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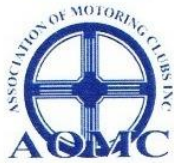
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Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Noel Trengove with his 1970 P5B Rover Coupe



NOTE: Country
Center NOW Sat
27th January

Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 8.00 PM during Daylight Saving Time

NOTE: The next **General Meeting** will be held **Friday, 19th January 2024** at the VCCC clubrooms.

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Alan Firns, Kevin Holloway, Ted Callow (Dec), Norm Grose (Dec), Ron Gay, Ron Goad, Grant Harvey (Dec), Paul Seager (Dec), Bill Whitford (Dec), Daryl Crawley, Tony Taranto and Gordon Roberts

Newsletter

Articles for the **February 2024** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 30th January 2024**

All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

All contributions acknowledged.

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Any Club event which falls on a day designated as **Code Red** is automatically cancelled, and Members and Guests are advised to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan

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The Club Library will be open 10am until 12noon – 2nd Wednesday of each month –
next is **10th January 2024** then **14th February** and **13th March**

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Another year dawns . . . and I hope it is a prosperous one for you all with good health, lots of fun and adventurous times. This month's edition has lots of reports and photos for you to enjoy.

Nerene Backhouse, Editor

HEALTH MATTERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations

Good news first – our hearty congratulations to Ron and Marg Gay who celebrated a wonderful 60 years of marriage last month. We wish you many more years together.

Welfare

There are a couple of people recovering from problems that beset them before Christmas – Peter Blayney is dealing with ongoing issues, and Bruce McKinnon has required a Pacemaker. To both Peter and Bruce and all others not feeling their best, we hope the new year will bring with it better days for you.

Bereavement

Our condolences have been conveyed to Brad Mollison on the passing of his father, Ken early last month. And we have also conveyed our condolences to Simon and Liz Nuttall on the passing of Simon's mother, Val. Our caring thoughts are with you all.

Sadly, last month, we lost one of our popular members – Bob Aldrich. Many of you would have known him, not only from the Club, but also through his work and hobby interests.

Vale – Bob Aldrich

Bob was a builder from the time he left school until he became too unwell to do anything which was not that long ago – he left a shed unfinished. Bob was very skilled – if he wanted something, he built it himself.

He was Ballarat born and bred – his father was a mechanic and by watching him, Bob learned enough to start tinkering with engines. He raced a few sports cars in his early years, just as a hobby.

Bob had a love of animals, but particularly dogs and birds. He is pictured here with Bobby – they were great mates for about 50 years, and would talk to one another for hours. Bob was very sad when Bobby died.

Bob and his wife, Glenyce, joined the Club in February 2005 and became involved in the Sports Car Runs, as well as attending many of Tony's Tours, including the trip to New Zealand. Bob was a bit of a practical joker, and there are lots of memories from both family, friends and club members who were the recipients of Bob's pranks.

He was sad to have to sell his 1969 MGB GT last year – but he was very happy that it went to a good home in Tasmania.

May you rest in peace, Bob

Nerene Backhouse

Around The Table

A Committee Meeting is not held in December, so there is nothing to report. Below are some of the current items:

1 Membership applications have been received from:

Tom and Fiona Clarke from Ballarat who were nominated by Andy Burns and seconded by Ross Humphrey. They have 1951 Rolls Royce Silver Dawn and a 2004 Rover 75 V

Robert Atkinson from Invermay Park who was nominated by Richard English and seconded by Graham Lambourn. Robert has a 1994 Holden HSV VR Senator, 1989 Volvo 240 Sedan, and a 1997 BMW 318i Coupe.

Providing there are no objections received by the President prior to the January meeting and the applicants are present, they will be welcomed into the Club.

2 Data Bank

From time to time, a Club Member may wish to go on an extra run, but doesn't want to do it alone. A data bank listing of Members is being put together. If you wish to be included in the data bank and be notified of any extra activities, a list is available at the Club Meeting for you to add your name.

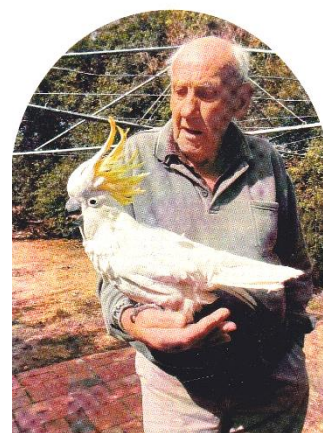
3 Rotary Raffle Tickets

Ian Watson has tickets for the Rotary Raffle. First prize is a Hyundai Tuscon, valued at \$38,000 and second prize is a Bunnings Voucher for \$1,000. Tickets are selling for \$2 each and 80% of ticket sales is retained by the Club. Someone has to win the car and Bunnings voucher. Get your tickets from Ian, and perhaps you could volunteer to sell tickets.

4 Club Person of the Year

Club Person of the Year is a very special award given to a Member who has gone the extra mile to help. Reward them by nominating them for this award. Forms are available from the front table at the Clubrooms.

Nancy Jackson, Secretary



Cover Story – 1970 P5B Rover Coupe – Noel and Glenis Trengove

Having always liked Rover cars and having owned a P6 and an SD1 early in our married life, when it came time to purchase a later model classic cruiser, a Rover was an obvious choice.

