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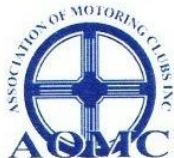
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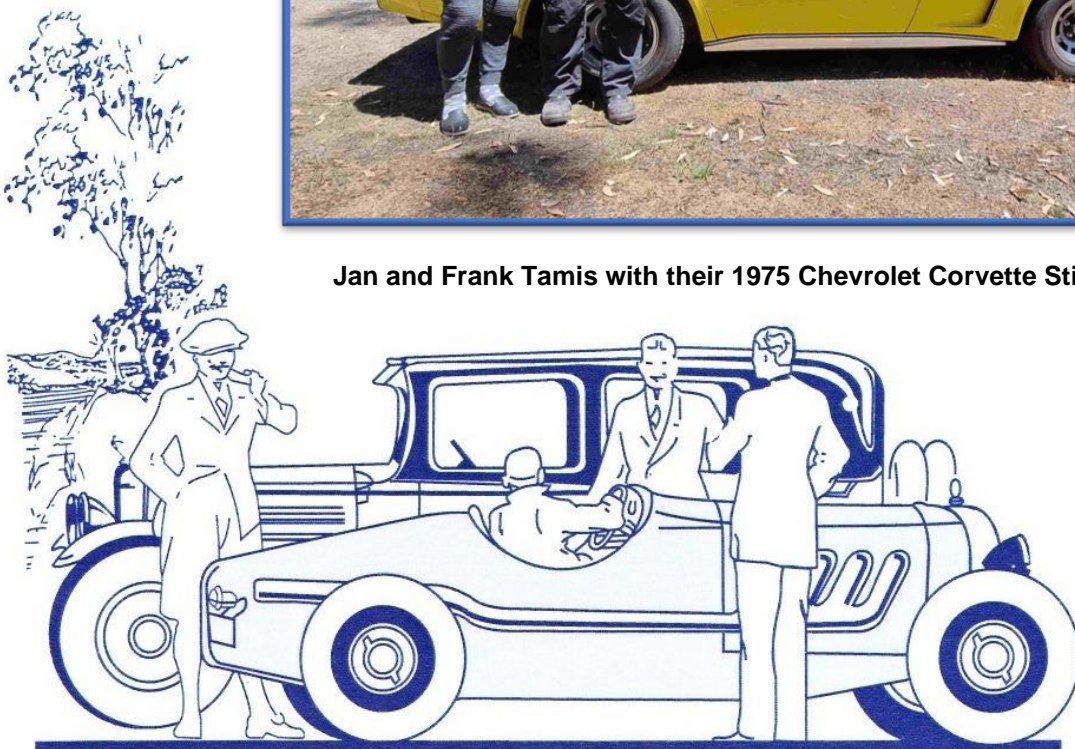
Member Club



Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Jan and Frank Tamis with their 1975 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray



Meetings held on the 3rd Friday of each month at Clubrooms, Humffray St. Sth. (Cnr Gladstone St.), Ballarat

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

**NOTE:** The next **General Meeting** will be held **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023** at the VCCC clubrooms.

### Life Members

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 **January 2024** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to [npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com](mailto:npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com)

*All contributions acknowledged.*

### Code Red Fire Rating Days

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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – next is **13<sup>th</sup> December** and then **10<sup>th</sup> January 2024** and **14<sup>th</sup> February**

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

Well . . . ho, ho, ho - Father Christmas is nearly here! What say you – are you on his naughty or nice list? In this month's newsletter, there is a "centre-fold" – no, not that sort of centre-fold! It is a pull-out calendar of the events for 2024. You can take it out and put it somewhere 'handy' – you know, the 'proverbial handy spot'?? There is also the final instalment of the fascinating story by Steve Rattle, as well as some very interesting run reports and photos; speaking of which – a BIG thank you to everyone who contributes articles and photos throughout the year. Wishing you all a very happy festive season – and stay safe on your travels . . .

*Nerene Backhouse, Editor*

## HEALTH MATTERS

### Bereavement

The Club's thoughts and condolences have been conveyed to Rob Lindsey and Kate McKinnon following the passing of Rob's father last month.

### Welfare

Good news – the sick list is very happily empty this month. I'm pleased to say that those who were poorly last month are recovering well – great to hear.

To those of you who are finding things tough going at the moment, may the festive spirit of good cheer and glad tidings put a big smile on your 'dial'!!!

## Around The Table at Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Membership Applications have been received from –

i **Des and Anne Rix** who were nominated by Andy Burns and seconded by Graham Lambourn. They have the following vehicles – 1983 Holden Ute, 1972 Jeep, 1965 Ford Mustang, 1997 Ford Sedan.

ii **Malcolm and Jayne Mann** from Bunninyong who were nominated by Andy Burns and seconded by Dale Everett. They have a 1962 Valiant Sedan, Series 3.

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

### 2 Replacement Name Badges

If you have lost or the dog ate your name badge, see Graham Lambourn for a new one. There is no charge for a replacement - better get in quick though, as this offer will be off the table shortly.

### 3 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.

### 4 Rotary Club Raffle.

Ian Watson has tickets for the Rotary Raffle. First prize this year 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 – we keep \$1.60 per ticket sold. It is a fantastic fund raiser. Someone has to win the Car and Bunnings voucher. Get your tickets from Ian, and perhaps you could volunteer to sell tickets.

### 5 Club Person of the Year.

Please vote for someone that has done something to help you. Nomination forms are available from the front table at the Clubrooms.

### 6 Julie White Workshop

Due to unforeseen circumstances on Julie's part, the workshops are unable to continue. Julie will email the results of the first workshop to us in due course.

The Christmas season is almost here. Whatever your beliefs, religious or otherwise, I would like to wish all Members a safe and happy time, enjoy whatever you do. Hope to catch up sometime in the near future.

*Nancy Jackson  
Secretary*

As the Christmas season approaches, we send our greetings to one and all, using the club's Christmas Tree decorated by Mike Simpson – many thanks Mike.



*The Vintage & Classic  
Car Club Ballarat  
wish our members and  
families a very merry  
Christmas and a  
happy New Year*

## Cover Story – 1975 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

We first saw this car while on Tony Taranto's Tour in April 2015. It was in a Museum at Brimpaen which is in the Grampians. It took our eye straight away, and so, the process of purchasing it happened there and then.

It was last registered in Freeling, SA in June 2007, but we don't have any information of its life between then and when we saw it. It was in excellent condition – all we needed to get it going was to take a new battery with us and some fuel. We contacted Club member Peter Fitzgerald who had a tilt tray and he brought it home for us.

