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2017 RACV FLY THE FLAG ALPINE TOUR



Not a common sight, a visitor from New South Wales sets off from the RACV at Noble Park for a successful tour. Noted is the ex-Triumph Herald bonnet latch and, maybe, Jaguar XJ-S headlamps. Great to see and digitally capture one of these exciting sporting motor cars.

Vale: Life Member Ross Wolstenholme passed away in March. Our condolences go to Pat and the family. There will be a formal obituary in the next edition of this magazine.



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CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806. Telephone Number 0418 540 920.

Note: Membership subscriptions are due before the end of December each year.

**The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas
on 19th September, 1997**

LIFE MEMBERS

The ABCCC Vic Inc. is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

Current Life Member: Pat J Douglas

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Event Organisers – please provide basic event-start details as soon as possible – Thank you.

May 2017

Friday 5 th to Sunday 7 th	Autumn In Daylesford – An ABCCC Event (Carried forward). Start Venue – TBA	Marj Pepper (03) 9439 7875
Sunday 28 th	Rex's Big Day Out – An ABCCC Event Venue – Meet at the Gypsy Creek Winery at 11.30am	Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669 Mobile 0408 303 129

June 2017

Friday 9 th to Monday 12 th	Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Supported Event Activity – Touring The Fabulous Western District, Hamilton, Victoria.	Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Sunday 25 th	TBA – An ABCCC Event	

July 2017

Sunday 9 th	TBA – An ABCCC Event	Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Sunday 30 th	TBA – An ABCCC Event	Greg Anglin (03) 9876 3293 or 0419 882 155

August 2017

Wednesday 2 nd	Twilight Run – An ABCCC Event	Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023
Sunday 20 th	Annual Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Venue – TBA	Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291

September 2017

Friday 8 th to Sunday 10 th	A Wonderful Weekend – An ABCCC Event Activity – TBA	Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Sunday 24 th	The Interesting Trivia Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Venue – TBA	Marj Pepper (03) 9439 7875

October 2017

Sunday 1 st	An Interesting Outing – An ABCCC Event Venue – TBA	Christopher Constantine (03) 9898 4431
Saturday 14 th & Sunday 15 th	Como Open Gardens Weekend – ABCCC Volunteers Venue – 79 The Basin–Olinda Road, The Basin	Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146 Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323
Sunday 29 th	A Sliding Pillars Run – An ABCCC Event	Phil Cook 0468 680 538

November 2017

Tuesday 7 th	A Day At The Races – An ABCCC Event Venue – Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen, Victoria.	Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Friday 10 th to Sunday 12 th	The Famous Indulgence Weekend – An ABCCC Event Venue – TBA	Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023
Sunday 26 th	TBA – An ABCCC Event	

December 2017

Sunday 10 th	Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event	Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
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EDITORIAL NOTES – Issue N^o. 204

This edition of *Your ABCCC News* arrives in your 'In Box' or your post box out in the street – whichever is your choice, due to a feeling of remorse, because a number of club members have asked the question, viz:

"What is happening about the magazine?"

The answers to the questions posed, have invariably been, "The task is yours!"

Getting back to the remorse thing, there is news that needs conveying, so, this issue is basically to keep our membership informed. There has been one benefit in not producing a magazine since January this year – I have managed to get ahead on a project that benefits the Jowett Car Club of Australia (and other Jowett clubs worldwide), and that is getting all of the restored Service Bulletins that relate to both Javelin and Jupiter motor cars onto disc. Quite a task, but is probably easier than managing a 3.9-million vehicle re-call that some modern manufacturers are currently handling!

At our AGM earlier this year, I was dismayed and significantly saddened that not a soul in the room volunteered to take on the task of producing *Your ABCCC News*, during the election of our club's committee members. The dining room was so quiet that, those with only slightly better hearing than I have, would have easily heard a feather drop onto the carpet covered floor. Frankly, I have done my share of involvement with our magazine's production and it is time someone contacted the Executive Committee to volunteer to take on the task. There has been talk of producing a quarterly magazine, with news flyers detailing coming events being issued only via E-mail in the months between. That would certainly lighten the workload for our new Editor and may make the task appear to be more attractive to someone out there. We shall see what develops!

One point is certain, if I was to continue in this task, I would be roundly condemned by Sue for not standing firm in my resolve, and I do not have any desire for such happening! (That condemnation has already commenced.)

