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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello to all ACE members, family, and friends.

I am writing this president report after a busy day experiencing highlights of Rotorua New Zealand. Despite cyclone Gabrielle, her winds and rain, RAID New Zealand - Kaimoana progresses. We have toured the Northlands and now venture to the centre and southern parts of the North Island.

Below I send a photo of Lesley's 2CV and our tents. It's great to be camping again.

This morning Tony and I learnt of the devastation to New Zealand's native bird life caused by rats, stouts and possums. These mammals were introduced species. We learnt all this while zip lining through the rain forest. Amazing.

So, to our club. I see cars are for sale, storage is being considered and our March meeting is postponed until our April BBQ lunch meeting at Whiteman Park.

Thank you, Jeanette, for chairing our February meeting.

Apologies for not sending more photos by face book. The roads are bumpy, twisty and fun. Sending texts and photos is impossible.

Keep safe. See you all in April. Cheers Elizabeth President ACE WA 2022-23



## **NZ RAID PICTURES**



Lesley's 2CV by the Sea near Coromandel, North Island NZ



The green marmot tent is ours. The yellow and black is A&A's. The green juicy vans are also RAIDERS. The other 2 tents are Harry's and Michael's.



A most amazing toilet.





## **FRONT COVER PHOTO**



The front cover photo is of the iconic Citroen H Van, H-Type or HY, it was a utility vehicle produced between 1947 and 1981. Like all Citroen classics It was developed as a very basic and simple front wheel drive van after WWII. A total of 470,000 were produced out of 2 key plants in France and Belgium.

There is something different and quirky in the design of the H Van that causes people to take a second look and then to smile. Like other Citroen designs of that era, the H Van was innovative and a little quirky looking hence it takes on that very typical and unique Citroen persona. This innovation made for a highly practical base platform, that could be used for so many functions and combinations. For the 30 odd years it was manufactured there was no limit on what it could be used for.

Here are just a few pictures of what we would call today Tilt Trays, so the H van was very innovative for its time.





















## MEMBER CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE



This article on Charles Goodyear was posted on the ACE Facebook page by Sandy Lloyd on 27<sup>th</sup> February and I thought it was worthy of inclusion here.

Goodyear invented Vulcanised Rubber, which in turn revolutionised transportation by the development of rubber vehicle tyres.

I was shocked to see he went broke and that he never had any involvement in Goodyear apart from the fact they used his name.

Article is credited to: A Daily Dose of History

Charles Goodyear left school at age 12 to work in his father's hardware store in Connecticut. At age 23 he married Clarissa Beecher and soon afterwards the couple moved to Philadelphia, where Goodyear opened a hardware store of his own.

Goodyear was a competent merchant, but his passions were chemistry, materials science, and invention. In the late 1820s he became particularly fascinated with finding and improving practical applications for natural rubber (called India rubber). His experimentation would change the world, but Goodyear's path to success would be challenging.

In 1830, at age 29, Goodyear was suffering from health issues and his rubber experiments (which he had funded by borrowing) had not been successful. By the end of the year his business was bankrupt, and he was thrown into debtor's prison. In was an inauspicious beginning to his career as a scientist and inventor.

The principal troubles with finding commercial applications for natural rubber was that the material was inelastic and was not durable, decomposing and becoming sticky depending on temperature. Goodyear was determined to find a chemical solution to overcome those issues, beginning his experiments while in jail. After numerous failures, his breakthrough came when he tried heating the rubber together with sulphur and other additives. In 1843 he wrote a friend, "I have invented a new process of hardening India rubber by means of sulphur and it is as much superior to the old method as the malleable iron is superior to cast iron. I have called it Vulcanization."

Goodyear filed his patent application for vulcanized rubber on February 24, 1844 (one hundred seventy-nine years ago today) and the patent was issued four months later. It is thanks to vulcanization that rubber can be used to make tires, shoe soles, hoses, and countless other items. It was one of the most profoundly important technological achievements of the 19th century.

