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Second magazine for 2024 already! Blimey, Easter Buns are in the shops, any minute now the end of financial year sales will begin, followed by Christmas decorations going up, Boxing Day sales and then the kids back to school bargains....and Easter Buns appearing again...



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NOTE: Club plate holders are required to fill in log books for every journey before you leave home.

Vale Phil Wilkins— architect, designer, a community volunteer, and a car loving member of RSCA. With many associations, including the LIONS, and a volunteer for 30 years as a scrutineer with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS), primarily at the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne, Phil was a man with fingers in many pies.

Our condolences to Julie and family. He will be missed by us all.





Coming Events

MARCH.

Sun 3rd LUNCH RUN. **POSTPONED**

Sun 10th. Multiple Events: All GM Day. 9.00 - 2.00 Apex Park Wangaratta

PICNIC ON THE LAKE, Yarrawonga. 8 - 3.

SWANPOOL MOTORFEST, Swanpool.

MINIS ON THE MURRAY MUSTER, Hovell Tree Park Albury

Own arrangements for each.

Mon 11th. General Meeting. 7.45 pm Commercial Club Albury.

Wed 13th. Mid week run.

Fri 15-17th. Chryslers On The Murray. Own arrangements.

Sun. 17th. Cars & Coffee. 10.00am The Ripe Tomato, Borella Rd Albury, then check out COTM

Sun 24th. Jindera Swap meet. Own arrangements.

APRIL.

Sun 7th Rutherglen Rumble. Details to follow.

Mon 8th General Meeting. 7.45, Commercial Club

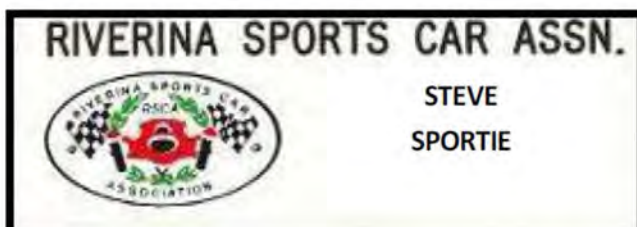
Wed 10th Mid Week run - planning for a BBQ lunch at Griceys, details to follow

Sun 14th..... Chiltern Cancer Cruise. OUR TURN TO ARRANGE THE EVENT.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED. Details to follow.

Looking for ideas—the club has mid-week runs, Sunday runs, Coffee & cars, and gets to other club shows as we can, but we also see a bit of a gap when it comes to members with kids who'd like to join in, but find our events don't really cater for the family element. So we would love to get some suggestions for family day runs, and see just how much interest there is in the idea of running a couple each year—if you have some suggestion of places to go, or just want to express an interest, please email the editor: kmconch@iprimus.com.au

Thanks, Peter Trescowthick and Kim McConchie.



Please remember to wear your name badge to all club events. It is also important for current members to make yourself known to our newer members.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Anthony Saltalamacchia



The Prez sez.....

Well, here we go again, another opportunity to read my Banter.

It was great to see everybody back after the Christmas break and a few new faces at our February meeting, the first for the year. Wow, 2024. I'm still waiting for my hoverboard, that was due seven years ago, although if its like a Sumo Suit maybe I'm better off without one. And what about self-tying shoes? Not Velcro, I want those suckers knotting themselves while I watch. And flying cars, I tried launching Luigi off a ramp in the back yard, flapping my arms and squawking because I thought that would help, but alas it simply fell off the ramp, landed on its nose, in the septic tank.... It's ok, it hosed off and buffed out, and so am I! I had to put a barrier around the septic tank, I am very aware of OH&S these days, besides I didn't want to lose a doggie into it, let alone perform mouth to doggie mouth when recovered – I do love my dogs, but there are limits I don't want to explore! Well, not where people can see me.

The weather has been a bit too warm for the ideal cruising days, but will begin to cool down soon. Lots of opportunities to get out in your vehicles and cruise with friends, and here are a lot of opportunities in the coming weeks with some awesome activities.

