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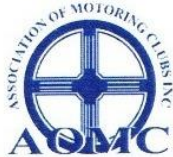
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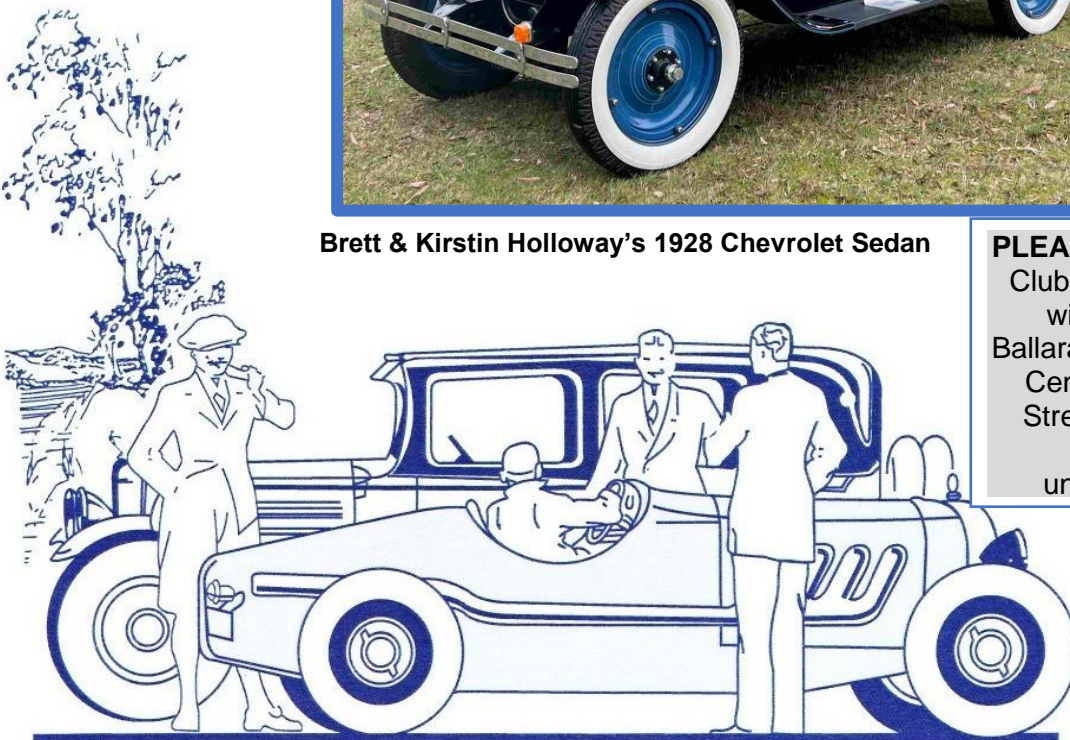
Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Brett & Kirstin Holloway's 1928 Chevrolet Sedan

PLEASE NOTE:

Club General Meetings
will be held at the
Ballarat North Community
Centre – 702 Walker
Street, Ballarat North
at 7:30pm
until further notice



Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 7.30 PM

NOTE: The next **General Meeting** will be held **Friday, 15th November 2024** - at **Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North**

Life Members

Alan Firns, Kevin Holloway, Ted Callow (Dec), Norm Grose (Dec), Ron Gay, Ron Goad, Grant Harvey (Dec), Paul Seager (Dec), Bill Whitford (Dec), Daryl Crawley, Tony Taranto, Gordon Roberts and Bob Bennetts (Dec)

Newsletter

Articles for the **December 2024** newsletter are required no later than **5 pm Tuesday 26th November 2024**
All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to **npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com**
All contributions acknowledged.

Code Red Fire Rating Days

Any Club event which falls on a day designated as **Code Red** is automatically cancelled, and Members and Guests are advised to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

The Begonia Rally is coming up in February – please see the insert with this newsletter for the details and Entry Form.

Some time ago, Mike Simpson sent me an article regarding the dilemma of whether to store batteries on concrete or with a block of wood under them. I found out that the source of the article is copyrighted so I cannot publish it. But if you wish to check it out for yourself, google “*Why Do People Still Insist on Putting a Block of Wood Under a Car Battery*”. It's food for thought, if nothing else.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy what's on offer in this month's newsletter.

Nerene Backhouse, Editor

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – 18th October 2024

We have pleasure in welcoming the following as new members to the Club:

- i) Brendan and Elissa Jeffrey from Creswick who were nominated by Mervyn Jeffrey and seconded by Nerene Backhouse. Brendan and Elissa have a 1972 Ford Fairmont Sedan.
- ii) Phillip Cech and Julie Cook from Delacombe who were nominated by Ian Trembath and seconded by Kevin Huggins. Phillip and Julie have a 1984 Mazda B2000 Utility.

A warm welcome to you all – we hope you enjoy your time with us

HEALTH MATTERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations

We congratulate our President, **Andy Burns and Lee Day** on the announcement of their engagement – we wish them every happiness as they begin their life together.

Congratulations also to **Tony Clarke** on recently being awarded Life Membership at Moama Historic Vehicle Club. He is a founding member when the Club started about 20 years ago, and has been a devoted member all that time, holding many positions. Great effort.

Welfare

We are pleased to report that **Barbara Elton** is now recovering at home following abdominal issues, and **Graeme Harris** is still on the sick list after his heart surgery. We wish him all the best for a return to good health. Our best wishes have been conveyed to **Marc Duthie** following knee replacement surgery.

We do hope others are keeping well – or keeping as well as can be expected. Hope you are able to be well enough to enjoy the spring sunshine because that always lifts one's spirits. Our thoughts are with you all.

