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## 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,

Another 3 months has flown by and by and large, we have avoided the Covid plague. We are very lucky to live in Australia compared to other countries. Particularly here in Tasmania, our Premier has taken an aggressive stance on our borders. I was half expecting any detected cases would be shot instead of the 14 day quarantine period. Tassie is full of caravaners from all over Australia, who have no intention of going home any time soon.

I must apologise for the debacle of getting the last edition of S/T out. All our reps did an excellent job getting their reports in early and we ran into a Telecom wall. We could receive but not send emails. Their staff you could understand, said they had changed their server and we would have to enter into a new contract. We said fine let's do it. Over a three month period, Leila spent countless hours talking to countless people you could not understand and who did nothing they promised. We are constantly told not to be racist, Telecom, you are promoting it. In desperation we went to the Telstra shop and they said they could fix it, but at \$180 p/h, resulting in a bill of \$600-700. In desperation I agreed, however a Telstra representative, who you could understand and actually did what he promised to do, sorted it all out. Telecom deserves a total investigation, they are a national disgrace. If anyone did not get the last edition, please let us know.

Getting on to car business, we haven't been to one car show this year. Partly due to being too busy with life in general and mainly because we still haven't sorted our Simca out. After giving Wayne Yeo a razzing, all in jest, he has been very helpful in trying to sort it out. The problem is this. Do NOT fill your classic with 98 Octane and a bottle of Nulon Octane boost and let it sit for days. That combo will eat your carburettor. All the race guys drain their tank after using octane boost and run clean fuel through. I have also learnt that 98 on its own, after several weeks breaks down and separates harmful additives. These additives will block jets and fuel lines. Friends of mine have new Triumph Motor cycles and have been running them on 98. They don't get used that much and both have noticed they are hard to start and run rough down low. The Triumph agent told them it was a common problem and only run 91. Apparently we have crap fuel in Australia.

Getting back to our Simca, my mate Martin Wilson took the top off the Weber and everything was blocked. Not only that, he got a teaspoon of grey sludge out of the carby bowl. The sludge was alloy eaten out of the sides of the bowl which was now rough and pitted. We flushed and drained the tank with 20 litres of 91 and cleaned out all the blockages. The car started and ran, but as it was late we didn't road test it. Upon trying the car next day, it would not start. Next week we are going to pull the Weber off and pull it apart and see what is going on. Not too impressed, I had just spent \$300 having the Weber gone through and it was like new. It's a proper Italian one too, not a Spanish re-pop.



Speaking of fuel, I came across an American product that supposedly stops the fuel degradation problem. It is available in Australia and hopefully will fix the problem.

Now the BIG news. The National Rally that was planned for October on the NSW coast is cancelled. Apart from Covid considerations there are more personal reasons. The Rally was to be organised by Morrie Barrett and Geoff Rose. As most would know, Morrie has been battling a

life threatening illness and is at the tail end of his treatment. Members will be relieved to know the treatment has been successful and the prognosis is positive. Morrie in his stoic style is already planning various trips, with heaps of windshield time. As can be expected, Geoff Rose is still coming to grips with the loss of his beloved wife.

In a crisis where do you run to? The QLD Mob! Rob Verhagen dived into his phone box, donned his suit and cape and flew to the rescue (would make an interesting video). Think Dubbo. The gathering is to be known as, "BACK TO DUBBO, RE-UNION".

“BACK TO DUBBO RE-UNION”

The re-union is planned to begin in Dubbo on the 15<sup>th</sup> October and involve 4 days in Dubbo. The plan then is to move onto Bathurst for a further 4 days. As can be seen from our 02 Swallow Tales Cover the Rally that year was held in Dubbo.

The beauty of the plan I think is it a totally spontaneous gathering, with no formal organising. Members can chose how many days they wish to

participate and what they wish to do on any day. There will be no organised meals with members free to make their own choices. There is a camp kitchen, as well as clubs in the area. Obviously we will all be together and make good use of the amenities available.

The accommodation venue is the same as the last gathering in 02. The NRMA Holiday Park, Whylandra St, Dubbo. 02 68014530. There are a number of accommodation options available, including 2 bedroom cabins, which for those willing to share, makes for cheap accommodation. I personally think the plan brilliant and possibly the format is the way to go for future rallies.

