

BACKFIRE

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7.30pm 2nd Tuesday each month.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi to all,

Thanks to Dallas for chairing the last meeting. I know he will have looked after you all, and hope you found the speaker interesting.



Sorry to have to mention this little disappointment, but there were two complaints to the Editor last issue concerning the make of cars represented on the front cover.

This is such a minor issue when our Editor so generously gives of her time to produce our very enjoyable magazine. There surely is no place for ill feeling of this nature.

Wishing you and your families a happy and safe Easter with a few fun outings in your delightful vehicles.

Cheers,

John

Photos: (above) The first sheep being shorn in Burra, South Australia.

(right) The shearing shed in full production.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 553 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2016

PRESIDING:

Vice president Dallas Jones opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors to meeting No 554. Dallas invited Maurice Healy to introduce guest speaker Ian Ferguson who is a writer and gave an interesting presentation about writing and the processes of publishing of books.

APOLOGIES

John Bailey, Jeanette Dragt, Lindsay Rogers, Eve Barwise, John Smith, Lorraine Lee, Lorraine Collinson, Bevan and Val Latimor, Alan Tipper, Len Miller, Joan Stott, Mike and Maree Hanneysee, Linda Parker, Craig Abbey, Len Wilkinson, June Millard, John Jackson, Robin & Pat Evans.

Moved G. Cameron Seconded R. Sykes
Carried

SICK LIST Members wished all the best to John Smith - result of accident.
Dallas also advised members of the recent passing of Peter McFarlane and Ivy Anderson.

MINUTES

Moved Jim Coates Seconded R. van Galen
that the minutes of the previous general meeting as published in the Backfire be confirmed as a correct record.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD

- Ray & Judith Mathews - Information on the clubs history at the Bendigo National site.
- RGAPS - Letter and Appreciation Certificate for our club's involvement in the Geelong Classic and Vintage Machinery Show.
- Bendigo National Swap Meet - Regarding the cancellation of one of our club's sites. The cancellation still stands.
- Thank you card from Faye McFarlane on the passing of Peter.
- Resignation letter from Glen & Tracy Thomason.
- Email - Simon Anderson on the passing of his mother Ivy.
- Email - Ken McFarlane on the passing of Peter
- Email - Mini Owners Club of Queensland. Invitation to attend their 17th annual Queensland Muster for all Mini and BMC owners on the 11/9/16.
- Email - Wagga Wagga Veteran and Vintage Motor Club - invitation to attend their Queens Birthday long weekend June 2016 Rally.
- Ringwood Secondary College - Auto Show invitation to attend on 19th March.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD

- Bendigo National Swap Meet Committee - a letter regarding the cancellation of our swap site and asking to reconsider their decision.
- Email - Bendigo Swap Meet Committee in relation to the site cancellation.

Moved L. Saliba Seconded L. Fletcher
Carried

TREASURER REPORT

Maurice presented the report on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and presented accounts for payment.

Moved Maurice Healy Seconded J. Clissold
Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

No report.

LIBRARY Gary Mc Credden

Gary gave an interesting account of his family's experiences with the Bradford van they owned when he was young. Gary also advised of some good motoring books in the library that is worthy of a read.

- 1/ Great British Bikes
- 2/ Car Facts & Feats
- 3/ Classic Cars

DINE OUT

At the Bannockburn Hotel - No 12 members indicated they would attend.

EDITOR Libby

Photos for the *Backfire* have to be originals or electronic.

FEDERATION REPORT Max Tucker

Meeting held at Shepparton on 20/2/16

- Postage costs rising for clubs – considering electronic communication.
- Discussion re Bendigo Swap with rising costs and Sunday vacant sites.
- Mortlake event on 20/3/16
- Ballarat celebrating 50th anniversary this year
- Morong Picnic details - details on notice board.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Next committee meeting on the 23/3 due to John being away.
- Sean Murphy has taken over the organising of rallies and events, the details of which are noted in *Backfire*.
- Considering bus trip to Bendigo to see Marilyn Munroe exhibition.
- Membership renewal forms need only to list Red Plate vehicles.
- 25 year badges to present at April meeting.
- Working bee to be held in April.
- Proposed event for the display of member's red plate vehicles.
- Members taking their R.P.S. vehicles to other club are not informing our vehicle compliance officer about the transfer which creates a problem with VicRoads and Gus.

TINKER DAY

Next Tinker Day will start from the at the front of showgrounds or meet at Lara Swimming Pool. The clubrooms are fenced off due to a show function. Smell the Roses event on 19/3. Need someone to lead as Ray is not available.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARS BAR AWARD

Trevor Schneider won the chocolate for correctly nominated Gary Mellington as the person in the photo.

