



Goldfields Gazette

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Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of every month (except January at the Brown Hill Hall 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill)



GCC has been a member of the Association of Motoring Clubs since 1999

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Total Fire Ban Days

Any Club Event which falls on a day designated a “ Catastrophic and or Total Fire Ban Day” declared in the Central Region of Victoria any club event WILL BE CANCELLED.

Cover Photo

Norm & Heather's 57 Chev BelAir

We have always been involved in the Hot-Rodding scene, the first car was a modified FJ and later the daily driver was a custom HG Monaro. It was during the first Street Rod Nationals in Narrandera I decided to purchase a 55-57 Chevy. We had previously owned a 59 Chev that was sold when the Monaro was purchased direct from GM-H where we both worked. Heather fondly remembered her father's 54 Chev so selling the Chev idea was easy. However, in those days Chevs were hard to find, and I was phoned one day, mid 1976, to say a 57 Australian delivered Chev was sitting in a Bob Bear's car yard in Victoria Parade, Collingwood.

Priced at just \$275, the 57 was tired, a few scraps and a big ding on the rear fin. It was painted grey with a white roof and red leather trim. Within 6 months the Chev was rebuilt with a 350 LT1 Corvette engine, Turb Hydramatic transmission, HQ brakes and custom Guards Red paint. The car was awarded a 3rd Custom Classic trophy at the 1978 Victorian Hot Rod Show.

The car became Heather's shopping and runaround until we moved to Daylesford in 1984. In 1988 it became a working vehicle with a trailer, building our house. Following a move to Ballarat in 1995 it was time to do some renovation for the old girl. The 350 needed some work, running a 10.5:1 compression and solid lifters it was becoming difficult using pump fuel so was detuned and later replaced with a stock 350 crate engine. It was also decided to de-customize it, bucket seats went and a BelAir trim kit with bench seat were purchased. The floor shift and console were replaced with a column shift and the chrome Elstar wheels were changed to steel rims with BelAir caps and whitewall tyres.

Anthony repainted the car in Coral and Black, a 1956 Dodge Custom Royal paint scheme but painted as a US BelAir sedan, this means the black comes down to the sill line. 1957 Chevs did have optional Fuel Injection, so son David built a system about three years ago using the standard inlet manifold.

Have no idea how many ks the 57 Chev has now covered but its still good to get in and go for a run. Its not the only Chev we have, a 1935 Master All-Enclosed Coupe is slowly being restored.

Please note could members please ask people for their consent before including them in any photos.

Uniform

Available at Impact Teamwear: 147 Learmonth St, Alfredton. Ph 5336 6769
www.impactteamwear.com.au

GCC's uniform includes

Embroidery to be gold/yellow thread

Ladies & Men's Polos

Black Beanies

Black Peak Caps

Stadium Jackets

Ladies & Men's Sleeveless Vests

Members should make direct contact with Impact Teamwear for pricing, and visit their outlet to try on garments, to place orders, to pay and to collect. A small deposit is payable on all embroidered items.

Newsletter Contributions

The success of the newsletter is dependent upon contributions from members. Please email me any items of interest!

Member Welfare News

Wishing Wilma Bridges a speedy recovery.

Anyone wishing to inform the Club of a member's illness or welfare, please contact the secretary who will arrange for a card to be sent.

CLUB CALENDAR

See end of Gazette

Event Organisers

Please send an attendance list to the Secretary and ask someone to email a report to the Editor for the Gazette. Word format preferred.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES ON CALENDAR. For club runs!!!!

Future runs will be organised on a month-to-month basis, so keep reading your emails!!!

Run Organisers Information

Members, please consider organising a Club Run or Coffee Run.

Contact any Program Team member with your proposed run/s.

Club runs are usually held on the last Sunday of each month (except January and December), starting at approx. 9.30-10.00 am, and generally include morning tea (BYO), and lunch – either BYO or at a venue.

Coffee runs can be BYO or at venues depending on itinerary and/or destination.

Please include entry costs that apply to any venues being visited.

Coffee runs are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (February – December) with a 1-1.30 pm. departure time - this can vary depending on destination.

Runs usually depart from:

The School Bus Exchange / Strides Greyhound Club Carpark, Rubicon Street, Redan; or
the School Bus Exchange, Melbourne Road, Brown Hill; or
the former Master's carpark, 25-51 Learmonth Road Wendouree.

Itineraries/mud maps should be provided for participants on the day of the run (suggest 8+ copies).

Attendance lists are to be completed for insurance purposes. Pre-printed member lists are available from the Secretary at our General Meetings and should be returned to the Secretary after the event.

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Club Permit Renewal Process

There are two ways to get your permit renewal signed:

Take your permit renewal form to the next club meeting for signing by the Permit Officer.

As soon as you receive your renewal notice, post it (together with a DL business size envelope - stamped and self-addressed) to the Permit Officer for signing and returning to you so that there will still be plenty of time for you to put it in to VicRoads.

Mailing address - Ray Mason - 22 Schroeders Rd - Haddon Vic 3351.

Permits can be renewed using one of the methods below:

In person at VicRoads Customer Service Centres offices – Covid rules apply.

By mailing the renewal to VicRoads, GPO Box 1644, Melbourne 3001.

By paying the renewal Online via your "myVicRoads account" see' website. www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

President's Report

On behalf of all the members I wish to extend our sincere thanks to Stuart, treasurer and Mike Secretary for their years of dedication to these important administrative positions.