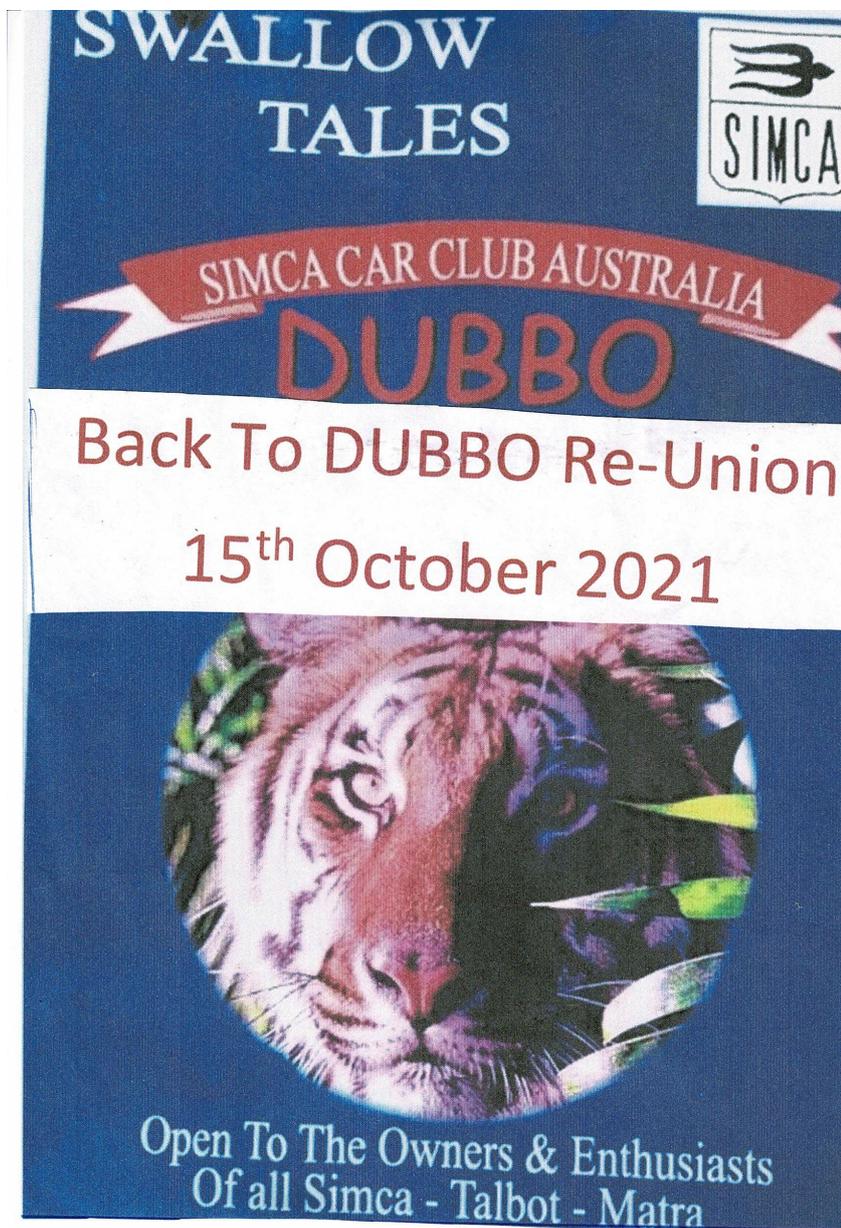
A prominent member of the MG Car Club recently passed away, who had a large collection of cars. Amongst these are three Simcas, I have mentioned them before. They have been stored in an old farm outbuilding for 30 years. They comprise a 90A Elysee, ASA 90A, P60. I viewed these cars 10 years ago and whilst complete and largely rust free, are complete basket

cases. They will be coming to auction soon. We have far better cars available at Inverell.

Lastly I'm sending this edition to everyone on the mailing list. If you haven't paid your dues, could you please do so ASAP. The renewal form is in the body of the magazine. We definitely don't want to lose any members, so please attend to it.

Until next time, good health and cheer.

Iain and Leila Dyer, Editors.



**PRESIDENTS REPORT - by Rob Stapley**

Hi all, from the president.

The year is flying by although that is only a perception of things to do and time available. We are all busy and retirement is a bit of a misnomer as the amount of work to be done seems to expand to fill the time available. Personally I am impatient to finish my sheds and do some maintenance on my cars. I guess we are all in the same boat trying to maintain our cars in usable and roadworthy condition. Covid continues to disrupt our lives and makes life difficult. We are hoping to hold our AGM. Later this year and by then we should all be vaccinated and perhaps less susceptible to flu and covid. When it happens we know we will need a Secretary Treasurer to take over from Doug and anyone who wants to volunteer, all positions will become vacant. I hope you are all well and know that some are better than others. We battle on and do what we can if not today tomorrow is another day, is anyone under a strict timeframe to get things finished? Think ahead and make plans knowing that it could all fall in a heap again, but no point in sitting back and doing nothing. Hope to see you all later in the year.

