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tion, restoration and maintenance of their vehicles by acting as a medium of exchange for parts, ideas and information.

- To build up a library of information related to vehicles. (B)
- To encourage and sponsor social activities for the members and their families.
- (C) (D) To maintain a liaison with the people of Ipswich and so become part of the historical value of Ipswich. The IVVVC was formed in 1974 and incorporated in 1985

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New Members

Tony and Sylvia Rembisz 1928 Chevrolet

Vehicle Dating

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE GOOD OIL, DEC 2025 - JAN 2026



As 2025 draws to a close I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work during the year and also all the members for joining in our club events. I'm sure we are looking forward to another successful year in 2026.

Our October runs were to Moogerah Dam for a cuppa and then lunch at the Q Community Club for our mid-week outing. The Sunday run took us to Lowood for morning tea and afterwards we had a picnic lunch at Laidley. Our Wednesday run in November ventured out to Billies Bay for morning tea and back to the Marburg Pub for lunch. The Sunday run was to Atkinson Dam and then onwards to the Esk Grand

Hotel for lunch. Thank you very much to all our run coordinators for some great days out. There are reports and photos of these events included in this edition of our magazine.

Members have had the opportunity to attend other events including the The Samford Valley Car Show, the LAMA Invitational Rally, The Industry School Auto Experience Event, All British Day and a number of local swap meets.

The IVVVC Annual Christmas run and lunch at Brothers Leagues Club is booked for Sunday 14th December. The final payment date for cartering purposes is <u>Friday 5th December</u>. Price is \$55 per couple and \$27.50 for a single. Please remember to list your name/lunch with any bank transfers. Thanks very much to John and Gail Munro for organisng this event again.

Included in this edition is an invitation to attend our Three Day event on <u>27th – 29th March 2026.</u> Please book your accommodation at the Esk Caravan Park and advise Maurie and Wendy if you are attending.

Jenny and I had the unfortunate expericence of having our car stolen recently while away on a family trip to the Gold Coast. Luckily we had an Apple iPhone Air Tag in the car so we were able to inform the police where it was parked and it was recovered. We would certainly recommend a tracking tag as a valuable security device.

Jenny and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Christmas and a fantastic 2026. Merry Christmas,

Rob.





The Samford Valley Car Show



The Industry School Auto Experience at the Ipswich Showgrounds











DECEMBER 3rd IVVVC Midweek Run

14th IVVVC Xmas Run & Lunch

FEBRUARY 4th IVVVC Midweek Run

15th IVVVC Sunday Run

JANUARY 7th IVVVC Midweek Run

17th Fish & Chip Run (Saturday)

MARCH 4th IVVVC Midweek Run

15th IVVVC Sunday Run

OTHER CAR CLUB EVENTS (sanctioned)

LAMA – 1st Sunday & 3rd Wednesday Yamanto Café Car Display – 1st Friday

Karalee Car Display – 2nd Saturday Plainlands Meet & Greet – 3rd Friday

Cardi Gras Riverlink - 1st Saturday Run & Coffee at Harrisville at 10.00 am – Thursdays



Club Merchandise

Miscellaneous Items

Available from Property Officer Carol Bridges

IVVVC Grill Badge \$15 each
IVVVC Logo Sticker \$1.50 each
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Out and About - October 2025

It was a wonderful day out for our October Midweek Run with 76 members taking part. We set off from Cameron Park and travelled along the Cunningham Highway before winding through the Scenic Rim, passing through Peak Crossing and Kalbar with plenty of wide open country views to enjoy.





Morning Tea at Moogerah Dam was just right, with sunshine, cuppas and a few sweet treats.

















After a very pleasant time at the dam, we made our way back through Kalbar and Roadvale to the newly completed Greyhound Track Complex near Yamanto.





The restaurant at the Q Community Club provided a great lunch and there were lots of laughter and good company around the tables. The service was exceptional. We'll be back!





Many thanks to our organisers and to everyone who came along – another memorable run with good friends and beautiful cars. Photos courtesy of Jenny and Daryl.

