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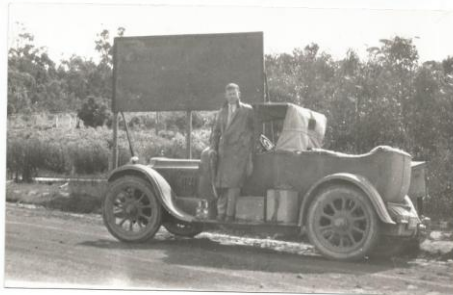
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Hello Everyone.

You will receive a newsletter from Justin Coxhead updating you on the coming Biennial Veteran and Vintage Vauxhall Rally to be held at Beechworth in April next year. I can only endorse the sentiments in the newsletter and ask you to consider the effort the organisers of these events for you go to in their preparation of the rally. I have organised a number of events over the years and I can say that it is pleasing to receive early expressions of interest or entries to the event you are preparing and quite concerning when the entries don't come in. In obtaining quotes for your accommodation and meals whilst on the rally the organisers have to give numbers to obtain the best deals for you and usually go off number attending the previous event. However to-date entries for next year are very slow and it is embarrassing to have to go back to the caterers and renegotiate prices as the numbers are not as quoted. So, if you fully intend going on the rally please get your entries in or at least have the courtesy to let the organisers know you intend entering.

It has been brought to my attention I have been misquoting chassis numbers in a recent video I emailed you showing a line of 30-98's at Prescott Hill Climb this year. I advised the grey fabric covered late model OE with the high headlights was formerly owned by Phil Kinsella and Dick Heher of Sydney and was car OE244 – only partly correct. The car in the video is actually OE239 with same previous Sydney owners Phil Kinsella and Dick Heher. My sincere apologies for this misquote, I will attempt to do better.

I found I had these photographs below of John Seville's D Type and in the last newsletter there were photographs of the parts of this car we found on a property at Glen Alice in N.S.W. I mentioned in the article I was given the sales catalogue by Mr Seville Jnr that came with this car. It looks as though the car may have been a Norfolk bodied A Type and the parts we found were from a later D Type Vauxhall the Sevilles owned. I recall Mr Seville Jnr telling me they bought another Vauxhall in Sydney for spare parts and as he was driving it back to the property at Glen Alice it broke down in Wentworth Falls as they were crossing over the Blue Mountains. They stored the car in the local garage at Wentworth Falls and it was called Sevilles Garage, no relation to Mr Seville with the Vauxhall. The garage is still there with the Seville sign displayed on the fascia. Mr Seville Snr was the manager of the Portland Cement Works near Glen Alice.



John Seville's A/D Type

Examples of coachwork
The "Norfolk" Torpedo



The "Norfolk" four-seated torpedo type body, with divided front seat, fitted to a 20 h.p. four-cylindere chassis, wheelbase 10-ft. 3-in.
Price of body, £85.
The rear seats can be made to accommodate three persons comfortably, for £5 extra.
(Hood not included. Quotations on page 37).

The "Stoneleigh" Torpedo-de-Luxe



The "Stoneleigh" four-seated torpedo-de-luxe type body, with divided front seat, fitted to a 20 h.p. four-cylindere chassis, wheelbase 10-ft. 3-in.
The tops of the front doors are lined with polished mahogany, useful mahogany cupboards are fitted in the corners of the scuttle dash, metal or patent leather valances are fitted between the steps and frame.
Price of body, £105.
(Hood, screen, etc., not included. Quotations on page 37).