Bereavement

STOP PRESS - We note with sadness the passing of former active member **Peter Blayney** just at the time of the newsletter deadline. A Vale will be in the next edition.

AROUND THE TABLE AT COMMITTEE – 22nd October 2024

There were no new Member Applications received this month.

1 Name Badges

It is great to see so many members wearing their name badges at meetings and Club outings. If you have lost your name badge and need a replacement, see Cyndy Allison to organise one.

2 Bendigo Swap Meet Volunteers

We have had a good response from Members to volunteer at the Bendigo Swap. A Member called in at home this week and wanted to know if it was too late to add his name. A quick phone call to the Volunteer Organiser, and now that member is going to do multiple shifts over the weekend.

3 Life Membership Certificate

I would like to thank my son's partner, Kim, for the work that she put in with me in making the Certificate for Bob Bennetts come to fruition. She did an amazing job and without her help, the Certificate would not have been possible. Thank you, Kim.

4 Ladies Crafternoon

Just a reminder - get togethers are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. We meet at Lillys Café in the Eureka Centre Ballarat East. Come early for lunch or just a coffee which are available at the Café. Even if you don't have a craft item to work on, just come and have a chat for a relaxing afternoon meeting. See Coming Events for further details.

5 December Meeting – change of date

Please note that this meeting is a week earlier due to how busy Christmas festivities are the week prior.

Other items were discussed at the Committee Meeting, and a report for these will be written by Committee Members. Looking ahead, please note there is no Committee meeting held in December.

Nancy Jackson

Secretary

Posthumous Life Membership – Bob Bennetts



At the October Club Meeting, the family of Bob Bennetts was present to accept a posthumous Life Membership in honour of Bob. Also present was Tony Taranto, who proposed Bob's nomination. Unfortunately, Bob passed away before the nomination could be discussed.

As Daryl Crawley noted in the Vale for Bob in the August newsletter, Bob was a very worthy recipient of this prestigious Award.

Cover Story – My Love Affair with '28 Chevs – Brett Holloway

My love of all things Chevrolet started at an early age. You could say I was 'born' into the Club, and although first started out as an infant in a 1936 Austin '10' we progressed from "Aussie" Austin (which is still in the family!) to the 1928 Chevrolet Tourer.

It might be a while since a 1928 Chevrolet has featured on the front cover of the VCCC Newsletter. Recently at a VCCC General Meeting, the librarians had a table of old newsletters to give away, and the first one I spotted was from September 1991 – which featured our 1928 Chevrolet Tourer!

"Kev's Chev" is well known within the Club, and was lovingly restored over many years, debuting for Begonia Rally in 1984. My first connection was helping during the restoration phase as a youngster, progressing to driving on L plates and P plates, and featuring in many weddings back in the day – to the point where I posted a recent picture on Facebook and there were so many responses of memories and 'that was my wedding car!'

The 1928 National 'AB' replaced the 1927 'AA' Capitol and was succeeded by the 1929 'AC' International. 1928 is the epitome of "Chev 4" motoring – the last of the four-cylinder motor, the first year of four-wheel brakes (the addition of front wheel brakes), taller radiator, and an upgraded engine, with two exhaust ports, larger valves etc. This is also the first year of the longer wheel base, extended by 4 inches to 107 inches (to accommodate the impending six cylinder).

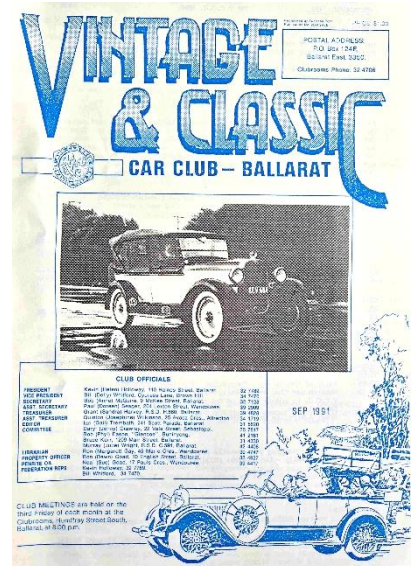
The story goes that in 1928 General Motors were preparing to introduce the six-cylinder model, and therefore needed a longer wheel base, but were getting beaten on sales, so continued running the Chev 4 until switching over in 1929.

Just think of how many vehicles were available in 1928 – between GM, Ford, Chrysler and more – there was plenty of choice. Keep in mind there were over 1 million series "AB"s produced – in a variety of body styles. Fisher Body provided eight different coachwork choices in both open and closed body styles.

Chevrolet repurposed an Export Plant to provide CKD (Complete Knock Down) kits to be shipped for overseas GM assembly factories, including South Africa, New Zealand, Argentina, Belgium, and Holden Coach Bodies in South Australia, where most of the Australian market originated.

My love of 1928 Chevrolet was reignited when in 2003 as an extended family we attended the 'Chev 4 Tour' in Beechworth, with the late Life Member Grant Harvey. A week of touring the area with a group from the NSW Chev Club in the 1928 Chevrolet Tourer had me hooked.

It was at the Ballarat Swap in 2004 that Ron Goad and Ray Parkinson were talking about this 'eBay' and all that was going on. So, a scroll through and up popped this car. It was in America, we purchased from eBay in March



2004 and I went through the process of bringing it to Australia, arriving in May 2004. Curiously, although it was in the USA, it was already right-hand drive!

