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Front Cover Photo: The Gippsland Vehicle Collection at Maffra are celebrating their 20th birthday, and everyone is invited to help celebrate. The cover photo is of their current display, 20th century sports cars.

For more information on the celebration, see page 26

AOMC Committee 2024

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(Vintage Drivers Club)

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Daryl McMahon (Vintage Drivers Club)

President's Report

Greetings all

Welcome to spring and along with (hopefully) some sunshine and warmth the flurry of activity that is club display picnic and Christmas party season. It is so hard to be able to attend all of the offerings that are available during this busy time of the year – two of my clubs have their premier display days on the same date but it is fabulous to be spoilt of choice and great to see our club cars on the road and participating in club life.

There has also been much activity within the AOMC, allow me to update you on some of our pieces of work.

We have made good progress with the **Group Insurance Scheme**. Yes, this is talking longer than we expected but let me explain why. We embarked on this project with a key aim to make a comprehensive suite of insurances available to our clubs at an affordable price, particularly focusing on smaller clubs. To gain the benefits of group pricing brokers need to go to each of the insurers with a proposal and the fee attributed to the proposal depends on the perceived risk as assessed by the insurance underwriters. To reduce the cost and try and achieve our objective we have done this under a risk management framework that would make the proposal attractive to the insurer and more importantly try and prevent incidents and accidents at a club level - no matter what this situation, health, vehicle maintenance or insurance, prevention is always better than cure. The broker has just approved our risk management framework and are now again confirming pricing using the more precise data collected during our Expression of Interest surveys earlier this year. We anticipate this will offer similar benefits to the previous proposals and hope to have this confirmed in time for our AGM. From here we need to develop our procedures internally and create the mechanism to offer this product as a compliment to membership of this association and this will require a change of membership categories that we intend to take to the February meeting (membership inclusive of the insurance package and membership as it currently stands). This way clubs can choose either of these offerings without us acting as a broker/insurer as we do not hold the appropriate accreditations to do so.

An enormous amount of amount of work has been undertaken by the committee and we have learnt much in the process – our commitment is still do our utmost to bring to you a comprehensive insurance solution that meets the needs of clubs at an affordable cost.

The AOMC Club and Trade Showcase at the Shannon's facility in Heatherton is almost upon us. This was conceived as a way for those essential suppliers to the movement to show their offerings, along with the same for clubs. We anticipate having a diverse display of trades and clubs and this display will be open to the public as well. There is no cost to attend other than a gold coin donation to the Robert Shannon Foundation – an organisation supporting the next generation of enthusiasts to get their restoration projects on the road. Two prime club displays will be featured those being the Veteran Car Club and the Vintage Drivers Club – an appropriate way to acknowledge the heritage of the movement which we love.

The AOMC shows are all set for 2025 with the **Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm, The British & European, American and Aussie Shows** as well as **National Motoring Heritage Day** – Dates are all in the Newsletter and also on our website – please get them into your club calendars and support the association that supports you.

The association, like many of you are concerned with the challenge that exists to find suppliers to work on all the traditional crafts that go in to maintaining both historic and more contemporary vehicles. Although we are a small player in this game, we have decided to put our money where our mouth is and support our key suppliers. We are introducing two grant opportunities driven by member clubs

An Apprenticeship Support Grant where you as club members can nominate an apprentice that is doing good work within a business that is connected with restoration or preservation of your club vehicles. Four grants of \$750 are available to be awarded and the aim is to recognise apprentices working in the trades that support our movement.

A Business Support Grant is available for business that support this movement to enable them to invest in an element of business improvement – be that machinery, technology or something similar. Two amounts or \$2000 are available for you to nominate a business and the purpose of the grant – again supporting the suppliers that support you. Applications for this program will be available in the 2025 year and will be awarded before the end of the financial year.

And finally, our November Delegates meeting is also our AGM. This is your opportunity to have a say in the future of this organisation and nominate for a committee position. The committee are all volunteers, and a phenomenal amount of work takes place behind the scenes to keep the organisation operating and also bring you the events, initiative and services you want – and we always welcome your input into this process. I would like to sincerely thank all the committee members and their families for the many hours that they have committed to the association – we are all very grateful.

I wish you all the best for the busy season ahead. Drive Safe

Keith Mortimer

President

Self-Subscribe to Receive Weekly Event Notifications

The AOMC has been sending out regular emails about upcoming events to all member club contacts, usually about club events on the following weekend.

While these have been very popular with much interest shown by our AOMC email recipients, there have been some requests to restrict these emails as, for some recipients, it contributes to an overly busy email inbox and obscures important AOMC business emails.

The AOMC is very mindful that sending emails is the primary method of communicating important information to member clubs and it is therefore critical to avoid being classified as a spammer.

Evidence was noted that these club event emails were not being read by all recipients, some were being classified as spam, and in some cases the recipients were unsubscribing from all AOMC emails, which hurts our "email sending reputation" and affects our communications capability significantly.

The AOMC has therefore implemented changes to ensure that only AOMC business related emails are sent to ALL our Club contacts and as a result has implemented a new option for members to subscribe to receive the regular club event notifications. If you have not subscribed to this service then you are no longer receiving these emails.

But if you want to subscribe to these regular club event notification emails then you can self subscribe via our website

https://www.aomc.asn.au/car-shows-and-events-calendar

or

https://www.aomc.asn.au/forms-events-notifications

Mark Fenton

Treasurer - Association of Motoring Clubs Inc

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AOMC November Delegates' meeting & Annual General Meeting

Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.30pm Venue: Jaguar/Healey Clubrooms 23 Rosalie Street, Springvale

Annual General Meeting Business:

- Presentation of Annual Reports
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Guest Speaker: : Mandy Turner from Motorcar Memoirs.

Mandy produces video and audio recordings based on people with their cars.

A light meal will be available from 6.30 pm.

Bookings for the meal are essential.

Cost of the meal will be \$18 per head.

EFTPOS available and preferred as payment method.

Please register for the meal and notification of attendance at the meeting by clicking on the link below.

www.aomc.asn.au/forms-meeting-registration

or contact the office on: 03 9558 4829

or e mail to: office@aomc.asn.au

Please advise us no later than Thursday 14th November

Important Dates

Mark these in your Diary

Delegate's Meetings

Delegates Meeting and AGM - Monday 18th November 2024
Delegates Meeting - Monday 17th February 2025

AOMC Events

Shannon's AOMC Club & Trade Showcase Saturday 26th October 2024

Festival of Motoring - Cruden Farm - Sunday 19th January 2025

British & European Motoring Show - Sunday 16th February 2025

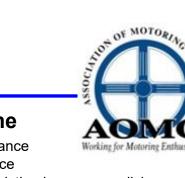
American Motoring Show - Sunday 23rd February 2025

Florence Thomson Tour 2025- Friday 28th to Sunday 30th March 2025

National Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 18th May 2025

AOMC NEWS

Proposed AOMC Group Insurance Scheme



Please note that the implementation of the proposed AOMC Group Insurance
Scheme has been delayed, and all clubs should confirm ongoing insurance
arrangements for their club are in place, if necessary by renewing their existing insurance policies while the scheme continues to be developed.

The AOMC has been working very hard to develop a new Group Insurance Scheme with significant benefits to member clubs as outlined previously, but this is an arduous task with many i's to dot and t's to cross to ensure it provides the expected benefits at a reasonable cost while including rigorous management processes to ensure it can be implemented robustly. The Expression of Interest (EOI) phase completed earlier this year collected valuable information from interested clubs to quantify the details and the design of the proposed scheme, however the documentation of the proposed scheme requires significant additional effort in cooperation with the relevant insurance providers and brokers before it can be finalised. SIgnificant progress has been made and recent discussions with our broker remain very encouraging and suggest that a commitment to the scheme should be possible by our next AGM (18th Nov 2024), although with a program of dates that will target a launch in mid 2025, with options for clubs to transition into the scheme, as their existing policies expire.

As a result it was NOT possible to meet the originally proposed start date of October 2024 which means that clubs may need to renew their existing policies as an interim step, while waiting for the final scheme to be available.

However, in the meantime, please ensure your club retains all necessary insurance cover, if necessary by renewing existing policies as they fall due.

