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

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The Federation of Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Victoria (FVVCVC) and
The Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC)

The DVHCC Caters for vehicles manufactured prior to 31 December 1942.

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Next General Meeting will be held at the
Dandenong Agricultural Society Club Rooms.
on Friday 5th May 2023

Dandenong Showgrounds, Bennet Street, Dandenong.
Enter through the main gate, follow the bitumen to the end and turn right.
Door open at 7.30pm. Meeting commences at 8.00pm,



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Hi Everyone,

What a great time you all had at Moama for the Weekend Away. Thank you to those who sent reports and photos. I still have some photos left over for next months newsletter.

The Federation of VVCCC's Scoresby picnic was also a great success. Jill and I are sorry we cannot be in two places at once, and have to forgo some great Club outings which we would like to attend.

I do enjoy the Club monthly meetings which are transmitted via Facebook. I have one request, and I am sure that others listening in, think the same. Please use the microphone when speaking. Whilst we can hear most of what is said at the top table, without the mike, your words are lost to us listening via the computer. (I also struggle to hear the Treasurer most of the time as well, as Stan doesn't use the mike either.) So please wait for the mike and speak up.

My thanks to Jeanie T, Sue B, Les T, Marg & Stan S, Jim L, Marg D. Peter L, Len M, and Gary S, for your input to this months magazine.

Remember, the May General Meeting is on back on Friday 5th May at D.A.S. at 8.00pm.

Please do not forget to return the Club Trophies at the May meeting as they have to be inscribed with this years winners before the Presentation Dinner on the 10th June at the SEMC Keysborough.

Regards Rick.

Don't forget the Closing Date for the June Newsletter is the 14th May 2023.

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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.

March was such a big month for the DVHCC, what with the weekend away, where 55 members had a great 5 day break away from home up at Moama. We had some interesting places to visit and some spare time to do what we wanted to do at our leisure. The weather was good to us, except for the Saturday where we had a pretty hot drive down to the Lockington Heritage Museum but we all made it there and back and then enjoyed a cold drink back at our Motel. Our evening meals consisted of Pizzas and a BBQ, (My thanks to cooks on the night) and the 2 meals we had at RSL were also very nice. We were picked in mini buses and carted to and from the RSL.

Its so good to see all the members getting along so well and helping each other out when required, that is what the Club is all about. We had 1 car that limped home and one came home on the back of an RACV tow truck as a result of the failure of a little rubber hose. Once again we thank the RACV.

Our big month continued with the Scoresby Picnic on the 26th March. We had another great day at the Federation Picnic at the Steam Centre where we had about 300 cars in attendance. My thanks to Peter and Mazz and all the members who helped out on the day. The the tin rattlers at the gate collected the sum of \$537.00 for Peter Mac.

A reminder to the trophy winners from last year, please return your trophies to the committee at the May meeting, thank you.

There are 2 forms included in this newsletter, one for the "Car of the Year", and one for the "Club Person of the Year". Please fill them out and place your choices in the ballot box on back table. (I'm sorry for the mistake in the last newsletter.)

Our Annual Presentation Dinner is on the 10th June at the SEMC centre at Keysborough, please return your payment to Stan at the May meeting. I hope we will see you all there for a 2 course meal and great music from Jim and Cici's favourite band. (Dress up for Rock and Roll or neat casual.)

A couple of things to do in your spare time are for you to start working on next years new newsletter cover and to come up with a design for our 50th Anniversary Bumper Badge. We will select the winners at our June meeting.

Regards Ian.

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

Meeting Opened 8.02 pm.

Apologies: Pam and Ernie Hopgood, Neville and Cheryl Young, Chris Donaldson, Geoff and Dulcie Strahan, Roger Bowen, Ben and Corry MacDonald, Margaret Griffin, Paul Tangey, Rick and Jill Cove, Les Lucas, Margaret Snyders, Amanda Eagles, Brian Jelliff, June Stocking

Minutes Motion: The minutes of the March General Meeting published in the April newsletter be accepted as accurate. Moved Bev Sinclair Seconded George Rae Passed

Secretaries Report

March 2023 Inward correspondence

- Federation Echuca Swap meet
- Federation Northwest Tour Entry forms
- AOMC Cavalcade of Transport in Trentham and at Maffra
- AOMC Cruise in Campaspe
- AOMC new distracted driver regulations
- AOMC – Steam fest Scoresby
- Australian MotorLife Museum newsletter
- AOMC Rob Roy Revival's by 2
- AOMC delegates meeting by 2
- Australia Post Receipt

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- Davenport Motor Show
- Penrite by 3
- Bend Motor Sport by 3
- Mad on C magazine by 2
- Performance Garage by 3
- Auto equip online by 2
- Pitstop online by 5
- Retromotive Magazine by 5

1 Club Magazines by email

5 Club Magazines by Post

March 2023 Outward correspondence - nil

Motion: that the inwards correspondence is received, and outward correspondence approved for the month of March 2023. Moved Ray Griffin Seconded Michael Cogley Passed

Treasurer's Report – Stan outlined the Swap financial transactions and the overall financial situation.