MARCH EVENT – IVVVC WEEKEND AWAY

DRIVE ESK and SOMERSET COUNTRY

FRIDAY 27 to SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2026

You may wish to go on Thursday and stay until Monday

Please Note – Members attending should book their accommodation directly with the Esk Caravan Park as early as possible quoting the IVVVC – Ipswich Car Club - 0754 241 466

Power Van Sites: (Check in after 11 am) Cabins: (min 2 nights/check in after 2 pm)

Option: Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Motel – 0754241466

Advise Maurie or Wendy if attending

Itinerary – FRIDAY 27 March

Lunch at Brisbane Valley Roasters from 11.30 5424 1689

Check in to Esk Caravan Park and Motel

Dinner at the Esk Grand Hotel 5424 1141

Itinerary – SATURDAY 28 March – (Subject to change)

Esk Markets from 7 am - only a short stroll away

10.00 am – Meet Day Trippers in main street

Drive through Toogoolawah and continue to Kilcoy

Lunch at the Exchange Hotel 5497 1331

Evening Meal at the camp kitchen - BYO

Entertainment to be advised

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IVVVC Sunday Run - October 2025

We had 33 members join in for our Sunday Run, enjoying a scenic drive through the countryside. With the jacarandas in full bloom, it was a real treat spotting their bright purple flowers along the way. After travelling through Karrabin, Walloon and Glamorgan Vale we stopped in Lowood for morning tea at the park.







Thanks Jenny for the report and the great photos.





We continued on Forrest Hill-Fernvale Road to Glenore Grove and passed through Plainland to the Lions Park at Laidley. Some members enjoyed a picnic lunch, while others chose a local hotel for a meal. We welcomed James from Oregon, a friend of the Webers.





A big thank you to Barry for planning and leading another great day out on the road.

Out and About - November 2025

A great turnout for our November Midweek Run with 68 members joining in.

Leaving Cameron Park we travelled over the town bridge and through to Pine

Mountain and drove to Fernvale along the Brisbane Valley Highway and

Wivenhoe-Somerset Road to Billies Bay Recreation Area for morning tea. The

views over Wivenhoe Dam were beautiful and the recent storms, although

destructive have transformed the countryside into a lush bright green landscape.













The photos and report courtesy of Jenny Eggar.

We continued over the Wivenhoe Dam wall, through Patrick Estate, Lowood and Glamorgan Vale, finishing at the Marburg Hotel for lunch and a good chat.















Thanks to our organisers for the run.

IVVVC Sunday Run – November 2025

What a great turnout for the November Sunday Run with 47 members joining in. It was wonderful to see such a good crowd, especially with the forecast threatening stormy weather. In the end we only had light showers and our mix of old and modern cars handled the conditions beautifully. Our route took us through Ipswich, Karrabin, Walloon, Marburg, Minden and Tarampa, winding through some lovely countryside before reaching Atkinson Dam for morning tea.













Report and photos courtesy of Jenny Eggar.

After the break, we continued on to Esk where Joe and Brendan at the Esk Grand Hotel were perfect hosts once again. It's always a pleasure to enjoy their warm hospitality and great service. It was great to meet Robin McIver's mother who is visiting from the United Kingdom.









Thank you to Barry for organising the run. We're all looking forward to the next one!

LOCKYER ANTIQUE MOTOR ASSOCIATION INVITATIONAL RALLY 11-12 OCTOBER 2025.

What a fantastic weekend in the beautiful Lockyer Valley! The Lockyer Antique Motor Association Invitational Rally was a great success, with 51 vehicles from five different clubs joining in for a fun and friendly event. A highlight of the weekend was the visit to Lilydale Estate, where we enjoyed learning about their impressive agricultural enterprise — including fish, meat chickens, eggs and lucerne.

















We were well looked after with delicious meals at the Ma Ma State School, Colonial Café, Cahill Sports Complex, and Tenthill Pub.

A big thank you to the LAMA organising committee for putting together such a memorable weekend and giving us the chance to reconnect with the wider car club community.