VEHICLE PERMITS /REGISTRAR

Gus detailed several members' restored vehicles that he has recently authorised for R.P.S. registration.

VicRoads apparently approve the use of the same red plate to a new vehicle if in the same club.

CRAFT NIGHT

Cheryl reported on the enjoyable night held when some new members had attended.

For the next craft night members are requested to bring a 200 page hardcover novel, ruler and pencil.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS

Dallas reported on the Smell the Roses motorbike recent run to Torquay.

Sean advised upcoming runs as detailed in the *Backfire* and including

- Hot Dog Run
- Anzac Day to Aireys Inlet
- Observation Run.
- Proposed bus trip to Bendigo.
- Bus/train trip to Warnambool.
- Grammar School on Sunday - display.

All events as detailed in *Backfire*

Graham Pretlove advised members about the Geelong/Warnambool tour, which involves a bus trip as well as train trip. Contact Graham for details.

Ray outlined the dress requirements for the forthcoming Ford factory visit and named the members who are to attend. Contact Ray van Galen if unable to attend

Mortlake on 20th March - meet at the Fyansford Hotel at 9am.

Cheryl reported on the Sea Sick Rally last Sunday. No 37 guests and No 23 of our members' cars enabled everyone to have an excellent day. Cheryl thanked all those who helped.

Ladies Day - Judith Mathews reported on a terrific day out which commenced with morning tea at the clubrooms, walk in the Botanical Gardens, and lunch and afternoon tea at VanLoons Nursery. An interesting speaker was also at the lunch. Men were entertained at President John's place in Ocean Grove for BBQ lunch. Thanks to all who organized.

Graham Peacock spoke about a display of MGs at the Carousel last Sunday.

TECH NIGHT Peter Telfer

Peter detailed the next tech. night to be about `cylinder heads`

Last tech night about gear boxes was very popular.

SWAP MEET Fred

Requesting volunteers to submit names to assist.

KITCHEN Rhonda

Request members to bring a plate for supper at next month's AGM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Working bee date as in *Backfire*

Plate for supper for AGM.

Office bearer nomination forms to be submitted tonight by close of meeting.

Trophies to be returned.

Brian Edwards described proposed walking trek across Australia for children's charity.

Date of AGM on nomination form is incorrect.

Bendigo Swap Site - Ken Batson suggests that the club forgoes the site for the Bendigo Swap and instead supports the hiring of a bus for members to attend. Ken requested that the committee consider this proposal.

A member suggested that Sunday trading at the Bendigo Swap was not worthwhile and that some alternative should be considered.

A question was asked if it was a requirement to advertise the AGM in the local press. However it is notified in the *Backfire* as is required.

Sharyn advised that those wishing to attend the Warragul Rally in November can book a cabin for accommodation.

Postage Costs - David Koch advised that with rising cost of postage an application could be made through the Federation to Aust.Post for `not for profit` organisations to receive special benefit for postal costs.

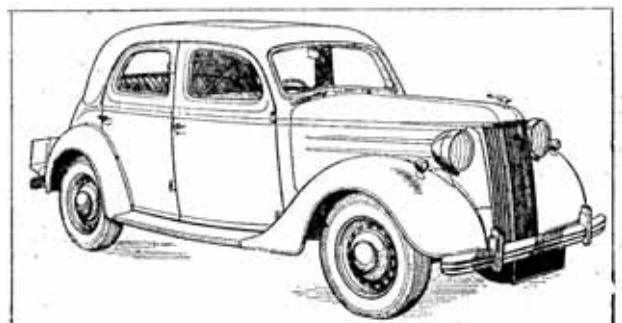
SALES WANTED & CONFESSIONS

John Hickford advised of a 1991 Holden Commodore for sale in Anglesea in as new condition for \$300. Contact John. John also described a special copper exhaust gasket that he knows of.

Col Jordan advised of some car wheels for sale. Contact Col.

Meeting close - Dallas advised that the meeting would remain open until after supper to enable all Office Bearer Nomination forms to be submitted.

Next meeting is the AGM to be held at the clubrooms on 12th April commencing at 7.30pm.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting, ('AGM'), of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Incorporated, will be held at the Club Rooms, on Tuesday 12th April 2016.

The AGM will follow the monthly General Meeting, which commences at 7:30pm. Members please bring a plate of supper, to make it a successful social evening.

AGM Agenda

- Approval of Minutes of 2015 AGM
- Presidents Report
- Secretary's Report
- Presentation of the Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the 2015/2016 Financial Year
- Election of Club Member of the Year
- Election of an Auditor
- Presentation of Trophies and 25 Year badges

The following Executive and Committee nominations were received up to the end of General Meeting on 8th March 2016.

