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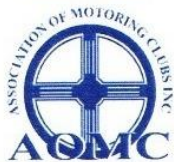
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Member Club



Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



John Taylor in his 1970 MGB Mk 2



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

Note - Meeting Start Time will continue to be at 8.00 PM until further notice.

NOTE: The next **General Meeting** will be held **Friday, 15th March 2024** at the VCCC clubrooms.

Life Members

Alan Firms, 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 **April 2024** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 26th March 2024**

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

All contributions acknowledged.

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

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**The Club Library will be open 10am until 12noon – 2nd Wednesday of each month –
next is 13th March then 10th April and 8th May**

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Easter is not far away, we take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe time especially if you are going away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by all the fires that have occurred in the last month. Brett continues with an update regarding the redevelopment of our Clubrooms – please take the time to read it so that you stay informed. *Nerene Backhouse, Editor*

HEALTH MATTERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations

We have another nonagenarian in our midst – congratulations and very Happy Birthday to **Graeme McCallum** who celebrated his 90th birthday last month.

Welfare

It seems that everyone is hale and hearty, although no doubt there are some who are not, or are waiting for surgery or ongoing treatments! At the time of writing, Lawrie Hocking is one of those – he is awaiting heart surgery – we hope all goes smoothly for him. And to any others not feeling up to par – may your today be better than your yesterday. And . . . don't forget to smile EVERY day – even if you don't feel like it!

Vale – Sandra Watson

We have been saddened by the news last month of Sandra's passing. Sandra and Ian have been Club members for approximately 35 years. Sandra especially enjoyed the Begonia Rallies and the Kirk's Picnics. She was known to drive a car or two, and actually the white Mk 3 Zodiac was hers. Over the years, many runs have finished up at the Watson place at Cargerie (near Elaine) and Sandra was always very keen to show off her garden.

As well as her garden, Sandra was a keen golfer at Meredith, and she and Ian were members of the Hash House Harriers, both in Ballarat and Geelong. When they moved to Buninyong, Sandra joined Probus in Ballarat. She worked long and hard hours in the Elaine General Store which she and Ian owned for many years. She was known as a very generous giver when there was fundraising to be done by making jams and preserves to sell at stalls – she had a wonderful community spirit as well as a wicked sense of humour.



~ **RIP Sandra** ~

Sandra will be sorely missed, and we send our sincere condolences to Ian and their family at this very difficult time.

Welcome New Members – 15th February 2024

We have pleasure in welcoming the following as members of the Club:

Andrew and Georgia Yanner from Alfredton who don't have a suitable vehicle as yet.

Tom and Fiona Clarke from Ballarat North who have a 1951 Rolls Royce Silver Dawn.

Welcome to you all and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Around the Committee Table - 20th February 2024

I would like to congratulate the Begonia Rally Committee for another very successful Rally. Everyone who attended had a very relaxed and enjoyable weekend. The venues we attended were fantastic, with the beautifully restored horse drawn vehicles and lots of memorabilia on Saturday, and then Sunday to Andy Burns' property where we were able to wander around his collection and even had the opportunity to take photos of our cars with Mt. Buninyong in the background. Well done to you all.

1 New Membership Applications

Alan and Lili Guy from Alfredton who were nominated by Warren Harris and seconded by Graham Lambourn. They have a 1943 Harley Davidson WLA Motor Cycle

Lawrence and Stephanie Voyce from Linton who were nominated by Arty Hughes and seconded by Frank Tamis. They have a 1963 Triumph TR4 Sports car and a 1929 Buick 29/44X Roadster.

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

2 Peter Mac Charity Donations.

Last year, Federation raised \$6000 in donations for the Peter Mac Charity. Brett Holloway asked if a donation tin could be put on the front table at General Meetings for Members to donate their loose change over the coming year, and Committee moved a motion to donate \$500 towards this year's appeal, as well as the change collected.

3 Zephyr Zodiac Club visit to Ballarat

The Zephyr Zodiac Club is holding their National Rally in Ballarat during the Easter break this year. The VCCC has been asked to provide a BBQ on Saturday 30th March, and also to provide Marshalls and a judging team. They are estimating that 120 entrants will be in attendance.

4 Brown Hill Men's Breakfast

Our President, Andy Burns has been asked to give a presentation to the Brown Hill Men's Breakfast on the 16th March, and also to have a display of Club Vehicles present.

5 Club Person of the Year and Life Member Applications

Club Person of the Year is a very special award given to a Member who has gone the extra mile to help you. Reward them by nominating them for this award. Forms are available from the front table at the Clubrooms. If you wish to nominate a member for Life Membership, please contact the Club Secretary for an application form, or these are available on meeting nights.

Nancy Jackson
Secretary

Cover Story – John Taylor – 1970 MGB Mk 2

I have always thought I would like to own some sort of sports car but have never been in a position to buy one.

About three years ago I decided if I didn't get one soon, I would be too old to enjoy it.

So, I did some searching for a couple of months and found this one advertised for private sale in Strathmore. It looked ok from the photos so decided to check it out.

I went to see it on a Saturday afternoon and found it to be in quite good original condition, and after quite a long inspection, a test drive and some negotiating on the price, I went ahead and bought it.

It was advertised with a roadworthy certificate so I returned the following Saturday and drove it home.