When we bought it, it had very wide tyres on genuine Corvette rims, so we bought new tyres and, of course, had all the motor etc checked before applying to put it on Permit.

The Chevrolet Corvette (C3) is the third generation of the Corvette sports car that was produced from 1967 until 1982. Our Corvette was built as a Targa-Top Coupe with a large 350 cubic inch Chev motor and a fibre glass body – this made it light weight and fast – a real American Muscle car.



## COMING EVENTS – December 2023 – January 2024

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates. Also, see the Calendar on page 19

### ~ 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.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Monthly Club Run (Trophy Points) – Xmas Barbeque at the Clubrooms

#### ~ PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS THE WEEK BEFORE THE CLUB MEETING ~

All is in readiness for this event – well . . . except for the weather, which, of course, is out of our hands! The Club is giving you a Chrissy present – a scrumptious barbeque with salads and sweets. Hopefully, you have already given your names to Jenny – as asked for in the previous newsletter. If not, please **RING her NOW**, so that you won't miss out – she needs numbers for ordering/catering by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - 0409 954 077**

And don't forget to bring your rocker cover for the all-important Grand Prix event in the afternoon.

For details, ring Andy Burns – 0428 935 988

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Club Library Open – Contact Daryl Meek 0407 881 288

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Rustless Wanderers Xmas Lunch - Cattle Yards Inn – 12 noon

Make your own way there; bookings essential by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Club General Meeting – 8.00pm

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Carols by Candlelight Display – Mars Stadium

The Club has been invited to display a range of vehicles at Mars Stadium in Creswick Road for the public to admire as they enter the Carols by Candlelight Event. Vehicles need to be parked before 5pm, and can "escape" at 7.30pm. Aiming for 12-15 vehicles.

Contact Brendan Stevens – 0409 018 867 – if you can help out

### New Year's Day – Sports Car Run – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

We will depart at 8.30am from the Bus Exchange in Melbourne Road, Brown Hill. For those members residing in the west and south sides of Ballarat, they can join the run at the Doctors/Centrelink car park in Learmonth Road, Wendouree if they so wish. The run will be passing this site around 8.45am. Details of the run will be handed out at both sites on the day.

Contact Ray Reynolds for further details – 5331 7029 (H)

### New Year's Day – Muckleford South Cricket Oval – from 11am

For those who wish, The Vintage Sports Car Club invites you to the Traditional Motorists Country New Year's Day Picnic – make your own way there. Ham, tea/coffee provided; please bring a salad or cake/sweets to share. There are usually quite a few of our members who go as well as members from surrounding Clubs. It is in a quiet, relaxing bush setting – just the thing to unwind after the celebrations of the night before!!

Contact Damian O'Doherty – 0417 565 408 for further details

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Club Library Open – Contact Daryl Meek 0407 881 288

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Club General Meeting – 8pm

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Country Canter

We will be leaving from the Melbourne Road Bus Exchange at 10am – further details in January’s newsletter.

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Club Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

Looking Ahead – **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – 2024 Begonia Rally** – entries are now open; once all the Chrissy presents are put away, the Rally will be just around the corner. Hope you can join us – there will be some interesting events happening.

### PAST EVENTS

## Mid-week Twilight Motorcycle Run 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Another great turnout to our second midweek ride for the season. This time we ventured out to the Shamrock Hotel at Dunnstown. 34 bikes and riders attended which was a large number considering several were away at the International BSA Rally in Hahndorf.

1909 Triumph was the oldest bike along with a few other veterans. 3 or 4 1920’s machines, a few 1930’s bikes including Richard English’s 1937 Levis. Geof Baulch even found his way from Haddon all the way over to Dunnstown on his 1982 750cc Kawasaki.

It’s really good to see all these riders bringing their classic bikes out for a run.

As the weather dictates when these rides will be held, dates can’t really be set, so if you have a club registerable (25 years and older) motorcycle and would like to be informed of these rides, please ring me on 0448 425 001.

*Chris Ridsdale*

## Twilight Sports Car Run – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

On a chilly but sunny Friday evening, 10 vehicles lined up for the sports car run. We got away about 6.40pm on the run of just over 100kms. We had planned on travelling through the colourful canola areas but a lot of the crops had finished.

We headed out along the Highway through Miners Rest and Coghills Creek. It was then along the back roads through Clunes and Smeaton. Most of the crops in these areas had been harvested. We then travelled through the beautiful Avenue of Honour at Kingston towards Newlyn.

In this area there were several very bright colored crops. It was then on through Dean to the large roundabout near Pootilla on our way to Creswick. From there we made our way back to Ballarat eventually finishing at Macca’s Wendouree.

*John & Gayle Pickering*

### Attendees

Glen & Pauline Whitbourne	1958 Austin Lancer	Wayne & June Harrop	1988 Porsche 944s
Wayne Lineker	1968 Austin Healy Sprite	John & Gayle Pickering	1990 Mazda MX5
John Taylor	1970 MGB Mk. II	Kevin & Lorelli Huggins	1990 Toyota Cressida
Daryl & Barb Mitchell	1984 Falcon EFI	Graeme Bell	1999 Subaru STI

Modern - Ivan & Helen Tarrant. Falcon XR6, Brian & Jan Drennan Mazda MX5

## Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally – 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally was held on 4-5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - this time featuring British Tractors. I set out on the Saturday afternoon from Ballarat to find the whole place was buzzing with the sounds and smells of engines of all types, internal and external combustion.

I saw a few members deeply engaged with their respective interests, so not much conversation to be had as a result, but this is part of what the experience is all about - absorbing the whole atmosphere of all the vehicles, machinery and exhibits all cheerfully contributing to the ambiance.



The Grand Parade at 2:30pm was excellent with President Andy on his Fordson Major and Warren Harris in his AEC, among many other modes of transport big and small. It was good to see the large steam shovels at work too huffing and puffing, very impressive.

The weather was fantastic which contributed to an excellent attendance of visitors as well and made for a very enjoyable weekend. I'm sure other VCCC members had a great day also. A great day out for the whole community.  
*Glen Whitbourne*

**Visit to Kelaston/Calvary Aged Care – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Back at the start of 2023, Ray Reynolds raised the possibility of a visit by the VCCC to the Aged Care Facility that his Mum is now residing in with the staff at Kelaston. They were very receptive to the idea but the Covid restrictions that were in place back then put the kybosh on any plan.