Mark Fenton

AOMC Treasurer

Has your club adopted the model rules

If so, are you aware that there were changes to the model rules last year to enable;

- Updated language to support the flexible use of technology. This includes using online membership applications (Rule 9), recording email addresses in the register of members (Rule 18), and online attendance at general and committee meetings (Rules 35 and 62).
- New processes for disciplinary appeals where members have been suspended or expelled by a disciplinary subcommittee. A member now has 7 days to lodge an appeal with the secretary of the association, and the appeal must be heard by an appeal subcommittee made up of at least 3 unbiased persons who were not members of the disciplinary subcommittee that decided to suspend or expel that person (Rule 23).
- Changes to grievance procedures regarding mediation. In disputes between a member and the committee or association where the parties cannot agree on a mediator, any registered mediator can be appointed. This may include a registered mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria or accredited by the Victorian Bar (Rule 27). The rules also provide that any costs of mediation are to be paid by agreement between the parties, or where there is no such agreement, by the committee (Rule 28).
- Stronger disclosure requirements for a conflict of interest. Committee members that have a material personal interest in a matter being considered must disclose their position, as well as the nature and extent of their interest, to the committee. The committee must also maintain a conflict of interest register that records any material personal interest declared by a member, as well as a management plan documenting actions required to mitigate the conflict (Rule 65).

Please be aware of these changes and if you have your own customised constitution you may wish to incorporate these updates or the principles behind them within your own documents, although this is not mandatory.

Small Club access to RACV Sponsorship.

AOMC have recognised that clubs that do not have an ABN or Incorporation have been disadvantaged by the RACV requirement for a club to have these when applying for sponsorship. To facilitate access to sponsorship for these clubs, AOMC has negotiated with RACV for those applications to be channelled through the AOMC.

How This Works: Clubs will still make their applications directly to the RACV (forms are available on the AOMC website by clicking on 'Members' then "RACV Motoring Interests").

If the application is successful, the RACV will notify AOMC to provide the sponsorship amount to the club from a pool that they have already given the AOMC.

This pool of sponsorship money is totally separate from general AOMC funds and is only to be used for club sponsorship applications.

Seen the Aussie Classic Bumper2Bumper episode?

Did you know that Rusty from Bumper2Bumper was at the 2024 Shannons/AOMC Aussie Classic Car Show earlier this year?

Check out the episode about this event by visiting the AOMC photo gallery or visit the AOMC Youtube channel @aomc inc via the buttons in the footer of AOMC emails or on the website

WANTED - MATURE APPRENTICE

For the AOMC Engine Records

The AOMC maintains over 4 million records dating from 1930 up to 1984. There is a continuous demand for details of these vehicles from owners seeking original registration number, dates and changes in the vehicle history. This could be to enable re-registration in Victoria, or interstate within Australia, or overseas; or perhaps to expand on their family history research. We have need for some assistance to continue this work and now seek an apprentice to understand and operate the service. Ideally the person should be:

- Interested in Motor Vehicle History
- Have knowledge of vehicle makes and their company families
- Able to write letters and answer telephone queries
- Comfortable on a step ladder (rare event)
- Able to lift and carry a 7kg tray of records
 - Able to enter data on computer
- Able to tolerate monotonous sorting of records
 - Available during the week
 - Live in SE suburbs

Some tasks can be undertaken at home while others are within the storage site.

If you reckon you could take instruction from a pedantic senior

please call Philip on:



0417 014 636.



ASSOCIATION OF MOTORING CLUBS INC & SHANNONS PROUDLY PRESENT



AONC GLUB AND TRADE SHOWCASE



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OCT SHANNONS SHOWROOM 40 CORPORATE DRIVE HEATHERTON 10AM - 2PM | COFFEE & FOOD ON SITE

SOME EXCITING NEWS!!

The AOMC has for many years run a Restoration Seminar. This year we are going to do something on a bigger scale than ever before bringing traders and their club customers together for the inaugural Club and Trade Showcase. This will enable all traders and specialist providers who have presented in the past to set up a trade display to showcase their products or services.

Additionally, we are inviting all our clubs to also set up a club display to showcase the benefits they can provide.

This event will be open to all club members and the general public.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 26th October 2024

TIME : 10am- 2pm for public (8am set up for clubs and traders)

VENUE: Shannon's Melbourne headquarters

40 Corporate Drive Heatherton 3202

Fuel and Lubricants Survey

The AOMC is a member of our Federal Peak body the Australian Historic Motoring Federation AHMF. This Federation has partnered and financially supported Canberra University to conduct a survey on current and future use of fossil fuels and lubricants in operating heritage machines.

Fossil Fuels keep our heritage machines working, so whether you are a private owner, a small museum or a government funded institution, it is Important that policy makers know what types of fuels and lubricants your machines use and how you might prepare for a potential phasing out of fossil fuels. This includes historic motor vehicles, steam, aviation, maritime, farm equipment and early electric machines, or any other old machines.

Help us prepare for the future of operating heritage by participating in our survey here

: https://uoc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV eYdZYPxnUunYd3o

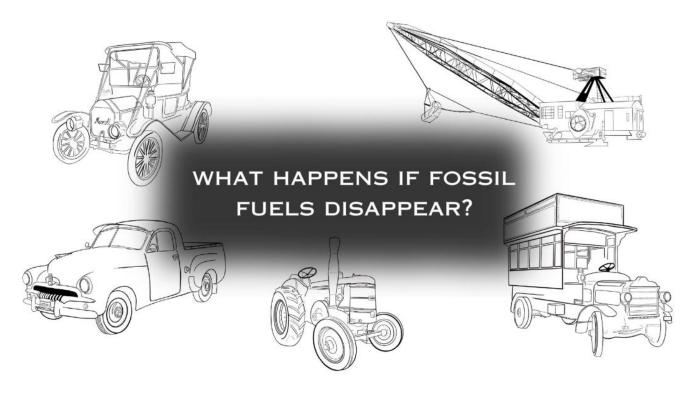
or by scanning this QR code:

SCAN QR CODE

The survey will take 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the number of vehicles in your collection that you would like to include. But your response can be saved to return to later if you cannot complete at one time.



The more information and evidence we as a movement can harness the better our chance of not becoming an unintended consequence of the policy makers













VicRoads / Dept of Transport News



Renew your club permits online

The Club Permit scheme continues to be a great way to ensure eligible classic and historic vehicles can be driven and enjoyed.

We've recently updated our website to simplify the process for vehicle club members to renew Club Permits online via a myVicRoads account.

Renew or extend a Club Permit: VicRoads

If club members are using a signed club endorsement form to renew a club permit online, they also need to sign their renewal notice and include this in the online submission. Digital or electronic signatures are currently not accepted by VicRoads.

VicRoads is continuing to modernise registration and licensing services for Victorians and we look forward to sharing more updates with the Victorian community.

If any club members haven't signed up for a myVicRoads account this can be done via the VicRoads website.

Safe driving, VicRoads Team

Website: vicroads.vic.gov.au Tel.: 13 11 71



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New CPS Number Plate Range

We are writing to advise that from early September 2024, a new number plate range for Classic and Historic vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme will be released, as the current range will soon be exhausted.

The new number plate range is 001H.02 to 999H.99.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at rpspolicy@transport.vic.gov.au should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Emma Rovatti

Operational Policy & Practice Analyst

New Customer Website

D.O.T. are introducing a new customer website on 15 August, called 'Transport Victoria'. This change follows the announcement of the joint-venture model for VicRoads in mid-2022, and involves separating our website information to reflect this.

Our new Transport Victoria website will house information about how to stay safe while moving around our roads, road management and upgrades, active transport and registration and licencing schemes, medical review, heavy vehicle access, tolls, fines, and drink-driving fines.

The <u>VicRoads website</u> VicRoads registration and licensing: VicRoads will be the place where Victorians go to access registration and licencing services.

Your members will still be able to complete registration and licensing transactions as usual by visiting the <u>VicRoads website</u> VicRoads registration and licensing: VicRoads and their personal myVicRoads account.

As we introduce our new website you may notice changes to some VicRoads documents used for registration and licensing transactions. Over time letters, certificates, and publications will be updated as required. *Your members can continue to use existing forms and they will be accepted.*

Once our new website goes live – I will send you more information in regard navigating the website changes so you can continue to find what you need. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email rpspolicy@transport.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,

Tracee Piper

Principal Operational Policy and Practice Advisor

What Might You Find On The AOMC Website

The AOMC website has a trove of valuable information and latest news for clubs and their members. There are details on the Club Permit Scheme, the Engine Number Records service, a listing of member clubs, a gallery of images from past AOMC events, an archive of AOMC publications, and listings of valuable information and service providers. All this can be found by visiting the AOMC website and navigating the relevant toolbars.

The following listings are all in the "Publications" - "Other Newsletters" section of the website and are newsletters / magazines of interest to the general motoring community.

Spoke 'N' Hub newsletter issue No 8: This is a quarterly newsletter put out by the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF), which consists of the peak bodies representing motoring clubs in each state.

The latest issue has an article on the first generation Chrysler Valiant (RV), proposed changes to the Queensland Written Off Vehicle Scheme by their Transport and Main Roads Department and an update on the University of Canberra 'Fossil Fuel Use Survey'. This survey can be completed online and is open for submissions until December.

