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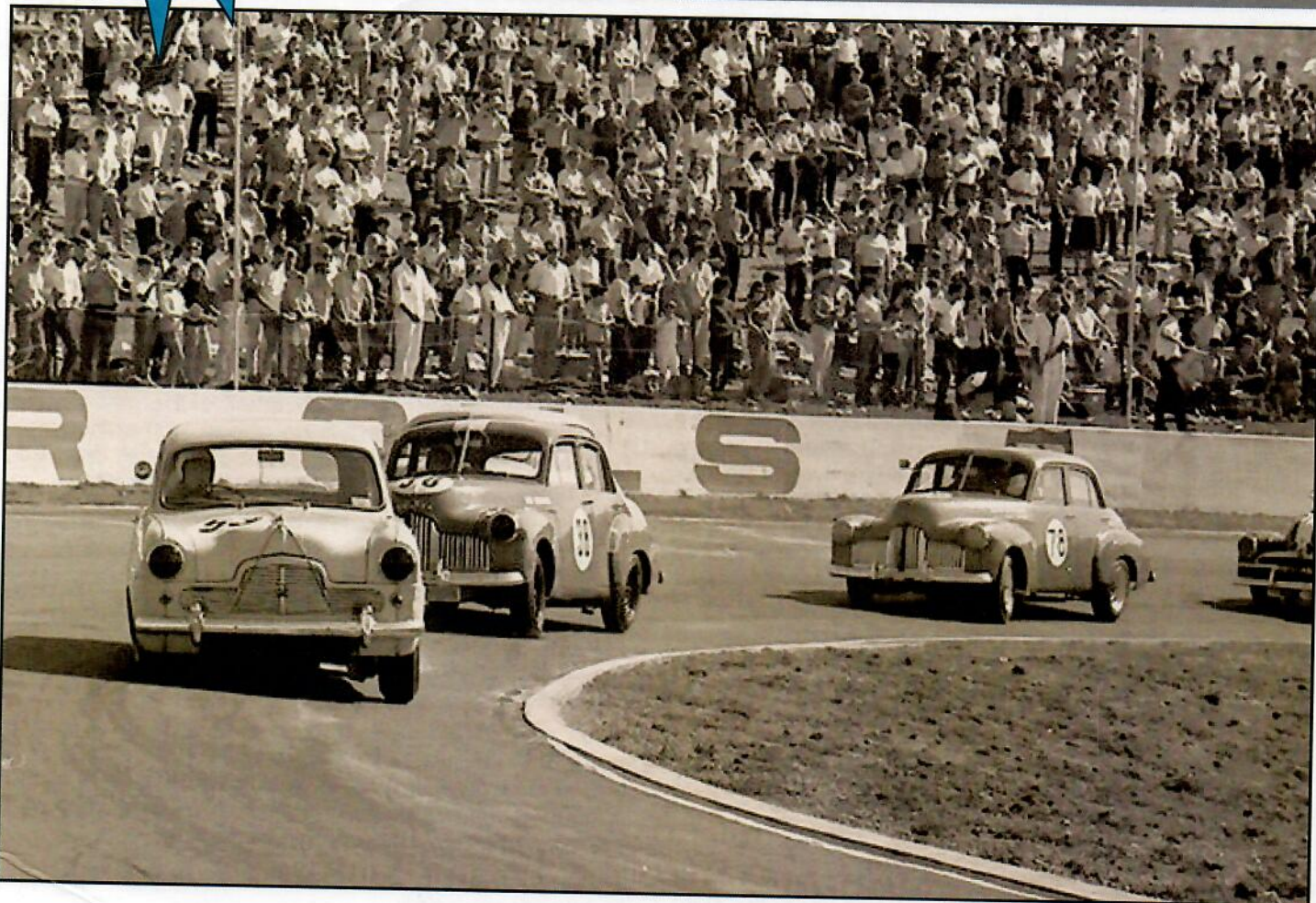
Tuesday, 13th November 2012

8:00pm

"The Garage"

Sydney Motorsport Park

Feature  
Formula Vees at  
Wakefield



# When Historics Ruled

# President's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members that attended and sent in proxies for the AGM. It was heartening to see a well attended meeting and also welcoming to see some new blood on the committee. I believe that we have the people and the enthusiasm to continue to raise the profile of the club as well as the social fabric and if we continue to show respect for both competitors and cars on the track we will continue to have even better race meetings.

I would like to thank the committee members for their assistance and can-do attitude for the past year and David Roberts, who could so easily have walked away as the past president, has provided advice, most of which I listened to, and has taken on the role of Competition Manager and HSRCA registrar. David Wheatley has stepped up to the role of Vice President and takes over from Phil Taylor who assisted whenever asked and set himself the task of bakery provider for our BBQ's as well as looking after and transporting the club trailer with help from Marilyn.

Welcome to Chris Collett, Ray Dean, Laura Kennedy and Wayne Rogerson who as EO will now become a member of the committee. Andrew Pursey has stepped down not only from committee but from some of his other duties. Andrew is another of those selfless individuals that provide so much of their time not only to our club but to the Motorsport fraternity in general and the CAMS in particular. His input has always been constructive and forthright and will be missed. Julie Williams has done a great job with the magazine and this has drawn favourable comment from a number of people outside our club. We will have a new format in the New Year, which will help Jules with the production.

## **Presentation Dinner / Christmas Party**

When I first discussed this idea with the committee and then the membership we looked at the number that a combined event would attract. Based on 160 members we thought that maybe half would attend and bring a partner or maybe pit crew so we worked on 160. Needless to say that we have probably suffered in some way from the economy and the lack of social events that the club has conducted in the past. We still have 120 going and that includes some guests that have been invited to speak and help with the presentation. Colin and Robyn Bond, Charles Jardine, Tony O'Donnell, Evan Jones and Ken Brigden as a life member will be a guest of the club. Chevron Publishing have donated some sensational prizes including the latest 50 Years of Touring Car Racing in Australia worth \$100.00 each.