However, Ray and his Mum persisted with the idea and it finally came to fruition on a beautiful sunny Wednesday – 15<sup>th</sup> November. Eight cars, a Chev truck and Indian Bike Sidecar outfit made their way to the large carpark off Lake Street behind the large facility. The amazing staff had been talking the visit up for a week or two, and they kept a continuous procession of excited residents coming out into the fresh air to have a look, chat and reminisce of their own experiences as kids in the family vehicles. There were stories of getting off to church with everyone dressed up and squeezed in, some adventures and a couple of courtship stories as well.



The ladies were as excited as the men, and the wheelchairs and walking frames did several circuits each with lots of smiles, laughs and chats with the owners. It is only a couple of hours in our day to get to these visits but for residents it will be talked about for weeks afterwards.



A very big thank you to Charmaine, the coordinator at Kelaston and her support staff. Aged Care workers are very special people and if people in their care are having fun, then so are they. Thanks so much to everyone who came out with their vehicles. We hope that Covid's tentacles get a smaller grip on what we are allowed to do and these visits can happen on a regular basis.

*Brendan Stevens*

**Monthly Club Run (Trophy Points) – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Beaufort Show**

On a beautiful Sunday morning our group of 15 cars met up at the old Masters carpark and I busily collected names and vehicles in the "book" and handed out our route sheet to everyone. It was all going so well until Daryl and Barb Mitchell arrived a bit late and told us that several of the roads marked out were blocked in several places for the Run for a Cause event! OK – so let's just chuck that idea away!



Best idea then, was to all follow Ross in the new (for him) HR, and ventured out to the Western Highway for a few kms before cutting back in to the Carngham-Beaufort Road to get away from the fast-flowing traffic. We then had a leisurely drive on to Beaufort, and arrived at about 10:30am. Jamie Kirkpatrick greeted us at the gate and guided us to some parking spaces saved and we were

Roger Curtis-Harding signing the book for Brendan

very grateful as the crowd was already quite large – and the best bit was – some were in the shade. Once in, we met up with several others from VCCC who had made their own way into town. In the end, we had 18 vehicles and 30 members and friends roll in.

The Beaufort Show is action packed with events all around the arena. The Sheep Shearing competition, horse events on the oval, and sheep dog trials were all well under way. The wood chopping guys were preparing logs and axes, and there was plenty of food and drinks vendors to quench the thirst. There is always a couple of sideshows, and rides in the home-made train were popular with the kids. The display of competition of baked goodies, home grown veggies and flower arrangements and handcraft and sewing was giving some locals ribbons to take home. This is a full day of entertainment in good old country style.



There were also presentations to best presented Showgirls and Guys for the kids of different age groups and the highlight for me anyway was the "Best Mullett" for junior and senior lads whose pride is in the action at the back look. As the day progressed the serious horse dressage events filled the oval and then the action dog jumping and skills events kept the crowd on their feet.



sponsors from business and farms around Beaufort. Our winners were Neville Finch and Daryl and Barb Mitchell, so big thanks went to Jamie and the amazing large group of volunteers and sponsors that came on board for a terrific event. The town should be very proud of their hard work and organization skills.

Thanks to all who ventured along.

*Brendan Stevens*

**Attendees**

- David Clarke 1929 Ford Model A
- Bob & Tracey Bennetts 1938 Pontiac
- Graeme Bell 1936 Ford Roadster
- Brendan Stevens 1955 MG Magnette
- Nerene Backhouse 1956 Austin A30
- Collin & Laurelyn Hill 1964 Zodiac
- Merv & Maree Sherlock 1966 Rover P5
- Neville Finch 1966 Ford Thunderbird
- Ross Humphrey & Ray Allen 1967 HR Holden Premier
- David Marks 1968 Chevelle SS Coupe
- Rod & Dianne Gardner 1970 Datsun 1200 Coupe
- John Clonan & Kirsten Murray 1978 HZ Holden Premier
- Daryl & Barb Mitchell 1986 Mercedes Benz 300 SL
- Gaida Stevens 1986 BMW 320i Convertible
- Roger Curtis-Harding 1989 Holden Statesman
- Mark & Lerise Frew 1992 Holden Commodore
- Modern - Tony Taranto (Commodore SS Ute), Deb Marks (Mustang Mach 1 Coupe)
- Guests - John & Kerry Skinner, Julie Skinner



Ross Humphrey, David Clarke, Brendan Stevens, Ray Allen, Graeme Bell and Colin Hill making use of the shade



**Annual Geoff Herkes Memorial Pre '30's Tour (Trophy Points) – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Of all the events the car club runs each year, I find this one to be the most relaxed and enjoyable.

I had arranged with Moyle Bunworth to be picked up at 8am and drive to Ross Creek to pick up the Essex. Moyle was out the front at 7.40. I also like to be early. I had a first-time vintage driver this year - Greg Cameron who did a great job. No gear crunching - probably helps that he rides old motor bikes and is sympathetic to the era.

We arrived at Haddon Lions Park to see a garage sale setting up in the hall. No worries with a table on the veranda and Geof Baulch doing the registrations. Numbers were down on previous years with a Club Run to Beaufort Show and a Veteran Rally elsewhere in the state. Not sure why the bikes numbers were also down.





Kevin and Brett Holloway have joined the Veteran fraternity with the purchase of a 1913 Hupmobile (pictured left).

After Mark's directions talk, we headed off to Miners Rest via Cardigan and Lake Learmonth. Our first casualty was Tom Quinlan in the De Soto with a leaky water pump. Have you noticed how many Chrysler products are now in the club? So, with probability theory it

had to happen that one would fail to proceed. Anyway, Tom was rescued by President Andy – in another Chrysler.

Morning tea stop was at the Miners Rest Mechanics Institute Hall with traditional Boston Bun. Long live tradition. After this stop, we headed off to Calembeen Park in Creswick via White Swan Reservoir and Wattle Flat. The only incident was on Gillies Road when we looked accusingly at each other, but realised we were passing a certain tree lined establishment. They should be told the trees aren't working.

Lunch under shade trees at Creswick. At 1.30, we headed back to Haddon via Lake Learmonth for afternoon tea that would make the CWA ladies envious. Thanks to Karen and Peter Grose, Jenny Ure and Gayle Border for the catering.



At the conclusion of the day, Mark handed out some prizes to participants. Attendees came from Horsham, Trentham, Melbourne and Colac. Thanks to Mark Border and Peter Grose, and the marshals - Richard English, Ron Damen, Wayne Lineker and Ricky Bishop - for another great run with both cars and bikes. Looking forward to next year's run.