Country Motor Australia: A very popular magazine produced by David Vaughan, who provides a professional, well presented and resourced publication free to the motoring movement. The latest issue includes articles on Morgan 3 wheeler and MX2, 1923 Straker Squire, Austins over Australia, Rolls Royce Aero engines and plenty more.

Automotive Historian Australia: Automotive Historians Australia was founded in Melbourne in 2015 to promote the understanding and enjoyment of automotive history through scholarly research, discussion and events. Their newsletters contain articles on publications and articles relevant to the historic auto movement.

Note: each listing contains back issues of these publications.

Fast Track the AOMC Magazine to your inbox

If you would like to receive a copy of the AOMC magazine and other important AOMC communications as soon as they are available then you can now subscribe yourself.

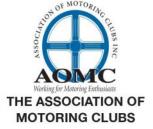
Don't wait for the magazine to be passed on from your own Club, but get it as soon as it is available.

This is your best chance to stay up to date and informed about the potential changes affecting the motoring movement and AOMC efforts to protect our mobile heritage for future generations.

To register, go to the AOMC website: www.aomc.asn.au then click on 'Publications' then 'AOMC Newsletters' to find a link to subscribing.

There is no cost for this subscription.

AOMC Carbon Offset Program



The Association Of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) through Greenfleet, is proud to announce a new initiative where motoring enthusiasts can support green programs in Australia through a carbon offset scheme.





Your support of this program demonstrates the enthusiast movements commitment to both the environment and the preservation of moveable cultural heritage and allows the AOMC to advocate that the environment and our heritage fleet can exist in harmony.

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.
- · It's that simple.

GreenFleet invests funds by planting and maintaining legally protected, biodiverse forests and since 1997 GreenFleet has planted over 10 million trees creating 500 native forests and your support enables this fabulous work to continue and thrive.

All donations to Greenfleet are tax deductable and you will also receive a certificate in recognition of your support.

To be part of this exciting new program today

www.aomc.asn.au/carbon-offset



fb.com/GreenfleetAustralia fbcom/infoaomc



Thank you for helping to grow climate hope by offsetting your historic vehicle's carbon emissions today.





planted



native forests created



million tonnes of carbon offsets

AOMC Carbon Offset Program

The AOMC is offering motoring enthusiasts the opportunity to support the environment through a carbon offset scheme. This program enables you to demonstrate a commitment to both the environment and to the preservation of our motoring heritage. It also allows the AOMC to highlight to government that the environment and our heritage fleet can exist in harmony. This will, amongst other benefits, help us to support the current Club Permit system.

The annual tax deductible carbon offset fee for a collectable car is very cheap (\$18 for 3000 km/year and \$36 for 6000 km/year) recognising that our historic cars produce very little greenhouse gas per year.

Why should you purchase Carbon Offsets?

As an enthusiast you probably have a favourite type of car. You also understand that other people like different cars. Some may like old army jeeps, while others like sleek sports cars. And then there are those who like old trucks or even old Triumphs (your parents or grandparents may have owned one as you were growing up). But there are other people who see old cars as just being out of date, unsafe and unnecessary users of petrol.

We understand that big SUV's produce a lot more greenhouse gas than many of our collectable cars, especially as our collectable cars are only driven occasionally. The scheme developed by the AOMC with Greenfleet enables us to show to government and the general community that we are committed to both the environment and the preservation of our motoring heritage.

Greenfleet

Why buy offsets from Greenfleet? This is a widely recognised not for profit organisation that, since 1997, has planted over 10 million trees and created and is maintaining over 500 biodiverse forests. It is also recognised by the Government with accreditation to provide tax deductible receipts.

For more information, including how to purchase carbon offsets, go to the AOMC website:

www.aomc.asn.au/carbon-offset















News from The U.S.A



The SEMA Action Network (SAN) is a nationwide partnership between vehicle clubs, enthusiasts and members of the specialty auto parts industry who want to protect their hobby. Founded in 1997, the SAN was designed to help stamp out legislative threats to the automotive hobby and pass favourable laws

By Mike Spagnola, SEMA President and CEO

Recently I had the opportunity to address a large professional gathering of specialty-automotive business leaders.

I began by reading a sobering editorial from an industry publication. It was titled, "Does Our Industry Have Just 5 Yrs. Left?" (see this editorial on next page)

Its author opened by asserting that we may well wake up some morning a few years hence to find that, except for racers, there are no customers left to buy our industry's performance products.

"We also may wake up and discover that a future generation of young people aren't all that interested in the automobile because the glamour and excitement of it is gone—legislated away by safety and cleanair bills...," he continued. "You, yourself might be driving a 'sensibly styled' and compact-sized sedan, capable of a speed no greater than 85 miles per hour." The possibility isn't that remote, the writer warned. Regulation presents a clear and present threat to our shared passion and livelihood.

You could've heard a pin drop. The article clearly resonated with the industry professionals I was addressing. They felt the danger.

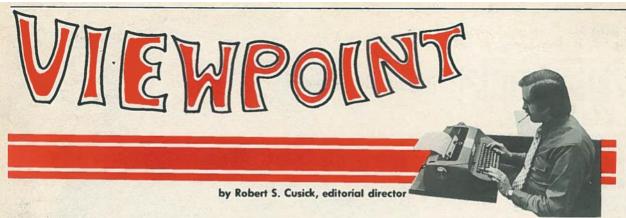
But that silence broke into applause when I revealed that the editorial was from *High Performance News & Products*, a forerunner to *SEMA* magazine, back in 1971.

My point is, we've been here before. In the '70s, that editorial's author, Robert S. Cusick, proposed several strategies to confront the crisis. First, a concerted effort through a full-time Washington, D.C., office to protect consumers and the industry from onerous legislation. Second, a voluntary industry testing program through an independent lab to demonstrate emissions compliance. And third, he urged developing a forum for industry leaders to gather regularly to solve shared problems and issues, including advancing technologies.

Does this sound familiar? Today we can proudly say the industry has done all this and more. Thanks to the pioneering efforts of SEMA founders and industry advocates like former SEMA General Council Russ Deane, *Hot Rod* Editor Jim McFarland and others, we successfully challenged regulatory overreach in the '70s, and have continued the battle ever since. We ultimately established the SEMA Garage program to help members achieve emissions compliance and harness emerging tech to speed their products to market. And through SEMA's various councils, networks and forums, we continue to solve shared problems, set industry standards and educate our community on critical topics.

We haven't slowed our efforts, either. Today we are pushing to forge new relationships in Washington, D.C., state legislatures and local governments—winning new allies to our cause. We are rallying our community to join the fight. We have greatly expanded our SEMA Garage programs to stay abreast of emerging technologies and are taking our seat at the table to ensure we aren't locked out of OEM platforms. And this is only a quick rundown of our efforts to protect our industry and advance car culture.

Our industry overcame the challenges of the '70s and is stronger today than ever. Now it's up to our generation to again come together, roll up our sleeves and create an even greater future.



Does our industry have just 5 yrs. left?

We may very well wake up some morning early in 1976 and discover there's no one left who will have any reason to buy headers or carburetors or manifolds or trick clutches and axle gears or a multitude of other products that are designed to make a car perform better . . . except for the racers who tow their cars to the tracks.

We also may wake up and discover that a future generation of young people aren't all that interested in the automobile because the glamour and excitement of it is gone—legislated away by safety and clean-air bills. These kids might be looking at cars as transportation vehicles that are no more exciting than busses or commuter trains.

You, yourself, might be driving a "sensibly-styled" and compact-sized sedan, capable of speeds no greater than 85 miles per hour, and acceleration which suffers greatly because of cumbersome exhaust emission equipment. And the law may specify that, if something goes wrong, you can replace parts with only those that meet federal standards and do not alter the emission levels of the car, or change the safety aspects of the car as determined by legislation.

But, you may be lucky. Such a car will be expensive. If it's a Ford Pinto type car it might have cost you \$3000. That's what Lee A. lacocca, president of Ford Motor Co., estimates a Pinto will cost in 1975 due to the cost of safety and emission control equipment.

If you are a young married man with children, struggling to meet the mortgage payments, you may be driving a mini car powered by batteries, or possibly a tiny car powered by a motorcycle-sized internal combustion engine.

Of course, there's always the possibility that the Wankel engine can be developed rapidly so that its emission levels meet 1975 standards and can be put into mass production cheaply enough for the price-conscious market.

Big-engined cars may cost so much to buy, so much to insure, and so much in taxes that only the wealthy will be able to afford them.

In any event, manufacturers of performance equipment may throw up their hands in despair trying to make such engines go faster. Even if they are allowed.

THIS ISN'T A REMOTE POSSIBILITY! Right now the industry has only until Feb. 26 of this year to respond to the Department of Transportation to offer reasons why all cars shouldn't be equipped with speed governors.