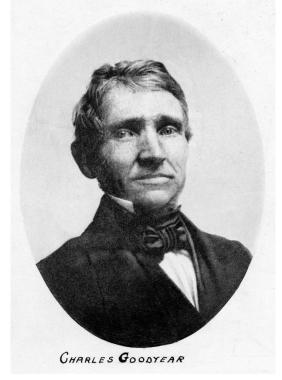
So, Charles Goodyear became wealthy as a result? Unfortunately, no. He continued to struggle financially for the rest of his life, embroiled in litigation with other inventors over the validity of his patent, preventing him from profiting from it. Meanwhile, his wife Clarissa contracted tuberculosis and much of the family's income was devoted to her medical expenses and extensive travel in search of a cure. Clarissa died in 1848 at age 39, leaving six children, between the ages of 4 and 17.

At age 54, while still struggling to defend his patents and commercialize his invention, Goodyear married 40-year-old Mary Starr (who had not previously been married) and the couple would go on to have two children together. It too was a happy marriage, but Goodyear was not destined to long enjoy it.

Suffering the adverse effects of years of exposure to dangerous chemicals, Goodyear collapsed at a hotel in New York City on July 1, 1860, dying later that day. At the time of his death, he was 59 years old, penniless, and deeply in debt.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, founded in Akron, Ohio by Frank Seiberling nearly 40 years later, was named in honour of Charles Goodyear. Neither Charles Goodyear nor anyone in his family was connected with the company.

Reflecting on Goodyear's achievements, the historian Samuel Eliot Morrison wrote, "The story of Goodyear and his discovery of vulcanization is one of the most interesting and instructive in the history of science and industry." But, as he added, "It is also an epic of human suffering and triumph, for Goodyear's life was one of almost continuous struggle against poverty and ill health." Goodyear himself was philosophical about his failure to achieve financial success, writing that he was not disposed to complain that he had planted, and others had gathered the fruit. "The advantages of a career in life should not be estimated exclusively by the standard of dollars and cents, as is too often done. Man has just cause for regret when he sows and no one reaps."





## **FOR SALE**



Long time ACE member John Freeman is putting 2 of his vehicles up for sale, so he can clear some room for some new projects he has coming up.

I am sure a tear will be shed when these leave the stable.

Below is (Vintage) 1926 Citroen B12 Tourer, body number 156741.



This was a complete restoration project for John, and it took him around 2 years complete. It was done to a very exacting and high standard.

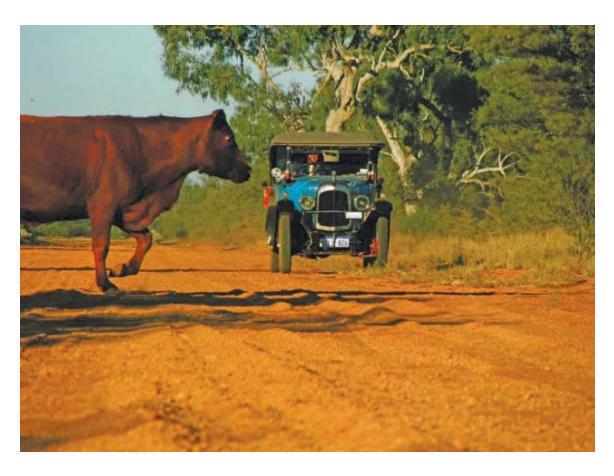
Once the B12 restoration was completed, John drove it across to Victoria, to attend CIT-IN.

Not one mechanical issue came up on the trip over to Victoria or the return journey to Perth. This shows the very high standard this vehicle was restored to.













For those that are interested in owning a piece of motoring history I suggest you contact John Freeman on PH 08 9354 3938 at the earliest opportunity. As quality like this finds a new home very fast.

John is looking for \$24,000.00 for the B12 Tourer

The Tourer is licenced and currently on Club plates.