The trophies have been organised and as advised earlier in the year there will be a full range of class trophies for the years racing as well as some extras.

## **Raffle**

Please make an effort to have your tickets returned as it is a pain in the A to pull them apart and fold up on the night of the draw.

## **Wakefield Park 27-28 Oct. Vee Nationals.**

From all reports a great meeting, no incidents, good racing as well as a great BBQ....Thanks Laura for making the effort to travel down (seeing as how you weren't racing) and the guys who pitched in and helped. 23 entries meant that our effort as Category manager meant we made a few bucks for the treasury, learnt some lessons on what not to do and

had really good feedback from the F Vee Association who say we are welcome next time.

Thanks to Chris Collett for his efforts as grid marshal, this was appreciated by F Vee also. 5 wins for Wayne Rogerson cemented his position as Club Champion 2012.

## **HSRCA**

I had a disappointing phone call from Peter Addison, organiser of Tasman Revival, about the lack of entries from our club and that he was disappointed that we were not supporting the HSRCA. I advised Peter that perhaps a high entry fee, the manner in which some concerns were addressed at the last event, and that as we had only one race on the Sunday.. at 4.00pm.. maybe our competitors felt that there were reasonable grounds they wouldn't enter. As we sent reminders out to members on no less than 3 occasions we could hardly be accused of not supporting the HSRCA.

## **Club LOGO**

The committee feels that our logo is not all that it should be and this has been the main reason we have not gone ahead with new club clothing. We are looking at a range of logos and in the interests of democracy the short list will be published in the magazine for comment. We would like to have T's Polos Hats and Club Jackets for the 2013 season so your input will be sought. Don't complain about decisions taken if you couldn't be bothered contributing.

## **Pointscore 2013.**

We will ask for input on possibly running a fixed 6 round pointscore and not running 7 rounds and dropping your worst result. This may free up the calendar for some other events and possibly take advantage of the FOSC one day meetings.

## **MCM 2013**

I mentioned in the last magazine the possibility of MCM 2013 as a feature event for Group N. This has received so much positive response from other clubs, ARDC and Chevron that it will definitely go ahead. 150 entries may be the cut off because of the number of races involved. As of now we are looking at Nb 50-55 Nc Under 3litre

50-55 Nc Over 3 litre 50-55 We are not excluding Na however it will be dependent on the number of entries.

We will await confirmation of which circuit will be used before confirming grids and priority will be given to those competitors that competed in 2012. It is likely that we will ask for expressions of interest at least 2 months before the MCM entries open and a deposit required.

That's about it from me and I am looking forward to a great night on the 10<sup>th</sup>. One last bit, the Victorians have invited me to their Xmas party so I can at least see if all the rumours of the debauchery Chris Ralph, Jervis Ward and the rest of the reprobates get up to are true.

A highly intelligent and well respected person known for his humility once said;

There are 3 important things that are critical to enjoying motor racing.

PREPARATION, PREPARATION and PREPARATION.

*Cheers, Marc Ducquet*

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# 2012 AGM & October General Meeting Minutes

Next General Meeting, Tuesday 13th November 2012  
"The Garage" Sydney Motorsport Park. Call me on  
0409 161 357 if you need directions. Jules

## Minutes AGM 9th October 2012

**Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 9th October 2012.**

The meeting commenced at **8:00 pm**.

**Attendance:** As per attendance book.

**Apologies:** C. Dubois, T. Williams, T. Thompson,  
R. Clarke, M. Kennedy, B. Hobson.

**New Members:** Nil

**Visitors:** L. Wilton

**2011 AGM Minutes:** As published in Action Line

**Accepted:** W. Rogerson

**Seconded:** G. Toepfer

**Matters Arising:** Nil

**Secretary's Report:** 170 financial members; 9 did not renew, but we have 9 new members. 2011 saw the introduction of the E-magazine.

**Accepted:** L. Walker

**Seconded:** D. Truelove

**Treasurer's Report:** As tabled by C. Gabriel.

C. Gabriel asked for a vote if members wanted to have the financial records audited this year. End of year report was published in the October issue of *Action-Line*.

**Motion:** No auditor to be appointed

**Carried ;** By majority

**Accepted:** T. Ducquet

**Seconded:** D. Truelove

**President's Report:** M Ducquet thanked the Committee for their support during the year. He then handed the meeting to the Returning Officer for the election of the 2013 Committee, Andrew Pursey.

A. Pursey advised the meeting that he would not stand for re-election to the 2013 Committee.

### **President:**

Nominations: M. Ducquet - elected unopposed

### **Vice President:**

Nominations: D. Wheatley - elected unopposed

### **Secretary:**

Nominations: J. Williams - elected unopposed

### **Treasurer:**

Nominations: C. Gabriel - elected unopposed

### **General Committee:**

Nominations: P. Taylor - elected unopposed  
M. Kennedy - elected unopposed  
W. Rogerson - elected unopposed  
C. Collett - elected unopposed  
I. Johnson - elected unopposed  
R. Dean - elected unopposed

**AGM Closed 8:12pm**

## Minutes of October 2012 General Meeting

**General Meeting: Tuesday 9th October 2012.** The meeting commenced at **8:00 pm**.

**Attendance:** As per attendance book.

**Apologies:** C. Dubois, T. Williams, T. Thompson,  
R. Clarke, M. Kennedy, B. Hobson.

**New Members:** Nil

**Visitors:** Nil

**September Minutes:** As published in Action Line

**Accepted:** W. Rogerson

**Seconded:** G. Toepfer

**Matters Arising:** Nil

**Secretary's Report:** 170 financial members; 9 did not renew, but we have 9 new members. 2011 saw the introduction of the E-magazine.

