



SWALLOW TALES



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The Stapley's and Santa going on summer holidays. For the return journey Rob, make sure you have got a thermostat fitted and plenty of anti-freeze ☺



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.

The views or opinions offered by members in this newsletter – Swallow Tales may not necessarily represent the views or opinions of the Committee of Management.

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Happy New Year all

I must apologise for the usual December Swallow Tales not being produced. The time has flown by since the rally and the relevant information was not provided to David in time. I must admit my mind has been focussed on other matters. I have been spending a lot of time at the hospital, attending to health issues.

December is a bad month for David anyway, as it is the end of the school year. It is a very full month and he is busier than a lizard drinking. We have spoken about the time line and he hopes to have a magazine out by mid-February. From there he will pick up the usual time frame. I am looking forward to his contribution, as he is particularly articulate and his stories on Alice always interesting.

A touch of humour, a true Xmas miracle. This is a true story. The Westbury Post Office is owned by a member of the Jaguar Car Club. He related this story. Just before Xmas he received a letter addressed to, "Dear God in Heaven," with the senders name on the back. There were six of them working and they knew the sender, eccentric old chap in his late 80's. They decided to open the envelope and the letter read, "Dear God, it's been a hard year and I have bills that have to be paid, \$100.00 would see me right."

Being kind people, they had a whip around and came up with \$90.00 cash between them. They slipped it into an envelope and the postie popped it in his letterbox. The next day at the P.O. another envelope, "Dear God in Heaven." They opened it and the letter read, "Dear God, I knew you wouldn't let me down. I know you would have sent me \$100.00 and I only got \$90.00. I know what happened to the other \$10.00, those thieving buggers at the P.O. pinched it."☺ True story.

In the fifteen years we have been in the club, twelve as Editor, it has been a wonderful experience. Apart from our shared love of our "Frog Mobiles," the warmth and affection between members is beautiful thing. Something the world desperately needs.

To each and every member, Leila and I would like to extend an affectionate wish, of the best possible health and cheer, for this coming year.



**CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/
RENEWAL January – December 2025**

Please **print all names** for family/joint membership

Surname: _____ **GivenName/s** _____

Postal Address

_____ **State** _____ **Postcode** _____ *Please indicate (x) in the boxes for any personal information you do not wish to be published by the Simca Car Club Australia Inc.*

Contact Details: Home/Work Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

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New Membership Applications: How did you hear about Simca Car Club of Australia?

Facebook Website Word of Mouth Other
Details.....

Would you prefer to receive your club newsletter via email? YES NO

First Application - Do you own a Simca/s? YES NO Please provide details below. Renewing Application – Any changes to your existing cars from last year? (No., type, condition, etc)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Simca Car Club Australia Inc. membership operates from: 1st January to 31st December each year. All Membership Fees are due and payable each Year on: 1st January

Annual Subscriptions are currently: Single \$40 Family/Joint: \$45

Signature/s: _____

Date: _____ (Both signatures required for Family/joint membership)

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