Motion: that the Treasurer's report for February be approved. Moved Stan Snyders Seconded Byron Savory passed.

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

Federation Report – Nil

AOMC Report – nil

Editor Report – editor requires more articles.

Web Master Report - nil

Scoresby Picnic – Peter outlined he was happy with the day and the help he received. \$537 was collected for Cancer research and almost 300 cars were in attendance. The club thanked Michael Cogley for organizing the food vendors.

Swap Report – it was decided to have a Swap debrief meeting at 7 pm before the next General meeting. Peter Jones suggested we undertake a member's survey to gain input into the swap debrief. It was agreed that Peter and Gary would attend the next Committee meeting at the Lang's on Thursday 13 April, to assist in designing the survey.

Past Events

Weekend Away - Very successful event enjoyed by all although a couple cars broke down.

Motion: The club reimburse Stan Snyders \$3904 for expenses incurred with the weekend away. Moved Kevin Clarence Seconded Irwin Sinclair Passed

2024 Weekend Away

- Kevin suggested that as it was the club's 50th Anniversary that this should be a very special event and funded accordingly.
- There was a wide discussion on where to have the 2024 weekend away. Some suggestions were RACV Resorts, Marysville, Albury, Philip Island, Bendigo or Ballarat, Inverloch
- Greg Strafford agreed to investigate Marysville.

Future Events

- 16th April McClelland Gallery
- 19th April Mid-week Run. Springvale Hotel.
- 5th May General Meeting
- 7th May Special Road Event – visit and number of members garages
- 17th May Market 3196
- 21 May – National Motoring Heritage Day – AOMC Steam Centre
- 10th June Presentation Dinner

General Business

- George Rae mentioned that John Shorten had passed away and no funeral is organized.
- Kevin outlined details of AOMC meeting on our Facebook page.
- Rick needs assistance in changing the names of the Swap Committee in the magazine. Gary and Kevin agree to assist.
- Max Hobson outlined that Roger is not well and asked members to give him a call.

Car or Parts for Sale

- Irwin Sinclair looking for a 6-volt, old style high low beam, metal covet, relay switch.

Meeting Closed 9.00

Jim Lang Secretary

Ian Clark President

COMING EVENTS

May 5th. Special Road Event. (Garage run, meet 10.00am at Chris Donaldson's, 12 West Visa Place, Narre Warren North, 3804, then on to visit Irwin Sinclair, then Thong Do and finish at Peter and Margaret Jones home for Club supplied BBQ lunch. (BYO drinks and chairs)

May 17th. Mid-week Run. Market 3196. Address: 279 Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights VIC 3196. Be there for a Senior Special Devonshire Tea at 10.00am. "Think of a thriving bazaar of diverse stalls that seamlessly mixes the old with the new, the kitsch with the stylish and the hand made mixed with the mass produced."

May 21st. National Motoring Heritage Day. AOMC - National Steam Centre.
(Display cars a gold coin donation.)

Cavalcade of Transport
National Steam Centre
To celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day

SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023
1200 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby
Entry from 10am for Display vehicles & 11am for spectators
Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Historic and Collector Vehicles.

June 4th. Visit to a spoke wheel maker in Koo wee rup. 185 Five Mile Road, Koo wee rup. (Meet at B.P. Outbound, Office, at 10.00am and be ready to leave there at 10.15am. Enjoy lunch afterwards at the Koowee Pub.)

June 10th. DVHCC Inc Presentation Dinner.

at 6.30 pm at the South Eastern Masonic Centre Keysborough. \$20.00ph. 2 course meal. BYO drinks and nibbles. (Red and White wine and soft drink on the tables, but BYO glasses.) Money to Stan please.

June 21st. Mid-Week Run. DFO 250 Centre Dandenong Road, Moorabbin. Look around DFO before lunch followed by lunch at RSL 289 Centre Dandenong Road Cheltenham at 12.00 Noon.

Moama Weekend Away 2023.

Thursday Day One. by Jeanie T. The weather was lovely to begin our club run. Some of us met a Yarra Glen for morning tea while others chose to make their own way to Moama. On leaving Yarra Glen at 10.30am we headed up to Yea then on to Seymour. The weather was beginning to warm up so watching the temperature gauge became my priority, as we turned on to the Old Hume highway for lunch at Heathcote. We chose to picnic in the shade at the football oval while others went to the bakery. After lunch we did not follow the suggested route, through Corop, Cornella and on to the Murray Valley highway, instead we took the more direct route. Either way we all eventually made it safely to our Moama motel around 3.30pm. Unpacking and relaxing came next with pre dinner drinks around the motel and in the rotunda. A few people took a swim in the pool. Dinner was pizza in the meeting room at the motel with yummy fruit and ice cream for dessert while Mazz brought an iced bun and hot cross buns to share. A lovely finish to the day.

