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WOW! Some Car This Simca! Not to be outdone, BMC have engaged Miss Marple to show case their range of vehicles.



SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA Inc

Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of SIMCA cars for the purpose of maintaining the Simca marque 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.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK – *by Iain Dyer*

Greetings all,

What crazy days we live in. I would happily go back to the year our Simca was built, 1958. In fact I would duck into a Chrysler dealership and order a new 90A and pay the extra premium for the Oxenford head conversion. Like club member Peter Gaggioni did, keep it and never sell it. Not many around like Peters, love the colour too.

As many members will have gathered, our much anticipated Dubbo/Bathurst Rally has been called off. Even if the authorities get things under control by then, the risk is too great on being on the wrong side of a closed border. For some, that would be two borders. The sad thing for all of us, we enjoy each other's company and none of us are getting any younger. The way it's going, by the time we next catch up with Leo Huntly, he will have a mullet and be chasing girls. I enjoyed it, but mullet's weren't in. Not very PC, but Leo, the ugly ones run the slowest.

One way we can make up for it, is to pick up the phone and have a chat. It's surprising how it cheers you up. For instance, Morrie Barrett called up and told me about a lady who is restoring a P60 Wagon. Apparently she is super enthusiastic, very capable, with a motor mechanic husband. This will be very interesting to follow in the magazine and fantastic to have another wagon on the road. Details next edition. In the same vein, John Pickles phoned and told me the story of a P60 in Perth. A previous club member, Rob Lewis, sold a P60 a few years ago he had restored. A car enthusiast spotted it languishing in a carport and eventually was able to purchase it. It had been sitting with the rear exposed to the weather and had some light rust. Not to be put off, the new owner is very enthusiastic and wants to get it back on the road. Another unfolding story to follow with interest.

This is the most diverse editors report I have ever done, because there is nothing much happening in the car world. Also a factor, I have had significant health problems since the last magazine. My sincere thanks goes to David Reeves for picking up the mantle at a moment's notice and getting the magazine out. A great job he did too, as commented by many members.

I don't recommend brain surgery as therapy to take your mind off Covid. Without going into detail, it's very confronting. There were a couple of lighter moments. The first was waiting on the operation table for the

surgeon, talking to the rest of the team. I told one of them previously that I raced speedway for years, had a cupboard full of trophies and a State title. Turned out they were all race car nuts and wanted to know about setups etc. Still we waited. The anaesthetist said, "Don't know where he is, but I am going to have to give you a big dose. The main reason is, we use cheap saws from Bunnings to cut your head open and they always let go at the wrong moment. We have to send one of the team up to Bunnings to get another one, meanwhile the patient starts waking up with half a hole cut in his head." I was laughing and all of a sudden the lights went out. Post op he said, "How did you like my story?" He is mates with my daughter who trained with him at Uni, she is a theatre nurse.



The second was a dream. The last night in hospital morphed into an incredible experience. I finally got to sleep and next moment I was flying a Lancaster back from war torn Europe. I was in the right hand seat, so must have only been a Pilot Officer. We were badly shot up and I had to keep working the throttles to fly straight. Just clearing the White Cliffs the airfield came in sight. Seeing as we were badly shot up, I decided on a wheels up landing on the grass beside the runway. Dancing on the rudder pedals I brought her in for a "Greaser" and as she came to a stop, yelled for the crew to get out. The right inner Merlin caught fire and my right leg started to get hot. I grabbed the extinguisher and started to put it out, then I woke up. I had been flying the hospitals all singing dancing electric, very expensive bed back from war torn Europe. With lightning reflexes I had grabbed the nearly full wee bottle off the tray beside the bed and dowsed it all down my right side. Dawn was breaking, so I didn't have too long to lie in a soggy bed. Who cares, it was the most vivid dream I have ever had, helped no doubt by all the drugs I was on. The subject matter has been a life time fascination, with deep respect for the aircrew in those desperate days.

Many thanks to all those who have contacted us and wished us well. Unfortunately scans have shown further cancer, which we are dealing with presently.

kindest regards to all,
Iain and Leila.



The fastest Simca 180 in the world.