I don't know a lot about its history but the chap that advertised it was selling it for his father who lived near Echuca and had owned it for about twenty-five years.

It has a 1798cc 4-cylinder engine with a 4-speed manual gearbox and electric overdrive.

I have been on a few Club Sports Car Runs and really enjoy driving it on nice sunny days with the top off.



Rotary Raffle Tickets – a reminder from Ian Watson

I have still got plenty of raffle tickets – I would appreciate people contacting me to buy them, but more importantly, it would be best if people could sell them to family, friends, work colleagues etc. It would also help me if people could let me know when there are events on such as Swap Meets, Car Shows etc. so that I can go and sell tickets at them.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and the Club keeps 80% of ticket sales.

First prize is a Hyundai Tuscon valued at \$38,000 and second prize is a Bunnings Voucher for \$1,000.

This is a really good fund-raiser for the Club, and it also helps with our profile in the community.

Please contact me - 0419 020 140 if you can help.

COMING EVENTS – March - April 2024

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

~ Twilight Classic Motorcycle Runs ~

These are usually held mid-month on a Wednesday evening (weather dependent). Club Eligible bikes only. Contact **Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001** if you would like to be included on his list to be notified when a run is happening. As Daylight Saving will end on Sunday 7th April, the next one in March will be the last until Daylight Saving resumes in October.

Saturday 9th March – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30 – 4pm at the Clubrooms

This month we will be making jewellery. **Contact Jenny Ure 0409 954 077**

Wednesday 13th March – Club Library Open – 10am – 4pm – Contact Daryl Meek 0407 881 288

Wednesday 13th March – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch – Contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Thursday 14th March - Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Royal Mail Hotel, Sebastopol

Make your own way there; bookings by Monday 11th March – **contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770**

Friday 15th March – Club General Meeting – 8.00pm

Saturday March 16th - Men's Breakfast at Brown Hill Uniting Church

Guest Speaker is our President Andy Burns. Start time 9am. People assisting with a car to display please arrive at 8:45 to get all parked together beside the church. \$5 donation to enjoy a hearty breakfast and good company.

Contact Brendan Stevens – 0409 018 867

Sunday 17th March – Club Run (Trophy Points) – Tomato Run, Carisbrook

We will be leaving from the **Doctors Car Park, Learmonth Road (old Masters) at 9.45am** for a short drive to the large Hydroponics Tomato Farm at **Carisbrook**. BYO morning tea and a tour of the facility with Ian Mortlock (Manager).

From there we will move along to **Natte Yallock** to the Pyrenees Historical Vehicle Club Show Day for lunch. BYO lunch or there will be limited food truck tucker available.

Contact Brendan Stevens 0409 018 867

Tuesday 19th March – Club Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

Sunday 24th March – Federation Picnic at Mortlake

Leave from **Starbucks Car Park at DTC at 9am**. Just a simple drive, travelling on the Glenelg Highway to Streatham, then turning left to Mortlake via Woorndoo. The Picnic is held at Tea Tree Lake Reserve.

As in the past, every vehicle that comes in will get a raffle ticket with their welcome letter for the prize draw. Plus, this year, every person in the vehicle will get 2 other tickets - one that can be redeemed at the CWA stall for cake/biscuits, and the other that can be redeemed at the Lions BBQ for a sausage or hamburger (with or without coleslaw and/or onion).

There will be cold drinks available to purchase, as well as the coffee van by "Coffee with the Girls". The band will be there again, and the CWA/Lions will be running a raffle. There will be lots of interesting vehicles to see from around the area.

Contact Nerene Backhouse – 0427 348 060

Wednesday 27th March - Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch – Contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Friday - Sunday – 29th – 31st March - Zephyr-Zodiac Nationals in Ballarat

Saturday 30th March - Brunch for Z/Z Nationals at Lake Wendouree North Gardens 9-12noon

Contact Mike Simpson 0419 935 147

Sunday 7th April - Naked Radiator Run - 10:30am from Clubrooms (end of Daylight Saving too!)

Contact Frank or Jan Tamis on 0475 192 372

Wednesday 10th April – Club Library Open – 10am – 4pm – Contact Daryl Meek 0407 881 288

Wednesday 10th April – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch – Contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Saturday 13th April – Ladies Crafternoon - 1.30 – 4pm at the Clubrooms

Contact Jenny Ure 0409 954 077

Thursday 18th April – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – 12 noon – Courthouse Hotel, Smythesdale

Make your own way there; bookings by Monday 15th April – **contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770**

Friday 19th April – Club General Meeting – 8.00pm

Sunday 21st April – Club Run - Tombstone Tour (Trophy Points)

Details to be advised in the next newsletter for the departure place and time.

Contact Barb Harris on 0407 348 277 or Noel Trengove 0400 599 707

Looking Ahead

With reference to the 12-month calendar, the date for the Heritage Display in Ballarat was for Saturday 18th May – the Council have now changed it to Sunday 19th May. Again, it clashes with the Club Run to Lake Bolac Campout.

PAST EVENTS

Naked Radiator Run – Sunday 4th February

With the forecast for a very hot and windy day, a group of intrepid naked radiators, backed up by a decent number of more recent models (with air conditioning), met at the clubrooms on the first Sunday morning in February.

The forecast obviously affected the numbers as the naked were down from other runs, but with the usual attendees there were some different models on this run, including a bright yellow 1916 roofless Talbot and a roofless three-wheeler – a 1916 Morgan.