Whilst looking for a P6 (we already have an SD1 awaiting restoration), I came across this nice P5B Coupe which we subsequently purchased in February 2020, a few weeks prior to covid impacting our lives, so it sat in the shed with little to no use for a long time.

The Coupe version is well sought after and this one is number 201 of the total of 520 that were produced for export to Australia and New Zealand. A total of 9500 of these V8 engine cars were produced in total over a 3-year period.

Now getting some regular use the car is easy to drive and cruises along nicely with lounge chair like comfort.



COMING EVENTS – January - February 2024

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates. Also, see the Calendar on page 15

~ Twilight Classic Motorcycle Runs ~

These are usually held mid-month on a Wednesday evening (weather dependent). Club Eligible bikes only. Contact **Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001** if you would like to be included on his list to be notified when a run is happening.

Please note – the Wednesday morning ‘Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch’ days are having a break during December and January – back on deck in February.

Wednesday 10th January – Club Library Open – Contact Daryl Meek 0407 881 288

Friday 19th January – Club General Meeting – 8pm

Sunday 21st January – Annual Picnic, Kirk’s Reservoir (Trophy Points)

Make your own way there from 4pm – gates close at 7pm. BYO picnic, table and chairs.

Tuesday 23rd January – Club Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

Friday 26th January – Australia Day

To start the day, you are invited to attend the **Breakfast at the Haddon Lions Park**. Food will be available from 8am. After you are well fed and watered, we have again been invited by the Golden City Paddle Steamer Museum Society to put on a car display as part of their Australia Day Celebrations. This year the display will be in the vicinity of the gardens (**Windmill Drive area**) – exact location to be confirmed. It will be a much better location for us than last year in so much as we will be in the same area as other activities (and not far from the Ice Cream van!) We will have space for approximately **20 cars**. Vehicles to be in place between **10:00 and 10:30am** and to remain on display **until 3:00pm**. This is a good opportunity to showcase our cars and the diverse array of vehicles that we have in the club. If you would like to display your vehicle, please call me on 0417 351 827. If I don’t answer, please leave a message. Daryl Crawley

Saturday 27th January – Country Canter – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

We will depart at 9.45am from the Melbourne Road Bus Exchange

Our first point of call will be in Haddon at Tony Smith’s Tram and Car Collection and aim to be there at 10:30am. So, people coming from Smythesdale, Linton, Beaufort way - may want to go directly to Haddon and meet others there.

We will also aim to be going around the Buninyong roundabout at approx. 10am, so again others may want to pick up the group there. This is a picnic day so bring your own food, drink and chairs.

Contact Brendan Stevens – 0409 018 867

Sunday 4th February - Naked Radiator Run – depart 10.30am – Clubrooms

Contact Frank and Jan Tamis – 0475 192 372

Friday 9th February - Twilight Sports Car Run

We will be leaving from The Delacombe Town Centre, Dan Murphy car park area, at 6.30pm. The run will be about 80 kms and we will finish at Macca’s Delacombe.

John & Gayle Pickering 0408 914 943.

Saturday 10th February – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30 – 4pm

This month we will be making Begonia Flowers for the Begonia Rally; if we finish that earlier enough, we will find something out of the cupboard to finish off the day.

Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077

Thursday 15th February – Club General Meeting 8pm – NOTE – it is the day before due to the Rally

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February – 2024 Begonia Rally

We are looking forward to another great event – *NOW* is the time to put your entry in so that you can enjoy what we have planned. Details of the weekend's activities were included in the November newsletter. Contact Nerene Backhouse – 0427 348 060 if you have misplaced your Entry Form, or if you have any questions about the weekend.

PAST EVENTS

Any Vehicle Town Tour – Saturday 2nd December

When most of us opened the curtains on waking on this day, it was a case of – “What, the President wants to have a town tour today? You’ve got to be joking!” But, we Ballaratarians don’t let the weather get in the way of a good time. Rugged up to keep the cold and rain out, about 20 people turned up. After a while, Andy came up the idea to change tack for the morning, and next thing we are boarding the Christmas tram – with Santa!

It was a super idea – and we all really enjoyed ourselves immensely – most recalling the days when trams took us from A to B back when they were running on the tracks around Ballarat. The tram took us to the eastern end ie St Aiden’s Drive, and then back again to the other side ie Carlton Street. At one stage, we even had a very special driver – none other than our own Jono Miles.



As part of our ticket, the tram took us to the new Tramway Museum. That was such a treat! If you haven’t been yet – go and see it! It contains a great history of a bygone era. Soon, the driver called us back to the tram to return us to our cars – not before another ride to St Aiden’s Drive – and then back to our cars!

See, I told you bad weather doesn’t get in the way of a good time in Ballarat. Thanks Andy, for a fun and interesting time.
Nerene Backhouse



Jono Miles at the helm



Naked Radiator Run – Sunday 3rd December 2023

All assembled at the club rooms at 10.30 for a country drive. Many arrive between 9.30 and 10.30 to catchup and talk about their car to someone who is interested. Many were in awe of Malcom Bandy’s 1916 Cole 8 looking splendid for its inaugural VCCC event. Judith was navigator and their two swaggies were Karen Lawrence and Michael Dulfer.