Cheers Rob.



No not Rob's next project. A photo Ina snapped whilst at the Maitland Car Show. A 1220 too, hope it gets saved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT - by Doug Murphy**

**Secretary's Report:** From Morgan Archambault in France- looking for information and photos of the history of Simca in Australia we - John Pickles, Ted Church and I, sent him a lot of photos and info on Australian assembled Vedettes, as a token of thanks he has sent us an exterior paint colour card of the colour range available for these cars- the colour card will be included as a loose sheet in the SCCA newsletter, Morgan has prepared an article for an (unnamed) French vintage car magazine, since published, he will translate it for us, so in a future edition of this newsletter, you will see photos of Beaulieu and Morgan's article. Let me know if you're interested in the article, in French, and I'll send you the link; incidentally he made reference to the window surrounds on the P60s, which we know need to be strengthened with fibreglass on the inside. Needless to say, same problem the world over.

In Sydney, there's a recent invitation to make a presentation on Simca to the Motorists Enthusiasts Group at RACA, the invite is from Christopher Burrell and has been passed onto Morrie; *For Sale:* a list of miniature cars - Simca and Sunbeam Talbot- if interested email [alain.miginiac1@orange.fr](mailto:alain.miginiac1@orange.fr); a Simca key ring on Face Book- refer David Reeves; *Wanted:* from SA, a Peter Krawczuk- looking for an unrestored Vedette; from Simon Travaglini in Perth – Allfast is his company, is looking for a complete Vedette to fit onto a 1932 Ford Roadster, that means a Vedette hot rod, groan just at the thought. And grumble.

Given the perishable nature of news and the regular quarterly appearance of the newsletter, I have taken to sending out global emails and putting on Face Book, items for sale which come up, an example is Vedette hubcaps- I saw a stand at the Allora swap meet and sent the seller's contact details, well there's at least one happy Vedette owner; if you don't have email and re interested, just let me know; Not infrequently there is a request for Simca parts from non members, I generally ask Morrie to contact them. I point out to these inquirers, we cant extend to non members the same benefits provided to members, that's just not fair. If, the part they're after is scarce, then they have to join the Club, which means they can be treated like any other member. Better to have a Simca on the road than not at all, but better still, is to have another car on the road with a Club member!

**Treasurer's Report:** Due to covid and the lockdowns, the figures show and confirm there has been no Club activity since the Rally in N Tasmania. Between 1 July 2020 and 25 March 2021, income has come from Membership fees and the only payments have been for newsletter production and website costs and domain hosting costs. The Club's only asset is cash and the difference between income and expenditure is added to the value of assets bringing the total value to \$5600. Quite a stable picture really.

**Membership Report:** Welcome new member, Bernard Andrivon of Victoria; Barry Fletcher is a new member in Gracemere, NZ Rep Gerard, reports the 1957 Versaille purchased by new member Ted Church, has been on-sold (this car belonged to Keith and Marilyn Marshall of Dunedin); Keep the news rolling in, NZ Life Member Colin Smith likes to read the articles.

Can anyone advise the correct part number (preferably Ryco), for the Simca Vedette engine oil filter? Jimmy from Harden and I agree its not R4P, hmm, what is it? (R4P is a small fully disposable, the correct one is a much larger disposable one which sits in an aluminium container). Can you let me know? Thanks Doug 0402845925

**SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA INC.**  
Financial Statement : 1st July 2020 to 25th March 2021

<b>INCOME</b>		
Annual Subscriptions	\$	1,015.00
Donations	\$	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,035.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Secretary Exp.		
Newsletter (Jun,Sept,Dec)	\$	473.85
Namebadges		
Fairtrading		
Stickers & Posters		
Website Costs	\$	170.00
Bank/Paypal Fee		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>643.85</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	Cash at Bank	\$ 5,600.97
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		\$ 5,600.97

**BALANCE SHEET - 30.11.20**

Balance brought forward 30.06.20	5209.32
Add Income Amount	1035.00
Balance	<u>6244.32</u>
Deduct Expenses Amount	643.85
<b>Balance as at 25.03.2021</b>	<b><u>5600.47</u></b>

**QUEENSLAND REPORT** - *by Luke Huntly*

Hi Everyone,

Skip's tells us that the Queensland Chapter is putting together the next Simca extravaganza, BACK TO DUBBO REUNION . . . and the Simca Wander to Bathurst!!

We will be staying in the same motel as we did in 2003, which has a huge selection of accommodation available. The event will be not run like anything we've done before, mostly self-catering, and no strict format apart from the AGM.