Perhaps that should be, "Fastest lookalike Simca 180." As most would know the Simca 180 in Australia was marketed as a Centura. This is the story about a Speedway car called "Bluey". In Tassie we have a 6cyl class called "Super Six's" and the year is 1996. Bluey was invited to be put on display in the City Mall, having just won the State title and the impossible four.

Bluey was a wolf in sheep's clothing. The body panels were light fibreglass panels made from a complete set of moulds taken off a Centura. The basis of the car was a tubular space frame chasis with Ford drive train and adjustable coil over suspension all round. All mechanicals were highly modified and tuned on a dyno. Before any major race it was aligned and corner weighted. Bluey was a delight to drive and would give a fierce shiver as the fat torque curve approached, telling you it was hammer time. Possibly, even though a State title is pleasing, "The impossible four" even more so. This comprised four races on the same night, with a field of twenty cars. In the first race, the grid is drawn out of a hat. Bluey won. The second race is rear of field for the car that won the first race. Bluey won. The third is drawn out of a hat again. Bluey won. The final is a twenty lap race, with grid positions gained from the previous three races. Bluey started on pole and won again. Four out of four had never been done before. I wish I had him still, I would fit Simca badges and take him to car shows on a trailer.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - by *Rob Stapley*

Presidents report.

The year marches on and the reality of age manifests itself on us mere mortals. We hear of Iain Dyer's constant battle but are at the same time amazed by his tenacity and strength and never giving up attitude, our own aches and pains are insignificant.

However our AGM is looming, to take place on the 11th of Sept. via phone hook-up. This could be an interesting experience. I guess the next Swallow Tales will have a full report on this meeting and any new committee members etc.

Meanwhile I wish you all good health and the desire to play with your cars regardless of lockdowns etc.

Regards. Rob.



Nice turn of leg Ina!

SECRETARY'S REPORT - by Doug Murphy

Secretary's Report: A questionnaire was sent to the nine Committee members, seeking their opinion about the wisdom of holding the AGM and Rally in Dubbo in October.

The majority vote confirmed;

- the AGM and Rally scheduled for October in Dubbo is cancelled.
- the AGM will be held as a teleconference on September 11, 2pm AET (not Daylight Saving Time). The telephone side is being handled by Morrie. So if you'd like to be included in the telephone hook up, please contact Morrie.

The same questionnaire asked the Committee members would they be willing to retain the same position on the Committee at the next AGM. All are willing to stand- thank you everyone, but Ian Powell would like to step down, so we need a NSW member to nominate.

Asking this question of committee members at questionnaire should save a lot of time at the telephone hook up.

So it's time to nominate for Committee positions. Any nominations?

Skip has suggested a new date for the Rally, May 2022. If this were to proceed, it would have to be without the AGM, which would have to be held in the latter half of 2022.

Treasurers' Report: this is presented below. Because of Covid restrictions, the only movement of funds is membership subscriptions fees coming in, and newsletters costs together with web site going out. A holding pattern, same as the last report.

Membership Report: We have two new members joining the Club, Pip and Wayne Chapman of Blackrange Victoria and Mitch Burnett of WA. *Welcome Pip and Mitch. We hope being in the Club will be a happy time for you.*

Membership now stands at 47 members plus three Life Members. A neat number 50.

**Dates for Rally in 2022:**

Friday 6th May 2022 (4 nights) followed by Bathurst (3 nights)
Dubbo: NRMA Holiday Park, Whylandra Street, Dubbo

Ph: 1800 824 820 www.nrmaparksandresorts.com.au

Bathurst: NRMA Bathurst Panorama Holiday Park

Ph: 1800 669 911 www.info@bathurstholidaypark.com.au

SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC.

Financial Statement : 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021

INCOME

Annual Subscriptions	\$	2,015.00
Donations	\$	20.00

TOTAL	\$	2,035.00
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EXPENDITURE

Secretary Exp.		
Newsletter (Jun,Sept,Dec)	\$	473.85
Namebadges		
Fairtrading		
Stickers & Posters		
Website Costs	\$	169.50
Bank/Paypal Fee		2.00

TOTAL	\$	645.35
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ASSETS	Cash at Bank	\$	6,598.97
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LIABILITIES

NET ASSETS		\$	6,598.97
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BALANCE SHEET - 30.06.2021

Balance brought forward 30.06.20	5209.32
Add Income Amount	2035.00
Deduct Expenses Amount	645.35
Balance as at 30.06.2021	6598.97

QUEENSLAND REPORT - *by Luke Huntly*

Hi Everyone,

Well, what can we say? The Qld French Car Day was cancelled for the second year in a row, which would normally take up most of our report for the September Swallow Tales. We also planned to attend the Old Wheels in Motion Rally in Biloela and catch up with David. We were really looking forward to going, but were disappointed that it was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Skip reports that he visited Yarraman with Kerry. Skip didn't elaborate, but sounds like there may be a story in it for the December edition?

