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***** CAR OF THE YEAR *****
1931 Chevrolet Roadster - Leigh Howes

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Next General Meeting is the night before the Swap Meet, and will be held at

Akoonah Park . at the Admin Building.

2 Cardinia St, Berwick VIC 3806

Door open at 7.30pm. Meeting commences at 8.00pm,



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Hi Everyone,

Being right-handed, I'm still having a bit of difficulty typing this today as I have definitely suffered a severe rotator-cuff injury to my right shoulder, the side I use my walking stick on. After a week as a patient, I was able to convince the doctors at the Bairnsdale hospital that I would be better off at home with Jill instead of being co-oped up in hospital over Christmas and New Year and onwards. I don't know yet whether I will have to undergo more surgery on it or not. Fingers crossed I won't.

Well done to you all with the Rochester Flood Appeal. Excellent work Mazz and Peter and thanks for the photos and story.

Fingers crossed that the weather gods will smile kindly on you all for the Swap-Meet on February 4th. I sincerely hope that with the help of 1st Casey Scout Group, it all goes well. Thanks to those who stepped up to help make it a success.

Coming Events are now back in place after the General Meeting Minutes. I hope that this month we (Ian and I) have the dates correct.

Recipes and Your Editors Story return again as I did not have a lot to fill this month's magazine. A big thank you to Les Thomas and Toni Sparkes for an article and an extension to JJ's Tiny Cars story.

Please keep your items for the Newsletter coming, I do need them to place them in YOUR CLUB Newsletter.

Good Luck with the Berwick Swap.

Regards Rick.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUST A REMINDER IF YOU HAVE A CAR ON C.P.S. REGISTRATION YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 2 MEETINGS AND 1 CLUB RUN PER YEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE, UNDER THE CLUB RULES, TO GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS SIGNED.

The first Saturday in February has always been our swap meet date. After a Covid break for a couple of years, we are back in business again.

Please be on time to carry out the allotted duties you have been assigned to do, and please be ready to assist in other places if required.

Bill and Peter, ably assisted by Sally, have spent a lot of time putting the roster together. As this is not an easy task, I really appreciate what they have done. So please be patient if things don't work out as we hope they should.

If you require help or assistance please don't hesitate to radio back to administration and let them know what you require.

Don't forget your hat, sun screen will be available at the admin, just ask Sally or Heather for it.

This is the first year the 1st Casey Scouts will be helping us out, please help to make them feel more comfortable in the many different situations they may find themselves in.

Please stay and help to clean up afterwards, as many hands make it easier. Remember a lot of us have been very busy for two big days and we all want to get home as soon as we can.

As the Swap is the biggest event on our calendar, let us all have a good fun time and enjoy it.

If you have something to sell, please bring it along with your name, mobile number and the price marked on it. Denise Nye, Marg Detez and Margaret Hope will be running the Club site on the day, so please help them out if they need it.

Our March long weekend away is coming up fast, you will receive notification of the balance of the payment outstanding and information on the day runs we are doing, in the March newsletter. If you haven't yet booked in please let me know asap.

On the day of the swap, girls and guys, don't forget the scones with jam and cream as I am the self-appointed judge.

Rest up and help make this Swap the best one yet. Ian.

Minutes of General Meeting of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club held on 6th January 2023.

President Ian opened the meeting at 8.05 pm and wished all the members a happy New Year.

Apologies:

J Stocking, P&M Lafrank, J Lang, R&J Cove, E&P Hopgood, M Eagles, R Bowen, M Hope, A Thomas, N&C Young, G&T Strafford

Minutes Motion:

The Minutes of the December General Meeting as published in the January 2023 Newsletter be accepted as accurate. Moved Irwin Sinclair. Seconded. Graeme Smith. Carried.

Secretaries Report:

December 2022 Inward correspondence

- AOMC/Greenfleet Carbon Offset Scheme for Historic Vehicles
- AOMC Kalorama rally
- AOMC – Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm January 29 – vehicles must be pre booked – you cannot just turn up
- Thank you email from the Telephone Society
- Wayne Avarad resigning his membership
- Automotive Historian newsletter
- AOMC – Picnic at Hanging Rock Classic Car Show
- Dandenong Show – thank you for certificate of currency
- Upper Yarra Museum – Crank Up Day March 25 and 26
- VDC Christmas wishes
- Federation – Scoresby Picnic by 2
- Federation – Wunghnu Picnic
- AOMC delegates meeting details

Advertising Flyers

- Old Hospital Loch Village – Christmas wishes
- Bay to Birdwood Christmas wishes
- Performance Garage
- Summernats 35 this January 2023 by 3
- Survivor Car Magazine
- Penrite Oil by 2
- Online auto parts by 4
- Auto equip online by 4
- Coorong Reality news by 2
- Bend Motor Sport by 2
- Pitstop online by 4
- Retromotive Magazine by 1
- Shannons by 2

1 Club Magazines by email

5 Club Magazines by Post

December 2022 Outward correspondence

- Confirming Telephone Society attendance at the Swap.

