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OCTOBER 2025



A CAR SHOW ISN'T ABOUT COMPETITION IT'S ABOUT CELEBRATING A PASSION

UP COMING MPHVC MEMBER EVENTS

OCTOBER

Sunday 5th Saturday 11th

Sunday 12th

Sunday 26th

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd Sunday 9th

Wednesday 12th Committee Meeting - Sanctuary Inn. 6.30pm

Sunday 30th

DECEMBER

Sunday 7th

Breakfast Run - IMPRESSO HASTY CAFÉ 9.30am

BAXTER VILLAGE CAR DISPLAY

General Meeting & Lunch - Sanctuary Inn. 12pm Wednesday 15th Committee Meeting - Sanctuary Inn. 6.30pm

Last Sunday Run - ACROSS THE BAY VISITORS

Breakfast Run - IMPRESSO HASTY CAFÉ 9.30am General Meeting & Lunch - Sanctuary Inn. 12pm

AGM& XMAS LUNCH

Breakfast Run - IMPRESSO HASTY CAFÉ 9.30am

Last MPHVC event for 2025.

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If for any reason we need to cancel a planned event, we will endeavour to email and text those members that have email and mobile numbers listed with the club. We will also put a post on Facebook re any updates or cancellations! Please feel free to ring a Committee Member if you need to ask a question.

MPHVC EVENT DETAILS

CHANGE OF VENUE- Sunday 5th October 2025. IMPRESSO HASTY CAFÉ 43 High Street. Hastings (next to Trotters Shoes). Members have voted for us to make this our permanent regular breakfast meeting destination due to surcharges applied at Pelican Societte. We only book for a dozen members, but there are plenty of tables for us to spread out to.

SAVE THE DATE- Saturday 11th October 2025. BAXTER VILLAGE OPEN DAY & MPHVC CLUB DISPLAY.

It is always a great day at the Village with all the stalls to browse. It starts at 9am, and ends 1pm. We will leave with a parade around the grounds of the Village. For safety reasons, can all cars please be parked before 8.45am. Enter through gate 2 and go straight up to admin. There will be a section allocated for the cars. BYO deckchair and any MPHVC signage for cars that you may have. Can you please send Chris a message if you intend to go as we need the appropriate numbers to let them know. There is a list available at the GM.

SAVE THE DATE- Saturday 26th October 2025. ACROSS THE BAY VISITORS. We have been invited to join with the Bellarine Car Club, and take them on a tour of the Peninsula from the ferry in Sorrento, to the Tyabb Packing House. There will be approx. 18 members travelling on the 10am ferry which should arrive in Sorrento at approximately 10.30 am. Our members will be required to pick them up and drive them to the Packing House, where they will enjoy a lunch and a few hours to browse around the venue. They will then need to be taken back to Sorrento at about 3pm in time to catch the 4pm ferry. Can all members interested in participating in this event please let David Hunt know as he is co-ordinating the day. 0412175258. For those members not wanting to do the pick up and drop off, you can always meet us at the Packing house with your old cars!

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 30th November 2025. XMAS LUNCH, AGM & GM. Please put your name on list at GM or let Noelene know if you wish to attend as we need definite numbers. The invitation is attached to this Sidelights email. I will also send another copy to all members the following week, as some may miss the attachment.

- Booked seats must be paid for if not attended.
- The club is subsidising tickets by 50% for members.
- Please reply before 16th November.
- When transferring payment please include your name so David knows who the payment is from!

CLUB NEWSFLASH

As the year seems to be flying by, we would love to see other members volunteer to fill a position on the Committee. We have a couple of spots that will need to be filled this year including Editor of Sidelights, Memorabilia Officer and Permit Registrar. If anyone would like to take over these positions, it would be beneficial if they started learning a few things before the AGM and change of Committee.

Please let a committee member know if you would like to have a go. It's easy! We also need an Activities Officer to plan our monthly end of month runs. Also an easy task as many of our destinations are an annual event.

