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## WOCV 30th Anniversary vintage car rally coming your way soon.

The Willys Overland Car Club of Victoria celebrates its 30th anniversary by conducting a ten day event based at Wangaratta starting September 18th 2010.

This event celebrates the motor vehicles that bear the name of John North Willys (pronounced Will-is) and more specifically the 30th anniversary of the Melbourne based Car Club that keeps the name (and the cars) alive in Australia.

Not many people are aware that the Willys Overland Car Company was founded in 1900 and ran through to the 1960's with the most famous product being the WWII JEEP, although that name had been given to a commercial vehicle many years before.

The Willys Overland range was extremely prolific in the 1920's with the Willys Knight and Whippet cars the most popular.

Technologically advanced, by 1926 all Willys vehicles were fitted with four wheel brakes and forced lubrication, a feature that many competitors did not adopt until much later.

The event takes the form of a series of day drives based in Wangaratta and travelling to historic towns in the area such as Beechworth, Benalla, Chiltern, Eldorado, Myrtelford, Milawa, Rutherglen, Yarrawonga and many others.

The event boasts entries from Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales, Western Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand among its 60-car field.

Vehicles entered range from 1912 to the 1960's showcasing a wide range of Willys Overland products.

We hope everyone comes out to cheer on the drivers and show the kids what cars were like during the earliest days of motoring.

The cars will be driving to / from the following locations:-

Saturday 18th arrive Wangaratta  
Sunday 19th Wangaratta and environs  
Monday 20th Yarrawonga  
Tuesday 21st Chiltern , Rutherglen.  
Wednesday 22nd Beechworth, Yackandandah  
Thursday 23rd Lake Buffalo, Myrtelford, Milawa  
Friday 24th Benalla, Warby Ranges.

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