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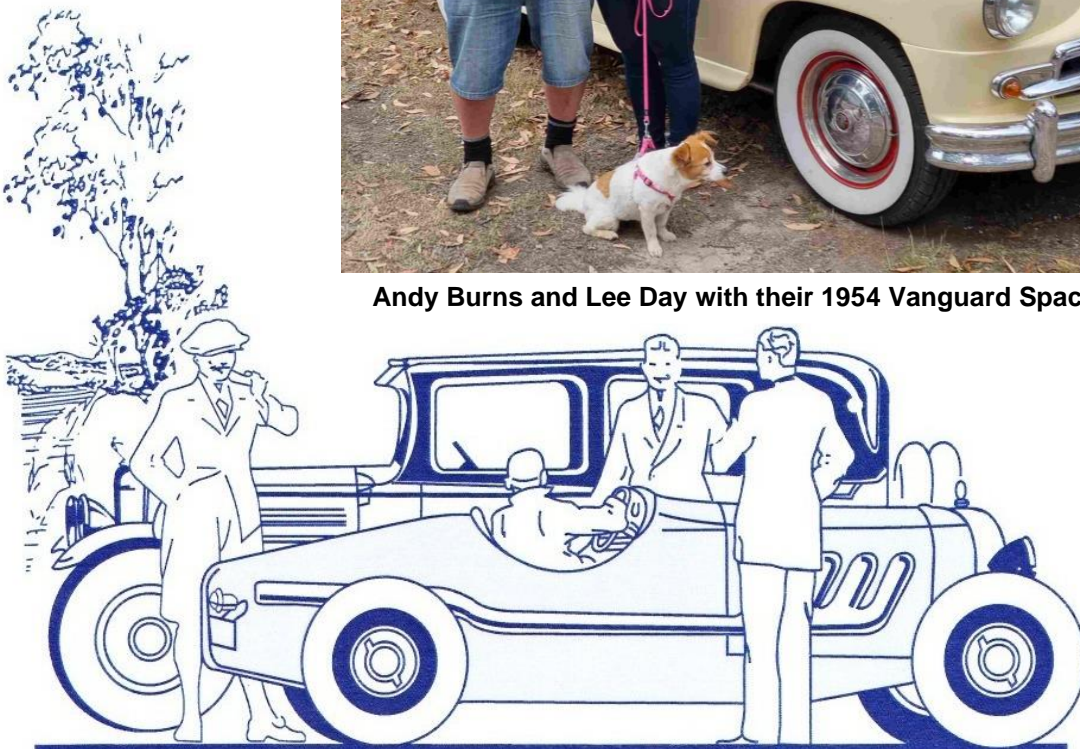
Member Club



Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Andy Burns and Lee Day with their 1954 Vanguard Spacemaster



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

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

NOTE: The next **General Meeting** will be held **Friday, 20th October 2023** at the VCCC clubrooms.

Life Members

Alan Firns, Kevin Holloway, Ted Callow (Dec), Norm Grose (Dec), Ron Gay, Ron Goad, Grant Harvey (Dec), Paul Seager (Dec), Bill Whitford (Dec), Daryl Crawley, Tony Taranto and Gordon Roberts

Newsletter

Articles for the **October 2023** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 31st October 2023**

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

All contributions acknowledged.

Code Red Fire Rating Days

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

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The Club Library will be open 10am until 12noon – 2nd Wednesday of each month –
next is **11th October** then **8th November** and **13th December**

EDITOR'S COMMENT

In this month's issue, there is the final instalment of Catrina Sargent's story of the Veteran Rally Brisbane to Broome. I hope you have enjoyed her family's adventures. Many thanks to Catrina for her time and effort to record her trials and tribulations, and her contribution to our newsletter.

I'm not sure if you are aware – I receive newsletters from other clubs via email which are sent to me to distribute to our Club members. I have a list of those who have requested to receive these – so if you would also like to read news from other clubs, let me know and I can add your name to the list.

As well as the very informative run reports this month, Damian and Ruth O'Doherty have written an overview of the AOMC meeting held in Ballarat at the end of August.

Keep your stories and articles coming – they make for interesting reading.

Nerene Backhouse, Editor

HEALTH MATTERS

Bereavement

We have sent our condolences to Mark & Judy Richmond on the passing of Mark's brother last month.

Welfare

Everybody must be going along quite well as I have not heard otherwise – except for those who are undergoing treatments and the like as well as those recovering from surgeries. We really hope you are coping and are able to keep your spirits up. Have you smiled today? Just checking

Secretary's Notes from the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September 2023

1 New Member Applications

Membership applications have been received from –

- i **John and Kelly Kennedy** from Nerrina who were nominated by Andy Burns and seconded by Frank Tamis. They have the following vehicles - 1956 Bentley Saloon Series 1, 1942 Chevrolet Truck Lend Lease, and 1978 Porche 911, all in original condition.
- ii **Andrew and Georgia Yanner** from Alfredton who were nominated by Richard English and seconded by Nerene Backhouse, and do not currently have a historic vehicle.
- iii **Leslie and Lynette Thomas** from Clunes. They have a 1996 Toyota Station Wagon HiLux Surf in original condition.
- iv **John Madden** from Bald Hills who was nominated by Jennifer Trewin and seconded by Jenny Groves. John has a 1942 Ford Jeep GPW

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

2 Bendigo Swap Volunteers

Thank you to all the Club Members who volunteered. Letters have been sent out from the Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Swap advising of the time and location of your shift. Wrist band for admission will be sent out in October, as well as some helpful guidelines.