The Muskie emission control bill has already passed. And it wasn't modified to be a little more lenient on the internal combustion engine. This bill means that the internal combustion engine as we

know it is going to become very expensive to build, starting in 1975.

And, it means that manufacturers of replacement parts are going to eventually have to prove to the government that their equipment doesn't make exhaust emissions rise above the legislated specifications.

What can our industry do?

A lot! The high performance industry is going to have to be at the forefront of a concerted effort by the entire automotive industry to protect the consumer against legislation which would outlaw car modification.

This means that there should be a full-time Washington lobby, representing the high performance industry.

This also means that manufacturers of performance equipment had better get together and start testing their equipment to find out how it will affect engines that are already set-up to meet the 1975 emission standards. This is a project that should be done through SEMA, and employing an independent testing laboratory.

This especially means that all aftermarket manufacturers of equipment that changes the performance of an engine in any way should be backing such a SEMA testing program . . . financially.

There is a move underway now for all automotive trade association executives to get together on a regular basis to discuss industry-wide problems. This, needless to say, is an absolute necessity. The changes that will occur in the coming five to ten years are changes that will affect everyone in the automotive market. If they are to be reasonable and sensible changes, the entire industry has to be ready to state its case. And, even more important, it has to know its case. An industry working together can do it.

Where is HPNP Going?

As you may have noticed by reading the box on the front page, this is the biggest issue of HPNP since we started publishing a year and a half ago. It's the biggest pagewise and advertising-wise. It's the biggest in the amount of editorial material being offered our readers.

We believe this issue proves the acceptance of HPNP's attempts to provide the industry with accurate news reporting as well as conceptual looks at all the situations and problems that affect it now and which may affect it in the future. Some of the problems our industry is facing are getting crucial. We don't believe in sweeping them under the rug. Keep on reading us . . . we're going to keep on telling it like it is.

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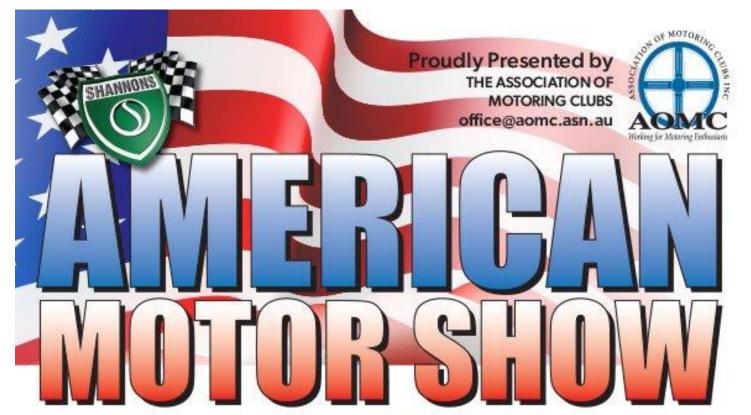


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Club Profile: Trafalgar Holden Museum

The Trafalgar Holden Museum is located in the small country town of Trafalgar in Gippsland. It was established by local Holden enthusiast Neil Joiner, who after retiring had an idea to turn the local disused Butter Factory into a Holden museum. With a team of volunteers, Neil built the Trafalgar Holden Museum which is this year celebrating its 10th anniversary. Neil's vision was always to display more than just cars. His museum tells the complete story of the Holden brand covering everything from early saddlery through to the last of the Holden branded cars.

The Trafalgar Holden Museum's annual Route 69 Cruise Day will be held on the 20th of October. This day celebrates the sixty nine years of Holden-made cars in Australia. In 2024 the cruise will be led by the



very last VF Commodore police car. It will be an amazing sight to see this car lead an array of Holdens through the roads of East Gippsland.

This is an extra special year for the Cruise Day. Not only is it ten years since the museum was opened, but it's the first without their great leader and founder Neil Joiner, who sadly passed away recently. This will be an extra special day to show appreciation for the work the volunteers put in to set up this amazing museum and to showcase the amazing world class museum that has been built from Neil's vision.

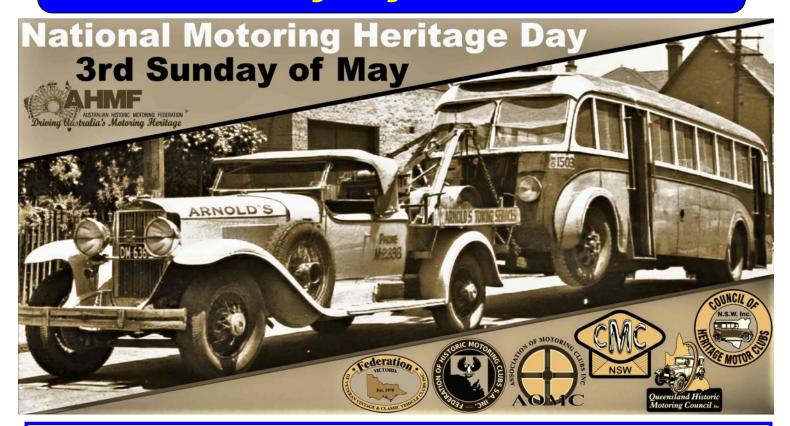
Holden owners come from all over Australia to share their memories and love of Holden with other enthusiasts. Visitors to the museum are always blown away by the history of Holden and the various products and industries Holden were a part of for many years before making cars. With close to 100 vehicles on display, many other Holden-made items, and new displays constantly being added, guests are guaranteed to have a different experience every time they visit.

Entry for the day is just \$15, with food options available. The museum opens at 10am, with the cruise leaving from 12:30pm. It will take drivers on a scenic 69km cruise through the beautiful countryside of Gippsland. Be sure to be there for a memorable day at the Trafalgar Holden Museum.





National Motoring Heritage Day Sunday May 18th 2025



National Motoring Heritage Day is an initiative of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation. The aim being to promote and display Australia's strong motoring heritage; and also show the community, business and government the strength of the Australian historic motoring movement.

The idea of **National Motoring Heritage Day** came about at the 2006 AHMF AGM. CACTMC raised this as "National Motoring Day", asking that:

"...the Australian Historic Motoring Federation give priority to organising a national motoring day whereby all car club members drive their vehicles around their own area - city, town, etc - to show the strength of the car movement in Australia."

At this meeting - 8th & 9th September 2016 - it was decided: the day will be called **National Motoring Heritage Day**, and be the **3rd Sunday in May annually**.

These historic vehicles bring enjoyment to their owners, as well as the public.

Australia's historic motoring movement has a massive input into the economy. Vast sums of money are spent on the restoration and maintenance of motor vehicles. There is also economic benefit to businesses (e.g. caravan parks, hotels, restaurants and service stations) in the towns and cities where events are hosted.

National Motoring Heritage Day is when car owners share their passion with the public and other vehicle enthusiasts.

Events are organised by state associations and member clubs throughout Australia on this day.

Some Victorian events that are open to anyone to attend and more information can be found on the AOMC website and facebook site.



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60th Anniversary of the Rover Car Club of Australia

The Rover Car Club of Australia was formed in 1964 by George E Gosbell and Ron Creber, sadly now both deceased, who were in business together servicing Rover cars. The first President of the Rover Car Club of Australia was Dr Harold Hetherington with Ron Creber as Secretary and George Gosbell as Treasurer.

P3s and P4s were, of course, the most popular models in the early years, soon to be joined by P5s and P6s and later models. Over the last

10 years membership has increased steadily to its current level of over 200 with cars represented from a1905 8 hp to the 2005 75s

The Club is, and always has been, run by enthusiastic volunteers.

The Club meets on the second Friday of every month with the exception of December and January with the Committee meeting regularly.

The Club's social calendar provides opportunities for members to meet. The activities include display days, social events, historical sites and visits to car related venues. Our club occasionally joins with other car clubs on outings. Rover Car Club of Australia joins with other Rover Car Clubs from around Australia and New Zealand for a biennial rally.

The Club maintains a large quantity of spare parts, new & used, remanufactured and some consumables.

The Rover Car Club of Australia has two publications. Viking Torque is a quarterly magazine and Small Torque is a newsletter. The Club also has an active web-site and Facebook page. In addition a user group provides a forum for problem resolution and topical discussions.

Below: Over 100 Rovers celebrate the 100th Birthday of the Rover Car at the AOMC British & European Show 2004



My First Year in Motoring Clubs—Michael Lambert

I've been involved in enough organisations to know how hard it is to get feedback from new members. New members are often reluctant to provide negative feedback, and by the time a trust relationship has been built they've forgotten the challenges of being a new member. In the rare case that a member does provide feedback, they may not be willing to share a potential solution or they may not know how things could be improved. With this in mind, I've decided to write a little article about the challenges I've faced in my first year of being a "motoring enthusiast".