Motion: That the Inwards correspondence and the Outward correspondence be approved.

Moved. G Stocking Seconded G Strahan. Carried.

Treasurers Report: Stan outlined the December Financial transactions. Moved: That the Treasurers report for December be approved. Moved S Snyders Seconded, H Lyons Carried.

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Editors report: Ian reported that Rick is improving slowly after his fall. Ian also apologised for the incorrect meeting date in the Newsletter as he had passed on the wrong date to Rick. Please pass on articles to Rick for inclusion in the Magazine.

Swap Report: Peter Jones gave a report on the Roster that was in the last Newsletter. It wasn't up to date due to having to be included in the Newsletter. The Roster in the February Newsletter will be up to date. Peter advised that the Saturday is now complete but if anyone wishes to assist on the Saturday, please advise Peter or Bill. Friday's Roster still has some vacancies, please let them know if you can help. Bill Carson advised that the new Roster will detail the various tasks and times. Peter thanked Sally and Bill for all the work in preparing the roster, Bill also thanked Peter as well. The Lafrank's will be holding a gathering at their place following the Swap for all members to relax and recover.

Kevin Clarence thanked the Swap Committee for the work in preparing the Roster as added that it is an insult to the person turning up for their shift if the person they are relieving says "it's OK, I'm going to work a bit longer, you can go away and enjoy yourself". If you are rostered on for a certain period, at the end of that period, hand over to the next shift.

Irwin Sinclair asked what do we do if we have a full car park or that the seller's sites area is full? Will we shut the gates to stop more from coming in? Ian advised that we hadn't had that problem in the past but if the need arose we would close the gates.

Scoresby picnic report: Scoresby flyers are being circulated, the date does clash with the Yarra Junction Crank Up day.

Christmas donations: Mazz and Peter have taken all their goods to Rochester. Ian thanked Mazz and Peter for the work in organising and delivering the donations to the Rochester CFA for the flood relief.

Coming Events:

January 14th BBQ with the Scouts at Akoonah Park. (please bring your old car on the day).

January 26th Australia Day at Koo Wee Rup Masonic Lodge.

February 3rd General Meeting at Akoonah Park

February 4th Swap Meet at Akoonah

February 15th Mid week run Trios for lunch

February 18th Woolamai races

February 26th Berwick Show car display

March 3rd General meeting at Dandenong Showgrounds

March 17th to 20th weekend away

March 26th Scoresby picnic.

General Business:

Sam Capes was congratulated on becoming a Life Member of the GHAC West Enders. Sam thanked our members and then spoke on the importance of having prostate and skin cancer checks.

Cars and parts for sale: Max Tuckerman has an aluminium car trailer for sale.

Irwin Sinclair knows of a Model A Ford Roadster for sale (\$42,000) contact Irwin for details.

Ian closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

COMING EVENTS

2023

January 26th. Australia Day. Koo Wee Up Lodge. (Meet at BP outbound, Officer South to leave at 10.30am.)

February 3rd. General Meeting **at Akoonah Park.**

February 4th. BERWICK SWAP at Akoonah Park.

February 15th. Mid-week run to “Trios” Cranbourne for lunch a 12.00pm.

February 18th - A day at Woolamai races.

Meet at Ray Perry Park Brunt Street Cranbourne at 9.15 am for a 9.30 start.

We will be travelling along the South Gippsland Highway and the Bass Highway, turning off at Bass to the Woolamai Racecourse. (45 Trew Road Woolamai.) Along the way we will regroup at Grantville and also again at Bass. If lost ring Gary on 0418 140 844 or Ian on 0419 312 304.

Tickets at the gate \$15,00 per person. BYO picnic gear, food and drinks or purchase on site.

NOTE: no glass bottles or drink glasses allowed to be taken in, however, full size wine bottles are allowed. Course staff will check bags and eskies prior to entry.

Parking will be allocated for Club cars and cars of special interest in the car park.

Let's make this a fun day and don't forget your fancy race day hats. (a prize will be awarded for the best male and female hats.)

February 26th. Berwick Show. Club display at Akoonah Park. Must park before 9am. and stay until 3pm.

March 3rd. General Meeting at Dandenong Show Grounds. - 8.00pm start.

**March 5th. 65th. Kalorama Rally. Kalorama Memorial Reserve.
Mt. Dandenong Road, Kalorama.**

**March 17th to 20th. - Week End Away
Moama NSW.**

Please get your money in to Marg D. or Heather L.

**March 25th, Yarra Junction
Crank-up Day
Invitation event.**

March 26th * Scoresby Picnic.
(A Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs event.) **See flyer next page>>**



FEDERATION SCORESBY PICNIC.