Weather wise we were lucky as there was no rain, only cloud and some sunshine when we had our picnic. Frank and Jan Tamis had all the route organised, and when we received our sheet of instructions the only typo was to change Princes Highway to Midland Highway.

Altogether 24 cars and 40 people took part which was great to see as 11 Proper Cars (as Damian calls them), the Naked Radiators outshone the classic cars that came along. Many waves and photos from bystanders along the way. The drive took us through Mt Pleasant, Mt Helen, to the north side of Mt Buninyong, out around Warrenheip. Millbrook, Dunnstown and Yendon, returning along the east side of Mt Buninyong to Scotsburn at 11.45.



Not Naked Radiators – but Nerene Backhouse’s Austin A30 flanked by Bob Bennetts’ 1938 Pontiac Coupe and Mark Richmond’s 1938 Pontiac sedan took the eye of Tracey Bennetts

Graeme and Cecilia Burnham opened their property (Mt Boninyong Homestead) for our group to picnic on their beautiful green lawns. After lunch many people took a stroll through the magnificent gardens that surrounded their two-storey mansion. It even included a croquet lawn. Graeme had his 1924 Vauxhall 14/40 TT on display as was his 1928 Model A Ford utility. Frank thanked Graeme and Cecilia for hosting our picnic and then we all went on our merry way.



Enjoying a relaxing lunch – Tom Quinlan, Louise & Darren Miles, Daryl & Barb Mitchell

Thanks to Frank and Jan Tamis once again for a splendid day out in the Ballarat countryside. Ruth and Damian O'Doherty



It was great to see Malcolm & Judith Bandy's 1916 Cole 8 on its first Naked Radiator Run



Tom Quinlan, Darren Miles, Mal Bandy, Graeme Burnham, John Taylor, Dale Collins looking at Graeme's 1924 Vauxhall



An impressive line up of vintage beauties – Graeme Burnham's A Model, Frank & Jan Tamis' Plymouth, Rick Thege's Delage, Moyle Bunworth's A Model, Mal & Judy Bandy's Cole 8 and Noel Trengove's Graham Paige

Attendees Naked Radiator Run – Sunday 3rd December 2023

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| 1916 Cole 8 | Malcolm & Judith Bandy, Karen Lawrence & Michael Dulfer |
| 1928 Ford Model A Tudor | Moyle Bunworth |
| 1928 Ford Model A Tourer | Ron & Linda Harris |
| 1928 Ford Model A Tudor | Darren, Louise & Jono Miles |
| 1929 Plymouth | Frank & Jan Tamis |
| 1929 Chrysler | Gordon & Pam Roberts |
| 1929 Marquette | Warren & Barb Harris |
| 1929 Delage D | Rick Thege |
| 1929 De Soto | Tom Quinlan |
| 1929 Graham Paige | Noel Trengove |
| 1930 Ford Model A | Damian & Ruth O'Doherty |
| 1938 Pontiac | Mark Richmond |
| 1938 Pontiac Coupe | Bob, Tracey & Jonty Bennetts |
| 1948 Buick CPE | Dale & Junie Collins |
| 1955 Austin A30 | Jenny Groves & Jennifer Trewin |
| 1956 Austin A30 | Nerene Backhouse |
| 1966 Thunderbird Coupe | Neville Finch |
| 1966 Ford Cortina 440 | Mike Simpson |
| 1974 Triumph 2500 Sedan | John Taylor |
| 1988 Mercedes Benz 300 | Daryl & Barb Mitchell |
| 1988 Porsche 944S | Wayne & June Harrop |
| 1994 Falcon ED | John Pickering |
| 1997 Ford Mondeo | Karen Otto |
| 1998 Range Rover | John Peart |



Graeme & Cecilia Burnham receiving a gift of appreciation from Frank Tamis

Club Christmas Party/Barbeque and Rocker Cover Races (Trophy Points) – Sunday 10th December

Our President Andy Burns had built up this year's Xmas Party to be something special with a bit more up market menu and lots of fun to be had with the inaugural Rocker Cover racing event. And the volunteers on the day certainly delivered with a delicious lunch and there were 25 entries in the Rocker Cover Racing, all of them unique in their presentation and underlying engineering.

The catering group and cooks are to be congratulated because the food was indeed exceptional with hot spuds and a variety of cold salads to accompany the beautifully cooked snags, burgers, and chicken skewers. Thanks so much to Jenny Ure and her team in the kitchen, and to Tom Quinlan and Mike Simpson on the BBQ. Everything was done to perfection.

The weather was cool and dry and all 80 or so members squeezed into the tables and chairs laid out in the clubrooms to dig in at about 1pm. This was after much chatting outside and everyone getting their "Racers" registered with the officials. Warren Harris had provided the beautifully made metal track that was laid out and set up ready to go. So, after hogging down into our delicious meal including dessert everyone was keen to get outside and see how the vehicles would perform.



Tom Quinlan, Warren Harris and Mike Simpson cooking, watched by David Clarke



The all-important race track

It was up to scrutineers Andy and Roy Littlehales, and commentator John Emery to try and keep some order to the official racing. The ladies had done an exceptional job with decorations on their Rocker Covers. There was "Barbie" theme and amazing Xmas tinsel thrown around. It was difficult to see any metal under all that colour.