Friday Day Two. by Sue B. Starting out under a clear blue sky on a Sunny day! After a sumptuous breakfast, leaving at 9.40 am. Headed to the Military Vehicle Museum. Driving along beside the river (hard to believe this was covered in flood water not so long ago). What a surprise, as we walked through the doors into this incredibly restored cathedral. It was formerly a Holy Trinity church, bought 25 years ago at auction, moved to present spot, taking 12 months to strip and restore the domed roof, before being lifted by crane onto the restored base. The ambiance gave an incredible feeling of awe, with the incredible original glass windows over the front doors. Everywhere you looked examples of the history and times of the vehicles. We were the first people through since the floods that had flowed ankle deep through the museum. We were shown an example of a painting covered in mud a third of the way up. Still a restoration to be done! The collection accrued over more than 50 years, here and overseas. With every type of army vehicle uniforms & equipment. Hard to imagine how difficult it must have been to carry some of the heavy radio equipment and batteries, as well as their personal gear!

Most popular exhibit was the little weasel, a barge sitting very low in the water, a float at front and back. It was used to transport cargo across water. Another vehicle of note, was an 'A model ford roadster' previously owned by George Rae, it's not as sleek and shiny as when George had it. We then had country morning tea with fresh scones and creams with a nice hot cuppa! Retracing our steps back to the motel for a lazy lunch, we passed two heritage listed cottages, the captains cottage and telegraph station. These were not open, they were still being restored after the floods. At 1.30 we set out to see Cranock Garage and General Store vintage museum. It was like walking back in history. My Father owned a general store in the 50's, the timber shelves stocked with biscuit tins and every conceivable thing collected over many years, walking into the garage similar feeling of nostalgia, the petrol and kerosene pumps grease and oil tins. Everything a mechanic could want. Never seen such an immaculate collection of toy tractors, from tiny to large enough to ride on. Other things to numerous to mention. Bringing back many very happy memories of a childhood long past. This collection accrued over many years had been stored on a farm, until it was moved 5 years ago into this very impressive museum. After an enjoyable cuppa back to the motel. After an enjoyable BBQ cooked by several of the men, we were serenaded by Marge Detez and 2 of her magic 'ukulele's' fun ditties and songs, perfect ending to a perfect day!



Saturday Day Three by Les T. Following breakfast, the rest of the morning was announced as 'free time' during which we could all do as we pleased. This being the case there was little for me to write at the time so I just read a book, drank a pot of tea and gave concise details when asked what I was reading. For some time I observed Bill Carson trying to find the reason for the overheating of his Austin A30, assisted with advice from Ron Sinclair. What a mine of information Ron is. Later discussion revealed that members mainly went across to Echuca for a general walk around town, to visit the Great Aussie Beer Shed, which is now four museums in one, the Holden Museum and, of course, the Wharf and Heritage displays. Many took notice of the flood damage. Some did however remain in Moama and many purchased their lunch from the Bakery which was just across the road from the Motel.

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Saturday cont... Self provided lunch over we assembled at 1pm and headed off to the Lockington and District Living Heritage Complex. As self appointed 'tail end charlie' we arrived late and I immediately began asking members for the above information thereby minimizing the time I had to get details of the various displays we now had before us. Wherever one went there were displays; a shearing shed, a school-room, a Masonic room, which was not an actual Lodge but somewhere to display their Masonic memorabilia. Finally one came to the 'piece de resistance', a huge shed, or more accurately three large sheds connected in a 'U' shape, and full of mainly tractors but including various other historic vehicles and farm machinery and equipment.

It was a hot day, 37 degrees being the predicted temperature and, after our wanderings, we were glad to get back for tea, coffee and a biscuit. The biscuit, as stated in our itinerary, turned out to be a long trestle table covered in plates of cakes and other confectioneries. There was another table with iced water and glasses which also proved popular. Even in this room and the entry room the walls were complete with shelves of memorabilia.

Finally we headed back to the Motel, there to rest and recover and prepare to head off to the Moama R.S.L. for dinner. A vote earlier, was just about unanimous to have the R.S.L. supplied coaches pick us up and return us later in the evening. It was also suggested we take out R.S.L. temporary membership so as to get a discount on drinks and further deserts. I did not take up this offer but as a schooner of Carlton draught cost \$4 and the same of lemon squash \$1, I was not too disappointed at this decision.

Dinner consisted of a choice of either Beef with mash and vegetables or Grilled chicken breast with chips and salad. Drinks having been drunk and tonsils lubricated, we were all in good form to render a rousing Happy Birthday to Heather before we were summoned to the coaches for the homeward journey.

Back at the Motel, most of us gathered in the Recreation Room for further socializing and a few more drinks before gradually wandering off to bed feeling weary but happy after a most enjoyable day.

Sunday Day Four.. By Stan & Marg S. The day dawned fresh and crisp, thankfully a lot cooler than yesterday that almost reached 40 degrees. We all gathered for breakfast, though some were a bit under the weather after having had some late night imbibes outside the Lafrank's room. Thanks Mazz and Pete for your hospitality!