FEDERATION Scoresby Picnic Car Show

Sunday 26th March 2023

National Steam Centre
1200 Ferntree Gully Rd
Scoresby, Vic



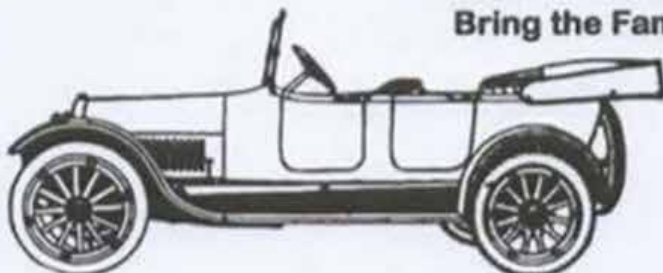
Starts 10am

Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.

Free entry

Vehicles & Motorcycles 25 years & older are welcomed to park
into the display area

Trade & Craft Displays
BYO Picnic Lunch
Steam Machine Displays
Food Stalls
Trophies for 6 Categories
Children's Animal Farm
Raffle Drawn 1pm
Bring the Family



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The Hupmobile Ballarat Incident. by Les Thomas

At the last Presentation Night, President Ian asked me to retell the story of the incident that occurred during the DVHCC 30th Anniversary Weekend Away to Ballarat in 2004; so I did. Then, arriving home, I remembered I had asked the police officer at the scene who was taking photos to send them to me, which he did, on a CD. It has taken a while to find it in the 'Steptoe's Yard' which is the Thomas household, but persistence has prevailed. There are still a lot of members who haven't heard the story but, as far as I know, no-one has seen the pictures. So here they are illustrating the story. It was a lovely day and for once the Hupmobile was travelling along nicely, then suddenly a rapid series of loud knocks from the engine alerted us that something fairly serious had gone wrong. I did not hesitate to pull onto the hard shoulder.



The Hupmobile ground to a halt.

It wasn't long before several club members had pulled up beside us and, after I'd briefly turned the engine over to convince them it was not something we were going to fix in a hurry, they continued on their way with Aileen aboard one car and our luggage in another.

I phoned son Robert to fetch our recently acquired Ford Fairmont Ghia, go to Frank Fazio's and pick up our tandem trailer and come to the rescue. You must understand that this meant Robert had to make the trip from Narre Warren to me during Friday night rush hour traffic so I realised I would be in for quite a wait and settled down with this in mind. Then Johnny Zeigler arrived and was happy to stay with me to help load the Hupp and then take me on to Ballarat.

Eventually Robert arrived. It was close to dark so we wasted no time in getting the Hupp on the trailer and tied down. Rob then did a 'U' turn across the central nature strip. Gosh the Hupp looked high compared to the standard modern vehicle. John said 'OK Les, you can relax now'. 'Oh no' I replied. 'I won't be happy until I hear he has arrived home safely'. I then jumped in the passenger seat of John's car before he drove off without me and we headed into Ballarat. Entering Sovereign Hill, where we were to stay, we were met by members running towards us and I was greeted with the unwanted instruction and information, 'You have to go back, Robert's crashed'.

For some reason, Robert had Don Jones' phone number on his mobile and had contacted him. Clive Bennett and Rex Wallis offered to return with me and we were informed the incident had occurred on the descent to Pikes Creek. It seemed to take an eternity to get back to there and, when we did, the police initially wouldn't let us stop until I convinced them that I was the owner of the vehicles. An officer then started to tell me about the damage to the cars and trailer until I asked him the obvious question. 'Where's my son'? 'Oh, he's over there having a cigarette' he replied; so I then went across to talk with Robert and make sure he was OK.

It was pitch dark with only the police and tow truck lights illuminating the area. It must have been horrific for Robert when the accident first happened. He told me that trucks were hurtling past trying to overtake one another despite him trying to slow them down.

The road was in very poor condition showing many repairs. It was obvious to me what had occurred. We had tied the car down by the axles, but the Hupp had no shock absorbing, and once Robert hit the uneven road the body would have started swaying and, with the repetitive bumps it eventually became impossible for him to control and this ended when the car hit the Armco barrier. The impact loosened the ropes which, as the trailer continued to swing

The Hupmobile Ballarat Incident. by Les Thomas

round and the tow bar broke allowed the Hupp to roll backwards which dropped the end of the trailer and allowed the footplate for getting into the dickie seat, to jam under the Armco thereby finally bringing the trailer to a stop.

They loaded the Fairmont onto the tow truck tray, selected the best four tyres for the trailer and towed it all off to the garage repair shop.

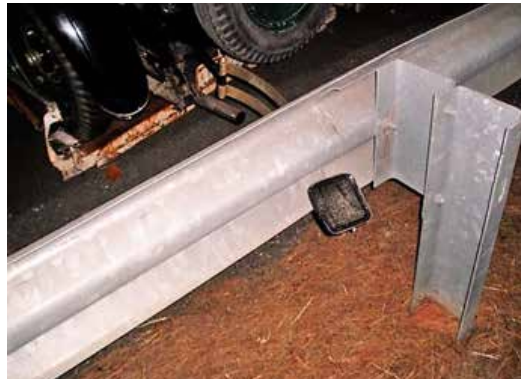
Clive and Rex were willing to drive Robert back home to Endeavour Hills but I insisted he come back to Sovereign Hill and stay the night with us. The next day I think half the Car Club were offering to drive him home, but he was happy to just be driven to the railway station, which is what happened.