President:
John Bailey

Vice President:
Dallas Jones

Secretary / Public Officer, Consumer Affairs Notification for Incorporation Association:
Fred Harris

Treasurer:
Maurice Healy

General Committee:

Rod Booley	Sean Murphy	Mike Hanneysee
Ken Parry	Peter Telfer	Rod Roach
Gus Shea	David Mitchell	

As nominations for Executive and General Committee does not exceed positions available, no voting will be necessary.

Fred Harris
Honorary Secretary

(Minutes of the 2015 AGM printed on Page 10.)

Avoca Rally

Another great long weekend was spent in the small township of Avoca. We enjoyed a run to Ararat through the very dry hills and dales, witnessing the present drought. In Ararat we went through the Art Gallery and saw the Elvis Memorial Photos and some interesting textile artwork. We also explored the Museum, which was packed with many interesting items.

The Avoca Chinese Gardens have improved and grown in the last year and it was good to also see the progress on the Swiss house which is being renovated by students from Melbourne.

This area is amazing with many different places to go and see and we had a very warm welcome at a lovely elderly couples home who are both very talented. She is a fabulous china painter and her husband makes all their moulds and Bone China for her to paint. We had a great demonstration on how he makes his moulds and then fires the bone China.

His wife then gave us a demonstration on how to paint the china and explained the many firing processes for each piece.

We also had a run to Beaufort to look through the Egg shop for the women and the Junk shop for the men. This was another great fun weekend away, the 23rd year in a row for this long weekend in Avoca.

Well done Gary for all your organising of the run and also for finding some great places to see and places to eat over the weekend. I'm already looking forward to next year and all the interesting places you find for us to visit.

Libby



Working Bee at Club Rooms

There will be a working bee on the 9th and 23rd of April at our club rooms, starting at 8am.

This is to clean up and paint the exterior of the building and a few jobs inside.

Bring along a paint brush and roller if you have one.

Morning tea and lunch will be supplied.

We would like to see as many members as possible on those dates so, if you can spare a couple of hours, please come along.



Ford Geelong Factory Visit

The fortunate 30 club members who visited Ford on 24th March were very much looked after for the factory visit. Apart from the carpark outside which did not have as many empty parks as advertised, we were treated to a great morning visiting the various manufacturing sites.

We were met at the Plant entrance by Brian Makin the Plant Manufacturing Manager who took the group inside to the Auditorium for a 45 min presentation on the facilities, including some history and also plans leading up to the closure on 7th October. It gave an appreciation of the challenges ahead managing staff levels, quality, safety and the right number of parts up to the final build.

We then took a tour on the electric powered train with five carriages that went along the aisles through the various production lines in the Engine Plant, the Stamping Plant, Cylinder Head Machining and finally the Aluminium Casting Plant. The biggest one of the many stamping presses that can press a whole bodyside cost \$50 million when installed in 2008.

One of the Ford team gave us a great commentary through the headphones. Even the train was impressive as all the carriages tracked in line and didn't cut the tight corners.

We then finished up with a Q&A back in the auditorium with Brian. I think nearly everyone was disappointed to see what Geelong is going to lose when this very impressive, extensive and huge facility closes.

Many thanks to the Ford Team who did a great job preparing a very interesting overview of the facility.

David Mitchell



This Fiat camper van and De Soto were among the cars of on display at Natte Yallock.



MOTOR DE PYRENEES

When our club went on the Avoca Rally on the weekend of 11th March, we also caught up with Dudley Townsend of the Pyrenees Historic Vehicle Club, who is in the middle of building a steam driven vehicle.

While at his garage, Dudley mentioned that their club was holding a vehicle display at nearby Natte Yallock on the following weekend and asked if any of our club people wanted to display anything. I told him that I could come up with the old Henry Ford kitchen sink engine and the N.S.U. Quickly.

This was done and it was great to see a good selection of all sorts of interesting vehicles showing up on Sunday. There were children's activities including a jumping castle and free billy cart racing to try your luck in. Lots of food, and even a rope maker displaying his skills with a 100+ year old wooden machine.

A good fun time was had by all, and a little bit of fund raising by selling good food to us helped the local footy club.

Ray van Galen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS

9th & 23rd APRIL - both SATURDAYS **WORKING BEES**

From 8am at Clubrooms. Painting exterior. Bring your brush or roller. Morning tea & lunch provided.

17th APRIL - SUNDAY **HOT DOG RUN.**

Assemble at the clubrooms at 10am for a mystery destination (departing 10.30am). Fred to lead the way. Order has been placed for the saveloys, but if you would like to do the outing please come along and BYO everything.

Club will supply hotdogs, bread, sauce, cake, and hot water to the people who have their names on the list. You need to bring your own cutlery, plates etc.

Contact Graham Pretlove on 5243 7757 or 0417 559 622 for more details.