For those with a keen eye, no, the dog does not come with the Tourer.

## Below is 1970 Citroen ID19B



I don't have a lot of detail on this vehicle but I believe its in pretty reasonable shape and even has new tyres all round.

Again if you are wanting a piece of motoring history, this is your chance.

Pick up the phone and call John Freeman directly and get all the details.

John is looking for \$14,200.00.

John Freeman PH 08 93543938

Perth WA



## **JUST FOR LAUGHS**











"I agree, Mr. Richards, there is a special bond between a man and his dog, but could you at least try and see why Mary has a problem with it?"

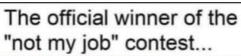










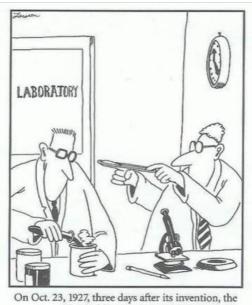






"The WiFi passsword is: 'buysomethingorgetout'."





first rubber band is tested.





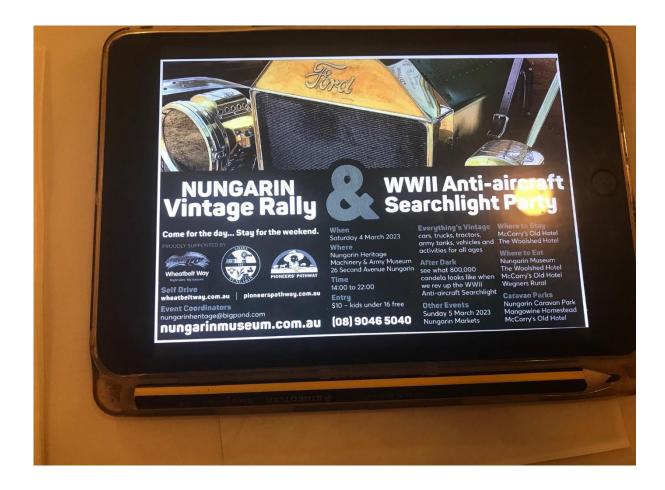






## **FUTURE EVENTS**





Nungarin Vintage Rally and Anti-Aircraft Search Light Party

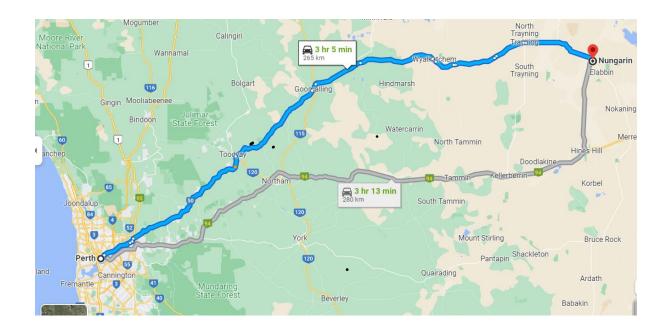
For those that are wanting to get out of town next weekend and try something different. Get out to the wheatbelt and have a look around.

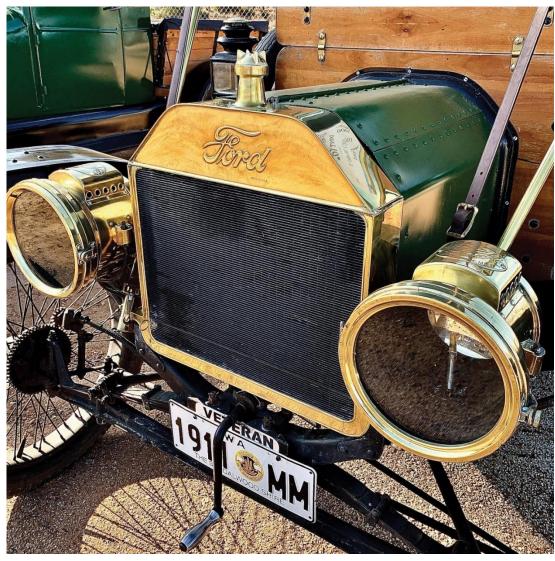
Head to Nungarin and check out the museum and they will be lighting up a World War 2 Anti-Aircraft Search Light.