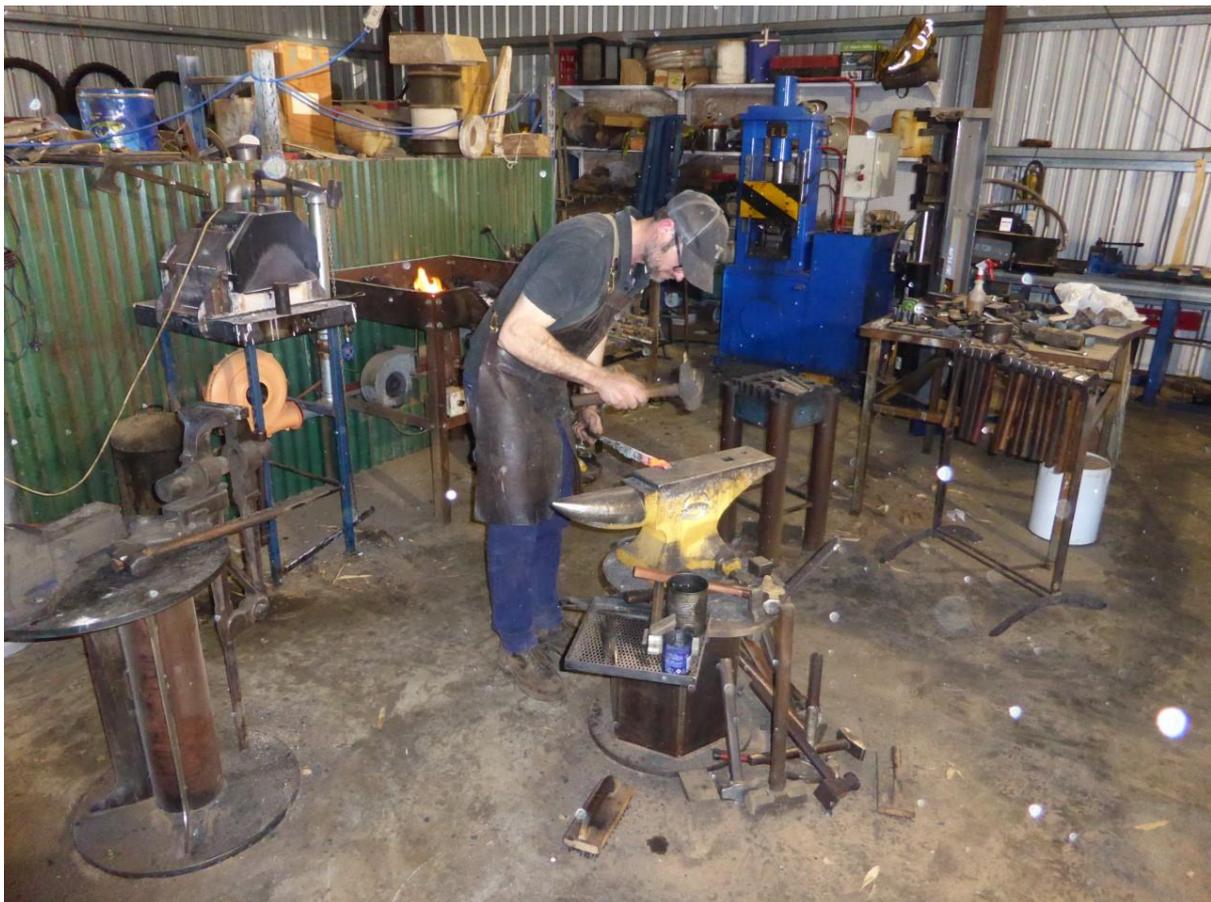
The Huntly's have been on the usual local club runs. In July we visited the Roma Saleyards, which is the largest cattle selling centre in Australia, with over 400,000 cattle passing through a year. It is run by the Maranoa Regional Council who have recently built a state-of-the-art interpretive centre, telling the story of the cattle industry. We also stopped to have a look at some sculptures on display beside the highway for 3 months, some sculptures were made by local people. It was amazing to see how people can take old bits of machinery and parts and turn them into interesting pieces of art. Our final stop was for afternoon tea at Up the Creek Garage, a local car museum.