This was also the weekend of the start of the 'invasion of the cabbage moths'! They were absolutely everywhere! And, as an aside, they are actually butterflies, and a pest, that takes to our green vegetables with delight.



Waiting in the shade of the clubrooms for Frank's briefing – Barry Allison, Lyn Simpson, Cyndy Allison, Ruth O'Doherty, Bruce Kerr and Moyle Bunworth

With the temperature rising, we left the clubrooms mid-morning. It was a leisurely drive out of Ballarat via Fussell Street and the Daylesford Road. No drive in Ballarat would be complete without the usual poor driver, this time an older man in a small red vehicle that commenced into the Eureka Street roundabout before we had cleared it. Not a pleasant experience, looking out the passenger window to find a car coming at me only a couple of metres away.

Shaking our heads, we continued on and out to Pootilla, where one of our naked convoy let us know just how hot it was that day, by pulling over to give her a drink. I did mention it was going to be hot, didn't I?



Real motoring – 1916 Morgan and a 1930 Ford Model A Roadster



Cooling off in the shade – 1930 Ford Model A, 1929 Marquette, 1930 Buick Sedan, 1930 Buick Tourer and 1929 Chrysler



Enjoying the relaxed atmosphere at Lake Esmond – John Peart, Karen Otto, Cyndy & Barry Allison, Ray Mason and Peter Todd

Turning to cross the freeway, we then proceeded to Gordon, towards Mt Egerton and Yendon. A Naked Radiator Run wouldn't be complete without a couple of impatient twin cab large utes weaving in and out of our convoy on their way to somewhere that they needed to be at urgently – like yesterday!

Turning towards Ballarat, another naked radiator pulled over, letting us know that it was heading towards the forecast 36° very quickly, and, as we all know, these girls need their drinks.

Into Ballarat East, we turned into the carpark at Lake Esmond, setting up under the trees for a picnic lunch. Apart from the breeze picking up, and picking up a bit of dust as well, it was pleasant under the trees, while the temperature tracked towards its 36° top. Barry received the obligatory article purchase price of 2 pieces of fruit cake from Jan to round off a lovely morning and lunch with friends.

Thank you, Frank and Jan, for setting up another lovely meander around local roads.

PS it was very hot! Thank goodness we were in a vehicle with air conditioning, and well done to those who took to the roads without it, holding onto their hats in the wind and coping with cars that have a tendency to overheat in temperatures far lower than we travelled in.

Cyndy Allison

Attendees – Naked Radiator Run – 4th February 2024

Catrina Sargent & Richard Blackburn	1916 GP Morgan	Mark Richmond	1938 Pontiac
Damian & Ruth O'Doherty	1926 DIC Delage	Dale & Junie Collins	1948 Buick Sedanette
Moyle Bunworth	1928 Ford Model A	Bruce Kerr	1951 Morris Minor Tourer
	Tudor	Nerene Backhouse	1956 Austin A30
Ron & Linda Harris	1928 Ford Model A	Dianne & Phil Rodger	1965 Mustang
	Tourer	Mike & Lyn Simpson	1966 Ford Cortina
Frank & Jan Tamis	1929 Plymouth	John Taylor	1970 MG B Mk II
Warren & Barbara Harris	1929 Marquette	Daryl & Barb Mitchell	1986 Mercedes Benz 300 SE
Rick Thege & Heather Gingell	1929 DM Delage	Barry & Cyndy Allison	1989 Nissan Pintara Ti
Malcolm & Judith Bandy	1929 Chrysler 75	John & Gayle Pickering	1990 Mazda MX5
Tom Quinlan	1929 DeSoto Coupe	Wayne Lineker & Maureen	1990 Mercedes Benz 300
Peter Todd	1930 Buick		SE
Colin & Merralyn Sargent	1930 Ford Model A	Kevin & Lorelli Huggins	1990 Toyota Cressida
Neville Finch	1930 Ford Model A	John Peart	1994 Lexus SC 400
	Coupe	Colin & Joy Feltham	1995 Ford LTD
Ray Mason	1930 Buick	Karen Otto	1997 Ford Mondeo
Guests - Michael & Sue Farrell	- 1916 Talbot 4CV		

Mid-week Twilight Motorcycle Run - Wednesday 7th February 2024

Another successful Day light Saving Mid-Week Motorcycle Ride was held on Wednesday 7th February out to the Snake Valley Hotel.

A lovely evening, so 36 riders on a great array of motorcycles attended, including a number of VCCC members.

Another good selection of Classic, Vintage and Veteran bikes were on display. Varying ages from 1913 to 1998, all club eligible. A couple of very nice Vincent Black Shadows stood out.....Oh, and my 1934 OHC Ariel Sq4, of course ☺ A good selection of European bikes including Moto Morini, Moto Guzzi, Ducati, BMW and MZ. A couple of American Harleys. Ariel, BSA, Norton, Matchless, Royal Enfield and Triumph from England. Hondas and Kawasakis were the only Japanese makes represented.



Some of the European bikes there

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



The Vincent selection



Old and New – a Royal Enfield and a Honda



3 impressive looking bikes

Twilight Sports Car Run – Friday 9th February 2024

On a bright sunny evening, 20 cars met in the Dan Murphy Car Park at the Delacombe Town Centre. There was a wide variety of cars ranging from small 4-cylinder cars to large V8 cars. Most of the sports cars in attendance were topless.