Saturday 4th March 2023

Time: 2.00pm until 10pm

https://nungarinmuseum.com.au/







SUNDAY, 5 MARCH 2023 FROM 08:30-10:30 UTC+08



The University of Western Australia

If you have never been to Classic Cars and Coffee, it is a must do event on a nice Sunday morning.

Entry is free if you just want to walk around and view all the fantastic cars on display.

If you would like to support and enrich the event, take your car along and display it, cost is just \$10, and all money raised goes to prostate cancer research.

They love French cars, so take your car and show it off.

Great way to give the car a run on a Sunday morning and it also gives the event fresh blood with different cars turning up each month. (If you are on club plates, register the run with Jacques at <a href="mailto:ace404rego@gmail.com">ace404rego@gmail.com</a>)

You will meet some great people and see some great cars.

Its also a good starting point before you go to a Sunday bruch or a drive allong the coast.

## **CIT-IN MURRAY BRIDGE SA**

CIT-IN Murray Bridge SA is fast approaching, 17/ 20th March.

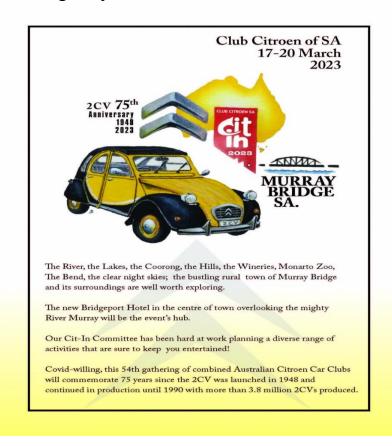
Local businesses in Murray Bridge and the surrounding areas now need that tourisim support.

CIT-IN will will see a large infux of people into town coming from all states of Australia, so that should be good for the local ecconomy.

Looks like we have a few ACE people now attending.

The post CIT-IN run from Goolwa to Renmark, is happening so will be great to see how the country is looking with all that waterallong the Murray.

I am sure SA club will do a great job.





## PERTH CLASSIC CAR SHOW 2023 / ASCOT RACECOURSE Sunday 26th March 2023

10.00am to 3.00pm

Cost: Adults \$15.00, Concession \$12.00, children under 16 are free

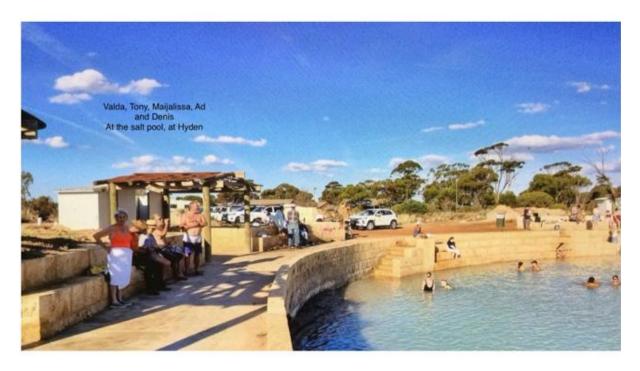
Perth's largest car show, over 100 car clubs represented.

For full information visit the web site

https://www.classiccarshow.com.au/

Ralph's Easter ACE Club wandering

This is long weekend away from the holiday crush up and down the coast. We will travel east of Perth as far as the salt pool at Wave Rock. Wave Rock is a little more than 300 km from Perth Below is a photo from last Easter at the salt pool.



It's generally lovely weather at this time of the year, with beautiful night skies like the pictures below from last year.









Thursday 6th April afternoon, we meet at Brookton caravan Park. We stay here overnight. I expect there will be a mixture of vehicles from motorhome's to 2cvs with a tent.