Some of the boys had put a lot of effort into highlighting the metal work and manufacturers' names on their productions. Some were painted up; some were polished and some had a lot of their original patina on display. What did vary enormously was the variety of wheels used to try and gain those few centimetres of advantage at the end of the track.

The Racers were broken down into some categories, mainly country of origin and the racing began. Warren acted as official starter with only one roll over (poor Tom) at the starting gate. The track was swept clean regularly by Noel Tregrove, and the team of gatherers picked up the finished vehicles, sometimes in several pieces and brought them back to the display table or pits for running repairs.



Part of the line up of some of the rocker cover racers

After multiple heats and some very close finishes (thank you Mike for the photo finish shots) and a lot of interesting commentary from John, who did have to cope with a bit of heckle from the crowd, the overall champion was decided. Congratulations to Noel Tregrove and his beautifully constructed Rover that performed flawlessly over the numerous runs. There were a few notes and photos being taken and next year there is sure to be some modifications made to a lot of the competitors. Andy also handed out some amazing trophies and plaques to all the category winners and there were smiles all round.



It wasn't just a race for the men – here Barb Harris and Lee Day get their rocker covers ready for the starter.

After the racing was completed, the crowd dug into afternoon tea and Warren and crew packed up the track. The kitchen gang had a steady run of dish washers to get the plates, cups and utensils cleaned and stacked away. The rest of the crowd soon packed up chairs and tables and by 4:30 most of the attendees had made their way towards home. The dozen or so hard-working, all-day volunteers pulled up a chair and relaxed with a feed of the leftovers. They had earned it. It really was a very enjoyable day and big thanks to all involved.

Catch you all in the New Year. *Brendan Stevens*

Attendees

1910 Maxwell	Peter & Judy Fitzgerald
1927 Dodge	Darren, Jono, Louise Miles
1928 Chevrolet	David Clarke
1929 Model A Ford	Brett & Kirstin Holloway
1935 Ford	Daryl Crawley & Logan
1938 Oldsmobile	Roy Littlehales
1966 Ford Thunderbird	Neville Finch
1967 Fairlane	Greg Crick
1967 Holden	Ross Humphrey
1968 Ford Executive	Mike & Lyn Simpson
1970 Rover P5	Noel & Glenis Trengove
1970 Rover P6	Bill, Kaylene Baird
1970 MGB Mk 2	John Taylor
1975 VW Kombi	Geof Baulch
1986 Mercedes Benz	Daryl, Barb Mitchell
1987 Nissan Skyline	Barry & Cindy Allison
1988 Nissan Skyline	Nerene Backhouse
1992 Commodore	Mark & Lerise Frew
1994 Falcon	Garry Hayward
1997 Ford Falcon	Glen & Pauline Whitbourne
1997 Ford Mondeo	Karen Otto
1998 BMW 528i	John Peart



Race caller, John Emery and scrutineer, Darren Miles watching the end of a race.

Modern - Alan, Joy Rogers & Will, John Emery, Rod MacDonald, Jenny Ure, Warren & Barb Harris, Kerryn & Graeme Quemard, Jenny Groves & Jennifer Trewin, Bob Cole, Graham & Debbie Lambourn, Ray Allen, Chris Matheson, Richard & Anne Marie English, John & Gayle Pickering, Graeme & Shirley Mitchell, Robert Watson, Wendy & Gabrielle Pitcher, David Gold, Ron & Suzanne Damen, Mark & Gayle Border, Brendan Collier, Ian Watson, Phyllis Eason, Bob, Tracey & Jonty Bennetts, Nancy Jackson, Anthony, Kim, Bellah, Jaxson Jackson
Visitors - John Fiskin, John Penhall & Murray Trimble, Peter Bruty

Carols by Candlelight Invitational Display - Mars Stadium – Sunday 17th December 2023

The Ballarat City Event organisers and Rotary Clubs involved in the preparation for the Carols by Candlelight couldn't have asked for a more pleasant evening for the annual family get together. Mars Stadium was a buzz with activity with hundreds of Fluro vests wandering the grounds, food trucks firing up their ovens and hotplates and final decorations being spread across the mobile stage. The hallowed turf of the football oval was going to get hammered with thousands of feet and spilt food and drinks tonight, that's for sure.

Our Club along with the Ballarat Rodders had been invited to park along the road between the entry Gates 1 and 2 of the Stadium. The idea was to provide a display for the families to have a look at as they worked their way in to the grounds for the main event that was to start at 7:30pm. It all sounded good except they forgot to cordon off an area where we could all fit. So, our members and some of the Rodders who started to arrive at about 4:15 were unfortunately met with several private vehicles already parked in the area. However, we battled on and lined our vehicles up and attempted to save what space there was left.