It was very dark. Rear end of Ford minus trailer



The tow bar broke away



Foot plate jammed under armco



That's close; and loose bumperette



Best tyres selected



Shredded trailer tyre.

I have severely lightened the pictures but I hope they come out OK

So; what happened next? How did we get the Hupp and trailer home? What was the damage to the trailer and cars and how was it all repaired. Not without lots of problems that's for sure.

More to the point; when is the club going to see the Hupp again? Maybe soon, do you think !!!



ROCHESTER FLOOD RELIEF

Peter & I were staggered by the number, and the high quality, of the donated items by DVHCC members, friends & companies, as well as a couple of club members who arrived with toys just as we were trying to pack everything onto the trailer & into the Hilux.

We delivered the load of goodies to the Rochester Fire Station where we met our contacts, CFA members Haley Ellershark, Nathan Ensink & Hanna. We placed all the goods into the first of the 2 temporary work sheds. The 2nd work shed housed all of the cfa communication equipment.

We then had a walk through the flood damaged fire station. (See the water level in some photos...ED)

Originally the regional CFA were putting on a BBQ & kids activities day, paid for by monies collected from members & volunteers, but it was discovered early on, after the disaster, that unauthorized outsiders were collecting relief packages they were not entitled too.

Haley Ellershark had already compiled a list of 32 children & families who had put parcels together which included hams donated by KR Castlemaine and food vouchers paid for from the BBQ donations

On Sunday, using fire trucks as sleighs, they then delivered the Christmas cheer.

A big 'thank you' to Paul Tangey for helping to coordinate things,
and a

'SPECIAL THANKS' to all of you who helped in making this happen.

Peter & Mazz Lafrank.



ROCHESTER FLOOD RELIEF 2022



How I became interested in Steam....Rick.

How many of you were lucky enough to have a small live model steam engine when you were a little bloke? Names like Bowman, Bing, Mamod, Bassett-Lowke, Ernst Plank, Wileco and Triang were all commonly mentioned at school playtime or with your mates after school and on weekends. What did you get for Christmas? Did you get a live steamer from Santa? Were often the questions asked when you met your mates. Me, well I never found any under the Christmas tree and I guess that is why I have an interest in them these days. I did get a Robilt 'O' gauge train set when I was 7. I was rapt, but it was not a live steam engine, not something I could feel the heat, smell the burning metho and drop water all over the carpet with. This 'O' gauge train set was replaced by a Triang OO/HO Victorian Railways set up which I still have today, in fact, the Triang OO/HO gauge was a brand new experimental, soon to be released model and we had to write a report on how it operated for the first 12 months or so. My father had many contacts in strange places and we would often receive pre-production items for testing under actual kid handling experiments.



I started my live steam collection in 1972 when I came across a very old J.J. Seekings and Company, semi-portable 2nhp. Engine made in 1879. This was on a property in Jarramond, just out of Orbst. I asked if I could see if I could free up the rusted workings and when it was finally freed up, I was told to my amazement, I could take it home.



It took me 29 year of badgering the Dept of Labour and Industry and its successors to get permission to restore the ancient J.J. Seekings engine. Work Safe are the responsible body these days and in 2003 they finally gave permission for the boiler repairs to proceed. I had actually gone ahead in 1974 and obtained my Pressure Vessel Welding Certificate at night school so that I could do the necessary boiler repairs.

It was finished in 2010 and I took it to the Echuca Steam Rally and came away with First Prize.



In 1973 I answered an advertisement in the Melbourne Trading post for an antique kerosene lamp and when I went to look at it there was a lovely home-made model steam engine and boiler for sale as well. Both the engine and lamp came home.

About this time my father purchased a 4nhp. Marshall portable steam engine for my mother to have. That might seem strange, but Mum loved the quietness of steam engines as compared to the noisy stationary engines I had collected over the years and displayed all over the place.

This Marshall weighted about 4 tons and is now up at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat but may be coming back home one day in the not too distant future.

A trip to Bendigo in 1974 to look at an antique 6hp. Hornsby engine resulted in the purchase of a lovely 1904 BING, gauge III (or 2.5inch between the tracks) 4.4.0 live steam locomotive and tender for the sum of \$10.00, yes \$10.00. I had gone to look at an ancient R.Hornsby & Sons stationary engine but it was just too big for me. The elderly owner had lost his six year old son in a road accident just after WWII. He had made him a simple live steam engine and a steam driven fan for his 5th birthday, so he gave that engine and fan to me. He then told me of a family in Bendigo who used to manufacture live steam engines in about 10" gauge track for fair ground train rides. (Some of you might remember the train rides in St.Kilda near to Luna Park back in the 1950's.) The family were cleaning up the estate and he thought that there might be some plans or bits still there. I went and asked and was shown the lovely 1904 Bing live steam engine which was wrapped up in a 1954 'Argus' newspaper. The chap said it belonged to his brother in Melbourne. I asked if the brother would sell it and was given his phone number. I rang him from Bendigo and he agreed to sell it to me for \$10.00. I asked him to ring his brother and I went back to pick it up and pay for it. The Bendigo brother was quite upset that I was able to buy it for \$10.00 and straight away offered me \$100.00 for it. No, I wanted the engine so he begrudgingly handed it over. It iives in pride of place nowadays.