Apologies last General Meeting minutes not included as were not submitted in time for printing.
 Will include next month.





To see all information from the AOMC, you can simply go direct to their web site.

industry in Australia.

www.aomc.asn.au
Up-coming events, minutes of
Delegates meetings, newsletters and
interesting articles related to the car

VALE KEN NEATE

It is with great sadness we advise members of the passing of Ken Neate, aged 95.

Ken and his late wife Barbera were a prominent part of our club for many years. Their happy smiling demeanour and sense of humour was infectious. Their commitment to participation in the club continued for many years with camp out trips away and Sunday picnics being a favourite outing for them.

Below is the email with notification of the funeral arrangements for those members wishing to attend

Hi Dawn,

I am writing to inform you of the passing of my father Kenneth Neate, aged 95.

His funeral will be held on Monday 29th September at 2pm at Tobin Brother's,

604 Esplanade, Mt Martha and we invite any of the members of the club who knew Ken and Barb to attend

to join us in celebrating his life, they are most welcome to bring their old cars.

Ken and Barb loved the camaraderie amongst the members.

Kind regards,

Warren Neate 0411 466 377

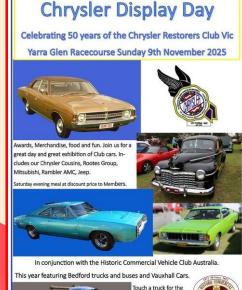












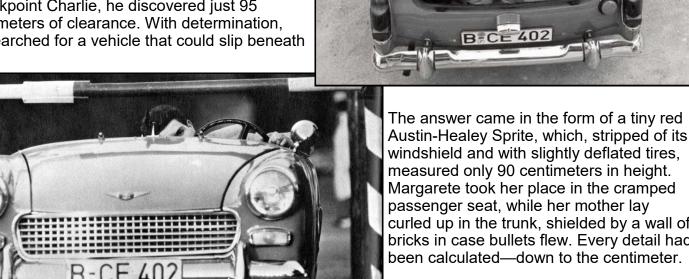
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NO CARS AFTER 10:30AM

Heinz Meixner defects from East Germany by driving through **Checkpoint Charlie after** removing his windshield

In the tense spring of 1963, love and daring collided at the Berlin Wall. Heinz Meixner, a young Austrian, had fallen deeply for Margarete Thurau while visiting East Germany. But for the couple, a future together seemed impossible: the newly built Berlin Wall loomed as a nearimpenetrable barrier, dividing not just East and West, but families and lovers. Margarete's mother, unwilling to be left behind, insisted on joining them if they were ever to escape. Against the backdrop of political division, Meixner resolved to turn desperation into action.

His plan was audacious, bordering on reckless. After carefully measuring the steel barrier at Checkpoint Charlie, he discovered just 95 centimeters of clearance. With determination, he searched for a vehicle that could slip beneath it.



his passport, then suddenly floored the accelerator. The Sprite shot forward, skimming under the steel beam with mere centimeters to spare. Behind them, guards froze in stunned disbelief, failing to fire a single shot. Thirty meters of black skid marked the audacity of their escape. On the Western side, American soldiers watched in amazement as Meixner. Margarete, and her mother emerged, free at last. With calm triumph, he explained, "I knew I needed just one centimeter and now we can be married." In that instant, love proved it could slip under even the heaviest wall.

Story from the Los Angeles Times.

Austin-Healey Sprite, which, stripped of its curled up in the trunk, shielded by a wall of bricks in case bullets flew. Every detail had

In the pre-dawn hours of May 5, 1963, Meixner put his plan into motion. Stopping at the checkpoint, he coolly handed over



THE FORD FALCON XY GTHO PHASE 111

The Ford Falcon XY GTHO Phase III was a 1971 Australian-built, high-performance muscle car, famous as the world's fastest four-door production car at the time. It featured a powerful 351 Cleveland V8 engine, enhanced suspension, and a functional Shaker air intake. Developed to win racing events like the Bathurst 1000, it cemented its legendary status with a decisive victory in the 1971 race. Only 300 units were produced, making it a highly collectible and valuable vehicle today.