Today we had some free time in the morning, so after breakfast some went shopping, some got coffee/morning tea or did some sightseeing across the river. After gathering again at the motel, we headed off at 11am to go to a private collection of cars and military vehicles about 15 minutes from Moama. The private home was in a lovely area next to the Murray, beautifully shaded by mature gums. The property was only minimally impacted by the recent floods. The vehicles were put on stumps to protect them, thankfully the flood waters did not reach the house or garages.

After a brief talk by our host, Heath, we inspected the collection which consisted of military vehicles, Buick's and Pontiacs. He also had an old boat he was doing up; this project was number "702" he quipped. We were very privileged to see this collection as, despite requests from other clubs, the DVHCC was the first club to be invited to see it. Noon came around quickly and it was time for a box lunch under the shady trees, made by the local CWA. Then a photo session of us all and some club cars, after which our president presented Heath with a commemorative plaque. A big 'Thank You' to Heath for his hospitality and his wonderful collection.

Sunday night again saw us at the RSL club for a two course meal, everyone was impressed by the steak and fish dishes and of course the delicious deserts! It was our "loud" shirt night and most did their best to appear in bright colours, albeit having some strange looks from the other club patrons! Too soon it was time to head home on the curtesy bus provided by the Moama RSL, some "kicked on" in the rec room whilst others wearily went to bed.

Thank you so much to Heather and Ian for a great weekend and to everyone for their company, we both had a wonderful time and can't wait for our 50th anniversary long weekend away next year.

Sunday Day Four by Jim L. Travelling in a convoy, we visited a private collection of cars of a fellow Buick person (Heath) at Wharparilla. The collection is eclectic from quite

So much cooler today, but only day 2 for the Lang's as they are only up for the weekend. Started off with a lovely breakfast and a game of tennis with Cici and Jess, followed by a quick swim in the pool.

Travelling in a convoy, we visited a private collection of cars of a fellow Buick person (Heath) at Wharparilla. The collection is eclectic from quite rare early twenties cars up to the seventies plus some military vehicles of interest to many members. Heath was very welcoming and happily discussed and started many of the cars. Heath has a long wheelbase Master Buick chassis (similar to Jim's) and is currently restoring it into a Ute. It is a large collection and nearly all vehicles are registered and driven regularly. I am envious.

After looking at the collection, a large circle was formed on the spacious lawns and under trees to have a lunch box supplied by the local CWA. Luckily, the weather was kind to us, and this was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks Heather and Ian for organising the lunches.

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Travelling Modern:- Irwin and Bev Sinclair, Marg Detez, Don Fleiner and Marg Hope, John Jenkins, Lan and Barbara, Les and Aileen Thomas, Peter and Mazz Lafrank, Paul and Lyn McMillan, Jim, Cici and Jessie Lang and Graham Chard.

Club Vehicles:-

Max and Jeanie Tuckerman and Ray Nichol
Stan and Margaret Snyders
Graham and Sue Bates
Andrew and Toni Detez
Ray and Margaret Griffin
Kevin and Carol Clarence
Gary and June Stocking
Geoff and Dulcie Strahan
Leigh and Diane Howes
Ian Clark and Heather
Michael and Sandra Cogley

1934 Hupmobile
1930 Ford A
1939 Willys Overland
1938 Dodge D9
1937 Pontiac
1934 Lagonda Rapier
1934 Plymouth
1937 Chevrolet
1931 Chev
1937 Chev Sloper
1942 Oldsmobile



Vehicles of interest:- Peter and Marg Jones, 1966 Mini, Frazer and Carole Carless, 1958 Holden FC, Bill and Sally Carson, 1952 Austin A30, Ron and Pat Sinclair, 1963 Morris Major, George Ray and Carol Bloodworth, 1974 504 Peugeot, Frank and Macy Fazio, 1985 Ford Bronco.

Moama Weekend Away 2023

The MOAMA Week



Moama Weekend Away 2023

nd Away Attendees.



St.Patricks Day



Sausage anyone?



The Loud Mob.

THE FEDERATION SCORESBY PICNIC.

26th. March 2023



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26th March 2023



Scoresby Federation Picnic, by Jim L.

No rain, no blistering sunshine, no dust, - then it can't be a Scoresby Picnic Day. Then again I think we are owed a few good weather days. Peter and his organising committee are taking the credit and claim they had thought of everything including weather.

When I arrived at about 815am all had been set up by Pete and his crew to welcome the display cars. The food vendors were in place to supply a variety of food choices and drinks.

Cars started arriving early in small numbers (perhaps the overcast skies and good sleeping weather were determining factors) but as the morning progressed, so to did the car numbers and the viewing area quickly started to fill. It was pleasing to see the age and make range of vehicles on display. Total numbers that attended was in excess of 250 vehicles.

Collection tins were placed at the entry for voluntary donations to the Federation's Peter Mac appeal and I am pleased to say both were full at the end of day. Paul T. will deliver them to the Federation and I will find out at the next meeting the actual total collected. Many patrons had their picnic lunches amongst the vehicles and many "discussion" groups gathered around the vehicles to provide a great atmosphere.