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3273	Vauxhall	20	Barritt	Charles E	Pooncarie	Kallara Station	
18833	Vauxhall	25	Beale & Co Ltd		Annandale	41 Tarafalga St	
14003	Vauxhall	20	Bowman	Reginald	Parramatta	George St	
8331	Vauxhall	20	Brown	John	Newcastle	Wolfe St	
11172	Vauxhall	20	Bruce	Sage	Cumnock	"Lombah"	
2511	Vauxhall	20	Brunner	Charles	Redfern	56 Baptist St	
7725	Vauxhall	20	Butler	Norman D	Marrickville	460 Darley St	
14337	Vauxhall	20	Casper	Marck R	Mosman	Bradleys Head Rd	
8248	Vauxhall	20	Clarke	John	Moama	Moirs Station	
12772	Vauxhall	20	Cooper	Bertie J.	Goulburn	Stem St	
3574	Vauxhall	25	Crossman	Charles R	Neutral Bay	Bennett St	
5888	Vauxhall	20	Day, Spence & Co	Walter	Lockhart	Woodlea	
25781	Vauxhall	17.9	Dethick	George H	Manly	34 Belgrave St	
8638	Vauxhall	20	Elder Smith & Co.		Broken Hill		
8877	Vauxhall	25	Fenwicke	Arthur A	Walcha	Wallington"	
25366	Vauxhall	17.9	Flatan	Julius	Newcastle	Church St	
24229	Vauxhall	16	Furphy	William J	Paddidngton	8 Campbell St	
10547	Vauxhall	20	Gorman	Thomas J	Corowa	"Plentyana"	
2056	Vauxhall	20	Gowing	Preston L	Summer Hill	Henson St	
12279	Vauxhall	20	Higgins	William W	Quirindi		
17074	Vauxhall	22	Hill	Francis W	Sydney	2 O'Connell St	
10101	Vauxhall	20	Hoskins	Jeannie	Bowenfels		
22002	Vauxhall	25	Hughes	Robert O	Woolahra	9 Bathurst St	
785	Vauxhall	25	Innes	George P	Strathfield	Boulevard	
16313	Vauxhall	20	Lanceley	Edward D	Gore Hill	Gordon Rd	
3549	Vauxhall	20	Larcombe	James P	Burwood	Ethel St	
13011	Vauxhall	20	Mackenzie	D M	Manilla		
13434	Vauxhall	25	Maurice	Percy	Rose Bay	Cranbrook St	
12645	Vauxhall	25	McConochie	Walter	Hurstville	Forest Rd	
9517	Vauxhall	20	McIntyre	Alexander	Chatswood	Tulip St	
14306	Vauxhall	20	McIntyre	Charles S	Hamilton	Hudson St	
469	Vauxhall	20	Moore	William	Homebush	Merley St	
6764	Vauxhall	20	Morris	Percy A	Bellevue Hill	Victoria Rd	
8102	Vauxhall	20	Munro	Cecil C.H.	Cronulla		
24323	Vauxhall	20.1	Napier	William J	Waverley	1 Albion St	
12667	Vauxhall	20	Ottaway	Stephen C	Darlinghurst	Victoria St	
11806	Vauxhall	20	Parkman	Robert	Marengo	"Calabash"	NW of Dorrigo
386	Vauxhall	20	Pulsford	Maurice H.	Windsor	George St	
323	Vauxhall	20	Pye	Robert A	Windsor	George St	
848	Vauxhall	20	Pye	Leslie W	Harris Park	Wigram St	
7332	Vauxhall	20	Pye	Charles W	Concord	Concord Rd	
2144	Vauxhall	25	Ritchie	George H	Auburn	Harrow Rd	
10534	Vauxhall	25	Ritchie	Stewart D	Strathfield	Boulevard	
7243	Vauxhall	20	Sanderson	C F	Burwood	Parramatta Rd	
22268	Vauxhall	25	Scott	Catherine L	Drummoyne	Lyons Rd	
7203	Vauxhall	20	Seville	John	Portland		
13770	Vauxhall	20	Sloane	Hugh G	Mulwala	"Kilnyana"	
3464	Vauxhall	27	Spring	Henry L	Mosman	St Elmo St	
5790	Vauxhall	20	Stone	Bennjamin	Glebe	294 Glebe Rd	

In the above list of A Types in N.S.W. you will see an entry for Mr John Seville of Portland with registration N.S.W. 7203. Also included is the A Type of Hugh Sloan on the property "Kilnyana" Mulwala. This would be the A Type now owned by Malcolm Sloan (Hugh's grandson) mentioned in the last newsletter.