I have to give a big thank you to the 19 VCCC members who brought their vehicles out on a busy pre-Christmas weekend. You couldn't say we didn't provide a variety. The Sargent clan had the Veterans covered with the Overland and Humberette. Darren and Jono Miles, Kevin Holloway, Mark Border and Moyle Bunworth provided the Pre 30's set. Daryl Crawley, Bill Pearce, Bob Bennetts and Brett Holloway pulled out the post war US beauties. Colin Sargent, Graeme Quemard and myself covered the 50s and 60s Brits; Merv Jeffrey and Ross Humphrey - the classic Aussies, and 70s specials were filled by Brendan Collier's Studebaker and Mike Simpson's Executive with its new chrome on board. Tom Quinlan and Barry Ronalds filled the Euro classics with the Merc and VW.



Daryl Crawley, Brendan Collier, Jono Miles, Mark Border and Darren Miles

We shared a yarn or two and had a look around the arena as it started to fill with people and families many with picnic rugs and chairs and extra clothes to stay warm as the cool of the night set in. The great weather drew the crowd and quite a few people did have a look through the cars and a lot of photos were taken. However, as it got closer to 7pm the lack of parking around Creswick Road for events in the Mars arena became obvious and there were cars pulling off, double parking, dumping the family and gear and driving a kilometre up the road to park. So, it was a bit chaotic and becoming dusty.

We did have a chat to the Rotary coordinator, Carolyn, who had invited us to attend, and made several suggestions regarding access and parking perhaps within the grounds if future displays were requested. She listened, apologised, and thanked us, so we will see what happens next year. It is a huge logistics task dealing with staging, performers and over 10,000 people. By about 7:15 our display vehicles and owners had pulled out and fought their way out on to



Creswick Road. We wish all the organisers and crew well for next year.

Again, a big thank you to all those who came along. Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all and thanks to everyone who have helped with runs during the year.

Brendan Stevens, Club Captain

Last Bike Night of 2023 at Dunnstown Pub – 20th December

Chris Ridsdale's mid-week old bike gatherings at pubs within a half hour or so from Ballarat have proved popular once again with around 30 bikes making their way to the Dunnstown pub on Wednesday 20th December. Chris keeps it flexible and looks to the weather forecast before texting out notifications to interested people. So once again, we had a dry cool evening to get the old bikes out and about.

The range of bikes that show up never ceases to amaze with veteran bikes mixing it up with the modern classics of the 80's. There is always plenty of conversation around the work that has been carried out over the last month, or the new acquisition or project that is occupying way too much time in the shed.



The pub, as well as having plenty of cold drinks, again fed the gang with a great assortment of finger food. A variety of home-made sandwiches, pies, sausage rolls, ham, cheese, mini quiches and several deep-fried Asian bits and pieces satisfied the hunger of all. For \$5 a head for the food it is really great value.

By about 7:30-8pm the Xmas and New Year wishes were passed around and the pub was emptied out to the sound of old singles and twins firing up and going home in a variety of directions from the Dunnstown central roundabout.



Thanks again Chris and catch up with everyone in the New Year.

Brendan Stevens, Club Captain

New Year's Day Sports Car Run – 1st January 2024

On a cool Monday morning, a total of 30 vehicles of various makes and sizes departed from two different gathering points to travel to Maryborough. One group departed from the Bus Exchange in Melbourne Road, Brown Hill at 8.30am, meeting up with the second group waiting at the Doctors/Centrelink Car Park in Learmonth Road, Wendouree.

From Wendouree we crossed over the Western Highway and travelled through Miners Rest. Just before we got to Ascot, we veered left to Coghill's Creek. Coghill's Creek has a mixture of old houses and relatively new ones. At the northern end of Coghill's Creek, we turned right into Pickfords Road (a small winery was located to our left), and travelled approximately 10 km down this road to Clunes.

Upon reaching Clunes, we travelled towards Maryborough but before reaching Talbot, we turned right at the Carisbrook/Bendigo intersection, and headed towards Carisbrook, passing through Red Lion. Further along this road, we did a detour of approximately 5 kilometres travelling through the old gold mining township of Majorca. Each time I



John Pickering, Daryl Mitchell, Wayne Lineker, John Stevens and John Fisher

have travelled through this small township, there seems to be less to see. Many years ago, a mixed business was operating, serving the needs of the locals and tourists.

Back on the main road, we reached Carisbrook and headed towards Maryborough. I was amazed at the quantity of vehicles, tractors, farm machinery etc at that second hand business a couple of kilometres out of Maryborough. I wouldn't want to be the person doing the June 30th stocktake for the business.

After passing under the railway line, we reached our destination – McDonalds. By this time, the weather had really warmed up. I hope everyone enjoyed the runs.

Ray Reynolds



Above and below - in the car park at Macca's, Maryborough



Attendees New Year's Day Run 2024

1951 Morris Minor Tourer	Bruce Kerr	1988 Nissan Skyline GTS I	Barry & Cyndy
1956 Morris Minor	John Fisher		Allison
1965 Ford Mustang	Jan & Frank Tamis	1988 Mercedes Benz 300CE	Alan & Joy Rogers
1966 Ford Mustang	Ken Hart	1988 Porsche 944S	Wayne & June
1967 MGB	Anne Marie & Richard English	1988 Jaguar XJS	Brian Drennan
1970 MGB Mk 11	John Taylor	1989 Mazda MX5	Pam & Gordon
1970 Triumph TR6	Keith Mackinlay & Ray Broatch	1990 Mazda MX5	Rob Ferguson
1971 Falcon Ute	Mark Border	1990 Toyota Corolla	Ray Reynolds
1975 Torana SLR	Glen & Pauline Whitbourne	1990 Mazda MX5	John & Gayle
1976 Porsche Targa	Steve & Alison Cole	1993 Mazda MX5	Warren & Barb
1976 Holden Premier	John & Sharon Stevens	1995 MGF	Harris
1986 BMW 320i Convertible	Brendan Stevens & Bernie Brisbane	1996 Holden Statesman	Graham Lambourn
			Roger Curtis-Harding