13th APRIL - WEDNESDAY **DINE OUT**

Torquay Hotel Bistro 6.15pm. (This is a \$18 steak & glass of wine night.) Search the cars and see if you can find a few dollars & join us for a fun night. Gary 5275 2544 or 0427 752 544.

20th APRIL - WEDNESDAY **BUS / TRAIN TO WARRNAMBOOL**

You need to book tickets to do this (you can use your free travel vouchers) and tell the ticket office you are going on the bus to Warrnambool via Great Ocean Road and coming back on the train the same day.

Leave your car at the station that you want to get off the train at on the way back and catch the train from there into Geelong station to get the bus.

I am going to leave our car at Waurnd Ponds and catch the train at 9.30am into Geelong Station and wait for the bus to leave for Apollo Bay at 10.15am, as the train stops at Waurnd Ponds on the way back.

The BUS leaves from Geelong station at 10.15am, arrives at Apollo Bay 12.48pm lunch stop, and bus departs Apollo Bay at 1.25pm for Warrnambool, stopping at 12 Apostles 25 mins, Loch Ard Gorge 15 mins, London Bridge 10 mins, Bay of Islands 10 mins.

The train leaves Warrnambool at 5.50pm and arrives in Geelong at 8.10pm and it does have a catering carriage.

Call Graham on 5243 7757 or 0417 559 622 for more details.

25th APRIL - MONDAY **ANZAC DAY.**

ANZAC day breakfast run. Assemble at the clubrooms at 8:30am for a drive to the Aireys Inlet park. Numbers required at the April AGM. BBQ breakfast, Tea and coffee supplied, BYO chairs, tables and Aussie spirit. Contact Sean 5298 1476 to get your name on the list.

12th MAY - THURSDAY **SWAP VOLUNTEERS DINNER**

Swap volunteers dinner at clubrooms 6.30pm.

13th MAY - FRIDAY **SWAP MEET SET UP**

Swap meet set up day, starting at 9am.

14th MAY - SATURDAY **GEELONG BAY CITY SWAP**

22nd May - SUNDAY **OBSERVATION RUN.**

Set to bring back a little fun to the club. Assemble at the clubrooms from 10am.

50km mystery run, with points and items to collect along the way, culminating in afternoon tea at the clubrooms, along with prize draws. BYO packed lunch to have along the way. Concerns raised considered and allowed for.

Contact Sean on 5298 1476 or via email spelmurphy@hotmail.com for details - but no secrets given!

Early JUNE (date to be confirmed) Marylyn Monroe exhibition - Bendigo.

Bus trip. Early morning departure from clubrooms. Numbers required at the April/May GM, \$20 deposit required. Details phone Sean 5298 1476.

OTHER CLUBS EVENTS

3rd APRIL - SUNDAY

MEREDITH MAN CAVE MADNESS

100% of \$ Goes to Charity Meredith Golf Club, Midland Highway, Expressions of interest for swap meet sales sites \$25 & Show Cars \$10.
meredithmancavemadness@yahoo.com.au Ph Karl 0408 788 897 or Geoff 03 5286 1483.

16th APRIL - SATURDAY

ECHUCA SWAP MEET

Echuca Swap Meet, Rotary Park, Rose St Echuca. Automotive parts & collectables welcome. Display area for show & shine vehicles.

200 plus sites available at \$20 per site. On site catering.

\$5 per person entry. Children under 15 free.

Gates open: *sellers* 5am; *buyers*: 7am.

Enquiries: 0456 010 665, E: echucaswap@outlook.com

10% of profit to a local charity.



FRI 28th OCT TO TUES 1st NOV

WARRAGUL RALLY

The Warragul Rally will be held on the Melbourne Cup weekend in November. I have been in touch with the Warragul Gardens Holiday Park and they have a number of cabins at the park for us to rent for the weekend.

For further details please ring Sharyn Harris 5259 2053 or 0417 546 089.

Thanks to all the WDHVC members who supported me in the role of Assistant Rally Director this year. It has been great fun, but unfortunately due to family life and work commitments, I am unable to carry on the role into the next year.

I have nominated once again for the committee and will assist where I can in club-focussed discussions and future events.

Cheers

Sean Murphy.

"Happiness is only real when its shared."

Highland Gathering Report

We had nine cars and one trike on display at the Highland Gathering at Goldsworthy Reserve on Sunday 20th March. Thankfully the weather was fine and the Scottish fare was enjoyed by most of us.

We had many people come and look at our vehicle display and admire our vehicles in amongst the highland dancing and fabulous highland bands.

The heavy games were good to watch even without our local Teesdale competitor who is usually well supported by our members. (He is currently training for the Commonwealth Games.)

There was plenty to see and do and another great day.

Libby



One member even had a snooze with the bagpipes playing.

MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2015 AT 7.30 PM

PRESIDING: Ray van Galen

APOLOGIES: As tendered at the April General Meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting held on the 9th April 2013 were circulated by publication in the *Backfire* of April 2013.

Moved Jim Coates Seconded Barb van Galen that the minutes be confirmed as a true record.

REPORTS: The President and Secretary presented their Annual Reports to be published in the *Backfire*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Libby read the statement and recommendations from the Auditor at Geelong Auditing Services, which are available for members to read if they wish it.
Moved Graham Cameron Seconded Sharyn Harris
Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

All executive positions were declared vacant. Out going President Ray van Galen vacated the chair and new President John Bailey took the chair and introduced the new committee that were present and thanked the out going office bearers and committee for their efforts throughout the year.

Nominations were as follows: President – John Bailey; Vice President – no nominations received; Secretary - no nominations received; Treasurer – no nominations received; General Committee – Mike Hanneysee, Fred Harris, Gus Shea, Peter Telfer, Wayne Oliver, Rod Roach, Roger Sykes.

As the number of nominations did not exceed the 8 positions required, successful nominations were Mike Hanneysee, Fred Harris, Gus Shea, Roger Sykes, Wayne Oliver, Rod Roach, Peter Telfer, Gary Mellington volunteered for the 8th position Ray van Galen – past President.

AUDITOR:

Moved Graham Cameron Seconded Ray van Galen that Geelong Auditing Services be reappointed as auditor for the 2015/ 2016 financial year.

Carried

PRESENTATION OF TRORHIES:

Trevor Warren was presented with a 25 year membership badge by President John, others eligible but not present were Courtney Field, Kay McLennan, Laurie Mills, Len Wilkinson, Jack & Dorothy Thomas, and Bevan Bell.

Club member of the year – Gus Shea.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm followed by supper.

FEDERATION REPORT

FEDERATION REPORT - 20th February in Shepparton

Delegates welcomed by Goulburn Valley MVD Club President and Federation President, Neil Athorn

GENERAL BUSINESS

Increase in postage costs is concerning to Federation and Member Clubs. Perhaps clubs may have to look at using electronic methods to cut costs. (email)

Two more clubs were admitted to Federation membership.

Clubs should be sure club permit vehicles are correct for C.P.S. If vehicles are modified they should be on "M" plates, not "H" plates. Police members are aware of the differences.

BENDIGO SWAP MEET

Hits on the WWW site for the swap have been huge! Costs for running the swap are increasing each year. Saturday the attendance was very good, Sunday not so. The swap committee at the swap has looked at sites being used incorrectly, and taken action.

THIS YEAR MASSEY FERGUSON TRACTORS WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

EVENTS

March 20th Picnic at Mortlake, 1 week earlier because of Easter. A tractor trek will take place on Saturday 19th.

Ballarat club will celebrate 50 years since its start at Easter this year.

August 28th Marong Picnic .The 2016 Federation Tour will start from the Marong Picnic and finish at Mildura on 4th September.

Australian Federation will be conducting a National Invitation Rally in 2020.

Max Tucker.

NOTICES

LOOKING FOR A WOOD TURNER

For the last four decades or so we have the pleasure of having Ray Trigg making the wooden trophies for our car club members, and the Committee would like thank him very much for his efforts.

It would be nice if we can find a club member who is willing to make some more of these trophies, as Ray has done his share I think. A basic skill in woodturning and varnishing is what is required, and only a few are needed every year.

I can show you what is needed at the next meeting.

Ray van Galen Ph 5278 9368

CRAFT / TECH NIGHTS

My apologies for not putting the March 22nd night in the *Backfire*. We had a smaller group, but it went very well. John Hickford delayed putting the head on his Lancia. He brought it and an earlier Lancia head as well. We had a good assortment of heads to inspect and discuss.

David Mitchell gave a very interesting talk about his involvement with the design of the AU and BA heads, which he was in charge of.

Tuesday 26th April will be carbies. Bring along whatever carbies, inlet manifolds, air cleaners, ram tubes, etc. Single, 2, 3 or 4 barrel. Side, up, or down draught. Car, bike, mower, chainsaw, aircraft (Gus?), model. Doesn't matter what it's off; bring it along. Even if you don't bring a carbie, you are still welcome.

Tuesday 24th May will be exhausts. Bring along manifolds, headers, extractors, mufflers, resonators, cats (not the four legged type nor the blue and white types), pipes, whistles, fish tails, tips, cut-outs, x-pipes, megaphones, etc.

Remember you are among friends, so feel free to tell us about your items, If you feel shy, no problem. Someone else will be happy to talk for you.

Arrive around 7pm, so we can set up for 7.30pm start.