At about 6.35pm after most of the cup cakes and snakes had been consumed, we headed off in a westerly direction to avoid the setting sun on the return trip. We travelled along Bowes Road where there is a large dead tree with carvings of various birds cut into it. It was then on through Smythesdale, Linton and Skipton.

It was at this point one car pulled in to top up with petrol. We then turned right and headed toward Beaufort before we made the turn to Carngham. It was then onto Ballarat via Wiltshire Lane and into Macca's.

Thank you to all who took part in the run. We hope you all enjoyed it.

John & Gayle Pickering

Attendees - Sports Car Run

Graeme Bell	1936 Ford Roadster
John Fisher	1956 Morris Minor
Glen Whitbourne	1958 Austin Lancer
Mike & Lyn Simpson	1964 Mercury Comet
Brad & Dayna Mollison	1966 MGB
Lee Mills	1967 GT Falcon
John Taylor	1970 MGB MK11
Tom Quinlan	1972 Mercedes Benz
Jan & Frank Tamis	1975 Corvette
Daryl & Barb Mitchell	1986 Mercedes Benz 300SE
Barry & Cindy Allison	1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette
Wayne & June Harrop	1988 Porsche 944S
John & Gayle Pickering	1990 Mazda MX5
Rob Ferguson	1990 Mazda MX5

Modern - Lawrie & Virgie Hocking - 2005 Mazda MX5; John Emery - 2010 Mazda MX5; Kevin Holloway - 2009 BMW Convertible; Malcolm & Judith Bandy - 2008 Porsche 911; Pam & Gordon Roberts - Mercedes Benz



Begonia Rally (Trophy Points) – 16th – 18th February 2024

After much hard work by the Rally Committee – Nerene Backhouse, Jenny Ure, Ross Humphrey, Richard English, Brendan Stevens and Mark Border – another very successful Rally has been completed.

The 96 entrants enjoyed a more relaxed weekend beginning with a “Meet and Greet” Welcome Dinner on the Friday night together with Registrations. Registrations continued on the Saturday morning at the Brown Hill Hall as well as having morning tea before departing on a very scenic run to Strangways near Newstead.

We visited a collection of horse-drawn carriages from the 19th century. Our hosts were Doug and Kerry Hansford. Doug has had the passion since he was



A line up of some of the entrants' cars in the car park at the clubrooms on the Friday night Meet and Greet Dinner

11 years old. As well as the carriages, there was a lot of fascinating, interesting and amazing memorabilia not only adorning the walls but also collections in and on vintage side boards.

The entrants had the whole afternoon to wander through the collection, and those gardening enthusiasts were able

to check out the gardens. Lunch was had under the shade of the beautiful old trees. Following afternoon tea, people were free to make their way back to Ballarat at their leisure.

At the Saturday Night Dinner, we were very grateful for the services - at the last minute - of entertainer, Michael Cavanagh, following the booked Guest Speaker falling ill with COVID (yep! It's still around!). Michael kept many people up on the dance floor until it was time for us to pack up and head to our beds.

The Eureka Stockade Gardens was our meeting place on the Sunday morning. At 9.30am, we departed for Lal Lal Hall with Frank and Jan Tamis leading the way via “the long way” for the Morning Tea stop. This was because the Fiona Eley Cycle Classic Ride happened to be travelling in the same area. But with careful planning by Marshal guru,



Cutting the traditional cake – Nancy Jackson and Phyllis Eason surrounded by the Rally Committee

Daryl Crawley (thanks Daryl!), all went well. Parking at Lal Lal was a challenge, but we managed to fit every vehicle in, with many thanks to the local community, and especially the local school.



Peter & Karen Grose, Rod MacDonald, Jenny Ure, Cal, Doug & Kerry Hansford

After Morning Tea, it was just a short run to our President, Andy Burns' property at Scotsburn for lunch. Approaching his driveway was like looking at an instant ‘tent’ city with 17 gazebos erected to protect everyone from the heat of the day. Following lunch, people were free to wander around Andy's Museum and his many vehicles.



Enjoying lunch under the shady trees – Ray & Eileen Broatch (front), Brian & Julie Adams, Fay & Roger Burnett

Then it was time for the formalities of the weekend with the Trophy Presentations, drawing of the raffle and Acknowledgements. Regrettably omitted from the Acknowledgements was Pauline

Whitbourne who designed the Rally Badge – so with humble apologies, we say a big thank you for the work that Pauline put into the design. Overheard over the weekend - “the badge is something different – like a breath of fresh air”. So, well done, Pauline.

The Rally Committee decided to have a different way of awarding the Trophies this year – and this seemed to be popular. Instead of having trophies awarded in yearly brackets, there were just 5 Trophies awarded, with the entrants voting for just one vehicle.