Modern

John Emery, Wayne Lineker, Bob Cole, Drennan Gang x 5, Graeme Bell, Malcolm & Judith Bandy, Daryl & Barb Mitchell

New Year's Day – Picnic at Muckleford South

A visit to the Vintage Sports Car Club Picnic at Muckleford South seemed a natural extension to the New Year's Day Sports Car Run but only six cars travelled across to Muckleford from Maryborough where the Sports Car Run finished. Those six including myself joined others from the VCCC who had arrived earlier. There were many other clubs from the area in attendance too.



Numbers appeared to be down on previous years but nevertheless there were some interesting cars present with some we hadn't seen before. Raising a bonnet or starting an engine always attracts attention as was the case when an early Alfa Romeo was fired up with the bonnet open.



The Alfa Romeo with a 6C engine

We enjoyed the serenity while having lunch

Dale Collins' Buick debut of his latest restoration showed his attention to detail. A leisurely lunch is part of the day but once over, it signals time to pack up and head home.
Bruce Kerr



DM Van Vooren bodied Delage Saloon (former VCCC Club Car)



The event brings all sorts! This Model T bucket hot rod, for instance



Problems? Usually when the bonnet goes up, it's like bees to a honey pot – but this was the boot of John Stevens' car. Tom Quinlan and Wayne Lineker trying to help!



Cooling off at Kingston on the way home – Tom Quinlan's Mercedes Benz, Brendan Collier's "One Wrench Special" and at the rear, Jono Miles' Dodge

AOMC Delegates' Meeting Report

The AOMC general meeting was held on the 20th November at the Austin Healey-Jaguar Clubrooms.

The President Keith Mortimer, commented on the American Motoring Show held on the 19th November. It was a good day with approx. 450 cars in attendance. A rewarding and encouraging aspect was the number of the young families in attendance.

The important VicRoads working party met via zoom last week, with Keith (AOMC), Neil Athorn (VicFed) and 3 VicRoads representatives. Issues raised were licence plates, illegal CPS usage, renewal issues, conditions on permits and inconsistencies around M & H plates. Further meetings will be scheduled.

Coming AOMC Events:

- * Festival of Motoring – Sunday 21st January 2024 at Cruden farm. Closing date for entries was December 15.
- * Aussie Car Show – Sunday 4th February at Mornington Racecourse.
- * RACV British & European Motoring Show – Sunday 18th February at Yarra Glen Racecourse.
- * Florence Thomson Tour – 26th to 28th April. Based around Traralgon and touring the Gippsland region.
- * National Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 19th May 2024. AOMC looking to support various events around the state.

AMHF Survey. Has been completed with around 6,000 respondents. Data is being processed.

The **Annual General Meeting** was also held at this time. The meeting was primarily procedural with all the executive positions filled with returning members, and a supporting committee of 5 delegates were elected.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Fenton presented the annual financial report for 2022/23 financial year. Total equity as at 30th June, 2023 is \$255,728 leaving the AOMC in a steady financial position.

Strategic Plan. The AOMC has been developing its strategic plan for the next three years.

The AOMC purpose has been defined as:

"To support, protect and promote the interests of motoring enthusiasts and our member clubs."

They have identified five priorities:

Member Services, Events & Community Engagement/Contributions, Communications & Enablement, Policy & Research, and External Engagement.

For each of these priorities, a number of action plans have been developed and are being put into action.

Damian and Ruth O'Doherty
Delegates

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TIMKEN

From Missouri to Mars
A Century of Leadership in Manufacturing
By Bettye H. Pruitt

Published in 1998

514 Pages

The Timken family lived for centuries as farmers in Germany near the city of Bremen. Jacob Timken and his wife, Trine, were independent farmers who had one daughter and six sons. Trine died in 1837 at only 46 years of age. Their second youngest son was Henry, and in 1838, at the age of 57 years, Jacob decided to emigrate to America. Henry was a typical seven-year-old farm boy when the family travelled by ship to America.

Jacob purchased a farm in Missouri and developed it. In 1839, Henry and his brothers attended a country school, and at 16 years of age, Henry left school and obtained an apprenticeship in St Louis in 1847 as a journeyman carriage-maker and mechanic. Ultimately, Henry married Fredericka Heinzelmair, and with the financial help from his father-in-law, set up his own quality carriage-making business.