Our car left the factory in the USA in 1928 and was shipped to New Zealand as a running chassis and unassembled body. It was assembled as right-hand drive in Petone, which is on the Southern end of the North Island, close to Wellington Harbour. This is supported by the stamping on the outer floor board – XHAB, with the X being Export and the H representing Petone, followed of course by the series 'AB'.

The vehicle resided in New Zealand until the end of WWII when it was transferred to California, most likely by way of military lift. Once back in the USA, it was painted and trimmed, and put on display in the Edwards Cinema Collection in Newport Beach, Southern California. He also scrolled the initials of his wife Bernice on the doors – you might be able to see the "B.E.E".

Edwards Cinemas was subsequently liquidated in 2000, and the vehicle was bought by a local to display in his games room at home! He subsequently needed the room and listed the vehicle for sale.

The personalised Californian Number Plate "OldChev" that you might be able to see on the front is a 1960s personalised plate, and was carried through until last registered in March 1980, evidenced by the renewal sticker still attached to the plate.

The four-door sedan is a rare car in Australia as not many came here. This is one of only a few Fisher Bodied Four Door Sedans on the road in Australia.

Its appearance is largely as it arrived from the USA, with mechanicals restored and maintained - a fresh engine (thanks to Bill Eldridge), being a 171 cu. in. OHV in-line 4-cylinder, fuel fed via vacuum tank, 3 speed manual, running 6V system, optional steel disc wheels with new white wall tyres, and the brake linings have all been done along the way. Although being in the shed for a Covid hiatus, with recent diff replacement and other mechanical servicing and maintenance thanks to Neale Goad, this is back on the road again.

This car is the most recent Touring Trophy winner in the pre-1931 category for last year – a feat also achieved in the 1928 Tourer years ago.



It is a pleasure to drive and has travelled many many miles – with the VCCC locally, and beyond, within Victoria and interstate – Bay to Birdwood, Cowra, and many Federation Tours, including climbing to the top of Mt Hotham.

The love affair with 1928 Chev continues - currently in the family is the 1928 Tourer, 1928 Sedan, 1928 Utility, and 1928 Fire Truck. There has also been a 1928 Truck and a 1928 Sports Roadster that came and went along the way.

COMING EVENTS – November - December 2024

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates. Also, see the Calendar on page 15.

~ Twilight Classic Motorcycle Runs ~

These are usually held mid-month on a Wednesday evening (weather dependent). Club Eligible bikes only. Contact **Chris Ridsdale on 0448 425 001** if you would like to be included on his list to be notified when a run is happening.

Friday 8th November - Twilight Sports Car Run

We will be leaving at **6.30pm** from the **Dan Murphy Car Park** at the Delacombe Town Centre for a run of about 80 kms on bitumen roads. The run will end at a cafe in the Ballarat area.

Contact John & Gayle Pickering – 0408 914 943

Saturday 9th November – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30-4pm – Lilly's Café at the Eureka Centre Ballarat East

I thought for something different, how about we each bring something from the BACK of the cupboard that has been sitting around for years – and work on getting it finished. I'm sure you'll find plenty to choose from!! There might also be something else that you don't know how finish, so bring that too – and get some help so that you can use it or gift it. See you on the day.

Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077

Thursday 14th November – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Flying Horse Bistro, Bell Street Ballarat

Make your own way there by 12pm, bookings by Monday 11th November – **Contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770**

Friday 15th November – Club General Meeting – 7.30pm – Ballarat North Community Centre

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Sunday 17th November – Club Run (Trophy Points) – Beeac

Brendan has booked for lunch at the Beeac Pub. We will leave **DTC Dan Murphy's car park** at **9:30am** and on to Scarsdale, Pitfield, Cressy and to Beeac. Lunch at the Pub after looking over the amazing vehicle collection. After lunch, everyone is welcome to stretch their legs around the historical town before heading home.

Saturday 23rd November – Motors & Masterpieces – Melbourne Showgrounds, Flemington
(the new Motorclassica)

Over 200 concourse classic vehicles and bikes on show. We have organised a **20-seater bus**, leaving from Brown Hill Bus Exchange **at 9am** and return by 5:00ish. Tickets need to be pre-purchased from the website www.motorsandmasterpieces.com No cash ticket sales at the gate.

Price for the Saturday is Adult \$59 Kids \$29 Concession \$47.20. Bus will be approx. \$20 per seat.

Please contact **Brendan on 0409 018 867 by Wednesday 20th November** if you are interested to book a seat - 1st in gets them.

VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR CLUB BALLARAT INC. presents the
ANNUAL GEOFF HERKES MEMORIAL PRE '30's TOUR

~ **Sunday 24th November 2024** ~

Catering for Vintage and Veteran Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles
A casual day's drive/ride in scenic countryside with other enthusiasts
Trophy Points will be allocated as this event falls on the Club Run Day



ENTRY \$5.00 PER PERSON

Tour starts at the Haddon Lions Club Rooms and finishes at the Haddon Recreation Centre (15km SW of Ballarat)

Arrive from **8.30am** at the Haddon Lions Park for a **9.30am** departure.

Morning and Afternoon Tea provided – BYO Lunch or Takeaway shops available.

Fuel available in the town that we stop for lunch. Period Dress Optional

Further details – phone **Mark Border 0438 399 609**

Sunday 1st December – Naked Radiator Run — 10.30am departure from the **CLUBROOMS**

Contact Frank and Jan Tamis – 0475 192 372 (keep trying – bad area)

Thursday 12th December – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – Cattle Yards Inn, Latrobe Street

Make your own way there by 12pm, bookings by Monday 9th December - **Contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770**

Friday 13th December – General Meeting NOTE – change of normal date — Ballarat North Community Centre – 7.30pm – Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Saturday 14th December – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30-4pm – Lilly's at Eureka, Eureka Centre

As it is the last get together for the year – and it is the season of Christmas – please bring something to exchange as a Xmas gift of no more than \$10, and preferably something you have made.