Bruce Kerr enjoying the carriages



The wonderful catering crew at work – Karen Grose, Jenny Ure, Mark and Gayle Border



Trophy Winners

Shannons Choice sponsored by Shannons and chosen by David Waight

Winners – **John and Debbie Penhall**
Model A Ford Club (Vic)
1930 Ford Model A Tourer



Rally Committee Choice sponsored by Ranbuild and chosen by members of the Rally Committee

Winner – **Mark Seager** – VCCC Ballarat
1917 Rover Imperial motorbike



Rally Committee member, Ross Humphrey presenting Mark Seager with his Trophy

Federation Choice sponsored by Federation Best Pre 1930s – Chosen by the Club Delegates Kevin and Brett Holloway

Winners – **Frank and Janet Braden**
Vintage Drivers Club
1929 Chrysler 65



Janet & Frank Braden with Federation Rep - Brett Holloway

President's Choice sponsored by Bosch Mr Brakes The Joan Hayward Award

presented by Garry Hayward
Winners – **Graham and Jackie Collis**
Werribee Collectable Vehicle Club
1946 Ford Super Delux



Graham Collis accepting the Trophy from Garry Hayward

Vehicle I'd Most Like to Own

Sponsored by Bar Fridges Australia Voted by Rally Entrants

Winners – **Trevor and Wendy Madden**
VCCC Ballarat
1968 Jaguar E Type Coupe



Winners Trevor & Wendy Madden with Rally Committee member, Brendan Stevens



Driving in to Andy's – there was a 'sea' of gazebos – these are just some of them. They were very useful on the hot day.

A section of the entrants' cars at the Carriages property



VCCC Ballarat Entrants – Begonia Rally

1913 Overland	Richard Blackburn & Catrina Sargent
1917 Rover Imperial Motorcycle	Mark Seager
1928 Ford Model A Tudor	Moyle Bunworth
1928 Ford Model A Tudor	Darren, Louise, Jono Miles
1928 Chevrolet Sedan	Brett & Kirstin Holloway
1929 Marquet	Warren & Barbara Harris
1929 Delage DM	Rick Thege & Heather Gingell
1930 Buick Series 40 Sedan	Ray & Avis Mason
1930 Ford Model A Roadster	Colin & Merrilyn Sargent
1930 Pontiac Big Six	Kevin & Helen Holloway
1930 Ford Model A	Neville Finch
1934 Ford 40	Ken & Therese Hart
1939 Ford Coupe	Ron & Marion Smith
1948 Buick Super Sedan	Dale & Junie Collins
1948 Mercury Convertible	Roger & Fay Burnett
1949 MG TC	Philip & Jill Perrin
1954 Austin A40 Somerset	Graham & Kerry Quemard
1955 MG Magnette	Brendan & Gaida Stevens
1956 Chevrolet Belair	Ray & Eileen Broatch, Terence & Mary Elliott
1957 Morris Minor	Glen & Pauline Whitbourne
1958 Holden FC Sedan	Andy Burns & Lee Day
1958 Holden FC Sedan	Ian Nunn
1959 Jaguar Mark 2	Nancy Jackson & Janine Smith
1959 Cadillac 4 Door Flat Top	Michael & Eileen Grose
1959 Ford Customline	Mervyn & Margaret Jeffrey
1964 Holden EH Premier Wagon	Jennifer Ure & Rod MacDonald
1964 Ford Thunderbird	Graeme & Jill Peterken
1965 Ford Mustang Fastback	Peter & Sandy Hibbert
1965 Holden HD Wagon	Glenn Barrett
1965 Chevrolet Belair	Peter & Karen Grose
1966 Rover P5 Mk3	Merv & Maree Sherlock
1966 Jaguar S Type	Bruce Kerr, Ann Rasmussen, Tony Newman
1967 Holden HR Premier	Ross Humphrey
1968 Ford XT GT Falcon	Keith Mackinlay
1968 Jaguar E Type Coupe	Trevor & Wendy Madden
1970 Pontiac Firebird Formula	Norm & Heather Darwin
1970 Valiant VF 2 Door	Ron & Suzanne Damen
1971 Ford Falcon XY Ute	Mark & Gayle Border
1972 Mercedes Benz 230	Tom & Julie Quinlan
1974 Toyota Celica LT Coupe	Ron & Margaret Gay
1975 Volkswagen	Barry Ronalds & Alan Firns
1976 Holden Premier	John Stevens
1977 BMW 633 CSi	Richard & Anne-Marie English
1985 Mercedes Benz 280SE	Frank & Carolyn Whitfield
1988 Nissan Skyline Exec	Nerene Backhouse
1988 Porsche 944S	Wayne & June Harrop
1988 Holden HSV Group A	Robert & Karen McMaster
1989 Mazda MX5	Gordon & Pam Roberts
1990 Bentley 8 Sedan	Frank & Jan Tamis
1992 Holden Commodore	Mark & Lerise Frew
1995 Ford Mustang	Phyllis Eason
1997 Ford Mondeo Hatchback	Karen Otto
Modern – Kieran & Red Skelton,	Graham Lambourn,
Brian & Julie Adams	



Warren Harris soon had the Begonia flower and Rally Badge attached on his Marquette



... and the Sherlock's 'passenger' showed off his flowers



Strutting their stuff on the dance floor – Maree Sherlock, Alan Cannane and Ross Humphrey with entertainer, Michael Cavanagh in the background



Nerene Backhouse introducing the Rally Committee – Jenny Ure, Ross Humphrey, Richard English, Mark Border and Brendan Stevens with Tail End Charlie, Bernie Quirk.

It was a very enjoyable weekend, and we thank absolutely everyone who helped whether in a big way or small – as the saying goes – many hands make light work – and that's what happened. (If I list everyone, I'm bound to miss someone – so you know you are – THANK YOU!)