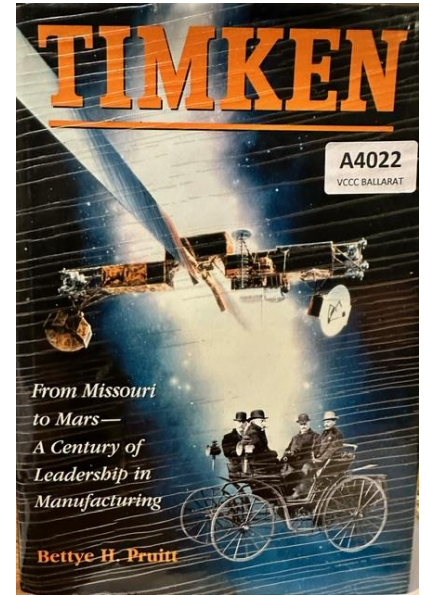
In 1854, when Henry began experimenting with ball bearings on his quality carriages, he found they wore out very quickly. He then determined that roller bearings were much better because of the heavy load of a quality carriage. Henry also developed the Timken Cross Spring for carriages, which he patented and developed. Altogether, Henry had a total of 14 patents, including two for tapered roller bearings.

During 1887, at 56 years old, he retired from the carriage business, with his two sons Henry and William taking over the day-to-day running of the business. Henry spent his time improving the design of their carriages. Henry finally developed tapered roller bearings for his carriages, and on 15th December 1899, a new business was developed – “The Timken Roller Bearing Axle Company” – which was the official beginning of the Timken Company of today.

Henry died in 1909 before the new Company completed its first decade. His two sons successfully developed this important company to become a global organisation, and a leader in two key industries – tapered roller bearings and alloy steel production. The Company was a major force in the early automotive supply industry. The St. Louis Car Company was the first automobile to use Timken tapered roller bearings on their production line. The Timken Company purchased a 1904 St Louis roadster to restore for their centennial activities in 1999.

Timken developed into one of the large enterprises that made America an economic and military super-power, and the American Corporation a model for business organisations in the decades after World War 2.

Little has been written about the bearing industry, yet anti-friction bearings are critical components in virtually all types of machinery. A central thread in the Company’s history is the long stream of process and product development that has made the Timken bearings a high-performance component in much of the most advanced equipment of our age. Timken bearings are used in the high-speed printing presses that produce our newspapers; our modern cars and trucks we drive; the giant construction machinery that builds our roads; the planes and high-speed trains we rely on for business and vacation travel. The Company’s combination of alloy steel making and precision manufacturing is unique in the world-wide industry.



Of course, Timken opened their factory in Ballarat in 1957, as well as plants all over the world. In 1998, the Timken Company had 55 plants, and more than one hundred sales, design, and distribution centres in 25 countries on 6 continents. Timken is the world’s largest manufacturer of tapered roller bearings and seamless mechanical steel tubing.

Ron Gay

The Wit of Gandhi

"He who stops to ponder and think will generally come out ahead."

When Gandhi was a young student, studying law at University College, London, a Caucasian professor, called Peters, disliked him intensely and always displayed prejudice and animosity towards him. Also, because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressing him, as he expected, there were always arguments and confrontations.

One day, Professor Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the University, and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to him. The professor said, "Mr. Gandhi, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat."

Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, "Do not worry professor. I'll fly away" and he moved to another table. Professor Peters, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all questions.

Professor Peters, unhappy and frustrated, asked him the following question. "Mr. Gandhi, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag full of money, which one would you take?"

Without hesitating, Gandhi responded, "The one with the money, of course."

Mr. Peters, smiling sarcastically, said, "I, in your place, would have taken wisdom, don't you think?"

Gandhi shrugged indifferently and responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Professor Peters, by this time, was beside himself with rage and so great was his anger that he wrote on Gandhi's exam sheet the word "*idiot*" and gave it to Gandhi.

Gandhi took the exam sheet and sat down at his desk trying very hard to remain calm while he contemplated his next move.

A few minutes later, Gandhi got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, "Professor Peters, you signed the sheet, but you did not give me the grade."

Wit always wins over anger.

Many thanks to former member, Russell Ward, for this contribution.

APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS

The Club's approved safety checkers for pre 1949 vehicle initial Club Permit applications are:

Neale Goad Automotive, 206 Burnbank Street, Wendouree	Phone 5339 2056	Contact Neale
Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat	Phone 53337206	Contact Henry

Help Wanted

John Emery is looking to identify the strobe light pictured, front and rear views. He would like to know what it might have been used for.

If you can help, please contact him via mobile 0408 570 217



NOTICE BOARD

Upcoming Events from other regions you may be interested to go to if you are in the area:

20-21 st January	Campbells Creek Collectables Fair	Community Hall
21 st January	Centre State Swap Meet	Bendigo Racecourse
21 st January	Festival of Motoring	Cruden Farm
10 th February	Glenlyon Swap Meet	Recreation Reserve, Dysart Street
24 th February	Kingston Swap Meet	Kingston Showgrounds

CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE AND WANTED

All advertisements under Classifieds must include **a registration number, engine number, VIN OR chassis number and cash price**. Vehicles advertised in this Newsletter must be 25 years or older in line with Club Policy. The advertisements will remain for three (3) consecutive issues unless they are re-advertised.

Please advise the Editor if you sell your item or obtain what you want.