I set too and purchased a few sets of miniature live steam plans and kits of bits and an old lathe. I was not lucky enough to go to Tech School and had to learn the hard way to use a lathe and started to make up some more live steam engines. My first one was a simple oscillating engine with a rudimentary boiler. I then moved up to a Stuart model kit and it eventually turned out ok. I made and still make plenty of mistakes, but we all learn from them.



My Stuart is on the left, another unknown kit is on the right and my yet to be finished traction engine is in the middle.



My collection of steam engines has grown, but I am still on the lookout for more. If you happen to have one, or any parts of one, which you no longer want, please let me know. (0401 278 238)
Cheers Rick.



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KITCHEN ROSTER

HALL CLEAN-UP

2023 February 3rd. at the SWAP MEET.

EVERYONE TO HELP

2023 March 3rd.

Mandy Eagles & Chris Donaldson.

Pat & Ron Sinclair

WANTED

for a

1936 Chevrolet.

**Cam shaft timing gear ,
and
timing cover gasket.**

(I believe that a 1934/35 timing gear will also fit.)

Paul McCutcheon
0457 673 551

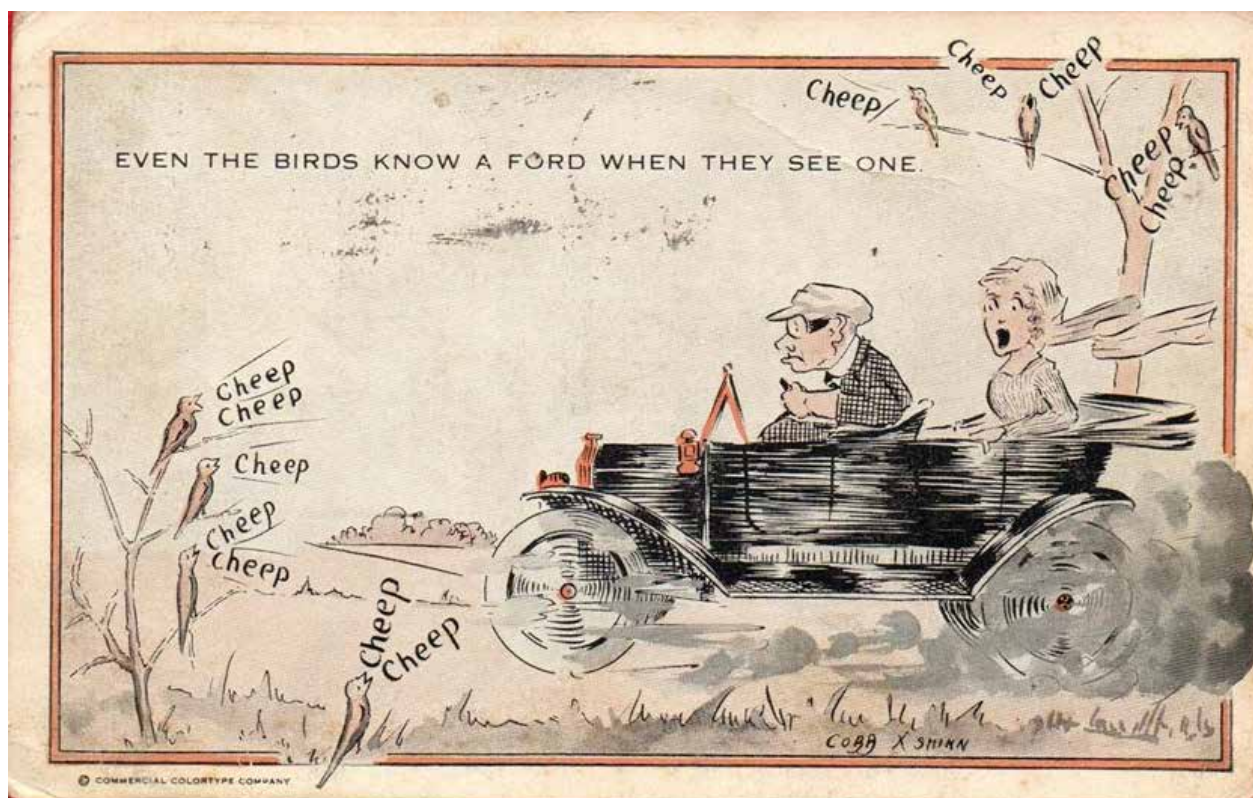
WANTED

any old

Model Steam engines or any bits

you might have hidden away.