We have the RSCA picnic in February and then Motor Heritage Day and the Chiltern cancer run, just to name a few. It would be great to see more members and vehicles on our cruise days, and if you're one of our shy members who has been hesitating, please come and join in. I've been with the club for about 6 years and have made some really great friends, I was once shy too.....

I look forward to catching up with you during the year.

Thank You all for adding to the enjoyment of wonderful club,

Anthony S.





From the Hotseat! - the Editors ramble for this edition.

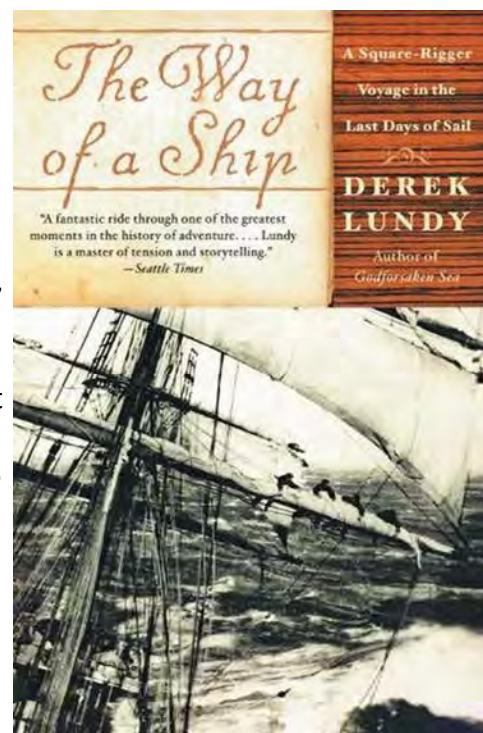
Wow, what a couple of months we've had! Kicking off with a January mid-week run, which had a great turnout and Chantelle and I certainly appreciated the support for the run, it was a bit 'will we or won't we', but the early response made it a *Yes we will!* very quickly! Then NECC held the annual evening car show, always an interesting mix; Australia Day run, another mid-week run for February, Ladies Lunch and Peter Thompsons Weekend Away to Bairnsdale trip, and now Picnic In The Park last Sunday, and what a turnout! The mix of cars really does reflect the diversity of automotive interests the club members have, and with over 100 members cars on display it certainly gave the clubs profile a boost! Alan will report at the next meeting on the new members that joined as a result of the display.

Meanwhile, lots of little jobs on cars getting finished, the Chocolate Frog got its roadworthy after some holdups sourcing new rear brake lines for it—the French have a different concept of pipe unions to the rest of the known world, the first set that arrived had but a nodding acquaintance with the old pipes despite the vendors assurances they were correct—um, no.

Fortunately we were directed to Revival Auto Parts in Melbourne, whose specialty is rebuilding, or in our case making, brake components. The old set went down for a rebuild, and a week or so later a new set arrived as they managed to source all new unions so happy days! A definite plug for them based on the service, and the price wasn't outrageous either.

Then I noticed a wee puddle of oil in front of the rear wheel of the Mustang convertible we recently acquired - bloody hell, now what? On the hoist and then the penny dropped, it was Auto tranny fluid, and the only place that gets used is the hydraulics for the roof. On to my trusty on-line mechanic, Dr. Youtube, and especially CJ Pony parts, where they have videos of damn near everything to do with Mustang maintenance. Back seat out, panels out, speakers out and the rams are accessible. I knew they are pretty new, so... another union problem. Half a turn to tighten, refill the pump, and problem solved. 2 hours work for a 20 second fix - oh well, at least it was free!