At 1pm Pete Lafrank. called drivers to the administration tent and thanked them for their attendance and the Federation for sponsoring the day. Trophies were distributed to Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Motorbike and President's Award. Following the trophy presentations, the free raffle prizes were drawn with some 15 drivers going home even a little happier. Club members then assisted with the "cleanup" as the day concluded.

Roger's Chev gave members some amusement with a rear tire issue (lack of air) but this was fixed by the combine resources of numerous club members.

Thanks must go to Pete and his organising committee for what was an event that the club can truly be proud claim to be a Dandenong Valley Car Club activity.

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Scoresby Picnic

What a great result from our Peter MacFarlane Charity collection tins. The sum of \$537.00 was raised on the day from the tins alone. Well done everyone. This will be passed on to Peter Mac.

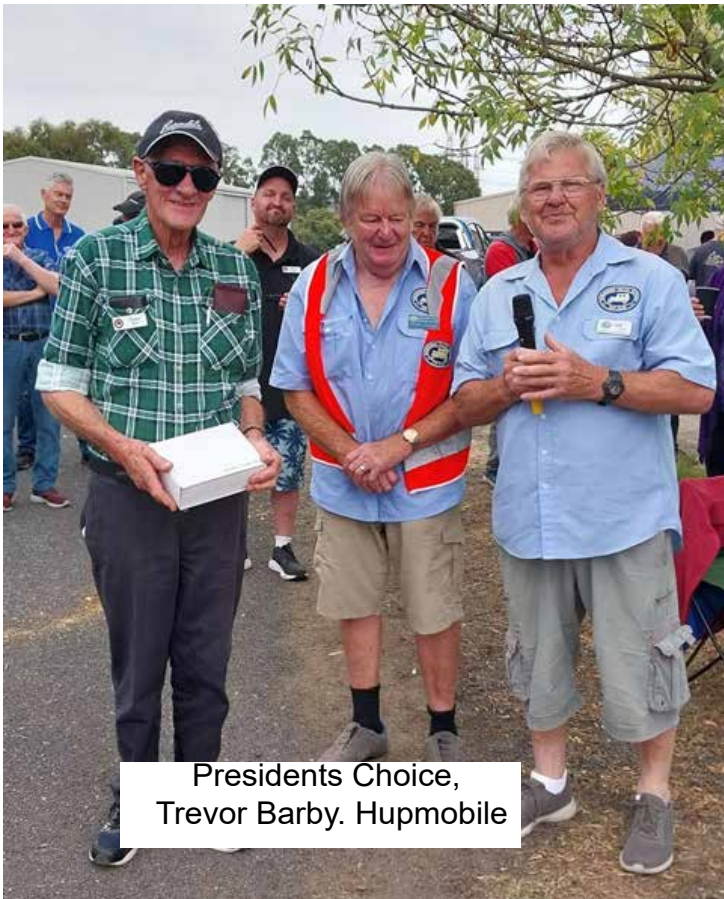
What a perfect day, a really great turnout of many different marques of vehicles. We were also fortunate that the steam displays were operational, being a "run day" which was an added bonus which helped make the day complete. Roger turned up with plants and a flat tyre, our members sorted it out and he made it home ok.

I would like to thank Mazz and all those who helped on the day.

Peter L.

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PRIZE WINNERS AT THE FEDERATION SCORESBY PICNIC.



Presidents Choice,
Trevor Barby. Hupmobile



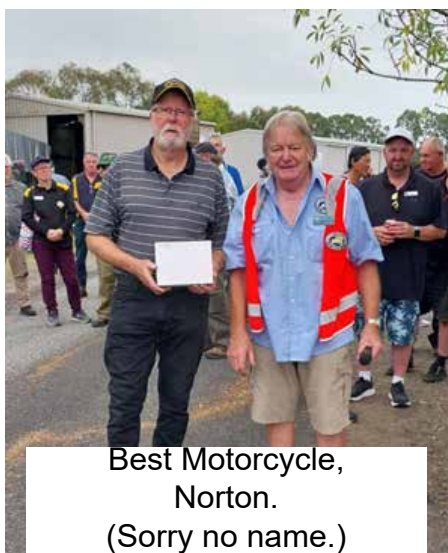
Best Vintage.
George Cox, 1925 Vauxhall.



Best Classic,
Jeanette Hazeldean,
1950 Cadillac Convertible.



Best Veteran,
Byron Savory, 1913 Model T
Ford. Janice Savory receiving
the trophy on Byron's behalf.



Best Motorcycle,
Norton.
(Sorry no name.)



Best Post Classic,
1973 Leyland P76.
(No Name again.)

KITCHEN ROSTER

HALL CLEAN-UP.

MAY 2023 Joy and Lindsay.

Max and Eric Hobson

JUNE 2023 Carole and Frazer.

Irwin Sinclair/Michael Cogley

If you cannot do your roster, PLEASE arrange with someone else.

Scoresby Picnic Attendees.