There is a wealth of knowledge and experience among our members, and it is great to hear their stories.

I hope to continue Tech Nights for as long as possible, on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Your suggestions for future Tech Nights would be appreciated.

Ladies, of course, are welcome to participate, in Tech Night, or Craft Night, or just have a chat and a cuppa.

Peter Telfer

VALE - IVY ANDERSON

We were saddened to learn that Ivy Anderson passed away on 20th February 2016.

Ivy McHutchinson and the late Les McHuthinson joined our Club shortly after its formation, and Ivy has had continuous membership since. Their first club cars were a Morris 10 "sports" and a 1929 Lancia Lambda sedan.

On becoming Mrs. Tom Anderson, she had a 1930 De Soto 8 roadster and had a lot of involvement in the restoration of the 1910 Commercar Double Decker Bus that was well remembered in Geelong. Ivy made a significant contribution in the circulation of *Backfire* in earlier times.

Throughout the Club's entire existence she maintained a keen interest in club news and, being a stallholder for over 20 years at the Belmont Common market, had contact with many members.

We extend our sympathy to her son Simon and the family on her passing.

Judith & Ray Matthews

VALE - PETER McFARLANE

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Peter McFarlane who has been a member of our Club for many years. His historic vehicles included a vintage Sunbeam (which he has owned for a very long time), a Standard roadster, and of course, Vanguards.

Peter trained to become an A grade motor mechanic and subsequently worked at Rally Motors in Gordon Ave for 13 years. Later he set up his own business in Wattletree Ave, following which he carried out mobile mechanical activities.

Peter was expert particularly on English vehicles and a quote recalled at his funeral service was "***If it is not Vanguard or Jaguar, it is not worth having***". But of course Peter used his vast knowledge on lots of English and European makes. He was always ready to give advice and help on all things mechanical.

Peter and Fay used their Vanguards as regular everyday transport and Peter's ute was his well known trademark frequently recognised throughout the Geelong area.

We extend our sympathy to Fay, Ken and Irene for the loss of a husband and Father.

Trevor Schneider

RALLY REPORTS



March Smell the Roses Report.

His name may not appear on the list of riders, but Murphy was definitely with us on the day.

It started off well enough, participants on the day were, Manny Vella in his Cobra roadster, Ray van Galen with the leaky Matchless, (note; British bikes were meant to leak oil so that the dust on the dirt roads stayed settled: fair dinkum!)

Mick Wright Suzuki, Graham Horton Honda CB 750, Mall Wood Suzuki, Keith Murdock 1980 Harley Davidson, Rod Roach Honda Goldwing, and Dallas Jones with Yvonne BMW R series.

The plan as such was very loose and suspect. We headed off to Point Danger in Torquay to watch the surfers do their thing and then off to Moriac. This is where Murphy stepped in to alter things.

Mick's almost new clutch cable broke at the main road roundabout, 1 down, Graham's carbie started to leak fuel like it was 5 cents per litre, 2 down, Keith and Mall went to help them get home, 4 & 5 down.

We pressed on with the remainder of the group until we lost Manual on a bend, 6 down. After a re-group of 3, we had run out of time, and decided to head to Ray's place for the B.B.Q. before Murphy had a chance to visit us again.

Manual eventually found us at home and we all had a good laugh about Murphy and his Laws.



Smell the Roses in recess after April run.

Our Smell the Roses will go into recess after the April run until next summer. There is no reason that you can't go for a fun run yourself, or with a friend though.

Ray van Galen. Ph 5278 9368.

Ladies Luncheon Feb 28th



What a wonderful day, the weather was excellent and everyone had a great time.

We arrived at the clubrooms to be met with a cuppa and slices, all set up on the best tablecloths. The gentlemen worked in the kitchen (WOW).

We were then chauffeured to a secret destination in different cars. It was the Botanic gardens where we had a delightful stroll for about 3/4 of an hour.

We loaded up again and headed for lunch, which was at Van Loons nursery. Seating was under the terrace and we were greeted by Sean. Much laughter was had as we enjoyed a lovely lunch and a good natter.

After lunch we moved outside to another area to hear from our guest speaker Julie Brand. Julie and her partner manufacture prosethes for women who have mastectomies. She was most informative and a great speaker, who discussed a sad subject with a touch of humour.

Afternoon tea was served and we then walked around the nursery.

Our chauffeurs went to the Bailey residence to inspect John's shed and have a BBQ. They then came and picked up their delighted wives.

To all the gentlemen who put a lot of time and effort into this wonderful day, we the ladies of the W.D.H.V.C thank you.

To Erin Murphy thank you for the truffles and we were sorry you couldn't come along, maybe next time.

Once again thank you to all who helped.