Also what's important, in 2003 the club was introduced to 'The Great One', Mr and Mrs Morrie Barrett, who I think have made the club what it is today.

We will end the event in Bathurst, for a few days, where Geoff Rose will lead us around Mount Panorama in our Simcas. Hopefully reaching 200k down Conrod straight.

The event will start on 15th October and finish whenever you want it to. There will be updates in Swallow Tales.

Thanks Skip! Sounds great.

Doug reports that Simca members were invited to present their cars at the 31st Chrysler Expo on 21 March at Rocklea Show Grounds, it had to be postponed due to inclement weather and forecasts of more rain. So the new date for this event is 5 September, Fathers' Day. Sorry Skip and Kerry (and anyone else who thought of coming along). September 2021 Expo will be bigger and more varied with the penny farthing bicycles, steam roller, historic: motor cycles, vintage trucks, buses, fire engines, ambulances, taxis, hearses, mopeds, stationary engines and more. This is a great opportunity to bring the grandchildren, and your offspring if they're interested.

We have an active and valued member in Biloela who has an army of quiet spectators; they saw a P 60 in Gracemere, and thought it was Alice. We know Alice really gets around, but this time it must have been new members Barry and Kay Fletcher.

Nothing much else to report from Queensland apart from one run we did in the Simca ("the family car" as the MG will not fit a child seat). This was our February car club run, to a local car club member's property 40klms south west of Roma to look at restored machinery and the beautiful gardens.

A few of us are attending the Roma Historical Motor Club's Cotton Tail Easter Run in St George next weekend. Should be a good run and will give us something to report on in the next Swallow Tales J.

Until then we hope you have a great Easter break and look forward to catching up sometime soon.

Luke & Michelle Huntly



Father time is your friend right now Leo, but keep an eye on him he's pretty sneaky!

It's good to see one of Gods creatures that's taller than Luke!





Down memory lane, the previous Dubbo Rally.

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

### WESTERN WHISPERS

#### WA State Representatives Report – By John Pickles

Bushfires and now the floods. Our thoughts go out to all those affected by the disasters of the past twelve months. Practically every state has been subjected to one disaster or another resulting in the loss of life, property plus all they have worked for over many a year. Loss of loved ones above all else has a lasting effect, but the effort of rebuilding their lives only adds to the pain. While material items can in most cases be replaced, we as car enthusiasts sympathize with all those who have lost their treasured vintage vehicles which in many cases have taken years to restore. To all those readers of "Swallow Tales" who have suffered from these tragedies let it be known we share your heartbreak.

With the restraints of the Covid-19 Virus and the small number of Simca cars in Western Australia I am afraid to say we have very little to report this quarter, but having said that, up pops an Aronde wagon that had been sitting in a shed for over 30 years. The last time I had seen this Simca was some years after a flood had passed through the small South West town of Nannup in 1982, where the flood waters had reached the windscreen level of this car. The new owners of the property of where the car is now located are clearing the shed and have offered the car up for sale with an asking price of \$250. Nannup is 282kms south of Perth so it would be a long haul for any interstate buyer.



**Out of the doom and gloom comes the good news with the announcement that the restoration of Justin Walkers Aronde P60 is now complete and by all accounts drives better than new ..... “A Happy Man is Justin”!**