Before I get started I'd like to state that very few of these issues are specific to motoring clubs. The combination of all of these issues is likely to be relatively unique though. Initially I thought I'd write this anonymously, but instead I'd rather open a conversation, I've included my LinkedIn and email address at the end of this article, please feel free to reach out if I've triggered any thoughts for you. Also, I don't want any club to feel I'm picking on them; if I'm a member of your club, please rest assured that not one single item in this article is unique to any one club.

I've tried to work out how to make the a really positive article, but unless I provide some detail about the negatives I feel it will just be a list of best practices. I'll make my suggestions at the start of each item, and then go on to justify why it's important.

Event Times: Let's start with publishing times as well as dates for events; not just start times, but expected duration too.

My first club meeting I wasn't sure if I should arrive early or turn up right on start time. I didn't know how long the meeting was likely to last, perhaps the norm is a rapid-fire 15 minutes, but it could be a 3 hour epic. I couldn't tell if the doors would close straight after the meeting or did the event continue to the wee hours.

It turns out every club is different. Some clubs will open their doors hours early, socialise, have the meeting and disappear. Other clubs will open just prior to the meeting, but will continue talking until many hours after the meeting. Some will have a short period before and after the meeting, but will save most of the socialising for dedicated social events. No two clubs are the same, so it's important to keep your members (especially new ones) informed.

It isn't just club meetings. Some events will publish a start time but no end time, some of them may only publish a public entry time and not a time for display vehicles. Even after a year of attending motoring events with a display vehicle I still never know if I should turn up an hour before the start time or if the start-time is for the vehicle arrival; and I certainly don't know if I'm in for a few hours or leaving at sunset.

Attendance Registers: Keep your attendance register in a prominent position near the main entry, and ensure it is clearly labelled. Also, make sure it is clear what the columns mean, and remember to remind people to fill it in.

Some clubs keep attendance records, some don't. A new member or visitor won't know if you do or don't, and if you do they certainly won't know that it's under the tray of biscuits next to the kettle. Several clubs I've joined have missed out on logging my attendance simply because I didn't know there was a register. I'm sure I've filled out some of them incorrectly as well because I didn't know what the columns meant.

If you're running an event, whether that be a club meeting, rally or race day; if you're keeping attendance records make sure to remind people to fill it in. If you always do this, it's a great reminder for longer-term members, but it also helps new members to know about the processes.

Some organisations have a logbook for members to keep; I've experienced this with both AASA and Motorsport Australia. This adds another layer of complexity for the newbie. You need to ensure people know who needs to sign the log book; what the official name and status of the event is; and in some cases, what their role is for logging purposes.

Acronyms and Definitions: In every publication make sure you define the acronym on first use; if you're talking to people avoid acronyms unless you're 100% certain they know what they mean. This goes for chat based communications and event registrations as well. Also, remember that terminology varies between clubs and you may need to offer descriptions without being asked.

Thankfully I've had an interest in cars and motorsport of long enough that I know a decent amount of the acronyms, but despite that I've encountered new ones in every single club I've become involved with. In many cases I've managed to work them out, but some of them took a lot of thought. Even worse, some of the acronyms have different definitions to the ones I'm used to.

It's not just acronyms that are challenging. The terminology used can have different meanings across different clubs. The most obvious of these is the differing membership levels. Chances are you definition of "full member", "associate member", "family membership" and even "social member" is different to many other clubs out there. Ensure your new and potential members know what each one means. And that's just membership types. You can imagine my surprise when I turned up to my first rally and found out it was a bunch of cars parked

on an oval and not a timed stage event with full race gear and dirt roads. Okay, so this didn't actually happen, but it easily could.

Unique Member Attributes: Allow members to become familiar with the club and how it runs for a few years before you pounce on them for more significant involvement.

Sometimes someone will join a club and they have some stand-out attributes. You want to take advantage of these attributes and get them more involved... STOP!!! Give them time, let them learn about the club, the processes and the value they can both give and receive.

Especially with clubs that are specific to historic cars, the membership base is aging (as are the cars). There is often a desire to get younger people heavily involved in the hope it helps attract more younger people. The same goes for people with specific skill sets; that new member who's an accountant would make a great treasurer, that programmer could really help with the website, the advertising executive could whip up some amazing promotional posters. Rather than getting them too involved too soon, give them a chance to settle in, invite them to make suggestions and offer help, see if they're interested in helping on a subcommittee or two.

When you're asking these people to assist the club, make sure the questions are asked in a way that doesn't imply responsibility. It isn't "how can we attract more people like you to the club?" It's "what attracted you to the club?" It isn't "can you please design this poster for us?" It's "do you have any suggestions for a poster to advertise the event?"

When you do finally ask this member to become more involved, ensure they understand what that level of involvement entails. Sure, the committee only meets once a month, but as a committee member they're now expected to attend 5 events each month instead of being option for the 4 events that occur each month.

Inside Knowledge: Make a welcome pack that includes details to help the person with club involvement.

If your club has a probationary period, what does that mean for the new member? I'm a probationary member of several clubs now and I still don't know what it means (other than they haven't asked me to pay a membership fee yet).

If they want to volunteer for or partake in an event that's away from their primary location, does the club provide subsidised accommodation and how do they sign up for this (also, how is it paid for)? I've spent a fair bit more on accommodation than I've needed too, and I've even looked at buying camping equipment to reduce the cost.

What catering is at events and do you allow for dietary requirements? I've been to events that have said they are catered and I've been disappointed with the quantity relevant to the meal that was implied. I've been to others where I've been blown away by the generosity of the serving size and quality of the food. Unfortunately I've also been to some where dietary restrictions have not been accounted for; from those who don't drink alcohol to vegans to celiacs to nut allergies, please be clear about the catering and if possible ask people in advance for their restrictions.

Be Welcoming: There's a challenge to being welcoming but not overbearing. Work hard to find that balance or the new members won't last long.

Over the last year I've joined a few clubs. Some have been amazing, they've made me feel welcomed, included me in discussions and conversations and made it feel natural to be there. Some have been dismissive and despite having been to several meetings or events I still find myself standing aside and wondering what the secret handshake is to get involved. Some have been overbearingly inclusive, from introductions to almost everyone present (and I still don't know any of their names or anything about them), to trying to include me in too many things at once, or dragging me all around the clubrooms to show me stuff.

If you have assigned or semi-assigned seating, make sure the new member or visitor is seated next to someone who will be welcoming. A story was relayed to me the other day about someone who turned up to a club meeting and was directed to a seat next to someone who had forgotten their hearing aid; needless to say, this person didn't go to a second meeting.

Conclusion: We're all been the newest member in a club before, and it doesn't take long to forget the challenges we faced. For some people joining is easy, they're natural extroverts and just magically fit in anywhere; others are introverts and even attending a club meeting takes a huge amount of energy. We need to cater for everyone and help them feel included.

If we want our amazing ecosystem of car clubs to continue to thrive we need to make it easy for people to join, get involved and stay members. We need to be open to new methods of communication, we need to share information that we may think is obvious, we need to answer their questions before they're asked. Finally, we need to make sure they continue to see their involvement as a positive aspect in their life. We need to be willing to change and adapt, just because it's worked in the past doesn't mean it will continue to work; just because it's obvious to the existing members or to your generation doesn't mean it's obvious to others.

Car central to forensic case over the disappearance of Azaria Chamberlain

The National Museum of Australia, in Canberra has acquired the 1977 model yellow hatchback V8 Torana, which was central to the conviction and ultimate exoneration of Lindy and Michael Chamberlain, over the 1980 disappearance of their daughter, Azaria.

The disappearance of Azaria Chantel Loren Chamberlain (11 June – 17 August 1980) became one of the most infamous events in contemporary Australian social and legal history. Despite the family's protestations that Azaria was taken by a dingo at Ayers Rock (now Uluru), in October 1982, Lindy Chamberlain was tried and convicted of murder and Michael Chamberlain was convicted of being an accessory to the crime.

Lindy was given a life sentence and imprisoned for over three years, before new evidence forced a royal commission that ultimately resulted in the 1988 exoneration of Lindy and Michael Chamberlain by the Northern Territory Criminal Court of Appeal.

The 1977 Torana played a key role in the convictions with forensic evidence which alleged Azaria's blood was in the car. The royal commission subsequently found this substance was bitumen, sound deadener, milkshake, and copper dust.

Michael Chamberlain said that the car represents the one of the worst perversions of forensic science in Australia's history: 'While the car represents this gross injustice, it also symbolises freedom, as a result of the proper and independent revision of forensic science, which eventually saw Lindy exonerated,' said Dr Chamberlain.