In August we visited the Farmer's Forge, a local family based business where they operate on farm. The run was very well attended, and Luke was in his element!! The workshop specialises in unique hand forged tools, knives and axes. We had a demonstration on the process of making axe handles and forging heads from raw materials to finished product.

We hope that everyone is well, and for those in lockdown, we hope that it won't be long before you are able to attend motoring events again.

For those of you who ordered name badges nearly two years ago, we plan on posting these to you in the very near future. We will email you before posting to make sure we have your correct address.

Luke & Michelle Huntly



WESTERN WHISPERS - WA STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - *By John Pickles*

WESTERN WHISPERS WA State Representatives Report – By John Pickles
Like most of the country we here in the West have experienced our wettest and coldest winter for years, which together with the COVID-19 restrictions have limited the activities and events of many clubs and organisations, fortunately not to the extent of our neighbours in the Eastern States with whom we sympathise. Regretfully it has been necessary to defer the Simca National Rally and it would appear the planned informal meet in Dubbo may also have to be cancelled, but like the Olympic Games our events may just be delayed for a year. Lost But Now It's Found : After being lost for the past few years the Aronde P60 sedan previously owned and restored by Rob Lewis has been found and now in the hands of our new member Mitch Burnett. Sadly the car had been neglected by the previous owner and while still in a solid state needs some "TLC" which from all accounts it is now getting. Now we have introduced the car, we take the pleasure in welcoming our new member Mitch Burnett to the wonderful world of Simcaties, Mitch's membership has added a 20% increase in number of members in WA. Mitch is no stranger to the Simca Aronde for as a youngster his father Ron Burnett at the age of 21 purchased a new Aronde P60 from Wentworth Motors in Stirling Highway Claremont for the sum of 999 pounds. We must assume Ron was quite a lad in his day as he had the Simca upgraded so as to stand out from the crowd, his white car added the feature of a red bottom with a black flash resulting in a unique tri-tone paint job.



Forward to the year 2021 and Mitch visiting the popular South-West town of Busselton and driving down the street couldn't believe his eyes when he spotted an Aronde sitting in a carport. Not hard to image the thoughts that went through the head followed by a knock on the door, that after some time and negotiating resulted in the car finding a new home. Mitch kept the purchase of the Aronde a secret from his father so as to set up a surprise introduction. Mitch and his granddaughters set off to visit his parents in the Simca and when a short distance their home he phoned his Dad to say that he had seen a Simca on the road and it was heading for his direction and he should step outside and watch it pass.

Ron was excited that he may get to sight a car that he had not driven for over 50 years so the couple raced outside expecting to get a glimpse of the Simca as it passed by. I think we can all imagine the reaction of Ron as he said "Look Pat, it's a Simca" and the stunned silence as the car turned into the driveway revealing that the occupants were his son and granddaughters he was speechless for a good 10 seconds.

Mitch, Ron and the family will treasure the Simca which will with little doubt rekindle many happy memories and we know the car will be treasured.



Justin's Babies:

We never know what pops up in Justin's garage and this is only a sample of what we would expect to find. Apart from the fully rebuild Simca Aronde there is the immaculate and unique Citroen 2cv convertible to keep it company. After the complete strip down and rebuild of the car, Justin found the Simca would slip out of second gear even after the gearbox rebuild and nobody could find the answer, that is until Darrel Manning came on the scene who immediately identified the problem. It would appear that the spring on the base of the steering column gear lever shaft was missing, in turn not allowing the gear to fully engage spring fitted, problem solved.

Justin took the Simca to the monthly Coffee and Cake meeting at the UWA where he placed it on show with the "For Sale" sign attached, much interest but no sale.



