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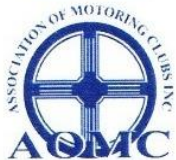
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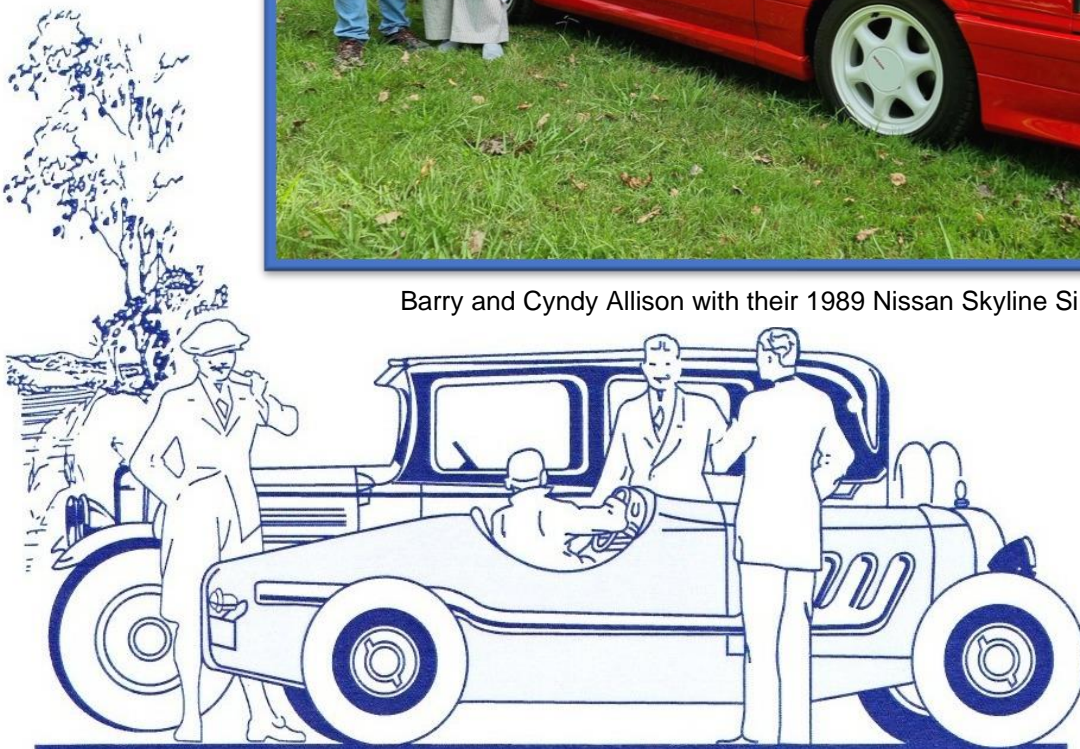
Member Club



Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Barry and Cyndy Allison with their 1989 Nissan Skyline Silhouette GTS



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 7.30 PM during Eastern Standard Time

NOTE: The next General Meeting will be held Friday, 21st April 2023 at the VCCC clubrooms

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Newsletter

Articles for the **May 2023** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to 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 – 2nd Wednesday of each month –
next **12th April, then 10th May and 14th June**

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Hope you were able to enjoy the Easter break – together with a choccy treat or two.

In this issue, the Federation and AOMC Delegates' Meetings reports contain some very useful information – well worth taking the time to read them. It would be a good opportunity now to take your cars on one of the upcoming runs, before winter sets in – see Coming Events as well as the Calendar for something that suits you. Also in this issue are some great reports on recent events for your reading pleasure.

Nerene Backhouse

HEALTH MATTERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations

First of all, a little birdie has told me that Life Member Ron Goad and his wife Dawn were married 70 years ago – how the years fly by – congratulations from all of us.

Another happy good news story - Merv and Maree Sherlock are celebrating their 67th Wedding Anniversary this month – congratulations to you both.

Bereavement

We have conveyed our condolences to Simone and Max Duthie on the passing of Simone's mother, Eunice Clay, and also to members Marc and Tanya Duthie – Eunice was Marc's grandmother.

Just at the time of printing, we heard the sad news that Quentin Turner had passed away – our very deepest sympathy to Maisie and family.

Welfare

Feeling a bit poorly? Having a difficult time? Our thoughts are with you – we wish you brighter days ahead.

SECRETARY'S NOTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING – 22nd MARCH 2023

1 New member applications

No new member applications were received this month

2 Moving forward workshop

The workshop was attended by a cross section of members and good feedback was received from all who attended. Julie White will collate the information collected and then forward back to the Club for distribution to those who attended.

3 Electric Vehicle Display Day

Saturday 15th April from 10:00am – 12 noon at the Clubrooms. There will be representatives present with the latest electric cars both battery and hydrogen powered to discuss the benefits of both types of vehicles.

Morning tea will be available

4 Historic Winton Race Day – 28th May

Brendan Stevens is collecting names and money from anyone wishing to go to Winton. Cost of bus trip is \$20, which needs to be paid at the time of booking your seat on the bus. The bus holds 24 and a second bus is available if required. Winton raceway entry is an additional cost – either on the website or on the day.

5 Club cards

The Committee is considering purchasing a business style card which would contain information about our Club, including contact details etc, and can be given to people when we are out and about with our cars.

6 Did you know?

i) In Barkly Square (old Girls' School) Ballarat East, is a small business called "*The Repair Café*" where community members meet to share skills and fix items that would otherwise go to landfill. The public is invited. Open times are on the last Saturday of the month from 1pm to 4pm.

ii) Also there, check out the *Tool Library* which is a volunteer-led initiative that provides access to tools that you might need to repair and care for your home and belongings, and saving you money from having to buy new tools. Check them out via Google

Nancy Jackson – Secretary

PS – just a reminder, everyone, that the General Meetings will start at 7.30pm from April's meeting up to and including the September one.