Please take note of the events that are coming up, and, event organisers, in the meantime, please send out your event notices via our Webmaster so that others can join in.

Mike Allfrey – Non-Editor.

MAJOR EVENTS NEWS

2017 RACV Great Australian Rally

This year, virtually everything seemed to be against us in the build up to 5th February running of the event. In spite of all the turmoil, the rally bag stuffing went smoothly. We handed out the bags at Mornington again this year. The Hastings start went well and it is understood that the City and Stud Park starts were also smoothly run aspects for the start of the big day. Mornington was not so easy because we could not gain access till 5:00 am on the morning of the event. This crammed preparation schedule was due to there being a sort of music festival on the Saturday evening/night with over 14,000 poor souls packed into the area. That was probably why there was so much dust swirling on the breeze.

Then there was the presentation of the cheque to the research folk at Peter Mac. My part in this was completely ruined by misreading the changed schedule of activities that commenced at 11:00 am, not at 12:00 noon as it was thought to be. To Jennifer Doubell and Ally Pekin, profound apologies for my non-attendance. It is understood that a cheque for \$38,000 (or thereabouts), significantly down on last year's effort, was presented.

There could be some significant changes ahead, with regard to how the Great Australian Rally will be conducted. Be sure to watch out for news on this as it is announced.

Special thanks are due to all of those who helped with this year's running of the RACV Great Australian Rally. Thank you all, your help is greatly appreciated.

Mike Allfrey – Hastings Start.

2017 RACV Fly The Flag Alpine Tour

The flag off for the 2017 RACV Fly The Flag Alpine Tour was held at RACV Noble Park and exited the premises with a right turn into Browns Road. All too soon, it was realised that the road traffic was such that made a right turn at the gate very difficult and time consuming. Exit Gate Marshal, Tore Pannuzzo, made a snap executive decision to ask all participants to turn left and at the first roundabout, make a 'U' turn and head to the traffic lights at Dandenong Road (Princes Highway) and continue on their way.

The writer was at the gate with camera in action and, hopefully, most of the participants had their photo taken. Should any readers want a photo, please ask – digital copies are available at 18-plus megabytes each, or of a more modest byte count.

RACV Fly The Flag 2017 Alpine Tour Trophy Winners (click on car to view)

Best Vintage Car:	David and Rosemary Dare	1913 Ford Model T Touring
Best Early Classic Car:	Dennis and Esther Healy	1947 Buick Super Convertible
Best Classic Car:	Russell Simmonds and Eve Glenn	1966 Ford Mustang Convertible
Best Modern Classic Car:	Lyle and Val Jamieson	1982 Jaguar XJ SC
Best Open Sports Car:	Rex and Bobbie Genoni	1967 Austin Healey BJ8
Best Family Car:	John and Michelle Goddard	1968 Holden HK Brougham
Best Commercial Vehicle:	Stuart and Chris Bell	1974 Holden HJ Utility
ABCCC President's Award:	Alastair and Micki Browne	1971 Marcos GT Coupe
Best Overall Vehicle:	John and Amanda Habgood	1962 Mini Cooper Morris
Frank E Douglas Trophy:	David and Rosemary Dare	1913 Ford Model T Touring

It is understood that the Tour was a great success, and it was an honour to join the flaggers for the Tour End luncheon at Yarra Glen. It was discovered that, overall, tour vehicles were reliable with one being swapped for a hire car – but, it will be back next year to maintain its record!

Many thanks from both of us for the lunch and the unexpected award for services provided for this year's RACV Fly The Flag Alpine Tour. That was a wonderful surprise!

Mike and Sue Allfrey.

JOKE TIME

Sean was fishing and it started to rain, so he moved under the bridge for shelter. His pal McGinty saw him and called, "Sean, me boy, are ye afeared of a few spots o' rain, now?"

Sean replied, "I'm not . . . the fish come here fer shelter."

Some have asked what I've been doing in my retirement. Well, I applied for a building permit for a new house.

And . . .

It was going to be thirty metres tall and one-hundred and twenty-three metres wide, with twelve gun turrets at various heights, with windows all over the place and a loud outside entertainment sound system.

It would have parking for two-hundred cars, and I was going to paint it snot green with pink trim.