'Because I love this car, it is with some sorrow that I am releasing it to the National Museum but I also take comfort from the decision, because I know the Museum will take better care of the vehicle than I can. It will survive not just as an example of a total forensics failure, but ultimately as a symbol of the triumph of Australian justice,' said Dr Chamberlain.

National Museum senior curator Sophie Jensen said that, 'the Torana is an important addition to the Museum's National Historical Collection which will help future generations understand this important and tragic episode in Australian legal history'.

The dismantled car was held by Northern Territory authorities until 1990 when it was returned to Michael Chamberlain, who restored it. The National Museum acquisition also includes Dr Chamberlain's Bible, his running shoes worn at Ayers Rock, clothing and photographs.



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Celebrating 20 years of heritage vehicle displays

A chance comment at a display of private cars in Maffra's main street 20 years ago steered a passionate group of people to create a unique rotating exhibition of historic vehicles and automobile memorabilia.

"Someone should open a museum to display the cars permanently" they said, so they did.

It's been a long and winding road, but on 10 November 2024 the Gippsland Vehicle Collection at the Maffra Shed will celebrate 20 years of transport-related exhibitions showcasing a diverse array of cars, motorbikes, trucks, trains, model vehicles and much more.

GVC's display manager, Chris Henry said: "Over the years we've displayed everything from farm vehicles to exotic classics, vintage, veteran and working vehicles. Motorcycles have always been part of the displays too. There have been quirky French cars, thoroughbred English cars, American classics, home-grown Australian vehicles and Japanese vehicles built to take on the world."

"Added to this are a model vehicle display second to none and a special section dedicated to railways and train history throughout Gippsland. Another recent compliment to rail is a model train display - a dedication to one man's lifetime research into building model railways, and the painstaking detail to build the best of dioramas."

"Our museum is unique and very different to other car museums, presenting rolling displays with a completely different theme every four months. This diversity has given a wide and varied insight into the vehicles, the popular culture of the time and how people have worked with and lived around the vehicles we know and love," Chris said.

"The vehicles have always been the stars," Chris said. "There is an endless array of collectible and very desirable cars, trucks and motorcycles throughout Gippsland and Victoria. Some of these are the only ones known to survive, or are one of only a handful known to exist. These precious gems are lent to us by very protective owners, trusting us to look after their babies as they have a four-month holiday with us and an admiring public."

"But behind all our great vehicles and model displays are the people who make the whole thing run smoothly. We are totally volunteer run, from the car cleaners to front counter staff and the committee of management. The museum is managed by volunteers from all walks of life with diverse interests and skills. Together we have seen it grow from humble beginnings to the amazing place it is today."

"We invite anyone with an interest in transport-related history to walk through 20 years' worth of displays with us. You might be pleasantly surprised at the line-up of different and diverse vehicles selected to help celebrate our 20th anniversary."

The Gippsland Vehicle Collection is located at 1A, Maffra-Sale Rd, Maffra. Opening hours are 10 am to 4 pm Friday to Monday. Open every day during the school holidays, or by appointment for car clubs or group bookings.

For more information visit www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au or call 03 5147 3223.

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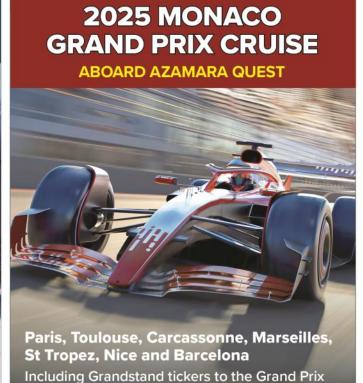
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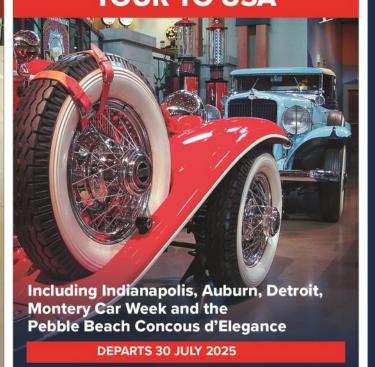


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The Robert Shannon Foundation was established in 2003 to perpetuate the memory of Robert Shannon, founder of Shannons Insurance, who

died unexpectedly in March 2000. Robert was an avid classic car enthusiast, who especially enjoyed his 1930 Invicta S Type. He was a strong supporter of the historic motoring movement and was concerned that it was not attracting enough younger people, particularly in the areas of the preservation and restoration of classic vehicles. The Robert Shannon Foundation has no connection with the Shannons Insurance organisation. All correspondence related to the Robert Shannon Foundation should be sent to the Robert Shannon Foundation through the relevant State Council.

AIM: After the success of the Shannons 2001 National Motoring Tour, the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) established the Robert Shannon Foundation. The AHMF is the national body representing classic and historic vehicle clubs in all states and territories. The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage, post-vintage, historic 50's, historic 60', historic 70's and historic 80's vehicles up to 30 years old.

The Foundation may:

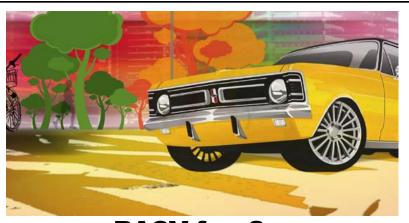
- help with the purchase of specialist tools or equipment
- assist with the actual cost of restoration work
- contribute toward TAFE or other fees
- contribute toward any project considered worthwhile by the Trustees.

Funds: The Robert Shannon Foundation operates a limited funds account to fund these grants. Essentially the funds are invested for the year at the best current rates available through an Australian financial institution. The sum available for grants is then based on sum of the interest earned on that investment.

To assist in increasing the value of these grants we would appreciate donations to help build our investment funds. Unfortunately, although having gained recognition as a charitable organisation we are still working on the process for tax deductability of donations.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person or group of people under the age of thirty years and engaged in studying automotive restoration and preservation or actively working on historic vehicles is eligible to nominate for a grant.

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Coming Club Events

The following few pages promote events that are being staged by car clubs around Victoria. Further information on any of these events can be found on the AOMC website (in the Club Events calendar section), or by contacting the event organisers.

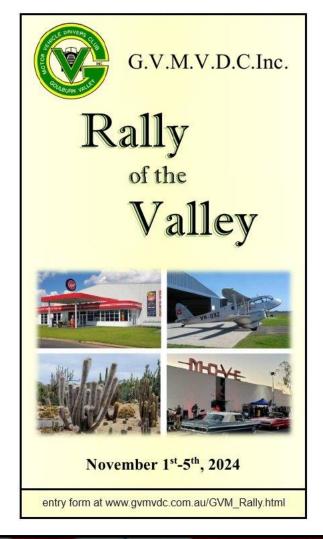
NOTE: These are all club events. All enquiries and feedback should be directed to club contacts, not the AOMC office.

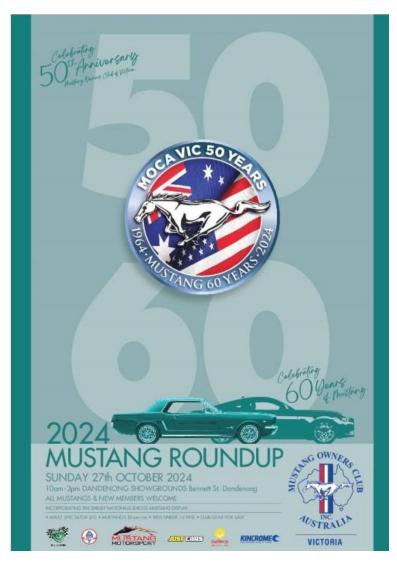
Also note that some parts of Victoria may be subject to Code Red fire or weather alert days which could affect the running of events.

To get your event posted on the AOMC website, and subsequently the newsletter and facebook site, just go the the AOMC website then:

- click on "Shows & Events"
- click on "Club Event Calendar"
- click on "Submit Your Event"

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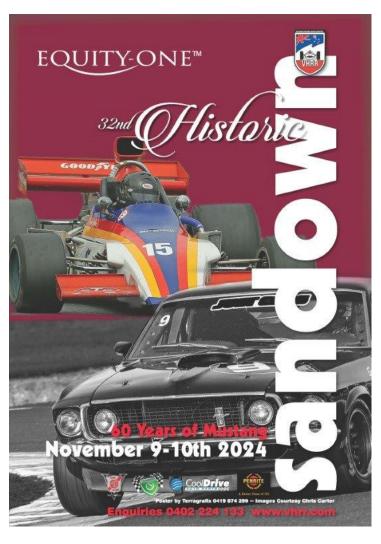
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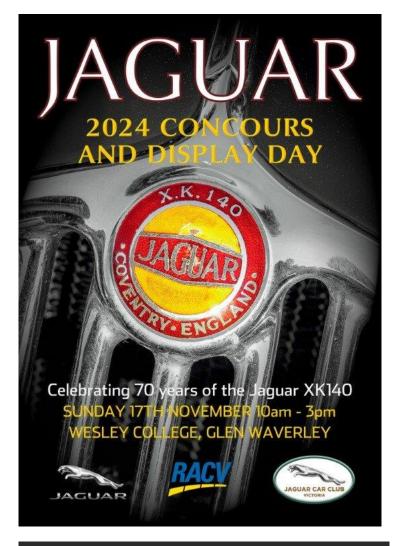
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Date: Sunday, December 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM 2:00 PM

Where: Bundoora Park, 1069 Plenty Road, Bundoora

Classic Japan is an annual car & bike show, open to vehicles from all Japanese manufacturers that are at least 25 years old. What began as a small idea in 2011 has grown into one of the largest gatherings of nostalgic j-tin in the Southern Hemisphere, with over 500 cars & bikes displaying the proud design and engineering heritage that Japan has offered the world. You won't find any egos or trophies here, just enthusiasts sharing their passion with respect.