Report – Association of Motoring Clubs- Delegates' Meeting 19th February 2024

The President opened the meeting with his report. This focused on the AOMC strategic plan and in particular on actions they hoped to undertake in 2024 to commence to achieve their strategic directions. Their principal goal for this year is Communications improvements.

Other matters referred to included Heritage Day 19th May, VicRoads, Club Permit Scheme, Group Insurance, Compliance with Consumer Affairs, and the Carbon Offset Scheme.

Some of these topics were expanded upon to a limited degree. We were advised that there had been contact with VicRoads and the Department of Transport, and topics discussed with them included Number Plates, Modifications and M plates, Compliance with permissible usage, and Road Worthiness of Vehicles on CPS.

Master Cover for the Club Insurance project response was detailed with 66 Clubs responding which covered about 10,500 club members and would mean an income of about \$21,000. The AOMC has a total club member base of approximately 45,000 members, so the Club Insurance Scheme would cover about a quarter of the total members. If the VCCC elected to become involved the indicative cost would be \$480 which I would have thought would be a significant saving on the current insurance cost. Naturally, the policy benefits and exclusions would need to be thoroughly examined and compared to the current provider offerings.

There were reports on the various completed events including:

- The Festival of Motoring had 463 cars, 3,800 visitors and it raised \$21,000 for “Beyond Blue”
- The Aussie Car show had 158 cars and 445 visitors, but it was run in 37c heat,
- The Annual British and European Car Show attracted 1008 cars, 22 motorbikes, and 1060 visitors.

Forthcoming events mentioned included:

- Annual Vintage Drivers Club Swap Meet at Yarra Glen on the 10th March,
- Annual Kalorama Rally which has a roaring 20’s theme on 24th March, and the
- Austin 7 Annual Winton Historic Race meeting on the 25th and 26th of May.

The usual matters, Number Plate Records and AOMC finances, were reported upon as well.

Damian O’Doherty, AOMC Delegate

VCCC Clubrooms Redevelopment – Update #2

Following on from last month’s first report, and after the initial meeting with, and response from, Council, an update was provided to Members at the November General Meeting. In Andy’s absence due to illness, I was pleased to be able to present the information and the way forward, given that I have been involved from early days, and with the Club being on the current site since the early 1980s, this is the only site that I have really known in my time. A constructive discussion took place, and I felt there was a collective sigh of relief, in part that we are looking to stay on the current site, and in part that something is happening with upgrading the Clubrooms.

With this in mind, the Clubrooms Subcommittee held meetings to look at the size and scale, and draft up plans of what is needed and what is possible. This included looking at the current site, planning and considering the external dimensions, location on the site, and the internal fit-out – to include a new Library (bigger than current), kitchen (bigger than current) with an extra servery to separate food and drinks, separate meeting room (that can also be utilised as a reading room and newsletter production room), larger meeting space, stage area with media wall, space for memorabilia, upgraded toilets, storage (inside) and outside (accessible by roller door). A lot of discussion to arrive at a suitable and workable draft, which was then costed initially to get a draft position. At the same time, the Subcommittee gathered prior work conducted by various Committees and Subcommittees, which included soil tests, plans, comparatives etc. that was all very helpful.

There was also discussion around other considerations like retaining the existing safe, the look of the façade and signage, replacing chairs, replacing tables, and the fit-out of the library with racking/compactus (as the Club has one on site and one in storage to utilise). Plus, where to relocate to during the building works for meetings, and the logistics of packing up and storing everything in between.

Darren Miles met with the Surveyor and Survey Plans have been drawn up, with two options for placement on site. He further considered the soil tests and options regarding footings, as this will be a key consideration during the process, and also looked at the floor height levels, which will need to be considered in relation to flood levels.

This concept was brought to life by Andy working with Tony De Jong Drafting and the first draft was presented to Life Members and other key stakeholders at a morning tea in January to discuss. An opportunity to reimagine the space, and there was excellent input provided by this group, ideas that have been incorporated, and concerns that have been addressed. These included flood levels, parking areas, use of area behind the houses to the South, planning and permit process, display of memorabilia, orientation of the library, use of compactus for workshop manuals (and strength of foundations for weight), availability and use of photocopier (for library as well as newsletter), window placement and servery window, power for induction heating, solar, exit points, hearing loop etc. We worked through the timeline, initial costings and current funding, including input of what has worked well in the past. The current Clubrooms were built largely by (now older) members who have been through this already,

so the future rests with members who will get the enjoyment of the new build. There will be a need for volunteers to contain costs, we talked about compiling a cluster of members who can assist with the internal fit-out in any way – noting it must be at their ability level for the safety of all.

This was a very constructive way to get guidance and approval to proceed, our thanks go those who attended and provided the catalyst to move forward.

This concept was taken to the January General Meeting for approval where it was ratified to proceed, more details to come on this in the next report. This is ever evolving with discussions at Subcommittee Meetings, General Meetings and Committee Meetings, together with Council meetings and conversations, which is all pulling in the right direction. I will provide a further update in the newsletter next month.

Brett Holloway - on behalf of the Building Subcommittee



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

Report - Federation – Delegates' Meeting

The latest Quarterly Delegates' meeting was held Saturday 10th February, hosted by the Maryborough District Historic Vehicle Club and was held in Carisbrook at the Senior

Citizens rooms. The Club has around 120 members, with about 30 active. Formed in 1989, they are celebrating 35 years this year.