Reminding you all that we don't meet in January.

Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077

Sunday 15th December – Club Run (Trophy Points) – Club Christmas Breakup

The Committee discussed ideas for the final Run prior to Christmas. The day will start with an hour's run, leaving from the Clubrooms and arriving at the venue before Lunch. This will be a BBQ with salads and sweets with the cost being \$10 per head. Rocker cover racing will be a highlight again this year and other activities are being planned. Keep this date free – start making a rocker cover, and watch your newsletter for more information.

Outside Events:

Saturday 30th November - Lake Bolac Car Show and Shine

Saturday 30th November – Dunolly Vehicle Club Swap Meet

Sunday 1st December - Dunolly Show and Shine

Camping and entertainment are available at the Dunolly Golf Club overnight on the Saturday.

Contact Neville Callow for info 0438 692 232

VCCC Clubrooms Redevelopment – Update #9

A smaller report this month, with two key elements still running along side by side - the planning permit, and the road discontinuance.

The planning permit is still moving along - last month I reported on the issue with a tree and an alternative option for placement of the building, settling on a building envelope that sits on the current car park, giving due consideration to public access and use of footpaths etc. The plans were re-drawn and re-submitted, and have been advertised as required. We expect to follow up Council shortly.

In anticipation, and with the feeling that the car park has a firmer base than the existing site, we have commissioned tests for the foundations/footings of the revised site, with the expectation of a cost saving.

At the time of writing this, Council elections have just closed off (26th October), and will move out of caretaker mode. This will allow the road discontinuance to progress, and to be taken to the Council meeting in November. When this is through, I will ask Council to prepare a lease/licence agreement so that we secure the site.

Once these pieces of the puzzle fall into place, the Building Committee will check and look over the design, clarify the pricing, with a move to sign off, order and pay a deposit.

Brett Holloway

On behalf of the Building Sub Committee

PAST EVENTS

John Curtin Residents' Outing – Thursday 3rd October

We had the pleasure of the company of the John Curtin Aged Care home residents, and the day was just as I had ordered - magnificent.

We went on the Canola run with scenic views in places to around 130 degrees as far as Mount Cole or further - the country was an absolute picture, lush green with the spectacular yellow Canola and farm dams full or nearing capacity.

We travelled from Creswick to Pootilla on to Black Swamp Road to Blampied then to Smeaton, Clunes and back to Creswick. After safely unloading our happy smiling passengers, one of our guests was a new resident - as soon as she saw Geof's T Model, she said, "I am going in it as it brings back memories of Mum and Dad who often reminisced about going on their honeymoon in a Model T".

We were thanked and served afternoon tea, and the high was a delicious sponge cake with real cream with no thoughts of diet or cholesterol.

My thanks go to all the members who gave their time to give our guests an enjoyable day out.

Frank Whitfield

Those who provided transport:

Warren Harris	1986 Rolls Royce Silver Spirit
Kevin Holloway	1939 Chevrolet Master
Merv Sherlock	1966 Rover Mk 3 DS
John Peart	2000 Jaguar
Nancy Jackson	1959 Jaguar Mk2
Nerene Backhouse	1956 Austin A 30
Michael Grose	1959 Cadillac
Frank Whitfield	1961 300TD Mercedes Benz Estate
Geof Baulch	1924 Ford T
Peter Grose	1965 Chevrolet
Andy Burns	1937 Oldsmobile



Naked Radiator Run – Sunday 6th October

What a great run this was! Frank and Jan Tamis never cease to amaze where they will take us next. For the first time, we did not gather at the Clubrooms, but at the Melbourne Road Bus Exchange for our departure, which was a tiny bit late (but who cares?) – 10.45am, by which time the cold morning was getting to everybody, but at least the “mizzle” (translation = mist/drizzle) hadn’t started by then.



The drive took us to the west side of Warrenheip, through Navigators to Yendon and then to Dunnstown. The roads were quiet which was quite good because some of the edges were a bit ordinary, and we also avoided having to take our nice clean cars through puddles to move over to let the oncoming traffic pass.



Back – Ross Humphrey & Brendan Stevens; front -
Brendan Collier & Jono Miles

We meandered our way to Wallace, crossing over the Freeway and then after turning left in the bush, we encountered a short – and hilly – section of good gravel. This was in better condition (until the end of it) than many bitumen roads nowadays. This led us into Mollongghip and on to Dean where we turned left to return to the north of Ballarat – actually only a ‘stone’s throw’ from where we started an hour or so earlier.

Our destination was at the beautiful property of Colin and Merralyn Sargent. The wind was still quite breezy so after Colin had removed the ‘A’ outside, we were all able to fit in the shelter of the shed

for lunch. In the afternoon, Merralyn took the ladies on a guided tour of the garden, relating the history of their home along the way, which was the Church of England Manse for the Brown Hill area back in the 1800s and early 1900s, while Colin talked to the men about their vehicle collection. Colin has built a miniature railway track around the house and through the garden, which Jono, Warren and Tom tried out for size.



Merralyn’s talk was very interesting

Many thanks to Colin and Merralyn for opening their collection for us, and especially for their warm hospitality.

