

SIDE LIGHTS

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MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB Inc.
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and the Association of Motoring Clubs.

AUGUST 2024



THE SHITBOX WINTER RALLY 2024



UP COMING MPHVC MEMBER EVENTS

AUGUST

- * Sunday 4th Breakfast Run - Pelican Societe. 9.30am (see details back page)
- * Sunday 11th General Meeting - The Hastings Club. 12 noon (see details back page)
- * Wednesday 14th Committee Meeting. (The Hastings Club, 6.30pm)
- * Sunday 25th Last Sunday Run - **MOORABBIN AVIATION MUSEUM & THE NAKED RACER LUNCH** (see details below)

SEPTEMBER

- * Sunday 1st Breakfast Run - Pelican Societe. 9.30am (see details back page)
- * Sunday 8th General Meeting - The Hastings Club. 12 noon (see details back page)
- * Wednesday 11th Committee Meeting. (The Hastings Club, 6.30pm)
- * Sunday 29th Last Sunday Run - **STILL TO BE FINALIZED** (see details next month)

If for any reason we need to cancel a planned event, we will endeavour to email and text those members that have email and mobile numbers listed with the club. We will also put a post on Facebook re any updates or cancellations! Please feel free to ring a Committee Member if you need to ask a question.

MPHVC MEMBER EVENT DETAILS

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 25th August. MOORABBIN AVIATION MUSEUM & THE NAKED RACER FOR LUNCH. Meet at Baxter Tavern ready for a 10am departure. We will be travelling to the Museum for a self guided tour, followed by lunch at The Naked Racer at 12.30pm. The café is only a few streets away from Museum. Please let Dawn know if attending café for lunch so we can book numbers. Known numbers are not needed for Museum.

NATIONAL AVIATION MUSEUM —12 First Street Moorabbin. \$10 adults, \$7 concession, \$5 child.

THE NAKED RACER CAFÉ —1 Grange Road, Cheltenham.

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 29th September. Details will be in September Sidelights.

SAVE THE DATE- Saturday 12th October. BAXTER VILLAGE OPEN DAY & MPHVC CLUB DISPLAY.

Details to follow in September Sidelights.

CLUB NEWSFLASH

- All members are invited to bring along any garage or shed related items, they wish to sell, to the monthly General Meeting! We will also have a table set up for FREE items including books. Raffle prizes will continue to be awarded at General Meetings! Gotta be there to win anything or score a bargain... It is the clubs reward to those that participate.
- A reminder for those members that wish to have lunch after the monthly General Meetings – To help with an earlier distribution of meals We would like all those members that are staying for lunch to please order their meals before we start the meeting at 12 noon. The meals will then be ready at approximately 1.15pm. Please let them know your name and state that you are with MPHVC.

We have a gorgeous new MPHVC family member! Maximus Behr. 9lb 2 oz. Born June 6th.



To Mark and Heather. Congratulations from all at MPHVC

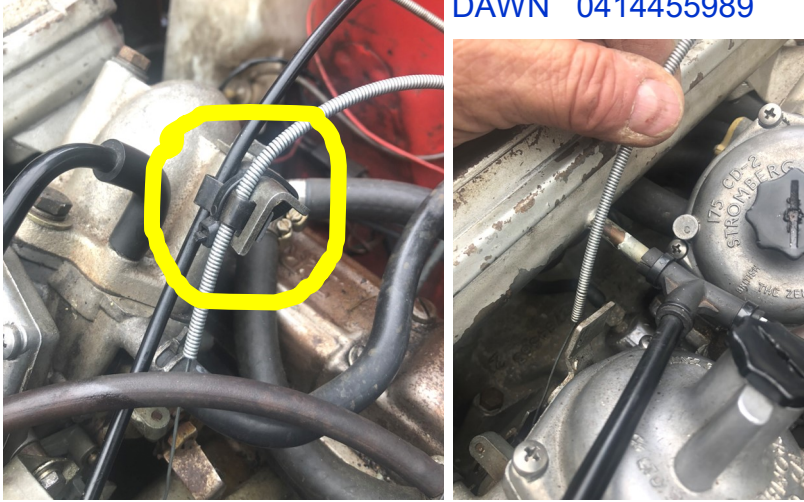


- Committee and Members congratulated Marion on a recent milestone Birthday, and surprised her with a cake. Marion Capon is the last of our founding members for the MPHVC. Along with husband Terry, they were part of the original group who started MPHVC in 1969. We have several other members who joined not long after but Marion is the only founding member remaining.

WANTED TO BUY

Hoping someone has a spare metal clip thingy ...
(That's blonde/female descriptive name for it)
That holds the choke and rev cable to the carby in
Triumph Stag. Missing one for the choke cable!

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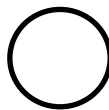
To see all information from the AOMC
you can simply go direct to their web site.
Up-coming events, minutes of Delegates meetings,
newsletters and interesting articles related to the car
industry in Australia.

The Bendigo National Swap Meet

The next Swap Meet will be held
16-17 November 2024
Bendigo Showgrounds, Holmes Road
Bendigo
Featuring over 1700 sites, 4 Wheel
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Toys.
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No public entry on Friday
Gates open: 6am Saturday and 7am
Sunday
Admission: Saturday \$15, Sunday \$5
No other concessions
Children under 15 free when accom-
panied by an adult.
Information: [https://
www.bendigoswap.com.au/](https://www.bendigoswap.com.au/)

**WE ALL REMEMBER OUR 1ST CAR! THE EXCITEMENT AND THRILL OF
THOSE FIRST TRIPS TO PICK UP YOUR FRIENDS !
HERE STARTS A SECTION IN SIDELIGHTS WHERE MEMBERS CAN SHARE
MEMORIES OF OUR 1ST CARS! PHOTOS WOULD BE A BONUS TOO!
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!
PLEASE SEND IN VIA EMAIL SO WE CAN SHARE IN SIDELIGHTS.**

OK! So here we have A blank spot !
newsletters? Fingers Crossed.....



Hopefully members will contribute for future

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CLUB RUN TO MARKET 3196

Our End Of Month Run for June was a day for only ten brave MPHVC Members! Arctic weather with icy rain certainly kept the more sensible members at home with their heating blaring and club cars safely tucked up in their garages ! We left Baxter Tavern at 10am and made it there before the heavy rain started.



Members enjoyed a coffee and morning tea as soon as we got there, then ventured out to explore the store. There is always something unique to find at Market 3196. From antiques to collectibles, it's a treasure trove and definitely worth a visit!



It is a thriving bazaar of diverse stalls that seamlessly mixes the old with the new, the kitsch with the stylish and the hand made with the mass produced. Open 7 days a week from 10am – 5pm, Market 3196 is not only pet friendly, but also a great place to meet family and friends and enjoy great food and coffee. Was certainly a good place to be on a cold wet windy day



Do you have any car related items you would like to sell or give away?

Here is the perfect space to advertise and get rid of those items cluttering up your sheds and garages. Our Sidelights magazine goes out to about 30 other car clubs so a wide audience to view your unwanted valuables.

THE SHITBOX RALLY - MELBOURNE TO ALICE SPRINGS

Whilst on a recent trip to Echuca we were lucky enough to be there on the day 2 stopover of the rally. The town was a constant parade of elaborately decorated cars and their crew in various forms of crazy dress attire as they passed through. Most stopped at the bakery or various cafes for lunch and dinner before setting up camp just outside of town.



We got talking to two lovely ladies that were on the tour and they told us their story. Both were truck drivers from Northern Territory who have competed in the rally for the past 2 years. It is a way of celebrating the loss of loved ones to cancer and raising money for the charity along the way. They were having an absolute ball and said they had all the comforts they needed in the back of one of their cars. Bed, portalo, warm blankets and a "Bloody good Billy" was all they needed.

THE HISTORY

The event was inaugurated by James Freeman in 2009 in memory of his mother and father, who both died from cancer within a space of twelve months. His idea was to challenge men and women with a sense of adventure to a roughly one-week drive across the country in an inexpensive motor vehicle, which would be sold by auction at journey's end. Entrance fees and proceeds of the sale to go to a cancer charity, along with any other money that might be collected in the way of donations, sponsorships and royalties. He secured an agreement from Cancer Council Australia to lend its name to the project, on the proviso that all monies would be directed to Cancer Council Australia. Freeman estimated a profit of \$20,000 in the first year and to get the ball rolling, he canvassed friends and relations to take part. The Sydney Morning Herald's Drive column, Seven Network's Sunrise program and Unique Cars magazine ran feature stories, and other print and electronic media followed. Triple J arranged for one of their presenters, Tom Tilley, to participate, sending reports back to Sydney, and capturing moments on videotape. 23 two-person teams registered for the very first event, which raised \$103,000, well above the most optimistic predictions.

To date, the rallies have raised a total of \$47,852,624.00



THE EVENT

The event organisers describe the rally as "not a race, but rather a challenge to achieve the unthinkable," being fundraiser and community event where participants have a good time doing something challenging. There is an award presented to the biggest fundraisers, and other awards are given in various light-hearted categories which may change at the whim of the organisers: "Least likely to make it"; "Best car"; "Best team theme" (dressing up the vehicle is part of the fun, but not mandatory); "Best breakdown"; "Best repair"; "Spirit of the Rally". The number of entries is limited to 200.



Effectively, a team of two needs to raise a minimum of \$5,000, which goes straight to Cancer Council Australia, to participate in the rally. The only stipulations for the car are that it is worth/valued at no more than A\$1,000 and that it's not an AWD/4WD vehicle. Costs of vehicle registration and roadworthiness checks are not included in the budget, nor are some safety items. Groups of about 6 cars are formed to travel together. Organizers make sure that there is at least one mechanic in every group as participants are from varied occupations etc.

This is certainly needed as some of the terrain is both very rough and isolated. Teams are responsible for getting the vehicle to the starting point, and proceed each day to that night's checkpoint, where they sleep "under the stars" (BYO swag). Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided. There is an auction held following the last day, where optionally, the vehicles are sold to benefit Cancer Council Australia.





Today the Shitbox Rally has grown to a total of 225 teams, plus support teams, so around 550 people. The Winter 2024 rally goes from Melbourne to Alice Springs, and the Spring 2024 rally covers the route from Bendigo to Townsville. The rally itself is only part of the project with teams working for many months on their fundraising efforts. Their hard work is rewarded by the rally itself .

The camaraderie and friendship that is built over the 7 days of the rally surprises everyone that takes part. The record breaking amount of funds raised, the positive impact on local remote communities and the overall experiences of the rally teams themselves combine to become a hugely rewarding experience for all involved.



Many businesses along the journey plan and cater for the tours, all benefitting from this attraction that passes through their townships. From accommodation and use of showers, to local community groups banding together to supply the hungry travelers. It has become an attraction that generates much needed tourism for the businesses along the route.





Lunchbox Rally 2024

Will be held September 27th to October 1st 2024. The route is a loop starting and finishing at the same location, Hay NSW. Lunchbox Rally is an amazing adventure that will see you and your kids exploring outback Australia in a safe, friendly and community environment, all in the name of charity... a Shitbox Rally for kids! It is formatted the same as Shitbox Rally with a few kid friendly differences such as less nights, less kilometres and kid friendly entertainment in the evenings.



CAR CARE CORNER

By Bernie Valentini — (VACC Certified SMM)

Hi all Members, Friends and Visitors.

Just for something different, I thought I'd share a letter that I was given many years ago, which reminded me of my mother's words when I'd tell her of stories where owners of vehicles as well as employed mechanics would get so frustrated with trying to repair cars, they would take it out on the car only to make matters worse!

Smashing Windows & Lamps with spanners seemed crazy to me, as much as I have felt frustrated myself in similar situations. Thankfully I took parents and peers advice to "Walk Away and Have a Cuppa" and just think about another way to approach the repair.

Here's a great reminder to ATTITUDE in the attached letter !

You can, read this, keep it...or throw it away.....your choice

- Jerry is the manager of a restaurant. He is always in a good mood
- When someone would ask him how he was going, he would always reply, "if I were any better I would be twins"
- Many of the waiters at his restaurant quit their jobs when he changed jobs, so they could follow him around from restaurant to restaurant... ..Why? Because Jerry was a natural motivator
- If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was always there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation
- Seeing this style made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, "I don't get it, no one can be a positive person all the time how do you do it"?
- Jerry replied, "each morning I wake up and say to myself, I have two choices today. I can be in a good mood or I can be in a bad mood"
- "I always choose the good mood.....each time something bad happens, **I can choose to be a victim or I can learn from it. I always choose to learn from it"**.
- "Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life". "I always choose the positive side of life"
- "But it's not always that easy". I protested. "Yes it is" Jerry said.
- "**Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice"**.
- "**You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or a bad mood"**. "It's your choice how you live your life"

Several Years Later

- I heard Jerry accidentally did something you never supposed to do in the restaurant business.
- He left the back door of his restaurant open. Then in the morning, he was robbed by three armed men.
- While Jerry was trying to open the safe, his hand shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination.
- The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily he was found quickly and rushed to hospital.
- After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care Jerry was released from hospital with fragments of the bullets still inside his body.
- I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was he replied "if I were any better I'd be twins. Want to see my scars"
- I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the robbery took place?
- "The first thing that went through my mind was I should have locked the back door", Jerry replied
- Then after they shot me, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or I could choose to die....I choose to live!
- "Weren't you scared" I asked.
- Jerry continued, "the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going fine".
- "But when they wheeled me into the emergency room and I saw the expression on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared".
- "In their eyes I read"... "He's a dead man" "I knew I needed to take action" "What did you do I asked"?
- Well there was a big nurse shouting questions at me. She asked if I was allergic to anything.
- Yes I replied! The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply.
- I took a deep breath and yelledbullets.
- Over their laughter I told them, I am choosing to live, please operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.
- Jerry lived thanks to the skill of the doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude.

So to finish

- I learned from him that every day you have the choice to either enjoy your life or to hate it
- The only thing that is truly yours.....that no one can control or take from you is

YOUR ATTITUDE.

So if you take care of that, everything else in life becomes much easier.
Now you have two choices.... disregard this message or think about it a little.

MORNINGTON PENINSULA
HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB
Minutes of the General Meeting 14/7/2024
The Hastings Club, Hastings

Chair: Chris Warwick

Meeting Opened: 12.04

Attendance: as per book

Apologies: as per book

Visitors: Bill and Rosemary Syratt – AH Sprites, new member Tom Murchie, Jensen. Ken Neate and his son Warren.

Minute taker: Peter Anscombe

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting as per Sidelights.

Moved: Narion Capon, Seconded: Mark Behr CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Graham Bedford – little to report.

Moved: Graham Bedford, Seconded: Ken Robinson CARRIED

Membership Report: President reported 106 Current members and commented on efforts to get recalcitrant members with club permits to respond in time.

Moved: Chris Warwick, Seconded: Ray Griffin CARRIED

Secretary's Report: Usual bank statement, membership and registration renewals and correspondence from AOMC Consumer Affairs.

Moved: Nyree Parker, Seconded: Dawn Etccl CARRIED

AOMC Report: No report

Federation Report: No report

Editor's Report: Various emails from AOMC and event advices circulated via emails to members, Frankston Monopoly and resignation from James Kerr and Simon Robson.

Moved: Dawn Etccl, Seconded: Lorna McDonald CARRIED

Activities: Wayne Etccl reported on future events.

July Sunday 28th Last Sunday Run - TOORADIN SPORTS CLUB LUNCH

August Sunday 25th Last Sunday Run - MOORABBIN AVIATION MUSEUM & THE NAKED RACER LUNCH

Memorabilia: Colin advised various remaining stock items on display.

General Business: Ian Gardner gave an outline of the story about his first car, a Model A hotrod.

Joe Vetesi recounted aspects of his road trip to Darwin, Mark Behr announced the birth of his son.

Various items wanted and available were discussed and Dawn reminded all that Sidelights

was a good place to seek and sell items owing to the widespread reach across car clubs.

Free books and items for sale on the table.

Ray Griffin handed around some mystery items for identification.

Turned out to be a collet replacement tool for side valve engines and an oil lamp.

A birthday cake was presented to founding member Marion Capon.

Raffle: Won by Brian Crocker and Lorraine Mayne.

Meeting Closed: 12.45 pm.

Next Meeting:

Sunday 11th August.

The Hastings Club. 12 noon.

VISITORS WELCOME

Gippsland Vehicle Collection

20th Century **SPORTS CARS**



◆ Display Day launching the Exhibition Sunday 14 July 2024

◆ Museum admittance: \$12.00

◆ Display Vehicles from 9.00 a.m.

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OUR CLUB

The Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicles Club Incorporated was founded in 1969 as a Family Social Club, aimed at assisting in the preservation, restoration, use and maintenance of historic vehicles, stationary engines and other mechanical memorabilia more than 25 years old. Particular emphasis is on veteran, vintage and classic eras together with later vehicles of interest. The MPHVC will also endeavour to assist local non-profit clubs and organizations by participating in their events when invited. Please address any correspondence to:

The Secretary
MPHVC Inc.
PO Box 7056
Karingal Centre, Frankston 3199

Club Email Address: mphvc@live.com.au

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AOMC Delegates: — Peter Anscombe, Mark Behr.
Federation Delegate: — Alan Saunders

- Preferred method of Red Plate Permit renewal signatory authorization, is to be done at a monthly General Meeting. Alternatively, post to Club and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

- New vehicles, to be submitted for registry with MPHVC, must be approved via Safety Officer before VicRoads paperwork is signed.

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MONTHLY CLUB RUNS & MEETINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Breakfast Run.

Meeting 9.30am at Pelikan Societe Café. Located next to the Hastings pier. 2 Marine Parade, Hastings. Full breakfast, toasted sandwiches or just coffee and muffins etc available. Indoor or outdoor seating available to choose from depending on seasons.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

General Meeting & lunch.

Meeting place: The Hastings Club.

Where: 155 Marine Parade, Hastings. 59 791740

When: 2nd Sunday of every month at 12pm.

Our monthly General Meeting for members, guests and potential new members.

The meeting commences at 12noon followed by lunch at approximately 1pm, for those that wish to stay. Please order your meal before commencement of meeting, stating your name and that you are with MPHVC.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

End Of Month Sunday Run.

Meet prior to 10am Baxter Tavern, depart 10am.

Destination planned on the day amongst those members that are present, or prior as printed in Sidelights.

BYO refreshments and chair. Alternatively we may end up at a café. Weather and numbers present on day will help decide where we end up! Members encouraged to suggest destinations for future months.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Wednesday after the General Meeting at The Hastings Club. 155 Marine Parade, Hastings. 59 791740.

Meeting starts 6.30pm, followed by dinner for those that wish to stay. Please order meal before commencement of 6.30 meeting.

CLUB NEWSLETTER "SIDELIGHTS"

Help to make Sidelights a success by contributing material you consider will be of interest to fellow Club Members.

The deadline for material to appear in the next issue of Sidelights is the 20th of each month. Where possible, e-mail material to the Editor at mphvc.sidelights@yahoo.com.au

Email photographs in 'jpeg' format to the Editor's email address above.

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