Contact Rick.
0401278238



Hi Rick...

As an add on to John Jenkins articles on tiny cars, I just spent the last month in Germany traveling around and noticed many tiny and small cars in the larger cities but this one was the only one I happened to take a photo of for obvious reasons. I guess one advantage is that twice the number of cars could fit in the parking spaces!

Hope your shoulder is getting better... it's a really tricky part to heal!

Regards Toni Sparkes (Detez)

Thanks Toni, a great response to the story.
Regards Rick. (ED.)



Having mentioned the Peel car in the recent article by JJ, here are some more. The one of the car in an outside display is actually on the Isle of Man. The others are from the National Motor Museum UK Les Thomas.

. Aileen stands beside one for comparison of size.. ED



Toni and Les have responded to JJ's articles on Tiny Cars. Thank you both for sending these in to me to include in the Newsletter..ED



1964 PEEL
P50

In the 1960s there was a real buzz about city cars. The Mini had just launched and was quickly becoming the trendy face of the British auto industry. It was at that time that the little firm of Peel took miniature motoring down to a new level.

Built on the Isle of Man, just off the North West coast of England, the Peel was the first and is still the only production car to be made on the island. The P50 was manufactured for two years, between 1963 and 1965.

At just over 4 feet long (134cm) and 3 feet (99cm) wide, the P50 had room for just one person. It was very light as the body was made from fibreglass and even the engine was tiny at only 49cc. With a promised 100 miles per gallon and a purchase price of just £149, it was very economical to own as well.

Peel boasted that the P50 would solve all your parking problems, give you armchair comfort and lively performance. The brochure added "ample parcel space" to the list of features but that was perhaps a bit of an exaggeration!

The Peel owner had to remember not to get stuck in a tight spot. The P50 has no reverse gear so the only option was to push it backwards or lift it up and turn it round using the handle kindly provided.

Despite the current fashion for small cars, the Peel still holds the record for being the smallest car ever to make it into production.

Top speed: 40 mph (64 km/h)
Coachwork: microcar
Registration mark: FMP 648
Price new: £149

ON LOAN FROM THE NATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM, BEAULIEU

Precis Minutes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting 28th Nov

There were 84 delegates in attendance representing 73 clubs. Chairman Iain Ross welcomed all those attending to the second meeting of 2022, of Australia). The minutes of the August delegate's meeting were accepted on a motion moved Graham Keys (Wolseley CC) Seconded Rick Cove (EGHAC) and carried.

Report on the ongoing liaison with the AOMC and the Federation of VVCCC. Keith Mortimer reported that a very positive initial meeting was held between representatives of both bodies, and it was agreed to hold a second meeting to cover matters affecting all clubs.

VicRoads / Club Permit Scheme: Iain Ross reported that all is quiet at our end, and it has been difficult to get anyone to answer the phone.

Luxury Car Tax: This is still a current issue, and Iain Ross noted that in a recent newspaper article vehicle import companies are complaining about this tax as it affects a large number of vehicles.

Greenfleet Carbon Offset Scheme. Mark Fenton hosted a power point presentation. This power point presentation can be downloaded from the AOMC website. To play your part: - nominate how many kilometres you will travel each year in your historic vehicle(s) - Pay a small annual fee to offset the carbon generated \$18 for 3000km per year \$36 for 6000km per year. Who is Greenfleet? Greenfleet invests funds by planting and maintaining legally protected, biodiverse forests and since 1997 have planted over 10 million trees, creating 500 native forests and your support enables this work to continue. All donations to Greenfleet are tax deductible and you will also receive a certificate in recognition of your support.

Questions from the floor: Phil Segat (Swan Hill Vintage & Classic) Are Greenfleet employees or volunteers? In Victoria there are already many thousands of fruit trees and grape vines growing rather than trees. AOMC have more important things to do relating to clubs rather than pursue this. This has been launched on us with no input from the delegates. Name not provided: This scheme all sounds very nice, but who owns the land. You don't plant trees in the air. This whole scheme to me smells of the tree planting schemes from 30 years ago. Mark responded that you are encouraged to look at AOMC and Greenfleet websites to get information about them. They are a registered not for profit organisation and they are all about planting trees.

Engine Number Records: Philip Johnstone reported that he has processed over the past few months many dozens of searches, including 3 Vauxhalls, Rolls Royce, MGA, several Mini's, Cooper S mini, Plymouths, Austin A30's, Austin 7, a number of Holden Monaro's, a number of Torana's, a number of Falcon's, and a recent one was for a Morgan which was someone tracing the current status of his family Morgan which the enquirer had only seen pictures of. We get requests from all over Australia, and if you look carefully in our request for information from the enquirer we ask if the vehicle has been previously registered in Victoria. If you go to VicRoads with a Freedom of Information request there is a little box that you fill in to ask your questions. If you fill in with any question such as to ask the owners name or the previous registration number or previous engines, itemise all your queries marked 1, 2 and 3. When you get your reply from VicRoads which may take 4 or 5 weeks there will be a preliminary phase where they say why they cannot answer all the details and what they are empowered to do and cannot do, and it says in the final few words "If you are unhappy you may appeal this decision". That is when you go back with your list of questions and say you have failed to answer questions 2 and 3, and they are compelled to come back to you and you may find they say they have looked further and are able to give you an answer. So don't give in when making an FOI request to VicRoads. When you go back to VicRoads the reference is the registration number, so unless you have all the registration numbers, VicRoads are not going to look very hard. The crucial thing is to give them as much information as possible to get them to look harder.