My man in Queensland sent me the photograph below when Gary Rickard's 23-60 OD30 and Michael Kenwood's D Type D2908 were spotted on the display day of the National Vauxhall Rally held in Queensland. Gary's car was originally from Queensland and restored by Evan Morris and is believed to be the oldest known of 23-60 in the world. Michael's D Type was located in the out blocks of Queensland by his father Howard who restored the car and unfortunately died before the car was completely finished. I recall Michael telling me he did get the engine running the same afternoon his father died however Howard unfortunately had passed on and did not hear it run. Michael did get the D Type to the service at the Church so his dad and the car could be together again for one last time. The casket was conveyed from the service at the church to the crematorium in the back of the D Type which at the time was untrimmed. What a nice way to travel to your maker. I recall John Giddy wanted to be buried in his 30-98 sitting in the driver's seat.



OD30 and D2908

Many years ago and not long after John Giddy died I was on a Vauxhall rally with the usual number of suspects when we formed a guard of honour along a straight section of the Old Hume Highway at Breadalbane south of Goulburn. John's wife Marion scattered some of John's ashes out of a CAV sidelight from the back of his old E Type E366 which at the time was owned and driven by Greg Mackie. The suspects stood beside the road and toasted the occasion with one of John's favourite ports as the E Type thundered past. This section of the Old Hume Highway is where Boyd Edkins often mentioned he would open up the throttle on his record breaking Vauxhalls as it was a good surface and dead straight for a few miles and lined with poplar trees. John always said he wanted his ashes spread along this section of road so he could be with his hero Boyd. Murray McDonogh sent me this photo.



John Giddy's ashes being spread from E366

I received the photograph below of a 23-60 which has been languishing for many years in a shed and a restoration commenced long ago by carefully pulling things apart and then left to nicely weather. The owner died and the 23-60 is now owned by his son however has stayed in this condition now for many years and no further restoration work has taken place. I only have the engine number and as can be seen from the photograph the chassis plate is not attached to the firewall. However the owner said the chassis plate is with the spares and he will find it and let us know what number the car is.

So it goes to show there are still cars out there that we did not know of and are patiently waiting to be found. It is a shame this car is laying there going backwards and eventually when it is sold the new owner will have his work cut out putting it all back together. We understand the car is complete.

I will advise in a further newsletter the chassis number of this car when it is known to the Register.



Unknown 23-60



FOR SALES

The following items are for sale, if interested ring me on 04 2828 2360.



WANTED

Ian Barges from Canberra OD980 is looking for a spare Watford FO4 magneto for his 23-60. It can be either a 34 degree or 42 degree advance/retard magneto. Please contact Ian on 0438444823 if you can help.

Richard Walton sent me the photographs below he took whilst on the recent V.S.C.C.A. 75th Anniversary Rally held in Wagga.



Peter Holebeach in OE226



Glyn Farrell in and OE235



Vauxhalls ready to leave Coolamon



Vauxhalls at the motel in Wagga



Vauxhalls on a road near Coolamon

I have compiled a fairly comprehensive list of numbered Vauxhall parts such as crankcases, heads, blocks, floor boards, running boards and valances that have either been in our spare parts or been supplied to me by members of the Register. For those of you who are unaware of where some of these numbers appear I will take some photographs and include them in the next newsletter.

So what I have done now is include all the numbers of parts that I have together with the known cars that are still here in Australia or have been here and are now back in the UK. I have not included the owner's name of the parts as where these have been provided to me I respect that some of you might not want the fact known you have these spares fearing you will be hounded to sell them. Having said that, if you too would like to supply me with spare part numbers you have, I will add them to the spreadsheet I have and this will assist us in trying to determine how many A – D and OD cars came to Australia. The A – D Vauxhall register currently has 78 Australian cars still in Australia however you will see the list I have created with these cars together with the known parts list number is 123. This number would increase significantly if all known parts numbers were added to the list and does not take into consideration the chassis number of cars or parts that have long gone and now lost. However it does give us some indication of the known number of cars that came to Australia using the date we have amongst us.