PART 1 WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO BUILD No.76?

Eclipse Motors of Ballarat, Victoria, was a family run business which started back in 1937. Colin Faulkner, the dealer principal in 1971 decided for a 'demo' model, he would order the top of the line in performance, the all new XY GTHO Phase III.

Build No.76 was the first of four GTHO Phase IIIs sold through Eclipse, this one was ordered in Bronze Wine duco with a black vinyl cabin. The only option was a laminated windscreen for added safety. Registration was KXY-400 (Vic).

According to Ballarat local, Peter Wilmot, whose career has spanned a lifetime in the automotive industry, "KXY-400 belonged to Barry O'Toole, station master at the Lal Lal (Vic). I remember it clearly parked out the



front of the station. He traded it back in at Eclipse Ford for a TC Cortina four-cylinder, due to the high running costs," tells Peter, adding, "It was then sold by Eclipse from their Sturt Street and Windemere Street yard run by John Grant, who also worked for my father for many years."

Between February and March 1979, it was advertised with 61,000 miles on the clock for \$10,000, and eventually reduced to \$9,000 shortly afterwards. John Garsed of nearby, Newstead, purchased Build No.76, keeping it for a year. Bruce Treganowan, together with his wife Cheryl, already owned a Monza Green XY GT then, but had their heart set on a HO. John Garsed was asking \$8,000 for it, Bruce didn't haggle.

Not long after buying the Phase III, their pet cat peed on the bonnet where the car was parked in the shed. Bruce was recommended to a panel shop who specialised repairing exotic cars such as Ferraris,

capable of repainting the cat stained bonnet. When he dropped the HO off, the proprietor moved all the Ferraris out, parking the big Falcon in the very back corner, where it would be safe. That night someone cut the floor door, and pushed the Ferraris out into the street. The GTHO was pinched. Nobody saw, or knew anything. The car just vanished, never to be seen again.

Bruce's daughter Kim tells, "It's the only time I have ever seen my dad in tears." Was it an inside jobor, was Bruce followed on the way dropping it off? These are questions Bruce still ponders

today. Bruce received a tip-off that a bloke named "Schultz" working nearby, had links to stolen Falcon GTs.



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This information was given to detective Stan Packer and detective Graham Aitken of the VicPol stolen vehicle squad, which they investigated.

Schultz's only reply was, "I know nothing." The panel shop insurance cover paid Bruce out \$20,000, which he's thankful for, as he didn't have insurance on it at the time!

Build No.76 was reported stolen on the 29th May 1982, and never seen again. If you know anything about what really happened to Build No.76, contact us via the following website ...

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www.theGTHOregister.com.au

FOLLOW UP STORY OF POSSIBLE SIGHTING IN NEXT MONTHS SIDELIGHTS



Norking W Cars that moved New Display Opening on Sunday 12th of November For enquiries, maps and information visit our website www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au Museum Opening Times: Fri; Sat; Sun; Mon 10am - 4pm. Daily over school holidays. Anytime by appointment (for groups) Phone: (03) 5147 3223

CLUB NEWS-LETTER

Help to make Sidelights a success by contributing material you consider will be of interest to fellow members. The deadline for material to appear in the next issue is the 20th of each month. Where possible, email material to the Editor at mphvc.sidelights@ yahoo.com.au (please email photographs in 'ipeg' format)



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Hello and good morning Car Enthusiasts

Hi it's Fletch from Classic Restos TV. I would like to invite your Car club members to join us in Detroit USA in August 2026. Some of your members may have seen a Classic Restos TV episode from time to time. Or seen me out filming at one of your car events over this past 18- years. Classic Restos has now produce over 830 Tv episodes to date. Perhaps I have even interviewed you with your classic car?