Book review time! Sailing ships—now here's a subject that takes me back many years to childhood holidays in the Otways, where my parents knew an old couple who we visited regularly—Stumpy and Duckie Carlson, he was Swedish and she was English, and before he settled in Australia he sailed before the mast for 20 odd years, starting as a 16 year old. In their little cottage on a farm (gas lights gently whispering, wood burning stove, outdoor thunderbox inhabited with Huntsmen spiders) he would tell us stories of going around the Horn, Atlantic storms and Pacific islands, exotic cities and squalid ports, and death at sea. His name was Stumpy due to the number of fingers lost or foreshortened, his hands a mass of scar tissue from working ropes, and bow legs that were pure muscle even at 80 years. This book brings those stories back— as a young man in the 1880s, Benjamin Lundy signed up for duty aboard a square-rigged commercial sailing vessel, he began a journey more exciting, and more terrifying, than he could have ever imagined: a treacherous, white-knuckle passage around that notorious "graveyard of ships," Cape Horn. Over one hundred years later Derek Lundy, his great-great nephew, has re-created that journey. Remembering the descriptions and reminisces we heard as kids (with some parts left unspoken) this book has really hit a spot with me, and is a window into a world now gone.





JANUARY MID-WEEK RUN TO ELDORADO!

(And the smallest pub in Victoria!)



Well members, when the McConchies take on a position in our club they don't hang about...they just get cracking!!

Since the mid week runs started a few years ago, it was generally accepted that the facilitator had a rest for January and started the year's runs in Feb.

Not this year though, barely 10 days in and off we go for a fabulous day's run to Eldorado. Kim predicted it might take some time to get served at the Tavern so he compensated by allowing plenty of time for a scrumptious morning tea at BB & B in Wodonga Pl.



He then called everyone to order about 11.00am and sent us off suitably equipped with maps and detailed instructions (as is the tradition). The route took us out Felltimber Creek Rd over the hills to Chiltern via a couple of tricky via's. After a short amount of freeway we turned off onto the Carracumungee Rd, turned left at the school and continued to Eldorado.

Our hosts were expecting us and all enjoyed a cold drink or two and a tasty meal. As always on these events there was plenty of conversation, banter and conviviality going....it was a great day enjoyed by all.

Thank you Kim and Chantelle.

Gordon Nicholls



The Runners:

Hans & Ida Probst, MB E250
 Olivier Achammer and Jaenelle, Honda
 June & Bryan Liersch, very sexy 66 Mustang
 Peter Trescowthick, Porka
 Lorraine & Peter Daly, A Jaaaag....
 Sally-Anne & Peter Dunham, more Porka
 Kerrie & Peter Thompson, Ford Capri, the little Aussie legend
 Harley Knott—Big Orange Mustang
 Peter & Carolyn Spasojevic, Another Jaaaaag....
 Malcolm & Robyn McEachern, Ford Territory—Space, Grace. Pace...
 Ian & Annette McDonald, BMW Z3, future classic
 Gregory & Cheryl Lewis, The other Jaaaaag...
 Neil Butler, Porka 2 (or Porka Too if you prefer)
 Bernie, Susan & Matt Campbell, MB 200CLC
 Trevor & Lesley Lashbrook, KIA Stinger, another future classic
 Doug Porritt & Ian Tuttle, Ford G6E also a future classic
 Lynne & Stephen Davies, Big Red Mustang
 Gordon & Janine Nichols, Ford EB V8, the big Aussie legend
 Ray Tanner, the nicest 50th Anniversary HX Holden in existence
 John McInnes & Denise Bell, Porka de Boxtster
 Denise & Peter Taylor, Mitsubishi ASX
 Cheryl & Jim Grice, a hot and steamy Corvette
 Phil and Julie Wilkins, Mini Cooper
 Kim & Chantelle McConchie, Medium sized Black Mustang
 & MB CLK500, Moneypit Sisters.



A TOP NIGHT AT TARRAWINGEE!

The NECC Annual Evening Show 'n Shine, Feb 7.



A glorious evening, the smell of gum trees in the air, birdsong trilling and cicadas playing buzzsaw as the sun headed to the western horizon, really, what better could you ask for in Tarrawingee on a summers evening?

