

BACKFIRE

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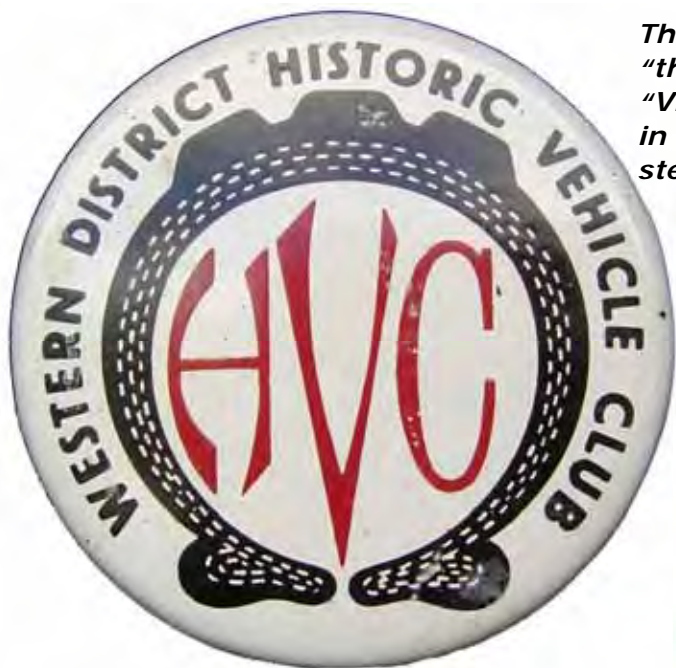
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See inside for
celebration details

50th Anniversary
- March 2017

Club meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Tues each month. Clubroom: Geelong Showgrounds, 79 Breakwater Rd East Geelong.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi to all,

Hope everybody had a great Christmas and start to a brand new year.

I would like everyone to now have a serious think about our upcoming 50th celebration.

How about getting a table together, seating 10, for the dinner on March 18th, to be held at Kardinia Park.

The cost for members is \$35 a head, and non-members/guests, \$65, which is the cost of the meal.

Drinks are not provided, and are available at the bar.

That's the good news, now for not-so-good news, membership fees will rise by \$5.

I know some people will not be happy, however, many opportunities are available throughout the year where the club heavily subsidises or provides food etc. for the enjoyment of all.

All the very best to you all for a fun, happy, healthy, peaceful 2017.

Julie and John.

(Photo is of the special commemorative badge that has been struck to mark the Club's 50th anniversary. Every member will be given a badge, with further badges available for purchase. - Ed.)



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 563 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2016 at 7.30PM

PRESIDING

President John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed 126 members and visitors to meeting No 563.

APOLOGIES

Nick Neeson, Jon Breedveld, Merv Giddings, Ken & Sandra Batson, Alan Tipper, Len Miller, Stephen & Kim Turner, Noel Simpson, Debbie Gercovich, Graeme Peach, Cheryl Elliott

Moved Graham Cameron Seconded Jim Coates
Carried

SICK LIST

John Bailey thanked the club for the calls of support following his mother's recent passing.

MINUTES

Moved Roger Sykes Seconded Gus Shea that the minutes of the previous general meeting as published in the *Backfire* be confirmed as a correct record. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD (Fred)

Letters in:

- RGAPS approval for the club to install a porch security gate.
- Bendigo Bank statement
- Sign and Badge Centre name badges
- Clive Shaw thanked members for our thoughts on the passing of Jocelyn and attendance at her funeral.
- Just Cars Christmas card to the club

Emails in:

- Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club invitation to attend their 22nd Biennial Easter Rally 14 - 17 April 2017.
- Bairnsdale Motor Expo invitation to attend their event on 25 - 26 Feb 2017
- Fyansford Hotel invitation to lunch or dinner
- Jim Durran withdrew his application for membership
- Gosford Classic Car Museum information about the Museum and invitation to attend
- Alexander Vella inquired about membership.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD

Letters out:

- John Sullivan welcome letter and membership approval
- Rob & Helen East welcome letter and membership approval

- Sympathy Card to Clive Shaw on the passing of Jocelyn
- Sympathy card to John Bailey on the passing of his mother

Emails out:

- Alexander Vella advised of membership waiting list.