Simca de 350cm VEVITAME Motorcycle

In the mid 103's the French Army's technical department, faced with the need for an inexpensive and reliable means of motorised transportation to replace horses with motorised vehicles takes an interest in a motorcycle with off-road capabilities.

The specifications include an engine that could be submerged, either partially or even completely and a final-drive transmission by means other than chain. The machine should be silent, and it should be possible to dismantle in a few minutes into three sections for easy transport. It should be suitable for transversing any type of terrain and the mechanical parts be protected in order to cross streams. It should climb 45 degree slopes without stress or overheating.

Required Specifications:

Normal Speed: 75-85 kph
Fully Equipped Weight: 120kg
Fuel Tank Capacity: 20 litres
Range: 500kms
Engine Capacity: 250cc to 350cc

Marcel Violet and Achille Vincent fulfilled the requirements with an amphibious motorcycle that weighed only 120kg.

The project was accepted by the French military and was given the acronym of Sevitime, and the Simca factory in Nanterre (then under the direction of Amedee Gordini) was commissioned to build 3,000 motorcycles.

The Sevitime had a 314cc two stroke engine (62x52mm) and was an inverted in-line twin (with the crankshaft above the cylinders in fashion to the Tiger Moth), cooled by 8 litres of oil, with 4 speed transmission via clutch to a cardan shaft driving crown wheel and pinion gears.

The frame consisted of two pressed metal sections joined to each end of the engine which formed a stressed member of the chassis. The assembly could be dismantled in a few minutes by withdrawing only four bolts. The engine could be used as an outboard engine by attaching a propeller to the PTO.

At the end of 1939 it is said 12 or 15 units were manufactured and sent to Poland, where they presumably destroyed. After the German and Russian invasion the factory was occupied and all material commandeered. It is said that a worker from the factory escaped with a motorcycle which is now the only existing example.



Societe d'Etudes des Vehicules Issus de la Technique Automolile Moderne et Economique

The awkward moment when you thought they tested with a nasal swab.



VICTORIAN/ TASMANIA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - *by Andy Woodson*

As has been the norm lately here in Victoria, absolutely nothing has been happening due to the continuation of lockdowns. We are all totally sick of it and being disempowered from making our own decisions and running our lives. So obviously, there is nothing new to report. I've kept in touch with a couple of Simca people, and managed to slip up to Jindera and buy a parts simca from Barry. I've now dismantled it and disposed of the rusty remains. All the Vic swap meets and car shows appear to have been cancelled for this year, so obviously there are no new pics or tales about interesting vehicles to share. Who knows when things are normal again. I'll share a couple of my old pics and hopefully we can all meet again one of these days. All the best. Andy Woodson.



Dauphine Gordini at recent Winton Historics



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

S.A. State report.

Hi all,

The year is flying past it seems but I guess if you are in lockdown not so. The covid curse continues to cause havoc to organized events like the Royal Show and Bay to Birdwood.

Some small club events can go ahead but it is hard to anticipate what's on and what's off. Our local club is organizing a weekend away at Mannum on the River Murray so we will attend that as we cannot go to Dubbo or Bathurst as planned.

The French car clubs in S.A. are organizing a French Festival on the 11th and 12th of September over 2 days with the French cars on display on the Sunday. This will be a bit different to the normal French Car day with a lot more spectators. Also this event will be held at Auburn which is on the main drag to the Barossa Valley. Nearly 200 klms round trip for us.

September 1st is old car day in S.A. and people are encouraged to drive their cars so we will be out to Bethany with the Gawler club for a picnic. This will be a 250klms run there and back. Ina's 90A is certainly getting a lot of use as most runs are 100klms plus just to get to the start and back. Very busy here in S.A. for the next month or two.

Finally my sheds are finished and now to set up my hoist and get my cars home and safe.

We realize that not everyone can have the same freedom of movement that we have in S.A. and hope some normality returns soon.

All the best to you all from Ina and Rob.

NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - *by Ian Powell*

NSW...all quiet and not much happening.

French Car Day Sydney now cancelled again, I could go on...
Unfortunately all very quiet in NSW.

