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Coming Events

September 13th monthly meeting - guest speaker Tesla Cars - **CANCELLED**

September 19th - Anthony & Angela's memorial run. A surprise trip @\$32 per head includes lunch but not beverages (not to be missed) - **CANCELLED**

October - events to be advised.

All events and meetings have been cancelled for September and October. Any changes will be advised.

An email will be sent closer to the date of each event with full details

NSW Southern Motoring is now -:
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Web page www.historicmotoring.com.au

Contacts for Victorian registration renewals and permits are -

- Howard Anderson**
- Greg Chapple**
- Bryan Liersch**

Possible RSCA Midweek Runs 2021

Corryong via Tallangatta 125km 1hr 30min

Benalla via Beechworth 124km 1hr 34min
 Gateway to Beechworth 42k – 37min
 Beechworth to Benalla 82k – 57min

Mansfield via Milawa 180km 2hr 19min
 Gateway to Milawa 78k – 53min
 Milawa to Mansfield 102k – 1hr 26min

Yarrawonga via Rutherglen 93km 1hr 9min

Bright via Mount Beauty 119km 1hr 43min
 Gateway to Mt Beauty 90k – 53min
 Mt Beauty to Bright 29k – 31min

Jingellic via Holbrook 124km 1hr 31min

Holbrook via Howlong 132km 1hr 42min
 Gateway to Howlong 31k – 28min
 Howlong to Culcairn 69k – 47min
 Culcairn to Holbrook 33k – 31min

Wagga via Culcairn 132km 1hr 37min

Albury via Corowa 87km 1hr 27min
 Gateway to Corowa 57k – 43min
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Wangaratta via Yackandandah 92km 1hr 17min
 Gateway to Yackandandah 32k – 30min
 Yackandandah to Wangaratta 60k – 47min

*Random Suggestions -
 NOT IN ORDER OF EVENTS!*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presidents message to RSCA members



As I write this report we have just had advice from our government that lockdown six has just ended for country Victoria, however as of 21/8 we are back in lockdown until at least September 3rd. However it was necessary last week to cancel the August monthly meeting and events for August. Hopefully the September monthly meeting and the events for September can go ahead as planned, however this may not happen.

With the lack of club events, there is less correspondence and photos being sent to our editor for inclusion in our magazine. This is an opportunity for members to provide car related stories and photos to add to our magazine and provide interesting reading for our members.

There are some great events planned for September and October so spring clean your favourite cars and support our coming events.

Happy & safe motoring

Howard
president@rsca.net.au



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.

Horizontal hill climb 4th July, 2021

It was a cold wet day at the Logic Centre, Barnawartha on Sunday 4th July. The event being held there on that day was Round 6 of the 2021 Victorian Hill Climb Championship, a championship that does hill climbs on various strips of undulating tarmac around the state. The Logic Centre, with its height variation of 30cm was given the title of a “Horizontal Hill Climb!”. This event was run over $\frac{3}{4}$ of a lap in a clockwise direction. Talking with a few of the drivers during the course of the day, their responses were glowing about the technical difficulty of the chosen layout!

There were 49 cars in attendance, some with two drivers which made the day “full on” for competitors and officials running this meeting. The classes of cars ranged from open wheeled race cars, sports sedans and time attack cars all with big wings to provide down force. Also, there were Clubmans, Group N Minis, big and small capacity specials, plus a couple of modern 4WD vehicles, all being driven significantly harder during the periods of time when the track dried out. Early in the day, due to the wet conditions, there were quite a few cars spinning out. The presentations were made later in the day and the consensus among participants was a resounding “lets hold it again next year!”. Hopefully the weather will be better as I’m sure members would enjoy watching and maybe participating in this fantastic “hill climb!” event.

Regards Greg Chapple.



Horizontal hill climb 4th July, 2021



Mid-week Run to Whitfield via Beechworth, 14th July, 2021

Time line Wednesday 14th July.

8.10am - I walked out to the shed to warm up the old girl prior to leaving home for the gathering of members in Wodonga. Having spent hours washing, polishing, painting tyres, vacuuming and checking fluid levels in the motor of the XC GS the day before, a look at the inclement weather outside, I quickly thought about the road grime, mud and other filth bringing all my work undone and opted to drive what I lovingly call my shopping trolley and leave my clean car in the shed.

8.50am - Found Eileen and I at Sumsion Gardens milling around with other intrepid members under cover whilst the rain continued to fall.

9am(ish) - "Start your engines" was called and approximately 18 cars departed for Beechworth. The drive was uneventful and we all arrived safely in close proximity to the Tea Shop. We were joined by a few more members including Jeanette Achammer and daughter Olivia. The Tea Shop was a quaint and quirky venue with a huge array of vintage tea pots and delicate tea cups and saucers adorning the walls and shelves.



The menu consisted of Devonshire teas, scones and pikelets. I enjoyed my three huge pikelets with cream and strawberry jam and noticed a lot of other members also partaking of the same fare.

11-30ish - Saw us departing for the "easy" run to Whitfield. Me not being the best map reader decided to "follow the car in front" (bad mistake). No names of the driver "in front" will be disclosed! We had an enjoyable drive out to the little borough of Whorouly before we realised we were on the wrong track (literally). Needless to report, we finally made it to the Mountain View hotel in Whitfield for lunch. We were the last to arrive although members were still ordering their meals. The usual cacophony of talk and laughter permeated the venue as is normal when this mob get together. One of our members, who will remain anonymous, had a fright when a 'No Parking' sign jumped out in front of his vehicle outside the hotel causing minor damage to his car but flattening the sign. All in all, it was a good run and the fare at both venues was exceptional. Kudos to Peter for organising this run (I heard from a reliable source that Peter was stressing about everything running smoothly), so 'good job Pete!!'. As always, another good day and we look forward to the next one.

John Carthew

Participants - Mid-week run to Whitfield via Beechworth, 14th July, 2021

Peter and Carolyn Spasojevic	Jaguar
Jim and Cheryl Grice	Subaru
Hans and Ida Probst	Mercedes
Peter Dunham and Sally Anne	Hyundai
Raymond and Tina Jones	Jaguar
Bryan and June Liersch	Mustang
Neil and Jillian Butler	Porsche
Alan and Lyn Brink	Alfa
Ron Luton and Steve Bartos	BMW
Jeff Lacey and Meredith	
Peter Thompson and Kerrie	Nissan
Ian and Gail Tuttle	Honda
Bernie, Sue and Matt Campbell	Jeep
John Allott and David Cavanagh	Porsche
Jeanette Achammer and Olivia	
Noel Ferri and Maria Kable	Saab
John Carthew and Eileen	Toyota Sport
Ray and Marg Tobin	Ford
David and Kate Young	Mini
Bob Lomas and Glenys Phillips	Mercedes
Ray Tanner Holden	



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A step back in time with Peter and Kerrie Thompson

At the time, if memory serves me correctly and in my defense, it was 35+ years ago, I heard on the grapevine of a gathering of sports car enthusiasts at Noreuil Park under the shady Elm trees by the river. It was a Sunday afternoon picnic meeting, so, along with my wife Kerrie and young daughters Shannon and Sally then 5 and 3 respectively in our trusty Triumph Herald, we joined in. We were made very welcome by all. There I met Dave Fraser - TR3a, Roy Hartles - Austin Healy 3000, Rodger Benjamin - MGB GT, Des Holt – MGB, Ross Jones - Canstel Clubman, amongst several others. Membership was then about 40, the cars were mainly 1960/70 rag tops with a few sports sedans and coupes. This was the about a year after the club came into being and I was hooked with the people, the cars and the family inclusiveness.



1962 Triumph Herald 1200

This was about 1985, I was 28 with a refurbished and repainted 1962 Triumph Herald 1200 (above) and a 1975 Triumph 2500TC Manual o/d in my garage (see picture below right) and with a keen interest in all things Triumph and Pommy sports cars in general. *To digress for a moment, I grew up with the influence of my father who had many interesting cars during my younger years, from a 1949 Formula 1 Largo Talbot, a mid-1950s Plus4 Morgan, a 1953 Daimler Saloon and a 1971 MG Midget (which is still in the family), to name a few. Back in the day they were just old cars, not worth a lot, today priceless. There is a lesson there for our modern classics as they go into the future years.*



Early events I remember were day trips in the local district, an economy run around the back of the Hume Weir via Tallangatta and Talgaro, the Australia Day procession each year at Corowa, Historic Winton, and a time trial at the Hume Weir circuit prior to its demise. Show and shines, a fixed timed event on the ascent of Mt Buffalo and a weekend in Echuca cruising on a Paddle Steamer. All of which were heaps of fun with like-minded enthusiasts.

Early committee meetings were held at committee members' homes in turn each month. Roy Hartles was president at the time, with a treasurer, secretary, events co-ordinator and a couple of general committee helpers of which I was one. Relevant information was passed on to members via upcoming club events and Open Topics, which, I'm glad to see is continuing in its original format with the digital copy now available also. This important club communication magazine was originally put together, edited and distributed by David Fraser.

In 1989 work called me away to Brisbane and I lost touch with the RSCA but my interests have continued. After retiring and returning earlier this year to Wodonga, Kerrie and I are once again keen members of the RSCA and have welcomed the friendly atmosphere of the club and we look forward to future fun times.

Thank you

Peter and Kerrie Thompson



The Herald at speed (as much as 40HP would give) on the back straight Hume Weir circuit.



My now 41 year old daughter at a show and shine back in 1987.

2022 RSCA Calendar Photos

Do you have a nice photo of your "Pride & Joy" (car that is) that you would like to see in our 2022 calendar? Please submit your digital photo to me at kerriethompson2@bigpond.com by the AGM in September or sooner if possible for inclusion. We need about 20-25 photos to format the calendar.

This is an opportunity to have your car immortalised in our club history, selection by popular consensus.

Peter Thompson
0427517543



WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING WITH YOUR CARS DURING LOCKDOWN?

As we cannot use our classics for club runs and therefore lack the material for our magazine, we invite members to write down a few paragraphs, and a photo or two, on what they have been doing with their vehicle/s during this lockdown period eg. maintenance, polishing, modifications etc. A title for this could be “Domestic Covid Car Capers”. In this way, we can hopefully maintain some club spirit and interest and be certain of a well-supported return to club activities, when it finally happens. Alan Brink, our membership Secretary, has offered this idea and has supplied the following example.

DOMESTIC COVID CAR CAPERS

Alan Brink – 1980 Alfa Romeo Spider

Poor Alfie has been sitting all forlorn and unloved in my garage over much of winter while the big Ford alongside has been coming and going most days. I am sure some jealousy exists between these two.

However I must admit that on some occasions, when “she who must be obeyed” has instructed me to go shopping and if the sun is out, well, why not take the Alfa – naturally via the very long way in order to properly warm it up.

I recently watched a YouTube series of videos on tuning the Weber DCOE carburettors, and as Alfie has two of them, I became inspired to carry out an overhaul. But, before I started this, the sun came out so another short run was undertaken. On return, I realised that car was going really well and I was fearful of playing with these things unnecessarily – so using the old adage, “*if it ain't broke, don't fix it*”, I decided to leave them well alone.

The only works I have been carrying out are the usual attempts at tracing some annoying rattles (it is a 42 year old sports car), tidying up the wiring under the dash and sourcing a new clutch thrust bearing. This I have done and am now waiting to fit it into my mechanic for the work to be done, me being now too old (and lazy??) to do anything that requires me to get under the car.

So there are my Covid lock-down activities with Alfie. What about you, other members? Please note, the attached pics are for fun only. Do not do this when someone is looking!

Imagining a few hot laps at Winton.



Doing some delicate work on the carbies.



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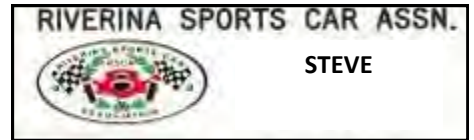


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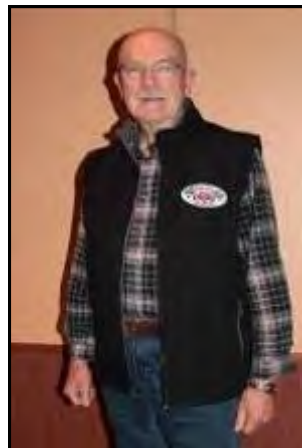


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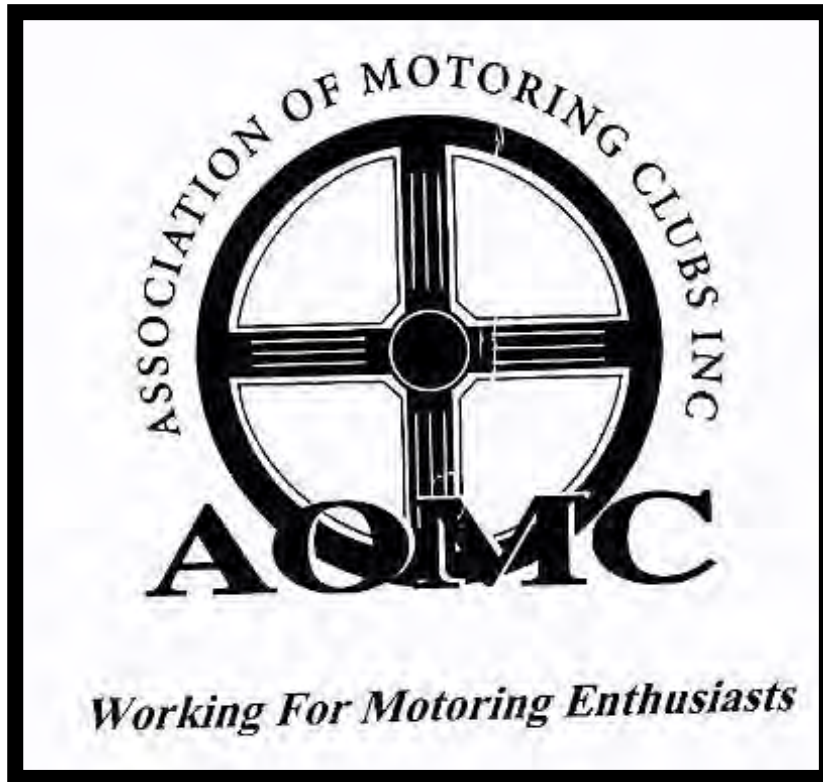


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