*Doug Jenkins*

#### Attendees

1913 Hupmobile	Brett & Kevin Holloway
1924 Ford Model T	Geof Baulch
1925 Chev Superior K	Warrick & Wendy Pitcher
1925 Essex	Doug Jenkins
1925 Indian Chief	Colin & Merralyn Sargent
1926 Ford Model T	Graeme & Gail Barnes
1928 Ford Model A	Moyle Bunworth
1928 Overland Whippet	Neale Goad
1928 Chrysler	Andy Burns
1928 Model A Speedster	Brendan Collier
1929 Plymouth	Frank & Jan Tamis
1929 Marquette	Warren & Barb Harris
1929 Ford Model A	Garry Hayward
1929 Desoto	Tom Quinlan
1929 Chrysler 65	Gordon & Pam Roberts
1930 Ford Model A	Mark & Gayle Border
1964 Holden EH Wagon	Jenny Ure (catering)
1970 Holden HG ute	Peter & Karen Grose (catering)

Marshals – Richard English, Ron Damen, Wayne Lineker and Ricky Bishop

#### Mid-week Twilight Motorcycle Run - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

(Second ride for the month)

The Stag Hotel at Learmonth was the venue for this ride. 32 bikes, 29 of them Club eligible and a few naughty riders on moderns. Several VCCC members attended, Rod Gardiner, Bill Grubits, Geof Baulch, Colin Sargent, Richard English and Alan Rogers to name a few. I was absent again.

It will be nice to see Alan Rogers ride out on his 1929 Ariel one day...no pressure, Alan.

From 6-cylinder machines to one-cylinder machines and many makes and models again. Great to see all these riders bringing their classic bikes out for a run.

As the weather dictates when these rides will be held, dates can't really be set so if you have a club registerable (25 years and older) motorcycle and would like to be informed of these rides, please ring me on 0448425001.

*Chris Ridsdale*



The Clampetts – Geof Baulch, Jan & Frank Tamis



Better be careful Warrick – I think Granny means business!



# VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB BALLARAT Inc.

## PLEASE NOTE

- Club Library Open Days are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month.
- Coffee, Chat, BYO Lunch Days conducted by Ray & Marj Drury are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every month – these will resume in February.
- See the calendar in the monthly newsletters in case of unexpected changes to above.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2024

### January 2024

	Twilight Classic Motorcycle Run Club Eligible only. Chris Ridsdale will text interested riders
Mon 1st	New Year's Day Sports Car Run – Ray Reynolds
<b>Fri 19th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
Sat 20th	Country Canter
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>Trophy points Evening Picnic at Kirks Reservoir 4-7pm. All cars and bikes welcome</b>
<i>Sun 21st</i>	<i>Colac Motorfest Show and Shine</i>
<i>Sun 21st</i>	<i>Centre State Swap Meet at Bendigo</i>
<b>Tues 23rd</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
Fri 26th	<i>Australia Day - Lions Breakfast at Haddon &amp; Paddle steamer Display Lake Wendouree</i>

### February 2024

	Twilight Classic Motorcycle Run Club Eligible only. Chris Ridsdale will text interested riders
Sun 4th	Naked Radiator Run - 10.30am start from clubrooms - Frank & Jan Tamis
Fri 9th	Sports Car Twilight Drive John & Gayle Pickering
Sat 10th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
<i>Sun 11th</i>	<i>Picnic at Hanging Rock</i>
Thurs 15th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch
<b>Thurs 15th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting – note change of date</b>
Fri-Sun 16-18th	<b>Begonia Rally (Trophy Points)</b>
Tues 20th	Club Committee Meeting

### March 2024

	Twilight Classic Motorcycle Run Club Eligible only. Chris Ridsdale will text interested riders
Sun 3rd	Breakfast on the Mount & Three Bob's et al Tour
Sat 9th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
<i>Fri-Sun 8-10th</i>	<i>Philip Island Classic Festival of Speed</i>
<i>Sun 10th</i>	<i>Historic Commercial Vehicle Club - Display at Clunes</i>
<i>Mon 11th</i>	<i>Labour Day Holiday</i>
Thurs 14th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch
<b>Fri 15th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
<b>Sun 17th</b>	<b>Club Run (Trophy Points) Tomato Run Brendan Stevens</b>
<b>Tues 19th</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
<i>Thurs-Sun 21-24</i>	<i>Melbourne Grand Prix</i>
<i>Sat 23rd</i>	<i>Eddington Sprints</i>
<i>Sun 24th</i>	<i>Federation Picnic at Mortlake</i>
<i>Fri-Sun 29th-31st</i>	<i>Easter</i>
<i>Fri-Sun 29th-31st</i>	<i>Zephyr &amp; Zodiac Nationals in Ballarat</i>

## April 2024

Sun 7th	Daylight Saving Time ends 2am - clocks back one hour
Sun 7th	Naked Radiator Run - 10.30am start from clubrooms - Frank & Jan Tamis
Sun 7th	Guildford Car Show TBC
Sat 13th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
Thurs 18th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch
<b>Fri 19th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
Sat 20th	All British Bike Day at Maldon Group bike ride Chris Ridsdale
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>Club Run (Trophy Points) Tombstone Tour - Noel Trengove &amp; Barb Harris</b>
<b>Tues 23rd</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
Thurs 25th	ANZAC Day Lest We Forget

## May 2024

Sat-Sun 4th-5th	Lake Goldsmith Steam Machinery Rally
Sat 11th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
Sat 11th	Geelong Swap Meet
Sun 12th	Mother's Day
Thurs 16th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch
<b>Fri 17th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
Sat 18th	<b>(Trophy points) - Ballarat Heritage Display in Lydiard St. 9am-3:30pm Brendan Stevens</b>
Wed 15-Tues 21st	Lake Bolac Campout
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>(Trophy Points) - Lake Bolac drive to Campsite for lunch</b>
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
Sat-Sun 25-26th	Winton Historic Racing (? Bus trip TBC)

## June 2024

Sun 2nd	Naked Radiator Run - 10.30am start from clubrooms - Frank & Jan Tamis
Sat 8th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
Sat-Mon 8 -10th	Echuca Steam & Horse Rally
	Hamilton - King's Birthday Weekend Rally TBC
Mon 10th	King's Birthday Holiday
Thurs 20th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch
<b>Fri 21st</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
<b>Sun 23rd</b>	<b>Club Run (Trophy Points) John &amp; Gayle Pickering</b>
<b>Tues 25th</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
Sun 30th	Road Rodders Swap Meet in "The Fridge" Multi Storey Carpark



