Is it for sale?" "Yep", says the man. "What would you offer me?"

I'll go for broke, thinks Lawrie- "How about \$150." "Done", saith the man. And it was done.

So Lawrie gets a trailer and down the Reo goes to Myrtleford, some 28 kilometres where it sat in his Dad's garage for some years while Lawrie does his time in the Army, during which time he found the cars second owner, a Mr. Gumbold, who lived at Whitfield near Benalla, and who sent him the picture above of the car as it was originally, and here towing not only a caravan, but also a sheep-shearing plant. Wouldn't get away with that today, Eh. Gumbold was a shearing contractor, well known in Victoria's northern sheep-farming area, and would take his home and his job behind him in the Reo.

He also gave him the car's rear bumper bar and the rear trunk that the car came with, both of which he had removed to allow for the towing hitch. Over the years since his Army days, Lawrie had stripped and restored Reo's chassis, overhauled the brakes and the motor, and found on inspection that the gearbox and differential were both in good condition. When he took the brake shoes to a brake shop, Action Brakes on Nudgee Road in Northgate in the 1990's, to have them re-shoed he was offered instead, brand new shoes that were off modern aeroplane tugs, the tractor vehicles that pull aeroplanes around the airport.

The years passed and for various reasons the partly restored Reo had to go, and was sold to a man who seemed keen to complete the restoration, but evidently his real purpose was to sell it off piece by piece for as much as he could get. And so endeth Lawrie's 1929 Flying Cloud story.

As a finale to Lawrie's story, I feel a desire to acknowledge everyone who determines to restore these old motor cars. I mean- this Reo had no roof, no doors, all ripped off etc., and it was still a desirable thing for someone to spend years restoring. Ok, it failed to end up on the road, but when you look at all the vintage cars still on the road today you are looking at all variations of this story, and I acknowledge and doffs my hat to all you all. Ed.

Car Models:

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| • Type A (1905-1908) | • 96-T | • M-48 |
| • Type B (1905-1908) | • Comet | • M-49 |
| • Type C (1909-1910) | • DC | • M-50 |
| • Type D (1909-1910) | • Flying Cloud | • M-52 |
| • Type G (1909-1910) | • Flying Cloud Mate | • M-Series |
| • Type R (1910-1911) | • GB | • M-246 |
| • Type S (1910-1911) | • Gold Comet | • R-5 "Reo the Fifth" |
| • Type K (1911) | • M-109 | • Royale |
| • Type H (1908-1914) | • M-34 | • Royale Elite |
| • Type J (1911-) | • M-35 | • Runabout |
| • 19 AS | • M-35 A1 | • T-6 (1920-1926) |

With 30 models to choose from I have selected just this one to present pictorially:



Another 1929 REO Flying Cloud

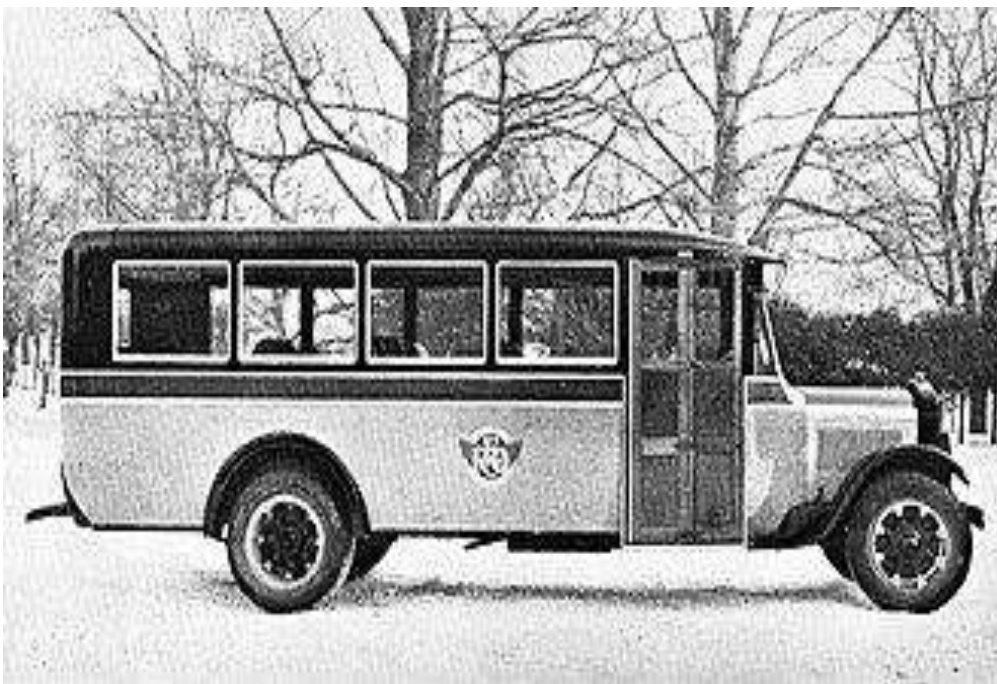
Trucks

- 19 AS
- AC
- Apollo
- Reo Junior BA
- Comet
- DA
- DC
- FA
- GA
- GB
- Giant
- Gold Comet
- M35
- Raider
- Royale
- Speed Wagon
- Speed Delivery
- Speed Tanker



1972 Diamond T REO DC-101 Truck

BUSSES:



REO Omnibus
Type A;
22 passengers
(1928)

- REO Omnibus 12 passengers Post (1928)
- REO Omnibus 18 passengers (1928)
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- REO Omnibus 20 passengers Sedan (1928)
- REO Omnibus Type A 22 passengers (1928)
- REO Omnibus Type B 22 passengers (1928)
- REO Omnibus 28 passengers City (1928)
- REO Omnibus 32 passengers Post (1934)
- 96HTD
- W series
- Gold Comet

Major Clients: Toronto Transportation Commission. Israel Defense Forces.

Now the name... Ransom E. Olds. What does the E. stand for?

That is the question! Hmmmmm! I feel a Google coming on.....

AH- Here it is. ELI. RANSOM ELI OLDS. Now Eli is an Old Testament Biblical name. I wonder if his parents were Jews, or Christians. Eli was a High Priest and a Judge of Israel, and a father figure to the prophet Samuel. After receiving the news of his two sons' death in a war against the Philistines in Gaza (so what has changed in 13 centuries), he fell from his chair and died of a broken neck at age 98. Ransom died from cancer in 1950 at age 86. I don't envy either of them. Old age would do me just fine!

In popular culture



American band 'REO Speedwagon' took their name from the homonymous vehicle. Homonymous" is an adjective meaning having the same name, but a different meaning. *(Well, you might know what it means, but I had to look it up. Ed.)*

- The band REO Speedwagon took their name from a 1915 REO Speed Wagon light delivery truck, an ancestor of pickup trucks. The one pictured below was once displayed in the Queensland Motor Museum, located on the corner of Tufnell and Nudgee Road, Banyo, but is long gone from there now.
- The band misspelled "Reo" as "Rio", but lead singer Marty Roe decided to make a virtue out of his mistake, saying "I like it like that. It has a country-Southwestern flavor".



- A REO is mentioned in a humorous 1933 short story *The Car We Had to Push* by James Thurber. It tells the story of Thurber's family car, which would only start if pushed a long way. After several odd adventures, the car is destroyed by a trolley car.
- The Barnum & Bailey Circus exhibited sideshow performers, Tiny Tim and Tom Thumb, driving a scaled-down version of the 1906 Reo Model-A Light Touring Car known as the "Baby Reo".



The "Baby Reo"
The actual 1906 Model - A mentioned above.

THE END.

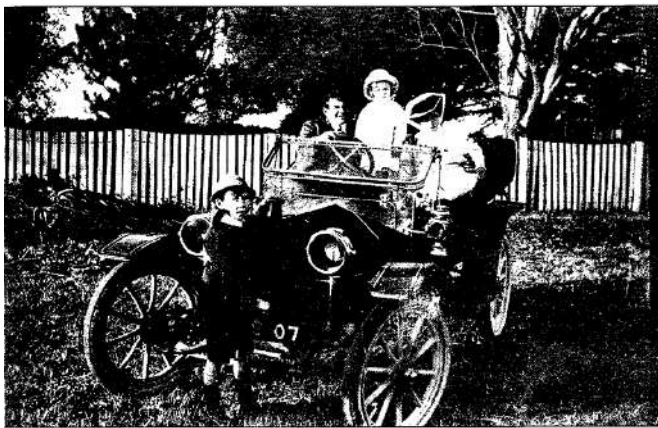
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A glimpse of early motoring in Tasmania:

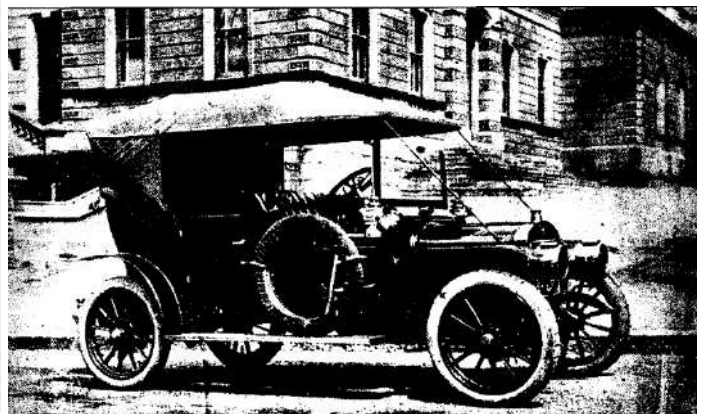
Below are some photos of early motoring in Tasmania. It seems that even that far down under there was plenty of modern motors back in the early days on the 1900's- and of course, it has to start with a Standard.



1914 Standard 20 driven by a Mr. Webster from the Webster-Rometch tour bus operations.



1910 Hupmobile



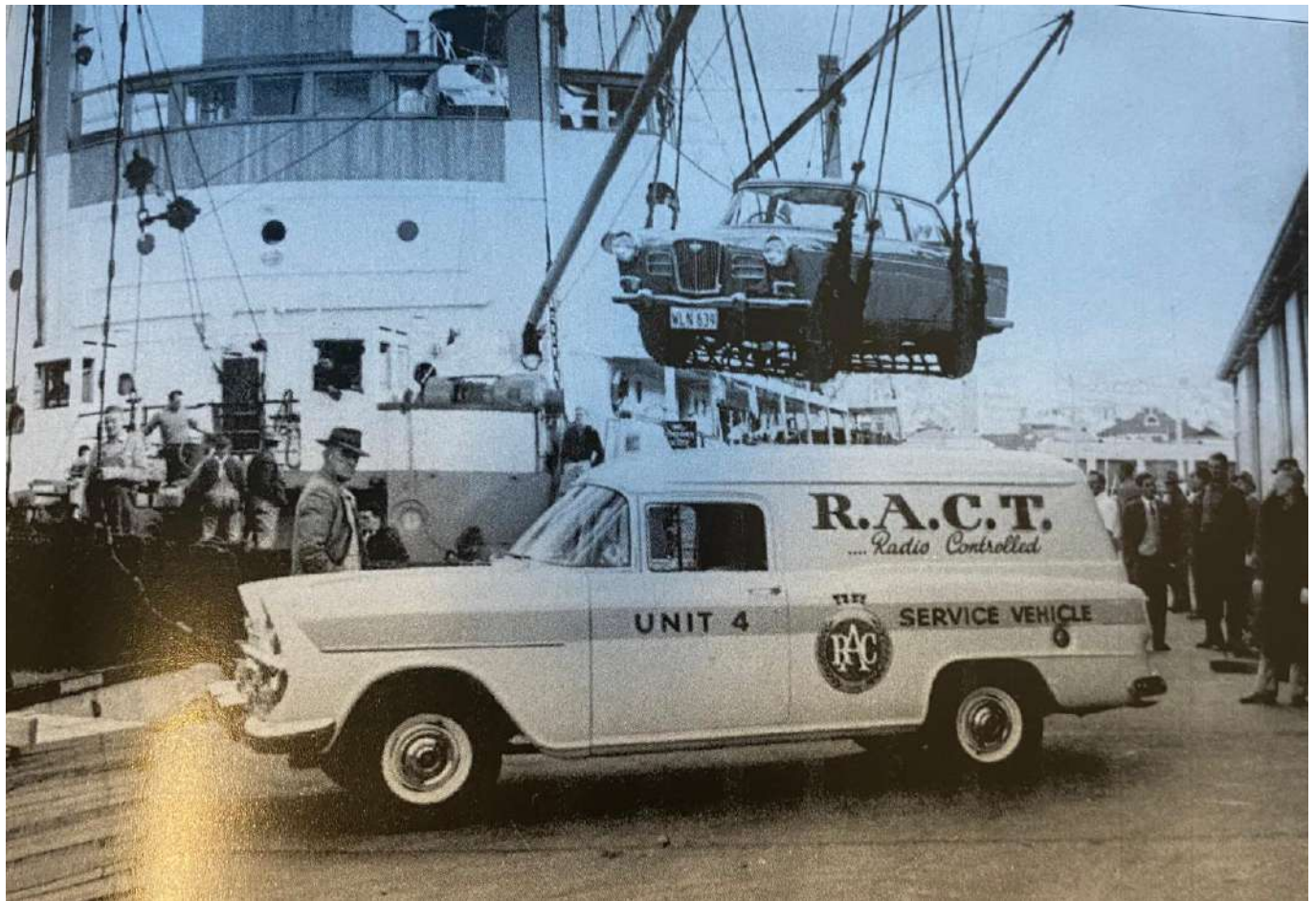
The first Austin Car- 1910



1950 Ford Pilot V8



1954 FJ Holden



FB Holden (RACT) Van on the Hobart wharf in 1962, with a Wolseley being unloaded.



1950 MGY and a 1954 VW taken at Glenorchy in 1956

(This page might make a couple of our members happy. ED)

Modern Youngsters- they just don't get the good old days...

- Now see if you can answer the question:

Thanks to Rod Hibberd.

The proud owner of a magnificent 1956 Chevrolet convertible, wrote to say he had restored the car to perfection over the last few years, and sent this:

On a very warm summer afternoon he decided to take his car to town. It needed gas, as the gauge was practically on empty, but he wanted ice cream, so he headed first to his favorite ice cream shop. He had trouble finding a parking space and had to park the car down a side street.

He noticed a group of young guys standing around smoking cigarettes and eyeing the car rather covetously. He was a bit uneasy leaving it there, but people often take interest in such an old and well-preserved car, so he went off to enjoy his ice cream.

The line at the ice cream shop was long and it took him quite a while to return to his car. When he did, his worst fears were realized... his car was gone.

He called the police and reported the theft.

About ten minutes later the police called him to say they had found the car abandoned near a gas station a few miles out of town.

It was unharmed and he was relieved. It seems just before he called, the police had received a call from a young woman who was an employee at a self-service gas station. She told them that three young men had driven in with this beautiful old convertible. One of them came to the window and pre-paid 20 dollars worth of gas.

Then all three of them walked around the car. Then they all got in the car and drove off, without filling the tank.

The question is, why would anybody steal a car, pay for gas that they never pumped and then abandon the car later and walk away?

NO PEEKING !! IF YOU GIVE UP SEE NEXT OPAGE:

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A few aphorisms to go on with while you think:

1. Fattest knight at King Arthur's Round Table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island. It turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

7. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

8. Two silkworms raced. They ended up in a tie.

9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

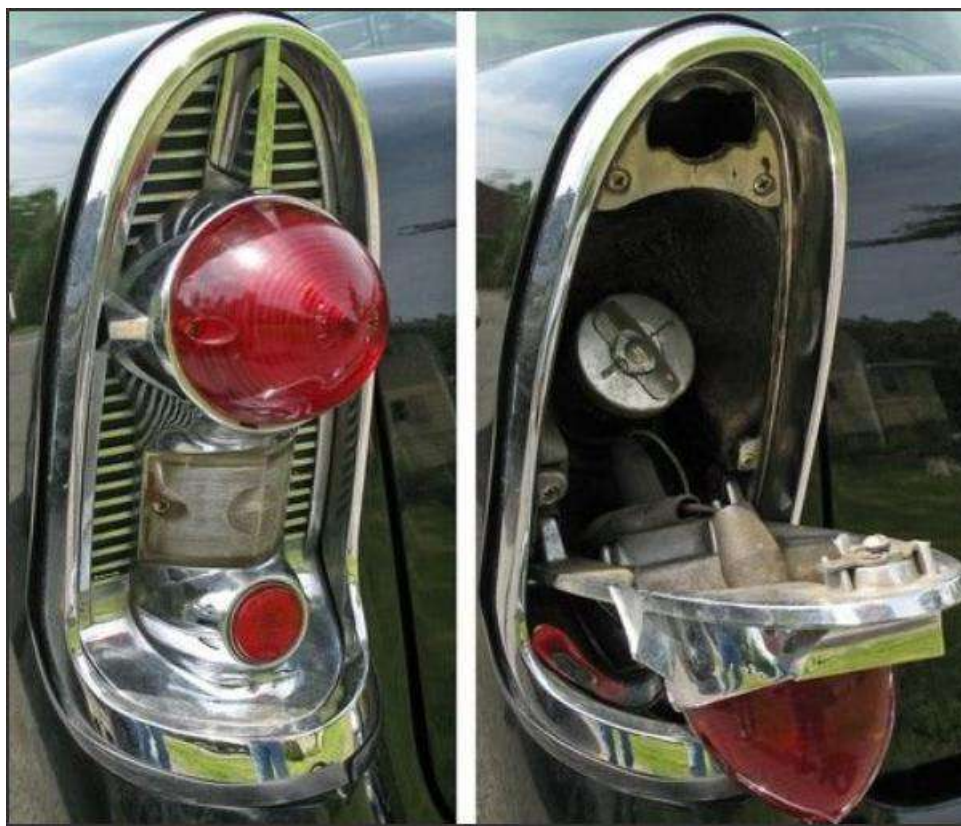
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.

'13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

The Answer: They couldn't find where to put the gas!



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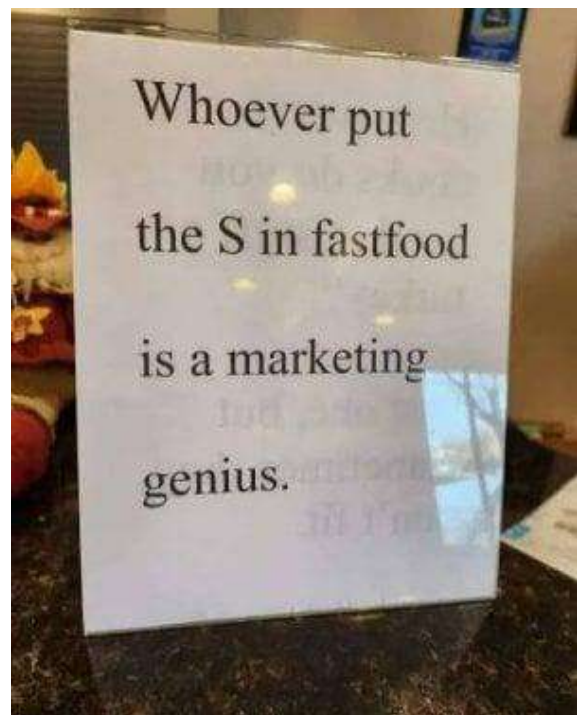


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When cars had both the
GPS and the Sound
System in the boot.

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A peak at a few old copies of the BVAC from yesteryear produced the following:

1. It's not bad to make a mistake- so long as you never make the mistake of claiming you never make one.
Hmmmm! I made a mistake once- about 1975 (when this article was printed), but it turned out that I was mistaken. Ed.).
2. Isn't it strange how we envy people for their luck but congratulate ourselves on our enterprise.
3. Good luck is- falling off your bike on top of a fat kid.
4. Mother: "Once upon a time - - -".
Small boy: "Do all fairy tales begin like that Mum?"
Mother: "No darling, mostly they begin, "Sorry, I'll be detained at the office again tonight".
5. "I say, waiter, the flowers on the table are artificial, aren't they?"
"Yes Sir, that's the worst in running a vegetarian restaurant- if we use real flowers, the customers eat them".
6. "Why did you put me in the same room with that fellow?" asked the indignant patient.
"The hospital is crowded," the doctor explained. "He's being troublesome then?"
"Troublesome? He's crazy! Keeps looking around and saying, "No lions, no tigers, no elephants, and all the time the room is full of them."
7. "Why is it," said the judge, "that you claim \$10,000 from the motorist for personal injury when at the scene of the accident you stated that you were not hurt at all?"
"Well, your honour," said the plaintiff, "the circumstances were extenuating. The situation was that I was riding my horse on the edge of the road when the motorist skids and knocks me and my horse into the ditch. He got out, looked at both of us, saw that the horse had a broken leg, went back to his car, brought out a gun and put the horse out of its misery. Then he turned to me with the gun still in his hand and asked me if I was hurt, and naturally I said no."
8. "He claims to be related to you and says he can prove it".
"The man's a fool".
"That may be a mere coincidence".
9. A father and a son were posing for a picture at the time of the young man's graduation.
"Stand a bit closer to your father," said the photographer to the youth, "and put your hand on his shoulder."
"Wouldn't it be more appropriate," said the father, "if he stood with his hand in my pocket?"
10. An eastern girl thinks a cowboy is half boy and half cow.
A western girl knows he is all bull.
11. Many a retired man becomes his wife's fulltime job.
12. Nothing will cook a fellow's goose quicker than a hot tongue.
13. She: "I know nothing but good of Alice."
Other she: "Then let us talk of someone else."
14. Doctor (talking to visitors at the asylum): "This room is reserved for auto maniacs".
Visitor: "But the room is empty- are there no patients?"
Doctor: Yes, they are all under the beds repairing."

BVAC HISTORY.

This article was printed in October 1977 magazine for the Club's 100th meeting, and outlines our club's history up until that time. I hope you will find it interesting. (Ed.)

"The Brisbane Vintage Auto Club was formed at a meeting held at the Guides Hall, Baskerville Street, Brighton, on Wednesday, 5th February 1969. The meeting commenced at 8 p.m. with 14 potential members".

These are the first few lines of the minutes of meeting No. 1, and our Club's foundations were laid. The fourteen potential members were Mr. & Mrs. E. Eastlake, Mr. A. Rogerson, Mr G. Hicks, Mr. K. Hicks, Mr. R. Blackman, Mr. & Mrs. R. Czirowski, Mr. J. Stoddart, Mr. A. Kerr and Mr. C McLauchlan. These fourteen wasted no time getting the club organised. Eric Eastlake was elected acting president and announced the committee would draw up a constitution, and members were asked to design a badge.

Annual fees were set, voting rights were discussed, vehicle classification drawn up and the first rally organized. All this before the First Meeting closed at 10 p.m.

One of those originals, John Stoddart, is still with us as a financial member, but has not been able to attend meetings.

During the first year, membership at meeting fluctuated up to twenty-two, but there must have been many more members, as so many names are mentioned in the minutes. A number of club rallies were organised, and members took part in open events and displays.

The growth rate of the club was apparently slow, as at the annual meeting held on the 3rd February 1971, the 25th meeting, twenty-three members and three visitors were present with four apologies.

Some of these are still members of our club. Geoff Bernhagen was elected President, Roy Milner Librarian, and John Stoddart, Publicity Officer.

The club continued to grow and apparently the 47 members attending the 43rd meeting taxed the facilities of the Guide Hall, as the next meeting was held at the Geebung R.S.L. Hall which was to be the regular meeting place for the next three years.

At the annual meeting (No. 47) held in December 1972, there was a suggestion to limit the membership to 100, but this motion was defeated. So it is seen that the club was really growing.

Since this time, the Club membership has flourished, and I would say we have had hundreds of potential members through our meetings. Many do not come back, apparently not finding what they are looking for.

Currently, our membership is 94, and is now somewhat stable. The Club is very active in inter-club rallies, and the friendship amongst the members is treasured by many.

The Club can be proud of its record in the Vintage Car movement, and members have given of their time and effort in supporting the Combine Council of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Clubs.

Although the Club has been active for nine years, there have been only five Presidents- Eric Eastlake 1969-1970, Geoff Bernhagen 1971-1972, Ray Sargeant December 1972-September 1973, Alan Cunningham September 1973-1974 and Reg Harris 1975-1977. Reg, Harris- President.