The City Council told me; "Forget it . . . *It Ain't Going To Happen!*" So, thinking about the refusal, I sent in the same application again, but this time I called it a 'Mosque'. Work starts on Monday. And here is the best part, it's going to be tax exempt! I love our country and the Australian way. It's the government that scares the proverbial mire out of me!

A Post-Beer Festival Salutation

After the British Beer Festival, in London, all the brewery directors decided to go out for a beer. The man from Corona sits down and says, "Hey Senor, I would like the world's best beer, a Corona." The bartender dusts off a bottle from the shelf and gives it to him.

The man from Budweiser says, "I'd like the best beer in the world, give me 'The King Of Beers', a Budweiser." The bartender gives him one.

The man from Coors says, "I'd like the only beer made with Rocky Mountain spring water, give me a Coors." He gets it.

The man from Guinness sits down and says, "Give me a Coke." The bartender is a little taken aback, but gives him what he ordered. The other brewery directors look over at him and ask, "Why aren't you drinking a Guinness?"

The Guinness Director replies, "Well, I figured if you fellows aren't drinking beer, neither would I."

From Colin Brown.

AUNTIE PAT'S FAVOURITE FARMHOUSE RECIPES

Farmhouse Chicken Casserole

Method:

Set oven to 177 °C (350 °F) or gas Mark 4. Toss the chicken joints in seasoned flour. Melt butter in a frying pan and brown the joints in the butter until golden all over. Place joints in a large casserole dish and add the potatoes. Place garlic, onions, bacon, celery and mushrooms in the pan and cook for a few minutes. Add remainder of flour, stir in well. Add stock gradually, stirring constantly. Add the herbs and paprika and check seasoning. Pour over chicken and potatoes, add bay leaf. Cover and cook for about 1 – 1¼ hours until tender. Remove bay leaf and garnish with parsley. Serve with carrots. Serves 4.

The Village – Wyre Piddle, Worcestershire, England.

Ingredients:

4 Large Chicken Joints; 1 Clove Garlic, Crushed; 0.7 kg (1½ lbs.) Scraped Small New Potatoes; 4 Rashers Streaky Bacon, De-rinded and Diced; 4 Sticks Celery, Washed and Sliced; 12 Baby Onions, Peeled; 113 gm. (4 oz.) Button Mushrooms; 58 gm, (2 oz.) Butter; Salt and Black Pepper; 450 ml. (1 pint) Chicken Stock; 1 Heaped Teaspoon Mixed Herbs; 1 Bay leaf; 1 Teaspoon Paprika; 28 gm. (1 oz.) Seasoned Flour; Chopped Parsley for Garnish.

By Carole Gregory, Illustrations by AR Quinton.

From Favourite Farmhouse Recipes – With Thanks – Supplied by Pat Douglas.



NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country. We hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor car, at one of our events soon. Our club aims to have two motoring events each month, so there are plenty of fabulous events for you to select from. Welcome!

Name	Car	Model	Year
Marilyn Hayes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jack and Shirley Craven	Toyota	Landcruiser	1978
	Mazda	MX-5	2001
Peter Peacock	N/A	N/A	N/A
John and Jenny Mason	Austin-Healey	BN7	1960
	Ford	Mustang	1966
	Packard	Super '8'	1937
Raffaele and Judy Benevenga	Ford	Cortina	1975

Gordon Lindner – Membership Secretary.

EVENT REPORTS

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING – WELL?

VISIT TO KURTH KILN FESTIVAL – Sunday 9th April, 2017

A very damp but enjoyable day, The festival organisers made us very welcome, with plenty to eat and drink. We had shelter from the rain and great music by a local band. It was also great to share the day with myself and Connie, Greg and Geraldine, Graham and Kate, Rick and Jill, Phil and Ann, Christopher and Geraldine, Ian and Mary, and also Colin. Those present all loved our Classic Cars, especially our Armstrong Siddeley Limousine – the Royal Car.

About The Kurth Kiln Group And Its Activities Over The Years



Starting in June 1999 with twelve members and a desire to help protect our cultural heritage, the group has over one-hundred supporters, regular working bees and project funding.