Friday 7th at the caravan Park we will be joined by others who find it suits them to start the trip on the Friday.

Travel in a loose convoy to Corrigin where we stay at Glynis and Brian's. Where they have "plenty of space for campers at our place plus a self contained cottage."

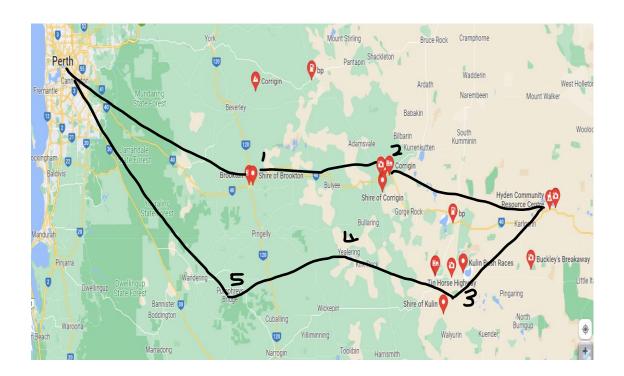
Glynis Robinson Wheatfields upholstery, 50.Campbell st Corrigin. 0427 981 577

Saturday 8th we drive to Hyden, Wave Rock and enjoy the salt pool for a most buoyant experience, wear your bathing togs please. We then turn west and head to <u>Kulin</u> where we stay overnight at the 24hr free park, right in the Main Street enjoying the local attractions and food.

Sunday we wander to <u>Yearlering</u> camping beside the lake which is a short walk to the Main Street and a nice hotel.

Monday we wander, not to Wandering, but to Pumphreys Bridge. This is a free camp with minimal facilities.

Tuesday we head north to Brookton Highway and home. The total distance covered for the long weekend will be about 700 km.



# Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Whiteman Park Motor Museum Picnic Area M Shelter Entry only from the side road Car Park 11

All day event or join us for any part ....

• **Club Drive?** — I was thinking people and their cars can meet somewhere and go together and/or find their own way ☺.

Just tee up to meet up with members in your local area.

Arrive at Whiteman Park M shelter around 10am so we can have a coffee and get set up.

• General Committee Meeting starting at 11.30 am.

If the weather is shocking, on the day, the kind manager of the Motor Museum Manager Patric O'Callaghan will provide a private area in their workshop for us to hold our meeting.

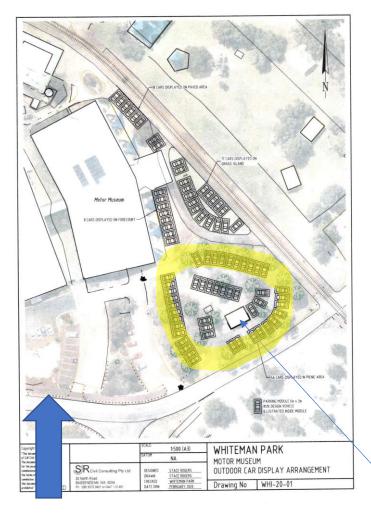
- BYO BBQ / Picnic Lunch starting around 1 pm,
- 3 pm Motor Museum Visit & followed by BYO coffee, tea and bikkies who still wish to stay for a chat.

These times are obviously very fluid, depending on weather, us getting there and organised etc. so can change at any time.

## Do's and Don'ts at the Park:

- The Park is open from 8.30 am to 6.00 pm, Drumpellier Drive entrance is open from 7.00 am, Beechboro Road entrance is open from 8.30 am.
- Entry and exit only from the side road, Car Park 11 Asterix \* on the map. (Arrow shows the entrance)
- Entry and exit to the Shelter M, only from Asterix\* on map.
- No access or parking to the forecourt of the museum or the grass island.
- Cars must be walked on by someone from the club in a high vis vest (can be supplied at reception at the museum).
- Vehicles are not permitted to drive down the village mall or drive along the tram line.