Down in the Matra garage a few things have been happening...slow progress on the Rancho but while working from home I try to find an hour a few times a week to continue the steel fabrication, next on is the rear tailgate and towbar. I can see a complete rewire as well. It really was a basket case when imported, I stood on the 'sturdy' looking poly glass front bumper the other day and it was just attached by a couple of bolts and it moved a few centimetres, it had just been bolted up to look ok...

Instruments and fuel senders. The Bagheera had a faulty fuel sender unit, out it came and off to get fixed after I'd made contact with CCT Automotive Electronics & Instrumentation in Brisbane the resistance slide unit was broken and they are currently sourcing a replacement after researching the correct resistance range. The best way to confirm it's all going to work is to send the fuel gauge as well. Out came the instrument cluster and off on express post to CCT. Of course seeing the unit was in the hands of an expert its time to have the 20kmph over read on the speedo fixed, get the mileage and trip metres working, assess and repair the on again off again oil pressure gauge, replace all the blown bulbs and just confirm the ammeter and temperature gauges were accurate, the instruments sounded like another horror job, but I'd been using that way for 10 years! GPS for speedo, aftermarket volt metre, time driven for fuel use, checking oil levels and noting there was 'some' pressure, reading dull gauges at night etc. etc. The things we get used to.

I had removed the passenger side of the dash before but not the instruments, interesting to now look at how the RHD conversion was done, interesting what goes on behind the trim and glitz, I'll say no more!

The missing fuel sender unit top left engine bay shows what must be a reasonably early use of a plastic fuel tank in a vehicle.

Those after a bit of research...the first Australian made car with a plastic fuel tank was the 1979it saved 11kg.



Hope to catch up soon.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – by Gerard Crombie

New Zealand Report

If our plans for this week had come to fruition, we would be on holiday in Queenstown enjoying a brief Winter stay in the South Island right now. Unfortunately, Covid has interfered and due to a current outbreak, we are instead locked down at home in Auckland; but at least I'm available to write this report this week! Here's a current photo of Simca sitting in the garage with no plans to go anywhere anytime soon. Since we are allowed to go out



for exercise, alongside is a photo of me out and about around our local area while I get some exercise.

At the time of my last report the oil light on Simca wouldn't go out and so was parked up pending investigation. It turned out to be just the sender unit and has now been replaced along with an adapter to screw the new sensor into. Recently there hasn't been many events that have appealed for our participation so Simca has just been out for a run to keep things ticking over.

This weekend we were supposed to be participating in a Cancer Society Daffodil day charity run. This and other similar events were scheduled to take place around the country during last weekend and this weekend but couldn't be held due to the Covid Lockdown.

The last Daffodil Day run we did was very enjoyable and highly successful especially as the Simca outshone more pristine and more elite vehicles to take out the people's choice prize of the day. The run was around the back

roads from Auckland to Warkworth and proved very popular, so much so we had trouble getting parking for the display at the finish and ended up very well located on a corner spot where we couldn't be missed. The prize was a book about Mustangs in New Zealand, with a focus on racing and other car events in NZ. Since our son in Brisbane had a Mustang at the time he got the benefit of the book!



A photo from the last Daffodil Day event in which we participated.



This little Hillman Imp is another of my favourites. I see it quite often at car shows and it was on the Daffodil Day run. I think it appeals because I came close to buying an Imp when I was younger (like in my teens).

After the Daffodil Day event we went to the beach and tried a bit of fishing. It was enjoyable but if we had caught any fish they would be in the photo! (Me & my brother- in-law with Simca in the background).

In July we thought it was worth inspecting the cars in a classic car auction in Auckland. Our pick was a 1949 Talbot Lago (French origin). The estimated price tag turned out to be \$200,000 - \$250,000. It is a beautiful car and well-presented but Yvette will only let me have one classic car – maybe it was a bit outside our price range too! By the way it didn't sell at auction so it's probably still available.



I've been in recent contact with some of our NZ members and also those that have an interest in Simca's in NZ, but have little to report. We would like to wish Iain all the best for this new round of cancer treatment coming up and very much hope all goes well for him and Leila. With no possibility of attending a physical meeting in Australia this year, I'm looking forward to catching up with a few at the on-line AGM coming up.