Moved Libby Booley Seconded Graham Baldock
Carried

TREASURER REPORT (Maurice)

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

Moved Damien Gustini Seconded Tini Gustini
Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Update on 50th Anniversary plans.

LIBRARY (Gary)

- Gary advised of some good motoring books in the library that are worthy of a read.
- Thanked Rob Booley for his donation.

DINE OUT (Gary)

Next dine out will be Queenscliff. Details will be in the next *Backfire*.

EDITOR (Jon)

No report this month.

FEDERATION REPORT (Max/ Cheryl)

- As per report in the *Backfire*

COMMITTEE REPORT

- David provided an update on the commemorative cap proposed.
- Welcomed new members, John & Ann Sullivan.

TINKER DAY (Ray)

- Report on Oakdene visit with about 30 cars attending.
- Next Tinker Day will be at Ken & Ethel Shepherd's.
- Thanked Santa for his recent excellent work at the Children's Party.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

No winner this month so the prize jackpots!
Car was a dodgem car.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

- Gus provided VicRoads update including their planned audit of small clubs to ensure compliance with regulations.

CRAFT NIGHT (Linda)

- Linda reported on ladies breakup, thanked those attended for the food they brought to share.
- Linda also thanked Shirley Kaub for her help over the year.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- 14 January - Sunday Portarlington Mussel Festival, Car Display
- 22 January - Sunday Festival of Sails Geelong Waterfront Car Display. Meet on the Customs House lawn at 10.30 am.
- 25 Feb - Ballarat Swap meet
- 5 March - Sea Sick rally
- *Beeac Pub Run* - Libby provided an update on the run.
- Christmas Dinner - John thanked all those who made it a success again including Rhonda, Jeanette and Max
- Childrens' Party - Sharyn thanked Santa for his help.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

- Peter detailed the next tech. night to be about interesting maps.
- Jan Clissold spoke to the meeting out the history of this meeting's display car. The 1960 Pontiac was brought new by Brian's father.

SWAP MEET (Fred)

2 indoor sites still available.

KITCHEN (Rhonda)

No report this month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Chairs for sale.
- Badges for collection.
- Commemorative embroidered badge will be available for sale.
- Committee Report missing from recent issues of the *Backfire* but will be included in the future.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- 1986 Nissan campervan for sale.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10th January 2017 in the clubrooms.

Field Marshal tractors

Series 1 and 2

First published in the Motor Trader 19 November, 1947.

Manufacturers: Marshall Sons Co Ltd Britannia Works, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

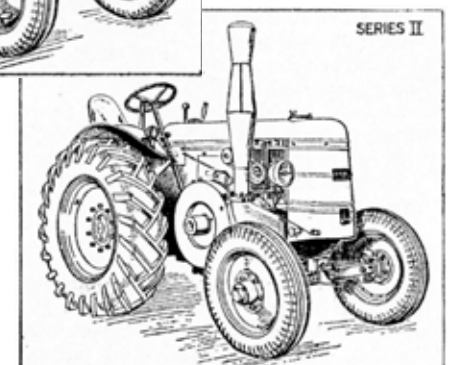
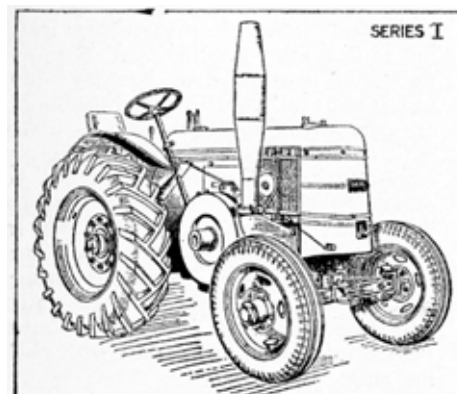
Introduced in 1946, the Field Marshal Series 1 tractor was fundamentally the same as the Marshall little M which it followed, having a large horizontal, single cylinder two stroke diesel engine and transverse crankshaft driving the rear axle through spur gears.

Series 2, introduced in 1947, incorporates minor modifications. Both series are made in two types.

Mark One is the agricultural version, with power takeoff available as an extra, and Mark Two is a contractor's model, fitted as standard with chain driven winch and direct dynamo lighting.