Well, around 200 cars, trucks , motorbikes, a bbq and a bar answered that question! Always an eclectic mix, the annual NECC Show & Shine once again was a great way to spend an evening—thanks to all the RSCA members who attended, including Ray Tanner, Gordon and Janine Nicholls, Peter Scott, Stephen & Lynn Davies, and Chantelle and myself. Hope I got everyone....





FEBRUARY MID-WEEK RUN

Wednesday February 14th



A 'Malcolm's Maps Revisited' run to Holbrook.

After a civilized start from Gateway at 9.30 start, the February mid-week champions headed along the Riverina Highway to Howlong, for the choice of the Half Acre Café and the Howlong Bakery for a morning coffee and the usual accompanying treats— and let me say the Half Acre sausage rolls are just about a meal in themselves! A small comic



diversion was one of our members finding the perils of sitting in a clear plastic chair, not noticing the pool of water on the seat—oh yes, sorry to say, there were many jokes at Peter S.'s expense! A sense of decorum prevents the publication of pictures of the event...

After an easy hour enjoying the morning break, it was a drive along the Kyong-Howlong Rd, destination Walbundrie. Not a bad road, but then the dreaded sigh 'STOCK ON ROAD' appeared, and for a couple of kilometers it was steer around the steers, watch out for mad cows, and patter through the pats.... then to Culcairn, and on to Holbrook.





The Holbrook Hotel received a major make-over a couple of years back, and by crikey compared to the pub I remember from 2002 when we had a meal on the way to Bathurst, what a difference a bucket of cash makes! A very good meal, a lot of talking and lively discussions, and then it was time to wrap it up and head for home. Thanks for coming folks, hope you enjoyed the day!

Kim and Chantelle McConchie



The February Mid-Week Munchers, sorry Runners..

Greg & Cheryl Lewis—Jaguar XJS convertible

Peter & Carolyn Spasojevic - the Jaaaaag

Hans & Ida Probst - MB E250

Trevor & Lesley Lashbrook—KIA Stinger

Jim & Cheryl Grice - Torana GTR

John McInnes & Denise Bell - Porsche Boxter

Neil & Jillian Butler - Porsche 911

Malcolm & Robyn McEachern - Jaguar XF Saloon

Ray & Tina Jones - Jaguar

Peter Dunham & Pete Thompson - Porsche Boxter S

John Buckley - Ford

Darryl Baxter - SAAB convertible

Bernie, Sue & Mathew - MB

Olivia Achammer & Janelle—Honda

Harley Knott & Warwick Jones - Ford Mustang in Eye
Searing Orange (which is a good thing)

Kim McConchie - Renault 16TS & Chantelle McConchie -
Torana XU-1



“TIME OUT FOR THE GIRLS”

Sorry lads, but the girls didn't miss you, at all!

Twenty ladies enjoyed a delightful lunch at La Maison on 8th February, 2024. Tall tales, and all. Well, what happens on a Girls' Day Out, stays on a Girls' Day Out.

Carol Chapple is missing us and deeply regrets being so far away. Carol sent a message to the group and has many happy memories of when she was organizing the lunches. Those who received Carol's pegs remember Carol when they come across their pegs.

I was last to leave and found Maria sitting under the verandah – waiting for Susan. I waited with Maria for quite a while and, becoming a little concerned, said I would go for a drive round the carparks to see if I could find the missing Susan. No luck, so rang her and found she had indeed returned and collected her passenger, not forgotten but the chauffeur simply held up by the tongue!

What else would you expect!

The decision was unanimous that we hold another lunch in a couple of months!

Enjoying the day were :

Jennie Barlow, Valerie Bruce, Jillian Butler, Susan Campbell, Eileen Carthew, Petra Edwards, Lesley Frede, Cheryl Grice, Suzi Hardwick, Mary Harkness, Tina Jones, Maria Kable, Chantelle McConchie, Robyn McEachern, Janene Nicholls, Glenys Phillips, Barb Porritt, Ida Probst, Jan Salan, and Carolyn Spasojevic.