Sharyn Harris

CANCELLATION OF RALLIES ON DECLARED TOTAL FIRE DANGER DAYS

The Club Committee recently reviewed the practice of cancelling or postponing rallies that involve the driving of historic vehicles on declared fire danger days. Members are advised that the policy of cancelling Club events involving the use of historic vehicles on declared total fire danger days, will continue to apply. Obviously other Club functions (such as general meetings) not necessitating the use of historic vehicles, can still be held.

BAY CITY SWAP MEET 14th MAY

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!!!

The Swap Meet has been running annually for many years, and pleasingly, gets better each year. The event is an important one for our club, but would not be possible without the generous support of our many volunteers, who volunteer their time in the lead up to, and on the day.

At the April and May meetings, we will require members who wish to volunteer, to register their interest with either Kevin Smith or Murray Foran.

VOLUNTEERS DINNER & INFORMATION NIGHT Thursday 12th May 2016

A dinner followed by an information session will be held on this night in our Clubrooms, for all volunteers. This lovely dinner is provided by our wonderful lady members, and will commence at 6:30pm.

A comprehensive information session will follow the dinner and comprise a list of all duties that volunteers will undertake in the lead up and during the Swap Meet, together with rostering and emergency procedures.

This is your opportunity to ask any questions that you may have to ensure things run smoothly on the day.

Inquiries - Fred Harris,
Swap Director
(03) 5259 2053

SET UP DAY - Friday 13th May 2016

On this day, we will need assistance from plenty of volunteers to help with the set up of the arena ahead of the Swap Meet the following day.

Morning tea and a BBQ lunch will be provided to volunteers attending. The more hands on deck we have, the quicker we will get the job done: we would be grateful if you are able to assist, even if it only be for an hour or two.

Fred Harris
Swap Director
(03) 5259 2053

SWAP DAY! Saturday 14th May 2016

We will be looking forward to another successful Swap Meet, and thank you again our generous volunteers.



Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.

Don't miss it - Put it in your diary now!





Geelong Bay City Swap Meet

Saturday May 14th, 2016



Geelong Showgrounds
Melway Ref 452 E10



Plenty of room for displays Bargains for motorists, restorers, collectors, craft enthusiasts, DIY mechanics etc.

7.00 am Start

Admission for Adults \$5 -- Children free

Outdoor Sites (10m x 6m) \$10 plus \$5 admission charge
(No booking required for outdoor sites)

** Area for display and sale of Special Interest Vehicles**

Overnight camp sites available, for stallholders only

Food available on Friday evening from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm

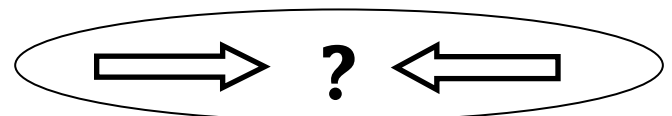
Geelong mobile ATM facilities available on site

Telephone enquiries - 0417 546 089

Mail enquiries- WDHVC Box 200 Newcomb Vic 3219

STRICTLY NO DOGS ALLOWED IN SHOWGROUNDS
NO FIRES PERMITTED NO UNAUTHORISED FOOD VENDORS
NO RIDING OF SKATE BOARDS, BICYCLES, MOTOR BIKES OR
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN SHOWGROUNDS

PARKING FOR NON -SELLERS WILL BE IN THE
RACECOURSE ADJACENT TO THE SHOWGROUNDS



I note President John's comments this month, responding to concerns expressed to the Editor about the change to the badges/logos of the cars printed on the front page of *Backfire*.

I have recently begun helping Libby with the production of *Backfire* and the inclusion of fresh badges/logos was my doing, not hers.

I hope to include as many different logos/badges of cars, trucks, tractors, motor bikes and bicycles on the front page as I can find over coming editions - to represent the many wonderful classic and vintage vehicles that our club members are so passionate about. To that end, I would be pleased to receive **good quality** photos / graphics of your favourite maker's badge. I will try to include these in coming editions. Feel free to contact me at a meeting or event—or just email them to editor@wdhvcgeelong.com.au

Jon Breedveld

WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?
Trevor

Where were you born?
Geelong

Family?
Wife Sandra, 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren.

Number of years in the WDHVC?
Since the first public meeting in a Highton Hall.

Other interests?
Music and holidaying.

What was your first vehicle?
1926 Austin 7 and I still have it.

What vehicle would you love to own?
My previous daily use vehicles: 1948 Holden, 1963 Valiant and 1969 Fairlane.

What vehicles do you have now?
1926 Austin 7, 1967 MGB, 1930 Model A, 1929 Austin 7 Wasp.

Profession?
Civil Engineer.

Skills?
Prepared to have a go at anything.

What bugs you the most?
Deceptive advertising.

What makes you happy?
Family life.