For those who don't know, behind the scenes in this past ten years. I have been taking guests on a personal tour to Detroit to showcase some of the best museums and private car collections in North America. We also start the tour at the World's largest one-day moving automotive event, "Woodward Dream Cruise' We also indulge in taking you to some really cool dining experiences. What I would like to do, is to invite you to join Donna and myself and let us host you and your friend /partner. Not only is this trip for the gentlemen but for the ladies as well.

Yes, the whole world knows it - Detroit is, The Motor City, from Henry Ford to the Dodge Brothers. Detroit is the epicenter of U.S. automobile industry. As the 'Big Three' auto manufacturers General Motors, Ford and Chrysler are all headquartered in Metro Detroit. Wow

Detroit is widely known to put the world on wheels. If loud engines, car cruise, car history, architectural appreciation and cool American dining is your thing. Then our Detroit Tour is the place you want to journey too.

Fletch and myself would love for you to join us in Detroit in 2026 for our "Classic Restos Tours with Fletch" please find attached a welcome flyer & Booking Form.

Date & Costings of the Tour

It is our pleasure to share with you here, information in regards to our up-coming Classic Restos Tours with Fletch. We are now taking bookings for our 2026 Detroit USA

12 Night Tour. Date: 13th August - 24th August, 2026.

The tour costings are: \$8,800.00 for Solo Traveller or \$8,200.00 for Twin Share. We have already had a huge influx of early orders and we did not want you to miss out in 2026!

How do I Book a seat?

If you are keen to join Fletch & Donna in Detroit, all we need to receive from you is the deposit for \$1,000.00 per person (NON REFUNDABLE as we have to pre- book all, ahead of time.)

The next step is to fill out the attached 'Booking Form' sign and fill out pages 6,7,8, then you have locked your seat in for 2026.... how exciting!

What the Tour Includes & Excludes

Inclusions

- 4 Star Hotel accommodation 12 nights @ Hilton Garden Inn Southfield Detroit USA
- Daily Celebrity touring with TV Host Fletch from Classic Restos
- Support Host (Fletch's Partner) Donna
- Daily transport a 40 seater Coach with Restroom
- Continental daily Buffet Breakfast
- All Daily Admissions, Museums & Private Collections
- Princess River Boat Dinner Cruise, meal included (drinks, NOT INCLUDED)
- Travel Manual Itinerary I will personally give it to you when you are at the Hotel

Not Included

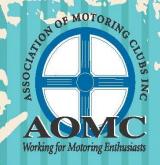
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- Lunch & Dinner Meals/ drinks and personal purchases are at your daily cost
- Daily Tips in America tips are given 10%-20% of what you believe to be accepting. Because their wages are so low their tips are what supports them. (some wages are as low as \$4.00usd for the hour) Tips for daily bus driver (give him a dollar note or two each day) Your daily curator or docent in each Museum we again give a dollar or two. There will be some places we go to, that a tip is not required. Any meals you purchase the tip maybe on the bill but most times it is just a 10% or 20% on top of your bill for the server. If you need advice here, just ask fletch whilst you are there.
- If you are extending your stay outside the tour dates (13th August, -24th August, 2026) you are charged with what you ask me to book you in personally for your extended stays.
- Daily Transfers from DWT airport to hotel we personally recommend Detroit Airport Taxi (888 658 7660)

We understand the importance of planning any trip and we appreciate your time in allowing us to help you, as much as we can today. If there is anything big or small that I can personally help you with. When you are ready and if you need further information, feel free to contact me via email. Or if you would prefer to speak over the phone, my number is: 0428 957 468.

Happy Travels Donna Donna Parrish

Reservations Manager

Email: enquiries@detroitclassictours.com



Association Of Motoring Clubs Inc. 2025 - 2026 Events

AOMC Club & Trade Expo

Penrite Oil, 110/116 Greens Rd, Dandenong South VIC

Saturday 18th October 2025

A great facility for AOMC Member Clubs to have a display area to promote their club, the Expo is also focused on automotive suppliers and traders that provide products and services to motoring and restoration enthusiasts.