<b>July 2024</b>	
Wed 10th	Club Library open 10 - 12 noon
Sat 13th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
Thurs 18th	Rustless Wanderers Lunch - Xmas in July
<b>Fri 19th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>Club Run (Trophy Points) - Retiring President's Run - Andy Burns</b>
<b>Tues 23rd</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting - Nominations close for 2024/2025 Committee</b>
<b>August 2024</b>	
<i>Fri-Sun 2nd - 4th</i>	<i>Winton Festival of Speed</i>
Sun 4th	Naked Radiator Run - 10.30am start from clubrooms - Frank & Jan Tamis
Sat 10th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
Wed 14th	Library open 10-12 noon
Thurs 15th	Rustless Wanderers lunch
Fri 16th	<b>Club General &amp; Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>Sun 18th</b>	<b>Club Run (trophy points) Restoration Roundabout - Mike Simpson</b>
<b>Tues 20th</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
<i>Sun 25th</i>	<i>Federation Picnic at Marong (Leave Melbourne Road Bus Exchange at 8.30am) TBC</i>
<i>Sun 25th-1st</i>	<i>Federation Golden Oldies Tour. Start in Marong &amp; finishes in Ballarat</i>
<i>Sun 25th</i>	<i>Hamilton Swap meet</i>
<b>September 2024</b>	
Sun 1st	Father's Day
Sat 14th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
Thurs 19th	Rustless Wanderers lunch
<b>Fri 20th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	<b>Club Run (Trophy Points) - Ladies Drive - Jan Tamis</b>
<b>Tues 24th</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
<i>Sat 28th</i>	<i>AFL Grand Final</i>
Sun 29th	Sports Car Run – John & Gayle Pickering

<b>October 2024</b>	
	Twilight Classic Motorcycle Run – Club Eligible only. Chris Ridsdale will text interested riders
Sun 6th	<i>Daylight Saving Time starts, put your clocks forward 1 hour.</i>
Sun 6th	Naked Radiator Run - 10:30am start from Clubrooms - Frank & Jan Tamis
Sat 12th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
Sun 13th	<i>Bathurst 1000</i>
Thurs 17th	Rustless Wanderers lunch
<b>Fri 18th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
<i>Sat-Sun 19-20th</i>	<i>Moto GP Philip Island</i>
<i>Sat-Sun 19-20th</i>	<i>Dunolly Gold Festival TBC</i>
<b>Sun 20th</b>	<b>Club Run (Trophy Points) - TBA</b>
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
Sun 27th	<i>St Arnaud Car Show TBC</i>
<b>November 2024</b>	
	Twilight Classic Motorcycle Run Club Eligible only. Chris Ridsdale will text interested riders
<i>Sat-Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally</i>
Fri 8th	Twilight Sports Car Run John & Gayle Pickering
Sat 9th	Ladies Crafternoon @ Clubrooms 1:30-4:00pm
Wed 13th	Library open 10-12 noon
Thurs 14th	Rustless Wanderers lunch
<b>Fri 15th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
<i>Sat-Sun 16-17th</i>	<i>Bendigo Swap Meet</i>
<b>Sun 17th</b>	<b>Club Run (Trophy Points)</b>
<b>Tues 19th</b>	<b>Club Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Sun 24th</b>	<b>Annual Geoff Herkes Memorial Pre 30's Tour - Mark Border TBC</b>
Sun 24th	<i>Ballarat Springfest TBC</i>
<b>December 2024</b>	
	Twilight Classic Motorcycle Run Club Eligible only. Chris Ridsdale will text interested riders
Sun 1st	Naked Radiator Run - 10:30am start from clubrooms - Frank & Jan Tamis
<b>Sun 15th</b>	<b>Xmas Break up BBQ lunch at the Clubrooms – 12 - 4pm</b>
Thurs 19th	Rustless Wanderers Xmas lunch
<b>Fri 20th</b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>
Wed 25th	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Thurs 26th	<i>Boxing Day</i>

- Other runs may be planned throughout the year – watch your Newsletter for details.
- The Committee reserves the right to alter/amend dates or destinations of runs or to cancel events.
- If you wish to organise a special outing or additional run, please see a Committee Member!
- Events in italics are other organisation's events.

**FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF**

December 2023

A3828

Alfa Romeo Duetto Spider (1966-1990)  
By Giancenzo Madaro  
"The Cars that Made History" Series  
Donated by Ian Turner

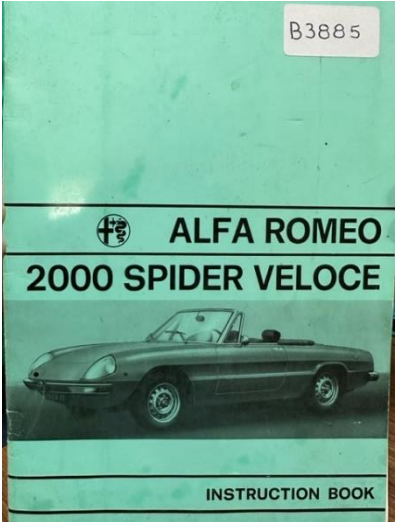
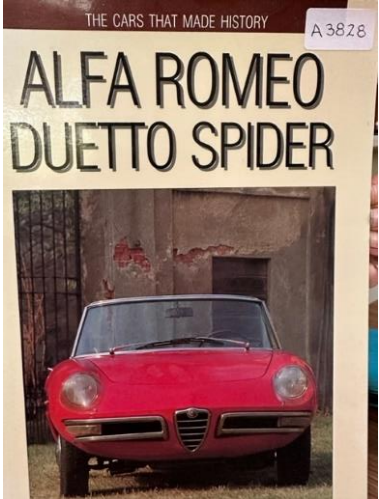
Published in 1991

95 Pages

The thirty-sixth Geneva Motor Show had the honour of hosting the 1966 launch of a new Alfa Romeo Sports Car with characteristic boat-tail styling: the unmistakable 1600cc Spider, later officially baptised as the Duetto. After years of honourable service, the previous very successful Giulietta Spider was replaced with this new model. Both models were very successful in carrying on Alfa's long and glorious open sports car tradition.

Apart from the excellence of the new model's mechanical specifications which were derived from that of the earlier Giulia Spider, much of its success was from the individual styling developed by Pininfarina. This was achieved through a long series of prototypes from the 1956 Super Flow to the Giulietta Spider Speciale Aerodinamica of 1961.