**Accepted:** L. Walker

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**Treasurer's Report:** As tabled by C. Gabriel.

**Accepted:** T. Ducquet

**Seconded:** D. Truelove

**HSRCA:** D. Roberts. AGM on Wednesday 20th October. Still accepting entries for the Tasman Revival up to 26 October.

**ARDC: D. Roberts.** ARDC have a track day on 19th October at SMP, South Circuit. Free to ARDC members.

**CAMS:** Andrew Pursey. M. Ducquet advised the meeting that following his report at this meeting, A. Pursey will not longer be the CSMS delegate for HTCA NSW. He thanks A. Pursey for all his work during his time as CAMS delegate.

A Pursey reported that at the last CAMS meeting it was reiterated that there are still not enough officials volunteering for events. The CAMS Young Officials Programme has commenced with the four new officials attending a race meeting at SMP. He reported that they were introduced to several aspects of volunteering, and were very enthusiastic. He stated he will remain on the State Officiating Panel, which will be working harder this next year to recruit new officials.

The CAMS State elections are underway to elect the Chairman of the Executive, the Deputy Chair and members of the State Executive.

**Eligibility:** W. Rogerson reported on recent eligibility inspections.

**CMC:** J. Williams reported that the CMC is organising a tour to Goodwood in 2014. Delegates voted the Great Lakes Historic Auto Club onto Council in September and a vote is to take place in November for the Port Stephens Classic Auto Club. To join Council.

**Presentation Night: 10th November 2012.** Chevron Publishing is providing DVD's for the presentations. There will be spot prizes involving tickets numbers. A Powerpoint presentation will be provided by L. Kennedy, D. Kennedy & T. Ducquet. The ticket price includes 3-course meal, beer & wine.

## Minutes of October 2012 General Meeting

**Competition Reports:** D. Roberts has taken on the job of providing race reports for the magazine.

**MCM 2013:** M. Ducquet advised the meeting that approval has been given for MCM 2013 to be called The Historic Touring Car Challenge, with Group N being the featured event. He is currently searching for a naming-rights sponsor for \$30,000.

He will approach the NSW Department of Tourism for \$10,000 for the event. He expects that CAMS will give approval for windscreen signage. There will be around \$7,500 for trophies.

Nb will run as Division 1 & 2. Nc will be over and under 3 or 3.5 litres, depending on numbers. He is unsure if the event will be run on the new circuit.

There will be a presentation / function on the Saturday following racing. He stated the club may offer fuel subsidies to attract interstate competitors. Depending on the ARDC expected increase in fees, the club will do its best to keep entry fees as low as practicable.

He called for a couple of members to assist on a Steering Committee for the event. Scott Fleming, Greg Toepfer, Phil Taylor and Lionel Walker volunteered to assist. Meeting will take place every 3 months.

### General Business:

P. Knott gave the meeting a report on his recent trip to the Goodwood Festival in the UK. He spoke of how touring car races are conducted over there. He likened the racing to what it was like in Australia back in the 1960's. He encouraged the members to take the trip.

D. Roberts suggested members take a look at Grant Paterson's (photographer) website. He has 500+ images on there from Goodwood.

M. Ducquet advised the meeting that there will be no under 3litres at Phillip Island in March 2013.

M. Ducquet asked for volunteers to assist Laura Kennedy when running BBQs at events.

D. Roberts passed on a message from Ralph Clarke who was very grateful for the members and their wives who attended his wife's funeral recently.

D. Roberts reported on the recent FoSC event at SMP on the Southern Circuit. He reported that the circuit is ideal for small cars.

D. Roberts reported that the ARDC suggested clubs put together a category managed event, which will run as a support category at the State Championship. A. Pursey advised that in order to run at the State Championships we would be required to run as a State Championship category. If we wish to do this we need to move fairly quickly with a proposal to the motor race panel.

M Ducquet suggested it may be time to run a "tin top" only event.

The new logo needs to be changed. When this is completed the club will be providing attire (Polo shirts, collared shirts & jackets) for sale.

A. Mayne asked a question regarding points for flagging at events. Should all competitors be compelled to flag at, at least one event per year?



D. Roberts stated that he was approached at the recent FoSC meeting by Na stating that at HSRCA meetings they are lumped in with the J,K & L categories because there are too few runners to form a full grid.. He has spoken with HSRCA's Competition Manager who is happy for them to run with Sa & Sb in the future.

D. Roberts spoke of an issue at MCM regarding electric eater pumps and stated that several members are preparing a proposal that they may be used as an auxiliary water pump. A short discussion ensued.

**Raffle:** Not recorded

**Meeting closed at 9:05 pm**

## HSRCA Registrar's Report

As of 29/10/12 there are 9 entrants [mostly from interstate] for Group N at the Tasman Revival which is less than a month away. [23rd, 24th, and 25th Nov.] Late entries are still being accepted and entrants are assured that there will definitely be a category and races for our group.

HSRCA's 2013 calendar has been announced and the 4 dates and venues are

- First 2013 Meeting 23rd & 24th February at Wakefield Park
- Winter HSRCA 29th & 30th June at Sydney Motor Sport Park
- Spring HSRCA 28th & 29th September at Wakefield Park
- 23rd & 24th November at Sydney Motor Sport Park.

Check the HSRCA website photos from MCM 2012 at: <http://www.hsrca.com/2012/10/photo-gallery-muscle-car-masters/>

The next HSRCA General Meeting is at 8.00 PM on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**David Roberts**

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## Stop Press

It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of Marc Ducquet's father, Alan, on Tuesday 29th October at the age of 88 following a long illness.

Alan was known around the race tracks during 1950's and 60's as "Mr Spark Plug". He acquired the nickname because of his uncanny ability to "read" the tune of an engine. As a kid Marc followed dad around the tracks and as a result met some of racings "greats", and caught the bug.....the rest is history.