There are so many scheduled events now being cancelled for the next month, I think the next likely event for us to participate in with Simca is the Repco Takapuna Rocks day in October.

Contribution by Colin Smith

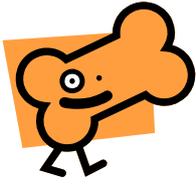
Hi from kiwi land Lucy and I are hoping that none of you folk over there are in trouble with the virus we are all fine over here we both have had our jabs ,

My 1501 wagon has broken down with a sump full of water so is now in pieces waiting for a heart transplant, when I put it on the road all those years ago I had a block here that I threw a set of rings in and it lasted well for a patch up, I now have a fully reconditioned motor waiting to go in. Lucy has had 1 eye cataract done waiting for the other one, Last year I had a new knee fitted in the right leg and on the 18th of June this year had no3 hip replacement in the right leg just learning to walk again with a stick, three pics I have sent show a pic of a photo shoot that was done at a local fire station for the fire service calendar for next year proceeds going to child cancer, the one of progress on the A7 Woodie a spare time project with a shot of me on the block art clubs new mower. Leaving with this Be careful and stay safe.

Colin/Lucy







Funny Bones

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco . Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way.. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.'

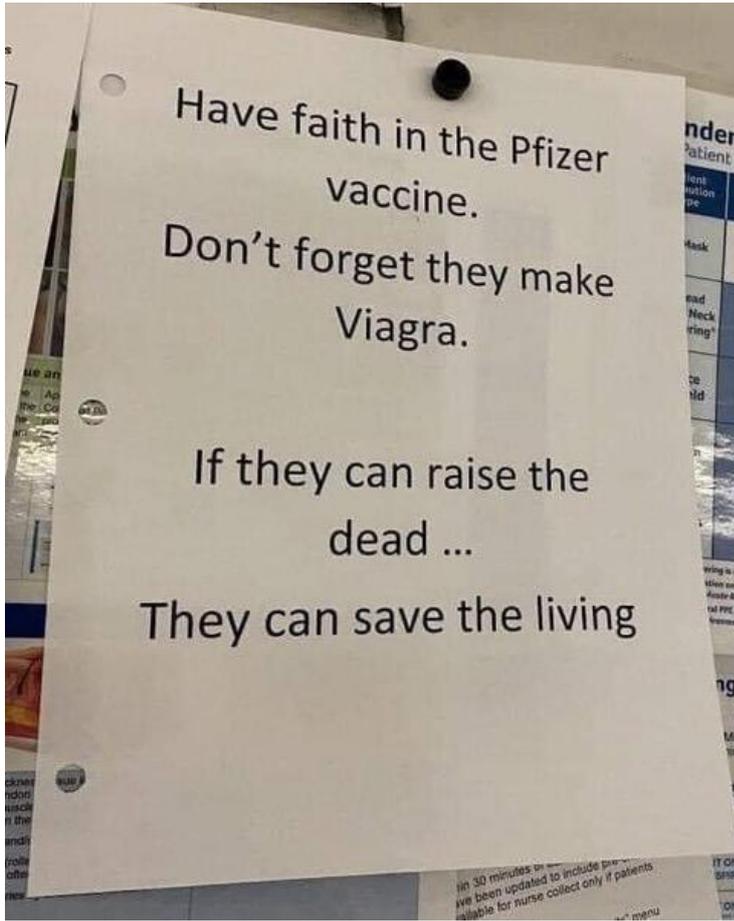
Picture this:



All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story... Have a great day and remember...
THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR.
A day without laughter is a day wasted!





**If you remember your mom doing this,
you are pre-seat belt and really old, like
me.**



Ok.. I'm not a bird specialist, but I'm pretty sure that this couple just had a fight.



Senior Shoplifter

A cranky older woman "in her senior years" was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. She gave everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer who took her away. She complained and criticized everything and everyone throughout the process.

When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked her what she had stolen from the store.

The lady defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches you old fool."

The judge then asked why she had done it.

She replied, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store."

The judge asked how many peaches were in the can.

She replied in a nasty tone, "Nine! But why do you care about that?"

The judge answered patiently, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach."

As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long-suffering husband raised his hand slowly and asked if he might speak.

The judge said, "Yes sir, what do you have to add?"

