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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

Club Runs:

- Wednesday 11th– Presidents Run
- Sunday 15th– Balmoral Christmas Meet up



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Committee 2023/24

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NEW MEMBER CONTACT	President/Secretary/ Treasurer		

2024 CLUB CALENDAR

Meetings, club runs and events

**Clubrooms are situated at the Pastoral Museum in Hiller Lane Hamilton
Meetings 3rd Thursday of the month@7:30pm Bring some supper to share.
Club runs are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY and then the FOURTH SUNDAY of each month.**

Friday 6th December	St Mary's Christmas parade, please be there by 5.30 for a 6pm start. Those taking part please meet at the Gray St/Kennedy St Corner. This is a great time to dress up the car!
Friday 7th December	Antique Muster at Devon Park in Dunkeld; from 10am to 4pm. \$10 Entry. Valuations are \$10 per item. We have had a request from the Dunkeld Museum committee to have some cars on display on the day; if some members could attend in the morning and some in the afternoon to save you from being their all day that would be appreciated. It should be a good day with garden tours, music, stalls, food & drinks, sausage sizzle and a raffle. You may have an antique you would like to have appraised too! (Bring your spouse hahaha)
Tuesday 10th December	URGENT! There will be a Rally Committee meeting 7.30 at the club rooms. We would like some interest people to come along to this meeting, you don't have to join the committee we are just looking for people willing to share ideas and do some small jobs. Your assistance and enthusiasm will be very much appreciated.
Wednesday 11th December	Presidents Run please meet at the club rooms at 1pm for a 1.30 departure. Please bring your own afternoon tea and a chair. This will be followed by the Christmas Dinner at Alexandra house at 6pm. Please put your name on the list out at the club rooms or let Pam know if you are coming, thank you.
Thursday 12th December	General Meeting. Start at 7.30 sharp. This will be a short meeting to finish the year, there will be no meetings or official runs in January. The next official meeting for 2025 will be Thursday February the 19th.
Sunday 15th December	We will be meeting the Horsham Club for a Christmas get together at Balmoral; we will meet at the club rooms at 10 am for a 10.30am departure. Please bring a salad or sweet to put on the table to share. This will cost \$15 per person to help cover the cost of the meat and venue.
Friday 20th December	We will be touring the Christmas lights around town. Please gather at the club rooms from 6pm for a sausage sizzle, bring a salad if you wish, sausages will be provided by the club. We will then cruise around town to look at the beautiful lights.

Club Captains Report

December is a busy time of the year so I hope you can find time to attend some of the planned events.

January will be a quiet month on our calendar but for those wanting to attend an event the South West Street Rodders will be holding their show and shine at Port Fairy on Sunday 12th and the Orford Vintage Rally is on the 18th and 19th. Also on the 12th is the Warnambool Car CLUB display at Lake Pertobe.

In February we will be visiting Cave Gardens at Heywood on the 23rd.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards Rod Potter

Christmas is upon us!

No need to say how fast this past year has gone and what a busy one it has been. We've had some interesting and fun outings this year, but sadly attendances have dropped off considerably over the past month. Hopefully people will be more enthusiastic again in the new year. A month has now passed since my little mishap, wound recovery is a bit slow so have not been behind the wheel since. It takes some getting used to being inactive when you are usually a busy person. Well hope you all have a great Christmas, enjoy your family and friends.

If you are on the road do all you can to stay safe and well and we will see you in the new year.

Pam Pollock

Health, Wellbeing & Welfare

To all members, families and friends we hope you are doing well during this time. Please remember to reach out to anyone of us if you are struggling or need an ear to listen.

This Month is DECEMBAIR which is an initiative started by "Bowel Cancer Australia" to raise awareness and money for bowel cancer.



Safe Travels to everyone.

May your rubber stay on the road.