Lesley Frede





Sunday 21st Jan saw a friendly group of members gather at The Ripe Tomato for....you guessed it... excellent coffee and scintillating conversation. It only took a couple of hours to solve the problems of the world then it was off home to contemplate the rest of the day.

Those who attended:

Janene and Gordon Nicholls, Alan and Lynne Brink, Craig Lemke, Kerrie and Peter Thompson, Phil Harrison, Warwick Jones, Shane Reid, Susan, Bernie and Mat Campbell, Harley Knott, Lesley Frede, Ray Tanner, Peter Spasojevic, Brian Liersch.





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The Bairnsdale Trip away

A great weekend in Gippsland!



Day 1. Let the fun begin!

We all met at Gateway Village on the Friday morning. Thirty people and seventeen cars. Peter and Kerrie Thompson had been organising this weekend run for over a year and finally the fun was to begin. All runners were briefed at 7:45am and we were off and cruising by 8:00am. It was cooler than expected and all the convertible cars opted to leave with their roofs up. The first leg of the journey to Bright was a sedate drive in slight drizzle.



Morning tea of 45 minutes was partaken at The Riverdeck Bright. Many of us munched on cakes and rolls without a second thought that lunch was coming up in a couple of hours.



At 9:30am everybody jumped into their beasts for a winding uphill blast to Mt

Hotham. Luckily I barged my way out of the car park first like the way I once barged a lady aside at Kmart to take the last microwave oven in stock (I wasn't proud of that one).

We were freeeeeeeee!

The roads had deteriorated a fair bit from rain since my last trip to Hotham a couple of years ago but it was still a blast. Just past Harrietville, two old Yank Tanks passed us reeking of fuel in the opposite direction. As we ascended the summit the temperature dropped to thirteen degrees with full on mist and wind. Only the flicker of a lonely cyclists light to show the way. Our loo stop was meant to be at Mt Hotham but it was freezing so a few of us kept going. As we passed through the welcome arch at Hotham , the weather became tolerable and some stopped at Dinner Plain while the conformers stopped as instructed at Mt Hotham. Hahahaha!



The Dinner Plain piddlers received a phone call from Mrs Thompson asking, “where the hell are you. We’re leaving Mt Hotham now and are headed to Omeo for lunch”. The Plains piddlers suddenly jumped into their vehicles hoping not to be overtaken.

A couple of kilometres into the run to Omeo, we came across a recently clobbered small roo on a blind bend. There was just enough room for low slung cars to swerve onto the gravel on the left of the road to avoid a nasty splattering of mammal. Later at lunch, Peter Thompson asked if we saw that fox on the road just after Dinner Plain. Peter T, you need new glasses. The populous verdict was a roo.

Arrival at Omeo was forty five minutes earlier than planned which was a very relaxing thought indeed. We all filed into the “Golden Age Hotel “ for the next calorie intake with gusto. When we were all watered and fed the convoy proceeded to the days final destination at Bairnsdale a couple of hours away.



The sun was partly out and the temperature was perfect. Most soft tops were down and the rays pierced between the clouds onto

bald heads. Luckily I’d rubbed a touch of sunscreen onto my ears that morning. This was everyone’s favourite drive of the weekend. Long sweeping bends through Swifts Creek and along the banks of the Tambo River. It was here that my pretty little Porka hit 100,000 traveled kilometres. The nights accommodation was at the Bairnsdale International Motel. A silly name but excellent rooms and very comfortable beds. It was about this time that I started feeling not 100 percent health wise and had to give dinner a miss.

Alan Brink has kindly written the next instalment of the adventure. ***Over to you Al.***

Following a wonderful day’s drive across the mountains, most enjoyed a social get together outside the rooms in the car park to swap stories and experiences of the day. As our club had all this part of the motel to ourselves, the inevitable noise was no problem. Then around 6:30pm, we were invited inside to partake of the evening repast.