I'm sure I speak for all the members Marc, in offering our sincere condolences for your loss. **Jules**



# Historic Touring Car Association of NSW Inc

## 2012 Pointscore

Points are awarded to financial members only, and cover the three categories, Na, Nb, Nc. The six best results will determine the final outcome. Class placings (as per CAMS Manual) are awarded points as follows;

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6+ starters	18	15	12	9	6	3
5 starters	17	14	11	8	5	
4 starters	15	12	9	6		
3 starters	13	10	7			
2 starters	11	8				
1 starter	9					

- Outright results count as 6+ starters (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Points are divided by the number of scratch races held at each meeting.
- 3 Points are allocated for entering and participating in a meeting
- 1 bonus point is allocated for the fastest lap in each class over the entire meeting.
- Members flagging at a pointscore round are allocated 10 points per day, subject to a maximum of 30 points
- Written notification must be received by Chris Dubois. (or at a club meeting).

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Na		Nc	
Geoff Rose	33.6	Wayne Rogerson	120.85
Nb		John Wright	67.15
Chris Collett	113.76	Stuart Follows	67
Ian Johnson	86.9	Daniel Kennedy	66
Lyn Brown	85	Daniel Cotterill	63.15
Greg Meredith	77.1	Allan Mayne	53.35
Steve Beazley	73.7	Steve Land	48.5
Colin Tierney	65.75	Chris O'Brien	47.85
Alex D'Onofrio	57.85	Pau Cameron	47.25
Brian Titheradge	55.5	Peter O'Brien	43.1
Troy Williams	54.85	Warren Wright	40.6
Andrew Bergan	52.9	Michael Anderson	40.5
Phill Taylor	44.85	John Predl	40.5
Darren Burnes	37.6	Chris Dubois	36.3
Bill Meeke	31.75	Alf Bargawana	34.5
David Gray	30.5	Cameron Worner	33.65
Lara Kennedy	30.35	Harvey Felton	29.75
Santo DiCarlo	28.1	John Harrison	28.25
Dave Probin	26.6	Allan Reid	27
David Wheatley	25.35	Paul Tierney	26.1
John Shuttle	23.75	Rod Wallace	25.75
Joe Dominello	23.25	Warren Gay	25.45
David Roberts	20	Ryan Strode	25
Dominic Truelove	19.5	Harry Bargawana	22
Rod Brincatt	16	Jason Humble	21.5
Rob Byres	15.5	Greg Toepfer	19.75
Max Ullrich	15	Quentian Bland	18
Barrie Brown	14.66	Greg Luca	17.75
Paul Battersby	13.2	Michael Kennedy	17.5
Greg Toepfer	13	Bill Attard	17.5
Bob Munday	12.75	Santino Di carlo	17
Phil Yakas	12.5	Allen Burke	16.35
Ben Wilkinson	12.5	Ian Wilks	16
Steve Pitman	10.5	Phillip woodbridge	15.4
Graham Russell	10	Greg Schwenke	15.25
Robert Ingram	9.2	Jerry Lenstra	15
Phil Barrow	8.5	John Burke	15
Bob Hayden	6.6	Grame Hill	15
Ben Tebbutt	6.5	Laurie Donaher	13
Cameron Schofield	6.16	Tony Land	11.5
Ralph Clarke	4.4	Brett Hobson	11
John Tight	4.33	Jared Cox	11
Scott Fleming	4	Ross Muller	9.25
		Marc Ducquet	9
		John Bourke	9
		Wayne Potts	9
		Ian Sawtell	8.5
		Grame Russel	8.5
		Jason Foley	8.2
		Noel Roberts	7.2
		Alexander Bland	6
		Fred Brain	4.5
		Vince Macri	3
		Steve Shepard	3

Overall Top 10	
Wayne Rogerson	120.85
Chris Collett	113.76
Ian Johnson	86.9
Lynn Brown	85
Greg Meredith	77.1
Steve Beazley	73.7
John Wright	67.15
Stuart Follows	67
Daniel Kennedy	66
Colin Tierney	65.75



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## Competition Calendar 2012 / 13

### 2012

Tasman Revival - 22nd - 25th November - Sydney Motorsport Park

### 2013

HSRCA	- 23rd & 24th February	- Wakefield Park
FoSC	- 29th - 31st March	- Easter at Wakefield Park
FoSC	- 1st June	- One Day Meeting, Sydney Motorsport Park
HSRCA	- 29th & 30th June	- Sydney Motor Sport Park
FoSC	- 10 & 11 August	- Back-to-Back one day meetings at SMP South Circuit
HSRCA	- 28th & 29th September	- Wakefield Park
HSRCA	- 23rd & 24th November	- Sydney Motor Sport Park.
FoSC	- 7th & 8th December	- Back-to-Back one day meetings at SMP South Circuit

**Pointscore rounds are yet to be decided, so watch this space in December issue for more information.**

## Where Are They Now?



I was cleaning out my filing cabinet last week and found an envelope full of photos that Donnie Titcume gave me a long while ago, and which I had forgotten that I had.

I remember Don handing them to me and saying "I wonder where they are now?" Hence the title of this little trip down nostalgia lane. I will run a few photos each month until they have all been published. The track brings back memories for me.....it's where I did my driver training with Peter Finlay and was the scene for my first drive around a race track.

*Jules*



# FoSC

FESTIVAL OF SPORTING CARS

We can now officially announce that we will be conducting a number of meetings in 2013 – on top of the annual Easter Wakefield Park event. Namely, with a new concept of one-day meetings, like the one in September this year that proved so successful, PLUS a

couple of **back-to-back one-day** meetings. This means we're offering you the chance to enter for **one or two** days, so now you'll be able to match your family time and competition budget to our FoSC calendar by entering either Saturday or Sunday – or both! If you're new to FoSC, or the circuit, it's also a great way to familiarise yourself and find "your groove".



**29 – 31 March 2013:**

Easter meeting - Wakefield Park

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

**1 June 2013:**

One-day meeting - SMP South Circuit

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013

**10 & 11 August 2013 (Back to Back):**

One-day meeting – SMP South Circuit

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013

One-day Meeting – SMP South Circuit

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013

**7 & 8 December 2013 (Back to Back):**

One-day Meeting – SMP South Circuit

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013

One-day Meeting – SMP South Circuit

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013

**My Best Regards**

**Charles Jardine**





# Towing Trailers : Things You Should Know

Towing a trailer requires additional knowledge and skill. All trailers, including caravans, affect the performance of the towing vehicle. They affect fuel consumption, acceleration, braking ability, general control and manoeuvrability.

These effects worsen as the size and weight of the trailer increase relative to that of the towing vehicle. The extra length and width can be hard to manage, with wind, road roughness and passing vehicles having a greater effect than on the vehicle alone. This puts additional responsibilities on a driver.

The information in this brochure applies to vehicles not exceeding 4.5 tonne gross vehicle mass (GVM).

Towing more than one trailer at a time is not allowed. Nobody is allowed to ride in trailers or caravans.

When towing and driving on a road without street lights, drive at least 60 metres behind heavy vehicles or other vehicles towing trailers, unless overtaking.

Learner drivers and learner and provisional motorcycle riders are not allowed to tow. P1 car licence holders can tow small trailers with up to 250 kg of unloaded weight.

## The Driver:

Driving with a trailer takes practice. Remember:

- \* Allow for the trailer's tendency to 'cut-in' on corners and curves.
- \* Allow longer distances for braking, overtaking and joining a traffic stream.
- \* When reversing, it is advisable to have someone outside the vehicle giving directions.
- \* Avoid sudden lane changes and changes of direction.
- \* Look further ahead than normal so you can react to changes in traffic or road conditions.
- \* Use the accelerator, brakes and steering smoothly and gently at all times.
- \* Use a lower gear when travelling downhill to increase vehicle control and reduce strain on brakes.
- \* Slow down well before entering corners and curves.

Trailers tend to jerk the back of the vehicle around and can cause sway (snaking).

If a trailer starts to sway, the vehicle's brakes should not be applied, except as an absolute last resort. If the trailer's brakes can be operated by themselves they should be applied gently, otherwise a steady speed or slight acceleration should be held if possible until the sway stops.

Take care not to hold up traffic unnecessarily.

Plan more rest stops and shorter travelling days as towing is more stressful and tiring than normal driving.

There is no specific speed restriction while towing a trailer. However, the posted speed limits must not be exceeded. Always drive to the road, traffic and weather conditions.

## Before each trip, check:

- √ Vehicle and trailer are roadworthy.
- √ All tyres are properly inflated.
- √ Trailer's wheel-bearings, suspension
- √ and brakes work properly.
- √ All lights work and safety chains are properly connected.
- √ Oil, water, brake fluid, battery and other service checks on the vehicle.
- √ At regular intervals during the trip, check:
- √ Couplings, all doors, hatches, covers and any load or equipment are still properly secured.
- √ Tyres are still properly inflated and not rubbing on suspension or body work.

If travelling to another state, check with the relevant roads authority whether there are different rules. The towing vehicle

Vehicles must be suited to the trailer. Vehicle manufacturers usually indicate in the owner's manuals the maximum weight and other features of trailers appropriate for the vehicle.

These limits should not be exceeded.

## Registration:

All vehicles must comply with all relevant standards for registration and be roadworthy at all times. Rear number plates and lights must not be obscured by the towbar when there is no trailer connected.

Towing vehicles must be properly equipped with:

- \* Towbars and couplings of a suitable type and capacity.
- \* Electrical sockets for lighting.
- \* Brake connections if the trailer is fitted with power or electric brakes.

Additionally:

- \* Extra mirrors may be needed for the towing vehicle if towing a large trailer.
- \* For vehicles with automatic transmission, an extra transmission oil cooler may be needed.
- \* Some vehicles need structural reinforcement and/or special suspension and transmission options and load-distributing devices to be able to tow heavier trailers.

## Tow Bar

A properly designed and fitted towbar is essential for towing. The rated capacity of the towbar and coupling should not be exceeded.

The towbar should be clearly and permanently marked with its:

- \* Maximum rated capacity.
- \* Make and model of the vehicle it is intended for or the
- \* manufacturer's part number.
- \* Manufacturer's name or trade mark.

This is compulsory for vehicles built after 1 January 1992. The exception is where the towbar is a permanent part of the vehicle.

Towbars must not protrude dangerously when there is no trailer connected.

## LOAD EQUALISERS

Load equalisers can be used when towing large caravans. Load equalisers:

- \* Help the vehicle retain normal suspension height
- \* and effective steering control.
- \* Transfer some of the weight from the towbar
- \* to the front and rear suspension of the vehicle.

As load equalisers may overload the towbar and its components, check with the towbar manufacturer for advice before use.

## Towing Trailers (cont'd)

### The trailer

Trailers must be a suitable size and type for their intended tasks. They must be built to meet the standards for registration. If a trailer is required to be registered it must be fitted with a rear number plate and a registration label holder and current registration label mounted as close as possible to the number plate.

### TOWING RATIO REQUIREMENT

The loaded mass of the trailer must not exceed the lesser of:

- \* Rated capacity of the towbar and tow coupling.
- \* Maximum towing capacity of the vehicle.
- \* Maximum carrying capacity of the trailer.
- \* Maximum rated carrying capacity of the tyres.

If the vehicle manufacturer has not specified the maximum towing mass, the maximum towing mass is:

- \* One and a half times the unladen mass of the towing vehicle, provided that the trailer is fitted with brakes which are connected and in working order,
- \* or the unladen mass of the towing vehicle if the trailer does not require brakes.

Vehicles with a manufacturer's gross combination mass (GCM) more than 4.5 tonne may tow in accordance with the above requirements. The GCM is the gross combination mass of the car and loaded trailer.

The minimum braking system for a trailer depends on the type of trailer, its weight and the weight of the vehicle:

- \* 0 – 750 kg loaded weight – no brakes required.
- \* 751 – 2000 kg loaded weight – braking on both wheels on at least one axle.
- \* 2001 – 4500 kg loaded weight – braking on all wheels, and an automatic breakaway system in case the trailer becomes detached from the vehicle. Brakes must be operable from the driver's seating position.

### TOWING COUPLING

All couplings:

- \* Must be strong enough to take the weight

- \* of a fully loaded trailer. Should be marked with the manufacturer's name or trade mark and rated capacity.

- \* Must be equipped with a positive locking mechanism. The locking mechanism must be able to be released regardless of the angle of the trailer to the towing vehicle.

### SAFETY CHAINS

- \* Must comply with Australian Standards.
- \* Trailers less than 2500 kg when loaded must be fitted with at least one safety chain. Trailers over 2500 kg when loaded must be fitted with two safety chains.

To prevent the front end of the drawbar from hitting the ground if the coupling is disconnected, safety chains must be:

As short as practicable and connected to the towing vehicle. Crossed over if two chains are fitted.

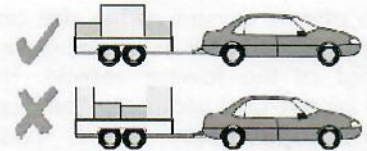
### LOADING TRAILERS

It is important that trailers are not overloaded and that loads are properly secured to or contained within the trailer:

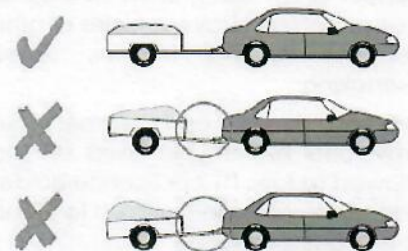
- \* A load must not project more than 150 mm beyond the trailer's width or be more than 2.5 m overall width, whichever is less.
- \* Loads that project more than 1.2 m behind a trailer must have a red flag attached to the end of the load. This flag must be at least 300 mm square and clearly visible. To avoid having an overhanging load, you should purchase a trailer that suitably contains the load.
- \* Between sunset and sunrise, or when there is insufficient daylight, a clear red light or at least two red reflectors must be fixed to the end of any projecting load.

### Overall length of the vehicle and trailer combination

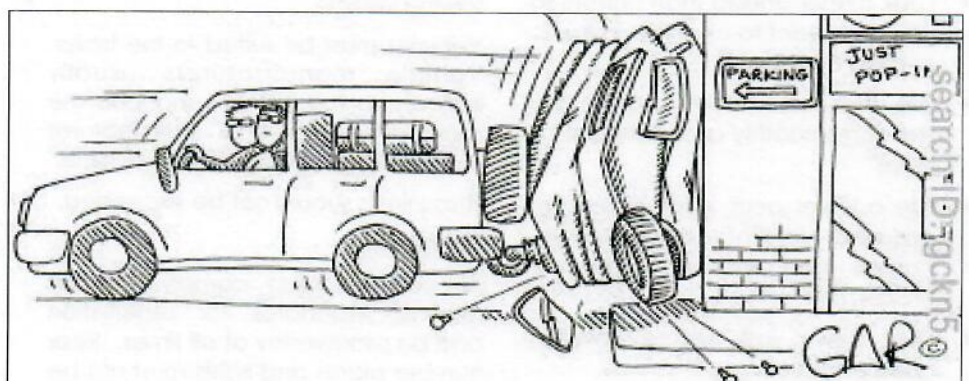
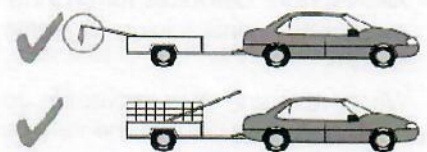
including its load must not be more than 19 m. To reduce sway, heavy loads should be concentrated towards the centre of the trailer.



Loads should be kept as low and as close as possible to the axle or axles with about 60 per cent of the total weight forward of the centre of the axle or axles. As a general rule about 5 – 10 per cent of the total mass of the trailer plus load should be supported by the vehicle through the coupling. The trailer drawbar should be level or slightly 'nose down'.



Courtesy of the RMS website at:  
<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/>



"... eh darling, have you forgotten we have the caravan with us."

# 1 November Changes to Road Rules

## NSW road rules

From 1 November 2012, a number of changes are being introduced to the NSW road rules. Many of these changes are simply to clarify existing road rules and make them easier to understand.

The changes will affect all road users, so it is important that you read and familiarise yourself with the details herein.

## Use of mobile phones

While a vehicle is moving or stationary (but not parked), a driver may only use a mobile phone to make or receive a call or use the audio playing function:

- If the mobile phone is secured in a fixed mounting; or
- If not in a mounting, use of the mobile phone must not require a driver to touch or manipulate the phone in any way.

All other functions including texting, video messaging, online chatting, reading preview messages and emailing are prohibited.

The new laws make it clear that a driver in a moving or stationary vehicle (unless parked) **MUST NOT HOLD** a phone in his or her hand other than to pass the phone to a passenger.

**Penalty: 3 demerit points (4 in a school zone) and \$298 (\$397 in a school zone)**

NOTE: Learner and Provisional P1 drivers are not allowed to use ANY function of a phone (including hands-free) while driving.

## Police and emergency services vehicles

Police and emergency service drivers may continue to use mobile data terminals in the course of their work to receive job allocations, licensing, registration and other important information.