AOMC American Motoring Show Manhattan Hotel, Ringwood Sunday 26th October 2025

A change of venue and format, this all important American vehicle show is now a Cars & Coffee event. From iconic muscle cars that dominated the '60s and '70s to the groundbreaking designs that have defined the automotive landscape, our show brings together the finest examples of American engineering and design.

AOMC / RACV Festival of Motoring

Cruden Farm, Langwarrin
Sunday 18th January 2026

This annual event at Cruden Farm brings together a vibrant community of automotive enthusiasts set against a backdrop of breathtaking scenery and a lively atmosphere, for all ages and interests. At the heart of the festival is a rich display of motoring heritage, showcasing an impressive array of classic and vintage models that narrate the history of automotive evolution. The festival is a true paradise for car lovers.

AOMC / RACV British & European Motoring Show

Yarra Glen Racecourse

Sunday 15th February 2026

This event is open to all vehicles designed or manufactured in England and Europe. You do not have to be a club member to display your vehicle.

Club displays welcome.

AOMC Aussie Classic Car Show Manhattan Hotel, Ringwood Sunday 29th March 2026

The AOMC is proud to celebrate the products of our great Australian motoring industry and heritage. This is a revival of Victoria's preeminent Motoring Event that will showcase our local industry and is open to any vehicle that was either manufactured or assembled in Australia. You do not need to be a club member to display your vehicle. Cars & Coffee format, arrive and leave when you like

Victoria Friday 1st May to

Sunday 3rd May, 2026

This annual event celebrates the pioneering spirit and contribution of women to Australian motoring; the Florence Thomson Tour was created as an annual event for women drivers.

National Motoring Heritage Day

Manhattan Hotel, Ringwood and various country locations

Sunday 17th May, 2026

The aim of the National Motoring Heritage Day (NMHD) is to promote and display Australia's strong motoring heritage and to show the community, business and government the strength of the Australian motoring movement.



For more information and updates on events: www.aomc.asn.au



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OUR CLUB

The Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicles Club Incorporated was founded in 1969 as a Family Social Club, aimed at assisting in the preservation, restoration, use and maintenance of historic vehicles, stationary engines and other mechanical memorabilia more than 25 years old. Particular emphasis is on veteran, vintage and classic eras together with later vehicles of interest. The MPHVC will also endeavour to assist local non-profit clubs and organizations by participating in their events when invited. Please address any correspondence to:

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- Preferred method of Red Plate Permit renewal signatory authorization, is to be done at a monthly General Meeting.
 Alternatively, post to Club and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- New vehicles, to be submitted for registry with MPHVC, must be approved via Safety Officer before VicRoads paperwork is signed.

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MONTHLY CLUB RUNS & MEETINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH Breakfast Run.

Meeting 9.30am at Impresso Hasty Café.

43 High Street, Hastings (next to Trotters Shoes).

Full breakfast, toasted sandwiches or just coffee and muffins etc available.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH General Meeting & lunch.

Meeting place: Sanctuary Inn.

Where: 126 Marine Parade, Hastings. 0359 79333.

When: 2nd Sunday of every month at 12pm.

Our monthly General Meeting for members, guests and potential new members.

The meeting commences at 12noon followed by lunch at approximately 1pm, for those that wish to stay. Please order your meal before commencement of meeting, stating your name and that you are with MPHVC.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH End Of Month Sunday Run.

Meet prior to 10am Baxter Tavern, depart 10am.

Destination planned on the day amongst those members that are present, or prior as printed in Sidelights.

BYO refreshments and chair. Alternatively we may end up at a café. Weather and numbers present on day will help decide where we end up! Members encouraged to suggest destinations for future months.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Wednesday after the General Meeting at Sanctuary Inn. 126 Marine Parade, Hastings. 03 5979 3333.

Meeting starts 6.30pm, followed by dinner for those that wish to stay. Please order meal before commencement of 6.30 meeting.

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