3 Nomination for Life Membership Forms

Anyone wishing to nominate a member for Life Membership, the forms are available from the Secretary, and will be available from the front table at Club Meetings.

*Nancy Jackson,
Secretary*

NOTICE BOARD

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

22 nd October	Colac Swap Meet	Colac Racecourse
29 th October	Show & Shine	St Arnaud, King George's Park
26 th November	Willaura Swap Meet	Recreation Reserve
26 th November	Maldon Swap Meet	Maldon Racecourse
3 rd December	Bike Swap Meet	Llanely Hall



TOURING TROPHY 2023
Winners 1982 – 1998
Brendan & Gaida Stevens
1986 BMW 320i

Cover Story – 1954 Vanguard Spacemaster

Sometimes you just love a car – that's how I feel about the Vanguard in my collection. It is the least valuable car that I own, but brings heaps of smiles. My boys, Jack and Harry love it.

I purchased it 3 years ago from the President of the Vanguard Club Victoria, and have made a good friend – his name is Neil Fox. As we all age, Neil decided to scale down his collection and sold me the 1954 Spacemaster. I feel very lucky as it has twin carbys, and goes 0-60 rpm in about 35 seconds. It has a Triumph 4 speed gearbox fitted, and bucket seats, making it very comfortable.

As many Club members will know, I have been using the Vanguard towing my restored wooden trailer, also from the 1950's. To me, I just appreciate the classic lines and think the original cream colour is so befitting of the era – we have fun driving it. This car will never be sold, only ever given within the family – a true family heirloom!

Andy Burns



COMING EVENTS – October - November 2023

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

Saturday 14th October – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30pm – 4.00 pm

Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077

Thursday 19th October – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Brown Hill Hotel, Humffray Street North

Make your own way there. Bookings required by Monday 16th October – ring Rick Thege 0428 518 770

Friday 20th October – Club General Meeting – 8.00 pm (note Daylight Saving Time)

Sunday 22nd October – Club Run (Trophy Points) – Ballan Fire Station

Paul Denhart has arranged a tour of the sheds and a demonstration of the latest gear that the CFA uses, including the “Jaws of Life”, on a car wreck. Full lunch, tea and drinks will be provided by the CFA volunteers. Cost is \$20/person. We will leave **Melbourne Road Bus Exchange at 9:30am** to venture the quiet roads to Ballan and arrive at approx. 10:30ish. An idea of the number attending by the General Meeting on 20th October will help with catering. Contact Brendan Stevens 0409 018 867

Tuesday 24th October – Club Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th October – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch – Clubrooms - Contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Thursday 26th October - John Curtin – Residents’ Joy Ride Day

After a long break as the result of COVID19, we are now able to take the residents of John Curtin Aged Care for a tour of the district. John Curtin Aged Care is located at **5 Cushing Avenue Creswick**. I have booked a really bright sunny day to see the district at its very best.

I would expect around 30 - 35 residents to enjoy an outing in our classic cars, so around 15 to 18 cars would be appreciated. Please arrive at 1.00 pm to load for a 2.00 pm departure - the outing will take around one hour followed by afternoon tea on our return. It is a very rewarding day – you will enjoy it as much as the residents.

Contact Frank Whitfield - Ph 5331 8330 or Mob 0417 332 645

Saturday 28th October – BINGO!!! Halloween Theme — come and have a spooky good time!

Arrive 7pm – Eyes Down – **7.30pm**; there will be a Raffle as well.

Following on from the last very successful Bingo night, the next one will continue on a themed format. So, kit up in your Halloween gear and come and join us. Don't forget to bring along some nibbles and drinks (the urn will be on). Please also bring along your own marker such as a highlighter.

Bookings essential - to Jenny Ure 0409 954 077 as soon as possible – this night has become very popular.

Friday 3rd November – Twilight Sports Car Run (Please note the change of date)

We will be leaving from the Ballarat Doctors/Centrelink Car Park on Learmonth Road at **6.30pm**. The run will be about 80kms through the canola districts. We will finish at a cafe in the Wendouree area.

Contact John & Gayle Pickering 0408 914 943 for further information

Wednesday 8th November – Club Library Open – Contact Daryl Meek 0407 881 288

Wednesday 8th November – Chat, Coffee, BYO Lunch – Contact Ray Drury 0417 840 623

Saturday 11th November – Ladies Crafternoon – Contact Jenny Ure 0409 954 077

Wednesday 15th November – Kelaston Visit

We have received a request from Calvary/Kelaston to supply some vehicles for the residents to see between 1.15pm and 2.30pm. The cars will be parked in the Kelaston Car Park and residents will wander out or be brought out to see the vehicles and chat to the owners.

Contact Brendan Stevens - 0409 018 867

Sunday 19th November – Club Run (Trophy Points) - Beaufort Agricultural Show

The Show Committee has invited our Club to put on a display. The Show is held at the Goldfields Reserve, Park Road, Beaufort – to be parked by 10am and leaving after 3pm. The driver and passenger are admitted free. This will be an opportunity for us to support a local country show.