56 Years Ago

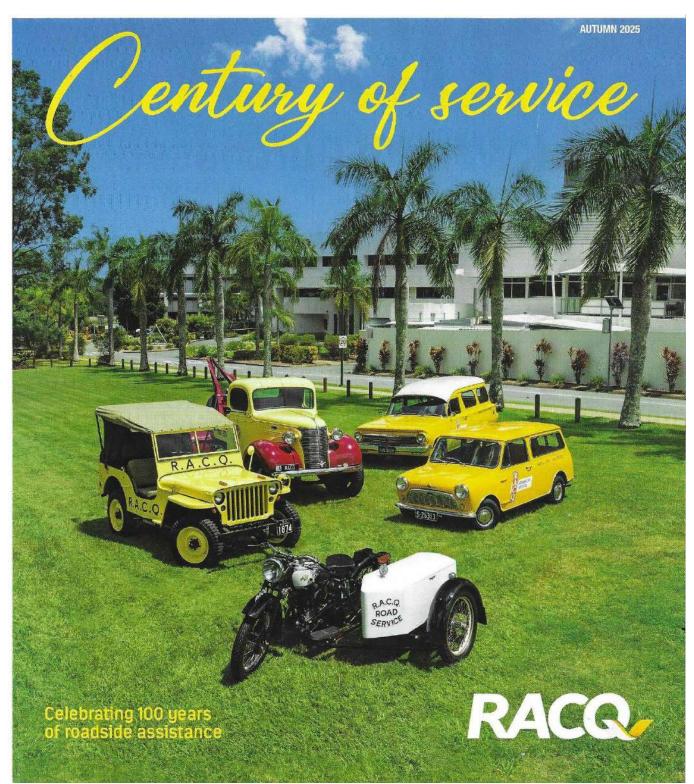
In days of old
When life was bold
And the Monaro was invented,
Petrol was cheap as most other things
Back then we could drive around contented.



56 years ago - The HT Holden was launched in May 1969 and saw the introduction of a locally designed and built Australian V8. Initially it was the smaller 4.2 Litre 253ci V8 producing 185bhp/262lb-ft (138kw/355nm). It wasn't until the release of the HT Brougham in June 1969 and that the 5.0 Litre 308ci V8 was introduced producing 240bhp/315lb-ft (179kw/427nm. The HT Monaro GTS (pictured) was released in June 1969 which included the introduction of the Monaro GTS 5.7 Litre 350ci Chevrolet V8 producing 300bhp/380lb-ft (224kw/515nm), which was exclusive to the Monaro GTS.

Total HT Monaros produced: 14437 including GTS)

Price when new for a 1969 HT Holden Monaro GTS 5.7 Litre V8 four speed manual two door coupe: \$4025



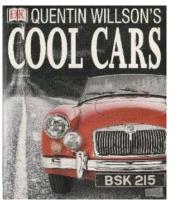
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COOL CARS – S - SUNBEAM TIGER – Thanks Peter Kraschnefski

There was nothing new about popping an American V8 into a pert English chassis. After all, that is exactly what Carroll Shelby did with the AC Ace to create the awesome COBRA. When ROOTES in Britain decided to do the same with their SUNBEAM ALPINE, they also commissioned Shelby to produce a prototype. Although ROOTES already had close links with CHRYSLER, the American once again opted for a FORD V8. To cope with the 4.2 litre V8, the ALPINE chassis and suspension were beefed up to create the fearsome TIGER late in1964. In 1967, the TIGER II arrived with an even bigger 4.7 litre FORD V8. But this was a brief swansong as CHRYSLER took control of ROOTES and were not going to sanction a car powered by rivals FORD. Often dubbed 'the poor man's COBRA', the TIGER is still a lot of fun to grab by the tail.









WHIPPETS — Thanks Rosemary Withers

The Literary Digest for May 21, 1927



Smart as the Ritz

YOUNG Americans under sixty insist upon the mode. Peg-top trousers and long skirts belong to other years. Style is progress. The mode in motor cars is no exception.