Hope you can all make it I look forward to seeing you all there.





## **Entrance**

## **CITROEN 2CV WORLD MEET SWITZERLAND**

Where: Dele'mont

When: 25th to 30th July 2023





Feel like summer in Switzerland.

For full details on this international event visit the web site

https://2cv2023.ch/event-e/history/?lang=en



It's the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corrigin Agricultural Show and we have been invited to bring our Citroens as part of their "CARS ON THE GRASS" event. 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The above poster is from last year and we will update with new version once that is available.

Cars on the Grass Corrigin is an annual display of classics of all eras as part of the Corrigin Agricultural Show.

Bringing together like-minded car / bike enthusiasts together for a casual family day out on the grass.

Having unique Trophies, Awards and give away's, but not categorized and judged to any strict format.

The spirit of cruising and displaying your ride with the possibility of collecting a prize regardless of how smicko or average your wheels may appear. (Concourse, Modified, Retro or Rat: They are all Classics deserving of attention)

Glynis and Brian Robinson have invited us along and they have plenty of room for campers and also have a self-contained stone cottage that we can use. We would really like to put on a good display for the 100<sup>th</sup> Corrigin Ag show.

Thoughts are we can do a weekend run and camp Friday and Saturday nights and home Sunday and for others it may be more suitable to arrive Saturday camp over Saturday and Sunday.

Some members may just want to go for the day as Corrigin is only 100klm. We want to get as many club cars as possible to attend.

Fuller details will evolve over the coming months but save the date **9**<sup>th</sup> **September 2023** in your diaries = Corrigin.













## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR





A great club magazine is one with plenty of member participation, stories, requests, and personality.

Members, please advise of any car shows or car swap meets in 2023 or anything thing else that you wish to see in your magazine.

ACE Members please send in your stories, let us know of any rebuild project or raid preparation projects, so we can do a news story and share the experience.

In addition, any for sale/give away/swap/ wanted ads please submit in word format with some photos in a separate email.

Also, any good maintenance stories or helpful tips to share with other members.

Anything you want to see in your magazine, like articles on Citroen Models / Model History / Engine History etc.

Let us know and we will see what we can come up with.

It is your magazine let us know what you want to see in it.

## **Maintenance tip**

The editor had to change out his clutch on his 2CV this week and understood the importance of getting the clutch plate centred.

Using a ½" drive 6inch extension worked perfectly as the clutch alignment tool.













Engine out and new clutch fitted, it was all pretty straight forward.

Thoroughly cleaned out gearbox bell housing and put a dab of grease on input shaft and on Flywheel spigot bearing.

Lifted engine on ratchet strap hoist, lined it up with gearbox and it went straight together, and I thought how easy is this!

Bolted up engine to the gearbox.

Then I saw the new clutch throw out bearing still sitting on the table!!!!! I had not fitted it, so engine out again.

Moral of the story always check twice and don't get ahead of yourself and don't get distracted by phone calls.

I felt like this guy below.





## **GENERAL MEETING**



## APRIL 18th GENERAL MEETING AGENDA:

- 1. Present, Guests, and Apologies
- 2. Amendments and the Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting
- 3. Business arising from previous minutes.
- 4. Secretaries Report
- 5. Treasurers Report
- 6. New Members
- 7. Past Events Report
- 8. Future Events
- 9. General Business
- 10. Request for motions for next meeting

## The next Meeting is Tuesday April 18th and is a Picnic meeting at Whiteman Park

Bring along a picnic, friends, and guests more than welcome. There are BBQs avail and we have booked an undercover Gazebo area. It's a lovely location, and we can park all the cars in a display area right next to us.

Friends and guests are always very welcome.

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 **Cancelled as most of committee are away.**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 **WA Motor Museum Whiteman Park (Picnic & General Meeting)**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 **Kalamunda Hotel, 43 Railway Road, Kalamunda** 

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