Kurth Kiln was constructed in 1941, to the radically new design of Dr. Ernest Edgar Kurth (see picture on the left), to produce a substitute fuel for the motor industry during the WWII petrol rationing period of the 1940s.

Commissioned on 18th March, 1942 it was the first charcoal kiln to operate on a continuous basis, utilising water cooling to produce 3 tons of charcoal from 21 tons of wood-billets every 24 hours. The charcoal was put over a waterwheel-driven grader, at right, sewn into hessian bags and sold at distribution points for 6 to 10 shillings, depending on grade. The charcoal grader is one of the items waiting for restoration funding at Kurth Kiln.



A display recently commissioned for a series of donated historic Gas Producers shows our visitors some of the many uses for the charcoal produced here.

Fitted with several interpretation Boards, the Display constitutes a Heritage Walk, where visitors can learn some of the history of the units and of Producer Gas. The Kurth Kiln Logo (left) was created for us by Gembrook artist Sue Jarvis, and the picture below of the Kurth Kiln Forestry Huts (right) taken in 1982 comes from her archives. We are grateful for the great support we receive from all our friends.



Scheduled meetings and working bees are on the second Saturday of each month, starting at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us there at any time, to help in whatever their favourite activity is, or to just say "Hello" and look around.



Caring for our Bush and Waterways environment is of great concern to all of us. We are grateful for the funding support received from Parks Victoria and from Melbourne Water for our re-vegetation projects and for the participation of local Schools. For those who enjoy the natural beauty of our native bush, there are many opportunities in Kurth Kiln Regional Park to do so, with over 100 kilometres of Walking Tracks to choose from, including the recently completed Thornton Track with its footbridge over the Tomahawk Creek, commemorating long-time resident Caretaker of Kurth Kiln, Ron Thornton. Conservation work on a Portable Steel Kiln in Tonimbuk was a joint project with the Friends of Bunyip State Park.

Tore Pannuzzo and Parks Victoria – With Thanks.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO

AUTUMN IN DAYLESFORD – Friday 5th to Sunday 7th May, 2017.

We are pleased to announce the above dates for the previously postponed weekend away at beautiful Daylesford and Creswick and surrounds. The weekend will include some of Daylesford's best 'to do' attractions along with the famous Silver Streak Food, Wine and Music Train pre-dinner on Saturday evening (numbers permitting), and of course time to relax and browse the Mill markets and Daylesford specialty shops.

The booked accommodation is limited so if you are interested in coming along please be sure to contact us quickly for details, so that you can book and secure your accommodation within our group reservation.

We look forward to a fun, relaxed weekend and we hope you can join us. Please contact; Marj and Brian Pepper on mobile number 0407 392 330 or, E-mail; bmpepper1@bigpond.com

Marj Pepper.

REX'S BIG DAY OUT – Sunday 28th May, 2017



In view of the support that we had in 2013, where we enjoyed a delicious meal at the Gypsy Creek Winery/Restaurant, we have decided to revisit for our next 'Big Day Out' on Sunday 28th May.

We have again been offered a \$35.00 p.p. special menu for our visit, details of which are below. In addition Mary and Sam have offered a free wine tasting session prior to the commencement of our meal at 12:30 pm. at no cost. We will therefore meet at the winery at 11:30 am and gather in the bar area for the wine tasting. The address for Gypsy Creek Winery is 43 School Road, Labertouche, Victoria 3816. There is more information shown on the following web site:

<http://gypscreekwines.com.au/> (Photo above from Google Images – with thanks)

For those who need a morning coffee fix then the BP service centre on the Princes Freeway (M1) – Pakenham Bypass – would be ideal. Gypsy Creek is only 34 kilometres further on at Labertouche.

Please let us know if you would like to join us on this 'Big Day Out' by Monday 22nd May, preferably on E-mail rha41579@bigpond.net.au or mobile 0408 303 129.

REX'S BIG DAY OUT LUNCH MENU

Starters

Homemade Dips – per table to share and served with crusty Turkish bread.

Mains – Served As Alternate Placement

Crumbed Chicken Maryland Fillet – topped with sauce of choice (mushroom, garlic or gravy), served on lemon-pepper basmati rice and coleslaw. Or,

Moroccan Seasoned Lamb Back Straps – drizzled with roast capsicum salsa sauce, served on coriander risotto and green beans. Or,

For Vegetarians – Roast Pumpkin Risotto, with semi-dried tomato, spinach and basil pesto base.