Today's motor car has four-wheel brakes. Speed dictates them. It's safer to be up-to-date—and smarter. The Whipper Collegiate is the season's best seller in Roadsters for these reasons:

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Acceleration—Invariably first on the green light.

Economy—Whippet holds the Coast-to-Coast record for economy.

Oversize Tires-Another plus-

value feature that speaks for itself.

Snubbers-Smo-o-o-o-oth.

Adjustable steering wheel-long or short, thin or stout, it fits you.

Force-feed lubrication—Like that of the Willys-Knight and other higher priced cars.

Silent timing chain—Extremely quiet engine operation.

Roominess-Holds four comfortably in two scats-not three in one.

The Whippet is available in six distinctive body styles. Collegiate Rondster \$695; Touring \$625; Coupe \$625; Couch \$625; Sedan \$725; Landau \$725. Prices Lo. L. factory. Vrices and specifications subject to change wishout notice. Willys-Overland, Inc., Teledo, O. Willys-Overland Sales Co., Ltd., Touring, Canada.

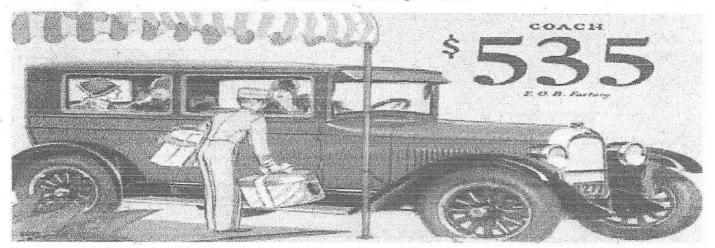
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COLLEGIATE ROADSTER

RUMBLE SEAT

The Whippet: More than Just an Old Automobile

By Sam Moore - 28 August 2014



Folks often ask how I think of stuff to write about, and while I sometimes really have to scratch to come up with a subject, especially when a deadline is breathing down my neck, things I see in my travels often trigger a memory that leads to an idea for a story.

For example, I recently spent a couple of enjoyable days at the Northwest Pennsylvania Steam Engine and Old Equipment Association summer show in Portersville, Pa.

A Memory

A big part of the show every year is an antique car and truck display with usually 15- to 25-year-old vehicles on exhibit. This year there was a nicely restored 1928 Whippet sedan that reminded me of one of the family stories that my mother related to my sister and me on more than one occasion.

Courting

The story goes that when my dad was courting my mother, he drove a Whippet automobile. Mom was deeply religious and couldn't abide swearing, and, although I'm sure Dad never uttered a cuss word in his life, he did often use milder expletives such as doggone, son-of-a gun and darn.

Well, the old Whippet was noisy, Dad talked in a low voice, and on their first date Mom said she thought he was cussing and determined to never see him again. Somehow the error was resolved and they went on to many in 1931, in spite of the noisy car.

Of course this gives me the opportunity for a history lesson, as I'm sure not many readers are familiar with Whippet cars.

Second in Production

The Willys-Overland Motor Company was the creation of John North Willys, a super salesman by all accounts but maybe not so great at running a car company.

Willys gained control of the failing Overland Auto Company in Terra Haute, Ind., about 1908 and soon moved production to an old Pope-Toledo automobile factory in Toledo, Ohio, where, from 1912 to about 1918 sales of the Overland and Willys-Knight cars were second only to the Ford Model T.

Willys took his profits and bought a bunch of different businesses, formed the Willys Corporation, and moved to New York City to run his far-flung holdings. The Overland plant was entrusted to Clarence Earl, who wasn't up to the job and failed to weather the post-war depression.

Willys bankers and creditors brought in Walter Chrysler to save the company in 1919, which he did through ruthless cost-cutting, even halving John Willys salary, and firing Earl.

Car Factory

Two years later Chrysler moved on to save another ailing car company, Maxwell-Chalmers, which later became the Chrysler Corporation, and Willys got his factory back. He sold off his other interests and concentrated on running the car factory, and did quite well at it.