We also thank Frank and Jan for all the work that they do organizing these runs for us – not occasionally; no - every two months – that makes six times a year - A MAMMOTH EFFORT!! It’s one of those things that just don’t happen by themselves – or indeed on the day – there are weeks and weeks of planning that goes on behind the scenes which no one sees. So, a very BIG thank you Frank and Jan. *Nerene Backhouse*

Attendees on Naked Radiator Run

1923 Rolls Royce Sedan	Rick Thege, Heather Gingell, Tony & Lyn McDonald
1927 Packard Tourer	Bruce & Rhonda Edwards
1928 Ford Model A Tudor	Darren & Jono Miles
1928 Ford Model A Tudor	Moyle Bunworth
1929 Chrysler Sedan	Pam & Gordon Roberts
1929 DeSoto Coupe	Tom Quinlan
1929 Marquette Sedan	Warren & Barb Harris
1929 Plymouth Tourer	Jan & Frank Tamis
1930 Ford Model A Coupe	Neville Finch & Brendan Collier
1938 Pontiac Sedan	Mark & Judy Richmond & Tracey Bennetts
1940 LaSalle Convertible	Dale & Junie Collins
1956 Austin A30 sedan	Nerene Backhouse
1964 Sunbeam Alpine Roadster	Mike & Lyn Simpson
1966 Rover P5 Mk III Sedan	Merv & Maree Sherlock
1967 Holden Premier Sedan	Ross Humphrey
1970 Holden HG Utility	Peter & Karen Grose
1974 Triumph TC Sedan	John Taylor
1988 Porsche 944S Coupe	Wayne & June Harrop
1994 Ford ED Falcon Futura	John & Gayle Pickering

. . . and our hosts Merralyn & Colin Sargent



Our hosts Merralyn & Colin with
Frank Tamis

Mid-week Twilight Motorcycle Run - 9th October 2023

The first of the daylight saving Mid-week Motorcycle Rides was held on Wednesday 9th October out to the Shamrock Hotel at Dunnstown.

There was a nice break in the bleak weather we have been having and Wednesday was sunny, so 32 riders on a great array of motorcycles attended, including a number of VCCC members.

A good selection of Classic, Vintage and Veteran bikes were there from Mark Seager's 1917 Rover V-twin and Colin Sargent's 1915 Royal Enfield with wicker chair attached representing the Veterans. My 1927 AJS, and a couple of '30's Nortons for the Vintage. And the rest were Classics including Simon Nuttall's 1951 Norton ES2, a very nice Suzuki 750 water bottle and a very different 4 cylinder Douglas.....yes, Douglas didn't make any 4 cylinder motorcycles but this one looked like it came off the factory floor. A very smart gentleman in England grafted two 350cc horizontally opposed Douglas motors on top of each other, he reduced the capacity to a total of 500cc and geared them together. Great looking, very different motorcycle.

As the weather dictates when these rides will be held, dates can't really be set so if you have a club registerable (25 years and older) motorcycle and would like to be informed of these rides, please ring me on 0448 425 001.

Chris Ridsdale



Club Run (Trophy Points) to Mt Franklin Sunday 20th October 2024



It was cloudy with a cool breeze when Annette Moodie and I arrived at the start point outside the old Ballarat Showgrounds in Creswick Road in my 1964 Sunbeam Alpine with the top up. The Showgrounds are now a bare site with all of the buildings demolished in readiness to be turned into an athletics centre.

With 39 cars arriving we were given a running sheet and departed about 9.50. We were joined by 4 vehicles from the Ballarat Morris Minor Club and continued our drive along Heinz Lane, Swingers Road, White Swan Road and making our way out through Invermay, Glen Park, Wattle Flat, Dean, Scrub Hill then back to Kingston where there were quite a few volunteers trimming the grass around the trees on the Kingston Avenue of Honour.

It was very pleasant driving between the paddocks of bright and fragrant Canola crops. Right at Kingston and continuing out through Kooroocheang and Werona on a narrow, sealed country road among the crops and bush to turn onto the Creswick/Newstead Road then right towards and through to Yandoit. From there it was a short run up to Mt Franklin.

When we arrived in bright sunshine there were already about 30 cars from other clubs and quite a few campers who were a bit surprised to see so many cars crammed in. For the next 3 to 4 hours we picnicked, admired the varied vehicles on display and met new and old friends from our own and other clubs before finally leaving at about 3pm for a pleasant drive home with the convertible top folded down - fun, fun, fun. A big thankyou to Mike for organising this interclub picnic - it was great to see the other clubs in attendance on a beautiful spring day at a beautiful picnic area on Mt Franklin. Looking forward to next year's event.

Lyn Simpson



Our Editor at work (far right) – on the left is Mark Scott

Attendees – Mt Franklin

1903 Oldsmobile	Bob Kennedy
1928 Delage	Rick Thege & Heather Gingell
1936 Plymouth	Mark & Lerise Frew
1938 Oldsmobile	Roy Littlehales
1939 Chev Sedan	Kevin & Helen Holloway
1940 LaSalle Conv.	Dale & Junie Collins
1947 Dodge	Brett & Kirstin Holloway
1954 Chev Belair	Mark Richmond & Bill Payne
1955 MG Magnette	Brendan Stevens
1958 Triumph	Colin & Merralyn Sargent
1959 Cadillac 2dr.	Michael & Eileen Grose
1964 Sunbeam	Lyn Simpson & Annette Moodie
1965 Ford Mustang	Graeme Musgrove
1965 Chevrolet	Peter & Karen Grose
1966 Jaguar S Type	Bruce Kerr & Ann
1966 Rover P5	Merv & Maree Sherlock
1966 Zodiac Mk 111	Colin & Laurelyn Hill
1967 MGB	Richard & Ann Marie English
1969 Ford Executive	Mike Simpson
1970 MGB Mk 11	John Taylor
1970 Mustang	Ross & Robyn Wootton
1972 Mercedes Benz	Tom Quinlan
1973 Pontiac Wagon	Malcolm & Judy Bandy
1975 VW	Barry Ronalds
1975 Ford XB Coupe	Daryl Crawley
1978 HZ Holden Ute	Frank & Jan Tamis
1984 Jaguar XJ6	Tony & Lyn McDonald
1986 Mercedes Benz	Daryl & Barb Mitchell
1986 RR Silver Spirit	Warren & Barb Harris
1988 Mercedes Benz Coupe	Frank Whitfield
1988 Porsche 944s	Wayne & June Harrop
1988 Nissan Skyline	Nerene Backhouse
1989 Mazda MX5	Pam & Gordon Roberts
1989 Nissan Pintara TI	Barry & Cyndy Allison & Karen Otto
1992 Holden Statesman	Andrew Brown
1997 Mercedes Benz CLK	John Peart
1999 Commodore VS Ute	Jason Wallis
Visitors – Peter Smith - 1964 Fairlane and Brian Gavan - 1971 HQ Holden	



Roy Littlehales, Barry Ronalds & Tom Quinlan



Lyn Simpson with Annette Moodie are all smiles as they arrive home after a great day

GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED – Permit Officer, Richard English has issued a friendly reminder regarding the procedure for getting your Permits signed, as follows:

First and preferred option – Bring your permit renewal to the next club meeting for signing.

If you are unable to attend a meeting then:

Second Option – Mail to Club P.O. Box and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.

Third Option – Mail to Permit Officer address and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fourth Option – Drop into Permit Officer's letterbox for pick up the following business day (include your phone number to get a text to say it's ready for pick up) or include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.*

Fifth Option – Contact Permit Officer and make other arrangements.

VERY IMPORTANT – When applying for a new Permit - PLEASE make sure you have ALL the necessary documents. This will save both you and the Permit Officer a lot of wasted time.

NOTE* re Options Three and Four – PERMIT OFFICERS ARE ALL RETIRED AND ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ALWAYS TEXT OR PHONE BEFORE USING THESE OPTIONS TO ENSURE THE PERMIT OFFICER IS NOT AWAY AS YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR PERMIT BACK IN TIME.

FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

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The Norton Commando Bible
All Models 1968-1978 and 2004-2017
by Peter Henshaw

Published in 2017

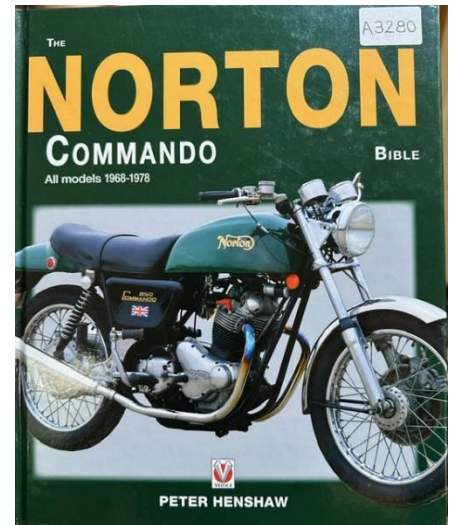
144 Pages.

This book is a detailed history of the Classic Norton Commando: its antecedents, development, and its year-by-year production changes, including the turbulent story of the Company that built it. There is also expert advice on owning and maintaining one of these iconic bikes, as well as information on clubs, websites and spare parts. There are many comprehensive appendices of facts, figures, contacts, technical specifications, engine/frame numbers, and road test performance data. This is the definitive book on a motorcycle that truly deserves the term "classic"!

The Norton Commando ranks alongside those other milestone classics that came out of the post-war British motorcycle industry – The Triumph Bonneville, BSA Gold Star and the Vincent Twin, all of them glamorous icons of a long-dead era. The Commando had glamour too, but the circumstances of its birth were quite different – the Norton was something of a Cinderella Motorbike. It was designed in a hurry to make the most of an ageing engine and gearbox, used because that's all there was available.

In spite of this, the Commando was in fact a tremendous achievement, given that it was originally intended purely as a stopgap model, but in fact was in production for nine years – of the final years of the old British bike industry.

The Commando certainly had a chequered career – inconsistent quality could make it unreliable, the debacle of the over-stressed combat engine, and the fact that, with age, it gained weight and lost performance. Despite this, it had many race wins and sold in huge numbers in America.



Today, the Norton Commando's following is stronger than ever and most spare parts are available as they are still being produced. In some ways the Commando story is a sad one, but it didn't end when the original production ceased in 1977. A new improved version was reborn 27 years later in 2004, and when this book was written in 2017, a whole range of new Commando motorcycles and spare parts were available. Kenny Dreer and Ollie Curme in America spent millions of dollars purchasing all the various trademarks, so they could start production again.

In 2006, the production of the Commando came back to England again when Stuart Garner purchased all the trademarks, building the new bikes in a new factory, close to Donington Park Race Circuit. It is possible to buy new spare parts for all the original versions of the Commando motorcycles, as well as the later version. There is a waiting list to purchase a brand-new Norton Commando motorcycle in England. This is an indication of the demand, and the Commando still lives on in its improved version. The second photo in this book review is of a new, 2017 Norton 1000 Commando motorcycle.

Peter Henshaw, the author of this book, has also written "*The Essential Buyers Guide of the Norton Commando Motorcycles*", covering the Mark 1 to Mark 5 versions, built in 1968-1978, and published by Veloce. We have many of these in our club library, but not this one.