General Minutes 21.11.2024

Meeting Opened	<p>Later than advertised at 7.40pm</p> <p>Pam outlined her problems as a result of an accident at the Shepparton Rally recently.</p>
Members Attending	As per the attendance register
Apologies	Bob Martin, Robert Fraser, Cameron Delahoy, Ron and Bev Ainger and Keith and Karen Arnold, Lorraine Wilson, Graeme and Betty Ralph
Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>As circulated and accepted on the motion of Richard Neaves</p> <p>Seconded by Penny Fraser</p>
Business Arising	None
Treasurers Report	<p>General Account \$17474.11</p> <p>Rally Account \$15858.14</p>
Outstanding Accounts	<p>Term Deposit \$39915.21</p> <p>Receipts for the month were \$3578.05 and Payments \$479.20.</p> <p>Details of the payment and receipts were circulated.</p> <p>Discussion on the matter of the damaged air conditioner and Lyall Grey to enquire re the possibility of a grant from the Shire for replacement.</p> <p>Treasurers Report received on the motion of Peter Dowdle and seconded Jenny Corcoran</p>
New Membership Applications	<p>Application by Rex and Linda Lee of Macarthur proposed by Denis Polack and supported by Geoff Sharrock. He has a 1954 Morris Minor Utility.</p> <p>Application by John Cunnington and Jacinta Wareham proposed by Wal Brinkmann and seconded by Michael Hartwich. John has a number of vehicles.</p> <p>An application for membership is to be received from Daryl O'Flaherty</p>
Correspondence	<p>Various newsletters – As these are received electronically they are not distributed to those not receiving club newsletters by e-mail.</p> <p>Note from Barry Walter thanking the club for its concern over his health.</p> <p>Food Trader Registration updated and renewed with the assistance of SGSC Administrative Staff.</p>
Club Captains Report	<p>Sunday 24th – Port Fairy</p> <p>Friday 6th December – 5.30 at Kennedy Street for 6 pm start for St Mary's Xmas Parade</p> <p>Saturday December 7th at Devon Park an Antique Appraisal Day from 10 to 4.</p> <p>Wednesday 11 December – Presidents Run. 1.30pm departure for a short run and afternoon tea and dinner at Alexandra House from 6pm. Numbers required to Pam.</p> <p>Sunday 15th December at Balmoral for Xmas Function with Horsham Club. 10.30am departure and \$15.00 per head contribution for meat and the venue. BYO salad and sweets to share.</p> <p>Friday 20th December for the Xmas lights.</p>
Building Committee	Oven door has been repaired.

Federation Report	In the newsletter for November
Newsletter Report	None
Rally Report	Pam, Peter Dowdle, Dennis Dawson and Lyall Grey to assist with the arrangements. Pam to organise meeting.
Welfare Officer	Jan Palmer released from hospital.
General Business	Penny Fraser reported on the visit to Harton Hills. Lyall Grey thanked Graeme Ralph and Robert Brody for their attendance at the Yulecart Hall celebrations
Meeting Closed	8.17pm
Next Meeting	12 December at week prior to the normal meeting date as it is only a week prior to Xmas.
Guest Speaker	There being no set program a guest speaker did not speak and we enjoyed a cuppa and a chat.

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Club Runs

Harton Hills 13.11.2024

On November 13th Penny Fraser led us via a scenic meandering route to “Harton Hills” property at Ripponhurst. We trekked through Tarrington to Penshurst then left the main road to ramble through the stoney rises of Stonefield Lane, Greens Lane and the Moyne Falls area, arriving in good time and good spirits in the delightful gardens of “Harton Hills”

Penny told us of the history of the property which was first settled around 1840 by James Hunter. In 1843 James hunter borrowed 150 pounds from Mr William Carmichael, pledging the property, its stock and equipment as surety against this loan. When Hunter defaulted on the loan, Carmichael took possession of the property.

Harton Hills is now owned by the Fraser family. Penny and her late husband Andrew devoted countless hours to the faithful restoration of the homestead and to the rescue and development of the extensive garden.

Afternoon tea was partaken on the verandah, followed by a leisurely stroll to admire the many shrubs , decorative trees, roses and fruit trees that Penny propagated and nurtured over many years to create a most stunning garden.

Thank you Penny!



Sixteen members savoured the delights of “Harton Hills”
Graeme Ralph

Bendigo Swap 2024

Warm conditions greeted the many thousands of enthusiasts who attended the 2024 Bendigo Swap. Almost all site holders had set up on Friday afternoon and trading began in earnest at dawn on Saturday. I did a turn on the gate and for two hours witnessed the steady flow of bargain hunters coming in, offset by an out flow people leaving with treasures in hand.



Four Graemes. A keen quartet on the gate!



Many options for the model enthusiasts.



A huge variety of parts to search through.
Many Veteran lights to choose from.



1947 MG Y Type Saloon on display



1952 MG Y Type Tourer

MG and Chrysler were the featured vehicles to mark the centenaries of both marques. The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs Vic. together with the Bendigo Club members put a huge effort into the organisation of the event, including management of bookings, marking out the sites (almost 2000) arranging catering, security, volunteer rosters etc. etc. Several Hamilton members utilised our club site and managed to offload some of their accumulated bits and pieces. The 2025 Bendigo Swap will be on 15th and 16th November 2025.

Graeme Ralph

Another year draws to a close, I thought it was meant to slow down a bit when you get older instead of accelerating like the DeLorean in Back To the Future. November has proven a busy time for car activities with most weekends occupied in one way or another.

In early November, I had the pleasure of spending the weekend in Bendigo as guest navigator in Russ Ward's 1912 Empire Model 31 at the annual Veteran Car Club rally. It was a very timely phone call from Wardy, as my chariot for the weekend, a 1909 BSA decided on the morning of the 1st day of the rally to non-proceed with clutch related problems, such is the joy of Veteran motoring. Although I hear not totally endemic to veteran cars but possibly 'un-tamed' Pony cars also!

I am happy to report that the Empire behaved impeccably all weekend, especially on Saturday's run which we were reliably informed was not a hilly run, well not hilly in between the multiple hills that is. But even with driver, 2 passengers and load of other items, the Empire navigated each one with minimal effort and a few gear changes up. Only one hill gave us a bit of a challenge with a shift right down into first but we made it. At one stage we even overtook an Overland Speedster, I don't think the driver understood the Speedster concept.



We were later reliably informed that a set of new tyres were causing considerable wheel wobble above 30 mph so probably a good choice to take it easy.

Amongst the very impressive line-up of Veteran cars, there was two especially that had me drooling, the worlds only known 6 cylinder Alldays & Onions fresh from a 6 year restoration and 1916 Benz (both

from NSW). As most newly restored cars do, the Alldays decided that it didn't want to participate for 90% of the rally with, "you guessed it", clutch problems.

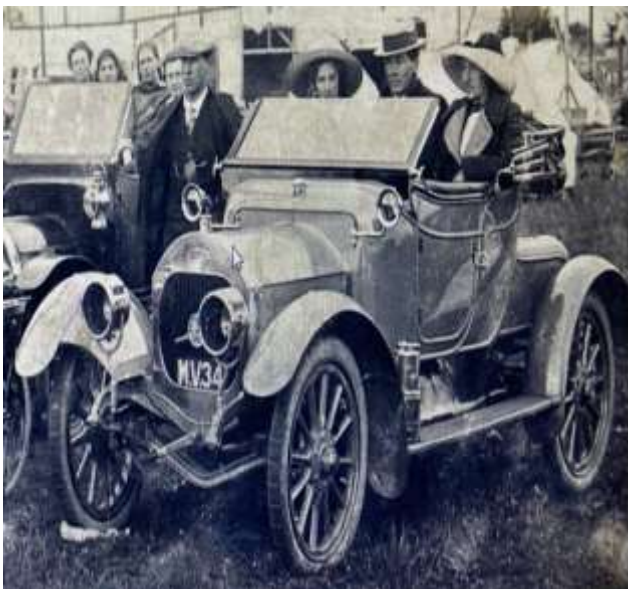


(1911 Alldays & Onions 30/35 6cyl Landaulette).

An absolutely beautiful restoration by the owner, it was recovered from a shed, sight unseen via silent auction. The shed had been closed up for so long, the only access was via removing glass louvres and climbing in through the toilet window. Only a very few 6 cyl Alldays were built to compete with the Silver Ghost market and even the Alldays register in England had no idea there was a survivor. Lucky it didn't end up a speedster as intended.

Another incident that was highly interesting was meeting up with Murray Wright from Ballarat who when reading my name tag said, "gee the last time I saw you was as a kid at the Begonia rallies". That was the 1980's when the Ralphs, Corcoran's, Wilsher's and

dad and I attend most Begonia rallies camping at the Hughan's house in Wendouree. Murray had his 1912 Enfield



Roadster at the rally. I told Murray that I had a period picture that he might be interested in, taken in Tasmania around 1912. As we both stood comparing features of the Enfield in my picture, we were astounded to see that they matched almost 90% to each other, especially in the coach lines which were identical.

A very enjoyable weekend indeed although a very lucky escape in the journey home for Russ when the Territory's rear suspension collapsed whilst backing the trailer in Ballarat!

On the 16th was my first trip to Bendigo Swap since pre-covid. It was great to catch-up with the Hamilton crew manning the club table, present since the inception of the swap. Once again Graeme and Bob were the stalwarts of the site in blistering 35 degree heat. Personally I had a great day collecting more items

that I don't really need. It was truly like stepping back to the 1980's swaps with more veteran/vintage/classic items on stalls than the usual proliferation of 1990's Ford/ Holden bits and very reasonable pricing as well. I have a bit of a joke with the family about letting them know when I hear the first F* bomb at each swap I attend. I think this year was a new record, within 10 seconds of lining up at the front gates.



I was able to add some really nice Acetylene Lights to my collection and was especially surprised to pick up 2 lights manufactured overseas and badged for the Australian Market. One early 1900's from Germany, Riemann - made exclusively for Brandt Bros, Melbourne & Sydney and a large Headlight (top left) made in England for Autocar industries, Melbourne. I have only ever been able to find 2 others years apart one to Kellogs and another to the Colonial Lamp & Accessory Company. Australian based accessories for early cars are especially rare and it is always nice to double the collection in one hit. (Do you have any early car bits lying around?). Apart from the excessive heat, a great day had. (some of the haul above).

Last but not least on Saturday 23rd was the Masterpieces & Motors show which is an attempt to revive the old Motor Classica display. I'll leave that for another article.

Last but not least, Merry Christmas and the safest New Years to you and your families. Until we kick-off again 2025.

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