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BOOKING DOC's DODGE

Simply complete the online booking form and then contact David Jenkins to confirm availability. Email: dnpjenkins@yahoo.com

Annual General Meeting and Members Meeting Along with a Pie Night Friday 25th October 2024 Enjoy a drink and a chat from 6.30pm Pies at 7pm followed by our AGM and Meeting starts at 8pm

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CALENDAR 2024

October	20th	Sunday	Bay to Birdwood
	25th	Friday	Members Meeting and AGM
November	5th	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Day Party
	10th	Sunday	100 Years of Chrysler
	16th-17th	Sat-Sun	Bendigo Swap Meet
	20th	Wednesday	Mid-Week Run
	22nd	Friday	Members Meeting
	24th	Sunday	Christmas & Presentation
			Luncheon
December	1st	Sunday	Christmas Picnic & Party
	8th	Sunday	VSCC Two Wheel Brake Rally
			(Two wheel brake cars only)
	14th	Saturday	Christmas Coffee & Chat

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New Members

The following have recently joined our Club, Please make them very welcome

Kurt Piko 1929 Renault Monastella Boat Tail, 1926 Star Pegasus Boat Tail.

David & Gwen Chandler 1924 Chandler Ute.

Jennifer Drysdale

Kevin Stack - Rejoining Member

We hope you enjoy being members of our Club.

Magazine Closing Date

Closing date for contributions for the Nov/Dec magazine is:

Tuesday 29th October 2024

Front Cover:



Brenda Smith's 1928 Ford Model A roadster, read more inside this issue.

Membership Enquiries

New Membership Applications & all membership enquiries to Doug Stevenson Mob: 0419 319 977 Email: membership@vdc.org.au

Permit Renewals & Applications: are to be sent to the Club Permits Officer, Arnold Chivers 10 Beaufort Rise, Warrandyte Vic 3113. Documentation should include—1. VicRoads Renewal Application Form SIGNED BY THE MEMBER 2. Cheque or money order made payable to VicRoads 3. Stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads. OR Stamped self addressed envelope if you want the signed form returned to yourself. The Club Permits Officer will: Confirm the applicant's membership, financial status and vehicle eligibility and will post all relevant documents in the envelope provided. NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS are to be sent to the Club Permit Officer as above and include 1. Vic Roads Application Form 2. VicRoads Eligibility Form 3. Photos as per VicRoads requirements 4. For vehicles pre 1948, a vehicle safety report signed by an authorized Vehicle Safety Check Officer as appointed by the Club or a roadworthy certificate. Vehicles post 1948 a Roadworthy Certificate. As it is better for the owner to personally collect the new plates from VicRoads the application should be accompanied by a stamped self addressed envelope and no payment need be included.

From the President

As my term as President comes to a close, I wonder where the last three years have gone. This time has been very satisfying, I have meet so many members of our club and members of many other clubs during this time. It has been a very rewarding time for me to work for a club I am so proud of.

The encouragement from our members on a regular basis has made the job a rewarding experience for the entire 3 years.

The club has continued to grow during this time, and the variety of cars is ever growing. The clubrooms have had a couple of upgrades, and we have welcomed the Riley club and the Model T club into our tenancy. Our events team have been busy with a variety of events to suit all members, and all have been very well attended. We still seem to be leading the way in a lot of areas. RACV have continued to support the club, which has resulted in us being able to support some country areas by holding our events there. I extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated members of our committee, our volunteers, and every member who contributed to the success of the club during my time, your passion, enthusiasm, and hard work are what make the Vintage Drivers Club such a special club.

I wish the incoming president and the new committee all the best for the coming year. I'm confident that the Vintage Drivers Club will continue to thrive and grow.

Sincerely Glenda Chivers Outgoing President of the Vintage Drivers Club



From the Editors Desk

Welcome to the October edition of The Vintage Driver This month we have reports on a number of events that provide something for everyone.

Those wanting to enjoy the great outdoors could have partaken of the Grand final weekend camping expedition, our competitive type members had the Rob Roy Hillclimb whilst our retirees always have midweek runs, this month a garage crawl to Jim Lambert's new shed.

And for those looking for a little bit of club comadrie there is always the Saturday morning coffee and chat where you never know who is likely to turn up. Add to this our great new initiative the B 40 rally catering for those of us forty years and younger and with a vehicle over 40 years old!

I believe our club is catering for many interests and should be applauded for its efforts.

Featuring our lady members' adventures in their vintage vehicles. The history of last month's mystery vehicle marque certainly was of interest to your editor, and I hope to our readers.

I thank those members who regularly send content for publication. There is always a requirement for more and as I have said so many times our members are very interesting and have great motoring stories to tell. So please do not hesitate to send me your accounts of your motoring adventures, your mechanical triumphs, or your disasters. We all love to read members self-written articles.

So please keep those articles coming in whether they be automotive related tales, technical tips, cars I have owned, my first car, etc all are very welcome.

Words about an event you attended will be welcomed. If you are a newish member with a club car that you would like to see on the cover, please let me know! If you have a vehicle or parts to sell you are welcome to advertise them within these pages.

Enjoy the read lain R



Vale - Bernie Jacobson

We were recently notified of the passing of a former member Bernie Jacobson

Bernie was best known for his exploits with his beloved Lagonda Rapier. Which he rebuilt and had kept to the end, having covered just on 100,000 miles in it in his ownership. This distance having been travelled here and whilst away on Bernie and Helen's frequent extended tours of England and mainland Europe. As well in earlier times Bernie campaigned the Rapier at historic race meetings very regularly.

Bernie was an inveterate restorer regularly converting piles of bits into attractively bodied specials. Bernie seemed to specialise in starting restoration projects from rare, or perhaps sometimes unwanted models. His work ethic and ability to complete restorations in short periods of time was widely admired throughout the movement. One of these was the restoration of a Dixie Flier a very rare American margue. It is believed that over time he owned around 50 vintage or classic vehicles. As well he was an active member of the VSCC serving on its committee.

Our condolences to his wife Helen.

Important Notice

Our bank accounts have changed

We have now changed our bank accounts from NAB to WESTPAC.

So please next time you need to renew your membership or pay for an event don't forget to update our account details

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of The Vintage Drivers' Club Inc Registered No. A0110905M will be held before the Members Monthly Meeting on Friday 25th October 2024 where the following business will be conducted.

- To confirm the Minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on 22nd September 2023.
- To receive and consider the Annual Reports of the Committee on the activities of the Club • during the preceding financial year.
- To receive and consider the Financial Statement of the Club as at 30th June 2024.

NOTE: Details and Minutes of the 2023 AGM were printed in the October 2023 issue of "The Vintage Driver" magazine.

The following nominations have been received for the Executive Committee of The Vintage Drivers Club Incorporated for 2024 / 2025.

President	Richard Badham	Vice President	lain Ross
Secretary	David Jenkins	Treasurer	Maureen Ross

Nominations for Executive Committee Positions are:

- 1. Trevor Barby 2. Arnold Chivers
- 3. Glenda Chivers 5. Stuart McCorkelle 4. Kirk Gardiner 6. Melissa Sterry
- 7. Doug Stevenson

MINUTES OF THE VINTAGE DRIVERS CLUB MEETING

Held on Friday September 27th, 2024, at the clubrooms. Meeting Chaired by: Vice President, Iain Ross.

lain welcomed everyone for attending and those members on zoom.

ATTENDEES: There were fifty-two members in attendance, two visitors and nine attending by zoom.

APOLOGIES: Sharon and Chris Wells, Doug and Edith Stevenson, Stuart McCorkelle, Holly Sampson and Daniel Zampatti.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT: David and Gwen Chandler with their 1924 Chandler Ute and Jennifer Drysdale. A warm welcome to all our new members.

VISITORS: Nick and Tommy O'Mara with numerous Chevrolets and 1929 DA Dodge.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The previous minutes were accepted by George Cox, seconded by Clem Slater. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Maureen Ross presented the following Treasurers Report –

The following figures are for the period of 13th August to 17th September 2024.

Our Operating expenses for this period was \$8,187 Our expenses for the month were our normal Magazine costs and Clubroom expenses including cleaning, telephone etc. along with the replacement of all our smoke detectors and council rates.

Our income for the month was \$8,899

This was mainly from Clubroom rental payments and late membership renewals.

NEW MEMBERS REPORT: Doug Stevenson was absent from this meeting, so the following report was given by lain Ross.

Kurt Piko from Beechworth with a 1929 Renault Monastella Boat Tail and a 1926 Star Pegasus Boat Tail.

David and Gwen Chandler with a 1924 Chandler Ute. Jennifer Drysdale.

A warm welcome to all our new members.

GEARBOX REPORT: Garry Jewell presented the Gearbox report for the month with plenty of hand cleaner for sale. Garry also thanked those members who helped trying to find a supplier to get this at a wholesale price. Garry mentioned to members about new car badges that the Club is currently trying to organize as it is very hard to get badges made in a quality enamel and as we are starting to get close to the end of our supply, we need to decide what we are going to do. Sue Shulz was kind enough to source a company here in Melbourne who can make our badges in Vitreous Enamel. As there is a price increase from \$40 each up to \$75 each the Committee asked members for a show of hands which received resounding approval to purchase the badges at the new price.

EVENTS REPORT:

PAST EVENTS -

Mid-Week Run – 18TH September – Frank Braden spoke about the visit to Jim Lamberts property with a good turn out and wonderful weather.

Rob Roy Hill Climb – 22nd September – Peter Fleming spoke about the VSCC Rob Roy Hillclimb which by all accounts was a resounding success with huge improvements made to the actual site with approximately 75 cars in attendance of all makes with good catering on offer. Club Meeting 27th September – A great turn out at the Club Rooms considering that we had the Grand Final Camping Weekend on at the same time Grand Final Camping Weekend 27th – 29th September – Daniel Zampatti organized for members to meet at a campground near Marysville.

COMING EVENTS-

OCTOBER- B40 Rally- 4th October - Being held at Warragul. Entry forms are out. Coffee & Chat- 12th October – At the Club rooms. Mid-Week Run- 16th October – The Mad Hatters Garage. Organized by Frank Braden. Bay to Birdwood – 20th October Club Meeting – 25th October – AGM and Members Meeting. NOVEMBER- Cup Day Party – 5th November – Melbourne Cup Day Part held at the Club rooms. 100 Years of Chrysler – 10th November Bendigo Swap – 16th – 17th November Mid-Week Run – 20th November – Visit The Naked Racer followed by lunch at the Flight Deck Bar & Grill Club Meeting 22nd November – Guest speaker Russell Stuckey to speak about tyres. Christmas & Presentation Luncheon – 24th November -Chirnside Park.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As Glenda Chivers was away there is no Presidents Report for the month.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Iain Ross spoke about an article he read in Unique Cars where the Editor mentioned that there doesn't seem to be many old cars such as old Commodores or Fords on the road anymore.

Garry Jewell mentioned the morning tea for the Beam which was held at our Club rooms and onto the Fox Museum with a great turn out of 66 members attending.

CLUB COFFEE CAR UPDATE: There was no update for the Coffee Car.

AOMC REPORT / MYSTERY CAR:

The mystery car for the month was a 1924 Opal. Rob Coney guessed this correctly.

There are several events coming up starting with a new event "Club and Trade Showcase" on October 26th which is being held in the Shannon's building in Heatherton with trade suppliers and car clubs being on show. The annual Festival of Motoring which is to be held at Cruden Farm on January 19th, 2025, with funds from the event going to a wonderful organization Red Kite which helps families with children going through Cancer. The British European Motoring Show will be held at Yarra Glen on February 16th, 2025, or there is the American Motoring Show now being held at Mornington Racecourse on February 23rd, 2025.

MAGAZINE:

lain Ross spoke about the importance of our magazine and the contributions made by our members. If you have an interesting story or item/s for sale, please contact lain. CARS / PARTS FOR SALE OR WANTED:

John Johnson is looking for an AC Speedo to rebuild with the speed indicator 80 - 100.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE NIGHT: There was no speaker for the evening.

RAFFLE:

The raffle was won by some new faces this month which is always great to see which was followed by supper. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

COMING EVENTS

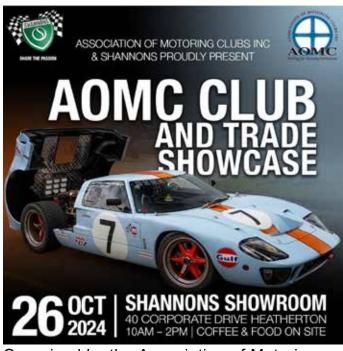
Doc's Dodge – our club car is available for use by members to attend any of the events. Booking form on our website or contact club car manager – Dave Jenkins 0413 901 734

Members Meeting Friday 25th October



Includes our AGM & Pie night! Join us at the clubrooms for the AGM & meat pies on the house. Rooms open at 6:30pm, Pies at 7pm and meeting at 8pm.

AOMC Club & Trade Showcase Saturday 26th October



Organised by the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc, this inaugural Showcase will focus on automotive suppliers and traders that provide products and services to motoring enthusiasts. The event will be hosted by Shannon's Insurance and promoted to the public through the Shannon's Club.

It is anticipated that the Showcase will include a selection of AOMC Member Clubs (one display car each) and up to 40 automotive traders.

Melbourne Cup Day Party Tuesday 5th November



Cup Day will be at the clubrooms from midday. Wear your racing attire and join in the fun of cup day. This year we will be incorporating a rocker cover race as well, so get to work in your garage and build yourself a rocker cover race car. Details for the rocker cover racers can be found in last month's magazine.

100 Years of Chrysler 10th November 2024

Details in last month's magazine. Contact Frank Mercuri for further info. Phone: 0419 366 815 Email: <u>frankmer@bigpond.com</u>

Bendigo Swap Meet Sat 16th & Sun 17th November PRINCE of WALES SHOWGROUNDS, HOLMES ROAD, BENDIGO.

Vintage Drivers Club members and friends are invited to meet at club site number 63, Bendigo swap map ref 6 H. You will be welcomed with a cuppa, bickie and a chair This can be your rest stop to pick up club information, chat with other members or use as a prearranged place to meet a member or friends. There will be a variety of historic motoring magazines for sale along with other motoring literature, technical books. VDC Caps, Lapel Badges, VDC club car badge, (members only). If you find that precious part for your collector vehicle that is heavy or large and your transport is parked outside, you can leave it at the site and pick up when leaving. Saturday drop offs to be picked up by 4pm. Sunday drop offs to be picked up by 12noon.

Mobiles at VDC site, Garry Jewell, 0417 157 343. Doug Stevenson, 0419 319 977

Mid-Week Run Wed 20th Nov.

"Spring has Sprung"...so get out and enjoy your Special Car.

Starting at Wattle Park Golf Club 1012 Riversdale Rd Burwood 9 for 9:30am start. Tea & Coffee available at the kiosk.

Drive to the NAKED RACER for a 10am visit followed by lunch at the Flight Deck Bar & Grill. Numbers are required for the museum and lunch booking so please contact Peter Fleming on Tel: 9729 3440 or Mob: 0408 389 439

Christmas &

Presentation

Luncheon

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

Chirnside Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park.

Time: Arrive at 11:30am for meal at 12:00 noon

2 Courses: Main and Dessert Alternate Drop Cost: \$29.00 per person. The cost of the meal is being heavily subsidised by our club.

Drinks are available at bar prices. Booking: scan the gr code below or email Holly Samson

hollysamson24@gmail.com Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

> Booking and payment must be made in advance by 17th November and can be made at Club meetings.

Coffee & Chat or via direct deposit to club bank

account: The Vintage Driver's Club. BSB 033-089 Acc. No. 723301 Please quote your name as reference with Direc

Deposit.



Members Meeting Friday 22nd Nov.

8pm at the clubrooms



Family Christmas Picnic & Party Sunday 1st of December.

Bring your kids & grandkids along to for a day at the Diamond Valley Miniature Railway. Address: Eltham Lower Park, 570 Main Road,

Eltham. (Look for the VDC signs to find a parking spot)

Time: From 10am

Bring: BYO picnic, clearly labelled presents for those that are bringing kids and grandkids for Santa to hand out. (There will be a designated car for present drop off)

Please let us know you're coming so we can allow adequate parking via email: events@vdc.org.au



VSCC Two Wheel Brake Rally Sunday 8th Dec.

Details to come. Open to all VDC Two wheel braked cars. If you don't have one, get a ride with someone that does. It's always a great day.

Christmas Coffee & Chat, Saturday 14th Dec.



Bring your Christmas cheer & decorate your

car out for the final coffee & chat for the year.

CLUB EVENTS FOR 2025.

Your hardworking events committee is in the process of sorting out next years calendar & is always on the look out for new ideas. If you have an idea, or if you'd like to see more of a particular style of event, please reach out to Stuart McCorkelle at <u>events@vdc.org.au</u>





The Yarra Glen Swap Meet needs you!

As you know, the Yarra Glen Swap is a huge fundraiser for the club. While I will be calling for volunteers for the swap meet itself as we get closer to it, right now the committee needs a few people to put their hands up to take on some of the tasks that need to happen before the event. We are looking for people who could:

- organise refreshments for the volunteers on the day
- organise hiring the of equipment (e.g. the electronic signs)
- help promote the event through social media
- distribute flyers at related events in the lead up to the swap

Many hands make light work, so if you are willing and able to help with any of the above jobs, please get in contact me on AH 0412 055 258 or hollysamson24@gmail.com .

Thanking you! Holly Samson

67th Kalorama Rally



Sunday 23rd March 2025

Kalorama Recreation Reserve, Mount Dandenong Tourist Road Melbourne's longest running vintage and historic car display established in 1956. Next year's event will feature Fabulous Flat Head Fords. If you would like to join the rally organising committee, preferably living in the Dandenong Ranges please let us know. Our event flier will be available shortly. Note this event is a fund raiser for the local CFA brigade. Enquiries lain Ross 0409 027 392

Past Event Coffee and Chat Saturday 14th September

On a cold and wet Saturday morning, thirty-six members braved the weather to attend our regular coffee and chat. There were only four hearty souls that brought their vintage cars out on such a morning. Most of the story telling was done in the warmth of the clubrooms over a mug of coffee with a sweet treat or two.

If you have not attended our regular coffee and chats held on the second Saturday of each month from 10.00 am onwards. Come along!



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Mid-Week Run - Garage Crawl to Jim Lambert's 18th Sept

Frank Braden

This was held at Jim Lamberts new home in Healesville to show his friends his new location and garage set up. Kevin Stack came to pick me up from Springvale and we returned to his house at Kilsyth to meet up with Wayne Bromage who was in his HR Holden Sedan.

Kev took the driver's seat, and we headed off. The weather was beautiful, the traffic was light with most of it going to Melbourne.

Jim's driveway is quite long, when we got to his garage and house, we found a big turnout of members with a variety of Vintage and Classic cars. As time went on the driveway filled and overflowed to the front, from there more cars parked at the cemetery car park nearby.

Tea and coffee was on all day and the ladies had set up the table to chat while we all shared the cakes and goodies. A good mix of newer and older members. Jim showed us the layout of the garage and his new hoist along with his Chrysler's on display. There were cars still there that the previous owner had yet to collect. This added to the interest of those that like performance V8s.

Kumari and the ladies had lunch ready, so the car buffs were directed to the kitchen dining room.

The effort put in to prepare the spread of food adds new meaning to "Sausage Sizzle" that had been advertised. The mild curry lamb, salads, rolls, bread and of course the sausages. First in sat at the large table in the dining room, the next group sat out on the back deck entertainment area to chat and enjoy both food and weather.

After lunch a shuffle of cars took place with some that had been blocked in by the many that came after early arrivals. Kevin still had to take me home, so we left, as we moved out of other cars way Lindsay followed us to Lilydale where we turned to Canterbury Rd.

A truly brilliant day. All who came had a good time. To Jim my personal thanks. To Kumari thanks for your warm smile and fantastic food.

To those who helped with catering and cleaning up also thank you. Thanks to Kevin for picking me up.



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Past Event Historic Rob Roy Hill Climb 22nd September

Promoted by the Vintage Sports Car Club, it was the first such event for some years with Motor Sport Australia relenting and allowing vehicles not fitted with safety belts to participate as a regularity run rather than timed competitive climbs.

It saw a number of our members taking part. Overall, the event seems to have been successful. The MG club has carried out extensive works on the track and its surrounds ensuring the future of this venue. Photos courtesy of Robin Page.





Melissa Sterry in the grid, Line up of Club cars, Stuart McCorkelle in the Club car, Holly Samson, Melissa Sterry, Daniel Zampatti, Doug Sterry and the Club car on display

Extended Grand Final Camping Long Weekend

Daniel Zampatti selected the Anderson Mill Camping area just outside of Marysville as the location for our 2024 Grand Final Camping Weekend.

The location was perfect with family orientated campers filling the area, two long drop toilets that were clean and numerous fire pits positioned around the camping area. Other than those facilities we had to be self-sufficient with water, provisions and firewood.



Wednesday 25th September 2024 – Wet drive up – Finally setup – Arnold's long log

The camping long weekend was extended by Glenda, Arnold, Sharyn and I arriving at Anderson Mill Camping area late afternoon on Wednesday 25th September to secure a good camping location.

It rained a little whilst we drove through the Black Spur and cleared up when we arrived at the camping ground to setup the vans and awnings before sourcing firewood.

Arnold found one hell of a log; we had no chainsaw hence after a battle royal the log finally was in position to be fed into the fire pit until someone arrived with a chainsaw.

We then settled in around our so-called fire for a social session before all four of us retreated to our van where the diesel heater provided much-loved heat before going to bed.

Thursday 26th September 2024 started with breakfast cooked on the campfire with a blue sky and cold breeze blowing through our camp site, during the day the sun came out but when it went behind the clouds it very quickly turned cold.



Thursday 26th September 2024 – Smoking -Doug & Mellisa arriving – Stuart's table & chair – Tree power point

Doug, Mellisa and Stuart arrived at the campsite later in the day, Doug and Mellisa took no time setting up their tent and undercover kitchen whilst Stuart quickly got his dining chair out along with matching table before setting up his swag.

Yes, a chainsaw, Doug cut up Arnold's log that enabled us to have a decent fire.

Doug & Mellisa ran fairy lights around the campsite and proceeded to fix a power point to a tree to run the lights, very impressive and set the scene for an enjoyable evening around a massive campfire with a drink or two.

Extended Grand Final Camping Long Weekend

Friday 27th September 2024 was an easy relaxing day with socialising along with picking up firewood with Doug & Mellisa's Jeep and trailer from the local wood pickup location just out of the camping area.



Thursday 26th September 2024 – Stuart's table & chair – Possum's Kitchen!



Thursday 26th September 2024 – Arnold's Rainbow Wood – Pretty Fairy Lights

The possums had an enjoyable time overnight having their own party eating Doug & Mellisa's food from the open-air kitchen.

David Peck arrived and joined the camping group and in no time was settled in around the fire.

Stuart's side table was utilised as a meeting table to update Chris with the club Facebook Page followed by a Spirit of the Twenties meeting.

Extended Grand Final Camping Long Weekend

Later that evening we all gathered around the campfire and tuned into the club's general members meeting via Zoom.

Saturday 28th September 2024 saw Stuart packed up with his dinning chair and table by 8.00am for the drive home so he could attend the AFL Grand Final.

Doug and Mellisa took Arnold and Glenda in the Jeep for a remarkably interesting bush trip up tracks that were slippery, muddy, steep with many bog holes with one of them gobbling up the Jeep with muddy water lapping the sides and requiring a winch to get out.



Saturday 28th September 2024 - There is always one! - Come one who is getting out?



Saturday 28th September 2024 – Winch Time – Arnold About to Dive – Firewood Collection

We drove to Buxton, Thornton, Eildon having lunch at Alexander and then returned to the campsite. Interestingly all the camping grounds we passed were totally full and buzzing with activity.

On our return we found two additional members had arrived.

Peter Grogan drove up his International Ute and Euan McDonald with his Jeep and camper trailer.

Our scout master Doug certainly knew how to build and stoke a campfire, it became a focal point each evening along with the fairy lights.

Past Event Extended Grand Final Camping Long Weekend



Saturday 28th September 2024 – Peter's Ute – Doug & Mellisa Jeep – Euan's Jeep – Peter, David & Euan

Sunday 29th September 2024 was not looking to good with the weather radar indicating rain around 11.00am, Peter, Euan and Doug and Mellisa packed up their camping gear early before the rain came through.

Euan Doug and Mellisa left together whilst Peter left a bit later by himself.

David Peck left sometime later.



One large possum - Last night campfire - Sunday morning prior to packing up



Sunday 29th September 2024 - Sunday morning packing up before the rain.

All that remained was Arnold, Glenda; Sharyn and I who were staying another night hoping we would have a better run through the Black Spur on Monday.

Sunday afternoon was a relaxing time with all four of us having a sleep whilst it rained, after few hours it cleared up but was very slippery under foot.

Even without our scout master Doug we did manage to keep a good fire going another night with Arnold taking up the challenge.

Past Event Extended Grand Final Camping Long Weekend



Sunday 29th September 2024 - Sunday evening

This camping long weekend is the third in succession, once again it has been successful with ten members participating this year.

We hope you have enjoyed this report of our Long Weekend Camping adventure and hopefully you may consider joining with us next year.

Chris and Sharyn Wells

Doc's Dodge

You may already own a superior vintage vehicle, but have you thought of comparing your treasure to Doc's Dodge?

Doc's Dodge has been lovingly restored by an enthusiastic group of club members and is available for use by the membership, particularly at club endorsed events, but not limited to that.

Booking is a relatively simple online process with availability confirmed by contacting myself, David Jenkins at <a href="mailto: There is a brief booking form to be completed, found on the club website and then you can be set to go.

There are some simple conditions that we ask should be observed and after your experience of driving this masterpiece we would welcome your comments, favourable or otherwise.

In conclusion I would encourage members to avail themselves of the opportunity of driving something different or maybe trying a vintage car for the first time.



Members Car Brenda Smith's 1928 Ford Model A roadster

Brenda is one of the club's intrepid lady enthusiasts who uses her club car as much as possible. This is her story.

Warren my late husband and I purchased the car in the early 1980's, we actually had another one, but it wasn't in great condition, so when Warren saw an advertisement in the Herald Sun newspaper one weekday while having his morning coffee at work, he was very keen to view the car. Off we went that afternoon and to his delight it was just what he wanted in much better condition than one we already had and mechanically sound, so we made the decision to purchase it. We did put a new hood on shortly after we purchased it. Then some years later Warren after much hunting around found a Ford B Model engine, he sent it to Edge Machining at Dookie to have it reconditioned and he then installed it into the car. We have rallied this extensively and enjoyed it very much often putting our three boys in the dicky seat for outings. My youngest two boys have driven it since on P Plates and also have had a lot of fun over the years.

After Warren passed in 2020, I was undecided what to do but with encouragement from my family and friends I figured I'd get back out there and continue our interest. I have done many rallies including The Spirit of the 20's in 2022 & 2024, 3500kms following the Darling river 2023, and in 2024 I did 6000 kms to Maryborough Qld via outback NSW and Qld.



Saturday 24th August. I set of by myself with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. The sun was shining, and the forecast was terrific. I skirted around the city via Hurstbridge and Whittlesea to Wallan, Romsey and Woodend. It was wonderful enjoying the fresh air, the lovely spring grass and crops, and clumps of bright yellow daffodils. When I stopped in Kyneton I discovered it was the daffodil festival. Unfortunately, before I arrived, I started running a little roughly so as I'm not a mechanic and I didn't want to find myself stranded in the bush I opted for an RACV total care tow truck to finish my journey from Castlemaine to Maryborough. Thank you to Geoff Bartlett in Maryborough who discovered spark plugs 1 and 4 had sooted up. Amazing what new spark plugs can do.

Sunday 25th August. The tour began at Marong with a welcome lunch. Participants were given a number plate to identify them and their cars. 51 cars were expected. 2 unfortunately had to cancel and 2 others didn't make it out of their garages but were substituted with different vehicles. Participants came from Queensland, NSW, SA, the Riverina, Gippsland, The Western District., etc to Bendigo and Maryborough independently in glorious sunshine on Saturday but for the start of the tour at Marong the weather was cold and threatening. However, we managed to miss the heavy rain which drowned Maryborough before we

arrived there, and we heard that we missed golf ball sized hail in Bendigo after some had left there.

The first stop was Dunolly to visit the museum there which was great, then on to find accommodation in Maryborough. Dinner was a wonderful meal and gathering at the Maryborough Highland Society. The Virgins on the tour (13 drivers who hadn't been on a Golden Oldies Tour before - of which I was one) were introduced and presented with federation hats. Ellen Magilton had made some beautiful quilts and a bag to be raffled for charity. Hiccups for the day – one car went home on a



tow truck, my car missed and sputtered and needed 2 new spark plugs, 2 cars ran out of petrol, and car 18 broke a rim but was helped out by a local farmer.

Monday 26th August. We set off through lovely green countryside to Clunes and to the Bottle Museum housed in a beautiful big old brick school building. I've never seen so many bottles! (Over 6.000) When the school was decommissioned it was used, for over 45 years, as the Clunes Interknit Mill. The children at the current school a few blocks away wanted to see the cars so our route upon leaving Clunes was altered to pass the school where all of the children and teachers were lined up along the fence to wave at all the cars – fun for all of us.

On to Castlemaine for lunch. Some visited the Forest Creek Historic Gold Diggings, some passed by the ruins of a 22metre water wheel used to power the battery for the Garfield mine, and all arrived at the Harley City Collection Warehouse, a new purpose-built storage facility to house motor bikes collected by David Reidie, over a 40 year period. He ran the Harley Davidson dealership in Brunswick and continues to collect and restore bikes. There were many rare and interesting bikes like the Henderson and the 1929 Cleveland 4-61 Toronto.

A pleasant drive to Maldon led us to the Maldon machinery Museum which houses an eclectic mix of objects, from dairy implements to a working steam engine driving many belts and machines. There is a printing office complete with type setting and printing machines, and an authentic old mine that disappears under the road - only the first few meters is open to the public.

A drive westward to Carisbrook brought us to the Maryborough Harness Club, a much bigger modern professional track than I was expecting. We had a lovely carvery dinner and much camaraderie. The raffle of quilts made from Nola Meates stash of material was won by Chris and Margaret and the bag was won by the barman. The drive home in the dark was fascinating. A long line of old cars with lights on like a winding snake twinkling in the darkness. Hiccups – one broken starter motor!

Tuesday 27th August - Maryborough to Daylesford. A drive out to and around the Tullaroop Reservoir then a pleasant drive to Muckleford to the Mt Alexander Vintage Engine Club shed. They have a big club rooms and ample paddock space to host machinery shows. The members put on a generous BBQ lunch followed by yummy homemade slices. We travelled on through Yapeen and Guilford to Shepherds Flat to Cricket Willow for a talk by Ian. Many ventured up the hill to the production shed others opting to stay inside out of the cold wind and enjoy a coffee. Some visited mineral springs on the way into our Daylesford accommodation. Daylesford Bowls Club was a nice warm venue for dinner. We were treated to a games night, table versus table. (& no cheating with phones!!!) Hiccups – one broken axle and quite a few lost people!!

Wednesday August 28th. We met at lake Daylesford in the rain! It looked bleak! Surprisingly as we headed out of town the rain stopped. We headed out to Blampied and to Overwrought Garden Art. Fascinating! All manner of wall art and decorations inside – along with warmth and coffees. Outside was a delightful garden with outdoor rusty art garden sculptures scattered about. Some life-sized grass trees were tempting until I looked at the price tags. Gasp! On to Glen Park to visit Graham & Jill Peterkin's property. He has a wall of beautiful old shop fronts, and a collection of cars and memorabilia. I was fascinated by a beautiful camper trailer built from a car. Delicious lunch of fresh wraps, sandwiches and slices. The wind was so strong when we came out that we all found walking difficult. Two cars suffered torn hoods. We visited three more private properties and sheds on the circuit - Merv's with its checkerboard floor and collection of pristine vehicles, Norm's with cars and informative story boards, and Warren and Barbaras collections – and their lovely warm fire was a bonus. It was Warren's birthday, and they were on the run with us, so opening up their home on their way was very generous. Heading towards home the last stop was the Daylesford Cidery – a great end to the drive for the day. Lovely gardens with camelias and daffodils. Inside it was cosy and warm with a blazing fire. There were big fresh scones with homemade jam and ample fresh cream- a real treat - with hot coffee and four little ciders to taste. The last tasting was a warm cider - different! A bit like mulled wine with cinnamon and honey mixed in it. Our evening meal was a relaxing chat at Royal Hotel Daylesford. Hiccups – one broken axle and two torn hoods.

Thursday 29th August. Shock! Horror! A pea souper fog to start out in. Five blocks from the motel to the station to meet up for the start and I got lost in the fog!!! It was so thick at the roundabout that I missed the right road. When I came to a T intersection, I knew I was in trouble! Retrace my steps to find the roundabout.

Fortunately, there was a pair of yellowish headlights at the roundabout this time, so I was able to follow – however we then both overshot the entrance to the station and had to back track. It was the only time I really didn't want to go on. We were due to move off at 10am and by then you could see a little way. Soon after the fog turned to mist which I normally would have disliked however it was much better than that fog! We travelled to Trentham to the station for a look and a thermos cuppa on the platform. The suggested



walk was shelved due to the damp mist, and most of us decided to miss the Trentham Falls although I guess in the rain they would have been flowing well. The shops had plenty of us poking about looking and keeping warm. The coffee, pies and warmth in the bakery were yummy, and quite a few headed for the hotel to keep warm. After lunch the misty rain had gone, and we headed south to Greendale, Ballan and Mt Edgerton. We passed close by many wind turbines all turning in the wind. Although they look slow from a distance when you are close to them, the speed that the blades pass the ground is quite amazing. We travelled on to Mt Pleasant to the Gin Distillery where we had a tour and talk about distillation of gin. Back to city driving in Ballarat to locate Bell Tower Inn. It's big enough for us all to be accommodated together. Our evening meal was at Alfredton Sports Club with a talk by Norm Darwin on The History of Holden. Hiccups – another spark plug for my Chev.

Friday 30th August Pleasant weather this morning. We headed out towards Bungaree. The wind has dropped, and we can take in all the lovely spring blossoms coming out. There are clumps of bright daffodils in gardens and along roadways. We are welcomed by Ron and Heather Trigg at their property. Their garden

has mature camelias and rhododendrons as well as daffodils and daphne. A quick chat in the shed with a wall of tractor seats – all different! And then we were invited to another shed. Oh boy! What an amazing array of collections in there. Everything including the kitchen sink. It was so well organized into collections - old telephones; Butter churns; old wood stoves; washing machines; iron pots; brass buggy kick plates; saws; pumps; gramophones; insulators etc etc. Heather has a room with china; Royalty memorabilia; crystal serviette rings, biscuit tins etc. And once again we are spoilt with coffee and wonderful homemade slices. And out in the garden the sun is shining. Lovely driving today through the green countryside without the wind. We arrived in Gordon to visit Ye Olde Hat Shoppe. I've never seen so



many hats.



Quite a few of us arrived for lunch at the café sporting new hats, caps, beanies and berets. After lunch we split into two groups to visit two more collections. Keith's collection of over 170 motor bikes close to Kryal Castle and the other Andy's mixed collection of tractors, stem vehicles and cars. I was fascinated by a working scale model of Henry Ford's first vehicle. Andy also had a tractor with a "side car' to take a passenger. I enjoyed testing it out having a little ride around the farm. I was surprised how smooth the ride was – not how I remember a tractor ride! Friday evening was a free night, so I had a late afternoon cuppa with a Ballarat friend. Later David Peck, Pam Telford and I enjoyed a relaxing evening with some yummy nibbles, cheese and wine.

Saturday 31st August. A short trip to the Ballarat tram museum beside lake Wendouree. The new building displays the trams ideally with plenty of room to view them. We were booked for a tram ride along the side of Lake Wendouree and were told we would be taking turns; however, the volunteers were pleased to have so many of us as it gave them the excuse to get out 3 trams. The ride along with the lake on one side and the

Botanical Gardens on the other is lovely. We had a group photo taken with the tram. Next was a short drive to the Blue Bell pub for lunch or coffee. A free afternoon saw vintage cars in different places around Ballarat; Opp shops; Shopping centres: Eureka Centre; Art gallery; Bursons; parked by the lake with occupants walking around the lake; visiting friends. I took the opportunity to catch up with my sister-in-law. Then it was time for us all to find our glad rags for our final dinner. It's great to see people dressing for the occasion even if it's just a scarf or headband to join in with the spirit. As is the custom there were some presentations. Geoff Bartlett and Helen Couch for favourite car - their 1926 Paige Brougham. Dress up prize winners Judy and Geoff; all round No 1 assistant John Davis; newsletter helpers Jaci, Pam, Janelle, David & Wayne; lady driver - my embarrassed self; Check In Kings Wayne and Trevor; and Signs and Tail end Charlies -The Meates family-Noel, Chris and Jon. I was fascinated to see later in the evening there was an auction of number plates. The auction raised \$1690 for charity so along with the quilt auction it was all to be donated to Peter Mac.



Sunday 1st September. The first day of Spring and Father's Day. Breakfast together and farewells till another time. The home run begins. Geoff and Helen kindly offered for me to follow them on our run home.

We stopped for a coffee at a little place on the way, Lethbridge I think, and had a Father's Day lunch in Geelong. Next stop was Queenscliff and onto the ferry across to Sorrento. We parted ways on the peninsula, and I ran sweetly home arriving a little before dark. As I drove into my street my neighbours were walking their dogs and were more than happy to be a welcoming committee which was a terrific way to finish the tour.

I'd like to thank Noel Meates, Chris and Jon for driving me with them to dinners in their luxurious 1938 SS Jaguar and also for their company. I'd like to thank Geoff Bartlett and David Peck for keeping an eye on me and helping to keep my Chev running smoothly, also to many other very helpful travellers. I met wonderful people on this great trip. If



you have the opportunity to join in with a future Golden Oldies Tour, I recommend that you don't miss the chance.



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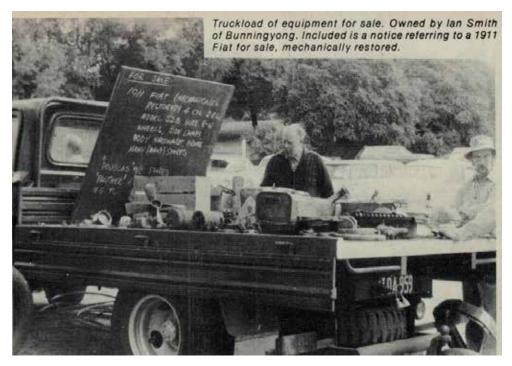
In 1977 the Club held its annual swap day at Flemington racecourse

The venue for this swap day was the Members Car Park, Flemington Racecourse, Melbourne, and it was attended by vintage and classic cars, hot rods and modern cars and trucks. Some dealers were present including Peter Jackson of Sydney (mudguards, valances etc) and "Antique Tyres" (Ian Cartwright, Melbourne) with a tandem trailer load of tyres. The James Flood Charity Trust also displayed books.

The day was well under way when we arrived at 10.30 a.m. If you are new to the hobby and want to acquire parts etc. at a swap day, get there early. This one was all over by 3 p.m. As cars arrived with laden trailers, enthusiasts descended on them and some parts were acquired before being unloaded. Some of the items

which proved most popular were only for swapping, much to the disappointment of those interested. Among the unusual items offered were taps and dies to suit left hand threads. One interesting sight was an immaculate and most fashionable dressed lady seen proudly clutching four dirty hubcaps, newly acquired.

The auction proved to be disappointing in both the quality of the articles presented and the prices bid. People do not seem to be willing to pay a fair price for motors etc. One part of any motor is surely worth more than \$3 which was all that was bid for some complete motors.



Perhaps this was not as well attended a swap day as last year at Woodend, which is difficult to understand considering its location and proximity to Melbourne. Article from Restored Car in 1977.



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Some of the many vintage cars seen at the Swap Day.

Last Month's Mystery Vehicle

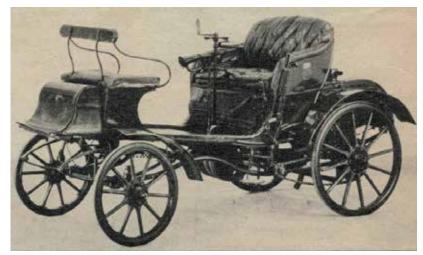
This vehicle was correctly identified by Les Lee and Robert Coney reckons he deserves half points for thinking it was a Citroen.

Last month's mystery vehicle was an Opel 4/12HP in production between 1924 and 1929

Adam Opel was the youngest of three sons of a locksmith he was born in 1837. As an apprentice mechanic he visited Paris where he was introduced to sewing machines. He soon had built his first sewing machine and in six years he had established a business producing quantities of sewing machines. Bicycles were next on the list and soon expertise was developed and soon Opel was the largest producer of two wheel bicycles. Adam Opel died in 1895, and his company passed to the control of his widow and two elder sons. In Germany in 1897 hard times financially saw the bicycle trade collapse so something had to be done to keep the 1000 employees in work

Despite their parents foreboding the brothers had developed an interest in the motor carriages that were appearing in increasing numbers. Initially they seemed to be involved in vehicle construction using the "Lutzmann" designed vehicle.

1899 saw the appearance of the first production models Initially a single cylinder engine by the end of the year a twin cylinder version was available. The Lutzman design did not lend itself to development, so its production ceased in 1900. A visit to the 1900 Paris motor show saw the company acquire rights to sell Darracq as sole agents for Germany Austria and Hungary. By 1902 a new model of Opel construction was announced. This new model featured a front



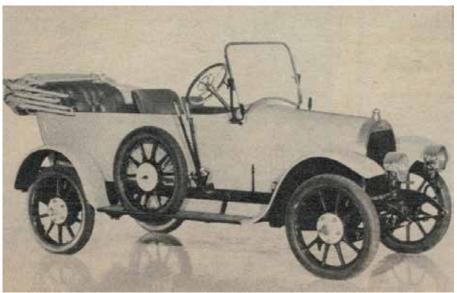
1898 Lutzmann 4hp

mounted twin cylinder engine, water cooled, mechanically operated valves and later in the year a four cylinder 20/24 horse power model was added to the range. The Darracq contract was dissolved at this time and Opel was established as a manufacturer.

The manufacturing plant at Russellheim, was destroyed by fire in 1911 after over a million sewing machines had been manufactured there.

A new plant was constructed designed for the efficient manufacture of motor vehicles. The difficult financial conditions saw the need for the company to take action. A team of company engineers visited Detroit to study mass production techniques being used by American manufacturers so successfully. On their return the factory was equipped with conveyor belt production lines.

Early in 1924 the 4/12 HP our mystery vehicle was introduced Its 1016cc four



1913 Puppchen 4/8hp

cylinder engine featured magneto ignition, pressure lubrication and electric starting. Produced in all green the car became known as the tree frog. A dispute with Citroen ensued as the Opel was very similar to the Citroen 5CV. Arising from the dispute the Opel chassis was lengthened to enable it to be suitable for four seater bodies. The 100,000 Opel produced was a "Green frog." In 1925 a larger four cylinder vehicle was added to the range. A number of sixes were added to the range in 1929 as well a six litre straight eight appeared that year.

Last Month's Mystery Vehicle

In 1928 Opel's labour force numbered 8000 producing around 250 vehicles per day. Some 37 percent of Germanys vehicles in 1928 were Opel's.

The lifting of protective tariffs against imported cars saw difficult market conditions for Opel and management commenced negotiations with General Motors, they gained eighty percent of the Opel holding company. Opel was involved in motor racing from as early as 1902 and in 1928 produced a rocket powered racer. The competitive spirit probably evolved from their early times as competitive cyclists.

Opel was never a really well know marque locally, but some made it out here. Years ago, I recall a veteran Opel went missing somewhere in rural Victoria There appears to have never been a local dealer, but one or two must have made it out here.



The rocket powered RAK2 of 1928

This Month's Mystery Vehicle

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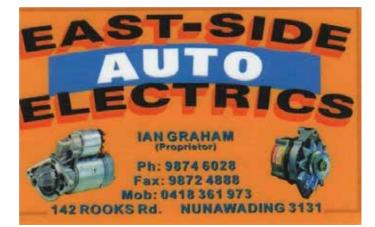
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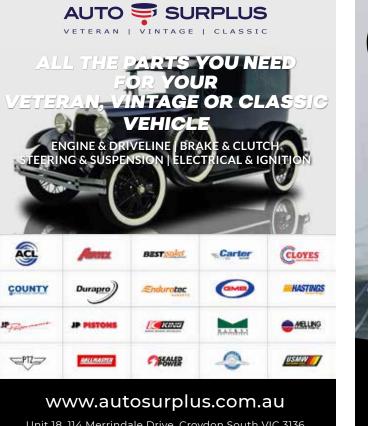
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