Vendors, food trucks and merchandise will be available at the event.

Vehicle & Bike Entry Cost: \$25.00 Spectator Entry & Parking: FREE

You must pre-enter the show to display your vehicle. Entries are now open.

No entries are available at the gate. However, you can enter online before entering on the day.

Spectator entry is free, with free parking also available at the venue.

Enquiries: info@classicjapan.org.au

Organised by the Toyota Car Club of Australia https://www.tccav.org.au



The Bendigo National Swap 16-17 November 2024

Bendigo Showgrounds, Holmes Road Bendigo Featuring over 1700 sites, 4 Wheel Drive Display, Barn Finds and Survivor Car Display, Die-cast Models and Toys.

Coffee Vans, Hot Food and Cold Drinks available on-site.

No public entry on Friday

Gates open: 6am Saturday and 7am Sunday

Admission: Saturday \$15, Sunday \$5 No other concessions

Children under 15 free when accompanied by an adult.

Prohibited:







WANDIN DRAUGHT HORSE & YESTERYEAR FESTIVAL

Weekend of March 2 & 3 2025

Located at the Mont De Lancey Museum 71 Wellington Road Wandin

> From 10 AM to 4:30PM Adults \$15 Children Under 15 Free

Something for all the family

- Historic Homestead and Museum
- Picnic Areas and Gardens
- Working Draught Horses
- Vintage Engines & Machinery
- Blacksmiths & Wood Turners
- Children's Activities
- Food & Market Stalls
- Vintage Cars



Online tickets via Mont De Lancey https://montdelancey.org.au/ Further details contact 5964 2088 Cash & EFTPOS available at gate NHMA and related safety guidelines will be in place



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- Community Bank Wandin-Seville
- Yarra Ranges Council
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45th Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering

Mon. 10th to Sun. 16th March 2025 at Ball Park Caravan Park, Corowa, NSW

"YEAR OF THE MACK & UNIMOG"





As always, despite the theme of Macks and Unimogs all types and makes of ex-military vehicles are welcomed and encouraged to attend the event.

Camping at Ball Park Caravan Park or alternatively one of many motels, hotels, etc. around Corowa. The event is centred on Ball Park during the week, Monday and Tuesday being free days, with organised trips and visits on Weds., Thurs. and Fri.

Saturday starts with a Parade through Corowa town and on to to the Showground for a static display and Swap Meet.

Event organised by Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated

Entry fee is \$30, for this you will receive a Participant Pack which includes a theme cap, brass plaque, and event guide book. Entry forms are available to download from our website, www.corowaswim-in.org or scan the QR code below with your mobile phone.

Follow us on Facebook at; www.facebook.com/corowaswimin

Enquires to KVE Secretary; jan.thompson1@optusnet.com.au or call 0412 078 096







Minutes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting Saturday August 24th, 2024

Venue: Museum of Vehicle Evolution, Kialla, Shepparton

There were 59 delegates in attendance representing 39clubs.

Chair: Keith Mortimer, President AOMC

Acting Minute Secretary: Barry Croke of Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club

Keith opened the meeting at 1pm by welcoming delegates and remarking on the wonderful opportunity they had been given to view the diverse and extensive display at MOVE. Keith also thanked volunteers from the GVMVDC catering subcommittee who had provided for an on-site lunch. Guest speakers were then introduced.

Megan Treacy from the Events and Tourism Department of Greater Shepparton City Council outlined their particular interest in encouraging groups who were involved in motoring clubs to the area. She provided examples of how accommodation, media, facilities and local itineraries could be assisted by her office when planning a visit.

Jim Andreadis, who founded MOVE in 2011 and continues to serve on its various committees, provided stories about its formation and growth. His '57 Thunderbird which was featured in the local paper was the spark that initiated local discussions on possibilities. Subsequently a few expansion stages have followed involving various local families and groups to present and maintain extraordinary display of cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, radios, and period clothing. Displays which are continuously changed now also draw vehicles from outside the district.

Jim Andreadis mentioned the use of MOVE facilities to now host community motoring an transport industry conferences. A recent event, the tour from Melbourne to MOVE, attracted 87 cars in its second year. Jim, inspired by Bay to Birdwood in S.A., is hoping to markedly expand the Melbourne to MOVE event with encouragement from tour vouchers and attractive accommodation packages.

Following a brief discussion, the speakers were applauded.

Minutes of the May 2024 Delegates meeting: These were accepted following a motion from Billy Reed (Holden FC/FB Club) and seconded by Daryl Meek (Veteran Car Club) which was carried.

Apologies - 23

Correspondence: AOMC Secretary Tony Hall indicated he had nothing to report.

President's Report: Keith Mortimer had three items to cover.

- 1 Club & Trade Showcase: AOMC is organizing for this event on October 26 at Shannons former auction rooms in Heatherton. A no-charge entry is available to club members as is a limited number of display sites for clubs.
- 2 Lost Trades: Noting the concern from AOMC member clubs about the difficulty experienced in finding competent and skilled motor industry tradespeople, an attempt is being made to improve the situation. AOMC intend to offer financial assistance for supporting apprentices and intend to create business support schemes to assist skills of interest.

Treasurer's Report: Keith, noting Treasurer Mark Fenton's absence overseas, indicated \$293,000 was in the AOMC bank account. Various account details were with the auditor for appraisal prior to the forthcoming A.G.M. Keith also noted that club subscriptions were now due and that these entitled delegates to attend and vote at the forthcoming A.G.M.

Keith Mortimer moved for acceptance of his report, seconded by Ken Goodin (Victorian Torana Club) and carried.

VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme Report

Clubs with queries about VicRoads dealings were encouraged to contact AOMC who will assist in VicRoads matters. Keith also explained how VicRoads was concerned with policy issues and that they had engaged a private agency to achieve service delivery.

AOMC Events

Iain Ross (AOMC & VDC) announced the following

AOMC Club & Trade Showcase - Saturday 26th October

AOMC Aussie Classic Cars & Coffee - Sunday 24th November

Festival of Motoring - Sunday 19th January

RACV British & European Motoring Show - Sunday 16th February

Shannons American Motoring Show - Sunday 23rd February Florence Thomson Tour - Friday 28th to Sunday 30th March National Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 18th May

AOMC will develop and circulate pamphlets for each of these events.

Club Insurance

Tony Hall (AOMC & Escape Motoring) outlined the body of work that had been undertaken so that a submission could be made to an insurance company next week. To achieve a favourable offer the submission had to describe potential policy risks and their mitigation. The volume of cover sought was provided following the indications recently received from clubs.

It is hoped that this new insurance cover may be available to clubs by October 1 or shortly thereafter. Clubs will be advised.

Adoption of this 'group' insurance will have implications to the AOMC cashflow. AOMC will have to fund the initial tranche of policy purchase in an up-front payment that will not match the various times clubs will seek policy renewal. It is a "first year" issue.

Tony emphasized that AOMC will not hold an 'Insurance Licence' in this process.

The assistance from Mark Fenton (AOMC & CRCAV) and Lawrence Glynn (AOMC & BMWDCM) in this endeavour was noted.

The policies are intended to cover public liability, management cover, volunteers and personal accident.

Engine number records

Philip Johnson (AOMC & TSOA) provided an update for people wishing to verify the background on vehicles. Post 1984 the Victorian motor registry computerized vehicle records and now hold engine and chassis numbers.

AOMC now holds cards which list engine and chassis numbers that can be used to verify number linkages that VicRoads accept as evidence of a vehicle made to some agreed standard. Without this number association an engineer's report can be necessary to indicate to VicRoads that the chassis and engine as a unit are compatible for road registration.

For vehicles prior to 1930, when a standardized number plate system was adopted, further variations can apply for vehicle registration. Additionally, engine numbers were not universally used pre-1912.