The meeting commenced with a minute's silence and vale to Doug Palmer of Hamilton. Doug was a Foundation Member in 1970 and a Life Member. He was an early Federation President and a long-time Federation Delegate. He was an excellent ambassador for Hamilton and for the movement.

There is a new Member Club – Humber Car Club (rejoining after a hiatus).

It was a full meeting covering all Agenda items, I have identified those of interest as follows:

- **Trophy Donations:**

- Early Ford V8 Club – hosting Nationals – May - Echuca
- VCCC Ballarat – for Begonia Rally 2024 – collected ahead of the event.

- **Capital Grants:**

- Antique Motorcycle Club - for purchase of Defibrillator – paid and collected.
- Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club - for computer/printer – paid and collected.
- Early Ford V8 Club – for portable PA system (meetings and livestreams) – approved.

- **Events:**

- **Picnic at Mortlake - Sunday 24th March 2024**, celebrating 20 years, please come along!!
- **Wunghnu Vehicle, Machinery and Collectables Picnic Day** – Weekend of 30th/31st March 2024 (Easter weekend), 100 years of Farmall tractors and sheep dog trials
- **Scoresby Picnic** – Sunday 5th May 2024, at National Steam Centre.
- **Murrabit Picnic** – a new event – Sunday 19th May 2024, in conjunction with National Motoring Heritage Day, and the Delegates meeting in Kerang the day before.
- **Picnic at Marong** – Sunday 25th August 2024, plus start of Golden Oldies.

- **Golden Oldies Tour (2024)** – For Vintage Vehicles only (1919 – 1930), Sunday 25th August to Sunday 1st September 2024 - Marong, Maryborough (2 nights), Daylesford (2 nights), and Ballarat (3 nights). Entry forms are out at www.federation.asn.au, 45 entries so far, so get your entry in and get your accommodation booked as well.

- **Peter Mac Fundraiser** – it was agreed that again we would raise funds at our Picnic Days over the year. Last year we collectively raised \$6,000+. Clubs have been asked if they would like to take a tin. I discussed with Committee and VCCC are prepared to take a tin – see elsewhere.

- **Bendigo Swap** –

- All done for last year, and planning started for this year. Big thank you to all who volunteered, the cheques were presented at the meeting, I have passed on to the Treasurer.

- **AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation) and Robert Shannon Foundation.**

- Applications close at the end of May for RSF scholarships. In support of this, at each Federation meeting a raffle is held, with proceeds matched by Federation. Expecting to raise \$1,000 over the year, last meeting was \$162, this meeting was \$223 so on track.

The prize for vehicle on display went to Max Hobson - 1938 EFV8 Roadster and matching teardrop.

The next Delegates' meeting is in May in Kerang (on the Saturday), followed by the new Murrabit Picnic for National Heritage Motoring Day on the Sunday.

Brett & Kevin Holloway, Federation Delegates

FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

March, 2024

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Busted Tractors and Rusty Knuckles
Norwegian Torque Wrench Techniques and Other
Fine Points of Tractor Restoration
By Roger Welsch

Published in 1997

224 Pages.

Roger Welsch is a writer, teacher, American television commentator and hobby farmer whose addiction to old tractors has transformed his Nebraska homestead from a pleasant riverside tree farm with a few old tractors into a nicely stocked tractor farm with some shade trees.

Many years ago, Roger purchased a 1937 Allis-Chalmers W.C tractor to use on his farm. After many years of faithful service, the tractor broke down and, in spite of not having any mechanical experience, with some advice from a neighbour, Roger repaired the tractor. Roger was so delighted to be able to fix something mechanical, he then carried out a complete restoration of the tractor. During this time, he bought another W. C. Allis-Chalmers for spare parts.



To celebrate his first restoration the tractor was driven to the local Tavern, and a party was held for all the people who had helped in any way. At the end of the party Roger was challenged to restore the second W.C. tractor in the next twelve months. This he achieved, and another party occurred twelve months later with the two tractors driven to the Tavern. At

the end of the second party Roger was given the remains of a third W.C. tractor with the challenge that he could not restore it in twelve months.

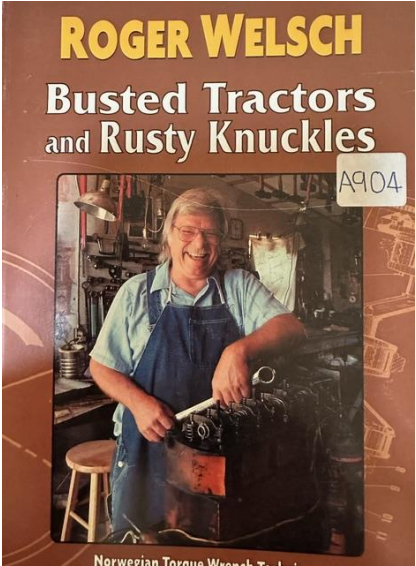
The book is the case study of the restoration of this tractor day by day; mistake by mistake; disaster by disaster, scar by scar. Over 64 days, 232 hours, spread over two years Roger, after many problems, was able to drive this third tractor to yet another party at the Tavern.