The new car in 1966 was catapulted to world-wide attention by the film "The Graduate" starring Dustin Hoffman, where the new model Alfa Romeo starred throughout the film. The Duetto Spider styling proved so innovative, and yet at the same time, so "classic" that the model lasted over twenty years. During this time the Duetto Sider developed through four distinct series. The first series from 1966 to 1969; the second series from 1969 to 1982; the third series from 1982 to 1989, and, up until this book was produced, the fourth series from 1989 to 1991.



The author, Giancenzo Madaro, traces the complex and multivarious pattern of the Duetto's development, the frequent tail surgery and the grafting on of spoilers, right up until the current model when the book was written. With the help of numerous illustrations, the book describes all of the Alfa Romeo Spiders from 1966 to 1991, including all the American versions.

At the end of this excellent book produced in Italy, there are accurate technical files covering the 1600cc, 1300cc, 1750cc and 2000cc engine varieties of the Duetto. In addition, there is production data, chassis and engine numbers as well as previously unpublished material relating to all four series of the Duetto.

In addition to this book, Ian has very kindly donated to our Club Library the following Alfa Romeo books:

- B3885 Alfa Romeo 2000 Spider Veloce Instruction Book (1974)
- B3884 Alfa Romeo Giulia – Spider Owners Workshop Manual (1962 – 1978)
- B3521/2 Alfa Romeo Spider Gold Portfolio by Brooklands Books (1966 – 1991)
- A3827 Alfa Romeo Giulia Spiders and Coupes by Richard Bremner (1954 – 1992)

The strength of our Club Library has always been in the generosity of members like Ian, who have donated such important books and manuals over the years.

Ron Gay

<b>APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS</b>		
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

## Melbourne, Victoria – Motoring a Century Ago in 1923 – Part 2 – from Steve Rattle

### 4. Roads and Driving Conditions



In 1920 the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) visited Australia, and on 19 October that year the road network connecting the Australian states was named in his honour. Its correct term is the Prince's Highway, but time and road signage has seen this abridged to the Princes (masculine) Highway, and even incorrectly referred to as the Princess (feminine) Highway.

Either way, early road conditions were appalling by modern standards and we should admire the early motorists who battled dust, mud, pot holes and puddles. It wasn't that long ago that the Hume Highway still meandered through many NSW towns en-route to Sydney, long before it achieved Freeway status.

Before bitumen was used for road surfaces, bluestone blocks gave horses grip for moving wagons. Wooden blocks were also used. Road width expanded as motor cars grew wider than their horse and buggy predecessors. Morris and some other manufacturers had problems on country roads following the wider ruts made by American vehicles. The Morris became a wider vehicle in Australia with the introduction of the Empire Oxford and Oxford models in 1927 and Cowley range in 1928.

### 5. Petrol

Early cars had low compression engines – this enabled them to be hand cranked and even operate on low octane home kerosene once started using low octane petrol. In 1923 service stations were far and few between so running board gallon (8 pint or 4.54 litre) cans were a popular item on motor car running boards.

Lead was added to fuel to reduce engine knock and protect engine valves, but the environmental ramifications (remember Los Angeles air quality in the 1970's) were extreme. Most of us will remember the choice of 'Super or Standard' – Standard having a lower octane rating and used for older, lower compression vehicles.

In 2023, modern lead-free fuel has a 91 octane rating or higher – with much higher compression. Manufacturers no longer provide crank handles – imagine the Hospital Emergency departments full of motorists with broken wrists!

World petrol prices actually decreased over the period 1920 to 1929 as refinery processes improved and world distribution was no longer affected by wartime. In the USA prices fell from 30 cents per gallon in 1920 to 21 cents per gallon in 1929. But remember - a U.S. gallon is 3.7854 litres.



In Victoria, I have found reference to the following petrol values, with their 2023 equivalents detailed. An imperial gallon is equivalent to 4.54 litres.

Month / Year	Price in LSD	2023 \$ gallon equivalent	2023 \$ litre equivalent
September 1923	1 shilling / 8 pence per gallon	\$7.11 per gallon	\$1.57 per litre
June 1931	2 shillings / 1 pence per gallon	\$10.14 per gallon	\$2.24 per litre
December 1950	3 shillings / 2 pence per gallon	\$8.64 per gallon	\$1.91 per litre

So pioneer Victorian motorists didn't really have cheap fuel by comparison to their earnings. Note the effect of the depression era for June 1931.

### 6. Home Maintenance

In 1923 cars came with owner manuals detailing how and when oil changes, greasing, de-coking or de-carbonizing, valve tappet adjustment and other maintenance service requirements were due. The motorist was encouraged and expected to undertake same, climbed into their overalls and grabbed the grease gun, giving each nipple a few pumps. The ability to adjust tappet clearances on a side valve motor was also a skill quickly mastered.

Apart from oil changes, the 2023 motorist is excused from these dirty tasks. They are only encouraged to check liquid levels under the bonnet (anything with a yellow cap) and tyre pressure. The grease nipple has all but disappeared, valves no longer need manual adjustment, exhaust systems don't burn out as frequently and car servicing is a computer plug-in diagnostic process.

### 7. Parking

I spoke to Mrs. Inez Duck in 1979 who told me she was a pioneer pre-marriage lady motorist in the early days of Melbourne. With her 1916 Chevrolet 490 she regularly drove and parked in Melbourne city – she said that even in 1923, parking was a problem particularly in:

Bourke Street – retail shopping and entertainment area

Collins Street - top end retail area for the wealthy at the eastern end, banking/finance at the western end

Spring Street - home of State & Federal Parliament, politicians and their cars everywhere, and

Spencer Street - Mail (postage) arrival / departure clearing and country rail travel drop off/collect.

She preferred to park in Lonsdale or Latrobe Streets and walk where she always managed to get an easy parking spot. The city limits didn't extend much further out than Sunshine in the west, Mordialloc in the south, Coburg in the North and Box Hill in the east back then.

Parking metres were introduced into the Melbourne CBD in 1956 - just before the commencement of the Olympic Games. The first parking metres in Australia were introduced in Hobart, Tasmania on 1 April 1955.

### 8. Roadside / Breakdown Service

The RACV (Royal Automobile Club of Victoria) was formed in 1903 with 56 members – and a day trip run to Tooradin at Western Port Bay was their first outing. By 2010 they had grown to 2.1 million members.

In 1923, it was a long walk to the nearest telephone to call for assistance – motorists were expected to be able to change flat tyres, and running out of fuel was frowned upon as poor motorist judgement. Roads were still littered with nails coming loose from horses' shoes and punctures were common.

Early RACV breakdown serviceman, Keith Jenkinson, told me back in 1991 that the majority of call outs in the early days were ignition related – lack of spark. Wet magnetos or worn points in distributors kept cars from operating. Faulty vacuum tanks on American cars not providing fuel and also overheating – poorly maintained cooling systems.

Otherwise, the motor car of yesterday simply soldiered on – we changed flat tyres for ladies, but supervised those for men – chivalry existed and was expected. We would often be changing a flat tyre for a lady and notice a lazy husband or boyfriend hiding around the corner – these blighters were too frightened to get their hands dirty!

Queensland Road Safety Council Ad – Morris Register of Victoria website (Wayne Gibbons)

### 9. Signalling

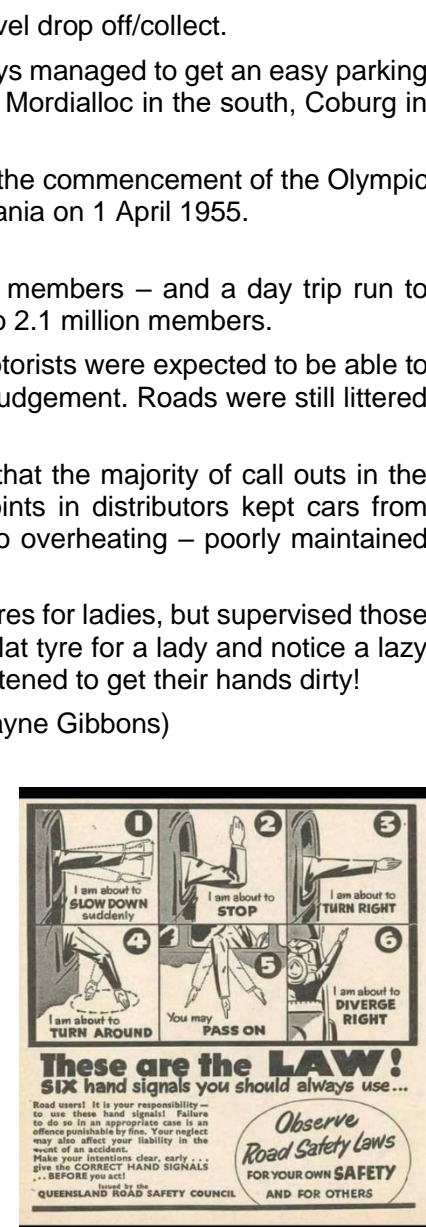
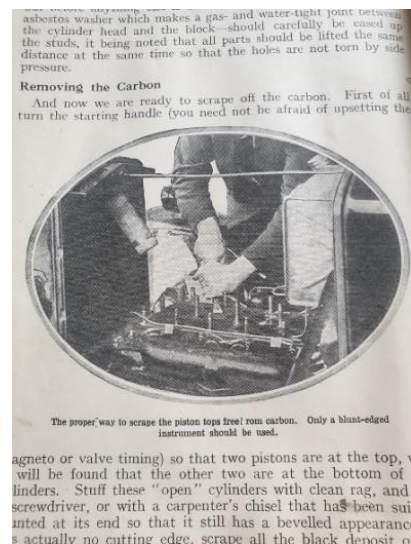
The Victorian motorist's right arm was certainly active in 1923 – six standard 'hand signals' were expected to be mastered before taking to the road. Motorists were on the lookout for other driver hand signals to judge their actions and plan their next move.

Early trucks had a metal arm and hand on the driver's door hinged to lift when turning or merging into traffic. As vehicles improved with hydraulic brakes, turn indicators and stop lights such 'hand signals' became obsolete. But they are an interesting reminder of times past.

### 10. Sales

Motor car sales grew considerably in the 1920's and with only a handful of local manufacturers (such as Australian Six, Chic, Summit) our love of U.S. and U.K. vehicles prospered. Considering they were imported chassis with locally manufactured bodies, the car became a status symbol and a measure of wealth or success. Most important was the freedom of travel, leisure, ability to visit friends and family at any time without the need to master public transport time tables.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics year book of Australia (2001) provides the following early vehicle numbers for Victoria & Australia. Their web site provides the 2022 numbers.



Financial year ended	Cars & Trucks	Motor Cycles	Total
30 June 1922 - Victoria	27,232	12,406	39,638
30 June 1922 - Australia	99,270	37,578	136,848
30 June 1939 - Australia	562,271	258,025	820,296
30 June 2022 - Australia	21.1 million approx.	913,800 approx.	22,013,800 approx.

Within Australia we sell over 1 million new vehicles each year – an amazing statistic for a population of 26 million people.

### 11. Registration and License

The unusual horse power (h.p.) rating system (bore in mm squared x number of cylinders /1613) was used to determine a cars registration fee in the state of Victoria. For a bullnose Morris Cowley, the formula would be  $69.5 \times 69.5 \times 4 / 1613 = 11.9783$  rated horse power, therefore £2/2/0 annual registration fee.

The Victorian Motor Car Act of 1915 quoted the following annual registration fees:

Vehicle by horse power rating	1923 in LSD	2023 in \$
Motor cycle	5/-	21.34
Motor car not exceeding 6 ½ h.p.	£1/1/0	89.61
Motor car 6 ½ h.p. but not exceeding 12 h.p.	£2/2/0	179.23
Motor car 12 h.p. but not exceeding 16 h.p.	£3/3/0	268.84
Motor car 16 h.p. but not exceeding 26 h.p.	£4/4/0	358.45
Motor car 26 h.p. but not exceeding 33 h.p.	£5/5/0	448.06
Motor car 33 h.p. and above	£6/6/0	537.68

Motor vehicles used exclusively 'for the conveyance or burden in course of trade' – in other words trucks, taxis and similar paid the £3/3/0 rate.

In Victoria, a driver's licence cost 2/6 (two shillings and sixpence) - the 2023 equivalent being \$10.67. A total of 43,701 licences were issued the preceding financial year despite there being 39,638 motor cars and motorcycles in Victoria.

In summary - I've enjoyed researching the Victorian motoring scene of a century past. The next century forward to 2123 will inevitably have its challenges, problems and obstacles – the demise of the petrol engine with increased government involvement seems inevitable. Electric and hydrogen vehicles are making their mark – and as the world changes, so too will our motoring habits and expectations.

STEVE RATTLE



### BENDIGO SWAP MEET – 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

With the long build up, and my constant reminders, pleasingly the Swap all went ahead as planned, and was a huge weekend!

A big **THANK YOU** to all who involved themselves, either as a site-holder (for bringing stuff along), as a volunteer (thank you for taking the time, I hope you enjoyed it), or as a visitor (thank you for coming).

It has been 4 years since the last Swap in 2019, so in the background there might have been some things that were a bit rusty (more so than the goods for sale!). So, if you have any feedback, either as a site-holder, volunteer or visitor, please share with me – details in the front of the newsletter.

Brett & Kevin Holloway  
Federation Delegates



## NOTICE BOARD

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

10 <sup>th</sup> December	Colac Swap Meet	Colac Racecourse
20-21 <sup>st</sup> January	Campbells Creek Collectables Fair	Community Hall
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Centre State Swap Meet	Bendigo Racecourse
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Festival of Motoring	Cruden Farm
24 <sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – [nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com](mailto:nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com)***

### FOR SALE

1928 Ford Model A Coupe Engine No A507098 Body No A2512519  
Older Restoration Good Driver On Club Rego  
Has been a great rally car for us over the last 9 years - making room for new addition \$32,000 ONO  
**Contact Ken – 0417 524 241**



### FOR SALE

8 antique garage bifold doors standing 10ft high and 2'6" wide  
Would make excellent display wall.  
Asking \$800 neg.  
**Contact Trevor 0417503206**



### FOR SALE

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)

### FOR SALE

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**

For further details - **Glen - 0458 343 792**



## FOR SALE

1963 Rover P4 100 – this original Rover P4 is the personal car of the former President of The Rover P4 Drivers Guild of Australia.

Registration number: 65088-H

Engine number: 76600190A

Chassis number: 76600190A

Price: \$30,000

This P4 is unrestored and completely original - it is the ideal touring car and at 80,000 miles is barely "run in". P4s were beautifully engineered and their survival rate today, 50 to 60 years later, is testimony to their quality.

**Contact Rhys 0419 322 366**



## FOR SALE

2018 16ft Tilt Tray car carrier. As new condition. Electric Brakes, Manual Winch, Sides all round Large Tool Box Mag Wheels, Spare Wheel. Powder Coated. (Rego No Y64293).

Price \$5,500 **Contact Barry Wickham - 0427100102**



## WANTED

Remy 713-C starter motor to suit 1922 Jewett Deluxe Touring.

**Contact Gareth - 0466 807 744**

**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.**

## Do You Know . . .

. . . the origin of Boxing Day? Yes, it refers to boxes, but not anything to do with unwrapping Christmas gifts.

There are competing theories for the origins of the term, none of which is definitive - no doubt because the exact origin has been lost over the centuries. But in my research, the common theme seems to be centred around the alms boxes in Christian churches, in both the UK and in Europe.

The tradition of giving money and other gifts to those in need, or in service positions, has been dated to the Middle Ages – it is thought to relate to the alms box placed in the narthex of Christian churches to collect donations for the poor through the year. These boxes were then opened on the day following Christmas, celebrating the Feast of Saint Stephen, and subsequently distributed to the needy.

This day originated as a holiday to allow servants to visit their families, since they were working on Christmas Day serving their masters. Saint Stephen's Day was considered the second day of Christmas. The Feast of Saint Stephen is referred to in the Christmas Carol, Good King Wenceslas, which tells the story of a Bohemian King in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century (modern-day Czechia) who goes on a journey, braving harsh winter weather to give alms to a poor peasant on the Feast of Saint Stephen – the Second Day of Christmas.

The British Monarch has continued this tradition of giving alms to the poor to the present day.

*Nerene Backhouse*

**CLUB CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

DEC	Date	What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Sat	9th	Ladies Crafternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1.30-4pm
Sun	10th	Club Run (Trophy Points)	BBQ lunch at Clubrooms and Rocker Cover Racing	Andy Burns	0428935988	12:00noon
Wed	13th	Club Library open	Come - have a cuppa & chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10 - 12noon
Thurs	14th	Rustless Wanderers	Xmas Lunch – Cattle Yards Inn	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	15th	Club General Meeting	Clubrooms			8pm
Sun	17th	Carols by Candlelight Display	Mars Stadium Creswick Road	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	TBA
Mon	25th	Christmas Day	<i>Merry Xmas everyone !!!</i>			
<b>JAN</b>						
Mon	1st	Sports Car Run	Bus Exchange Melbourne Road	Ray Reynolds	53317029	8.30am
Mon	1st	<i>Sporting Motorists Picnic</i>	<i>Muckleford South Cricket Oval</i>	<i>Damian O'Doherty</i>	<i>0417565408</i>	<i>From 11am</i>
Wed	10th	Club Library open	Come – have a cuppa and chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10 - 12noon
Thurs	18th	Rustless Wanderers	Midlands Gold Club	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	19th	Club General Meeting	Clubrooms			8pm
Sat	20th	Country Canter	Bus Exchange Melbourne Road	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	10am
Sun	21st	Club Run (Trophy Points)	Picnic at Kirks Reservoir – all types of vehicles welcome	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	4pm-7pm
Sun	21st	<i>Colac Motorfest</i>				
Sun	21st	<i>Centre State Swap Meet</i>	<i>Bendigo</i>			
Tues	23rd	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Fri	26th	<i>Australia Day Breakfast</i>	<i>Haddon Lions Park</i>			From 8am
Fri	26th	Paddlesteamer Museum	Display at Lake Wendouree	Daryl Crawley	0417351827	11am
<b>FEB</b>						
Sun	4th	Naked Radiator Run	Clubrooms	Frank & Jan Tamis	0475192372	10.30am
Fri	9th	Twilight Sports Car Run	TBA	John & Gayle	0408914943	TBA
Sat	10th	Ladies Crafternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1.30-4pm
Sun	11th	<i>Picnic at Hanging Rock</i>	<i>See website</i>			
Wed	14th	Club Library Open	Come for a cuppa & chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10am-12pm
Wed	14th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
Thurs	15th	Rustless Wanderers	TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Thurs	15th	Club General Meeting	Clubrooms – <u>NOTE</u> Change of date			8pm
Fri-Sun	16-18	Annual Begonia Rally	Registrations now open	Nerene Backhouse	0427348060	
Tues	20th	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Wed	28th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840770	11am-2.30pm

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