Mars Bar Competition The April competition.



A lot of our club members spent their early lives on farms. You had chores to do, feed the chooks, feed the pet lamb until it was big enough to eat, milk the cows and knock off a few rabbits as well.

Many may argue that a dog has a tail for wagging and that may be true, but this young fellow knows very well that they are natural handles to be used to carry dogs around with. Before we knew all the disadvantages of smoking, it was common to start early on the farm, as it was a normal activity for most people in those days.

Does this member still smoke, has he moved off the farm and gone into dog breeding: are his cows still hand milked now?

THE LAST GREAT MARS BAR COMPETITION
I don't know of a time in the past that the Mars Bar competition was won on the very first guess, but Trevor Schneider managed to pick that it was indeed Garry Mellington in the photo. Congratulations Trevor.

Ray van Galen. Ph 5278 9368

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March Tinker Day Report

This month's activity was "Mobile Shearing Shed Revisited". Forty WDHVC Members inspected progress at the site of operations at Lara, where John Bailey was giving birth to an Aussie invention in the form of a 5 stand sheep shearing shed built on a road-going bogey semi trailer.

This is destined for station use in Outback Australia where the hectares and jolly jumpers are measured in quantities that look like telephone numbers.

It will require a crew of 15 to operate it. As well as shearing plant it will contain portable holding pens, two wool classing tables, a wool press, and an electricity generator.

A chance meeting on a Royal Flying Doctor Service fund raiser, (Outback Old Car Bush Bash), led to John accepting the job of designing and building a shearing shed that came to the sheep, (at about 6 locations across the station). This would be kinder to the flock than the sheep having to travel huge distance to be shorn, and getting disoriented after returning to pasture. Apparently the casualty rate is quite high.

We saw a scale model John built and the project in its initial stages, late last year, and we returned last month to see the final product before it was to set off to Burra S.A. for its shakedown trial on 1500 stud sheep.

We are chuffed to have such a clever bloke as our club President, and compliment him on his initiative and expertise. It certainly "Trumps" what any candidate in the US Presidential race could offer!

After having seen John's creation and had its features explained by him, we took the opportunity to make donations to the RFDS, by supporting The Presidential Holden's, (entry Car 39) fund raising efforts in this year's bash.

Thanks to Ray VG for his organisation as usual, and Graham Peacock for giving me a ride in his nice HQ V8 to this most interesting event.

LMFOOO

The World's Worst Cars?

This is feature held over this month due to lack of space.
- Libby

SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

1967 Austin 3-38-N Fire truck. Fully functional ex CFA (small town unit) reco'd in Ballarat and always kept under cover. Was JVL 571 but not currently registered. In very good//excellent condition. \$12,700.

Karl Lorenz 52841451

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4 Michelin tyres 195/85 R16" LT steel radial tubeless \$425 ONO.

Dunlop 750x17" 10 ply tube & rim tape \$85 ONO.

GEELONG black & white enamel plate \$25 N.O.S.

Chev complete water pump \$160.

4 pieces steel mesh reo 8' x 4' \$25.

Kevin Ph. 5248 3032.

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For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and appear for two (2) issues of *Backfire*. To remove the advertisement from the second issue, please email the Editor 'editor@wdhvcgeelong.com.au'

Reminder: All vehicles in the "For Sales" must have VIN number and Price or Registration Number and Price otherwise they will be listed under "Clues". Ads for the 'Clues' section must not refer to any payment that may take place by mentioning an amount or 'best offer', etc.

All ads that have been removed due to age will remain on the website. Please advise if you have sold the item or want it removed.

All ads for cars also appear on the club web site where greater detail and photos (where supplied) can be viewed. Go to <http://www.wdhvcgeelong.com.au/wdsale.html>

Changes for Backfire cut off date and folding date

Cut off date for the articles will be the Friday after the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Printing date to be 4th Monday of the month.

Folding *Backfire* date to be 4th Tuesday of the month.

Items for the next edition of *Backfire* may be emailed to: editor@wdhvcgeelong.com.au or posted to **PO Box 200 Newcomb VIC 3219.**

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27	28	29 Folding <i>Backfire</i> ?	30	31 MARCH	1 APRIL	5
3 <i>Meredith Man</i> Cave Madness	4	5	6	7	8	9 (& 23) Working Bee Clubrooms 8am
10	11	12 General Meeting & AGM 7.30pm	13 Dine Out Tqy Hotel 6.15pm	14	15	16 Echuca Swap Meet
17 Hot Dog Run 10am	18	19 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	20 Warrnambool bus /train trip	21	22 Last day for <i>Backfire</i> items	23 Working Bee Clubrooms 8am
24	25 Anzac Day Run 8.30am	26 Tech/Craft night 7.30pm	27	28	29	30
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