Cover Story – A Skyline Passion

For anyone who doesn't know us, we are the club members with all those different Skylines.

When young, I had a preference for Japanese designed vehicles; I've never felt I had to have a V8. In 1986, Nissan Australia introduced the Skyline R31, and from '86 to '90 they built Series 1, 2 and 3.

In early 1988, I traded my 1981 Datsun Stanza SSS in for a Series 2, two toned sporty model called a Silhouette. I still have it today; it's been my daily drive since and has done over 500,000kms. I still enjoy driving it and have never felt the need to move it on.

Nissan Australia also introduced their Special Vehicles Division in early 1988 and produced Silhouette special builds, modified for general public purchase, with strong connection to the cars in the then Nissan domestic Australian racing program. 200 of each were produced - in '88 the first build in classic white all manual and in '89 the second build in beacon red half automatic.

Handling capabilities were so good that 6 of each SVD model, both '88 and '89, were sold to the Tasmania Police Highway Patrol. All painted white, they were ideally suited to the narrow roads in Tasmania.

Having the desire to own a SVD GTS since their release in the late 80s and still driving my original Silhouette, I searched for and bought the best examples I could find ... and made them better. In 2004 I bought my SVD Silhouette GTS in the beacon red (pictured) from Melbourne, and in 2007 picked up my SVD Silhouette GTS in classic white from South Australia. Far more work was needed on this car to restore it to original condition.



Even though my cars are all maintained at show quality level, and a few trophies are on display at home, there's nothing like taking any one of these vehicles out on a sports car run.

Barry and Cyndy Allison

COMING EVENTS – April - May 2023

Also, see the Calendar on page 15

Wednesday 12th April – Club Library Open – 10am – 12 noon

Saturday 15th April – “Come and Look” Electric Vehicle Display Morning – 10am – 12 noon

See Item 3 above in the Secretary's Notes.

Saturday 15th April – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30pm - 4pm (note a week later due to Easter)

We invite you to bring along your own UFO item (UnFinished Object!) so that you can take the time to work on it, (particularly if you are time-poor at home), and in the good company of other crafters.

Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077

(Maria Taranto asked if the following invitation could be advertised in our newsletter after she received many requests from members to know what and where her events are happening – happy to oblige – good luck Maria)

Sunday 16th April 2PM - Cancer Council Fundraiser – Croquet and Afternoon Tea

Team Madagascar will be hosting croquet and afternoon tea fundraiser for the Shitbox Rally at the Ballarat Western Croquet Club (204 Ripon Street South). \$20 for a fun afternoon, no experience needed. The venue is an alcohol and smoke free venue. Croquet, afternoon tea, hot and cold drinks included in the price. So just come along and have a fun afternoon! Hope to see you there

Thank you to the South East Corner Tour for your kind donation towards the Shitbox Rally for the Cancer Council. It was greatly appreciated.

Regards Team Madagascar - Joe and Maria Taranto 0409 361 063

Thursday 20th April – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Golf House Hotel, Doveton Street North

Make your own way there for a 12 noon lunch. Bookings are required by Monday 17th April

Contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770

Friday 21st April – Club General Meeting – 7.30pm – note change of time

23rd April 2023 - Lady Drivers Run - (Aka The Bertha Benz Commemorative Run)

The Ladies of the Club are invited to come on a run which has been designed especially for them. Husbands, partners, boyfriends, nephews etc. are invited to navigate their lady on an interesting excursion to the north of Ballarat (and consequently experience what many ladies on club runs do every month!) The run will involve simple instructions to get to a morning tea at a Winery followed by a further drive to another pleasant location for a simple lunch. Male companions are expected to reward their ladies for their fine drive with the cost of a cuppa and subsequent lunch.

Important Information:

Please book your entry by phone with Ruth 0419 894 001 by **Wednesday 19th April** (for catering purposes)

Departure Time 9 a.m. from the Clubrooms

Distance to Morning Tea Venue – Approx 54 kilometres. Beverages of your choice at your cost, Nibbles provided

Distance to Lunch Venue – Approx 40 kilometres. Lunch at your cost

The Afternoon is free and you will be in the Daylesford area

Ruth O'Doherty – Run Organiser

Tuesday 25th April – Club Committee Meeting

Looking Ahead - May

Lake Bolac Campout – Wednesday 17th – Tuesday 23rd May

This is a great opportunity to rest and relax for the whole week, or the weekend or just a day. The campout is open to any members with caravans (vintage or modern, doesn't matter), motorhomes, campervans, tents, swags or whatever – even the back of your ute!

For the benefit of any new members interested in joining us, the site is not at the local Caravan Park – it is actually about a kilometre further around the Lake, and is called Picnic Point.

The central focus of the campout is the camp fire so that we can all congregate and mingle together. There is no on-site power but there is power in the amenities block, as well as an undercover barbeque area, which also has a large sink with hot and cold water. There are no actual camp fees, but should you wish to use the showers, a \$5 coin-in-the slot token is available for purchase from me at the camp site.

For further information, contact Nerene Backhouse 0427 348 060

Ballarat Heritage Festival Display – Sunday 21st May

This year the council will give us the whole of Lydiard Street North from Mair to Sturt if we can fill it. The day is shorter, from 10am-3pm. We need cars, bikes, trucks and old caravans to give the street a bit of a different feel this year.

Again, it clashes with the Lake Bolac Campout, so if you're not a camper, please give me a ring ASAP so that I can get the list together. We will use last year's information boards again and get new boards for the first timers. Contact Brendan 0409 018 867 – straight away would be very helpful please.

Winton Historic Racing – Sunday 28th May

A 24-seat bus is arranged and filling fast. Please contact **Brendan – 0409 018 867** and pay as soon as you can to secure your seat. Cost is \$20 for the bus.

We'll be leaving from the Clubrooms at 6.30am, and returning approximately 8.30-9pm. We will stop somewhere on the way home for a feed.

Entry into Winton is \$50 which can be pre-purchased online (Winton Historics website) or pay \$55 on the day – no concession is available.

Invitation Events We Have Received You Might Be Interested to Attend

Saturday 22nd April – Lake Bolac Vintage Car/Bike Show – Midday till Late! Opposite the pub.

9th – 12th June – Hamilton's 'Welcome Back Tour' Rally – entries close 8th May

Contact Nerene for the Flyer/Entry Form

PAST EVENTS

Naked Radiator Run – 5th February

Humble apologies for omitting the attendees for this run in last month's newsletter – here they are:

Attendees Naked Radiator Run

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| Ian & Sue Wells | 1925 Austin | Peter & Meredith Todd | 1930 Buick |
| Graeme & Gail Barnes | 1926 Ford Model T | Gordon & Pam Roberts | 1933 Dodge Coupe |
| Damian & Ruth O'Doherty | 1926 Delage DIC | Peter & Judy Fitzgerald | 1954 Studebaker |
| Moyle Bunworth | 1928 Ford Model A | Nerene Backhouse | 1956 Austin A30 |
| Darren & Jono Miles | 1928 Ford Model A | Nancy Jackson | 1959 Jaguar |
| Reg & Jean Rhook | 1928 Ford | Tony Newman, Bruce Kerr | 1961 Jaguar Mk 2 |
| Colin & Joy Feltham | 1928 Pontiac | John & Gayle Pickering | 1978 Holden ute |
| Frank & Jan Tamis | 1929 Plymouth | Tony McDonald & Jayden | 1986 Rolls Royce Silver Spirit |
| Warren & Barb Harris | 1929 Marquette | | |
| Tom Quinlan | 1929 De Soto Coupe | Daryl & Barb Mitchell | 1986 M Benz 300 SE |
| Neville Finch | 1930 Ford Model A Coupe | Ray & Marj Drury | 1986 Jaguar |
| | | John Peart | 1994 Lexus SC 400 |

Modern – Rick Thege & Heather Gingell, Ivan & Helen Tarrant

Breakfast On The Mount and the 3 Bobs et al Tour – 26th February

My day started at home in the fog and as such I wasn't going to meet at the Club rooms so I proceeded to Buninyong and up to the Mount to help with the breakfast. It had been organised at the last meeting that Nerene Backhouse would lead the members that congregated at the clubrooms at 8.30 am out to Mount Buninyong. Well, I believe there was a bit of an issue with her car but they all got there with minimum fuss.

When I arrived, all was set up with the tea and coffee, juice, bacon and egg on bread to go, and of course plenty of fog. Many of the new arrivals had noted that the smell of the bacon was evident half way up the Mountain. It was a great turn up of members and friends - 2 pages were filled in the attendance book.

With breakfast over, President Andy Burns explained the reason/purpose of the day and acknowledged the 3 Bobs' wives for their efforts over the years. These are Phyll Eason, Nancy Jackson and Jenny Ure (pictured at right).



Once all was packed up and Andy gave the necessary directions to the next mystery run to follow. We drove at a leisurely pace to Yendon, crossing the railway line down to Lal Lal then back to Clarendon to head back to Ballarat. Just before going down the hill into Buninyong, we visited Snowy Cremein's Exotic Timber Sales.



Now Snowy is pretty good at building stuff, so he built a slab cutting saw bench (above). He says he's got about 16 different exotic timber types and he demonstrated the saw working on Cypress Pine. He had all the necessary machines to smooth and finish the timber to tabletop quality.

Prior to the saw milling demonstration, he started and ran a number 4 Ruston/Hornsby Stationary Diesel Engine. It being of 1930's vintage and owned by his father, it had been used in the gold mining industry up Bendigo way. From here, we headed back to Buninyong to the Botanical Gardens to have a picnic lunch and natter then head home. Some took up the invitation of Ian Watson to go to his place for 'afters'.

After the foggy start, the weather cleared up and the sun came out to make a very pleasant day out for all who attended.

Geof Baulch

Re-Re-living the 70's – Mornington Weekend – 4th - 5th March

After a quick mingle and getting our itinerary, 9 vehicles and 17 people left Ballarat a little after 8am. Nerene chose to be a passenger with Brendan Collier.

We travelled as much as possible on the old highway to Melbourne as we would have done in the 1970's. Leaving the highway at Leigh Creek, we continued through Bungaree, Gordon, Ballan and then back on to the highway to Pykes Creek Reservoir to continue through Myrniong and Bacchus Marsh (remember the big globe that used to spin beside the servo?). I remember always stopping for fruit at the stalls, and fish and chips on the way home from Melbourne. Oh, the memories of ears popping as we encountered the Pentlands.

Travelling through the Avenue of Honour out of Bacchus Marsh, passing by the site of the old Golden Fleece Service Station and up and down Anthony's Cutting on our way into Melton. Then, we had to travel on the Freeway to the Ring Road where we stopped for a morning tea break at Macca's.

Back on the Freeway, we got stuck in the proverbial traffic jam just before the Westgate Bridge as a result of an accident. But the wait was worth it once we got on to The Esplanade. We were treated to beautiful views overlooking the beach, and there were runners and cyclists in their hundreds it seemed, together with families and pets all out on this glorious day.

Colin Hill's Mk3 Ford Zodiac had trouble for the second time that morning when we stopped at a traffic light and the vehicle refused to start. Thanks to the club members who were behind us, a cyclist and a passing motorist who pushed us around the corner.

Along Beach Road to Seaford many changes were noticed, mainly the railway with trains going underground at some intersections, and the train stations so much more up market than they used to be.

We thank Jon, Old Classic Motorcycle Warehouse, for showing us his collection of classic and vintage British motorcycles. Here is a great opportunity for anyone interested to purchase a very nice collectable – there were plenty to choose from.

We were warmly welcomed at Ray and Eileen Broatch's home in Somerville for lunch. Ray and Jim Stewart, both VCCC members, were busy on the BBQ, while Eileen and Jim's wife, Lorraine were busy bringing out the salads. The sweets/slices that followed were to die for! We can't thank you all enough for the most wonderful and tasty spread that was supplied by you. (Believe you had a little help, so many thanks to all concerned)



Ron & Sue Damen, Mike & Lyn Simpson with Eileen Broatch



Ray and Jim then took us to see a neighbour's private collection – 7 cars in all if I remember correctly – a Ford Model A, a cute little purple Gogomobile, a 1907 McIntyre Motor Buggy, a Metz, Chevrolet Tourer, a Chenard Walcker, and an Austin Healey – all with great stories.

Saturday night's stay at Tyabb was a nice choice which really related back to the 1970's, where outdoor seats and tables created a sociable time (no time for the pool or spa). After freshening up, we made our way down to the Dromana Drive-In, and stayed with the 'living in the '70's' theme by having the usual hamburger and chips at Shel's Diner. The choice of movies wasn't great, but most of us saw Cocaine Bear which had mixed reviews, but I thought it was funny. (I've been told I have a warped sense of humour, lol)

Next morning, we returned back to the Broatch's place for a delicious bacon and egg breakfast, and we thank you again for your wonderful hospitality – 5-star plus!



After breakfast, we went back to Tyabb (just past the Motel as it happened) to the Packing House Antiques where we spent an hour or so wandering and reminiscing – another nostalgic place - "Oh, I remember having one of those" etc etc. Well worth the stop.

We, again, made our way back to The Esplanade overlooking Port Phillip Bay, and

onto Arthur's Seat to Charlie's Auto Museum which is the reason why this weekend was organised. What an amazing collection – men pondered through the whole place, while others sat in the air-conditioned Diner, American style booths, with a latte or ice cream.

The National Park at Point Nepean was on the agenda, but time was not in our favour in order to catch the 4pm ferry back to Queenscliff. Thank goodness this choice was made, as the one and a half hour wait in very heavy traffic was not expected. Some of the cars had boiling issues while waiting for the ferry.



The weekend nearly to an end – our last stop was the Crown Hotel at Buninyong for Dinner.

A most enjoyable, adventurous and relaxing weekend. Can't thank Daryl Crawley enough for all the work he put in to organising the venues, and preparing the detailed itinerary – your efforts have not gone unnoticed for making the weekend the great success it was.

Laurelyn Hill and Robyn Wootton

Club Run - All Ford Day Geelong - 19th March 2023 (Trophy Points)

The All Ford Day was a whole new experience for me. For owners of anything to do with the blue oval this gathering must be the annual mecca event. Approximately 1500 cars filled the Geelong gardens area, and a sea of cars were parked around the enclosed space in the public parking area.

You definitely needed the good walking shoes to cover the massive display and the step count for the day was going to be pretty high. Basically, there were two departures – Daryl Crawley led those who were displaying their vehicles who had to be there by 9am. It wasn't long before the non-display group soon caught up with Daryl and his early start display mob with a few phone calls. Coffees were passed around and questions of where do you start soon answered.

The hard luck story must go to Moyle Bunworth who struggled in his A Model down on Saturday in the heat in order to put it on display the next day, but he didn't register for judging. Little did he know, his was the only vintage 20's vehicle there, and he could have come home with a trophy. Mind you, the A Model was much admired and ended up with a photo in Monday's Geelong Advertiser with a bit of a story as well. Such is life.



Mustangs of all models, a large GT contingent from the Ford GT clubs, twin and single spinners, Anglia, Prefect, Capri, Fairmont, Fairlane, Cortina, Escort, Landau, Thunderbird, Cobra, Customline, Crestline, F100-350, and the full alphabet of every Australian Ford model. Coupes, convertibles, commercials, sedans, station wagons, hearse, a large contingent of street rod vehicles and several home-engineered off-road outfits showed their stuff as well.



Daryl Crawley's 1975 Goss, Wayne Lineker's 1971 XY, Ross Wootton's 1970 XW, Neville Finch's 1966 Thunderbird, Jeff & Kerry Morcombe's 1963 Compact

It wasn't hard to pick who was vying for trophies as after every sprinkle of rain, out came the towels and chamois to get rid of those watermarks. The event is well run and catered for with a big range of tucker and drinks available. In retrospect, a fold out chair would have been handy as the legs needed a break, and it also makes balancing food that little bit easier. There were around 40 or so trophies to be handed to all the different models, and after lunch the prizes were spread out. Shannons also ran a charity auction as a fund raiser that kept hands

waving for an hour or so. They also had their Semi Trailer with driving simulators available. The kids queued up eager for their turn with plenty of Dads also giving them a go.

By about 2:30, it had warmed up and the dust was rising as the cars started to fire up and move out. There was plenty of horsepower making a racket as we all moved back to our own vehicles. The traffic control people did a great job keeping cool heads amongst the roar of V8's coming at them from all directions trying to get back out to Ryrie Street. The Ballarat group all got out in one piece and met up at the local Meredith pub to quench a thirst and swap yarns before heading to their own homes for a well-earned rest. Thanks to everyone for the company.

Brendan Stevens

Attendees at All Ford Day

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| Moyle Bunworth | 1928 Ford Model A |
| Jeff & Kerry Morcombe | 1963 Compact Fairlane |
| Neville Finch | 1966 Ford Thunderbird |
| Ross Wootton | 1970 XW Ford Fairmont |
| Keith Mackinlay | 1971 XY Ford GT |
| Wayne Lineker | 1971 XY Ford GS |
| Daryl Crawley | 1975 Ford John Goss Special |
| Brendan Stevens | 1986 BMW 320i Convert. |

Modern - David and Debbie Marks

Passengers- Ron Damen, Darren and Jono Miles, Nerene Backhouse, Brendan Collier

Federation Picnic Day at Mortlake Sunday March 26th

The gathering spot at Tea Tree Lake at Mortlake for the annual South West Federation Picnic is perfectly suited for any conditions.

It is lush with green grass, lots of shelter trees, close to the pretty little lake (stocked with trout they tell me), great public facilities and just enough space to spread out. It can handle any weather conditions and truly we were not too sure what we were going to get when we arrived.

However, we were warmly welcomed by the volunteer ladies at the gate and with hot coffee and egg and bacon roll in hand we settled in to catch up with old friends and perhaps make some new ones.

The best part about this gathering is the variety of vehicles that turn up. There is always something you haven't seen before and plenty of great stories behind each vehicle presented.

The weary Tony's Tour crew rolled in over the morning on the last day of their 4-day trek around the SW corner of Victoria and the edge of South Australia. All had a great time but were looking forward to their own beds again.



Keith Mackinlay talking to Wayne Lineker about his 1971 XY GT



Tony Taranto (above left) with most his fellow tourers

It was great to see the Holloways doing their bit with Kevin on the info desk and Brett holding the microphone to give away prizes and draw the numerous raffles. A great job along with the other Federation members and representatives. Big thanks must also go to the Moyne Shire for their continued support, the Lions and CWA for the BBQ and the terrific local band who kept all our toes tapping over the day. See you there next year.
Brendan Stevens



Warren Harris and Mal Bandy telling a whole lot of stories with Mike Simpson about Tony's Tour



This 1913 Empire is former member Russell Ward's new toy – very interesting vehicle

AOMC Delegates Report meeting held 6th March 2023

The meeting opened with a presentation from Leigh Booth, a retired Victorian Policeman who was a major accident investigator. His theme were tyres which fail and then cause an accident with fatalities, which of course is why he was involved. He was primarily referring to modern tubeless tyres, and not to tubed or capped tyres.

He explained that accidents that happen due to tyre failure (and he meant by tyre failure the delamination of the tread from the carcass of the tyre) were caused by one of a couple of things.

One was age. As the tyres age, they do degenerate in their composition. The age of a tyre can be ascertained by checking the date of build. This is a four-digit number down near the rim. For example, 4706, means built in the 47th week of 2006. So, an old tyre, being now 17 years old. If a tyre only has 3 digits, then it was built prior to 2000, and he wouldn't drive on such a tyre.

His advice was to regularly check your tyres for signs of cracking in the walls and in the tread, and base your replacement programme on evidence. Generally speaking, most tyres if looked after have a life of eight to ten years, and some older. He did mention that older caravans and trailers often had aged tyres with good tread, but had been exposed to long periods in the sun, which caused deterioration and these sometimes caused grief.

Another cause of accidents was underinflation, and or overloading, which meant that the tyre generated a lot of heat and subsequently shed its tread and blew out. Worthwhile checking your tyre pressures on a regular basis. A useful presentation.

The meeting itself was largely procedural. Matters of note were:

- a) **VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme Report** – There wasn't one. The full review that was promised now several years ago has been postponed. With the privatisation of VicRoads service delivery, there was now no direct firm contact. Former helpful officers continued to assist as best they can.
- b) **Florence Thomson Tour** based on Wangaratta at the end of April is now fully subscribed and closed to further entrants.
- c) **The AOMC Carbon Offset Scheme** continues to gather momentum and is something the VCCC should consider as a club to make its contribution in the demonstration to government that the old car movement is prepared to play its part in arresting global warming.
- d) **The Joint Working Party** with Federation appears to be going well and producing some useful collaboration.

Issues that the Joint Working Party are discussing and collaborating on are:-

- 1) Relationships and contact at the Department of Transport/Vic Roads
- 2) VIN Numbers
- 3) Heritage Registration Numbers
- 4) Annual RWC tests for heritage vehicles
- 5) Economic Value of Historic Motoring Survey
- 6) Environmental/Fuel Carbon Considerations.

Little detail was provided about any of these issues, but I did garner some information about some.

The importation of motor vehicles requires that the vehicle has a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which is a 17-digit alpha/numeric number. Many older vehicles of course do not have such a number. Fortunately, the importer is able to assign one, but it does mean etching/stamping such a number into the chassis somewhere. I don't know if that is all there is to this issue.

There is a suggestion that the way Heritage Registration Numbers are managed has changed. There has been a report that an individual can hold and display a heritage plate, but they can't sell it. Only VicRoads can sell the plate. An individual, however, can transfer the plate to another person where it is attached to a registered vehicle by selling the vehicle. This information came from a member of the Early Ford V8 Club who was referring to the 6-digit enamel plates sometimes found on 30's Ford and it wasn't disputed at the meeting. If you have an interest in Heritage Plates it would pay to be sure of the facts before committing.

The Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce (VACC) are pushing with the State Government an annual road worthy scheme for older vehicles. It is seen by the powers that be as a purely money-making scheme for the VACC members, but nevertheless the push needs to be countered.

The point was made that these issues need to be fleshed out at future meetings so that there is a proper understanding of the issues involved.

Damian and Ruth O'Doherty
Delegates AOMC

GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – once again a friendly reminder from our Permit Officer

Please follow this update re getting permits signed:

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.

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.



Federation
of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc.
Delegate's Report

The Quarterly Delegates meeting was on held Saturday 11th February in Little River at the Mechanics Institute. This is one of only 130 remaining (originally 1,350). Formed in 1910, they hold the smallest public library in Victoria, 100+ years in the same building with the same shelving and still some of the original books. In recognition of the work they do, and in appreciation of hosting the day, Federation contributed \$1,000 to cover the cost of catering and a donation.

The meeting started with a guest speaker, followed by all standard Agenda items, and finished with afternoon tea before heading for home.

- **Guest Speaker:**

We heard from Geoff Gwilym, the CEO of VACC (Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce), a lobby group for the automotive industry with membership across Victoria and Tasmania, who spoke on issues around RWCs, Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Fuels generally.

In relation to their push for annual Roadworthy Certificates, Geoff spoke of the different rules across Australia, the UK and NZ, but didn't commit to a position, saying that the Government is not interested as it would not be popular with voters.

The current data in relation to history of accidents etc. also does not support this position.

In relation to electric vehicles and emissions, the policy adviser group shows there is a divide between the 'old' industry (existing) and the 'new' industry (that is not automotive, but energy focussed). The challenge moving forward is to be liaising with the new advisers (EV) who have a different ideology (and some that don't even own a car!)

The Federal Government push to EVs of 9/10 by 2030 is purely aspirational, likely to incentivise or de-incentivise to achieve. An EV blueprint is expected to be released this year by the Minister.

Batteries are an issue, due to the waste from the manufacture process, and how to dispose of dead batteries as we don't have a method to recycle at the current time.

"Bi-directional" cars could be a popular option as they upload/download electricity, to/from work, or the supermarket (think of the car as a battery pack).

Fuel and availability – despite the push to EVs, still expecting 30 years until full electric, the only penalty on existing fuels could be via road user charge or carbon charging for emissions. In the UK it is based on engine size, in the ACT they were going with weight, but pulled back as the batteries are heavier.

Hydrogen is expected to go okay in heavy vehicles and agriculture, not so much in cars (not combustion hydrogen) as we don't make a green hydrogen.

- **Picnic Days:**

By the time you are reading this, the "super weekend" of Federation Picnic days across the State will have been held on the weekend of 25/26th March, including **Scoresby** at the Steam Park, **Wunghnu** in the Goulburn Valley, a display in **Bendigo**, and of course the Picnic at **Mortlake** (see report on page 8).

Thank you to those who attended!

Aligning with this super weekend, there was also a jointly focussed fundraiser in support of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation with collection tins at all sites.

Still to come this year is the biggest Picnic Day at **Marong**, being held on Sunday 27th August, followed by **Baw Baw** in October (date to be confirmed).

- **Bendigo Swap:**

Planning is all underway for 11th/12th November 2023 and advertising flyers are now ready (I will bring some to the next meeting). Site bookings are all okay (as they have been carried forward), currently reviewing the site bookings program moving forward. With the circumstances of not being able to hold the Swap over the last years, there have been costs incurred, namely insurance, advertising and printing costs, and this has reduced the buffer held, so Federation have contributed \$10,000 to top this up ahead of this year's event. Discussions have also commenced in relation to the impact of the Commonwealth Games (2026) on the current site. At this stage, it just looks like a new shed (50m x 30m) to be constructed closer to Gate 3, which would be okay, although it might impact on the show and shine area and models display.

- **Federation Tour (2023)**

Federation Tours are for the enjoyment of member clubs and members, alternating each year (generally between *Golden Oldies* (for pre 1930s) and *Open Tour* (for vehicles 25+ years old). This year will be the "North West Tour", starting at Marong Picnic, to Kerang, Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton. Entry forms will be available soon.

- **AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation)**

Following the AGM held late last year, the AHMF has somewhat "relaunched" and increased their number of meetings from 4 to 6 per year. They are also publishing a Newsletter titled "*Spoke 'n' Hub Torque*" – there are too many pages to be able to insert here, but they might be able to accompany this newsletter as a separate attachment (for those who get the email version). Editions #1 and #2 have now been issued, and worth a read.

- **Federation Website**

The Federation website has been updated, with a switch to a new provider there is more flexibility to upload documents etc – check it out at www.federation.asn.au and provide any suggestions for improvements please. You can also find the AHMF newsletters here shortly (I will get them loaded).

- **Joint Working Party – meeting with AOMC**

There have been further meetings to discuss common issues for the movement. Currently waiting on engagement with VicRoads regarding the issue around the rights of number plates and special interest plates etc.

Have also approached VicRoads and DoT to form a consultation group to work with them on issues that affect the movement, not just to address problems, but to develop the relationship (post restructuring) and open the dialogue to be proactive. Looking next to engage with VACC on their position around annual RWCs.

Prize for car on display was a 1950 Austin A40 convertible, freshly restored (as a Covid project!)

The next Delegates' meeting is scheduled for May in Bendigo.

Brett and Kevin Holloway

Federation Delegates

FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

April, 2023

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THE WINDS OF CHANGE

Memories of BMC – Leyland Australia.

Published in 2022

by Gary Mentiplay

294 Pages

Austin vehicles topped the new motor vehicle registrations in Australia in 1950, with 27,414 cars and 10,127 commercial vehicles sold – making a total of 35,541. These statistics, prepared by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Ltd, show that Ford Australia achieved second place with 28,160 cars (British and American) and 5,818 trucks. First marketed in 1948, the Australian Holden car was third with 18,293 cars sold, followed by Morris with 15,390 vehicles. Of course, with Holden producing more vehicles each year, this order quickly changed to Holden leading in the motor sales race.

Fifty years on from the 1970s, many people may not remember the considerable contribution that BMC Leyland made to Australia's motor industry from before the First World War to the late 1970s. After the merger of Austin and Nuffield (Morris, etc) in the 1950s - which created the British Motor Corporation (BMC) – the new company's major production plant was based at the Nuffield plant in Zetland in Sydney. It was in the post-war two years that the manufacture of motor vehicles really got underway in Australia. BMC Leyland progressed from assembly of British cars during the early post-war years to full local manufacturing using local components. By the late 1960s, BMC Leyland was the largest private employer in Sydney.

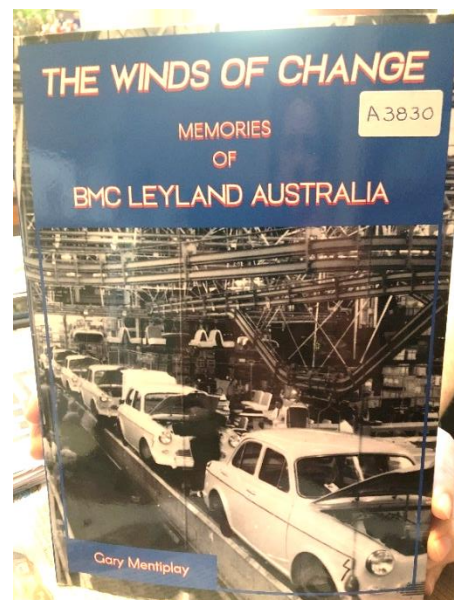
The main focus of this excellent new book is the account of 42 different people about their experiences with the Company. The book reveals the opinions of industry heads, plant managers, employees, dealers and the owners who purchased their cars new. These are "warts and all" stories that make for very interesting reading.

All models from Austin/Morris and Wolseley that were manufactured locally from the 1950s to the Leyland P76 cars are covered in detail with reproduced road tests starting with the Austin A40 Tourer of 1950 (and the first of the Morris Minor and Austin A30 cars) up until the last of the Leyland P76 cars. The development of the P76 cars, the prototypes, testing, and the problems that occurred, makes for extremely interesting reading, leading up to the closure of the Company and Government input with that.

The book is very well illustrated covering most of the vehicles that were marketed and produced by the company. The seven very detailed appendices at the end of the book cover P76 compliance/chassis plates, paint and trim details, mechanical component data codes and P76 production details and P76 sales. There is also a detailed trip from England to Australia/New Zealand, across country where possible, in a 1950 Morris Oxford MO Sedan, as well as the account of a P76 Rally Car in the 1979 Repco Reliability Trial.

This new book complements our other books on BMC Leyland very well. Already in our collection are:

- A1193 Leyland P76 by Hal Moloney – Marque Classic Series
- A1910 Leyland P76 – Anything but Average by Gavin Farmer
- A2955 P76 The Inside Story by Tony Cripps
- A3094 British Leyland Motor Corporation (UK) 1968 – 2005 by Mike Carver
- A3712 Leyland Cars in Australia, a Chronicle 1950 – 1998 by Tony Cripps



Postscript

In 1953 my father decided to sell our family low-mileage 1928 Chevrolet National Tourer and buy his first new car. His choice was a 1953 Morris Oxford MO Sedan of the later series. Dad and I travelled by train to Lanes Motors, the dealer in the Melbourne CBD. After the paperwork was completed, we walked up the ramp to the first floor. Up there, the whole area was full of identical grey with red interior Morris Oxford Sedans.



Most were unregistered, but three had number plates attached. Ours was registered GCJ -242, and the salesman drove it down to street level for Dad to drive it home. After the 1928 Chevrolet, it was quite a revelation as a quiet, comfortable, very well-made car which drove extremely well. If Morris had fitted a small six engine like the Holden, they would have sold millions! Ten years later, Dad traded the Morris on a new Holden EJ Special Sedan after the Morris had travelled 55,000 miles. The Morris Oxford was a very under-rated car for its time, although it was used as taxis in Melbourne in the 1950s.

A few years later, Marg and I purchased a second-hand white 1963 EJ Special Sedan and our 1960 VW Beetle became a second car. At the time there were a total of seven EJ Holden cars and station wagons in our extended family. The only BMC car was a 1955 Morris Minor Sedan owned by my sister.



In the Herald Sun Motor Section, a couple of weeks ago, I read that the current sales of new cars in Australia during February 2023 were: Toyota 14,332 vehicles sold; followed by Mazda 7,667 and Ford 6,022 vehicles sold. Interesting that Ford is still high on the list, but no sign of Austin and Holden new cars being sold!

Ron Gay

NOTICE BOARD

Here are a few Swap Meets and Events that may be of interest:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 22 nd April | All British Bike Day | Newstead/Maldon |
| 22 nd April | Echuca Swap Meet | Rotary Park Echuca |
| 6 th -7 th May | Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally | Lake Goldsmith |
| 13 th May | Bay City Swap | Geelong Showgrounds 7am-4pm |
| 11 th June | Maldon Swap Meet | Maldon Racecourse Reserve 7am-2pm |

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 |
| Ballarat Roadworthy Centre, 35 Martin Drive, Delacombe | Phone 5335 8920 | Contact Ian |
| Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat | Phone 53337206 | Contact Henry |

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 – Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Editor, Nerene Backhouse – npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

WANTED

I need parts for a 1981 Skoda 120L.

Specifically, I'm looking for seats, body panels (especially the left front guard), bonnet, boot lid, front grille, trim pieces (hubcaps, bumpers etc) and mechanical parts.

I've enclosed a picture of the car for reference - as you can see, it's a little sad at the moment!

I'm hoping someone can help me.

Gareth Roberts

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Ford original car & truck illustrated engine & chassis parts catalogue on models 1941-47.

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Ford Falcon original XK-XL shop manual by Ford Geelong 294 pages. \$150.00

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R.R./Bentley Lucas headlight surround new 8" 1950/1960 \$50

1930's amber fog light 6" \$40

1955 Daimler Conquest front & rear bumper bars in excellent condition \$100 each

1955 Daimler wood trim for top of dash & 4 doors \$50

Contact Gordon Roberts 0409773464

FOR SALE

Prewar 12 volt "Sunburst" car horn, 5.5" diam. \$15

CIG Eazi Arc arc welder, 240 volt 15 amp. With cables, clamps, slag pick and electrode holder. \$25

Sampson model P2 paint spray gun (Australian made) \$10

CAV 6volt windscreen wiper, long-shaft with built in switch. \$10

Contact - Reg Rhook. 0437 707 724 or email regrhoor1@hotmail.com

PARTS WANTED

We're looking for quite a few parts for a '39 Pontiac as there may be better quality parts out there than we already have. However, a complete car is also an option.

Lee Mills 0428 500 796

PART WANTED

Rear springs front mount pin (bush) for 1938 Oldsmobile

Contact Mark Smith 0409 681 790

CLUB CALENDAR – APRIL – JUNE 2023

| APR | Date | What | Where | Contact | Phone | Time |
|----------------|------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Wed | 12th | Club Library open | Come for a cuppa and chat | Daryl Meek | 0407881288 | 10 - 12noon |
| Sat | 15th | Come and look Electric Vehicle Day | Clubrooms | Andy Burns | 0428935988 | 10am |
| Sat | 15th | Ladies Craft Afternoon | Clubrooms | Jenny Ure | 0409954077 | 1:30-4pm |
| Thurs | 20th | Rustless Wanderers | Golf House Hotel Doveton Street North, Ballarat | Rick Thege | 0428518770 | 12 noon |
| Fri | 21st | Club General Meeting | At Clubrooms | | | 7:30pm |
| Sat | <i>22nd</i> | <i>All British Bike Day</i> | <i>Newstead/Maldon</i> | | | |
| Sun | 23rd | Monthly Club Run - Bertha Benz Drive – Ladies Drive Day | Clubrooms | Ruth O'Doherty | 0419894001 | 9.00am |
| <i>Sun</i> | <i>23rd</i> | <i>Lake Bolac Hotel Car Show</i> | <i>Lake Bolac Pub \$10/car</i> | | | 12 noon - late |
| Tues | 25th | Anzac Day & Committee Meeting | Clubrooms | | | 7:30pm |
| Wed | 26th | Chat, coffee, lunch | Clubrooms | Ray Drury | 0417840623 | 11am |
| MAY | | | | | | |
| Tues | 2nd | Newsletter Deadline | | Nerene Backhouse | 0427348060 | 5pm |
| Mon | 8th | Newsletter Fold & Label | Clubrooms | | | |
| Wed | 10th | Club Library open | Come for a cuppa and chat | Daryl Meek | 0407881288 | 10 - 12noon |
| Sat | 13th | Ladies Craft Afternoon | Clubrooms | Jenny Ure | 0409954077 | 1:30-4pm |
| Wed-Tues | 17-23rd | Lake Bolac Campout- All welcome | Picnic Point Lake Bolac | Nerene Backhouse | 0427348060 | |
| Thurs | 18th | Rustless Wanderers | American Hotel Creswick | Rick Thege | 0428518770 | 12 noon |
| Fri | 19th | Club General Meeting | Clubrooms | | | 7:30pm |
| Sun | 21st | Monthly Club Run (Points run) | To Lake Bolac Campout site | | | TBA |
| Sun | 21st | Heritage Festival Display (points allocated also) | Lydiard Street North – vehicles needed for display | Ring Brendan Stevens ASAP | 0409018867 | 10-3pm |
| <i>Sun</i> | <i>21st</i> | <i>Cavalcade of Transport</i> | <i>Trentham</i> | | | <i>10.30am</i> |
| <i>Sat/Sun</i> | <i>20/21st</i> | <i>Pre WW11 Era Vehicle Weekend</i> | <i>Bendigo</i> | | | |
| Tues | 23rd | Committee Meeting | Clubrooms | | | 7:30pm |
| Wed | 24th | Chat, coffee, lunch | Clubrooms | Ray Drury | 0417840623 | 11am |
| Sun | 28 th | Bus trip to Winton Historic Races | Leave from Clubrooms | Brendan Stevens | 0409018867 | 6:30am |
| Tues | 30th | Newsletter Deadline | | Nerene Backhouse | 0427348060 | 5pm |
| JUNE | | | | | | |
| Sun | 4th | Naked Radiator Run | Depart from Clubrooms | Frank & Jan Tamis | 0475192372 | 10:30am |
| Sat | 10th | Ladies Craft Afternoon | Clubrooms | Jenny Ure | 0409954077 | 1:30-4pm |
| <i>Sat-Mon</i> | <i>10-12th</i> | <i>Hamilton Clubs 50th Rally</i> | <i>Entries close 8th May – Details from Nerene</i> | | <i>0427348060</i> | |
| Wed | 14th | Club Library open | Come for a cuppa and chat | Daryl Meek | 0407881288 | 10 - 12noon |
| Thurs | 15th | Rustless Wanderers | Park View Hotel Sturt Street Ballarat | Rick Thege | 0428518770 | 12 noon |
| Fri | 16th | Club General Meeting | At Clubrooms | | | 7:30pm |
| Sun | 18th | Monthly Club Run (points run) | TBA | Brendan Stevens | 0409018867 | |
| Tues | 20th | Committee Meeting | Clubrooms | | | 7:30pm |
| Wed | 28th | Chat, coffee, lunch | Clubrooms | Ray Drury | 0417840623 | 11am |

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