The husband said meekly, "Your Honour, she also stole two cans of peas."

AGM MINUTES FOR SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC. 2021 ABRIDGED

On Saturday 11 September 2021 Committee Members and guests took part in a Zoom Meeting due to the current Covid restrictions in various States and NZ.

The following Members took part:

Rob and Ina Stapley, Doug Murphy, Ian Powell and Mandy, David Reeves, Iain and Leila Dyer, John pickles by phone, Richard and Lorraine Laney, Luke Huntley, Gerard Crombie, John Brown, Geoff Rose, Margaret and Morrie Barrett

President Rob Stapley opened the Meeting by welcoming to this unusual AGM our last AGM was in Tasmania and I think that this is AGM number 10 it is indeed strange times in which we find ourselves and new challenges seem to be common thanks to all Members of the Committee for accepting to continuing in their present roles and preparing reports for Iain to put in the magazine special thanks to Iain who puts the magazine together to keep our Members informed and is often humorous.

Thanks to David for stepping in whilst Iain was unable to do it, our Secretary Doug was thinking of resigning the position of Secretary Treasurer has decided continue, thank you Skip for trying to get a mini rally organised only to be thwarted by the covid keep trying I Hope we still get to Dubbo and Bathurst as we still have deposits there.

Morrie always working away, with technical or any problems, give him a call. I realise we have a number of new members since our last meeting.

Secretary Treasurer Doug Murphy due to covid the only movement of funds has been subscriptions coming in and newsletter costs together with website costs going out in other words we are in a holding pattern since the last report. The figures that go with it for production in the next newsletter was nominated as the Returning Officer and accepted Ian then declared that all positions were vacant and called for nominations for:
declare vacant now

President.

Rob Stapley was nominated by and Rob accepted this was seconded by David Reeves

Secretary/Treasury

Doug Murphy nominated by Morrie Barrett accepted seconded by Gerard Crombie

Editor

Iain and Leila Dyer nominated by Morrie Barrett accepted, seconded by Geoff Rose

Public Officer

Ian Powel nominated himself accepted seconded Morrie Barrett.

New South Wales

Morrie Barrett nominated by Iain Dyer accepted seconded by Doug Murphy.

Queensland

Luke Huntley nominated by Doug Murphy accepted seconded by David Reeves.

Victoria/Tasmania

Andrew Woodson not in the meeting, advice from Doug Murphy that Andy will continue in role.

Seconded by John Pickles

South Australia

Rob Stapley nominated by Ina Stapley accepted seconded by Iain Dyer.

At this point in time John Pickles joined the meeting via telephone.

West Australia

John Pickles nominated by Margaret Barrett accepted seconded by Geoff Rose.

New Zealand

Gerard Crombie nominated by Geoff Rose accepted seconded by David Reeves.

Web Master

Lorraine Laney nominated by Richard Laney accepted seconded by Doug Murphy.

As there are no further positions to be filled under the circumstances where persons have been nominated in their absence are there any objection as to the way I have conducted the filling of these positions.

Margaret Barrett no objections.

Ian Powell could this be noted in the minutes, Morrie Barrett yes.

Morrie Barrett we haven't seen Skip however he is keen to keep on going with Dubbo in May next year no dates available as yet. Doug Murphy if we have an AGM at Dubbo we cannot have two AGM,s in one year.

Morrie we will probably have a Zoom, Gerrard Crombie at Gold Coast we had meeting which was later confirmed by AGM so we could do the same by Zoom.

John Brown would you like to say something. June is too cold and May is very good around Dubbo and I think Skips idea for a May rally would be good.

John Pickles inquired as to why not September or October

Rob Stapley I think we should nominate Dubbo for the next rally in May, Geoff Rose.

AGM Report submitted by Morrie Barrett

It must be stated, the meeting was run very professionally, by Morrie and Margy and Ian and Mandy. Zoom is obviously a tool we can use into the future.

As notated in the minutes, Morrie Barrett is the new NSW representative. Many thanks to Ian Powell for holding the position this last year. Please keep us up to date on your two very rare cars.



Sydney Motor Show 1956. I was probably there that year, Mum was a car nut and we went every year. The good old days? Sure were.

PS - From the Editor...

Please remember any contributions welcome or suggestions.

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