This article does not cover all the changes.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/roadrules/index.html>

## Visual display units in motor vehicles

A visual display unit (including a mobile phone), which is being used as a driver's aid function, such as a GPS, may only be used in a motor vehicle if it is secured in a fixed mounting. This mounting must be commercially designed and manufactured for this purpose. It must be positioned in the vehicle to not distract or obscure the driver's view.

**Penalty: 3 demerit points (4 in a school zone) and \$298 (\$397 in a school zone)**

## Signalling at a roundabout

Drivers entering a roundabout and intending to turn either left or right, must give sufficient warning to other road users by signalling before entering the roundabout. The image below illustrates this.

Previously a driver had to indicate only when entering the roundabout.

When exiting a roundabout, whether turning left, right or even straight ahead, drivers must always indicate a left turn just before exiting, unless it is not practical to do so.



## CAMS Appoints New CEO

October 26, 2012

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport has today announced the appointment of Eugene Arocca as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Arocca has a distinguished career in sports administration, having recently worked as the CEO for the North Melbourne Football Club, and previously as the Chief Operating Officer for the Collingwood Football Club.

He is also a prominent lawyer, having run his own mediation business, and in his position as a Partner at Maurice Blackburn Lawyers.

Andrew Papadopoulos, President, CAMS, says Mr Arocca brings a wealth of experience to the organisation as it forges a new direction.

"The Board of CAMS is finalising a new strategy to continue to develop and enhance the position of motor sport in Australia," said Mr Papadopoulos.

"It is designed to engage with, and focus on, the needs and requirements of our current members and potential members to a much greater extent, while ensuring that motor sport remains prominent, affordable, safe and fair – we want more people enjoying more motor sport".

"CAMS also has our Ignition road safety program which we want to roll out further to many more schools around the Nation and we have a number of programs, such as the Women of Australian Motor Sport and the Young Officials programs, that we want to drive further through the community.

"Eugene brings to CAMS a great depth of knowledge and skills in sports administration. He is highly regarded in the commercial world, government and sport.

"Combined with a strong interest in motor sport, his experience and ability ensure that he is a perfect fit to take CAMS down the strategic path that the Board has set out."

CAMS is the National Sporting Authority (ASN) for motor sport in Australia, as delegated by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

The FIA and CAMS aim to ensure that motor sport is conducted in accordance with the highest standards of safety, fairness and social responsibility.



## V Nationals Group N Race Report

The weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October saw 22 Group N cars enjoying perfect weather and track conditions at Wakefield Park. Thanks to Laura Kennedy for making a special trip to provide the Saturday BBQ for our Group.

Accommodation was tight in Goulburn due to the concurrent State Netball Championships so some members slept in the "shed" whilst a collection of tents and backs of trucks provided for the snorers amongst them!

The two black RX2's [Wayne and Al] dominated the weekend with Landy putting up a good effort in the sole Capri. Andrew Bergan was hot in the Minis, followed by Joe Dominello with Chris Collett retiring due to bent valves after landing a spectacular two wheeled Fishhook.

Down the back of the field close racing was the order of the day, with no incidents reported.

I felt Dave Wheatley's 41 KPH fine for pit lane was a little overzealous!

Thanks to the Formula Vee Association for a fantastically well run weekend.

Thanks to Chris Collett for volunteering to organize the dummy gridding.

Thanks also to Chaplain Richard Cormick who has donated a PA system to the club to improve our presentations at Wakefield Park.

If a member has the trestle table from the WP shed could it please be returned?

**David Roberts**

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# Photo Gallery - Wakefield Park



# My Bit...by Jules



Hope you enjoyed the Presentation Night. I couldn't make it.....a family 'do" had me booked up for that night. If you have any photos from the event or, better still, some funny "stories" (with photos).....I would love them for the magazine. I'm always on the hunt for magazine fillers.

We're winding down to Christmas over the next couple of months so don't forget to get your renewals in by 31st December, or Santa won't be paying you a visit next year. **As always, have a laugh and drive carefully !! Jules**



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A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had eggs."

(I'm sure you're going back to read this again as this is the root of most marriage problems!!)

## Gardening from afar

An elderly Italian lived alone in Carlton.

He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

*Dear Vincent,*

*I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.*

*Love, Papa*

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

*Dear Pop,*

*Don't dig up the garden. That's where the bodies are buried.*

*Love, Vinnie*

At 4am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area, without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old man and left.

The next day the old man received another letter from his son.

*Dear Pop,*

*Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.*

*Love you, Vinnie*

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Two brooms were hanging in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married.

One broom was, of course, the bride broom, the other the groom broom.

The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo. The wedding was lovely.

After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom, 'I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!' 'IMPOSSIBLE!' said the groom broom. Are you ready for this?

Brace yourself; this is going to hurt! !! !!

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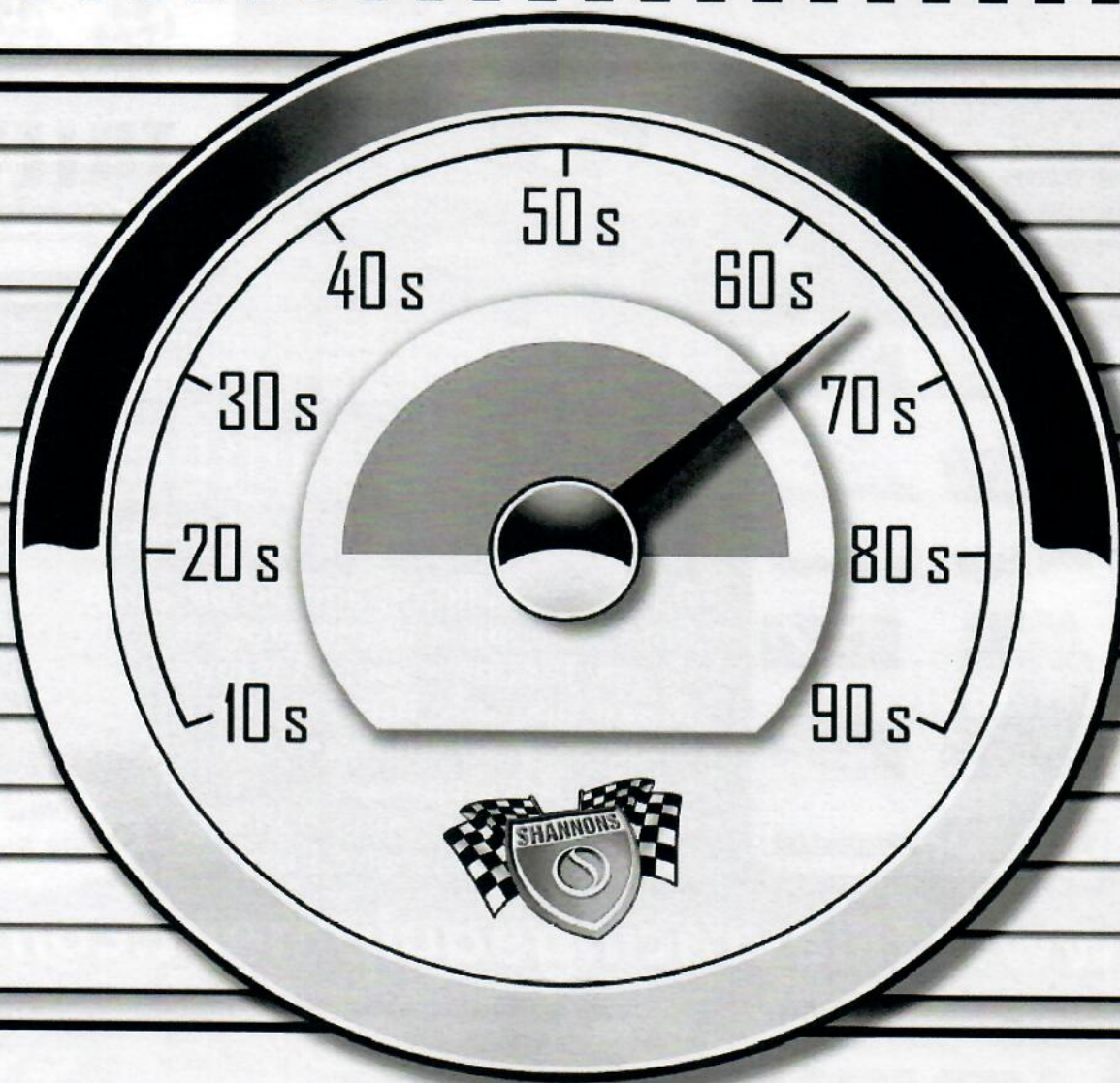
.....  
*Oh for goodness sake... Laugh, or at least groan.*

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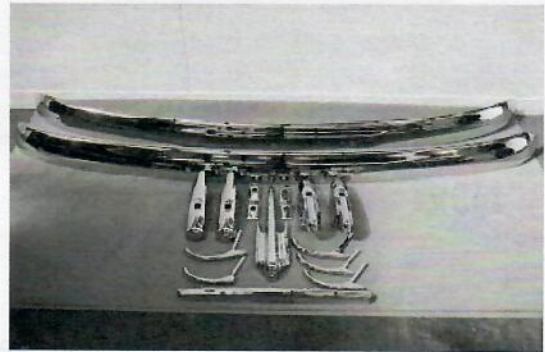
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2	Michael	Kennedy	66	Michael	Kennedy	130	Daniel	Homann
3	Dominic	Truelove	67	Victor	Waterhouse	131	<b>Vacant</b>	
4	John	Gilfillan	68	Trevor	Hutchins	132	Bob	Munday
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6	Ross	Muller	70	Wayne	Rogerson	134	John	Predl
7	John	Predl	71	Ian	Sawtell	135	Dave	Probin
8	Lionel	Walker	72	Phillip	Barrow	136	Phillip	Haynes
9	Daniel	Kennedy	73	Trent	Ducquet	137	Chris	Collett
10	Michael	Terry	74	Dick	Bryant	138	Joe	Dominello
11	Michael	Anderson	75	Ross	Donnelly	139	Lynn	Brown
12	Andrew	Bergan	76	David	Stone	140	Mark	Lenstra
13	Graham	Russell	77	Harvey	Felton	141	Brad	Harris
14	Mark	Lenstra	78	Ian	Wilks	142	James	Goldsborough
15	Jason	Foley	79	Cameron	Schofield	143	Ray	Dean
16	Stewart	Follows	80	Steve	Land	144	Geoff	King
17	Steve	Travica	81	Bruce	Stewart	145	Paul	Cameron
18	Allan	Reid	82	Cameron	Worner	146	Paul	Tierney
19	John	Sorraghan	83	Greig	Malature	147	Paul	Knott
20	David	Roberts	84	Graham	Russell	148	Mark	Oberg
21	Colin	Higgins	85	Bruce	Walker	150	<b>Vacant</b>	
22	Warren	Bossie	86	Santino	DiCarlo	151	Frazer	Roberts
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24	Bruce	Smith	88	Greg	Toepfer	153	Trent	Ducquet
25	Mark	Le Vaillant	89	John	Harrison	155	Santino	DiCarlo
26	Chris	O'Brien	90	Ray	Bailey	156	Ryan	Strode
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29	Jason	Humble	93	John	Burke	159	Laurie	Donaher
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31	Craig	Stephenson	95	Adam	John	161	Colin	Simpson
32	Bill	Callan	96	Adam	John	163	Mark	Oberg
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34	Barry	Jessop	98	Daniel	Sugden	168	Max	Hutchins
35	Grahame	Hill	99	Phil	Taylor	169	Tom	Amos
36	Paul	Truelove	100	Paul	Palmer	170	Paul	Knott
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