#### **A CAR CALLED LAZARUS**

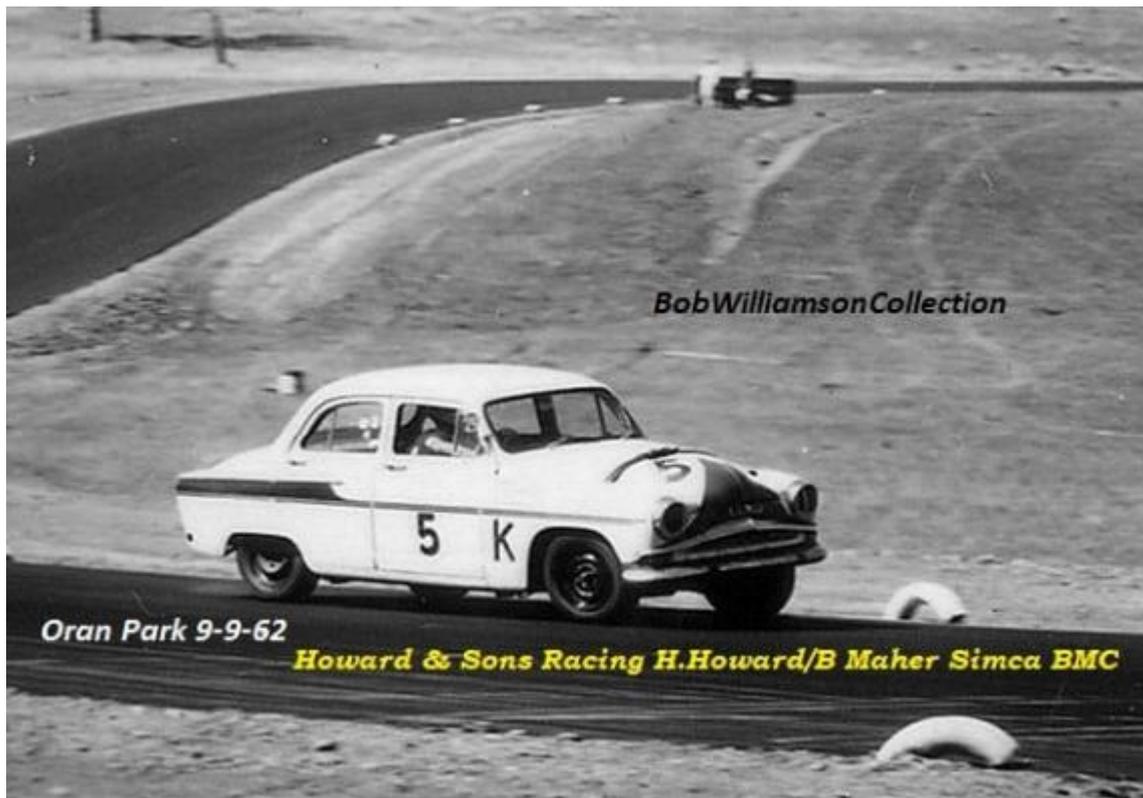
**Not really, but if a name was given to the car “Lazarus” would be very appropriate. For a car that could have been destined for the scrap heap is now a shining example of what the Simca Aronde really was, after many years and many dollars Justin’s Aronde has risen from the dead and is now in better condition than when it left the showroom floor.**

**Justin has owned the car for 12 years and used it as a farm buggy up until 4 years ago when it was handed to Laurens Borg to carry out a restoration with Richard Dobson performing the mechanical work. Laurens is a well known and respected Citroen owner and restorer, Richard has a mechanical reputation from his experience with classic cars like Rolls Royce so there was not any short cut with this restoration which is reflected in the finished product.**



**Justin also forwarded a couple of interesting pictures downloaded from facebook, one being the potent 90A belonging to Geoff Rose and the other of Howard & Sons Racing.**





It has come a time in life that one must consider parting with some of the treasures accumulated over the past 65 years and these have to include my vast amount of Simca items. Many of the items such as brochures and models are no longer obtainable or they are hard to find, those not sold after being offered to club members will be listed on eBay international sites. In the meantime I have a number of back issues (almost every issue back to 1988) of "Swallow Tales" that are surplus and are free to any member who may wish complete their collection. Also I have a number of Simca workshop manuals that I will give to fellow club members who will only need to pay for postage, these are per list:-

- 1) TALBOT HORIZON
- 2) SIMCA 1100 - INTEREUROPE
- 3) SIMCA 1000 - HAYNES
- 4) SIMCA 1100 - HAYNES
- 5) SIMCA ELYSEE - SCIENTIFIC (BLUE)
- 6) SIMCA ELYSEE 1300 - SCIENTIFIC (RED)
- 7) SIMCA 1100 - AUTOPRESS

- 8) SIMCA 1300/1301/1500/1501 - AUTOPRESS
- 9) SIMCA ARONDE P60 - CHRYSLER AUSTRALIA

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Also in time I will be selling off the collection of SIMCA models of which there are approximately 90 in number with most being 1:43 scale diecast, they range from the 1930's Simca 5 through to the 1966 Simca (Vedette) Esplanada. Many of these models have been discontinued for many a year and include the English Talbots. Prices will be discounted well below market price for our members who will also have the benefit of the cheaper Australian domestic postage.

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Recently there was a question asked about an aftermarket floor gear change that was marketed for the Simca Aronde. Apart from the top loader offered by Chrysler Australia I actually purchased an "Impala" remote unit for both the Aronde and the Vedette, the Vedette one ended up in the Vince Parisi Racing Vedette.



SIMCA ARONDE IMPALA FLOOR SHIFT

**VICTORIAN/ TASMANIA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT -  
by Andy Woodson**

Hi Simca followers.