Phil Virgona is on a mission to try and establish if a book is still in the possession of someone from Boyded Motors. This is a book that Boyd Edkins recorded all his Vauxhall sales. If this book did exist, as we were told it did, and if located it would be a fabulous source of information for the Register. I am confident I have my best man on the job to establish the existence of this book and you will recall he is known to me as “Ferret” and for a good reason.

Below is the list I refer to and when you see a part number it is usually described as to what part. Cars can be recorded in the combination of chassis and engine number, or car with known engine number however unknown chassis number. Engine number alone either refers to a crankcase or complete engine someone has or it has been used in a special.

As mentioned, if you have a part number you would like add to this record I would treat it confidentially and your name would not be given out as the part holder.

D Type 209
D2382 chassis plate
D2398A engine
D2488A engine
D2908/D3054A
D2956/
D2965/D3118A
D3120/D3275
D3189
D3190/D3337A
D3392/D3528A
D????/DA3394
D3688/DA3840
DA3723 Engine
D3804?/D3943
D3807/D3955
D3883/DA4040
OD30/OD36
OD63 block
OD100/OD102
OD121 head
OD167/OD168
OD182 bonnet
OD184 head
(reconditioned)
OD206 block
OD208/OD210
OD229 bonnet
OD231/OD283
OD233/OD231
OD266 chassis plate
OD283 engine
OD293/OD1042
OD301/OD710
OD375
OD445/OD109
OD491 chassis plate
OD494/OD493
OD498/OD498
OD506/OD1240
OD544 crankcase

OD551 crankcase
OD558 chassis plate
OD560 crankcase
OD568/OD570
OD572 block
OD585/OD583
OD588/OD1214
OD592/OD593
OD596/OD595
OD599/OD599
OD608 engine
OD617/OD611
OD620/OD621
OD626 engine
OD633/OD/OD633
OD640/OD640
OD644 head
OD646 head
OD664/OD666
OD669/OD669
OD677/OD647
OD??/OD681
OD689/OD692
OD714/OD714
OD723 block
OD723/OD520
OD724/OD725
OD739/OD739
OD742/OD743
OD759/OD817
OD764/OD764
OD772/OD772
OD774 chassis plate
OD775/OD
OD781/OD781
OD793/OD794
OD796/OD1136
OD797/OD779 now has
Holden engine
OD803/OD601
OD809 engine
OD817 crankcase
OD822 front floorboard
OD832/OD835
OD841/OD626
OD857/OD852

OD947/OD88
OD953
OD961/OD???
OD966/OD678
OD970
OD977/OD977
OD979 guards and dash
OD980/OD984
OD992 r/board tool box
OD998/OD1004
OD1000 crankcase
OD1001/OD995
OD1010/OD1010
OD1016 chassis plate
OD1020 crankcase
OD1024 crankcase
OD1047 crankcase
OD1050 head
reconditioned
OD1052 floorboards
OD1072/OD1074
OD1075 chassis plate
OD1079
OD1105 engine
OD1107/OD1284
OD1115/1115
OD1126/OD1125
OD1134 crankcase
OD1150 crankcase
damaged
OD1165/OD1166
OD1185 block
OD1215 head
OD1262OD????
OD1278 chassis plate
OD1280 crankcase
OD1283/OE173
OD1284/OD1285
OD1303/OD1000

Below is a photograph of Robert Lovell's 23-60 OD1115/OD1115 at a recent display day in Queensland. Robert who lives in Lismore N.S.W. is now getting out and about in the car and hopefully he will be another entry to add to our list of new cars we will see on the Vauxhall Rally in Beechworth next year.



OD1115/OD1115

That concludes the current news I have for you, maybe another newsletter before Christmas depending on what I hear has happened in our Vauxhall world.

Cheers.

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