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**Winner of the Stars 'n Stripes Day - Doug Sweetman's
1938 DeSoto**

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CHOPPER'S CHATTER



President Bob

Hello fellow Members,

It is that time of year, approaching the AGM where we reflect on our clubs' activities during the preceding year. It has been my first year as President and after a few teething problems such as meeting procedure, I believe that I have settled comfortably into the role. It remains my pleasure to represent you in meetings, public events and during consultation with Victor Harbor Council and other car clubs within our State. Of course the President's position would not exist if it was not for a very hard working group of Members who make up our Committee. It is not just about attending meetings. So much work is carried out by this dedicated group of Members to keep the club running smoothly, collaboratively and with a minimum of fuss. These individuals deserve your gratitude. It is because of our Committee Members that the HMVC enjoys community respect as we remain one of S.A. Premier car clubs.

Financially, we are in a good position with sufficient reserves for the usual monthly expenditure and enough savings to enable restoration of the library windows and other smaller things that arise frequently that require our attention. Two years ago, as part of the Strategic Plan, we instigated a special fund where proceeds from the ever increasing Operations Account were transferred periodically into a Business Saver account which we named the Sinking Fund. That fund has almost enough to cover the Library windows, so very little money needs to be withdrawn from the Operations account. We also have fund raising methods in mind for other smaller projects in and around the Clubrooms.

During the preceding 12 months, our Events Team has managed to provide us with interesting events. Our club has traditionally been about events and the present team continues to find unique and innovative ways for Members to exercise their Classic/Veteran/Vintage cars and Motorcycles.

Our Catering Team not only prepare the tasty suppers that we enjoy post meetings but have volunteered their services throughout the club year for catered sit down dinners, monthly Cars and Coffee runs and functions like the recent Xmas in July and of course Xmas Cheer.

Our two public events, the up coming Rock and Roll Festival and the British Classics Tour, give our club respect and credibility. A recent call for volunteers in the planning stages of these events resulted in several members stepping forward with offers to help. This is much appreciated by me and your Committee. Thank you.

If you feel you have something to offer our club, either in administration, event planning, traffic management, ground maintenance or perceived improvements, please step forward. You can do as much as you want or as little as you want but every little bit helps in the running and maintaining of our wonderful club.

See you on the road.

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2023 CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

HMVC CLUB MEETINGS AT VICTOR HARBOR

General Meetings - held at HMVC Clubrooms starting at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of the month.

- ◆ 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and the 7th December

Committee Meetings - held at HMVC Clubrooms starting at 7:00pm on the last Thursday of the month.

- ◆ 31st August, 28th September, 26th October and 30th November

Newsletter Nights - held on the following Thursdays at the HMVC Clubrooms at 6:30pm.

- ◆ 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December

FUTURE HMVC CLUB EVENTS

Please see the detail in 'By George - it's Cars 'n Coffee!' and 'HMVC Coming Events'. Thanks, Ed.

'BY GEORGE' - it's Cars 'n Coffee!

Please be aware of any cut-off dates as these are important for planning/catering. Bookings are essential for ALL the 'By George - it's Cars 'n Coffee!' events. Contact George Mb: 0480 332 826

Tuesday 12th September: Softfoot Farm, 594 Sawpit Rd, Hindmarsh Valley. 9.30am for 10.00am.

- ◆ **Booking cut off date** - Evening of Tuesday 5th September.

Tuesday 10th October: Finniss General Store. 9.30am for 10.00am.

- ◆ **Booking cut off date** - Evening of Saturday 7th October.

Tuesday 14th November: Willunga Golf Club. 9.30am for 10.00am.

- ◆ **Booking cut off date** - Evening of Saturday 11th November.

See you in the sunshine. Cheers, George.

HMVC COMING EVENTS - From the Event Co-ordination Team

AUGUST

Wednesday 30th August – Old Folks/Cars Day (also known as the Dennis Martin day) where members will visit local nursing homes. This has been organised by Rob Makin. The plan is to meet at Estia Health, Encounter Bay (end of Bay Rd and Tabernacle Rd) at 1015. Morning tea will be provided as well as a BBQ lunch. At 1:00pm we will depart Encounter Bay to be at Sandpiper Lodge (corner of Byrnes Rd and Washington St, Goolwa) for 1:30pm where an afternoon tea will be provided. ***Please let Rob Makin know if you will be attending*** so that the venues will know how many to expect. Robs mobile is 0416 311 846.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 7th September – FARMS group run to Allawoona (just south of Loxton). An invitation has been extended to HMVC members. There is no entry fee. ***Numbers to Glen Haythorpe*** please on Mb: 0419 547 278

OCTOBER

Sunday 29th October - Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Chris and Marj Rowley are organising this event. The plan is to leave from the HMVC Clubrooms and head to Goolwa (via a coastal tour) and catch up with folks in Goolwa (for those that don't want to start in HMVC). A BBQ tea will be supplied by the Events team back at the HMVC clubrooms. Bring a dessert to share. BYO drinks. I am sure that as the time gets closer there will be some more detail/chat about this event.

- ◆ ***Bookings essential with Marj*** on 0401 085 950
Cut off date - Evening of Wednesday 25th October.

Events Coordination team Phil De Courcey/Vic Dowling/Rob Makin/Martin Thornhill

Other Events happening around the place!

8th September 2023 - 11:00am to 2pm. Goolwa Men's Shed Celebrations at the Goolwa Oval where there will be food and entertainment. An invitation has been extended to the HMVC. You might want to consider arriving in your special vehicle.

Sunday 24th September 2023 - Arthur Clisby Picnic at Macclesfield Oval. There is no entry fee. BYO Picnic. **Please advise Brian Davey** on 0400 826 969 if you are planning to attend and also if you might be buying food at the venue (this is for their planning purposes around vehicle numbers and food).