It is a great one-day event with shearing competitions, wood chop events, yard dog trials, horse, cattle and poultry judging, a huge pavilion filled with cookery, craft, flowers, floral art and photography. There is an art show, food court, various trade stalls and some entertainers for children, and an animal nursery. There are junior show girl and show boy competitions, pet show, dog jump and family fun event. Obviously, plenty to see and do.

For further details contact James Kirkpatrick ph 0427 498 235 or Club Captain Brendan Stevens 0409 018 867

Looking Ahead – SAVE THE DATE – Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February – 2024 Begonia Rally

Plans are well in place - Entry Forms with all the details will be included with the November newsletter.

PAST EVENTS

Report AOMC meeting Saturday 26th August, 2023

The meeting was held at the Ballarat North Community Centre.

This venue was organised by Jenny Ure as was the catering team – well done Jenny and the team.

The meeting was chaired by Iain Ross – the vice-president.

Presentation by Nick Scarff who presented a synopsis of his thesis, a component of his Degree in Design. This focussed on advertising utilised by Brysons, importers of Jaguars. The message was that the cultural history of motoring was not widely recognised nor the impact that motoring had on our way of life. If we wished to continue to drive our heritage cars then this message needed to get into the mainstream thinking.

Presentation from Wayne Drew, President of the Ballarat light Car Club who spoke of the Club's foundation in 1949, and their activities over the years. An interesting aspect was their involvement with children as young as 12 driving in gymkhana type tests at their club grounds. This taught kids car control in a safe way, and enthused them to become members later on. The Club has a difficulty in that their club circuit is likely to be cut in two with a new access road into the airport, and without a circuit, the club will struggle without a reason to be.

Incorporations Act information – AOMC has sought legal and accounting advice, initially looks to be little effect for Clubs, but watch this space.

Cheque Books are being phased out by the Banks, so Clubs need to start making other arrangements.

Treasurer's Report. – AOMC has a healthy bank balance of \$342,611 and therefore sufficient funds to implement their strategic plans as developed.

VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme Report – Some 2,000 renewals for September have been sent out without log books. Can be resolved by attending a VicRoads office.

AOMC Events

- * Shannon's American Motoring Show – Sunday 19th Nov 2023 at Caribbean Park.
- * Festival of Motoring – Sunday 21st January 2024 at Cruden farm.
- * RACV British & European Motoring Show – Sunday 18th Feb at Yarra Glen Racecourse.
- * Florence Thomson Tour – 26th to 28th April. Based around Traralgon and touring the Gippsland region.
- * National Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 19th May 2024. Looking to support various events around the state.

AMHF Survey. The link for this has been circulated to clubs via email. AOMC were not privy to the questions in the survey, but feel it is an important enough project to be involved in. Clubs need to communicate to members and share the link to gain the widest response possible. Clubs who have not received the email can get it by emailing to AOMC secretary Tony Hall at: secretary@aomc.asn.au

Delegates reports / General business:

* Insurance for small clubs. – AOMC have a sub-committee which is working with several brokers. It is expected that an offer will be finalised in 2024 for Clubs to consider.

* Joint Committee with Federation is progressing well and a joint meeting with VicRoads has occurred and future meetings are planned to discuss a shopping list of items – including mis-use of CPS, and Club requirements to have CPS rights.

Meeting closed with a thank you to The Vintage & Classic Car Club (Ballarat) Inc. catering team, headed by Jenny Ure.

Damian and Ruth O'Doherty, AOMC Delegates

Federation's Marong Picnic Sunday 27th August 2023



A plague of Rovers tailed by a Fiat

Down one end of the oval there were about 20 cars lined up and they headed off on the Federation Tour for a week.

Once again, we were directed to park our cars on the grass which was a pleasant change from last year (water-logged grass) and most set up their tables and seats for morning tea.



A Mini for Lynn

Oldsmobile, Chrysler, and Bob Bloody Kennedy from Glen Lyon who left home in his Blitz truck, but had to have it returned home with a suspected blown head gasket. He got a ride to the picnic. A few of us (5 cars) stayed until almost the end then trundled off through Maldon where we stopped and enjoyed the foot path seating for a cuppa and nibbles before wandering off home at our leisure.

A great day out catching up with old friends and making new ones.
Mike Simpson

Sports Car Run – Sunday 10th September 2023

On a bright and clear Sunday morning, 21 cars lined up for the sports car run.

After much discussion, consuming the cupcakes and lollies, checking out the various cars, we finally got under way at 9.40am. Mike and Lyn Simpson led the way through Navigators and Yendon to Lal Lal.

At Lal Lal we came to a problem. The road we were to take was blocked off due to some railway line works. We had to do a U turn back to Yendon. At this point one car had some minor problems and decided to return home rather than try to navigate the steep hills later in the trip.

We then travelled down the Midland Highway to Meredith. As we passed through Meredith, we turned off the highway to Steiglitz. We then continued around the sharp bends and steep hills toward Maude. At one point there was a very severe pothole which most cars avoided. We passed the Bunjil's Lookout, down the steep hill, over the river and up the other side. The scenery in this area is very beautiful and well worth a look if you are ever driving through here.

After this, we crossed back over the Midland Highway and headed toward Mount Mercer. At one stage we struck a small section of unsealed road. The road through this area is very high with some excellent views. We passed through Grenville, Garibaldi and Durham Lead and headed toward Buninyong.

On a bright, sunny, but cool morning, 11 vehicles departed from Creswick Road at about 8.30am and cruised out through Creswick, Allendale, Smeaton to Newstead where we paused for the obligatory toilet stop. After spending too long here we moved on through Maldon to arrive at the Malone Park Recreation Reserve for the 2023 Federation of Motoring Clubs Annual Marong Picnic, sneaking through the gates not long before they closed at 10.30am to re-open at 1pm.



Some of our Club's cars on display

There were possibly around a couple of hundred cars to view with a varied selection of makes and models. Quite a lot of English cars this year. At last count we had 19 VCCC club cars with 30 members attending with vehicles ranging from Austin, Ford x 5, Humber, Lanchester, MGB GT, Jaguar, Rover x 2, Fiat. Mazda, Dodge, Holden,



This lot caught the eye of Jenny Groves

At Buninyong, we turned right to the local café. Some people went across the road to the bakery. The café was very busy but the workers did an excellent job looking after all of us.

Thank you to all who attended. We hope you had an excellent day.

John and Gayle Pickering



Attendees – Sports Car Run

1959 MGA 1600	Leon Sims	1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette	Barry & Cyndy Allison
1964 Mercury Comet	Mike & Lyn Simpson	1988 Porsche 944S	Wayne & June Harrop
1965 Ford Mustang	Frank & Jan Tamis	1990 Mazda MX5	John & Gayle Pickering
1966 Ford Thunderbird Coupe	Neville Finch	1990 Mazda MX5	Rob Ferguson
1970 MGB Mk II	John Taylor	1997 Holden Statesman	Andrew Brown
1971 Ford Fairmont XY GS	Wayne Lineker & Jackie V	1997 Mercedes Benz CLK	John Peart
1971 Ford Falcon XY GT	Keith Mackinlay	1999 Subaru STI	Graeme Bell
1972 Holden Torana LJ	Graeme Musgrove	2013 Porsche Boxter	Greg Murray
1977 BMW 633CSI	Richard English	Mazda MX5	John Emery
1986 Mercedes Benz 300SC	Daryl & Barb Mitchell	Mercedes Benz CLK	Gordon & Pam Roberts

Modern - Bob Cole

President's Industrial Chimney Run – 17th September Club Run (Trophy Points)

Chimney Run right what is that about?

We soon appreciated President Andy Burns and Lee's educating and interesting run north of Ballarat to Maryborough that they put together. 48 enthusiastic members gathered at the Clubrooms, with 29 collectables and modern vehicles all turned up clean and shiny - looking great in the sunshine.

10 am - Andy's address confirmed set travel plans for the morning and the afternoon adventures which were to be going past the industrial chimneys, both in Ballarat and beyond.

1. Sunnyside Woollen Mills had a big and impressive chimney stack
2. Creswick Road near Aldi (opposite Ballarat Toyota), there was a vent chimney stack for the underground drainage system
3. Past Bunnings, there is the tall Martins Pipe works chimney
4. Railways workshop chimney, a tall singular one
5. Another single Selkirk bricks chimney, with Selkirk letters on it
6. In Doveton Street there is a large Myer Mill chimney stack
7. Morley Mill chimney can be seen with Exacto on it
9. Of course, going past the Crematorium – nothing!



President Andy Burns (right) giving us an outline of the day ahead

From Heinz Lane, we headed for Creswick and straight ahead for the next 16 kms. Travelling through flatter country, we saw lots of gorse, yellow wattle, green grassy paddocks as well as brilliant yellow canola crops. This has a different smell. It was also a great day for motor bikes - not ours though.

Clunes was our next stop. A cuppa, refreshments and a loo stop - also talking; then off to Maryborough via Talbot at 11.30am.

We arrived at Maryborough at noon for lunch at The Highlands Society Pub, or if you wished - a picnic at the beautifully flowering, well-kept Maryborough Gardens.

After lunch, we gathered for a 2pm departure. There are two chimneys in Maryborough – some didn't see the first one at the hospital, and an old large square one at The Old Maryborough Knitting Mill's site, (and flour mill) which is now a shopping complex.



Our intrepid leader, Andy seen protecting his precious shirt with – not the usual napkin – no, the menu!



Ken & Shani Clark, Graeme Bell, Cyndy & Barry Allison, John Peart

So then, we headed for Carisbrook, on to Maldon, travelling north east at our usual steady pace. Maldon had a tall thin rounded bricked Bee Hive Mine Chimney seen at the top of the main street. We drove in single file up to the Railway Station, parading our proud collection of collectables and moderns, sight-seeing around a very busy Maldon.

From Maldon, we headed off to Newstead for a toilet, cuppa/ice cream break, then 30 minutes later we all headed off for our final chimney stop at Anderson's Mill at Smeaton. This deserted old flour mill also had a thin tall brick chimney, with relics of an opening used for draft at the bottom, and an aerial, taller than the chimney, ready to detract any lightning strikes. There is a water wheel – restored - in the middle of the huge wooden building. Last chance for photos. We left this Smeaton area with its beautiful trees, an obviously beautiful place for a picnic when the leaves come out, just before 4pm.



Frank & Carolyn Whitfield, Joy Rogers, Anne-Marie English, Ken Koenig, Richard English and Alan Rogers

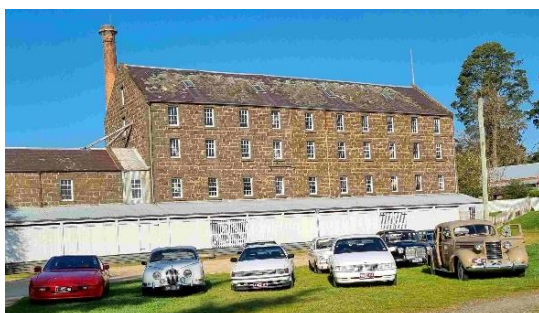


President Andy Burns with Lee Day took a back seat on the way home – Tom Quinlan took over the wheel, with his wife Julie navigating

Many thanks to Andy Burns and Lee for taking much time and effort collating this run, and obviously ordering beautiful sunny weather too. Also, thanks to The Club Committee members who helped Andy.
June Harrop



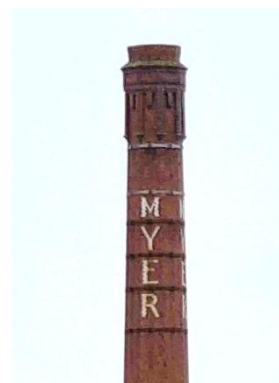
Ice creams were the preferred choice at Newstead – Wayne Harrop, Nerene Backhouse and Warren Harris



Our last stop for the day – Anderson's Mill at Smeaton

Attendees - President's Chimney Run - Monthly Club Run (Trophy points) Sunday 17th Sept 2023

1937 Oldsmobile	Andy Burns, Lee Day, Tom & Julie Quinlan
1938 Pontiac Coupe	Bob, Tracey & Jonty Bennetts
1940 Dodge Sedan	Graeme Bell & Barry Ronalds
1954 Studebaker Connestoga	Peter & Judy Fitzgerald
1962 Chrysler Valiant S	Rick Thege & Heather Gingell
1965 Ford Mustang Coupe	Ken & Shani Clark
1966 Ford Cortina 440	Mike Simpson
1966 Jaguar S type	Bruce Kerr
1966 Rover P5	Merv & Maree Sherlock
1967 MGB	Richard & Anne-Marie English
1969 Rover P5B	Ken Koenig
1971 Rover P5B Coupe	Noel Trengove
1976 Holden GTS Utility	Warrick & Wendy Pitcher
1985 Mercedes Benz 280CE	Frank & Carolyn Whitfield
1988 Mercedes Benz 300CE	Joy & Alan Rogers
1988 Nissan Skyline Executive	Nerene Backhouse & Ray Allen
1988 Porsche 944S	Wayne & June Harrop
1988 Toyota Celica	Moyle Bunworth
1989 Nissan Pintara Ti	Barry & Cyndy Allison
1990 Bentley Eight	Jan & Frank Tamis
1992 Holden Statesman	Andrew Brown
1992 Rover 216i Cabriolet	Mark Richmond
1998 Range Rover	John Peart
Modern - Pam & Gordon Roberts, Peter Rogers, Daryl & Barb Mitchell	



FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

October 2023

A581 ***Post-War Baby Austin Cars A30 – A35 – A40 (1952-1967)***

By Barney Sharratt. Foreword by James Hunt.

Published in 1988

192 Pages

The post-war baby Austin Car broke new ground as Austin's first chassis-less car. In this excellent book we follow its development from the initial A30 model into the later A35 versions. This vehicle's performance, reliability and economy led to many being used in motor racing – where they are still very successful. Pinin Farina used the same mechanical components to produce a completely different car in the A40 Farina, which was well ahead of its time as the forerunner of the modern hatchback.

The book also covers the post-war details of the Longbridge Factory and the designing of the A30 engine, an engine which would later become known as the "A- Series" and, after further development, would be the power unit for many millions of cars over the years.

The building and testing of prototypes is dealt with in detail, with the exercise to produce a small fibreglass sports car and the building of an aluminium A30 car. The company also experimented with a new two-stroke engine in an attempt to produce an A20 car, or true economy car, but the idea was shelved to make way for the new Mini.

There is also a chapter covering the vans, station wagons and utilities as well as the development of the Austin Healey Sprite roadsters and the Turner Roadster built from 1956 until 1962. The final chapter covers owning and the running of these cars in more recent times as classic cars. At the end of the book are five appendices covering: Technical Data; Production Data by the various models; Paint and Trim Colours; as well as English and Australian A30 Car Clubs.

This book may have been published in 1988 but, with the number of Austin A30/A35 cars in the VCCC, it was an important addition to our Library.

Ron Gay

Here are the stories of 4 members in the Club who love their Austins –

Kim Gay

I have owned an Austin A30 since 2006, she became part of our family during a trip to Tasmania one school holidays. She arrived in Victoria a short time later on the Spirit of Tasmania complete with sea sickness tablets taped to her dashboard!!

She is affectionately named Thelma after her previous one lady owner and sits all tucked up under her blankets in the corner of the shed surrounded by various other friends with 4 and 2 wheels. She starts first time most times and enjoys trips around Lake Wendouree in the sunshine.

Her specs are 1954 Austin A30 with original 803cc 4-cylinder engine and 4 speed gear box, drum brakes all round and has done 43,000 miles from new. She has red leather seats that still have the distinctive leather smell all those years later.

Despite her age she still turns heads and gets called “cute” everywhere we go. For some reason she has an occasional aversion to the Sturt Street, Gillies Street traffic lights intersection. Letting out a cough and splutter and stalling usually in the right-hand turning lane with a build-up of traffic behind us!!

Passengers have been known to bail out to push and midway across the intersection she starts and takes off across the road leaving the passengers to navigate their way across the lights dodging cars and trucks on foot.



Nerene's Annie with Kim's Thelma at 2008 Begonia Rally



Same again – with Kim and Richard's boys – Sam & Josh

Nerene Backhouse

When I joined the Club in September 2007, I did not own an historic vehicle. But that changed when I took delivery of my 1956 Austin A30 on the Wednesday prior to the 2008 Begonia Rally – and entered!

I bought it from Club member, Alex Martin who older members will remember. She quickly became named Annie - after my grandmother whose name was Annie Austin. What appealed to me was that she was original first and foremost, which is something I always said I would have.

She has lived in Ballarat all her life, but I have no evidence yet that she was actually purchased in Ballarat. The Austin dealers back then were Sam Ellis & Sons in Armstrong Street North, and the Service Agents were across the road – Caddy & Kerr Motors.

As production of the A30 series ceased in October 1956, Annie could very well be one of the last ever made. Her first registration was in early 1957 in Victoria.

Her first owner was a travelling salesman, who sold her 12 months later to a teacher at Urquhart Street Primary School, Miss Elsie Kirk, who had her for 25 years. Then, our new member Rod White, owned her for 10 years (he still refers to her as 'Elsie!'). Following a further 3 owners of short periods, she became mine.

We went to the Austin Nationals in Devonport in 2015 – that's where I REALLY learned all her quirks and foibles going around the hills of the northern regions of Tassie. Members Tony McDonald and Peter Grose did some amazing work on her in preparation for the Austin Nationals in 2019 to the Barossa Valley. She runs like a charm still.

Her claim to fame was a 3 second scene in the Dr Blake Mysteries series as a parked car outside the Gold Shop in Lydiard Street North. It probably took about 3 hours to film that scene!!

She is an absolute delight to drive and I am at my happiest when I am behind the wheel – how can one be anything else with a little beauty like her?



Jenny Groves



I joined the Vintage and Classic Car Club Ballarat with my friend to make friends, and go on some adventures. I am a very proud owner of a 1955 Austin A30 – I've called her Izzy.

I had this idea of buying an Austin A30, as we had one when I was growing up. At a Club meeting one night in April this year, I heard that a club member had one for sale. This car was well looked after, so I started making arrangements to purchase it.

The Austin has been on a couple of car runs and a car show outside of Bendigo. I know she has also been on a couple of the Austin National Rallies, including the one at Devonport in 2015. This car starts every time and glides along at a safe speed. Passengers know to lean forward to help Izzy up any hills or steep climbs.

Anyone who rides in this car has an enjoyable day, and lots of laughter during her journey.

As I have not owned her for very long, I'm still learning new things all the time. I'm looking forward to many, many happy trips to come.

Glen and Pauline Whitbourne

In the early 1980's my dad, Bob Whitbourne, was looking to purchase an Austin A35. However, the A35 is a rare car in Australia having only been imported by private owners and not sold new here. This made for "a needle in a haystack" type of quest - Dad being a committee member of the A30 Club at the time was in a good position to potentially find one.

The months rolled on with many alleged A35's being offered to the Club for sale. Dad, keen to follow up these leads and with anticipation, was slowly losing hope because time after time they turned out to be Austin A30's. Dad, a little disappointed, stopped searching as it seemed that it was all A30's out there. Then one day he did end up looking at one last lead from a gentleman who had contacted him a number of times asking him to come and have a look at his A35 he had for sale. He wanted it to go to someone to restore and look after - he didn't want to see it wrecked.

Dad finally called in to have a look; I think to please the persistent caller and then only because it was on his way home from work. To Dad's total amazement,



Essex UK 1958

parked in the front garden, was a genuine one owner 1957 Austin A35 sedan, wow! Dad and Ken eventually agreed on a reasonable price and Dad drove the A35 home a couple of days later, me by his side (I was 11 years old).



Melbourne 1981

The car was in much need of TLC and Dad restored the car over the next 12 months. Much of the credit for the history of this proud little Austin goes to the original owners, Ken and Margaret, keeping meticulous records, and keeping them until Ken passed away in 2012, Margaret very kindly passing these documents, history and photographs on to Dad in early 2013 - Dad passing away later that year.

Mum and Dad kept in contact with the original owners for 41 years and with Mum passing away last year, it's up to me to carry on with the Austin into its

next chapter - the Austin now having covered 150,562 miles and still going strong.

My memories of our time with this car are of Dad regularly driving the A35 from our home in Melbourne to Bright in north east Victoria, gateway to the snowfields and back, visiting a good friend. He did this trip many times over the years.

When Dad retired from work both Mum and Dad moved to Ballarat where they continued to enjoy taking the Austin on many club outings and rallies. Some of which include Austin's over Australia Wangaratta 1995, touring Tasmania 1998, Austin A30 50th anniversary rally Echuca 2001, Austin's over Australia Bendigo 2013 and Austin's over Australia Devonport 2015 just to name a few.

'UG', as our Austin A35 has always been affectionately known, has been part of our families for 66 years now and with fond memories, we still look forward to our days out driving together.

Austin, you can depend on it!



Haddon 2023

Continuing the Brisbane to Broome Veteran Rally 2022 – Catrina Sargent

Day 25. Derby to Broome 225kms (Thurs 11th Aug)

Our last days ride. It was overcast and blowing a gale. A really strong head wind. Off we set and it wouldn't have been more than 20kms when we spotted Andrew Repton and Michael Rock on the side of the road. Michael had the front wheel out of his 1910 Triumph. Another tyre gone. He was well on his way getting ready for his spare tyre arriving soon from his backup vehicle.

As we wound our way back onto the Great Northern Highway, we rode past the start of the Gibb River Road which travels some 700kms through the central Kimberley Plateau and is all dirt. Jeremy, Jess and the girls are planning to do this after Broome. It was interesting listening to other travellers who have done it. Two ladies had just done it in a Hiace van and only had 1 flat tyre, whereas you hear of broken axles, and major car and engine failures out there. Richard wants to do it on his Square 4!

Richard and I made our way to a pull in area with a large Boab tree for a cuppa stop and watched Andrew and Michael ride past, so they had sorted out the front tyre and were on their way again. We got closer to Broome and the traffic was becoming more constant. We stopped on the edge of Broome and took a pic of us with our bikes in front of 'Welcome to Broome' sign. We made it. Woohoo.

It was a tricky ride into Broome navigating cars, trucks, push bikes, scooters and pedestrians. I rode into Broome with Richard following on the GEM with Mum and Dad behind in the van. I proudly navigated to the caravan park, only to discover I was at the wrong caravan park! We looked at the map and made the wise decision to follow Richard to the correct caravan park.

It was extra busy around Broome with the rodeo and cup on this weekend. We sorted out camp and then rode to Matso's, a rustic brewpub, to line bikes and cars up for a display. It was funny seeing all the vehicles together again. We hadn't seen some of these since the start. After some pics we rode our bikes back to camp before it got dark.

We made our way back to Matso's for some finger food, local beers and rally end wrap up. I know Graham Donges with his 1911 Brush drove all the way, and Murray Wright rode all the way but he did use 2 bikes. Richard and Daniel were pretty close to riding it all - only missing out on a few kms each. I rode every day except for when I retrieved my parents from Mt. Isa.

The next day, all the Sargent's and Co wearing our bespoke T-shirts, rode our bikes to a jetty and took many pics of us dipping our wheels in the Indian Ocean.

Would I do it all again? Richard and I could have easily turned around and done it the other way. Our bikes felt strong and required little maintenance. Just the routine daily TAC 2 on the valve stems, and chain lubrication. My primary drive chains would need replacing again, and sooner or later I will need to replace all my sprockets that are well worn.

We stayed in Broome for another week and made the most of it. Helicopter flight to Willie Creek Pearl Farm for a land and boat tour followed by lunch, we did go to the rodeo which was "a cultural experience" to quote Richard. We watched the Staircase to the Moon, which is a natural phenomenon that occurs when a full moon rises over the exposed tidal flats over the Bay, and only happens 3 nights a month between March and October.

We went to the old lighthouse which was nestled on the most brilliant red soil and a short walk from the water's edge which was dotted with rock pools that would fill with clear sea water and making a private spa as the tide came in. We had a dip in one of these rock pools which had a lookout over the most amazing turquoise sea. Watching the tidal times, we walked along the sandy dune to Coconut Wells made our way to the mouth of the lagoon. With a noodle and boogie board (retrieved from the caravan park hard rubbish pile) we didn't have to wait long before the tide came in and we floated down the turquoise tidal lagoon. It was perfectly timed and the 9-metre tide was pretty impressive. Such a large amount of water quickly filled the lagoon we had walked along earlier. It was as though someone had turned on a million taps at once. We enjoyed a movie at the open-air Sun Cinema, a kayak tour floating over dinosaur prints, camel beach ride - we really were tourists.

We said our goodbye's to everyone as they started to leave and Julie drove Richard and I to the airport to fly to Perth. From here we flew to Melbourne then the UK to Richard's house in Ingleton to clean and pack up 4 bikes and deliver them to Felixstowe ready to be shipped to Australia.

Margaret left a day after us to slowly make her way back to Ballarat with the Travelander. She always wanted to drive across the Nullarbor, and after talking to lots of people, decided to go down to Port Hedland then inland and down to Kalgoorlie to the Nullarbor and across. What a trip for Margaret.



Mum and Dad were debating whether to go down the centre but ended up following a lot of the route we did in reverse and then down to Ballarat. Ian and Jenny did a similar trip to Ararat and they were all having trouble with accommodation. All booked out. The country seems to be awash with Australians exploring their own country, in the biggest caravan they can afford.

The event raised a total of \$4560 each for Beyond Blue and Royal Flying Doctor Service. Two well deserved charities. I didn't think we would end up needing the RFDS but what a brilliant service they provided and worthy of any funds.

For some of us, it was a blur - others it was a challenge, and for Richard and I, it was a great holiday adventure. Richard took a lot of gopro and drone footage. He has a lot of editing to do. Richard will soon pass on YouTube links for the editor to share this adventure.

Catrina Sargent

GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – our new **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.

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.

Eight Little Cylinders

Eight little cylinders sitting facing Heaven
One blew its head off and then there were seven

Seven little cylinders use to playing tricks
One warped its inlet valve then there were six

Six little cylinders working all alive
One got a sooted plug and then there were five.

Five little cylinders working all the more
One over worked itself then there were four

Four little cylinders driving feeling free
One shed a piston ring then there were three.

Three little cylinders wondering what to do
One over oiled itself then there were two.

Two little cylinders very nearly done
One broke a valve stem and then there was one.

One little cylinder trying to pull seven
At last gave up and ended up in Heaven

T Ford

There was a little man and his name was Henry Ford.
He got a little bit of rubber and a little bit of board.
He got a little bit of string and an old tin can
And he glued them all together
And the damn thing ran!!!

Kindly contributed by
Merv Sherlock

CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE AND WANTED

All advertisements under Classifieds must include a registration number, engine number, VIN OR chassis number and cash price. Vehicles advertised in this Newsletter must be 25 years or older in line with Club Policy. The advertisements will remain for three (3) consecutive issues unless they are re-advertised.

Please advise the Editor if you sell your item or obtain what you want.

Deadline for articles – Tuesday 31st October 2023 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Cast brass radiator cap. 12 finger grips. 2" diameter, 8TPI thread.	\$ 20
Watford magneto FO4. Fearsome spark. Vernier drive.	\$500
Watford magneto, FO4. Needs a full recondition.	\$100
Lucas magneto GA4 complete, looks very good but condition unknown.	\$300
Bosch magneto FF4 AR 2142, no distributor cap, also looks good	\$300
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CLUB CALENDAR – OCTOBER - DECEMBER

For the Details of Events, See Pages 4 and 5

OCT	Date	What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Sat	14th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30-4pm
Sun	15th	<i>Colac Swap Meet</i>				
Thurs	19th	Rustless Wanderers	Brown Hill Hotel, Humffray Street North	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	20th	Club General Meeting	Clubrooms – Daylight Saving Time			8.00pm
Sat/Sun	21/22	<i>Dunolly Gold Festival</i>				
Sun	22nd	Trophy Points run to Ballan CFA sheds for demonstration	Lunch provided \$20/head Meet Melbourne Rd Bus Exchange	Brendan Stevens	O409018867	9:30am
Tues	24th	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Wed	25th	Chat, Coffee, Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
Thurs	26th	John Curtain Residents Joy Ride Day	Meet at John Curtain Centre in Creswick	Frank Whitfield	53318330 0417332645	1pm in Creswick
Sat	28th	Bingo-Halloween theme	At Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	7pm for 7:30
Sun	29th	<i>St Arnaud Car Show</i>				
Tues	31st	Newsletter Deadline		Nerene Backhouse	0427348060	5pm
NOV						
Fri	3rd	Twilight Canola Sports Car Run	Ballarat Drs car park Learmonth Rd	John & Gayle Pickering	O408914943	6:30pm
Sat-Sun	4 th -5 th	<i>Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally</i>				
Sun	5th	<i>Inglewood Alive Festival</i>	<i>Ballarat Drs car park Learmonth Rd</i>	<i>Brendan Stevens</i>	<i>O409018867</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
Mon	6th	Newsletter Fold & Label				
Wed	8th	Club Library open	Come and have a cuppa and chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10 - 12noon
Wed	8th	Chat, Coffee, Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-230pm
Sat	11th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1:30-4pm
Sat/Sun	11&12	<i>Bendigo Swap Meet</i>				
Wed	15th	Calvary Kelaston Display	Kelaston 2/4 Park St Wendouree	Brendan Stevens	O409018867	1:15 - 2:30pm
Thurs	16th	Rustless Wanderers	Swiss Mountain Hotel, Blampied	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	17th	Club General Meeting	At Clubrooms			8.00pm
Sun	19th	Trophy Points run - Beaufort Show	Meet Drs Car Park Learmonth Road	Brendan Stevens	O409018867	9.00am
Tues	21st	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Wed	22nd	Chat, Coffee, Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
Sun	26th	<i>Maldon Swap Meet</i>				
Sun	26th	<i>Springfest</i>				
Sun	26th	Pre 30's Annual Tour	Haddon Lions Park	Mark Border	0438399609	TBA
Tues	28th	Newsletter Deadline		Nerene Backhouse	0427348060	5pm
DEC						
Sun	3rd	<i>Llanelly Bike Swap meet</i>	<i>Llanelly Hall</i>			
Sun	3rd	Naked Radiator Run	Departs Clubrooms	Frank & Jan Tamis	0475192372	10:30am
Sun	10th	Trophy Points – Xmas BBQ & Rocker Cover Races	Note week early – at Clubrooms			TBA
Wed	13th	Club Library open	Come and have a cuppa and chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10 - 12noon
Wed	13th	Chat, Coffee, Lunch	Clubrooms	Ray & Marj Drury	0417840623	11am-2.30pm
Thurs	14th	Rustless Wanderers	XMAS TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
Fri	15th	Club General Meeting	At Clubrooms			8.00pm

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