Club Vehicles

Byron Savory	1915 Model T Ford
Byron and Janice Savory and Graeme Chard	1928 Model A Ford
Paul and Lyn McMillan	1914 Overland 79R
Ray Griffin	1937 Pontiac
Geoff and Dulcie Strahan	1937 Chev Roadster
Ern and Pam Hopgood	1928 Chev Tourer
Peter and Mazz Lafrank and Paul Tangey	1929 Chev Sedan
Len Mizzi	1928 DeSoto
Gary Stocking	1934 Plymouth
Ian Clark	1939 Chev 1 Ton
Irwin and Bev Sinclair	1940 Cadillac
Stan and Margaret Snyders	1930 Model A Ford with teardrop caravan
Brian Jelliff	1925 Dodge
Greg Strafford	1940 Chevrolet
Jim Lang	1929 LaSalle
Graeme Smith	1923 Rugby
Roger Bowen	1933 Chev
George Rae and Carole Bloodworth	1938 Dodge
Eric Hickmont	1938 Nash
Ray Nichol	1939 Pontiac
Aub Smith	1929 LaSalle 328 Convertible

Vehicles of interest

June Stocking	1979 Cortina
Lindsay Tharle	1952 Customline
Don Fleiner	1997 Ford Falcon
Frazer and Carole Carless	1958 Holden FC
Don Jones	1955 Austin
Frank Fazio	1985 Bronco
Graeme Moody	1998 Fairlane Ghia

Modern

Leigh Howes, Michael and Sandra Cogley, Marg Detez, John Jenkins and Barbara, Ron and Pam Barnett and Chris Gabe.

MEATLOAF SPECIAL.

1kg. lean mince meat,
2 eggs,
½ teaspoon each of pepper, paprika, garlic powder and Italian seasoning.
1 cup dry crumbled biscuits soaked in ½ cup of milk,
1pk. Onion soup mix,
¼ cup Tomato sauce.

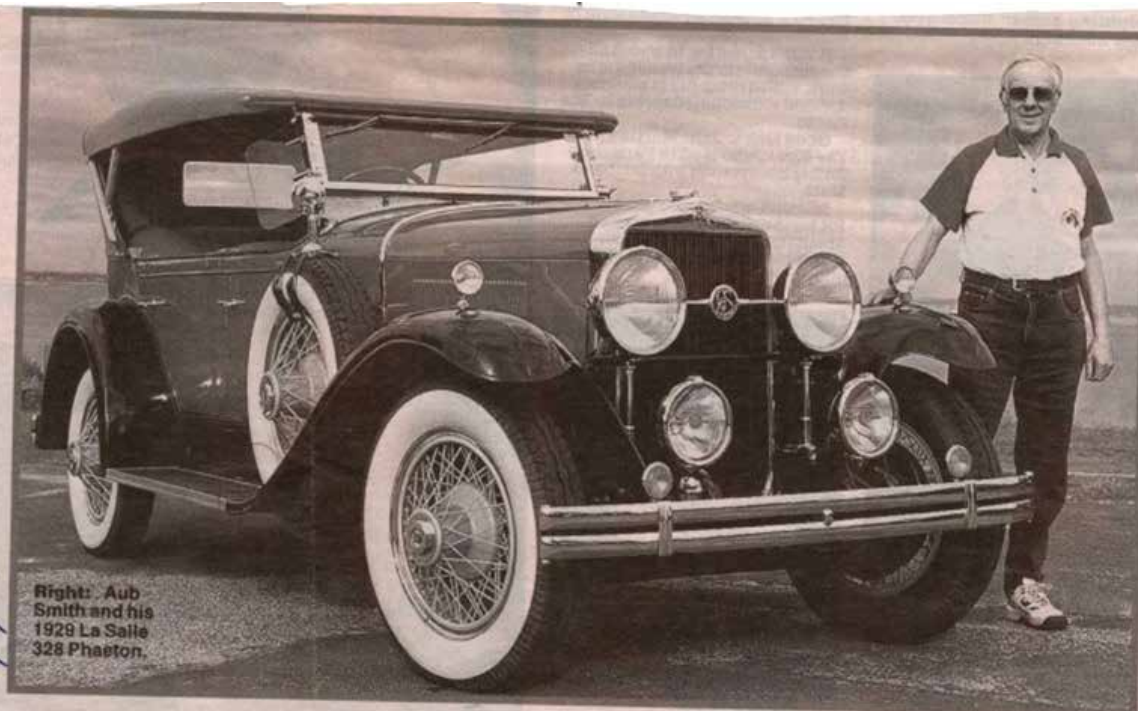
Method:- Mix well together and place in a greased oven proof dish.

Topping:- Mix together 1 cup Tomato sauce, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce and ½ cup of brown sugar.
Spread mix over the prepared meatloaf.

Bake in your oven at 180 degrees Cent. for about 75 minutes.



driver's seat



Right: Aub Smith and his 1928 La Salle 328 Phaeton.

Picture: GRAHAM SMITH

Aub's Phaeton rises from ashes

Graham Smith

BEING multi-skilled is useful if you have a passion for vintage cars. Just ask Aub Smith, who has mastered every skill needed to restore cars in the course of bringing three old-timers back to life.