Dessert – Served As Alternate Placement

Lime And Coconut Cheesecake – served with fresh whipped cream (gluten-free). Or,

Chocolate Mousse Cake – served with fresh whipped cream and berries.

Tea And Coffee – A Dispensing Bay Will Be Set Up For Self-Serve

Cost – \$35.00 Per Person

Rex and Deanna Hall.

ANNUAL QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RALLY – Friday 9th to 12th June, 2017

The 40th Anniversary – The Ruby Rally

Our contingent usually travels west to Hamilton on the Friday, with a leisurely lunch stop along the way at the Courthouse Hotel in Smythesdale, on the Glenelg Highway just past Ballarat, on the right. In the evening we gather for dinner as a group at Alexandra's Restaurant. For those of us who are early risers, there is a visit to the Australian Kelpie Festival at Casterton on the Saturday morning, but an 8:00 am start would be needed. It will be easy to be back in Hamilton for the Rally Registration commencing at 10:00 am.

Programme Of Activities

Saturday 10th 10:00 am – Registration and tour packs available at Rally Headquarters, Hamilton Exhibition and Conference Centre (HECC), Shakespeare Street, Hamilton (Showgrounds).

Welcome from the Hamilton District Veteran, Vintage And Classic Driver's Club.

The organisers ask that our motor cars be on display by 11:00 am. The display will be advertised as being open to the public. Our cars will be parked according to decades built, so, look out for designated areas and rally marshal assistance.

11:00 am to 1:30 pm – Lunch (soup and a bread roll), along with the public car display.

1:30 pm – Assemble for a delightful local run.

5:30 pm – *Happy Hour* at Rally Headquarters (HECC). Participants need to be registered for the Rally.

6:30 pm – Join us for a two-course meal with an official welcome and guest speaker. Drinks will be available at bar prices.

- Sunday 11th** 9:30 am – Assemble at Rally Headquarters (HECC) prior to a drive (Tea and Coffee will be available).
 10:00 am – We will be heading to Narrapumalap at Wickliffe *via* back roads.
 12:00 noon – Lunch will be at Narrapumalap. A light lunch (sandwiches and a slice) can be ordered or make it a BYO lunch. It would be a good initiative to bring a folding chair for this visit.
 1:30 pm – A tour of the homestead.
 Rally participants can then make their own way back to Hamilton.
 6:30 pm – Pre-dinner drinks, the bar will be open.
 7:00 pm – Dinner will be served, followed by presentations, awards and entertainment.
 The theme is '**RED**', so come dressed appropriately, or you will feel under-dressed and out of place. The organisers are planning a few surprises!
- Monday 12th** 9:30 am to 12.00 noon – Farewell Brunch will be available at the Hamilton District Veteran, Vintage And Classic Driver's Club's clubrooms.

NOTE: Programme may be subject to change due to inclement weather and arrangements with land owners etc. An entry form is Page 10 of this journal. Accommodation in Hamilton has been booked on behalf of our club. If you wish to join in and have a great amount of fun in our State's Western District, please contact Tony Pettigrew on telephone number (03) 9739 1146. You do, however, need to fill in an entry form and send the full payment to the rally organisers at: Kaye Schultz (Hon Treasurer), 60 Kent Road, Hamilton, 3300. A Direct Debit BSB facility is provided on the rally entry form.

Tony Pettigrew.

AOMC NEWS

Delegates' Meeting Dates For 2017

AOMC Delegates' Meetings will be held at the Jaguar and Austin Healey Clubrooms, 23 Rosalie Street Springvale, on the fourth Monday of May, August and November. That means the scheduled dates for 2017 are: 22nd May; 28th August and 27th November.

(Note that one of these could be a country meeting and be held on a Saturday).

At the February Delegates' Meeting, each attending club was given a bag containing rolls of stickers. The stickers are the result of a suggestion by a club's Delegate and are designed to assist motorists with fully registered cars that are used on our roads. Since VicRoads, in their wisdom(?), have ceased issuing windscreen mounted registration stickers, a number of us have lost track of when a vehicle's registration fee has become due.