Delegates Reports: Rick Cove (EGHAC): thanked Iain Ross and the AOMC for assistance in getting funding from the RACV for their event, the East Gippsland Triennial rally on Melbourne Cup weekend. The event could not have happened without this support. Robert Humphreys (Austin 7): 46th Historic Winton is being held on the last weekend in May 2023, as it has been for many years. Ian Clark (Dandenong Valley Historic CC): Berwick Swap is on, and a flyer has been distributed at this meeting. Andrew Davenport (Norton Owners): Ballarat Swap has been postponed until 2024. The meeting broke for supper before reconvening for the 2022 Annual General meeting.

A full report of this meeting and the AOMC AGM are the latest issue of the AOMC Newsletter, or are available here:-

<https://www.aomc.asn.au/blog/2022/10/7/aomc-delegates-meeting-minutes>

November 2022.. **Precis Minutes of the AOMC AGM.....**

There were 84 delegates in attendance representing 73 clubs.

The minutes of the November 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Association were accepted on a motion moved Robbie Mihelcic (Torana Vic CC) seconded Peter Paproth (FX/FJ Holden CC) and carried.

Presidents Report (Iain Ross). Our year got off to a good start with COVID conditions easing and face to face meetings again possible. At our February delegates meeting we welcomed our first guest speaker with noted history buff Ian Berg reviewing his new book outlining the pioneer Melbourne vehicle agent Jas Munroe and Co, entitled "The Largest Garage in Melbourne". Our RACV British and European Motoring Show held at Yarra Glen was a great success with record numbers of display vehicles, 952 cars and 64 motor bikes attended. And there were 1100 spectators. On May 15th the Association promoted National Motoring Heritage Day with displays of our clubs' vehicles in the metropolitan area at Braeside Park, and regional Victoria at Trentham with the cooperation of Cool Country Classics and at Maffra with the Classic and Custom Motorcycle Club and Maffra Shed. It is hoped that this new initiative will see this event spreading throughout Victoria. Our thanks to the RACV for their financial support with his important event. Our May delegates meeting featured as guest speaker Chris Rushen (Wholesale Sales Executive Bridgestone Australia Ltd.) who gave an interesting presentation on tyres. Our annual country delegates meeting was held in Seymour, and it attracted a really good attendance. Geoff Gwyllim the CEO of the VACC gave us a very interesting presentation outlining the future of his organisation and the motoring industry in Victoria. The Association promoted and organised the Florence Thomson Tour for the first time, an event for our lady drivers and enthusiasts. It was well accepted by the large group of attendees, and it is planned to be run again in 2023. Unfortunately, our planned American Motoring Show was a victim of Melbourne's unseasonable weather, and it is hoped to reschedule this event as soon as possible. Planning was commenced on a new event to be held in late January 2023. Entitled the Festival of Motoring supported by the RACV, it is hoped it will showcase our movement at Cruden Farm Langwarrin within this historic and attractive venue and be a great fundraiser for Beyond Blue. During the year we introduced a scheme that would see our smaller clubs, generally those that do not have an ABN, be able to receive minor funding from the RACV for club events such as national rallies, so if your club is planning an event in regional Victoria and meets the criteria it is most welcome to apply for some minor funding from the RACV through our office. The Association is desirous of investigating the possibility of establishing a group insurance scheme to cover member clubs, public liability, associations insurance, and voluntary workers cover needs. Despite a number of meetings with a supplier, and investigations to date we have not achieved our aim, but we will continue our investigations to see what can be established. We are mindful as an organisation that it is essential that we get information not only to club delegates but to club committees and members of our clubs as well. Minutes of the AOMC Annual General Meeting Monday November 28 th, 2022 at 8.30pm The meeting was held at the Jaguar/Austin Healey clubrooms, Springvale Our electronic magazines and regular updates to our clubs has gone some way to broaden our readership and presence but it is imperative that the associations message is available to the broadest audience possible. Our newly introduced subscribers' scheme should go a long way to assist in ensuring that our information is available to the wider club membership. Does your club feature Association news in your club magazine? There has been some recent comment concerning the current healthy financial situation of the Association. Now we are all aware of the interesting times the movement is experiencing worldwide and if locally the worst happens as a representative body we may need to consult with the best legal brains and the best influencers to protect our movements very existence. These actions will not be cheap, and this is exactly what the development of a fighting financial fund was all about. Hopefully it will never be required but in today's changing world who would know. As an organisation we are aware of the urgent need to develop accurate information concerning the financial and social worth of the movement, both nationally and state-wide. To this end we are currently exploring the possibility of our involvement in a professionally run study to establish with a degree of accuracy the status of the movement. This is important when representing the movement to our politicians. The organisation considers there is a need for a coordinated approach when lobbying and discussing issues with our state politicians and to this end has commenced discussions with the Vic Federation seeking cooperation with coordination of representation of the movement. A report on the status of these discussions will be presented at this meeting. Finally, I would like to thank all those involved in the running of this organisation. Thanks to all our committee for their assistance this year, Thanks to Howard our office administrator for his role in dealing with clubs and the public. Thanks to Mark our treasurer for wrangling the figures and introducing new financial systems. Thanks to Daryl who manages to regularly edit a great newsletter always full of relevant information. To Philip who has enthusiastically managed the engine number records single handed for years our grateful thanks are extended. To my wife Maureen for assisting with catering for Delegates meetings and for making the running on the organisation of the Florence Thomson lady's event. Finally, I would like to thank our member clubs and their representatives for support shown to our organisation over these somewhat troubled times. Iain Ross