A very enjoyable, light-hearted book, detailing the trials and tribulations of an inexperienced amateur restorer. This book is highly recommended to any member who has restored, or intends to restore, any type of vehicle – particularly if it is in poor condition!

Ron Gay

Postscript: Our library also contains the following book by Roger Welsch:

- A910 Old Tractors and the Men who Love Them, or How to Keep Your Tractor Happy and Your Family Running



Thought I'd sneak this one in – Ron hard at work reviewing a book for From the Library Shelf

APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS

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

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

NOTICE BOARD

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

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 19 th March | Maldon Swap Meet | Racecourse Reserve |
| 23 rd March | Koroit Swap Meet & Car Show | Victoria Park, Koroit |
| 7 th April | Castlemaine Swap Meet | Camp Reserve, Forest Street |

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 26th March 2024 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

For Sale

1949 Austin Truck. Originally a fire truck, now has a new wooden tray.
Runs very well. Was a feature in our farm supplies store, but we have run out of space.

Body number 4259 Chassis number 148864 \$12,000 neg.

Contact Alan 0414 432 790



From Paul Jenkins

3 Bridgestone tubeless steel belted radial tyres B249 P 175/75 R14 865

I know that these tyres are too good to just retire.

I have just replaced the tyres on my 1967 MGB because one had shredded to bits, (son over from Broome driving).

As the existing could not be matched I have had 4 new tyres fitted.

As a result, I have 3 good tyres which I would like to unload to a club member/s for a donation to the Building or Club funds.

I have no idea what they are worth but if a member wished to gain for a donation to the Club, I would be happy.

Contact Paul - 0408 343 053

WANTED

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

Contact Gareth - 0466 807 744

For Sale

1966 Sandrover Mini Caravan 10'6" 3 berth with full annex & awning, 2 new spare L/T wheels and tyres \$4000

Vintage Morris Radiator cap and Wilmot Breedon Temp gauge in working order \$250

Pair of 1960's Miller Driving Lights excellent condition \$250

Jaguar Mk 2 Tool Kit in original case, spanners unused \$650

Vintage clamp on running board luggage rack \$120

1955 Howard Yeoman Rotary Hoe with Villiers Mk 40 7H.P. in running order with operating manuals \$350

1955/6 Daimler Conquest Century bumper bars front and rear, good usable condition \$100 pair

Contact Gordon Roberts - 0409 773 464

GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – Permit Officer, Richard English has issued a friendly reminder regarding the procedure for getting your Permits signed, as follows:

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

If you are unable to attend a meeting then:

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

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

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

Fifth Option – Contact Permit Officer and make other arrangements.

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

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

CLUB CALENDAR – MARCH - APRIL 2024

For the Details of Events, See Pages 4 and 5; also refer to the 12-month calendar

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 425 001** – your contact details.

MAR	Date	What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Sat	9th	Ladies Crafternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30-4pm
<i>Fri-Sun</i>	<i>8-10th</i>	<i>Philip Island Classics</i>	<i>Philip Island</i>			
<i>Sun</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Historic Commercial Vehicle</i>	<i>Clunes</i>			
Mon	11th	Labor Day Holiday				
Wed	13th	Club Library open	Have a cuppa and chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10 - 12noon
Thurs	14th	Rustless Wanderers	Royal Mail Hotel Sebastopol	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	15th	Club General Meeting	At Clubrooms			8pm
Sat	16th	Men's Breakfast	Brown Hill Uniting Church Humffray St Nth	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	9:00 to 10:30am Cost \$5
Sun	17th	Tomato Run (Trophy Points)	Drs Car Park Learmonth Road	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	Leave at 9:45am
Tues	19th	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7:30pm
<i>Thu-Sun</i>	<i>21-24th</i>	<i>Melb Grand Prix</i>	<i>Albert Park Melbourne</i>			
<i>Sat</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Eddington Sprints</i>				
<i>Sun</i>	<i>24th</i>	<i>Federation Picnic</i>	<i>Mortlake</i>			
Wed	27th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am
<i>Fri-Sun</i>	<i>29-31</i>	<i>Easter Holidays</i>				
<i>Fri-Sun</i>	<i>29-31</i>	<i>Zephyr/Zodiac Nationals</i>	<i>Ballarat</i>			
<i>Fri</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Lincoln Collection</i>	<i>Pomonal – Good Friday Appeal</i>			
Sat	30th	Brunch for Z/Z National	Lake Wendouree Nth Gardens	Mike Simpson	0419935147	9am-12:30pm
APR		Daylight Saving ends Sunday 7th				
<i>Sat</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Swap Meet</i>	<i>Horsham</i>			<i>7am -1pm</i>
Sun	7th	Naked Radiator Run	Departs Clubrooms	Frank & Jan Tamis	0475192372	10-30am
<i>Sun</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Guildford Car Show</i>				
Wed	10th	Club Library open	Have a cuppa and chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10 - 12noon
Sat	13th	Ladies Crafternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30-4pm
Thurs	18th	Rustless Wanderers	Court House Hotel Smythesdale.	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	19th	Club General Meeting	Clubrooms			8pm
<i>Sat</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>All British Rally</i>	<i>Maldon</i>			
Sun	21st	Tombstone Tour (Trophy Points)	TBA	Barb Harris and Noel Trengove		TBA
Tues	23rd	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Wed	24th	Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray Drury	0417840623	11am

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



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