Ron Gay

More photos from the Picnic at Mt Franklin



Kevin & Helen Holloway's 39 Chev and Brett & Kirsten Holloway's 47 Dodge looking relaxed at Mt Franklin



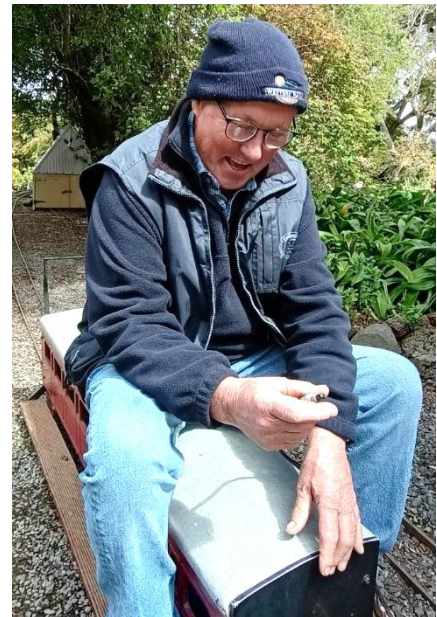
At the 'old' Showgrounds, ready for the 'off' – leading the way (above) is Mal & Judy's 73 Pontiac Wagon, followed by John Taylor's 70 MGB, Richard & Ann-Marie English's '67 MGB and Colin & Merralyn Sargent's '58 Triumph Below – from the left – Dale & Junie Collins' '40 LaSalle, Barry & Cyndy Allison's '89 Nissan Pintara, Mark & Judy Richmond's '54 Chev Belair, Daryl Crawley's '75 XB Ford Coupe and Warren & Barb Harris' '86 Rolls Royce



More photos from the Naked Radiator Run



Warren Harris (left) and Tom Quinlan (right) enjoyed their 'ride' on the train



A mixture of vintages and classics – Bruce & Rhonda Edwards' beautiful '27 Packard, Merv & Maree Sherlock's '66 P5 Rover, Ross Humphrey's '67 HR Holden and Peter & Karen Grose's '70 HG Holden ute

Do You Know . . .

. . . . how long ago that the fitted sheet was invented? It was in February 1959 that American, Bertha Berman was granted a patent for a bed sheet that had elastic sewn at the corners, so that the corners could be placed under the mattress to keep it on the bed.

Another question – when in fact were sheets invented in the first place? The term *bed sheet* was first used in the 15th century and was once a radical invention. So, prior to that, one could assume that people slept on straw or even the ground – maybe? Bed sheets were traditionally white and made of cotton, linen or silk – however, now various colours and patterns are used.

As we all remember, before the invention of fitted sheets, flat sheets were folded around the mattress using techniques such as ‘hospital corners’ to keep the sheet snug to the bed. But they rarely stayed in place, particularly for those who fidgeted in their sleep.

In the early days of Australian manufacturing, most jersey cotton sheets were made using a woven process known as “serge”. This involved weaving two layers of cloth together to create a sheet. The process was labour intensive and expensive, so in later years, it was replaced by a cheaper method that used cotton or linen thread to weave the material together.

The quality of bed sheets is often conveyed by the thread count – the number of threads per square inch of material. In general, the higher the thread count, the softer the sheet. Yarn quality also plays a part in the look and feel of sheets, as finer yarns tend to create a finer sheet fabric. The ply also plays a role in how heavy the sheet feels. Ply represents how many fibres are twisted together as the sheet is being created.

A sheet of a better-quality fibre with a lower thread count will feel softer, and stand up to washing better than a sheet of a lower-quality fibre with a higher thread count. It will also let air flow through the weave, which gives superior breathability and allowing for a more comfortable sleep. The polyester type of fitted sheet is less likely to cause allergic reactions than other fabrics such as silk or wool.

Bed sheets should be washed about once a week using low-temperature water and drying settings. Warm water can be used to eliminate stains or allergens such as dust mites. Using fabric softeners is not recommended as they leave behind residue that decreases the fabric’s breathability.

Ever wondered why hotels don’t use fitted sheets? It seems that it has a lot to do with inventory purposes. It is easier to have flat sheets for everything, and especially for laundering. With fitted sheets, they can’t be pressed or folded in order to be stored neatly in cupboards/shelves.

After a careful study of the time-saving factor, it has been estimated that the use of fitted sheets frees one eight-hour day of work, per year, per bed. A typical family has 3.4 beds per household, this adds up to nearly 30 work hours saved per year. BUT their calculations failed to include how much time was lost in folding the darn things!!!

On that note – have you worked out a simple technique for folding them?

Nerene Backhouse

CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE AND WANTED

All advertisements under Classifieds must include a registration number, engine number, VIN OR chassis number and cash price. Vehicles advertised in this Newsletter must be 25 years or older in line with Club Policy. The advertisements will remain for three (3) consecutive issues unless they are re-advertised.

Please advise the Editor if you sell your item or obtain what you want.

Deadline for articles – Tues 26th November 2024 Editor, Nerene Backhouse – nbackhouse.a30@gmail.com

FOR SALE - 1984 Jaguar XJS HE V12 Coupe

328,400km, Needs paint, good interior. Needs alternator and wipers not working. Runs and drives.

Currently on Club permit. No Rego, No RWC. VIN SAJJNAEY3BC113470

NEW PRICE - \$10,000.00 Offers Considered Selling on behalf of owner who is no longer able to drive

Contact Mike Glare 0419 153246

FOR SALE - 1923 OD Vauxhall Tourer

Original unmolested car. Recent rebored engine, reground crank, stainless steel valves, new conrods. Gearbox overhauled with new bearings. New clutch plates, kingpins, brake drums. New upholstery in leather. New hood. \$49,000

Contact Reg Rhook - Creswick - 0437 707 724 - regrhoor1@hotmail.com

WANTED

Holden V8 3 speed gearbox.