Restoration costs can be prohibitive, but if you can do most of the work yourself you can save tens of thousands of dollars — and have the satisfaction that comes with completing a challenging project.

It shouldn't be a surprise that Smith became interested in vintage cars. It's said that most old car buffs turn the clock back to their youth and the cars they remember from those times.

Smith learnt to drive in his father's 1928 Rugby, so it was natural he would buy a car from the same era. His first vintage

Fast facts

- Vintage cars are those built between January 1, 1919, and December 31, 1930.
- For more information on vintage cars, contact the Vintage Drivers' Club on 9354 3971 or visit the club's website: www.vintagecarclub.com.au

car was a 1922 Studebaker Light 6 which he bought in the late 1960s and spent the next 10 years restoring.

Next came a 1914 Ford Model T roadster which he also restored, before acquiring the beautiful 1929 La Salle Model 328 Phaeton he restored in six years from 1994.

Now consigned to history, La Salle cars were made by Cadillac between 1927 and 1940. They were lighter and sportier than the big Cadillacs of the day and intended to fit between the

Buick and Cadillac brands with the idea of attracting buyers who might not have the money to make the full step up to Cadillac.

Smith's 1929 La Salle has a powerful 328 cubic-inch (5.4-litre) sidevalve V8 engine, but is most notable for being the first car to have a synchromesh gearbox to make gear shifting smoother than it was with the non-synchro crash gearboxes fitted to most other cars at the time.

One of just 449 produced,

Smith's Phaeton was imported from the US, arriving in Perth in March 1929. Smith bought the La Salle, complete but in very run-down condition, from a fellow member of the Vintage Drivers' Club who had started restoration but lost interest and moved on to other projects.

The previous owner had repaired some rusty panels and replaced the wooden frame of the body, but Smith still faced what amounted to a full restoration to return it to its current pristine condition.

An electrician by trade, he fully reconditioned all mechanical components, rebuilt the body and painted it in his garage at home. He entrusted the upholstery to a professional motor trimmer.

The La Salle returned to the road in 2000 and has since done 21,000km on Vintage Drivers' Club events.

Should be 18/9/04

These have been sent in by members. my thanks ED.

I would like to start by congratulating the organisers of the 2023 Scoresby Picnic. From what I saw, everything ran smoothly. Even the weather was just right.

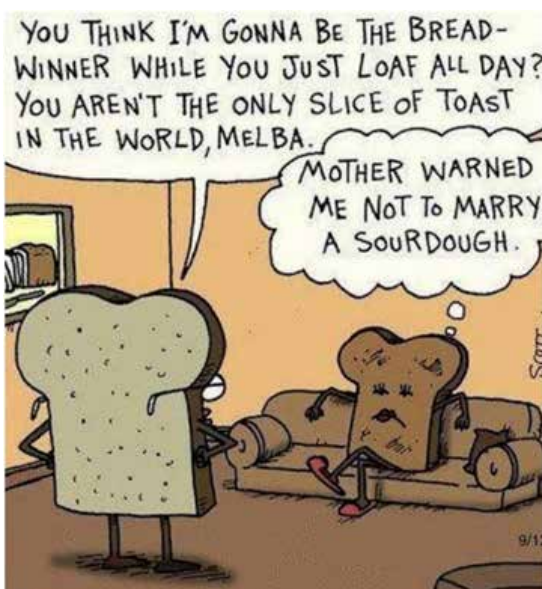
This was my DeSoto's very first club run. I was unsure how it would go, but I had to take the plunge so to speak. A good friend said that he would hitch up the tandem trailer and follow me up to Scoresby. All went well. When I arrived at the gate I stopped to say thanks to my friend and as I went to enter the brakes were locked on. After diagnosing the brake pedal plunger was too far adjusted it was just a matter of two spanners and a couple of turns and it was all fixed.

I decided to drive home on my own and as luck has it, I made it with no problems.

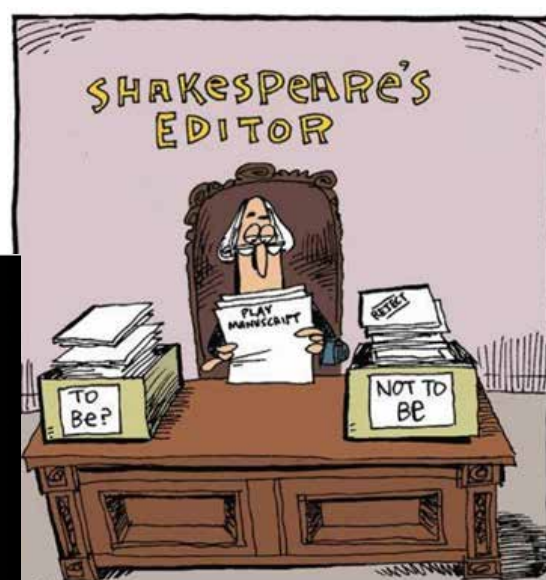


I am looking forward to taking the DeSoto out on another run in the future.

Len Mizzi



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Minutes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting

Monday March 6th , 2023 at 7.30pm

There were 70 delegates in attendance representing 62 clubs.

