



Veteran Car Club of South Australia
2nd Annual Two Day Rally
“Dr. Shone’s Veteran Tonic”
Strathalbyn, South Australia
2 – 3 April 2011

<http://vccsa.org.au/strathalbyn>

INFORMATION SHEET

About the Club

The Veteran Car Club of South Australia, Inc., caters for motor cars, motor cycles and other motor vehicles built prior to 1919. With over 100 members, the club meets at 8 PM on the first Wednesday of the month at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club. New members and visitors will be made most welcome.

About the Event

For the second time our Annual Two-Day Rally will be held in historic Strathalbyn on April 2 and 3, 2011. There are two starting points for the event:

- Those driving down from Adelaide will assemble from 8:30 Saturday morning at the Blackwood Station car park, just east of the railway line on Main Road. From the Blackwood roundabout, follow Main Road east towards Coromandel Valley, and turn left into the car park *immediately* after crossing the railway line. The rally will leave the car park at 9:00 sharp, and proceed via Clarendon and Meadows (short break) to Strathalbyn, to arrive by 11:30. There are a number of hills along the scenic route between Blackwood and Strathalbyn, but all should be routinely negotiated by a well-fettled veteran vehicle. There are no traffic lights, and only nominal traffic along the 50 km route.
- The alternative rally start is in Strathalbyn: this may be more suitable for low powered machines or machines arriving by trailer. We will assemble in Strathalbyn at the Showgrounds/Oval, enter from Ashbourne Rd or Coronation Rd, any time from 9 AM on Saturday morning. We will use the Football Club Rooms for our base, where Company, Information, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Shelter and Toilets will be available at most times on the weekend. For those starting in Strathalbyn on Saturday morning, there will be a short run leaving at 10:30 AM, or a choice of “trial routes” for you to stretch the legs of your vehicle.

Regardless of starting point, all vehicles will assemble at the Showgrounds/Oval in Strathalbyn around 11:30, and will be on public display until 1:30 when we leave for a run to the wine region of Langhorne Creek and beyond (approx. 50 km total), returning in good time for the Rally Dinner on Saturday evening. This part of the event will be essentially flat, and very suitable for even the most feeble veteran vehicle.

On Sunday morning we will again take to the road for a 50 km run around the area, with a stop for morning tea at the beautiful Currency Creek winery, returning to Strathalbyn by about 1PM, where the vehicles will again be on public display before we disperse.

At 2.00 PM, those returning to Adelaide will depart for home. An additional, but informal, short run (25 km) will be organised around the local area for those staying a little longer in Strathalbyn.

About Strathalbyn

Strathalbyn is one of the prettier towns on the Fleurieu Peninsula, 50 km south east of Adelaide. Famous for the antique shops along the High Street, the town sits astride the Angus River and offers a lovely central park and numerous historic buildings. The town is located where the hills meet the Murray River flats, and is an ideal base for exploring the Fleurieu Peninsula, lower Murray lakes, the wineries of Langhorne Creek, and the popular ocean strip between Goolwa and Victor Harbor.

Vehicles

The Rally is designed to cater for ALL veteran vehicles, regardless of age or performance. If you have a choice, please consider bringing your oldest and most feeble veteran! If you don't presently have a veteran vehicle on the road, feel free to join us anyway, but please understand if you are asked to park elsewhere when the rally vehicles are on display in Strathalbyn. We will do our best to find seating in veteran cars for those without a vehicle who would like to sample the joys of veteran motoring.

Parking and Security

Secure parking for trailers or cars will be available in a locked fenced yard adjacent to the Showgrounds and only a short walk from the centre of town. More details later.

Rally Dinner

The Rally Dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Strathalbyn on the Saturday night, 6:30 for 7:00. Three courses with a choice of mains for \$22. Use the entry form to book and pay by March 18; please advise if you have any special dietary requirements. Partners, friends and visitors are of course welcome, and in keeping with the informal style of the event dress will be neat casual.

Entering the Event

The Rally is open to members of the Veteran Car Club of South Australia, Inc., and veteran enthusiasts from other clubs. The Entry Form and other rally information is available at the VCCSA website <http://vccsa.org.au/strathalbyn> . Please use the form if you are entering a vehicle, or for booking the Rally Dinner and Sunday morning tea. Closing date for entries is Friday 18th March. Payment can be made by mail, or at the March monthly meeting. To help with organisation, please enter as soon as you are able to finalise your plans.

Accommodation Suggestions

Rally attendees are responsible for organising their own accommodation. Because of the success of last year's event, accommodation at the Strathalbyn Motel (4 North Parade, Strathalbyn, phone (08) 8536 3311, website <http://www.strathmotel.com.au>) quickly booked out this year. As of this week (23 February - 5 weeks to go!) the other two pubs in town offering accommodation are also full: the Rally Dinner venue, the Victoria Hotel, 16 Albyn Terrace, Strathalbyn (overlooking the main park in the centre of town: phone (08) 8536 2202 or visit their website <http://www.victoriahotelstrathalbyn.com.au>) and the Robin Hood Hotel, High St, Strathalbyn, (08 8536 2608), so you may need to be creative in your search for accommodation.

There is and a caravan park (Strathalbyn Caravan Park (08) 8536 3681). Other options include many B&Bs in Strathalbyn (self contained B&Bs include Gasworks B&B (08) 8536 4291; Strathalbyn B&B (08) 8536 4537 and Wild Berry Cottage (08) 8278 6022; hosted B&Bs include Almond Grove B&B (08) 8536 3069; Watervilla B&B (08) 8536 4099 and Hamilton House (08) 8536 4990) and in the nearby countryside. If you get stuck, there may still be accommodation available at Milang (15 km from Strathalbyn) at the Milang Lakeside Motel (08) 8537 0090 and the Milang Lakeside Caravan Park (08) 8537 0282., or maybe even try the pub at Langhorne Creek. Mount Barker is 25 km from Strathalbyn and may still have rooms available.

Further Information

Hopefully this sheet tells you most of what you need to know to join us for a "Veteran Tonic" in Strathalbyn in April! Book your accommodation, fill in your entry form, send in your money and we'll see you when you get there. We will supply more information as the Rally date approaches, but in the meantime keep an eye on the website <http://vccsa.org.au/strathalbyn> . If you need more information about the Rally itself, contact the Secretary, VCCSA by email at secretary@vccsa.org.au or by mail at 3 Malcolm Street, Millswood SA 5034. If you need help with accommodation, or would like more information about the Strathalbyn region, contact the Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre by phone 1300 007 842 or by email strathalbynvic@alexandrina.sa.gov.au .