Delegates Report

Daryl Meek (Veteran Car Club) sought member involvement in the last stage of the Birtles reenactment of a Bean travelling from London to Melbourne. The Bean car is scheduled to arrive at Fox Studio, Docklands on August 31. Members who can bring vintage or veteran cars were asked to gather at the Vintage Drivers Club in Nunawading by 10.30am or alternatively at Docklands by 12.30. The Vintage Drivers Club would appreciate knowing who intends to be present.

Questions from the Floor

Keith Mortimer invited members to present questions or items.

- Q.1 Dan O'Doherty (VCC Ballarat & DCCA) sought details about the Federation/AOMC joint discussions, noting that Federation delegates at his club seemed to provide more information than was forthcoming from AOMC. Keith explained how three joint meetings were scheduled per year. Two meetings have been with the Department of Transport to discuss policy issues. Details of the working party activities were not elaborated on.
- Q.2 Mal Hillier (Dunolly Vehicle Club) mentioned his clubs Nov.30 to Dec.1 event in which they will conduct their first combined SWAP Meet and Show and Shine. They have gained support from Ballarat and Ballan to schedule this event.
- Q.3 Robbie Green (ATHS & MRDMC) outlined a September 7 & 8 event saying Howard had details at the AOMC office.
- Q.4 Alan Lavis (Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Driver Club) described the Sept.8 SWAP at Shepparton Showgrounds and noted not all of the 600 sites are filled. He invited enquiries.
- Q.5 Old cars still out there: Daryl Meek (Veteran Car Club) noted that enthusiasts with veteran and vintage interests should take heart because cars can be found. Daryl spoke of a 1913 Coffin Bugatti that was originally in Tippett ownership (of Ronaldson & Tippet) being found. Additionally, a 1915 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, the last one sold during WWI had been found in W.A.
- Q.6 Country Meetings: Keith stated the intention to hold one delegate meeting annually at a country location. He asked for suggestions to be forwarded about a location for the 2025 meeting.

The meeting was closed at 2.25pm.

ARCHIVED REGISTRATION & ENGINE NUMBER RECORDS

An initiative of the

Association Of Motoring Clubs Incorporated

ENGINE RECORDS SEARCH SERVICE

The AOMC has introduced a simpler method of requesting an engine number search. The process is now available to directly input the requested data online and also make an online payment. This will avoid the need to download a Search Application form and enter your credit card details.

The advantages are both to the user and the AOMC.

You will not need to print out the search application form, enter data, scan it and send it by email or Auspost to the AOMC. You will receive a copy of your search request automatically emailed back to you confirming your application. You are able to manage your own payment through a secure process.

We get a legible application (poor writing or scanning often requires a follow up phone call to clarify the details), the payment process is automatic without the need for us to manually enter your credit card number. If you have doubts as to your information or whether the search can be made we are able to take a phone call if you have any queries before proceeding.

This all helps in the search process but unfortunately we are still left to make the manual search through the many card records. Whatever the outcome of our search you will get a reply.

For more information go to the Engine Records pages at www.aomc.asn.au

TALES FROM THE AOMC ENGINE RECORDS The Ner-a-Car

At some time or other we've all been told there is no need to travel to see any vehicle that interests us. That sooner or later one will turn up here in Victoria. No matter how weird and wonderful someone will have one tucked away somewhere.

I was reminded of this when I came across the solitary AOMC engine number card for Ner-a-car. This was the brainchild of one Carl Neracher and was an early 1920's attempt at producing a stable, clean, easy to ride and easy to start two wheel runabout. An idea much akin to what Vespa achieved along the same lines in the 1940's. Much of their advertising was aimed at lady riders using it as a genteel urban potterer going to the tennis club or such like.

Carl actually came quite close to meeting his design brief but like many such brave attempts back then the Ner-a-car never quite lived up to its promise.

Predating scooter design neat enclosures ensured the rider was well protected from road filth and grubby engine parts. Only the top half of the two-stroke engine protruded through the bodywork for cooling purposes

Made in both the USA and England it attracted some notable people. Famed long distance record breaker "Cannonball" Baker took up a dealership after riding one across America in just over 7 days and getting 75mpg in the process. English murder mystery author Dorothy L Sayers owned and rode one.

The low –slung chassis and engine combined with the hub centre steering made for an ultra stable machine and much publicity was given to riders doing various stunts demonstrating how remarkably stable it was. All very reassuring to the hesitant newcomer.

It had a six speed transmission. But this was a friction drive so unless ridden with great understanding slippage could be an issue. Friction drive is simple, cheap and absolutely maddening.

So, it enjoyed a vogue in the early-mid 1920's but once the initial flush of enthusiasm died like many other fads and fashions it just quietly faded away.

Survivors are few but as with other curiosities from the vintage era it attracts a hard core of enthusiasts. New spares are non existent, but most if not all factory drawings survive, and are available on line. This, along with modern technology,make reproduction parts for such a simple machine a much more practical proposition.

Ner-a-car are on the rise again. Look them up on YouTube.

Bob McGrath, Research Team

The Engine Number Records search application can now be made via the AOMC website. Just click on the "Engine Number Records" button and then click on the 'Start Online Search" button to reach the online application form.

Below is what the form looks like and the information you need to supply.

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Owner Address	Yes	Possibly	No
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Note that all search fees are payable whether or not they are successful. If you are not sure whether the vehicle was registered in Victoria prior to 1984 please call us on 03 9558 4829 to determine whether or how to proceed

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○ Yes ○ No ○ Unsure

Archived Engine Number Records

Charges for Information

Search for a single engine number whether it is on card or computer file	\$90
Follow-up for the same or related vehicle or engine number	N/C
Search for a single registration owner details (1910 to 1932 only)	\$115
Maximum Fee for search 1910 to 1984	\$160
Sale of all computerised records for a marque to a club that has an interest	
in the marque. For each 100 records (or part thereof)	\$250 [#]
Sale of all computerised records for a marque to a person or commercial group	
that has an interest in the marque. For each 100 records (or part thereof)	\$460 [#]

If a Club wants to computerise the records for their marque:

- a deposit of \$300 is to be paid before any tray is handed over into the custody of a club, and will be refunded upon completion (or premature termination of the task)
- non-returnable fee of \$200 for each of the first 4 trays of cards (or part of a tray)
- non-returnable fee of \$100 for each tray or part tray after the 4th tray
- only one tray at a time is to be in the custody of the club
- cards in each tray to be counted (or weighed) before being handed to the Club and upon return from the Club
- a copy of the computerised records for each tray is to be returned to the AOMC when the tray is returned and BEFORE the next tray is handed to the club
- non-marque cards are to be separated and placed at the end of the tray without being computerised
- payments are to be made before a tray is handed to a club

Individuals who wish to computerise the records for a marque may, at the discretion of the Committee be approved to do so, provided:

- a deposit of \$300 is paid before a tray is handed over,
- only one tray at a time will be in the person's possession,
- all computerised records for the current tray of records are handed to the AOMC before the next tray is provided,
- the deposit is refunded at the completion (or premature termination) of the computerisation of the marque.

In all circumstances the AOMC will continue to charge for searches although it may, at the discretion of the Search Officer, refer requests to the Club that has a computerised version of the records for the marque in question.

- # These amounts may be varied on a case by case basis by consideration of:
 - the number of cards (records) for the marque,
 - whether or not a club interested in that marque exists in the state of Victoria,
 - the number of club members,
 - the number of vehicles of that marque in the possession of Club members,
 - the number of vehicles of that marque still likely to exist.

The AOMC's Search Officer shall keep a paper list, at least, of the Clubs and individuals who currently have custody of a tray of records. Such list shall be forwarded to the AOMC's Secretary for presentation at each Committee meeting.

The AOMC's Treasurer shall report at each Committee meeting the total amount of deposits held as part of the Liabilities report.



Association of Motoring Clubs Inc. 21 Rosalie Street Springvale 3171 Phone (03) 9558 4829

Email secretary@aomc.asn.au

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS - ANNUAL UPDATE

Please provide us with information about your club, as of your previous financial year. This information will help us define the size and importance of the movement we represent and help us in our advocacy role.

- 1. Print clearly in CAPITAL letters, completing all sections.
- 2. Return completed form to address above or email to office@aomc.asn.au
- 3. Private addresses are preferred as this helps prompt delivery where snail mail is used.
- 4. We understand that email addresses are lower case BUT using capitals makes the address less vulnerable to mistakes thus causing bounces.

We appreciate your time in assisting us to keep our database up to date.

Please include data relating to the past 12 months
so that we can better understand, and advocate for, the movement we represent

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NB: If required use the following pages to add or change contacts, or make corrections by overwriting on the AOMC Organisations & Contacts Report sent to your Club.

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