Deadline for articles – Tues 30th January 2024 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

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1928 Ford Model A Coupe Engine No A507098 Body No A2512519
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1926 Black English Star Tourer 1 of 3 in this model Imported from England
Have a complete spare engine Low mileage Restored by Club member Graeme Birkett
Registration number is - 4992 (club plates) Car number - B068 Engine number - LC63
Price - \$40,000 open to offers
Contact Annaliese Robinson - 0409 941 226 (contact was via the club website)

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Veteran 1914 Douglas 3 ½ HP motorcycle partly restored. This machine is in excellent condition having been well stored and kept for many years. Original engine fully reconditioned and ready to start, many other parts already reconditioned and finished. Known history and only 2 owners from new, **\$10,500**
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WANTED

Remy 713-C starter motor to suit 1922 Jewett Deluxe Touring.
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GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – Permit Officer, Richard English has issued a friendly reminder regarding the procedure for getting your Permits signed, as follows:

First and preferred option – Bring your permit renewal to the next club meeting for signing.

If you are unable to attend a meeting then:

Second Option – Mail to Club P.O. Box and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.

Third Option – Mail to Permit Officer address and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fourth Option – Drop into Permit Officer's letterbox for pick up the following business day (include your phone number to get a text to say it's ready for pick up) or include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fifth Option – Contact Permit Officer and make other arrangements.

VERY IMPORTANT – When applying for a new Permit - PLEASE make sure you have ALL the necessary documents. This will save both you and the Permit Officer a lot of wasted time.

NOTE* re Options Three and Four – PERMIT OFFICERS ARE ALL RETIRED AND ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ALWAYS TEXT OR PHONE BEFORE USING THESE OPTIONS TO ENSURE THE PERMIT OFFICER IS NOT AWAY AS YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR PERMIT BACK IN TIME.

CLUB CALENDAR – JANUARY – MARCH 2024

For the Details of Events, See Pages 4 and 5

Coffee, Chat, BYO Lunch Days conducted by Ray & Marj Drury will be in recess in December and January, and will resume in February. These are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month.

Twilight Motorcycle Runs are held on Wednesday evenings, mid-month – weather dependent – during daylight saving months. To be informed of these runs, give Chris Ridsdale – 0448 423 001 – your contact details.

JAN	Date	What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Thurs	18th	Rustless Wanderers	Midlands Golf Club	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	19th	Club General Meeting	At Clubrooms			8pm
Sun	21st	Picnic at Kirk's Reservoir (Trophy Points)	Bikes, Trucks & Cars all welcome	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	4pm-7pm
<i>Sun</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>Colac Motorfest</i>				
<i>Sun</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>Centre State Swap Meet</i>	<i>Bendigo</i>			
Tues	23rd	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7:30pm
<i>Fri</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Aust Day Breakfast</i>	<i>Lions Park at Haddon</i>			<i>8:00am</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Paddle steamer Display</i>	<i>at Lake Wendouree</i>	<i>Daryl Crawley</i>	<i>0417351827</i>	
Sat	27th	NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE Country Canter	Depart Bus Exchange Melbourne Road	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	9:45am

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Naked Radiator Run</i>	<i>Departs Clubrooms</i>	<i>Frank & Jan Tamis</i>	<i>0475192372</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>Twilight Sports Car Run</i>	<i>Delacombe Town Centre</i>	<i>John & Gayle</i>	<i>0408914943</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Ladies Crafternoon</i>	<i>Clubrooms</i>	<i>Jenny Ure</i>	<i>0409954077</i>	<i>1:30-4pm</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Picnic at Hanging Rock</i>	<i>See website</i>			
<i>Wed</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Club Library open</i>	<i>Come for a cuppa & chat</i>	<i>Daryl Meek</i>	<i>0407881288</i>	<i>10 - 12noon</i>
<i>Thurs</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Rustless Wanderers</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Rick Thege</i>	<i>0428518770</i>	<i>12 noon</i>
Thurs	15th	Club General Meeting	At Clubrooms			8pm
<i>Fri-Sun</i>	<i>16-18th</i>	<i>Begonia Rally</i>	<i>Registrations close 1st Feb</i>	<i>Nerene Backhouse</i>	<i>0427348060</i>	
Tues	20th	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7:30pm

MAR

<i>Sun</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Breakfast on the Mount (Buninyong) & 3 Bob's Tour</i>	<i>Top of the mount by 9am or leave as a group from clubrooms</i>	<i>Tom Quinlan</i>	<i>0405644696</i>	<i>8:30am</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>Ladies Crafternoon</i>	<i>Clubrooms</i>	<i>Jenny Ure</i>	<i>0409954077</i>	<i>1:30-4pm</i>
<i>Fri-Sun</i>	<i>8-10th</i>	<i>Philip Island Classics</i>	<i>Philip Island</i>			
<i>Sun</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Historic Commercial Vehicle at</i>	<i>Clunes</i>			
<i>Mon</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Labour Day Holiday</i>				
<i>Wed</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Club Library Open</i>	<i>Come for a chat & cuppa</i>	<i>Daryl Meek</i>	<i>0407881288</i>	<i>10-12noon</i>
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Fri	15th	Club General Meeting	At Clubrooms			8.00pm
Sun	17th	Monthly Club Run - Tomato Run (Trophy Points)	Doctors Car Park Learmonth Road	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	9:45am

Events in italics are hosted by other clubs/organisations. Calendar info to Brendan Stevens by **25th of each month**



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