We were joined by Peter Thompson’s “little” brother, Andy who not only owns an MG as well as an Alfa Romeo Spider, but he can also play a guitar and sing! So, Andy set up his kit and entertained us before and after our meal which added a special touch to the night.

Although we tried to get Peter to join his brother, and we got close I think, we were denied hearing the tones of “The Brothers Thompson”.

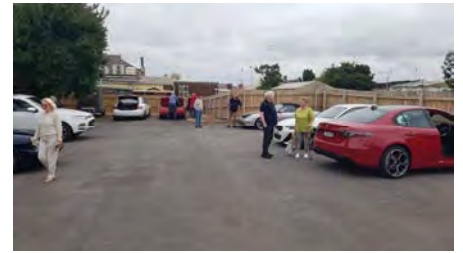






Then a little more car park carousing took place before the early morning start and intense driving of the day took its toll and drifted off to our rooms and a good nights sleep.

Thanks Alfa Alan. You're a life saver.



Day 2.

Yours truly awakes a new man. Refreshed and ready for action.



We all meet in the car park where we are greeted by Andy Thompson, Vice President of the Riviera Lakes Car Club. "Follow me to the truck weigh bridge to meet my fellow members" says Andy. So we jump in our cars and follow.

At the weigh bridge, we wait for the Riviera members to arrive. In drives a yellow hot rod, then a beautiful black Corvette, then a supercharged MG, then another MG, then a 70s Merc convertible and on and on they come. As we stood on the weigh bridge, a handful of us thought we heard someone's car still running. It was the Brian Giersch's BMW - he forgot to turn it off.



The funny thing is, he did it a couple of weeks earlier at the entirety of a Sunday cars and coffee meet. He must be very glad it runs on the smell of an oily rag. After chatting with members of both clubs, everybody drove to the Gippsland Vehicle Collection at Maffra.

As the gentlemen entered the museum building most of the ladies of our association headed into the metropolis of Maffra to the shops. There were some very different exhibits including a turn of the century hearse and engines of many types. The Collection changes every four months so it's always different. The majority were in awe of a huge personally donated model car collection. Think of almost any car and it was there in tiny form.

At 12:30pm both clubs headed to the Maffra Community Sports Club for a noisy lunch.

On conclusion, both clubs parted way and the RSCA convoy continued to our evening destination of Moe.

We all checked in with "Zoe of Moe" at reception. Now if you've never been to Moe, it's an eye opener. It's a very small version of Sydney's Mt Drutt on steroids.

Dinner was booked for 7:00pm at the Moe Hotel. A lot of us turned up early and enjoyed refreshments in the public bar prior dinner. If we made eye contact with a local it would have been certain death. We all took our seats in the restaurant at the rear of the pub. The place was packed with patrons and you couldn't hear yourself think. Meals were ordered and the most popular surprising choice of RSCA members was lambs fry with bacon. The food was delicious and probably our last taste of pub grub for a very long time. That night it was decided that no more "Peter's" were allowed to join the association as there are too many now. "John's" not far behind. After a great dinner, we headed home to the Moe Motel for slumber.



Day 3. Awakening to the sound of people packing their cars, I had a look out to the car park expecting vehicles to be sitting on bricks. Phew! All ok. As we waited for our next briefing, The Good Samaritan, Peter Thompson relayed his story of walking four young ladies home after dinner who were being harassed by knife-wielding males.

At 9:30am the train of cars meandered up the road to the Trafalgar Holden Museum 10 minutes away. This museum was incredible. It had so much history. Did you know Holden started off in 1856 producing saddles and horse bri-



dles and began in the automotive industry in 1917 making vehicle bodies for Ford? Sacrilege!!!!!!!

RSCA member and recent resident to Melbourne, Harry Greenhagh joined us all at the museum. A short forty five minute drive for Harry. At this junction, our tour was concluded and we all went our separate ways. This was for me and many others our first club weekend away and we so look forward to many more. We could be lucky enough to host the Riviera Lakes Car Club in Albury Wodonga next year.

Kerrie and Peter Thompson, thank you so much for all the organisation and hard work in making this a memorable trip.

Peter Dunham and Alan the Alfaholic.

Attendees:

Alan and Lynne Brink

Mark Liersch and Michelle Collins

Peter and Kerrie Thompson

Graeme and Georgia Jeffery

John and Eileen Carthew

Peter and Carolyn Spasojevic

Arthur and Suzi Hardwick

Ray and Marg Tobin

John McInnes

Brian Giersch

Harley Knott

Bryan and June Liersch

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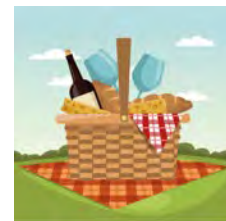
Peter and Sally-Anne Dunham





A Picnic In The Park

25 February at Noriul Park



Probably the best thing as a result of this event is that Gordon Nicholls achieved his aim of having 100 RSCA cars on show. We achieved this with a total of 101 club cars and 14 visiting vehicles which resulted a great display of cars.



Of course, some shuffling was required by those owners with multiple cars but by 11am, most vehicles were on-site. I have two cars and to help Gordon achieve his aim, I reluctantly got my No.1 son to drive one of them.

“Reluctantly” is because he didn’t get his license until he was about 30 and to see the state of the cars he has owned since then – well you would know what I mean. I let him have my brand-new Alfa Giulia rather than the clutch operated Spider thinking that the auto gearbox of the Giulia might make driving a little easier.

Anyway, my worries were unfounded, and the car arrived - safe and sound – “Yee of little faith” say you?

But, back to the Picnic. This was a truly great day with the quality and variety of cars on show being just magnificent. Ferraris to FIATS – Porches to Pontiacs – Mustangs to Morris’s – Alfas to Austin Healeys – BMW’s to Buicks – Corvettes to Chevies – Jaguars to Jeeps (well, maybe no Jeeps – I needed a little poetic licence here and maybe no Buicks either).

Apart from the social aspects of the day, another function of the event is to inspect those club cars on “H” plates to ensure they have not been modified since their last inspection. Bryan Liersch, our historic vehicles registrar, was seen prowling with camera in hand talking to owners and if necessary, photographing their vehicles to store in his records. This is an essential and important task for all car clubs.



As Membership Secretary, I had a huge day dishing out around ten Membership Application forms, talking with these potential new members and signing up a member on the day. So, expect a few new faces at our next monthly meeting as all seemed keen to join. And I put this down to the efforts of Peter



Thompson, Gordon Nicholls and Anthony Saltalamacchia (Salty) who actively promoted this event in the weeks leading up to the Picnic. This resulted large numbers of interested visitors coming to admire the cars and seeing the great camaraderie that exists within our Club.

As the day wore on, it was great to see small circles of club members gathering near their cars, enjoying a natter, a cuppa and their picnic. I went from group to group, and it was good to see people enjoying each other's company with the main topic being cars – of course. By two o'clock, the afternoon was becoming hot so many members started leaving for the air-conditioned comfort of their homes. And so, another picnic day ended having once again demonstrated to the Albury and Wodonga people the terrific range of classic car types and their quality that exists within this community.

Alan Brink







AUSTRALIA DAY 2024

WYMAH RESERVE

Only a small group set off from the Causway but had their numbers boosted with three extras joining at the Thurgoona on-ramp. So we had a brisk trip north along the expressway until the turn-off east along Bowna Road.

Now this was an interesting drive passing through lovely rolling country covered in good grass and healthy stock. Some confusion ensued when we got to the Wymah ferry turn-off as I thought the Wymah Recreation Grounds were west of that. Not so, and we



pushed on east and found the Oz Day celebration location, just a few hundred metres further on.

Our Club was the first to arrive and we were then directed to the car display area which we eventually shared with the Morgan Country Car Club and the Albury Vintage and Veteran Club. In total, this made for a great display of an interesting cross section of vehicles. Some other members turned up a little later to join the display and celebrations. Gordon and Janine Nicholls were one of these following a potential problem with the power



steering in the Falcon, so Gordon wisely played it safe by using his reliable family hack.