Things are beginning to move again in Victoria, although slowly. Swap meets and markets are beginning to appear once more, although many have still been cancelled or postponed. Talking to some of the organisers, they said one of the major hurdles is not being able to come up with a Covid Safe plan that gets official approval. The annual Historic Winton weekend has fallen victim to this issue. Evidently, competitors in the events can take their cars or motorcycles to participate, but no visitors or public can just turn up to put their vehicles on display or watch the racing events. Very sad, as this is one of the year's highlights. Anyway, on a positive note, Swanpool held it's annual swap meet and Show and Shine in early March and attracted nearly 300 vehicles on the oval for the display. The swap meet section was well attended and it was a joy to see people out again. A few pics of some of the vehicles are attached. Not much is happening in the Simca realm at the moment around my area in Benalla. I'm looking for a distributor and carby for my P60. Hopefully one of our members may do me a good deal on those bits. Anyway, email or phone if anything available. Anyway, I'll keep an eye on what future events are coming up and try and attend as many as possible so that more tales of vehicles and venues can be shared.

Thanks Andy.





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

The S.A. State rep report.

Hi all and hope this report find you all enjoying good health.

We try to fly the Simca flag as often as we can. Two weekends ago we took the wagon and the 90A to the Maitland show where they created some interest. Each month our local club has a mid week run which is very popular although the last one we missed, but a long run 400 plus klms.

Mel Rogers is often out in the Vedette and covering a lot of territory from Tumby Bay to Balaklava and all points in-between.

I will be glad when my hoist is operational and I can get under the body to check that out,( car body of course,) at the moment I don't even have a slab of concrete to work on and its easy to drop a small nut or screw to be lost forever in the sand. It is a challenge here mainly dry and dusty.

Remember the Bay to Birdwood run if anyone is planning on entering now is the time to do so. I am trying to persuade Iain to use his held over entry form from last year to partake this year and continue on from here to AGM.and Sydney. We can but hope. I think 2001 was the first and last time 2 90A's were running in the Bay to Birdwood. Who can remember the first rally in S.A..(ourselves, Geoff Rose, John Pickles, Ray Hodge, Bruce Holder, Richard Gibson, who else, maybe James Duggin,Stan Andre etc. etc.,) The 2001 rally set the stage

For the succession of rallies every 2 years since then and laid the foundation for this great little club.

Cheers for now,  
Rob and Ina

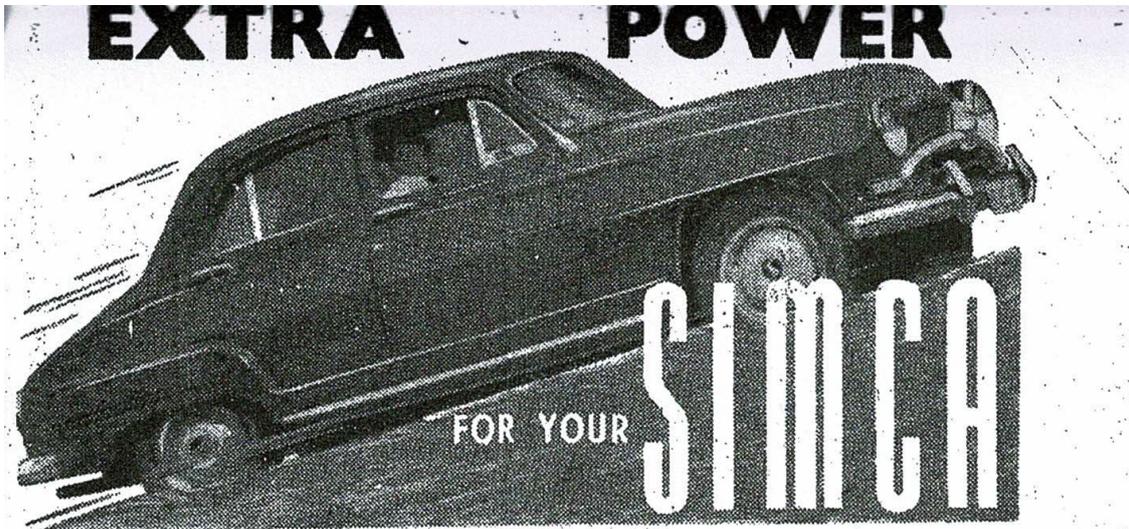


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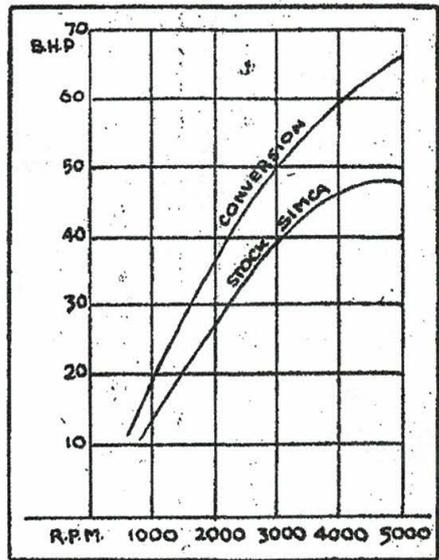


**SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - by Ian Powell**

Article supplied by Doug Murphy



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**NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – by Gerard Crombie**

Three years ago, we went to Morrinsville for their Motorama only to have it cancelled by rain and the grounds being wet and soggy underfoot. Last month we successfully tried again. On the Saturday we went to the Highland games in Paeroa and then to Morrinsville on the Sunday for the Classic Car and Truck Motorama. With a few classic trucks and about 50 big rigs, a period costume competition, several caravans, lots of classic cars, motor bikes and a few tractors, it was a bit different to the normal car show.



With its several second hand shops, Paeroa sees itself as the antiques town of NZ! Here's a photo of Arkwrights Antiques "Open all hours", complete with classic car!



Several generations of trucks!

The day we were in Morrinsville, a three day covid lockdown was announce for Auckland and we have since also had a seven day lockdown, albeit the latter was something of a false

alarm with fortunately no spread of covid needing to be contained. Unfortunately though it did result in many events being cancelled or postponed including the Brit and Euro car show we had planned to attend. In short it's been a rather quiet three months.

I recently heard from Ivan Smith that the Vedette engine has been getting some extra work on the tappets and is now ready to reinstall in the car, albeit there are other things to be done before that can happen. I'm hoping to catchup with Ivan in the next week so might see recent progress first hand.

Last weekend the annual Wheels on Windsor car show was on in Napier and as usual Colin Smith had his Simca's on display there. I understand there was a big crowd and plenty of cars.



The picture shows some of Colin's display.

New news is that the beautifully presented 1957 Simca Vedette Versailles that I reported last had moved up the South Island to Blenheim has now had another change of hands. Ted was enthusiastic about the vehicle but in the end has had other priorities and I understand the new buyer is just as enthusiastic about the car.

Our Simca got it's six monthly warrant of fitness this week. The cost of which has increased to \$69, so it doesn't pay to measure the cost per mile. I guess as long as it doesn't require any work on the car to get it, then I should be happy!

Another photo at the Motorama. The kids train ride was interesting in its simplicity. Cut-out plastic barrels mounted on handcarts!



Miscellaneous Page

Firstly and most importantly *HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROB VERHAGEN*. I can reveal that Rob has reached an age slightly above the national speed limit, in MPH of course. All of us in the club wish you continued good health and a fun year ahead.



P.S. Don't buy shares in any Kryptonite mines!

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Secondly John Pickles advises that the Simca Wagon he mentions in his report is now for free. Unfortunately if not claimed by someone soon it will be going to the crusher. This seems to be the fate of Simcas all around Australia. The three that are being auctioned in Tasmania soon will be lucky to find buyers and will probably end up being crushed. The sad reality is the cost of totally restoring any car is substantial.

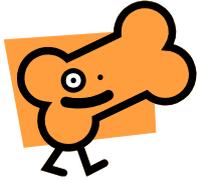
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Thirdly Doug Murphy has been involve in an article written in France on Vedettes. The link below provides access to the article.

Hi Doug, hi John !

the article on the Simca Vedettes produced abroad was finally released this morning. I hope you like it, as agreed you are quoted at the end of the article as well as the site of the Simca Australia club.

<https://newsdanciennes.com/la-simca-vedette-a-lexport/?fbclid=IwAR37SL-wp5UWA2K5S8RGJpsZmGf4XdTODdQImIXrtnpgUrv993v-ynool4>



## *Funny Bones*

**To my darling husband,**

Before you return from your overseas trip I just want to let you know about the small accident I had with the Ford F-150 when I turned into the driveway.

Fortunately not too bad and I really didn't get hurt, so please don't worry too much about me. I was coming home and when I turned into the driveway I accidentally pushed down on the accelerator instead of the brake.

The garage door is slightly bent but the Ford F-150 fortunately came to a halt when it bumped into your Ferrari.

I missed our bikes.

I am really sorry, but I know with your kind-hearted personality you will forgive me. You know how much I love you and care for you my sweetheart.

I am enclosing a picture for you.

I cannot wait to hold you in my arms again.