Contact Brett - 0413 662758

FOR SALE – 1949 MG TC Midget – Semi Complete Project

Provenance includes: previous owner details from 1963-1979 and various receipts
Purchased unregistered, dismantled in tea chests in 1979
Same owner from 1979 – 2024
Engine # XPAG 10242 restored and installed has previously been started in situ
Chassis # TC8752 All panel work professionally spray painted and stored
\$18,000 as is, semi complete and unregistered
Contact Kate Watts – 0429 338 097



FOR SALE – 1933 Morris Major

Located in Swan Hill 6 cyl, good condition
Only 3 in Australia Reg CH 3503 Engine No 7915
Price \$35,000 ONO
Contact - Robert & Julie - 0427 302 022

For Sale - 1951 Daimler Consort

Family owned since 1957. Pam & I have had it since 1972. It was restored in the late 1990's. Engine reconditioned, new radiator core, complete new interior in leather & vinyl, 2 pac black paint job as original. Recent water pump rebuild & new exhaust system. Fitted with Bridgestone L/T radial tyres.
Engine No 42798 Body No 56427 \$20,000
Contact – Gordon 0409 773 464 or Pam - 0407 348 655



For Sale - 1976 South African built Leyland Mini 1275 GT

No-expenses-spared full ground-up restoration, with limited mileage since the rebuild. Details of the restoration work on request.
Asking \$43,890 ono
Rego No is 57640J (NSW club plate not transferable)
VIN No - 5022912U Engine No - 12HEH7645U
Contact – Laurie Bilsborough - lauriebil52@gmail.com



Buick Parts For Sale

- 1940 pair of red glass tail lamp lenses \$30.00
- Pair of glass front park lenses \$40.00
- A spark plug cover plate, usually missing from most Buicks, suits all 1938-52 models \$80.00
- New rear wheel bearing, \$20.00
- New exhaust valves N.O.S. [2] \$30.00
- Hub cap, 1948 used, but "as new" \$60.00
- Front park lens \$15.00
- A NOS gearbox long sliding gear, still in box, very hard one to find \$100.00
- 6 Volt neg. earth NOS voltage regulator for Buicks, \$50.00
- Buick gasket set for straight 8 new minus head gasket \$30.00
- Also have a pair of red glass tail lenses for a 1948 Ford \$20.00
- a set of 42-48 Ford rear shackle pins with bushes \$25.00

Contact Dale Collins – 0401 229 414

APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS

The Club's approved safety checkers for pre 1949 vehicle initial Club Permit applications are:

Neale Goad Automotive, 206 Burnbank Street, Wendouree	Phone 5339 2056	Contact Neale
Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat	Phone 53337206	Contact Henry

CLUB CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025

For the Details of Events, See Pages 5 & 6; also refer to the 12-month calendar.

NOV		What	Where	Contact	Phone	Time
Sat	9th	Ladies Craft Afternoon	Lilly's at Eureka Café	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1:30 - 4pm
<i>Sun</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Daybreakers Car Show</i>	<i>Snake Valley</i>			
Thurs	14th	Rustless Wanderers	Flying Horse Bistro	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	15th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat Nth Community Centre			7:30pm
<i>Sat-Sun</i>	<i>16-17th</i>	<i>Bendigo Swap Meet</i>	<i>Bendigo Showgrounds</i>			
Sun	17th	Club Run (Trophy Points)	Beeac Pub & Car Collection	B. Stevens	O409018867	9:30am - DTC
Tues	19th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			
Sat	23rd	Motors & Masterpieces	Melbourne Showgrounds	B. Stevens	O409018867	9am Brown Hill
Sun	24th	Pre 30's run	Haddon Lions Club	Mark Border	O438399609	See notice
<i>Sun</i>	<i>24th</i>	<i>Springfest Ballarat</i>	<i>Lake Wendouree</i>			
<i>Sat</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Car Show and Shine</i>	<i>Lake Bolac Pub</i>			9am-4pm
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Sun	1st	Naked Radiator Run	Depart Clubrooms	F & J Tamis	O475192372	10:30am
Thurs	12th	Rustless Wanderers Xmas Lunch	Cattle Yards Inn	Rick Thege	O428518770	12 noon
Fri	13th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat Nth Community Centre			7:30pm
Sat	14th	Ladies Crafternoon	Lilly's at Eureka	Jenny Ure	O409954077	1.30-4.00pm
Sun	15th	Club Xmas Run (Trophy Points) & BBQ Lunch	Depart Clubrooms	B. Stevens	O409018867	10.00am
<i>Wed</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Merry Christmas to all</i>	<i>Keep safe</i>		
JAN						
Wed	1st	Sports Car Run	Brown Hill Bus Exchange	Ray Reynolds	53317029	9:30am
<i>Wed</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Sporting Motorists Picnic</i>	<i>Muckleford South</i>			
Thurs	17th	Club General Meeting	Ballarat Nth Community Centre			7:30pm
Sat	18th	Country Canter	TBA			
Sun	19th	Kirks Picnic (Trophy points)	Kirks Reservoir Brown Hill	B. Stevens	O409018867	4-7pm
Tues	19th	Committee Meeting	1 Traminer Court Wendouree			
Sun	26th	Australia Day Breakfast	Haddon Lions Club			from 8am

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