Chrysler hadn't thought much of either the Willys-Knight or the Overland, but John Willys parlayed the two cars into a big success story. From a 1921 production of maybe 50,000 cars, he managed to quadruple sales by 1925, pay off his debts and even turn a nearly \$20 million profit that year.

 The Whippet. In 1926, Willys discontinued the Overland and introduced the Whippet, which was named for the famed racing dogs, and it became an immediate success due to its good looks, small size, speed and low price.

The Whippet at first was available only as the Model 96 with a 30HP, 4-cylinder engine on a 100 °- inch wheelbase chassis, but the Model 98, powered by a 40HP six with a 109 -inch wheelbase was added in 1927. Bodies available in both models were coupe, roadster, 2-door and 4-door sedans, cabriolet and landau.

Prices were well under \$1,000 with the Model 96 cabriolet selling for just \$535 in 1928, or \$5 less than a similar but much more primitive Ford Model T. The Model 98 was advertised as the World's lowest priced six, and the buying public responded accordingly. During the first year of production 110,000 Whippets were sold and in 1928 Willys-Overland shot into third place behind Chevrolet and Ford with 315,000 cars out the door.

Speed

In spite of the low price of Whippet cars they were equipped with 4-wheel mechanical brakes, seven-bearing crankshafts (on the six), Bohnalite pistons, and full pressure lubrication. These features, plus the car's reputation for speed — a Whippet Six ran a 24-hour endurance run at the Indianapolis Speedway and set a new record for stock passenger cars costing less than \$1000 by averaging 56.52MPH — helped with Whippet's popularity.

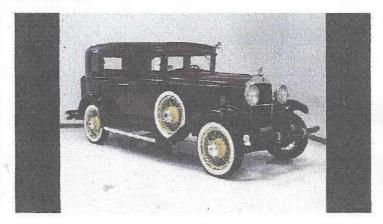
I'd have to guess that the car's appeal to my dad was more the low price than the speedg, but I might be wrong.

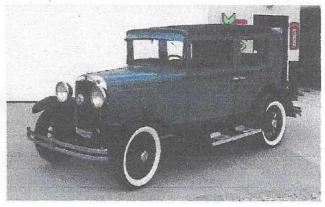
Ended in 1931

Sadly, the Great Depression did for the Whippet and it was discontinued in 1931. Willys-Overland limped along until World War II when the military demand for jeeps which, although first designed by the American Bantam Motor Car Company of Butler, Pa., were built in huge quantities by both Ford and Willys-Overland and helped to save the Toledo company.

The firm capitalized on the Jeep and continued production until being bought by Kaiser Motors in 1953. And, as everyone knows, the Jeep is still with us, although it gone through several owners, and is about the only reminder of the Willys-Overland Company.

So, after reflecting on Mom's story, I guess I can safely say that I nearly didn't exist due to a noisy Whippet automobile.





FESTIVAL of WHEELS – BOONAH 2025



IVVVC members, Alan and Jo Evans reported on their very pleasant experience at the Boonah Festival of Wheels. They arrived on the Friday in time to go on the lunch run to Peak Crossing. They followed up with dinner at the Boonah Tavern. The Saturday lunch run was to the Harrisville Pub, but unfortunately on the return to Boonah, a huge storm hit. Rods Inc supplied a great buffet meal in the evening. Locals loved the runs through the main street.

After all the rain on the Saturday afternoon, the showground's arena could not be used on the Sunday Car Show. The organisers moved stands so participants could use the road around the arena. Rods Inc went into action reorganising tents and food cooking facilities for the beautiful Sunday. Entry included free coffee and sausages and onions on crusty bread. There were many interesting cars not seen before. Our Ford Tourer was a favourite.

Alan and Jo loved the weekend, the shirts that were designed and the trophy they won.

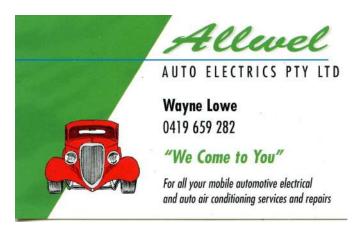




The next FESTIVAL of WHEELS will be held - 17, 18, 19 April 2026

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