Sunday 15th October 2023 - The BAY TO BIRDWOOD

Swap Meets (etc) around SA

Sunday 8th October 2023: Strathalbyn Auto Swap
Strathalbyn Oval Complex Coronation Rd, Strathalbyn SA 5255

TBC - 10th & 11th November, 2023: Adelaide Auto Expo
Jubilee Pavilion, Duncan Gallery, Jubilee Plaza, Hamilton Boulevard Adelaide Showgrounds

TBA November, 2023: Rotary Club of Regency Park Swap Meet / Boot Sale
TAFE SA Regency Campus, 137 Days Rd, Regency Park, SA 5010, (north of Regency Rd) and follow the signs.

Sunday 19th November 2023 - SHANNONS QMT Yankalilla Classic Motor Show 2023
Yankalilla Showgrounds, Jervois Road, Yankalilla, Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia, 5203

For additional information on swap meets and events visit www.bevenyoung.com.au

FEDERATION RUN - South East Safari 2024

The Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs is running the South East Safari 2024 from Monday 29th April to Friday 10th May 2024. This is an Historic Motoring Event so the vehicles you bring **MUST** be 25yrs or older. There is a limit of 70 cars on this tour so you will need to submit your Expression of Interest form by 30th August 2023.

Forms are available through either:

- ♦ Visiting the Federation website (fhmcsa.org.au) or click on the following link [Federation Tour 2024 - Expression of Interest](#)
- ♦ Contacting either John Taylor (Mb: 0408 835 082) or Deidre Solly (Mb: 0422 078 127)



HMVC LIBRARY REPORT

This month's 'Odd Bod' will fascinate many and may cause others to question just how safe the 'good ol' cars' they are now driving as 'historical', really are! I recall cataloguing this same title, many years ago, for the Library Service in which I was then employed.

I mentioned it to a friend in a local motor sales garage. Having read it, he told me that he was quite shocked at the findings and conclusions reached in the book, particularly those concerning the make he was then selling, and very successfully, to the public! The faults and production issues related primarily to the UK-make vehicles, as on his showroom floor (*of course in their CKD-Australian, versions*). This book, he said, could prove ruinous to the Australian motor industry. The scandals revealed weren't confined to just UK-makes, but similar faults, and even much worse, were to be found with European and US manufactured cars. Remember GM's 'Corvaire', Ralph Nader, and his controversial book: 'Unsafe at any speed'?! (Your Library has a copy...).

Even after 50 years, this book still seeks answers to a range of concerns never fully addressed! Is your car listed in this book, labeled by one reviewer as one revealing a 'scandal' and a 'searing indictment of the motor industry'??

READ it and see! ...a great read...

AIRD, Alastair "The Automotive nightmare." On the shelf at 301.55/AIR

BOOK of the month for July should delight HMVC Members as our own late Member, Peter Smythe, contributed original material on the 'CHIC' motor car manufactured in Clarence Park.

"SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MOTOR CARS, 1881-1942" lists alphabetically the origin and manufacturing details of all known motor vehicles produced in this State during those formative years. Many were, as the reader will discover, very 'original' in conception and operation. Some were based on readily available, imported, auto components whilst others were the product of local genius. Some were 'electrically propelled' by ranks of batteries, others by steam, but the majority used petrol 2 or 4-stroke IC engines. Experience with early vehicles, both before and during WW1, combined with demand for automobiles after the War, created the impetus leading to the appearance of many new vehicles; 'makes' with names now long forgotten in time. The years of the Great Depression were, of course, the reason for the demise of most locally made cars.

Our Library's copy is one of just 1000 books published. Please make sure that your name is entered in the Book Loans record before removing it from our Library.

REMEMBER, the Library is open to Members from 6.30pm on Meeting nights. Leigh Blacket,
Club Librarian

Attendance lists for 'Becks Bakery' and 'Stars 'n Stripes'

Attendance - Cars 'n Coffee - Beck's Bakery Port Noarlunga - 12th June (article next page)

Richard & Heather Dutton	Modern
Deidre Solly	Datsun 120Y
Milan	Bellett
Neville & Lorraine Merritt	Toyota Corolla
George Meola	VW Kombi
Shane Gray	Corolla - Modern
Jeff & Jan	Modern
Ron Millard & Di Humberstone	Vauxhall Victa
Bill & Margaret Ellis	Modern
Mal & Lyn Hancock	Apology - vehicle had mechanical problems
Ray & Robin Neal	Jaguar
Kevin & Colleen Griggs	Modern
Rosalie Donaldson	Modern
David Gratton	Modern
Chris & Leigh Blacket	Modern
Sonia & Warren Jamieson	Modern
Kevin & Colleen Griggs	Modern
Peter Mathews	Modern
Phil Boyle x 2	Modern
Maureen & Wayne Forbes	Modern
Sam Greer & Mother	Cortina 1978
Reinhardt Von Kabelitz	Modern
Mark & Jane Anderson	1989 318i BMW
Alan Trenorden	Toyota
Doug Sweetman	DeSoto
Graham Dean & Ron Parker	Commodore
John Taylor	Modern

Attendance - Stars 'n Stripes Run to Normanville Hotel - Tuesday 4th July (article later in newsletter)