Treasurers Report: The AOMC finished the year with a surplus of \$23,106. The total members equity stands at \$263,575. Questions from the floor: Rick Cove (EGHAC) asked why \$210,000 invested in term deposit only returned \$211 in interest? Mark responded that this was coming off a year where term deposits were paying almost no interest. Mark Fenton moved, seconded Daryl Meek that the membership fees for the year 2023/24 remain the same as the current membership fees. Motion was carried.

Election of office bearers for 2022/23. Geoff Hergt (Jaguar CC) took the chair for the election process. All positions are declared vacant. As the number of nominations received are equal to the positions declared vacant, the following were elected. President Keith Mortimer (Jaguar CC) Vice President Iain Ross (Bristol CC) Secretary Tony Hall (Escape Motoring) Treasurer Mark Fenton (Chrysler Restorers) Committee: Andrew McDougall (Alvis CC) Philip Johnstone (TSOA) Allan Fabry (MGCC) Robbie Mihelcic (Vic. Torana Club) Ken Goodin (Victorian Torana Club) Peter Matthews (Classic Motorcycle Club) Lawrence Glynn (BMW Drivers Club Melbourne). *Iain Ross then announced that the date for the next AGM will be Monday 20th November 2023.*

EASY RECIPE

SAUSAGE ROLLS

Ingredients

4 sheets pf puff pastry, cut in halves

1 egg (beaten)

Filling 500 g sausage neat

½ cup parsley, chopped

1 medium carrot grated

1 granny smith apple grated

1 medium onion chopped finely

1 dessert spoon Worcestershire sauce

½ cup breadcrumbs



Mix filling ingredients well and divide into 8 portions.

Brush one long edge of pastry with beaten egg.

Form rolls with each filling portion and roll up in pastry.

Brush tops with egg and cut each roll into 4.

Place onto baking sheet covered with baking paper, bake in preheated oven 200 deg C until pastry is a golden colour. Cool on racks, makes 32.

TIPS

Better if filling is prepared ahead so pastry can be kept as cold as possible before it goes into the oven.

A cartoon illustration of an elderly couple walking on a sidewalk. The woman is wearing an orange coat and glasses, and the man is wearing a yellow coat, a brown hat, and glasses. They are holding hands. A speech bubble from the man says: "WE ALWAYS HOLD HANDS WHEN WE GO SHOPPING. IF I LET GO SHE'LL BUY SOMETHING". In the background, there are other people and a small white dog on a leash. The cartoon is signed "SULLIVAN" at the bottom.

The AUTO BEER BAR

A black and white illustration of a car with its door open. Inside the car, a man in a hat is operating a machine that looks like a beer tap. He is pouring a drink into a glass. The machine has several taps and a control panel. The car is labeled "The AUTO BEER BAR".

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A brief history of number plates in Victoria. (from the Vicroads site.)

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Initially, the responsibility was on vehicle owners to display their registration number. Some owners painted their registration number directly onto their car, whilst others designed displays made from different materials.

Recognising that a common approach was required, official number plates were designed and enforced under legislation in 1932.

“No person shall drive any motor car... unless the identifying number of each or all is clearly shown on the number plates firmly affixed in front and rear thereof in an upright position so that every letter and figure on the plate is upright and easily distinguishable.”

Handmade from heavy gauge metal, with embossed or raised numbers, and coated with black and white vitreous enamel, these original number plates acted as a practical and functional tool. Drivers at the time would not have imagined the future desirability of these original plates.

From 1932, until their discontinuation in 1939, VicRoads (then the Motor Registration Branch), issued vitreous enamel plates-sequentially from plate number “2” up to number “285,000”.

Advancements in technology resulted in the introduction of machine-stamped plates to Victoria. Not only did this new procedure increase total plate output and satisfy the growing demands of motor vehicle popularity, it also opened up many new opportunities for customisation and design.

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