Right: A single scan showing both sides of the AOMC supplied sticker. Obviously the AOMC logo was scanned through the peel off backing.

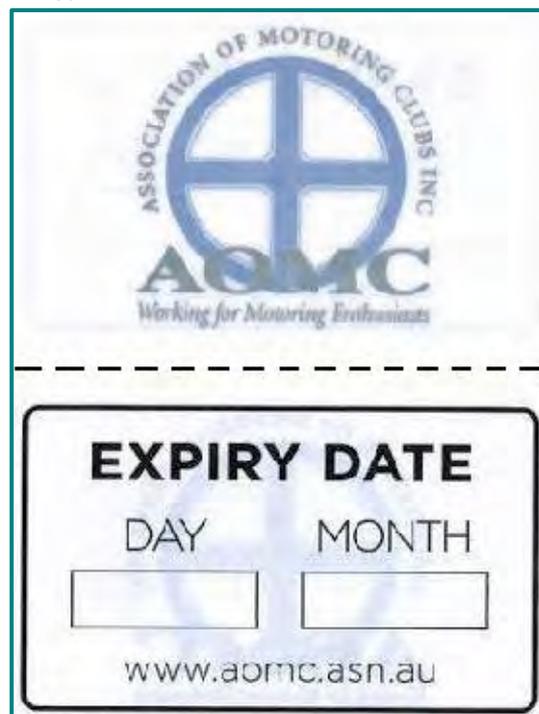
The illustration, shows, above the dividing line, what appears through the windscreen from outside the vehicle. The lower portion shows the view of the sticker from inside the vehicle. It is for the vehicle's owner to write in the day, e.g. 24th and the month, e.g. 10/17 for the current year, or just the month, e.g. 10th (October).

The next question is this, how do we distribute the stickers? They are in roll form and will require a pair of scissors to cut them off as required. These stickers are not intended for vehicles operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), although they could be useful in that field in case VicRoads forget to send out a renewal – but then, a sticker of the original type is still (for now) provided.

Please note that our supply is not unlimited, but it appears to be based on the number of members in our club. Our thanks are due to the AOMC and the project's instigator for providing this unique service.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Philip Johnstone (*Triumph Sports Owners Association*), who gave us a presentation describing the storage of the older VicRoads Engine Number records. This vast, and it is truly vast, number of filing cabinets is now stored at the AOMC's office area. Phil described the process of carrying out an Engine Number search on behalf of club members, and went through what had been recorded on the cards that had been kept in storage. Some interesting records and anomalies have been found during various searches. I asked him if any of the original pencil rubbings were attached to the cards – the Engine Number for my Jowett had been laboriously pencil rubbed when it was first registered here in 1968. The reply was that the rubbings had been glued to the backs of the Engine Number Record cards and, over the years, had fallen off and dropped to the bottom of the cabinets, and to not expect the AOMC to look for them!

I have often wondered why VicRoads and their ancestors were so particularly interested in engine numbers and, why they went to so much trouble taking (in some cases oily) rubbings and why not include the chassis/body numbers.



Coming up very quickly are two AOMC colloquiums, for club Business Seminar and Restoration Seminar on 17th June and 22nd July respectively. Seats could be limited for the Restoration Seminar, so please let either myself or Bill Allen know, by E-mail, if you wish to book in on these important presentations.

Retention Of Heritage Number Plates

A win for owners with plates on retention

Many owners of classic vehicles have been placing their original registration number plates on retention with VicRoads, so that those plates can be reissued to the owner for a nominal fee if and when required. This practice has been in operation since as far back as 1983.

With the introduction of the VCPS Log Book Scheme, many owners switched from full registration to club registration, and as their plates in some cases were older black and white 'historic' plates they had them placed on retention with VicRoads.

In October 2015, VicRoads changed their policy to only allow personalised and custom plates to be retained, and any other 'standard' plate would only be reissued at the same rate as high cost custom plates. After lobbying from the AOMC, VicRoads have agreed to allow standard plates placed on retention before October, 2015 to be available for reissue for the standard reissue fee.

Following is the letter sent to the AOMC from VicRoads on this matter.

Dear Mr Ross,

I refer to your letter dated 6 June 2016, addressed to the chief Executive, making representations on behalf of your constituent members regarding the release of heritage number plates from self-retention. Your letter has been referred to me for response.