Your loving wife. XX



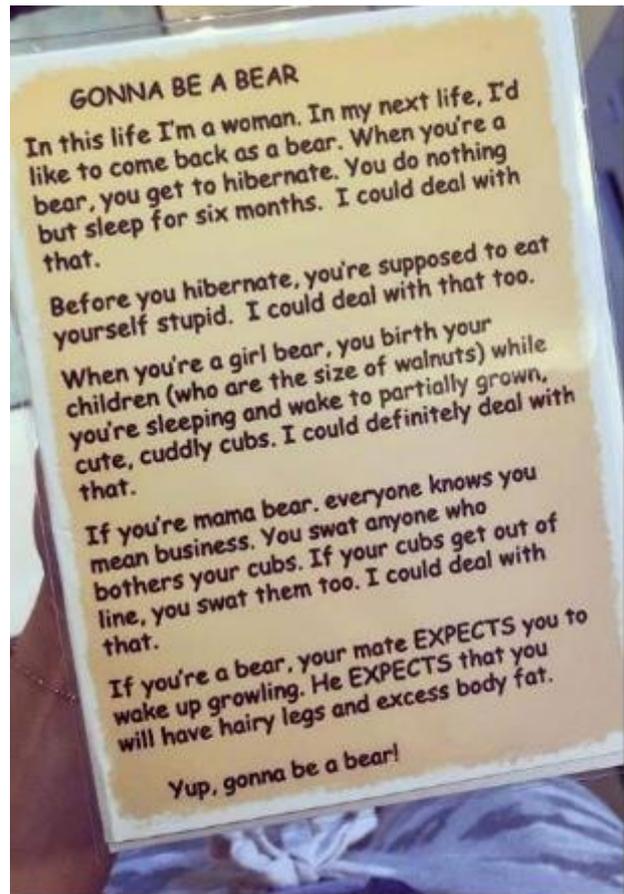
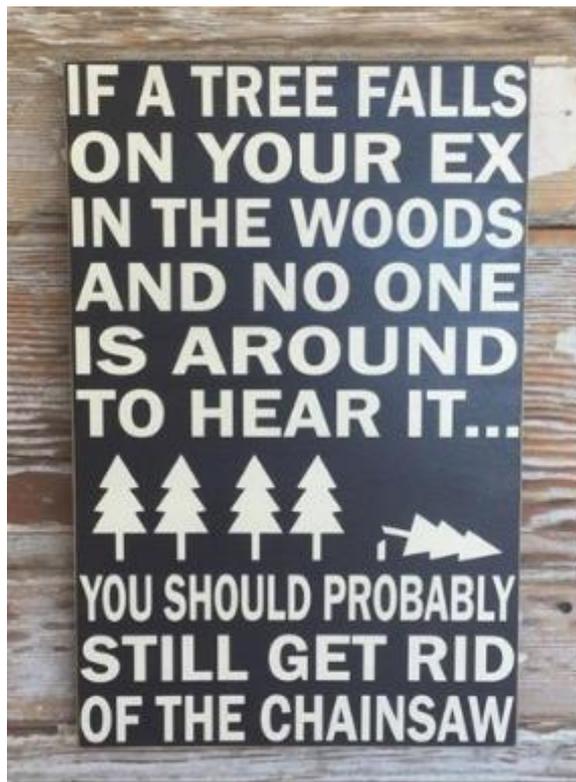
P.S.: Your girlfriend phoned.

## Questions and Answers from CARP Forum

### CARP - Canadian Association of Retired Persons

<p><b>Q:</b> Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> Try a bookstore, under Fiction.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you're done, you will have a place to live.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> How can you increase the heart rate of your over-70 year-old husband?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> Tell him you're pregnant.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> Take off your glasses.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> Go braless. It will usually pull them out.</p>

<b>Q:</b> Why should 70-plus year old people use valet parking?	<b>A:</b> Valets don't forget where they park your car
<b>Q:</b> Is it common for 70-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?	<b>A:</b> Storing memory is not a problem. Retrieving it is the problem.
<b>Q:</b> As people age, do they sleep more soundly?	<b>A:</b> Yes, but usually in the afternoon.
<b>Q:</b> Where should 70-plus year olds look for eye glasses?	<b>A:</b> On their foreheads.
<b>Q:</b> What is the most common remark made by 70-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?	<b>A:</b> "Gosh, I remember these!"
<b>SMILE, You've still got your sense of humour, haven't you?</b>	



My Wife texted me a selfie in a new dress and asked "Does this make my butt look big?"

I texted back "Noo!"

My phone autocorrected my response to "Moo!"

Please send help!



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Please remember any contributions welcome or suggestions.

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Please identify who is paying and for what if possible in the reference section with name and subs amount.

Don't forget to fill out Renewal Form attached so that all your details are correct/current. Please don't copy them from the previous year.



**Breaking News**

**Once again could any member who has not paid their dues do so ASAP please.**

**I reiterate every member is valued and we don't wish to lose members.  
Thank you!**



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