Vic & Franca Dowling	84 Mercedes 380SEL
Milan Prochazka	Bellett
Chris & Sue Sier	Modern
Mal & Jenny Haythorpe	91 Nissan ZX300
Doug Sweetman	1938 DeSoto
Merv & Lyn Mortimer	Mustang 2016
Mark Munday	HT Kingswood
Peter Jones & Bev Newman	Mercedes CLS350
Lyn & Leanne Guerin	79 Pontiac Firebird Transam
Leigh & Zofi Phillips	03 Sixius Clubman
David & Jenny Smallacombe	Torana - would not start???
Mal & Lyn Hancock	Toyota GTS 86
Peter & Ruth Blesing	Mustang 1966 coupe
Ron Millard & Di Humberstone	Vauxhall Victor
Graham Dean & Ron Parker	1968 Ford Fairlane
Neville & Lorraine Merritt	1978 Lincoln Continental
Kip & Lynne Newbold	1978 Lincoln Continental
Doug & Vivienne Hill	1976 Porsche Carrera
Tony Philp	1976 Mercedes 230
Gavin & Natalia Daniell & Boys	1969 Mustang
Jan Dunk & Jeff Farmer	Rover SD1
Alan Trenorden & Rhys Constable	Daimler

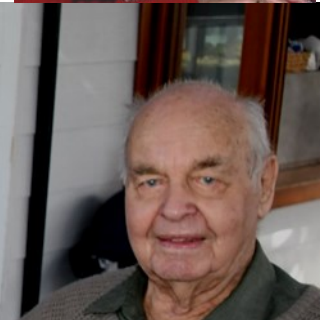
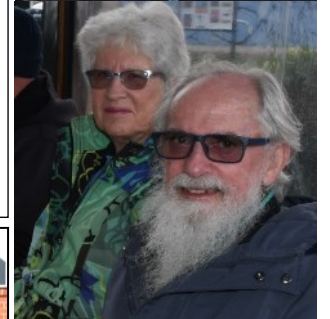
CARS 'n COFFEE - Becks Bakehouse - Port Noarlunga - 13th June



On Tuesday 13th June, 43 HMVC members descended upon Beck's Bakery at Pt Noarlunga, one of the best bakeries on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

It wasn't the kindest of days weather wise but the delicious cakes and coffee made up for that. We were all seated in the well heated outdoor area, drinking hot coffee, munching on cakes, etc and having relaxed conversations.

A most enjoyable morning was had by all. Hope to see you at the next one. Cheers, George



WINTER SOLSTICE RUN - Goolwa to Strathalbyn - 21st June

It was a very brisk morning on Wednesday 21st June for the HMVC Winter Solstice Run. Many folks braved the cool conditions and met at Goolwa before heading off at around 9:30am (after being 'marshalled, herded and coerced' by Phil de Courcey). We left Goolwa to make our way to Strathalbyn.



We were greeted at Strathalbyn by Ben Finnis, the owner of Collectable Classics. Hot drinks and biscuits were on offer and everyone made the most of the opportunity to peruse the many and varied vehicles that were on display. Ben talked about the generational family ownership of the business and how he had bought a property 'down the street' where there were more cars on display. The property had previously housed the business of Brooks Garage and Ben has restored the front area of the building and renamed it as it was originally known. Many thank to Ben and his team for having us at Collectable Classics.



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Car Trailer

WINTER SOLSTICE RUN - 21st June (cont'd)



HMVC members cars are parked on the gravel at Collectable Classics as well as the Rolls Royce parked in front of Brooks Garage. The framed photo is an early image of Brooks Garage, Strathalbyn.



Phil (whose thumb appears by special request) had arranged a booking at the Commercial Hotel for those that wanted to stay at Strathalbyn for lunch, with many members taking the opportunity to enjoy a meal together and to chat about all and sundry (but mostly about cars and budgets I suspect - Editors comment).



Included here is an interesting piece provided by HMVC member Carol van Dalen whose parents were married at the Strathalbyn Methodist Church in 1951. Note the Reception venue!

*Rosemary EVANS
Arthur GRAETZ*
Married at the
STRATHALBYN METHODIST
SAT 3RD NOV. 1951 CHURCH
2pm
RECEPTION AT THE
COMMERCIAL HOTEL
STRATHALBYN

JUST MARRIED!
(Scene on Victor Harbour Express)
He: Mabel, let's have one.
She: Wait a while.
He: If you don't I can't sleep.
She: Wait until we get to Strathalbyn.
He: No, I can't.
She: You will have to wait.
He: No, I won't; I want it now.
She: Well, you can't have it, now.
He: I must have it.
Passenger in lower berth: Give him what he wants and keep him quiet.
She: He wants a cold pint of West End Beer, but he can't have it until we get to the Commercial

STARS 'n STRIPES - Victor Harbor to Normanville - Tuesday 4th July

Members were pleasantly surprised to find a break in the weather for the running of this years "American Car Day". We congregated at the Encounter Bay Oval for morning tea and a chat before Vic called us for a briefing and distribution of the route for the run. As a treat, Franca and Vic had organised American style donuts for everybody to enjoy.



18 vehicles and one motorcycle departed the start and travelled via the backroads to Hindmarsh Tiers Rd. and then to the outskirts of Myponga where we turned right and left and travelled over the Myponga Dam wall which had a good, seasonal flow of water over the slipway.



Continuing down the hill to Carrickalinga and along the coast to Normanville where we were welcomed at the Hotel.

Lunch consisted of Schnitzel or Fish with chips with salad and complimentary tea and coffee, with yet more American style donuts. We had a large back room all to ourselves. It was nice and warm, which suited participants and conversation flowed freely before and during a wholesome and tasty lunch. On completion, Vic took to the microphone and treated us to ABS (Ask him what it means) and as usual, many a laugh was enjoyed by Members. The "Best American Car" of the day was awarded by the "Judge for a day", Malcom Haythorpe, to Doug Sweetman's 1938 DeSoto. The award was given to the car with the most interesting history. Doug's car certainly fitted the bill and the win was well deserved.