As you are aware, VicRoads issue 'custom' and 'personalised' number plates with registration number rights that provide permanent rights to display the registration number. Registration number rights are not issued with general issue number plates (the 'standard' number plate issued by the Victorian Government commencing in 1932).

VicRoads commenced allowing number plates to be retained by vehicle operators ('self-retention') in 1999. At that time VicRoads' policy about which plates could be placed in self-retention was unclear and general issue number plates (without registration number rights) were allowed to be held on self-retention on the same basis as number plates issued with registration number rights. Where number plates were reissued to a vehicle, the current number plate issue fee was charged.

The above mentioned policy was revised in 2015 to clarify that only number plates with registration number rights can be reissued. It was determined that for a cancelled general issue number plate to be reissued, the registration number rights to display the number plates have to be attained by purchasing the registration number as 'previous general issue series' plates (known as 'retro' plates). The rights to general issue plates assigned to registered vehicles could be obtained by 'upgrading' the plates by requesting them to be re-manufactured in the 'pop plate' format (or purchasing them as 'retro plates'). This policy change occurred around the time your association re-published the Club Permit Handbook, but had not occurred when VicRoads provided its endorsement for the handbook.

I recognise that some people, based on VicRoads' previous advice and advice contained in the Club Permit Handbook, may have placed general issue number plates on self-retention with the expectation that the number plates can be reissued to another vehicle without charge.

As VicRoads has allowed general issue plates to be put onto self-retention but had not advised of its policy change, I have determined that, to redress the situation for club permit holders, general issue number plates recorded by VicRoads as being on self-retention prior to 31 October 2015 will be available for reissue to the vehicle to which the plates were previously assigned, without the need for the number plate rights to be purchased. The number plate reissue fee (currently \$120.90) will be payable.

I will ensure VicRoads' staff are aware of the policy change which will also be specified on VicRoads' Website.

Thank you for bringing this matter to VicRoads' attention. Should you require further information, John Lewis would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely,

Glen Madeira. A/Executive Director, Registration and Licensing 12/12/2016.

Mike Alfrey – AOMC Delegate.

HAMILTON DISTRICT VVC DRIVER'S CLUB RALLY JUNE 10TH to 12TH 2017		Office Use Date Received Entry No. Receipt No.
<i>40TH ANNIVERSARY RUBY RALLY</i>		
Entrant Name		
Passenger Names		
Entrant's Address		Post Code
Telephone:	E-mail:	
Vehicle Make	Model	Year
Club Represented		
Entry Fee & Meals (Per Person)	Insert Number	Insert Amount
Saturday Lunch \$12.00		
Saturday <i>Happy Hour</i> *		FREE
Saturday Evening Meal Adults – \$25.00 Children \$12.50		
Sunday Lunch \$15.00		
Entry to Narrapamalup \$10.00 **		
Sunday Gala Dinner 3-Courses: *** Adults: \$35.00 Children: \$20.00		
Monday Brunch: Adults \$15.00 Children: \$ 10.00		
Any Dietary Requirements?		
Entry Fee – Includes One Rally Badge and Rally Pack		\$60.00
	Total Cost	
* Need to have paid registration. ** Children Free. *** Alternating Meals.		

Entries close 30th May, 2017. Please make cheques payable to Hamilton and District VVC Driver's Club. Or, Direct Deposit to BSB 033-625 Acc. 442870 Hamilton and District VVCD Drivers Club Rally Account. Please ensure you include surname in deposit. Post form back or scan and E-mail to:

handdvvcdc@gmail.com

Post entry to Tour Treasurer:

Kaye Schultz, 60 Kent Road, Hamilton, VICTORIA, 3300 Phone 55724241

Tour Conditions:

All vehicles must be registered or on VCPS with appropriate log book and must be roadworthy.

The club reserves the right to alter, amend or cancel tour and whether or not to refund money paid, should the entrant fail to attend all or part of the tour.

Indemnity:

The Consideration of my application being accepted I undertake that I will at all times hereafter well and sufficiently indemnify the club and members thereof, their officials, servants and agents against all liability in respect of any actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, costs and expenses whatsoever which may be taken or made against the club and the members thereof their officials, servant and agents or incurred or become payable by any of them.

Signed:

Date: