



# Your ABCCC News

*June 2022*

*The Official Newsletter of the All British Classics Car Club of Vic Inc*



## Front Cover

From 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Rex's Big Day Out  
Newport Railway Museum  
Photographs taken by Ray Flynn whilst on tour around the museum.

## Presidents report June 2022

In the May Newsletter I reported that Maxine and I would be doing a final run along the Sapphire Coast to lock in the accommodation and dinner venues which is completed. It didn't go without incident, one of the motels in Corryong had new owners and the previous owner had removed all future bookings from the system, I suspect it was not a happy settlement, but all is well there now. We stayed overnight in Eden and met the new owners the third since our original booking, everything worked out well with only a small increase in price. Overall there has been only a small increase from three years ago and the average cost is \$118 per room per day.

The highlight of the trip was plotting the route from Queanbeyan to Corryong, we took the Monaro Highway to Cooma and then the Snowy Mountains Highway through Adaminaby towards Tumut turning at Kiandra onto the Link Road and that's when the hysterics started. The road is sealed but very narrow and winding with a two-kilometre drop (Maxine's estimate) often without a rail just a few scrubby trees, after thirty minutes driving the inevitable happened we met a car driving towards us, that's when she wet herself. He didn't want to go in the very steep drain on his side and I didn't want to go over the edge so at 2 kph we edged past each other with mirrors folded. Ten minutes later we hit a roadworks sign 10 kph and around a couple of corners there had been a rock slide and the road really was one car wide and later a dam wall one car wide with huge drop both sides but once over it we soon joined the Alpine Way to Corryong, it had taken us one hour to travel 20 -30 km. I can guarantee that Maxine will never travel that road again despite the views of the Snowy Scheme and mountains being so spectacular, come to think about it neither will I.

To while away a few winter hours, I have acquired a retirement project, a very British Mark V Jaguar dismantled over thirty years ago and I brought home the first trailer load of boxes two days ago much to Maxine's delight. I told her I wont start on it until I finish trimming the hedges, pruning the fruit trees and roses, painting the back bedroom and concreting the path, and all the other things she will find to keep me out of the house and shed.

Talking about winter I am looking forward to catching up with you all at some country pub with a roaring open fire and don't forget the annual lunch at Killara Estate they also have a fire.

And finally, please note change of date for Sandra's September, this has been moved to a weekend, should be good, write up is elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Tony Pettigrew

President

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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.

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## 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: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 03 9739 1879.

## LIFE MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1997. The Club is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

**Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Mike Allfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew**

## CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, for further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link [ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information](#) All the information is available online.

1. **Initial contact** should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
2. **PERMIT RENEWALS** VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VLCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 are due by 1<sup>st</sup> January each year Please post or Transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Tel 0438 508 235

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your details as a reference. Renewal Form can be downloaded if required to update information, from the ABCCC Website. Thank you, Ed Bartosh

## NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club. We hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor cars, 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!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>
NIL			

*Ed Bartosh – Membership Secretary*



Did you watch last month's recommendation?

Full Steam Ahead – 1908 Stanley Model K Steam Car







2011 Fly the Flag 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tour  
(thanks Gordon Lindner's collection) - Great memories



press the red buttons

## ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. There have been other events that, due to constraints, have been deleted from this issue. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.

ABCCC Events Directory			
If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser as numbers are often required			
		<b>June 2022</b>	
		10 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Prewett's Country Run (South West Coast) Garry & Glenda Prewett 0418 345 499
		26 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Tootell's Wesburn Pub Lunch Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
<b>July 2022</b>		<b>August 2022</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Lunch Killara Winery Colin Brown 0408 343 176   Full details RSVP Page 9	7 <sup>th</sup>	"On your Marques" run to a country pub with a bit of a twist  see page 10 for updated information  Geoff & Judy Birkett (03) 9755 1772
24 <sup>th</sup>	Gippsland Countryside Run  Heather Cannon 0477 227 027	21 <sup>st</sup>	Visit to China Town  Greg Anglin 0419 882 155
		<b>September 2022</b>	
		7 <sup>th</sup>	Terry's Magic Island Run   Ian Terry 0409 097 496
		Now 16 - 18 <sup>th</sup>	 Dates changed Sandra's September. Sandra Wishart 0403 243 700 see page 10 for updated information
<b>October 2022</b>		<b>November 2022</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ned Kelly Run, Phil Cook	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup Day Car Display and Picnic Yarra Glen Racecourse Colin Brown 0408 343 176
21 <sup>st</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Indulgence weekend to Pt Fairy Peter McKiernan	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Third Time Lucky Sapphire Coast Tour Tony 0425 789 997 (if you're Lucky)
		27 <sup>th</sup>	Paradise Run, visiting Vietnam Museum and lunch at the RSL at Philip Island. Ian Terry. Details later.
		<b>December 2022</b>	
		11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch Venue and details TBA

Assistance: If you are attending any of these events pls consider writing a few quick lines or comments and send to the editor, we can include in the next edition! Email [editor@abccc.com.au](mailto:editor@abccc.com.au)



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

## 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - Rex's Big Day Out

Mike Allfrey

Greg & Geraldine Anglin

Lance & Adele Brazier

Ray & Hilda Flynn

Graham & Mary Gunn

Rex & Deanna Hall

Ian & Mary Hodge

Peter & Deborah Lester

Rick & John Lloyd

Greg & Lilly Margetts

Peter McKiernan & Joan

Nello & Di Mafodda

Colin Oberin

Tony & Maxine Pettigrew

John Provis & Dawn Shoppee

Ron & Glenda Rogers

Kevin & Joan Ryan

Terry Sully

Ian & Lyn Terry

Bryan & Anne Tootell

Tony Wilde (non Member)

We met at the Newport Railway Museum at 10am and John Hawthorne, Secretary, introduced the group to the four Volunteer tour guides. We were split into 4 groups and toured the various steam/diesel Electric locomotives and the various passenger carriages used over the years. The volunteers knew their history well on the locomotives and machinery on display. One of the volunteers, Nick a member of the Vintage sports car club and the Museum site manager, had his 1926 Vauxhall 14/40 on display as a bonus attraction.

The Museum is funded by entry charge and grants by Vic Track from time to time.

After thanking John and the volunteers for a tour well done, the group travelled a short distance to the Steam Packet Hotel for lunch. The venue, lunch and the great service was enjoyed by all. Car parking was a little problematic and a long walk for some but an opportunity to walk off some of that beautiful meal.

Thanks to all who attended Rex's Big Day Out 2022 Rex & Deanna

Footnote from Rex: Deanna was the driving force with this RBDO, as Deanna's Dad was an apprentice at the Newport Workshops in 1923 and she suggested the visit as well as the hotel visit. Also to note that Graham Gunn, club member, did his electrical apprenticeship there!



Photos by Mike Allfrey, Greg Margetts and Ray Flynn



## SATURDAY 28 MAY

### Anne Tootells Surprise run

Leon and Judy Cousins	Rex and Deanne Hall	Peter and Sandy Hibbert	Pat Douglas
Lance and Adele Brazier	Colin and Joy Brown	Tony and Maxine Pettigrew	Greg and Lilly Margets
Leigh and Sandra Wishart	Rick Lloyd and Barb	Bryan and Anne Tootell	Deb Beal
Greg and Geraldine Anglin	Nello and Dianne Mafodda	John Provis and Dawn	Phil Cook and Ann
Robert and Robyn Joiner	Peter and Darryl Jones	Peter McKiernan and Joan	

As arranged we met at BP Eastlink (outbound) at Maccas then off to Mornington, where we stopped at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, to view special works by local Artists, included Louise Rippert, Steve Carr & Kate Wallace .



Then off to The Royal Hotel, on the Esplanade in Mornington for our Lunch, which was a nice menu. Thanks Anne, it was a lovely relaxing day with minimal travel.



Of course as usual, Sandy & I were amongst the last to depart!

Acknowledgement Rick Lloyd & Peter Hibbert for the photos & article

**Facebook** - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook link.....  
<https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/>



## Reminder for upcoming ABCCC events

### June

#### **June 10th to 16th - Prewett's Country Run (South West Coast)**

Fully Booked event

- 10th - 13th June –Hamilton
- 13th - 16th June –Warrnambool
- Thursday 16th- travel home

If you have expressed an interest in attending you should have received an email by now. If not, call Glenda 0418345499



#### **2022 Queens Platinum Jubilee**



On 6th February this year

Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

Remember to celebrate this unprecedented anniversary during our long weekend June 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **June 26th Pub Run to the 'Warby' hotel Wesburn.**

We would be pleased to have you with us, on a cold winter's day, arriving at the Warby Hotel at 12 noon. After leaving Lilydale, turn right onto the Warburton Highway (B380) . Wesburn is just over 30km along and around 30 Minutes from Lilydale.

**Please advise by 22 June** in order to finalise catering, and, as numbers are limited, apply early to secure your seat.  
Bryan Tootell [annbry@optusnet.com](mailto:annbry@optusnet.com) (0412 549 906)



July 2022

# Annual Club Luncheon

Sunday July 10th 2022

Killara Estate

Corner Warburton Highway and Sunnyside Road Seville

Time: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm



*It's on again, the club's annual luncheon to be held at the Killara Estate. A great three-course meal has been selected and includes Entrée of Panko Prawns or Arancini Rice Balls, Main of Roast Lamb and Roast Vegetables or Stuffed Chicken Breast, plus Sticky Date Pudding dessert. This luncheon is a Member only event, drinks are provided free to pre-set limit. Please advise any dietary requirements.*

**Cost \$45 per head.**

**Pre booking and payment is required by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**



## **Booking Form**

Please reserve .....Seats @ \$45 For: .....

Bank Transfer: ABCCC. BSB:063 863 A/C 10013709 (enter name & event)

After funds transfer advise Colin on [colin.brown@hotmail.net.au](mailto:colin.brown@hotmail.net.au)

Or cheque/money order/postal note payable to ABCCC for: \$ .....

Send to: Colin Brown

PO Box 40

Coldstream Vic 3770

0408 343 176

## Looking ahead to what's happening in August & September

### August

#### ON YOUR MARQUES, SUNDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, GEOFF AND JUDY BIRKETT

We will meet outside the Olinda Community Centre on the Olinda/Monbulk Road Melway Map 66 ref K8 at 9.00 for a 9.30 departure. Grab a quick coffee in Olinda or the coffee caravan situated on the LHS in the old golf club carpark on Olinda/Monbulk Road, just before our meet-up point.

We will then proceed to an alpaca farm that has its own spinning mill with a retail shop attached. The cost of a tour of the mill is \$10 p.p and is very interesting, showing the process from start to finished yarn. Yarn is available for purchase in 100gr skeins, in all colours imaginable, some in alpaca/camel mix, alpaca/possum and alpaca/merino as well as pure alpaca. 4ply, 5ply and 8ply available and purchases can be made via EFT. Cash is requested for the mill tour.

Luncheon is planned at York on Lilydale at the Bistro.

Those who attend on the day and come in their classic car will have their names entered for a prize to be drawn at lunch.

Please advise of your intention to attend by 31<sup>st</sup> July, so as numbers can be confirmed for the lunch venue and alpaca farm, email confirmation preferred.

Geoff and Judy Birkett, email [greengem3@bigpond.com](mailto:greengem3@bigpond.com)

Phone 9755 1772.

### September

#### **Sandra's September 16th - 18th September 2022**

**Please note a change of date**

Our trip is to Maryborough, we will meet at the BP Service Station Rockbank. [ M8 ].

On the Western Freeway, there is a Mc Donald's there for coffee & a toilet break if required.

Ps. Not the 7 Eleven exit to Werribee [C702 ]

We will be going along some interesting back roads & through some cute little towns.

We will have 4 stops along the way with one being for lunch.

We have booked out a motel in Maryborough, it only has 16 rooms available.

Dinner has been booked for the Friday & Saturday night.

Saturday is a free day for you to explore the area. We will have some information / brochures for you.

On your way home on Sunday there is a Farmers Market that you might be interested in going to approx 10km from Maryborough.

We would love see you so please call Leigh on 0403243700 or Sandra on 0402215367 for motel details so that you can make a booking.

We will have more detail in the next newsletter.



## Women's Day - Report on the Florence Thomson (FT) Tour

29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022



### *Woman's View*

**“Women are just as capable as men at the wheel of a car, although a few may lose their head in a time of crisis, but have not recent political events shown that men, too, lose their head at the critical moment.”—Mrs. Ben Thomson, pioneer woman motorist of South Australia.**

The history of Florence Thompson is quite remarkable, we were so pleased that AOMC & RACV ran this tour to honour Women's involvement in motoring. In March 1904, Florence achieved the distinction of the first women to drive a motor car from Adelaide to Melbourne. Her outfit was described as her wearing, leather overalls, peaked cap, ear flaps, mask & goggles. Her trip did not go without its problems, limited petrol, a puncture and a leaky radiator cap, but this didn't stop Florence and she was lucky she had taken her mechanic along with her. Florence didn't stop there she continued on by competing in reliability tours. Florence was truly a motoring pioneer. I found this paper clipping 'Womens View' which quoted Florence.

The FT tour was held in Bendigo, which was a buzz with Elvis in town, 'VIVA Bendigo' sign dominated the main intersection, some of the participants took the opportunity to add a day to the weekend and view the Elvis exhibition. Friday night registration was at the Bendigo rowing club, Maureen Ross and Committee were organized and registration went smoothly. BBQ dinner was lovely, the catering was provided by Connecting2 Australia, we had a great feed, their dedicated people has also made us a lovely screen printed scarf with Florence Thompson, which we found in our tour bag, mine became an instant fashion accessory.

We knew a few doing the tour, some fellow All British Classic Car Members; Elizabeth (Betty) & Ed Bartosh, Leonie & Terry Conway, Kate Senko & Jan, Judi McGrath & daughter Kimberly, also our good friends from Mildura, Karen & Gerry East. The Friday night weather was not so good, it rained most of the night the forecast was more showers to come but that wouldn't break our spirits, all the ladies were gearing up for a wonderful tour. As luck would have it, come Saturday the rain dried up and the sun came out. As well as great vehicles there was some great fashions, dressing up to the era of your car, which made a good atmosphere for the tour and lots of chatter remembering when or how the items were found or kept from bygone years. The fashions were very creative included flares, designer suits, houndstooth pattern, lace, sparkles, disco gear, wigs and accessories just to name a few.

So with the ladies dressed up and the cars gleaming, it was time for the "Ladies to start your engines". Part of the Covid plan was to set us up into two groups, the route split the group at the first turn from the car park. We headed out to White Hills and enjoyed the route that took us out to Strathdale, past Lake Eppalock, Sutton Grange and then to Harcourt North for a morning tea stop at the Morris Minor Garage.





With the rain the night before Richard McKellar & family were there to direct us for parking so no one had to be towed out of any boggy grass areas (we didn't want to get our feet muddy either). Not only did we admire the wonderful garage collection, we enjoyed the views, had a great coffee and yummy biscuit & a bit of time to catch up with others and continue our chatter on some of the fashions and just remembering the eras, that was fun.



Back in the garage we asked Richard to give us a quick talk on each of the cars, it is such a wonderful collection and Richard kept us entertained. That lilac coloured Morris minor sits proud in the garage with the history of reaching the one million mark of these vehicles built in production in 1961. Added to the women's day, the garage had something for everyone to admire even some fashion accessories to the cars and some of the ladies were happy to try them on for a bit of a laugh. Kate & Jan were on the afternoon tour and were delighted to meet Claire McKellar who

invited them to view her studio, after a number of years as a potter Claire took up painting. Claire also established the garden and its design at Windrush Park.



Wandy & Geoffrey certainly trendy all weekend. We all marvelled at how Wandy got her hubby to dress up from the Friday night to Sunday!

After leaving Harcourt North we headed to Castlemaine to the Buda House for a tour of this lovely heritage building and time to enjoy a lovely buffet lunch. Buda house is named after Budapest by its Hungarian owner, Ernest Leviny, this property stayed with the family for 118 years. The tour guide was great. How wonderful to think that this property had survived the gold rush era. Besides all the collection of furniture, arts, one of the rooms had a lovely collection of selected garments from the private collection which again was very fitting for our group. While we wandered around the garden, the locals enjoyed the vehicles that lined the streets.

After lunch we drove out to Maldon and walked the lovely village, exploring some of the quirky shops. Of course we couldn't go past the op shops and maybe picking up a piece of fashion for another time, as we ladies do! Then back in our cars for our final drive that day, back to Bendigo.





Dinner was at Lakeside, many of the women dressed up again and there was certainly another great fashion parade with gifts of recognition for the best dressed to their era of their cars. Our very own Betty Taylor was awarded for her very fashionable houndstooth suit and then her evening wear was just as admirable.

Sunday morning, we gathered at the Bendigo pottery for breakfast and show n shine of all the vehicles. Actually, caught up to view the cars and people we hadn't seen on the tour the day before

Over the weekend we admired all the ladies in their vehicles, like the fashions there were lots of different vehicle models, we all could reminisce. The Morris Minors were a great show and the ladies dressed up in their black & red shirts and hair bows. The Cobra & Bolwell certainly were admired by the fast car enthusiast



The Veteran vehicles was stunning, it was a Fabrique Nationale or FN with firearms on the car emblem. The vehicle was driven by Catherine, the owners Stan & Maggie Bone both enjoyed the tour as passengers. Tony was happy to provide a bit of history on his vehicle, how he found (or rescued) the 1910/11 car in Echuca on the banks of the Campaspe River, with plenty of hours put in to its restoration. He explained that the front seat closely resembles a horse carriage and the rear seat was based on the Belgium Royal family lounge chaise, certainly looked very comfortable. More intriguing is that the Fabrique Nationale (Belgium) is a firearms manufacturer hence the emblem representing weapons, in addition for many years they manufactured motorbikes and cars. To Tony's knowledge his car is 1 of 4 in the world, 3 are in Australia.



I was pleased that we had participated in the Lady's Motorist day, it was full of Veteran, Vintage, Classic Vehicles, fashion and fun and the women got to shine! I am sure Florence Thompson would have approved. Thanks AOMC, RACV, Iain & Maureen Ross and Committee for a great event.

Photos and article by Glenda Prewett Editor ABCCC



## Latest News from Federation

### Federation Events.



- Bendigo to Castlemaine event 27th August 2022
- Marong Picnic. 28th August 2022
- Bendigo Swap 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022



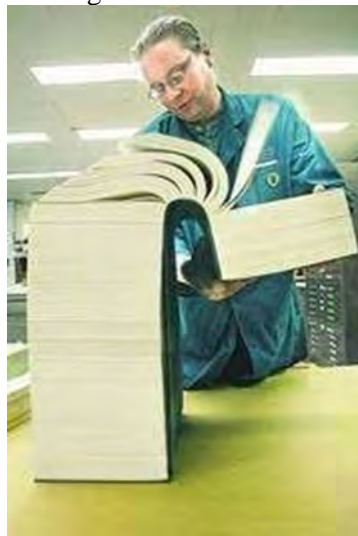
## Tony's very British Mark V project

we look forward to the progress reports!



Oh yeah I think I may have spotted something of value 🕵️ The old FOSTER'S LAGER box!

Also Tony, just letting you know that "Understanding Women" is now out in paperback.....







## Minutes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting

Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting was held at the Jaguar/Austin Healey clubrooms, Springvale

**There were 54 delegates in attendance representing 47 clubs.**

Chairman Iain Ross welcomed all those attending to the second meeting of 2022, with the hope of being able to continue meeting after the disruption of the last 2 years.

**Guest Speaker:** Iain Ross then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Chris Rushen from Bridgestone Tyres.

Chris started by giving an overview and some background of the Bridgestone Company. They spend \$800 million on research and development, and 10,000 tyres are tested per month at 10 proving grounds around the world.

Several tyres were on display, including an off road tyre, a high performance tyre and a fuel saving tyre.

**Responsible Tyre Disposal:** All Bridgestone stores are part of this program. 50 million tyres reach end of life each year and Bridgestone ensure that theirs are responsibly disposed of or recycled.

**Car Club Tyre Program.** Bridgestone have a program for car clubs, and they provide presentations to clubs based around the specific needs of their club vehicles. Clubs and their members are also given a 15% discount off the recommended retail price through the car Club Business Assistance Program. To access this, you just need to contact Chris and you will be given a special code to use when placing your order.

Chris then asked for any questions from the floor:

Q: What is the smallest tyre Bridgestone make?

*A: Answer: 175/70 x 13. Chris recognised that they probably do not produce tyres to suit some clubs needs.*

Q: As Bridgestone now own Firestone, do they have bias ply Firestone tyres available?

*A: No. It is not worth providing them due to the low demand, and it is also not viable due to the standards that need to be met. Also, Bridgestone have a policy of destroying any tyres that have been in storage in their warehouse for 4 years so slow moving stock would be wasted.*

Q: What is the latest situation on ageing of tyres that do not do many miles, such as on classic and historic vehicles?

*A: Tyres should have a visual inspection after 5 years and should be scrapped after 10 years in normal circumstances.*

Q: A delegate related how he was told that his tyres were too old and needed replacing because they were 5 years old. Chris responded that this is incorrect if the tyres are still in good condition, and the person was just saying that to sell him a new set of tyres.

Another delegate noted that there is no regulation to say tyres need to be replaced after 5 or 10 years, the onus is on the owner. Many vintage cars have tyres that are much older than that. Chris added that his father has a trailer with 25 year old tyres and they are still performing well.

It is also recommended that when garaging your classic vehicle, it is best not to leave the tyres in direct contact with concrete, as the concrete draws moisture out of the tyres.

Q: How does Bridgestone compare with Michelin volume wise?

*A: Bridgestone is much bigger. The Victorian warehouse alone supplies 5,000 tyres per day.*

Q: Are there any tyres made in Australia?

*A: No, all tyres are now imported. Bridgestone was the last local manufacturer in Australia and that plant closed in 2009. That plant produced 6,000 tyres per day. The complex in Thailand produces 100,000 per day.*

Q: What components are used in normal passenger tyres?

*A: That is a trade secret that even local staff are not privy to. Chris has visited the manufacturing plant, and there are certain parts that even he is not allowed to access.*

Q: Do all tyres come wrapped, apparently wrapped tyres can be put away in a dark cool place and do not deteriorate?

*A: No, tyres do not come wrapped except in certain circumstances such as racing tyres.*

Q: What is the average slippage rate now compared to 15 years ago?

A: *Chris did not that information off the top of his head, but expects that it is better now.*

Q: Is there a correlation between performance and economy in terms of the life of the tyre?

A: *Yes, performance tyres wear quicker due to their better grip. Fuel economy tyres have a much longer life than others.*

Q: When does the 5/10 year life span of a tyre begin, manufacture or fitting?

A: *It is from date of manufacture, and the date is part of the code that is printed on the tyre.*

Q: What is the advantage of a low profile tyre?

A: *Whilst it could be said that having less tyre wall means less stress and 'out of rounding', it really is driven by the car manufacturers who want a particular look, and also to allow bigger disc brakes.*

Iain Ross thanked Chris for his presentation, and noted that if clubs are interested in having a presentation at their club to contact Chris.

Chris also thanked Tony Hall (Nissan Datsun Sports) for facilitating his being invited to this meeting.

**There was then a brief break for supper.**

**Delegates meeting resumed after supper.**

**Apologies:** Alan Lavis (GVMVDC), Alan Benedetti (MotorFrenz), Allan Fabry (MGCC), Andrew McDougall (Alvis & Veteran CC), Bill Allen (ABCCC & Rover P4 Guild), Darren Green (Jensen CC & Aston Martin Owners), Daryl Meek (Goldfields CC & Veteran CC), David Sparks (Austin Healey Owners), Dennis & Esther Healy (Buick CC, Oldsmobile CC & CHACA), Fred de Gooyer (Land Rover Owners), Rick & Jill Cove (GHAC, EGHAC, KVE, VMVC & DVHCC), John Ferguson (Moto Guzzi Club Vic.), Mark Fenton (Chrysler Restorers Club), Peter Welten (Triumph CC), Tony Hall (Nissan Datsun Sports Owners Club), Jim Stephen (Maserati Club of Aust.), Kevin Churchill (Model A Ford Club & CHACA).

**Minutes of the February 2022 Meeting:** The minutes of the February delegate's meeting were accepted on a motion moved Bill Ballard (Ford Owners, Restorers & Drivers) seconded Tim Fegan (Volvo CC) and carried.

**Presidents Report:** Iain Ross reported that a lot of events are happening around the clubs, but covid is still causing issues.

**Treasurers Report:** Mark Fenton was an apology for this meeting, and chair Iain Ross read out Mark's prepared report.

The AOMC finances are currently in a strong position and as of the end of April 2022 the AOMC Cash at Bank is a healthy **\$284,886**.

With good income from the British & European Motoring Show at Yarra Glen in February and, with other AOMC managed events being supported with sponsorship and donations from RACV we will end the current financial year in a healthy state while continuing to fund the AOMC sponsored activities that are now reappearing as COVID draws to an end.

**Correspondence:** There was nothing to report pertaining to this meeting.

**VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme:** Iain Ross reported that privatisation is underway. John Lewis has joined the new private company and will be involved with policy and the processing of club permits. The new contact person within VicRoads itself has not been confirmed yet.

AOMC are due to have a meeting with VicRoads in May, but have heard nothing so far.

Complaints and queries are still coming in each week, and these are passed onto VicRoads and we do get feedback on some of these.

**AOMC Events:**

- **Seminars:**

**Restoration Seminar.** This will be held on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Howard Billing is organising the presenters, but is having difficulty getting anyone. Clubs are encouraged to nominate speakers on relevant topics. Contact Howard in the office with recommendations. There was a suggestion from the floor to get someone from the education system to present at the restoration seminar with regard to auto education.

**Management Seminar.** This will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup>. This seminar is aimed at club management and will have presenters on relevant topics.



- **Delegates Meetings:** The August Delegate's meeting will be held in Seymour from 11am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August. The venue will be the Seymour Club, which has been used in the past.
- **Shows:** These are in planning/review stage, with a number of different venues being looked at. We are overdue for an American Show, it is the first priority at the moment. There has been mixed feedback about Yarra Glen as a venue.
- **Florence Thomson Rally:** Maureen Ross reported that AOMC were asked to run this event by the RACV. It was very successful, with 60 cars and 123 people attending. 500 photo's have been loaded onto the website. Planning is about to begin for the 2023 event.
- **National Motoring Heritage Day:** The AOMC promoted 3 events with the assistance of the RACV.

**Gippsland:** The Classic and Custom M/C club hosted an event at the Maffra Shed.70 – 80 cars and 25 motorcycles attended, not a bad turnout when the Heyfield machinery day was also being held. Local press gave very good coverage.

**Trentham:** Philip Johnstone reported that there were 170 vehicles in attendance, with 50 more in the outside car park as they were modern. The town was very pleased with the event.

**Braeside Park:** Hosted by the Dingley Village Men's Shed, and had approximately 100 vehicles attending.

Ballarat had a Heritage Display with historic vehicles involved, and it is estimated that 30,000 people were in attendance.

Iain Ross suggested that we need to encourage all clubs to run an event on the day to promote the movement, as is done in the UK and USA.

#### Current Issues:

**Club Insurance:** Clubs should have received a questionnaire about their club's insurance. Clubs are urged to fill out the questionnaire and return it to the AOMC office. AOMC are investigating getting a group insurance that will assist smaller clubs to access insurance and keep costs down.

A question from the floor was that some small clubs that are not AOMC members would benefit from this scheme, could they be involved? Iain Ross responded that they could possibly be, it would need to be looked at.

**VicRoads Rule 79a:** So far 16 responses have been received to this request for responses to this new law relating to speed limits when overtaking emergency vehicles.

Iain Ross noted that the worldwide mood is changing re pollution and carbon emissions from vehicles. As a movement we need to promote positive information regarding our vehicles.

Question from the floor was "How do we lobby the government about roads that destroy cars and tyres?"

Iain Ross responded that Australia is one of the few parliaments worldwide that do not have members with a motoring interest. There is very little interest in parliament in classic vehicles.

Paul Vellacot (Aust. Lancia Register) "Could we approach the new government re the asbestos laws." Response was that this was a federal issue but it is something we should talk about and pursue.



Len Barry (Echuca Hist CC) noted that we need to look to ourselves. If you want an effect on politicians you need to speak with one voice and in Victoria we do not. There is no reason why AOMC and VicFed cannot exist under one body. Will the committee of the AOMC approach VicFed about getting one organisation with one voice to speak for the movement?

Iain Ross responded that yes, we do need to have a single voice and be strong. NSW currently also have 2 representative bodies with a 3<sup>rd</sup> forming. Happy to extend olive branch and speak to VicFed and see what happens.

Chris Henry (GVC) asked if this should be extended to other representative bodies such as VHRA, Hot Rod Association, ASRF, motorcycle groups and any other group that represents clubs. This gives a bigger group and a bigger pool of resources such as a potential lobbyist.

Chris added that Victoria has the most collectable vehicles per capita in Australia according to ASRF statistics.

Robert Greene (Macedon Ranges) pointed out that in the UK there is problems with accessing coal for traction engine vehicles. He then spoke about the issue of the importation of older heavy vehicles, due to the provision that anything over 15 years old cannot be imported.

He also noted that we need to forge links with schools and politicians to educate them about our movement. Need to promote that clubs are about more than just cars.

Chris Henry suggested forming a committee from delegates ranks to figure out how to approach this issue, who to approach and how to approach.

Wandy McIntyre remarked that she travels 4 hours each way to attend these meetings, and there has been a lot of handwringing about "What do we do", and nothing has been done. Need someone to take on a job and get started rather than talk about again at the next meeting.

Iain Ross responded that this will be discussed at the next committee meeting, and look at approaching VicFed about a joint approach.

David Williamson (Rover CC) asked when the next AOMC committee meeting will be held so that clubs can get submissions in to the committee. Iain responded that it is the first Monday in June, so any club submissions are welcome and need to be in by then.

Chris Henry noted that SEMA in the USA have a very big clout politically and have effected legislation.

Philip Johnstone (TSOA) spoke about the federal representative bodies, AHMF & AHVIG. AHMF consists of peak state bodies Not much real action comes from this organisation.

AHVIG is a much more active group which arose from the luxury car Tax and Asbestos issues which they were prominent lobbying federal departments over.

**Engine Number Records:** Philip Johnstone reported that there has been some interesting searches, including a Lagonda, a Land Rover request from Malta, a Buick, Sunbeam Alpine, Leyland P78 and a 1918 Stutz Bearcat (formerly owned by Hugh Guthrie) request from the USA for more information.

Philip then outlined how VicRoads Freedom of Information requests work. VicRoads require registration number to be able to provide information. The ENR are able to provide the rego numbers so that FOI can be proceeded with.

**Minor Funding for Clubs:** Small clubs without an ABN have not been able to get access to RACV funding due to everything now coming from RACV community grants. These clubs can now get access to RACV funding through the AOMC. Clubs still apply to the RACV for funding, but the funds are paid to the AOMC (who have an ABN), which are then paid onto the relevant club.

**Delegates Reports.**

**Mike Barber (Cobra CC):** reported that the Cobra club drove the F1 drivers on their parade at the Melbourne Grand Prix.

**Grant Tasker (Zephyr & Zodiac Owners Club):** Club recently visited the Sapphire Coast CC, who count their partners as members to have more clout when putting in submissions.

**Wanty McIntyre-Leake (Sun Country):** Picnic on the Lake at Yarrawonga attracted 153 vehicles. Great setting on the foreshore.

**Bill Ballard (F.O.R.D):** Noted that there were great celebrations around the Sydney harbour Bridge turning 80, but closer to home the Essendon Airport had its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary to little fanfare. The Ford Owners & Drivers Club were asked to put on a display for the low key event that celebrated this milestone. There was little aeronautical history involved. Should have been celebrated in a better way.

**Chris Henry (Gippsland Vehicle Collection):** The current British & European display is doing well. Motorcycle display begins in mid July.

**John Howell (Rootes Group):** The 16<sup>th</sup> national Hillman rally is to be held in Warrambool in October this year.

**Don McGregor (Macedon Ranges):** Recently attended the street Rod Nationals in Ulverstone, Tasmania. Over 400 cars were on display.

Iain Ross reminded delegates that Winton Historic race meeting is on next weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**With there being no more delegates reports, chair Iain Ross announced the meeting closed at 9.45pm**