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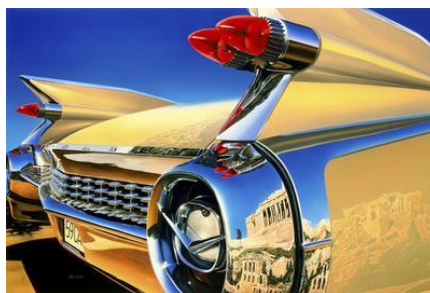
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I've missed!

Edition No. 253, and it's all a bit frantic getting this edition out! Between builders in doing some renovations, chasing all the bits and bobs they need, trips away to far flung lands - OK, South Australia - and not so far flung catching up with a freshly minted granddaughter and proud parents in Melbourne, cutting firewood and generally trying to keep cars moving regularly and repairing those that don't want to move....where has the time gone? Yes the calendar pages are flying off the wall....





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





Coming Events

MAY.

- 4th. DRIVE BACK IN TIME, Beechworth. Depart Gateway 9.00am
Annual display in Ford St. 8am—2 pm. Meet up there.
Burrumbuttock 150th Anniversary. Own arrangements
- 12th. General meeting. 7.45pm Commercial Club.
- 14th. Mid week run. To Corowa and Beechworth, see page 21
- 18th. NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY. This is a day created so all car clubs can display their vehicles to the public. Organised by Wodonga Historic Car Club, it will be held at Gateway Lakes on the Circus Site, next to The Lincoln hotel. 8.00am - 2.00pm.
- 25th. WINTON HISTORICS. A Great day of historic motor sport, no bikes this year!
DEPART Gateway 7.00am SHARP to arrive at the gates at 8, any complimentary tickets will be shared then; enter and park together. Always a great day!

JUNE

- 9th General Meeting 7.45 Commercial Club (Kings Birthday weekend)
Walla Walla Show n Shine. Own arrangements.
- 11th Mid Week run as a part of the Old Highway 31 tour, to Wagga Wagga for lunch. Note the starting point will begin at "THE SHED" 23 Thomas Mitchell Drive Wodonga 9am depart. See page 21
- 11-13th Old Highway 31 Tour (fully booked)
- 15th Cars & Coffee. 10.00am Ripe Tomato, Borella Rd, Albury.



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.



The Prez sez.....

How lucky are we?

I was recently reading about our European counterparts, poor unfortunates, having to put their classic cars away in garages for their winters freeze, to avoid salted roads and other nasty weather related issues.



Meanwhile "down under" our winter "chill" gives us all an opportunity to enjoy the glorious winter sunshine, albeit a bit brisk at times in the convertibles. There is truth to the old adage "Winter days and Summer nights" for open motoring.

This waffle, brings me to the many exciting events coming up during our winter period, without ice, salt, and the minus many degrees "C" our European counterparts put up with.

A couple of events not to be missed are Historic Winton 25th May and Malcolm's Highway 31 revisited, June 11,12,13th., these events along with our mid week runs and weekend runs we should have a reasonable full calendar. For details keep reading this edition of Open Topics. Anyone with an idea for a run please contact our drive team members, your suggestions are always welcome.

I recently asked members for suggestions for our annual donations to charity institutions, to date I have only receive one suggestion, so with time running short your input would be welcome before the next committee meeting in May.

Finally, I would like to welcome on behalf of members, the return of ex-members Jeff and Lorraine Seidel to our club after a 5 year absence. Jeff and Lorraine have recently retired so we look forward to see you both and your lovely Subaru WRX at our gatherings.

Happy and Safe Motoring to all,

Prez Pete

Peter Thompson



Red convertibles rule, OK!





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

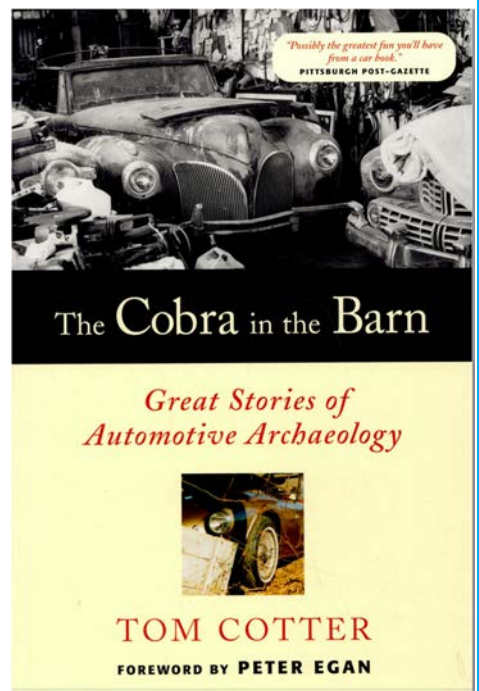
I know I started the last ramble with 'Ahh Autumn, its coming our way....' but where in the heck has it got to? I enjoy a late summer as much as anyone, but the paddocks are dry, the dams are getting low, and a drive to Hahndorf in SA, and some local driving there, added emphasis to the plea 'Can we have a bit of steady rain now, please??' Adding 'At night would be best' may be pure optimism.

I'll cover the weekend at Hahndorf - it was Alfesta, the annual Alfa Romeo Owners meeting which is always a good time - a bit further on, but one of the great pleasures was doing the run in our Junior with no AC, no radio or audio of any sort, just blatting along, windows down, enjoying the induction roar, gear whine, and the exhaust buzz as the best entertainment going. It's back to driving just for the joy of it, and using a lot of mostly good B and C roads to cross to the border meant some liberties could be taken with the accelerator position...

It's been a busy couple of months with events and drives - Picnic on the Lake, Chryslers On The Murray, Jindera Show 'n Shine, Chiltern Cancer Cruise, Wings and Wheels Corowa, Rutherglen Rumble and of course 2 mid-week drives to just name a few- and as Prez Pete asked, How lucky are we? Lots of events all within an easy distance, and more coming up through the year! Keep an eye on Coming Events, and start planning accordingly - the Drive Team have some ideas, but also welcome suggestions so let us know if there's something you'd like to do as a club run.

Now, a Book Review. There is a whole series derived from this book, and I've started working through them in my odd spare moments. The Cobra in the Barn was the first of the 'Great Stories of Automotive Archaeology' books, detailing amazing barn finds for both cars and motorbikes - The Hemi in the Barn, The Vincent in the Barn, The Corvette in the Barn, and the Harley in the Barn have all been released so far.

There are a lot of categories of finds, including Barn Finds, Rare Birds, Childhood Dreams, Racing Relics, Unconventional Discoveries to name a few; and with such titles as Fifty-Eight Cars for \$1,500; A Ferrari behind bars; A Cobra in the Bedroom; Rescuing an Allard and A Shotgun, a Hired Dick Tracy, and the California Kid gives some idea of the diversity of topics in this book. It is well illustrated, the stories are generally well written, and the deep desire to go peering into peoples sheds has to be kept in check! The last section is Sleeping Beauties- a selection of cars lost to the world as they lie rusting, rotting and disintegrating where left. I look at them and think 'if only.....'



Chilton Cancer Cruise.

A Gathering for a Good Cause

30 March 2025

This is an annual car show event where local Car Clubs are invited to display their vehicles as a group. Money collected at the gate and raffle profits all go the Albury Wodonga Cancer Council.

With a strong link to the Cancer Council through a past member, the late Bruce Gibbens, our club has been a regular supporter of this event. However, with strong competition



from Minis On The Murray and the Jindera Swap Meet on the same day, our numbers were down. Nevertheless, eighteen cars managed to put on a good display of our varied vehicles, ranging from Garrie Filer's immaculate MG TC (our oldest) to Brian Giersch's MX5 (our newest on the day). Of course, this did not include Harley Knott's new Toyota HiLux who has sold his orange Mustang and is yet to receive his new red Mustang. We let him park nearby to our cars, but not too close!

The display from other clubs was still impressive with all kinds of classic machinery includ-



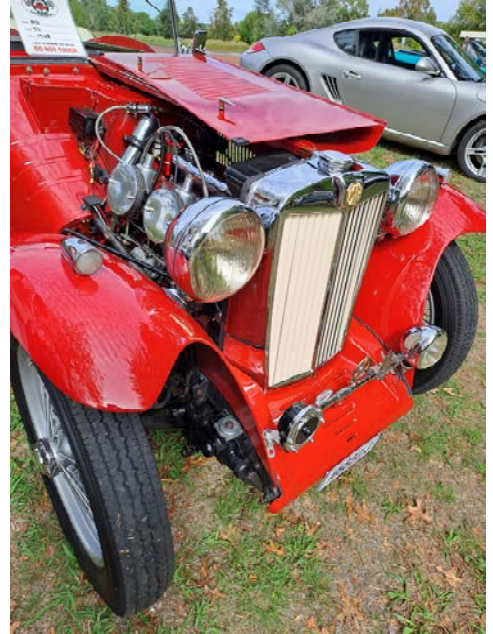
ing two Austin Sevens and a beautiful Rolls Royce Silver Cloud. Fords, Holdens, Chevs and Dodges were there of course. All were well presented and are a credit to their owners.

Diana Davey turned up with her well-travelled MGBGT which was great to see. This car has travelled the world under previous owners and we look forward to Diana giving us a talk on its history at a future club meeting.

Best effort to get here prize within our club (if we had one), goes to Trevor and Lesley Lashbrook in their 1975 Falcon XB Coupe. It had not been used for some time, so it just didn't want to start the previous afternoon and took several litres of fuel down the carby throat to coax some life from the big V8. Then the brake pedal went straight to the floor requiring a full brake bleed. Then in the morning, the Ford door handle broke!

The weather was kind and we spent some time sitting in the shade just talking – about what? Cars of course!! A good day was had, surrounded by classic cars and surrounded by the good company of fellow club members.

Alan Brink.



List of Attendees

Alan Brink	Alfa Spyder
Garrie Filer	MGTC
Brian Giersch	MX5
Harley Knott	Toyota HiLux 900
Bruce Doughty	Falcon XY GT
Ray Tanner	Holden HX Premier
Peter Dunham	Porsche Boxter
Peter Trescowthick	Porsche Cayman
Ian Tuttle	Honda 1300 Coupe
Mick Bird	Ford Capri
Peter Thompson	Ford Capri
Kerrie Thompson	Triumph Herald
Trevor Lashbrook	Falcon XB Coupe
Kerry Bedford	Holden EH
Stuart McMurray	Ford Mustang
Diana Davey	MGB GT
Kim McConchie	Renault 16TS
Chantelle McConchie	Alfa Romeo GTV V6





March Mid-week run.



DRIVE TEAM REPORT

30 Runners started from the Gateway after a short briefing, and were on the road by 9:40 am. We arrived at Anderson's Winery a 10:15 after picking Stuart McMurray up at Barnawartha, Then meeting some additional members at the Winery and along the way totaling 39 participants.

Unfortunately Neil Kilby had an issue with the rear shocks in his MX5 at the start line , therefore went home and got the Merc to meet us at the venue



Howard provided a short insight into some of his wines and wine making. In particular "Saperavi" a small batch wine made from ancient Georgian grapes (yum). Some Chatter, wine tasting, and purchases followed, before we moved on to Rutherglen.





Members attended caffeine machine as well as other cafes and shops in the main street before gathering at Buller's Winery (Federation Way) to travel as a group to Eldorado.



I took special note to warn the Jaguar drivers not to put their foot down on Federation way as it's a long straight and very tempting, & frequently patrolled. (See below from the previous week, per Facebook)

Last Thursday the 6th of March 2025 at approximately 2:55pm, members from Wodonga Highway Patrol were travelling South on Federation Way just outside of Rutherglen, when they



We all arrived at Eldorado McEvoy Tavern without incident, half an hour before anticipated. Kelly proved to be a wonderful host having the tables set up the air conditioner on and staff ready to go. She managed the orders, food and drinks even at times with a parrot on her shoulder. By all reports a good meal and venue





Thanks to all the Members, Partners and Friends who attended.

Special thanks to Howard (Anderson's Winery), Lisa (Caffeine Machine), and Kelly (McEvoy Tavern Eldorado)

Greg & Lyn Harris

The Mid-Week Runners to Eldorado  Date: 12 / 03 /2025

<i>Name</i>	<i>With</i>	<i>Car</i>
David Polsen		2003 Monaro
Peter Tompson	Kerrie	MG
Ross Edwards	Petra	Jeep
Malcolm McEachern	Robyn	Jaguar p-pace
Peter Spasojevic	Carolyn	Jaguar XK
Graham Ashton		Mercedes
Raymond Jones	Tina	Jaguar XKR
Hans Probst	Ida	Mercedes E250
David Young	Kate	Subaru Crosstrek
Peter Dunham	Sally – Anne	Porsche Boxter S
Peter Trescowthick		Porsche Cayman
Ian Mcdonald	Annie	BMW Z3
Harley Knot		Hi Lux Rogue
Greg Harris	Lyn	Hi Lux Rugged X
Neil Schliebs	Fay	Wild Trak
Trevor Lashbrook	Lesley	Kia Stinger
Ian Tuttle	Gail	Kohna
Jeff Lacey		Lexus
Rob Masolin	Anna Nielson	Datsun 120
Peter Ratcliff	Anita Saleeba	MX 5
Stuart McMurray		Mustang Convertible
Gordon Mackinlay		
Neil Kilby	Gwen	Mercedes



March Cars & Coffee.

A Gathering at the Ripe Tomato!

(Every 3rd Sunday - check the location on Coming Events, and Facebook)



A Back In The Day blast from the past!

From 'The Chronicle', Tuesday February 13, 2007

Now you may not be familiar with The Chronicle, but it's the place to go for all the latest Toowoomba and Queensland News. And on this date, none other than John Carthew featured following a successful run of 30 Jaguars to the Jondaryan Woolshed from Toowoomba on the previous Sunday. John was the Vice-Chairman of the Darling Downs register of the Jaguar Drivers Club of Queensland, and drove this magnificent 1955 Mk 7. Where is it now, John?

If you have a blast from the past, send it to me— it's always good to see what we used to get up to back in the day!

LOCAL NEWS We live here. The Chronicle, Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Proud owners head to Woolshed

John Carthew, of Kulpi, is very proud of his 1955 Mark 7 Jaguar which not only carries the personalised plates for the Jaguar Drivers' Club, but also John Douglas Carthew. PICTURE: KEVIN FARMER

Smooth run for Jaguar drivers

By SUSAN SEARLE
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DON'T even think about a Jaguar breaking down on the special two-monthly club run. "It would be too embarrassing," says John Carthew, vice-chairman of the Darling Downs register of the Jaguar Drivers' Club of Queensland. More than 30 Jaguar cars and their proud owners left Toowoomba on Sunday destined for the Jondaryan Woolshed.

"They all ran beautifully," he said, vowing he would tell me if one had broken down.

Mr Carthew has had a 50-year love of old cars. "I have had numerous vintage cars in various states of repair, but never got them on the road. You know the old story, going to get it to do up and it never happened. The money, and the time and the ability even stopped me from doing it.

"It was a dream," Mr Carthew conceded.

"When we could afford it we bought Jaguars that were already restored.

"I had to wait until I was 60." In his shed are the 1955 Mark 7 Jaguar that went for a spin on Sunday, and his XJ 6 Jaguar.

He bought the Mark 7 as an original — it had never been painted.

Under the restricted registration, the cars are only allowed out of the shed for club events.

Mr Carthew is a truck driver for Rosalie Shire Council. He returned to work after becoming bored with retirement.

He previously owned the Oakey and District Septic tank cleaning business.

Mr Carthew describes himself as a "blue singlet" man who during the week drives an AU Falcon sedan.

The next Jaguar run will be on April 15 to Kingaroy.



Yarrowonga Picnic By The Lake

March 9 2025

Run by the Sun Country Car Club, this is always a well attended show and what a great location on a sunny day!

A very ad hoc group met up at Gateway and then headed for Yarrowonga, but couldn't get past Caffeine Machine in Rutherglen without taking a coffee break—just to make sure the long trip in front of them could be successfully completed, of course.

While we (mostly) managed to park together, there was a quick dispersal of members in the direction of the Yarrowonga Op shops, coffee shops, and around the cars displayed.

With some people coming later in the day, I wasn't able to stay long enough to get a list of who was attending so I'll let the pictures do the talking!

Kim McConchie





April mid-week run.

*A drive to be amazed at
Brookfield Maze*



DRIVE TEAM REPORT

Another beautiful morning meet up at Gateway Village for the start of the April Midweek Run. As it was Easter week I wasn't expecting too many takers. What a pleasant surprise! All forty seven of us departed and motored our way to Beechworth for morning tea. We spread ourselves out at our own choice of the towns many cafes.

After a caffeine awakening we all lined up on the straight at the southern end of Beechy in convoy formation for the fifty five minute cruise to our lunch venue at Brookfield Maze in the picturesque King Valley.

The convoy didn't quite go to plan. Nobody informed the group leaders that older cars take longer, if at all, to reach the speed limit than newer vehicles. The next thing, it all went pear shaped. The three front runners turned into White Post Road towards Everton, as clearly pointed out on the magnificently crafted crayon map, and slowed to a crawl to see twenty three cars miss the turnoff and head towards Tarrawingee instead. Aaaaaaaaaaaaaah! After a few phone calls, we all reunited just out of Milawa and off we all putted at a very low speed which gave the drivers a chance to take in the scenery through Greta, Hansonville, Greta South and the Benalla-Whitfield Road.

Arrival at the Maze was just before midday and the weather was perfect. Cars were backed into their parking positions at a forty five degree angle ready for a photo opportunity or a fast getaway if needed.

Everyone shuffled into the Maze's onsite café and ordered lunch. It was a tight squeeze so a number of members dined





outside in the glorious sunshine. After a fair wait the food started arriving. I was a little worried up to this stage hoping it wouldn't turn into 'The Dartmouth Fiasco'. It ended up fine.

The Maze itself was tried out by a handful but conquered by Marg and Ray Tobin's grandson, Matthew, by photographing sections of the maze interior. Well done Matthew.



It's a truck! Who could that be now?



The garden was immaculate and the maze walls were a thing of envy for us weekend hedge trimmers.

After lunch some of us headed home and others stayed to enjoy the roses before leaving.

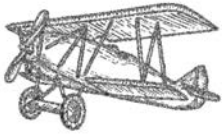
The day was a success and thank you to our lunch hosts, Tania and Francois and all who participated.

Peter Dunham.

The Mid-Week Runners

Alan and Lynne Brink	Alfa Guilia
Chantelle Mc Conchie	Mercedes
Hans and Ida Probst	Mercedes
Peter and Kerrie Thompson	Capri
David Polsen	Holden Ute
Peter and Carolyn Spasejovic	Jaguar
Gary Nauer and Karine	MGA
John and Eileen Carthew	Territory
John Mc Innes and Denise Bell	SS Commodore
Ray and Marg Tobin, Jan Salan and Matthew	PT Cruiser
Peter and Lorraine Daly	Jaguar
Harley Knott	Truck
John and Jan Parker	Mercedes
Mark and Lynne Nelson	MGB
Ross and Petra Edwards	Jeep
Peter Trescowthick	Porsche
Gregory and Cheryl Lewis	Jaguar
Ian and Deb Lattimore	Cobra
Jeff and Lorraine Seidel	WRX
Trevor and Lesley Lashbrook	Stinger
Malcolm Mc Eachern	Territory
Ian and Valerie Bruce	MX5
Ian and Gail Tuttle	Hyundai
Darryl Baxter and Ellis Thomson	Saab
Peter and Sally-Anne Dunham	Porsche





Corowa Fly In.

with the Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia



The RSCA was invited by Corowa and District Car Club to join them in a show and shine at Corowa Airport on Saturday the 12th of April 2025; it coincided with the Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia's fly in, fly out display. So with the sun shining, the breeze being merely breezy, light to variable, no threat to Tiger Moths or re-enactments of the Wright Brothers early attempts, what better way to spend a morning than pottering about some great examples of classic aviation?



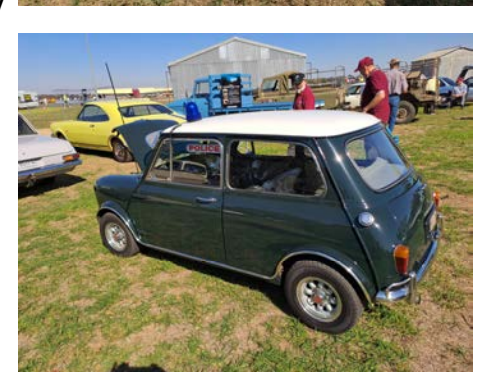
The arrangements were informality at their best - the show and shine was more park your car (truck, tractor, sedan chair etc) wherever you can see a spot and if there was some congregating of vehicles from the same club, well done you all, and assuming your car is shining and on show, all criteria for a show and shine have been met. Which suited me just fine, having taken The Big Yellow Taxi for a bit of a blow the cobwebs out sojourn for the day.



Now, time for true confessions, I do like old planes. They have a sense of style, a sense of adventure about them that a Cessna 172 totally fails to capture. Anything being propelled without a propeller is at risk of being boring (honorable exception, anything with an afterburner gets my attention immediately), and anything that cruises at 35,000 feet with 2 or more classes of passengers and a drinks trolley is, by definition, a bus with lofty ambitions and second rate entertainment masquerading as 'an experience'.



So to Corowa where a loose collection of club members gathered to view some of the most cherished classic planes still flying regularly in Australia today, and an interesting collection of automotive gems of all sizes displayed in the sun as a counterpoint to the classic aviation on the tarmac. Flying seemed to largely consist of Aviation club members taking other club members up to admire the view and the plane, and the CAC Mustang was only going to fly if someone was going to stump up the readies (around \$2.5k) to be a passenger and get it off the ground. The loose change in my pocket certainly wasn't going to cut it!





A pleasant morning, I don't think anyone conducted a roll-call, so if you were there (and there were a good dozen or more members wandering around) raise your right hand and I'll note you down!

Kim McConchie



Some pics from the day, thanks Peter Thompson!

It certainly looks like it was a great day in a great location.



Mustang Sally goes to the Nationals

Mustang Nationals, Mount Panorama Bathurst 21-23 March 2025



June and I along with fellow club members Lyn & Mick Donohue took our Mustangs to the "60th Anniversary Mustang Nationals"

The event was held over three days and located at Mt Panorama, using the track pit facility's and the Rydgers Motel.

Other than a very wet trip up all went well, it was very well organised and included things for the ladies to do, not just car things.

There were Mustangs of every year, model, shape and color, some very big dollar vehicles and from all over Australia.

As it was to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the release of the Mustang and the organisers put in a lot of effort to make it a bit special.

It is marvelous with what can be done with a bit of elbow grease and the help from a grandson !! We were lucky enough to win best "Mustang in the 2004 to 2014" category.

Did not expect to win with a 17 year old car that's done over 100,000 kl, we did not even attend the presentation dinner for that reason.

So we were pretty chuffed when we got the text, some say it won because of my shirt !!

Now back home in the shed bit with a big chip in the windscreen, bugger.

Brian Liersch



When you drive a 54 year old Alfa (plus a much more modern 25 year old Alfa) to Alfesta in Hahndorf....

It's a case of trust in the four leaf clover, BUT...feels like

On a Wing and a Prayer!



Well, the wings were missing but the prayers were heartfelt—Chantelle and I were heading to Hahndorf and, to be honest, while a bit of servicing and preparation had been done, I felt there was more that should have got a lot more attention before hitting the road.

Especially the car I was driving. The 54 year old. With a noisy thrust bearing down in the clutchy bit. Which wasn't getting any quieter. And the memories of having a thrust bearing seize in our Mercedes of similar vintage, with resultant destruction of the pressure plate, a long way from home, hovered over me like an evil spirit with bad intentions.... and as we hit the Hume, the noises sounded eerily familiar... Alfas are often seen with a four leaf clover on them for good reason- owners need all the luck they can get! I had great intentions of pulling the gearbox out and replacing it before we left, but as often happens, life gets in the way, time ticks by, and the deadline for doing it all came and went. So on the road we are, thinking lucky Alfa Romeo thoughts, ready to switch off and get neutral in a hurry if noise becomes screech and lucky four leaf clover, the noise lessens and by Violet Town is almost imperceptible. Just a bit dry from lack of use? A stroke of the clover and fingers crossed, keep going.



So I'm in a 1972 GT 1600 Junior, no AC, no PS, no radio or media of any kind, windows down and around 850kms to put away to get to our destination. Chantelle is driving her 2000 GTV V6, with AC, PS, surround sound and no odd noises to concern us. She doesn't want to swap, no surprises there!



An overnight stop at St Arnaud is approaching and I get a call on the walkie talkie—Um, looks like you don't have brake lights... The brake light switch is screwed into the hydraulic line, down at the rear of the car; I had looked at that and thought it's a bit exposed, I should make a shield for it. A look underneath and sure enough, something has given it a whack—a piece of truck tyre comes to mind - and broken a tab clean off it. A quick question to the Alfa brains trust reveal it's a part common to VW's, Porsches and other Euro cars of that era, and Repco should have them. Thursday dawns, I ring Repco in Mt. Barker, yes they can order one and have it in Friday morning. No, they can't take payment over the phone, it's front up to pay. OK, see this afternoon. Happy days!



So away we go, Chantelle sticking behind me to be my brake lights. Across the border and the weather turns to drizzle, and now I'm thinking the last time I used the wipers was 2022, also going to an Alfesta event. They awake from their slumber, inch across the screen, stop to have a little think about it...rub that four leaf clover, and they agree to start clearing water at a *glacial* pace which turns out to be the standard slow speed. I'm far too used to modern cars wipers, obviously!

Wheel into Repco Mt. Barker, its 3.30 and front the counter to pay for the order. Tap the card, and ask 'It is ordered, isn't it?' Nope. The order isn't placed until the payment is made. Will it still get here tomorrow? Nope. Cut-off was 2.30. It might be here Monday. Not happy, if they'd bothered to make that clear I would have passed up the lunch stop.

Hahndorf, what a lovely historic town, and more importantly book into the accommodation and head to the on site function center, as the bar opens at 5.30. A lot of other people had the same idea, and we were quickly catching up with the Alfa regulars we know from past events. A welcome bbq followed, and one of the locals gave me a pointer to a car parts shop in Hahndorf, as well as offering his shed and tools to anyone who needs to do some fettling.

Friday morning, I find the shop in a back-street, and meet Dave. A cheery Pom who did his apprenticeship at an Alfa dealer in the '60's, he knows exactly what I need, and asks if I want one or two? For a spare I think; no, turns out the car has two brake light switches, and if there are no lights both are out of action. Only owned the car 10 years and I had never spotted the second switch, tucked in against the firewall under the wiring loom! Yep, get two, and they arrived mid afternoon. We fitted the easiest one to access, and problem solved; plus there was a spare to pick up at Repco next Monday. So Alfesta fun went on, with an observation walk though the town, clip boards and questionnaires in hand; a Mexican themed dinner that night with tequila, Margheritas, and a Mexican buffet that encourages second helpings plus a lot of



catching up now everyone was here.

Saturday started with a Show 'n Shine at Birdwood National Motoring Museum, a touch damp but it meant a quick wipe over had the cars shining when the sun did break through. A free afternoon, then on the bus to Anvers Winery for a gala dinner and, of course, wine tasting. Are you sensing a theme here?

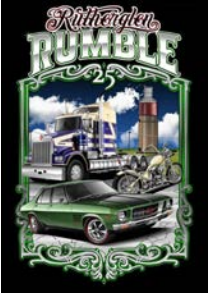
Sunday, and the annual Ray Sharp Observation Rally was run, covering around 80kms of roads around the area and with 35 wickedly testing questions to answer – the only clue we had



was all the answers were on the left hand side of the road. It finished with a lunch at Lake Breeze Wines, in Langhorne Creek; after which Chan and I toured to another couple of wineries and craft food outlets before heading back to prepare for the final Gala Closing Dinner. And a gala it was, with dinner, live music and dancing, a silent auction (scored a couple of nice prints), winners of the Observation run announced plus other awards, and more wine supplied by Anvers. A very good way to wrap up the event.

A quick drive home with an overnight stop in Bendigo, and by the time we got home, guess what? Chantelle's car had a rattle in the AC compressor, the radio had stopped working, and a red light was on in the dash. Pending work– replace the compressor, fit a new radio, and find a replacement seat belt tensioner module, which according to a trusty fault code reader is the source of the red light. The Junior had no issues. *Kim McConchie*





It was the Rutherglen Rumble!

Ian Tuttle, Phil Harrison and yours truly departed Gateway for the run to the Rumble. Held at Rutherglen Showgrounds the venue has heaps of room to display the large number of cars, trucks and bikes. Run to aid local charities, it was well supported and should have been a financial success. We didn't stay for the presentations but the trophies on display were magnificent!

Those we chatted to were:

Phil Harrison, Ian Tuttle, Ray Tanner, Wayne van Kerkhof, Craig Lemke, Alan Lawrence, Graeme Waller.

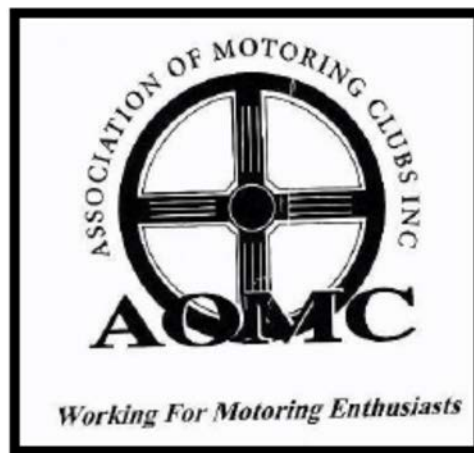
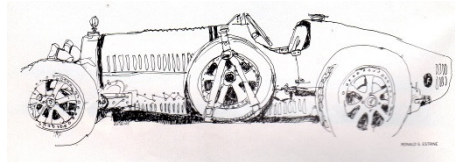
Gordon Nicholls.



TONNEAU TALK

We welcome our new members this month
Rejoining, we have Jeff and Lorraine Seidel, Subaru WRX; and
Anthony Hunter, driving a 2006 Porsche 987

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.