STARS 'n STRIPES - Victor Harbor to Normanville (cont'd)

After the run, Doug had alternative commitments so it was requested that he address the Members at the General Meeting on Thursday 6th July with stories and anecdotes of the DeSoto. A very interesting talk from a long term member and past President of HMVC. The vehicle was a worthy winner of the trophy and has a long, checkered past, including 20 years as a Sydney taxi.

After the lunch and presentation, Members made their own way home. I chose the route via Delamere and Range Rd. Refreshing on the bike but no rain to dampen the spirits.

Thank you Vic for an interesting day.

Words provided by Bob Durant (with thanks, Ed).



CHRISTMAS IN JULY– Crown Hotel - Saturday 8th July

Christmas in July was organised by George Meola and held at the Crown Hotel, Victor Harbor. The Kris Kringle was held with the gifts being passed on to the local Salvation Army for them to distribute to the needy in the community.

The following people enjoyed the hospitality offered by the Hotel and its' staff with a very reasonably priced set menu two course meal.

Our Cheery Group of attendees: Doug & Vivienne Hill, Deidre Solly, Paul & Wendy Jennings, Richard & Heather Dutton, Bob & Loris Durant, Malc & Jenny Haythorpe, Di Humbestone & Ron Millard, Kerry Haythorpe & Guest, Chris & Marjory Rowley , John & Penny Hutton, Andrew & Carolyn Eckert, Vic & Franca Dowling, Andrew & Andrea Rogers & Children, Wayne Forbes & Maureen Stewart, Trevor & Ann Hentschke, Jeff & Bonnie Miller, Jeff Farmer, George Meola, John Taylor.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION - Len Oxenham



President Bob Durant presenting Life Membership to Len Oxenham

Len joined the club on 7th August 1975 and has been an active member attending many meetings/ working bees/ fundraisers over the past 48 years.

In the early days he lived at Parafield Gardens and thought nothing of driving to Willunga or Victor Harbor for a meeting then home afterwards to work the next day. He was President from 1984/86 and wife Wendy was Secretary from 85/86.

In early days before Historic registration was introduced, and when Len was Club Registrar, a Waiver had to be issued for each vehicle to be driven on the road. As you can imagine, this caused a huge workload for the Registrar prior to each club run (all of this prior to emails).

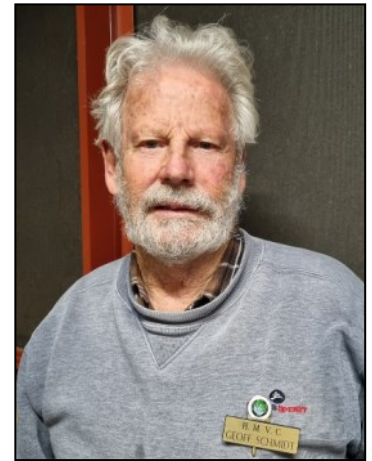
Len has had many cars, the most memorable one being a 1927 Essex.

Well done and congratulations on such service to your Club.

HMVC 10 Year MEMBERSHIP PINS

At the June 23 HMVC General Meeting the following people were present and were presented their HMVC 10 year membership pins. Congratulations on achieving the 10 year membership milestone.

Left to Right: Anthony Perry, Meg and Ray Klecko, Geoff Schmidt.



CLUB CLOBBER PRICE LIST

There has been a small price rise in the goods which we have the logo embroidered on. Please remember that we make no money on club clobber, it's sold to you at cost. Clobber is available by contacting Marj Rowley ph: 0401 085 950

Vehicle Windscreen Banner. Black on Silver 2.0m long with print over 1.0m	\$10.00	Sew on Badge	\$7.00
Ladies Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve (teal) Sizes - 12/14,16/18, 20/22	\$33.00	Stick on Badge	\$1.00
Mens Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve (teal) Sizes - S to 3XL Larger sizes available to order	\$33.00	Lapel Pin	\$6.00
Jacket - Unisex - All sizes to 5xl available to order. Pay on order and collect next meeting. All prices include GST and are 'each' prices.	\$83.00	Metal Car Badge	\$25.00
		Bucket Hat	\$18.00
		Black Cap	\$19.00
		Number Plate Surrounds (pair)	\$8.00

Marj's New Stuff!

Recently sourced is a hoodie (with zip to make for easier fitting). They are selling at just \$55 ea. With cooler weather coming on this might be just what you would like.

I have also added the option of a pocket for the polo shirt. These are available for \$41. (A micro fleece sleeveless vest with club logo is available for \$40.00 as well)



MEMBER PROFILE - Andy Hislop

My enjoyment of vehicles started when my Dad had an old Morris Prefect sitting doing nothing in the back yard. Not knowing anything about mechanics, and with the help of some mates, we pulled the engine apart and rebuilt it. Great fun was had by all, until the day when we drove it down the street for the first time, it over heated and stopped forever. Lifted the bonnet up and found oil everywhere but in the engine. Apparently you had to replace that cork 'thingy', that goes between the head and block. Oh well. Dad also had Zephyr's of various models and Vanguards too. So I tinkered with them.

Early on in my Naval career, 1971, I bought a brand new Toyota Corona from the dealership in Tanunda, for \$1,800. That thing went everywhere in the next few years, (180,000k's) till it was time for an update. Out of the Navy now and I traded it in for a Holden Torana. Another good car I had some good times in. When I parted ways with it for a Honda Accord, I was delighted. Heard from a mate who was in the dealership where I did the trade, that one of the managers took it out to Glenelg to show off to his new girlfriend that night and backed it into a stobie pole.