Chairman Keith Mortimer welcomed the guest speaker, **Guest Speaker: Leigh Booth – ‘Tyre Failure can Be Fatal’**.

Leigh has had a background of 37 years with VicPolice, 28 years in the crash investigation/major collision unit. He has been involved in approximately 2,000 vehicle and machinery inspections at accident sites, including vehicles as diverse as mobile cranes, trams and a road roller. He then went through a power point presentation relating to various tyre failures that led to major accidents.

New Delegates: Rick Cove reported that Bevan Fenner, a long time delegate, passed away recently and he has taken over the role as delegate to the Victorian Military Vehicles Club, as well as the other clubs he represents.

Minutes of the November 2022 Meeting: The minutes of the November delegate's meeting were accepted on a motion moved Graham Keys (Wolseley CC) seconded Bill Ballard (F.O.R.D.) and carried.

Treasurers Report. Mark Fenton reported that the AOMC finances are currently in a healthy position and as of the end of February 2023 the AOMC Cash at Bank is \$ 324,886. It is pleasing to note that with significant donations from RACV, we will be able to make a \$15,000 donation to Beyond Blue, being the overall surplus from the Festival of Motoring event.

AOMC Events. Florence Thomson Tour 28th to 30th April. This event has been fully booked with 80 participants.

Festival of Motoring – Cruden Farm Sunday January 29th. Iain Ross reported that approximately 400 vehicles attended the event. \$15,000 was raised on the day which all goes to Beyond Blue.

British & European Show Sunday February 28th. Iain also reported that this event, the first held at Events Central (formerly Caribbean Gardens) attracted 997 cars and 17 motorbikes. The MG car club held their annual concours at the event. Iain thanked the clubs involved for supporting the day.

Engine Number Records: Philip Johnstone reported that there were a variation of vehicles covered in his search requests the last few months. These included Alvis, Amilcar, Austin, Buckingham, Jaguar, E Type Jag, Land Rover, MG, Mustang, Pontiac, Riley, Holdens and Ford GTs.

AOMC Carbon Offset Scheme. AOMC has negotiated a scheme geared for historic vehicles recognising their low impact due to low mileage with an associated low cost to participate. Question from the floor: What is the uptake on the Greenfleet Scheme? Keith responded that it has been very slow so far, probably due to seasonal issues.

Survey Of Historic Vehicle Movement. This is being organised by a group called the Australian Motoring Heritage Foundation based at Eastern Creek. AOMC have been invited to participate and are considering joining in as it is very important to gather data.

Question from the floor: Arnold Chivers (VDC) / Rick Cove (GHAC, DVHCC VMVC) .There has been concern at our club about the six dot points in the Presidents report in the February newsletter. The dot points being:- VIN plates, Annual Roadworthy for heritage vehicles, Heritage Plates, Economic Value of Historic Motoring and Environmental and Fuel considerations. Our members were concerned that: AOMC were pushing for annual RWC, what is the survey going to survey?, and with the CPS fleet of only 200,000 on permit compared to 5.7 million vehicles in Victoria our environmental impact is minimal. Keith responded that delegates raised last year that a single voice for the Victorian movement was needed. To this end, we have been meeting with representatives from VicFed to get a joint position to take to Dept of Transport and VicRoads.. Keith apologised for not providing any follow up information that has caused confusion.

General Business:- Daryl Meek: On National Motoring Heritage Day, the Veteran CC, Vintage Drivers and Vintage Sports CC are holding a 3 day event from 19-21 May for pre war vehicles. This is being held in Bendigo. Motorclassica is taking place from 6 to 8 October. Bay to Birdwood is on Sunday Nov 22nd, and has reverted to an open entry format, moving away from the pre 1950's one year and post 1950s the next. This is because of the dwindling entries of older vehicles.

Denis Brooks (HCVC): There has been no mention this meeting of any conversations with VicRoads. Keith responded that he has written to VicRoads requesting a meeting, and is waiting for a reply

Robert Humphries (Austin 7): Reminded delegates that Historic Winton is taking place on its traditional weekend, 27th – 28th May. He also noted that taxation systems are changing and small clubs are having to submit tax returns in future. Sporting Clubs such as the Austin 7 club have an exemption, and the club is able to offer clues to clubs on how to get the exemption. Mark Fenton added that the ATO are looking at introducing the new system next financial year. Clubs need to put in a return even if there is nothing to report.

Chris Henry: (Maffra Shed) asked if there was any more news on a blanket insurance cover for clubs. Keith responded that we are still looking at this, but it is hard to find an accommodating broker.

Mick Wane (Early Ford V8): Historic enamel plates. Made from 1932 to 1939. Most are gone but there are a few survivors still on vehicles. We have now lost the rights to transfer these plates. Keith responded that he has spoken to John Lewis about this, and he had said that if AOMC and VicFed support a moratorium on this matter he will go in to bat for us. Subsequently AOMC and VicFed have sent a joint letter to John Lewis.

With there being no more delegates reports, chair Keith Mortimer declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

by Rick Cove

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