At the AGM the election of office bearers went smoothly, thanks to Mike's Chairmanship, we have a full complement of office bearers, some new and many old hands.

We have a great team to manage the club for the next term of office. Phil, Vice President, Tim. Secretary. Leeanne our Assistant Secretary, Bruce will look after finances for us, Sally remains as our Editor, she is our communication life line producing the Gazette each month and sending out other important emails. The Administrative committee remains the same plus

including Phill our Vice Chairman. Wayne is still in charge of property. Ray and Gerard are still in charge of permits, remember, we have to be nice to them when we need permits signed, Rod Jones is the club Scrutineer. The Program team is the same as last year, Wayne, Trevor , Chris, Bill, and Gerard, Faye our Archivist, Francess the Master of Ceremonies who has never fails to provide entertainment at our social events. Last but not the least, Daryl for continuing as the AOMC representative. Thank you again for filling this position as most of us are too old to travel to meetings at night.

This month was our first meeting at the new venue. In discussion with the team that help me set up the chairs and tables, we plan on setting up the tables along the side wall and setting the chairs out in an arc as we did at the Lion's Den.

President Peter.

REPORT – Coffee Run

About 14 members with their cars met for monthly coffee/lunch run.

John & Nollene along with "Max" took us on a run around the back of Haddon. area on quite back roads a few potholes but no dramas, and everyone missed the tree branch on the side of road.

We arrived at the Open Gate Cafe at 12.30 for lovely lunch coffee and chat.

Thanks to John & Nollene for taking the run.

Brian Gavan.





REPORT – Club Run

Goldfields Birthday Dinner

On Sunday 26th July we celebrated our Birthday at Meagher's Pub. 35 members gathered to dine and be entertained by Francis and her helpers. She tested our musical Knowledge from the 60s and 70s and enlisted Peter Bond's help to select the shiniest head from our stately gentlemen in the club. After a roast dinner and Christmas pudding we celebrated with a special cake which was generously donated by Peter & Mae. Special thanks to them. Members present were presented with a birthday present from Francis. Yes I know ...a lot of presents. Thanks Francis. Report Ray.

It was noted there was a cake shortage, but culprit found!!





Items of Interest

August 16th
The Blazing Steps Car Rally Challenge

August 30th
Auto Classico Street Display of Classic Cars and Bikes
Mailing Rd Canterbury

September 5th
Annual Vintage Machinery Event
Bellarine Vintage Group

45 Curlewis Rd

September 13th

Carz & Coffee Maryborough

Celebration of 55 years Charger in Australia

40 Park Rd Maryborough

September 20th

Stag Motor Show Meets Market

Stag Hotel Learmonth

September 26th

Show n Shine

High St Terang

October 11th

Colac Swap Meet/Car show& collectibles Market

Colac Racecourse

October 25th

Show n Shine

Halls Gap Rec Reserve

October 31st-1st Nov

Pt Nepean Heritage Motor show

November 5th

Stag Motor Show Meets Market

Stag Hotel Learmonth

November 14th-15th

Bendigo Swap Meet

Prince of Wales Showgrounds

Holmes Rd Bendigo

November 27th

Ballarat Rod Run

November 29th

Car Show Mt Egerton Rec Reserve



Can you identify??

Reverse Gear



A fun example: the Messerschmitt K200. This was a microcar built in Germany in the 1950s, with a single-cylinder, two-stroke engine. The first version, the K175, had no reverse gear at all; the driver had to get out and push the car to go backwards. Customers requested a reverse gear, but redesigning the transmission was too expensive. Reverse Gear

Then the engineers had a brilliant idea: two-stroke engines could run both backward and forward. So they installed a starter for reverse. The driver would use it, start the engine in reverse, reverse, stop the engine, then start it forward and drive off.

So the K200 had as many reverse gears as it had forward.

For Sale

1993 VP Commodore. 235537 K's.
In good condition for its age \$5000.00 as is.
Reg FBE 956,
VIN 6H8VPK19HPL621266
Eng Number VH1301137

Phone Bernadette Nagle 0417 039522



Help wanted, people to organise club runs
Contact Wayne Harrop 0448 230 947



CALENDAR

August	<i>Early in Month</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Meet at Strides Greyhound Carpark for 1.30 start to Rick Thege collection.</i>	<i>Daryl Meek</i>
	<i>Wednesday 19th</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill</i>	
	<i>Wednesday 26th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>
	<i>Sunday 30th</i>	<i>Federation Picnic</i>	<i>Marong Leave Masters Carpark 8.45am.</i>	<i>Bruce Kerr</i>
September	<i>Thursday 10th</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Beaufort Church Gallery Christmas Shop and Cafe</i>	<i>Gerard and Sally Nagle 0419348697</i>
	<i>Wednesday 16th</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill</i>	
	<i>Wednesday 23rd</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>
	<i>Late in Month</i>	<i>Club Run</i>	<i>Buninyong Winery and Collection</i>	<i>Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373</i>
October				
	<i>Early in Month</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Coffee Run Myrniong Hotel</i>	<i>Bill and Judy Loader 0428 519 231</i>
	<i>Saturday 17th</i>	<i>Club Run</i>	<i>Avoca Cup</i>	<i>Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373</i>
	<i>Wednesday 21st</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill</i>	
	<i>Wednesday 28th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>
November	<i>Early in Month</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Rokewood Hotel</i>	<i>Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373</i>