In 1978 I was working for PMG, then Telstra and drove Toyota vans, Ford dump trucks all over Adelaide. After that in 1980, I enlisted into the RAAF and moved 26 complete house moves, not to mention 1 year in Singapore and 2 years in Butterworth in Malaysia. My first posting was to Darwin where I was only 1 of 3 people that could still read morse code. I read morse for the Weather Bureau which came from the automatic stations around Darwin. On my days off, I would drive buses to take disabled kids to school and back, TAA & Ansett civvie aircrew to their hotels and back, and also a Denning Hino from Darwin to Alice Springs and back. Had a Kawasaki Z150 motorbike up there. Was only in Darwin for a year before I was posted again, this time 'Up Top', to Singapore.

My favourite car in Singapore was a Toyota 'Blue and White' Taxi. It went everywhere I paid the driver to take me and never failed to get me back. My oldest daughter was born there. (In Singapore, not the taxi.)



In Malaysia I had a Fiat 2300 Saloon, with the same mod-cons than my previous and future Honda Accord's had, but years in advance. Repairs were cheap from my local mechanic, and I could

buy the complete gasket set for the whole engine for less than the price it would cost me for the smallest single piece back home from Repco. Would've loved have to brought it back to Australia, it was such a great car. Still had the 'wind up and down' aircon, no complaints. (Youngest daughter was born in Penang.)

Once drove in convoy of 3 RAAF L100 vehicles and trailers around peninsula Malaysia which took us almost 4 weeks. So many great places.

From Malaysia, I was back to Aust and ended up in Canberra. It was while I was there I applied to become Aircrew and was accepted. I became a Loadmaster (the guy that does all the work down the back, while the pilots have their tea and sticky buns up the front), on the following type of aircraft: Chinook's, Iroquois UH1H, Aerospatial 350B Squirrels, Blackhawks, Hercules's C130E & H models, Dakota and other single engined aircraft.

I have been to 33 countries so far and some more than once. Like Hawaii around 12+ times. I did 2 stints with a RAAF and in between I worked for the United Nations in East Timor (twice). One day while home, I had a call from the ADF wanting me back, and so began my second stint.

Funny thing about the UN, when I was being tested by their Driver Instructor to be able to drive the UN's vehicles, he asked to see my licence, so I showed him. He was taken aback by how many licences I actually had and offered me a position in his organisation. As I already had a department to work in, I declined.

From here it is easier to just list off the vehicles I had either owned or have driven.

Many Military vehicles including buses of various sizes, trucks, 3 ambulances (which were in the back of a Hercules C130 we were taking back to Aust from Malaysia, by the time we got to Darwin, I had all the lights working (someone thought they should be disabled: ha) and we looked like a Christmas Tree on landing. Drove various aircraft tow motors, and loading equipment. An American Humvee while wearing Infra Red goggles, very cool. How come? Cause I asked them and they said Yes.

More motorbikes but also owned a Suzuki 250, (owned); Ford V8 station wagon, (owned); Ford XE Falcon, (owned); Ford F150 truck with suicide rear doors, (Aust Govt supplied this while I was on a 6 week course in Texas), (wish I owned); another Honda Accord, (owned); Toyota Hilux, (owned); Holden station wagon, (owned); Mazda CX9 (owned, my son has taken ownership of it now); Leyland Mini Moke 1976 (still my favourite); Jaguar XJ40 1990, (own); Mercedes Benz 1993, (own); Mazda 3, (own); and now a Toyota RAV4. (own).

Short and sweet, the pictures are neat. These are only facsimile of my actual vehicles.



VALE

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Marjory Pitt, the wife of HMVC member Norm Pitt. Our condolences are with Norm at this time.

Guess the Wheel?

Just a bit of a light hearted test of your car knowledge - specifically, steering wheels. At **no** great expense to management there will be **no** prize and, for those of you who really care, the answer will be published in the next Steering Column!!! Perhaps some bragging rights might be at stake.

So here you go, with this months Steering Wheel.

Good luck.



HMVC Member Application

Graham McKee with his 1980 Toyota FJ 45 Landcruiser.

What was going on in '73? (i.e. 50 years ago)

On May 20th **1973** Peter Brock won his very first Australian Touring Car Championship race. The race was run at the Surfers Paradise Raceway in Queensland. This win came under the hand of Harry Firth with the Holden Dealer Team. Brock had won the Bathurst 500 the previous year but changes were made for the 1973 season with the creation of what was to become known as the 'Group C' rules.

The changes in 1973 meant that Peter Brock was running against the likes of Allan Moffett in his Phase III GT-HO.

Just a little info and a couple of pics for your edification and amusement.



Collectable Classic Cars & Bikes

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Ben Finnis 0411 744 190

collectableclassiccars.com.au

A husband and wife were driving down a country lane on their way to visit some friends. They came to a muddy patch in the road and the car became bogged. After a few minutes of trying to get the car out by themselves, they saw a young farmer coming down the lane, driving some oxen before him. He stopped when he saw the couple in trouble and offered to pull the car out of the mud for \$50. The husband accepted and minutes later the car was free. The farmer turned to the husband and said, "You know, you're the tenth car I've helped out of the mud today". The husband looks around at the fields incredulously and asks the farmer, "When do you have time to plough your land? At night?" "No" the young farmer replied seriously..."Night is when I put the water in the hole".

A bloke sat in his armchair and shouted to his wife, 'When I die I'm going to leave everything to you love. She shouts back, 'You already do, you lazy sod!!'

An engineer, a physicist, and an accountant were being interviewed for a position as chief executive officer of a large corporation. The engineer was interviewed first, and was asked a long list of questions, ending with "How much is two plus two?" The engineer excused himself, and made a series of measurements and calculations before returning to the board room and announcing "Four". The physicist was next interviewed, and was asked the same questions. Again, the last question was "How much is two plus two?" Before answering the last question, he excused himself, made for the library, and did a great deal of research. After a consultation with the United States Bureau of Standards and many calculations, he also announced "Four". The accountant was interviewed last, and again the final question was "How much is two plus two?" The accountant drew all the shades in the room, looked outside to see if anyone was there, checked the telephone for listening devices, and then whispered..... "How much do you want it to be?"

A funeral procession pulled into a cemetery. Several carloads of family members followed a black truck towing a boat with a coffin in it. A passer-by remarked, "That guy must have been a very avid fisherman." "Oh, he still is," remarked one of the mourners, "As a matter of fact, he's heading off to the boat ramp as soon as we bury his wife".

Dan was a simple guy living at home with his father and running the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided to go out and find himself a wife with whom he could share his good fortune. One evening at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary guy," he said to her "but in a few years my father will die and I'll be worth \$200 million. " Impressed, the woman asked for his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother!!! Women are much better at financial planning than men!

The daughter asks her Dad, "Dad there is something that my boyfriend said to me, that I didn't understand." "He said that I have a beautiful chassis, lovely airbags and a fantastic bumper." Her Dad said, "You tell your boyfriend that if he opens your bonnet and tries to check your oil with his dipstick I will tighten his nuts so hard that his headlights will pop out and he will start leaking out of his exhaust pipe."

I had an uncle who had the most bizarre fixation back in the day- he would drink brake fluid. Maybe back in those days it was less toxic than it is today, because he never expired of it, but we were always worried about him doing it. I remember one time my dad told him that he was addicted and needed to cut it out, that it was bad for him. My uncle replied "Nonsense, I can stop anytime."

Life is like a roll of toilet paper.....

The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

BUY SELL SWAP

FOR SALE

Caravan Awning 3.7m (14ft). New Fabric.
Chris Ph: 0414 402 196

Major Morris Elite 1964 Manual
Mark Glazbrook Ph: 0447 192 064

Give Away - 2 sets of Mag Wheels (ex BMW 5 series E39) to a good home!
Contact **Chris Rowley Ph: 0414 408 196**

2 x 6inch 6 slot (Jelly Bean) mag wheels to suit early Valiant. 6 slot hard to find.
Mark Glazbrook Ph: 0447 192 064

1946 Buick Straight Eight.
Steve Hall Ph: 0418 826 028

BMC Oil Filters N.O.S. 1500cc and 1600cc.
Mark Glazbrook Ph: 0447 192 064

- * Vanguard Instruction Manual (Beetleback) \$45
- * The Triumph TRs. A Collectors Guide Book 1953-1977 \$15
- * Triumph Sports Book. 54 Competitive Years. 1923-1977 \$10

Len Oxenham Ph: 0427 606 539

1942 Jeep ex-Army from Darwin (was used in the 2022 Anzac Day parade at Victor Harbor). Inquiries please to: **Sue Eilers Ph: 0407 399 499**

Trailer Sale:

- * 6x4, steel frame, wood panelling, new lights, good tyres, tie down hooks and ready to go. \$500.
- * 6x4 Arrow brand. Needs rewire. Has jockey wheel. Currently unregistered (TSA-766). \$150.
- * 6x4. Needs new lights and tailgate. Jockey wheel provided but not fitted. No rego and unknown chassis number. \$150.

Contact Dean Solly Ph: 8552 1042

Mercedes 280 CE Coupe. With some small mods this vehicle would be classed as Historic/Classic and is presented in excellent condition. It is a WDB123C build (September 1982) which is a most sought after model of the Coupe range. Anyone interested can call me to view and discuss the history of the vehicle. \$28,000 Neg.
John Garland Ph: Mob: 0418824286 Hm: 85527631

1949 Ford Pilot V8. Fully rebuilt motor. Fully repainted to bare metal. Converted to 12V. Tip top condition. **Ray Klecko Ph: 0438 364 870**

1928 Sunbeam 16.9 HP Saloon and possibly a 1948 Austin Sheerline. Both in very good restored condition.
Ph: 0408 159 998 for a chat!

WANTED

Pre 1970 Jaguar 4.2 L motor.
Ph: 0403 153 161

Lucas starter motor to suit Vanguard 1959 Deluxe (Automatic) 4 Cylinder. Different to manual.
Len Oxenham Ph: 0427 606 539

RH Door for 1989 HJ Landcruiser.
Mike Ph:0428 191 967

"Sports" steering wheel to fit an MGB.
Lyn Rose Ph: 0407 614 647

Right hand inside door handle and lock assembly for a 1973 Mercedes R107 (350SL). Preferably in good condition.
Russell Hermann Ph: 0434 623 039

Holden GTS Steering Wheel to suit 1977 LX Torana
Bruce McAndie Ph: 0412 959 380

Paddock Basher. A going, accident damaged or rusty vehicle but able to be driven reasonably safely. Prefer older rear wheel drive manual but FWD auto OK as well. To be used to teach grandkids to fix up damage and drive on some acreage. Negotiable price.
Andy Moffett Ph: 0409676617

For 1990 Subaru Liberty - 1 LH Passenger Sun Visor and 1 Muffler (new)
Dean Solly Ph: 8552 1042

You can contact the Editor direct if you have items for sale or wanted, and they can be included here.

Please advise the Editor when you have sold your 'for sale item' or found your 'wanted' item.

Advertisements will now be run for two consecutive editions then withdrawn unless an extension is requested.

Honey, when you are finished watering I need to speak to you about this receipt I found for motorcycle parts...



Two weeks later...



AUGUST GENERAL MEETING 580 MINUTES - 3rd August 23

Meeting 3-8-23 opened at 7.30pm by President Bob Durant.

Notes – John Taylor selling raffle tickets at rear of hall. Please get your log book stamped at the table at rear of hall. Please turn your phones to silent. Buy/Sell and Swap book to be circulated.

Apologies – Andy Moffett, Peter Jones, Elizabeth Ganguly, Ivan Hunt, Bev & Rien Gerritson, Mal Hancock, Robert Hall, Gavin & Natalia Daniels, David Smallacombe and Ross & Caroline Kelly.

Visitors - President Bob welcomed visitors and asked them to introduce themselves and their vehicles. The only visitor was Graham McKee.

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Thursday 6-7-23 were moved for approval by Steve Hall, seconded by Leigh Blacket and accepted.

Business Arising from the minutes: None

Presidents Report: Bob Durant – Reported on the presentation that he and Loris have just done to the MG Car Club and explained that the presentation to their committee took 10 minutes with question time taking a half hour. He has since had confirmation that the MG Car club will combine for the next BCT. Bob also reported that the Trustees/ Hall management Committee had met with the Executive from HMVC last Tuesday week 25-7-23 regarding information not flowing freely between the HMVC and the Trustees. To counteract this a member of the Trustees will get Agendas/ Minutes of all Committee meetings and will become an Ex-officio member of the committee with no voting rights. It may not be the same Trustee each time. He reported the Glen Haythorpe had moved a motion to suspend log book stamping for this membership year due to the stamp not always being available at events. This motion did not get a seconder. Instead, after some discussion, committee decided that after log book days January 2024 the committee will review the log book stamping.

Treasurers Report: Andrew Nicholls - reported the financials as at 30-6-23 They were moved for approval by Glen Haythorpe, seconded by Chris Rowley and accepted.

Secretary Report: Malcolm Haythorpe –

Incoming correspondence;

Newsletters – Retro-Autos, Ford Prefect Club, Warnambool & District HV Club, Maitland Auto Pres Club, Mt Gambier V & V Car Club, Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club.

Other Correspondence; Old Crocks Run Sun 5-5-24 (on board)

J&J Taylor – Letter to rescind motion

Motor Trades Association – Open day (on board)

Federation – minutes of meeting 17-6-23 (in folder in library)

Victor Harbor Radiators – list of old stock (on board)

Australian Motor Heritage Foundation – Survey

Anlaby Station – Advert for station stay (passed on to Events)

Goolwa Big day out – Mens shed celebrating 30 years (Events)

Dianne Humberstone – Regarding Hall hire.

Bay to Birdwood – Registrations are filling fast!!

Outgoing; Log Book report to Federation

Reply to Dianne Humberstone

Membership Report: Andy Moffett -

Family 184, Single 74, Life 12. Total members 600

Registrars Report: Deidre Solly - reported current club Historic Registrations total 376 vehicles. New log books issued this year total 26 which includes a Mini, 5 Honda Motorcycles, 2 BMW's, 3 Holdens, 1 Buell Motorcycle, 1 Subaru, 2 Ford, 3 Toyota, 2 Austin, 1 Mercedes, 1 Saab, 2 Nissan and 1 Triumph.

Federation Report; John Taylor – Nothing to report.

Events Co – Ordinator: Vic Dowling – reported past events.

Sunday 8th July – Christmas in July, low in numbers but an enjoyable afternoon. Coming Events, Tuesday 8th August – Cars & Coffee at Hammer & Tongs, Strath. Wednesday 30th August – Dennis Martin Old

Cars Day – start at Estia, VH for morning tea and BBQ lunch then to Sandpiper, Goolwa (numbers to Rob Makin). Friday 8th September –

Goolwa Mens Shed Celebrations at Goolwa Oval. Tuesday 12th September – Cars & Coffee at Alpaca Farm, Numbers to George.

Saturday/ Sunday 16/17th Sept – Rock & Roll festival. Sunday 24th

September - Arthur Clisby Picnic at Macclesfield Oval. Thursday 7th Sept – Farms group run to Alawoona, numbers to Glen Haythorpe.

Welfare & Club Regalia Report; Marjorie Rowley – Promoted Club Clobber. Also promoting a club raffle in conjunction with Rock & Roll Festival. 2000 tickets @ \$2-00 each, with 3 prizes value \$250-00 each. Drawn Sunday 17th Sept. Also many thanks to all who have donated/ supported Three Angels.

Vehicle Inspection Reports; Glen Haythorpe - things have slowed with only one inspection by Glen this month.

Editor Report; Bruce McAndie - Looking for a Member profile for next Steering Column. Would like to get newer members.

Building Maintenance Report; Chris Rowley – Had a working bee to remove ornamental plums, with 10 volunteers. Chris and Kip have been working on Honour Board. Chris has adjusted the roller door on BBQ shed so it will now lock.

Sponsorship and Special Projects; Graham Withers - spoke at length about sponsorship, and answered questions about how much actual money comes in from sponsorship, as opposed to “in kind.”

Library Report; Leigh Blacket – Informed members about Milan being in Hospital, and about Marjory Pitt's death and funeral arrangements.

He also promoted book of last month “SA Motorcars” book of this month “Stirling Moss” and several other books.

General Business; George Meola requested a S/H bar fridge for the BBQ shed and was rewarded with an offer from a member.

President Bob explained the situation regarding the ornamental plum trees growing within the hedgerow and of how white ants had been found within, prompting a white ant inspection. He spoke of a letter of recommendation from Andrew Stevens (Heritage Architect) saying that the hedge is of no heritage significance, and recommending it be replaced with a post and rail fence. He also spoke of a letter from a qualified horticulturalist stating that both plants within the hedge were noxious weeds and not to be grown/sold or traded in any way, or used as mulch. He told members that Chris Rowley has researched replacement “post and rail” fences and has come up with a costing of up to \$3000-00 for a replacement fence using 100x100mm steel galvanized posts and CCA treated rails. He then handed over to secretary Malc who moved a motion to support this proposal, seconded by Steve Hall and accepted. Past President Steve Hall proposed a formal vote of thanks to former Secretary Malcolm and wife Jenny Haythorpe for their support to the club over past years.

Raffle; The raffle was conducted by John Taylor.

Closure; The meeting was closed by President Bob at 9-16pm.

Next Meeting; Thursday 7-9-23.

HMVC AGM MINUTES - 2023

Minutes of AGM held Thursday 3rd August 2023 at HMVC clubrooms Jolly Street Victor Harbor.

President Bob Durant opened the meeting at 7-48pm.

Apologies – Andy Moffett, Elizabeth Ganguly, Peter Jones, Ivan Hunt, Mal Hancock, David Smallacomb, Bev & Rien Gerritson, Gavin & Natalia Daniels, Ross and Carolyn Kelly and Robert Hall.

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 4th August 2022 as published and circulated in September Newsletter 2022

Motion – That these minutes as published be adopted as a true and correct record. Moved Steve Hall, seconded by Jeff Farmer and accepted.

Business Arising – Nil

President's Report – President Bob stated that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, in inducting a new life member, Len Oxenham.

"The Committee in accordance with the criteria and procedure outlined in the Constitution of the HMVC recommend that Len Oxenham be awarded Life Membership. Len joined the club on 7-8-75 and has been an active member attending many meetings/ working bees/ fundraisers over the past 48 years. In the early days he lived at Parafield Gardens and thought nothing of driving to Willunga or Victor Harbor for a meeting the home after to work the next day. He was President 1984/86 and wife Wendy secretary 85/86. I can remember members saying that the President was in bed with the Secretary, which raised eyebrows to people not in the know. In early days before Historic registration was introduced when Len was Club Registrar a Waiver had to be issued for each vehicle to be driven on the road, this causing a huge workload for the Registrar prior to each club run. (All of this prior to emails) Len has had many cars the most memorable one being a 1927 Essex".

President Bob then sought the membership's consent by a show of hands. This was carried overwhelmingly and unanimously. Len responded, thanking members for their support, mentioning that it was 48 years since joining, and how many years ago the meetings used to take 15 minutes and the guest speaker would talk for an hour. Nowadays the meeting takes an hour and the guest speaker gets 20 min to talk.

Treasurers Report – Andrew Nicholls reported end of financial year results with the income received by the club verses expenses and where the club's income comes from, with 49% of income from subs, 23% from events, 11% from sponsors and 7% from hall hire. He went on to explain the need to increase members dues from \$70 to \$80 due to rising costs. Andrew then moved a motion referring to a rise in membership fee to \$80-00 for the 2024 year, seconded by Steve Hall and accepted. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was the moved by Glen Haythorpe, seconded by Chris Rowley and accepted.

President Bob Durant then declared all positions vacant and vacated the Chair for Past President Meg Klecko to act as Presiding Officer for Elections.

EXECUTIVE

President – Robert Durant – Two year term

Vice President – Andy Hislop – Two year term

Secretary – Nominated – Brett Haythorpe – carried

Treasurer – Andrew Nicholls – Two year term

COMMITTEE

Nominated – Andy Moffett - Carried

Nominated – Glen Haythorpe – Carried

Nominated – Vic Dowling – Carried

Nominated – Chris Rowley – Carried

Nominated – Marjory Rowley – Carried

Nominated – Bruce McAndie – Carried

Nominated – George Meola - Carried

Appointees to Specific Duties

All Members nominated:

Library Co-Ordinator – Leigh Blacket – Carried

Sponsorship/ Special Projects/ Publicity – Graham Withers – Carried

Club Clobber/ Welfare – Marjory Rowley – Carried

Hall Hire/Assistant Treasurer – Jan Dunk – Carried

Club Photographer – Jeff Farmer – Carried

Assistant Secretary – Meg Klecko – Carried

Editor – Bruce McAndie – Carried

Events Team/ Meeting/ Programme Co-Ordination

Vic Dowling

George Meola

Martin Thornhill

Phil DeCoursey

Loris Durant

Rob Makin

All Event Team members election - Carried

Federation Rep./ Raffle Co-Ordinator – John Taylor – Carried

Appointment of Auditor for 2023/ 2024

Motion – That Mathew Walker of 19 Clark Terrace Port Elliot be appointed as club Auditor for 2023/24

Moved Meg Klecko, seconded by Loris Durant and accepted.

General Business – Nil

There being no further business for the AGM Presiding Officer Meg Klecko handed the Chair back to President Bob Durant who declared the AGM closed at 8-18pm



ABOUT THIS EVENT The much-anticipated program for the 2023 Victor Harbor Rock'n'roll Festival vehicle display is here! For all the rockers and rollers with specialised cars or motorcycles, the festival offers great opportunity to let your vehicle “Show ‘n’ Shine” at the Victor Harbor Warland Reserve Rock 'n Roll Precinct over the two day event.

REGISTRATION and TICKETING One price per vehicle for both festival days! A ticket purchase and registration covers entry for your vehicle with you and your passengers and places your vehicle in the Warland Reserve, right in the Heart of the Rock'n'Roll Precinct, on both Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September. The event has a registration limit of 200 vehicles. Registration closes at 6 pm on Friday 15th September. Remember - HMVC members vehicle registration is free; however, you still need to register.

AWARDS AND TROPHIES Shannons Show'n'Shine awards announcement and trophy presentation will be on Sunday 17th September at Warland Reserve. Top 10 vehicles of the day will be rewarded with Festival Horseshoe Trophies.



Join us for live music, dancing, vehicle displays, memorabilia, market stalls, great people, coastal views and more. A brilliant weekend for the family, there is something for everyone to enjoy!



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