As a free brekkie was promised, we lined up for our bacon, eggs, tomato etc and sat down to enjoy both the food and the company. As we were one of the early groups, being served did not take too long. However, as the morning wore on, more and more people came from the surrounding country and nearby small towns placing a fair bit of pressure on the Albury Rotarians who did a great job of catering..

Soon the formalities – speeches etc. – commenced with the now few hundred guests taking their seats. So being a formal celebration, several dignitaries said their speeches, got their due applause, and fair enough too – it is Australia Day after all! Anyway, about an hour later the ceremony was completed.

I must admit that Me, Peter Dunham and Harly Knott very early passed on the speeches and decided to have a good look at the cars on display. We got back just in time for the final speeches so we were not TOO unpatriotic.

Then we stood around for a while chatting – about what you ask?? Cars of course!!! So very soon, the ladies started to agitate for us to move on. Some of us decided to cross the Murray River via the Wymah Ferry, but as I was car 11 in the queue and the as the ferry only takes 3 or 4 vehicles at a time, we turned around and retraced our steps home. Starting to get pretty hot by the time we got home and as the Alfa has only natural air conditioning, I was glad of the early start and early finish to the trip.

Well done Gordon for coordinating our Club's visit to Wymah and celebrating Australia Day with beaut people at a beaut location.

Alan Brink





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Vehicle has full Victorian registration until May 2024. 1ZF 2DG. Compression test as performed by Northern BMW in November 2021, all cylinders between 160 & 170psi. Sale includes a large number of new spares parts, details of which can be provided through further communication. **Chris McQuellin, RSCA Member** Phone: 0423966692 E: cpmccq@bigpond.com

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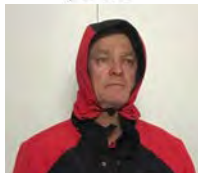
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TONNEAU TALK

We welcome our new members this month—

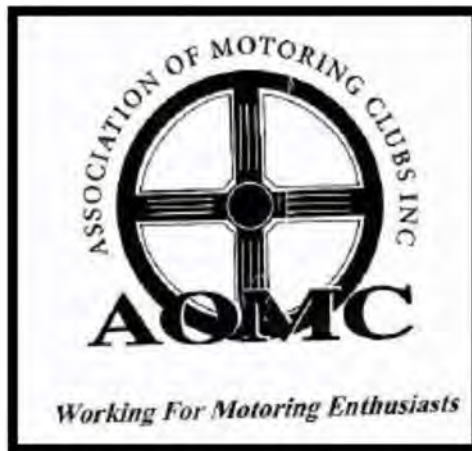
Cheryl Ann and Greg Lewis - Jaguar XJS and Jaguar 420G

Oscar McMaster - Alfa Romeo Alfasud Sprint

Brett and Jenna Meyer - Shelby AC Cobra

David and Leanne Screaigh - Mitsubishi Ralliart Magna

See you on the next run!



Attention NSW members on H and D plates

Log Book entries for NSW vehicles on H or D plates TfNSW now has a permanent NSW Police liaison officer attached to the Historic and Classic Industry Working Group. Recent reports and social media posts have led to that officer providing the following suggested message to clubs.

This is quoted verbatim for your advice:

"When completing a log book entry, the person who is completing the log book entry for the day should ensure that they are recording their "Full Name".

It is important that the log book entry is completed correctly and before first use of the vehicle on that day, abbreviations, initials or "ditto" marks do not fulfill the requirements of the conditions of the log book.

One entry is required in the log book for that day regardless of how many drivers use the vehicle. The instructions are in the front of the log book. Remember, log books allow personal use of vehicles and are an important part of the registration and insurance process, incorrectly entered or log books not completed could result in police action or non-payment of an insurance claim."

Club members are advised to heed the advice of the Police liaison officer.



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