Modifications included on Series 2 models included:

- substitution of rear wheel brakes with individual hand control, and wider shoes than those on the Series 1 Mark Two, for the transmission brake and differential lock;
- alteration is to transfer and exhaust ports and to the pre-combustion chamber to give greater power; adoption of a needle roller little end bearing instead of a floating bush;
- increase in the size of the clutch (and incidentally of the belt pulley) to transmit the higher torque;
- larger rear tyres and a differently shaped exhaust silencer.



WELCOME TO 2017

This year is of particular significance to The Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc as we celebrate 50 years since our formation.

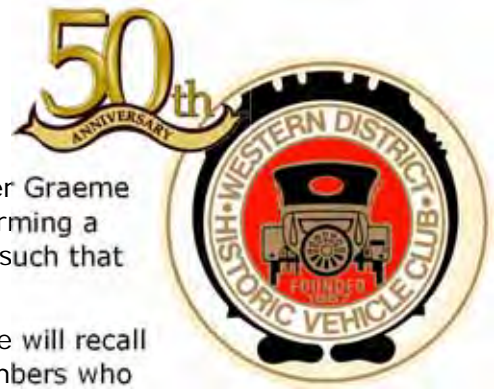
In March 1967 a small group of enthusiasts, including current member Graeme Anderson, gathered in a private home to discuss the possibility of forming a club. In April 1967 a public meeting was held and the response was such that the W.D.H.V.C was immediately formed.

As part of our 50th year celebrations, during the next few months we will recall some of the club's activities over the years and we salute those members who organised and developed the club into the great organisation we have today.

We have a great Club that has excellent facilities for our member use. The W.D.H.V.C is financially stable, with excellent activities. Our club is well respected in the community where we support various activities.

While we respect and remember the past, the main purpose of our 50 year celebration is just that. We are celebrating the great success of our club as it functions now in 2017, and we urge all members to join in the 50 year celebration activities, as we look forward to an even greater future.

We have some excellent activities planned for the celebration, and we invite everyone to actively participate in this significant milestone event.



REMEMBERING 50 YEARS OF THE WDHVC - 1967 to 2017

The Original WDHVC Badges - *by Ray Matthews*

The group of enthusiasts that formed the Club in 1967 got things happening very efficiently and very quickly. In the report of the inaugural meeting held on Tuesday 13th April, it was reported in the first newsletter Vol 1 No1 (as of then not yet named "*Backfire*") the subject of the Club badge had already been discussed.

Several designs for badges were submitted by Norm Lehmann, and it was arranged that they, together with any others received, should be referred to the Committee for decision. By the next newsletter Vol 1 No2 the President announced that car badges would be available shortly and investigations into the availability of lapel badges would be begun. So it can be assumed by May 1967 a design had been finalised and the badges had already been ordered.

Although Norm's designs were not used, he at this early stage expressed the desire to see the word "Geelong" included on the badge in addition to the Club's name and many years later and badge orders later the suggestion came to be.

The first badges were made by the "Victoria Enamelling Works" in West Geelong, and they were done in white vitreous glass enamel on a formed steel disc 110 mm in diameter. They depicted the cross section of a veteran beaded edge tyre encircling the monogram. HVC in red enamel, while around the outer edge was the Club name in black block letters, written clockwise.

In "*Backfire*" August 1967 the badges were advertised for sale at \$1.50 each and a set of rules had been formulated governing their display and distribution. It later became known as "The Tyre Cross section" motif which apparently had been "borrowed" from the design of a car club badge in England. Our big white badge, now nicknamed "the saucepan lid", engendered a love-hate relationship with members, and when all of the first batch of 100 had been sold and it was time to reorder, it was agreed that a new badge design be adopted.

I was asked if I could come up with a prototype badge and I made a one off that was circulated at a meeting but it did not generate a lot of interest, as by that time (1971) the trend was for club badges to incorporate a motor vehicle as a prominent feature.

On the prototype badge, I emphasised the word HISTORIC as the word was continually being written and spoken about as HISTORICAL and is, even to this day, by newspapers when we are being featured and worse still, by some club members.

The quest to have a car on the new badge won out and through our member connections in the Veteran Car Club, we came in contact with a Mr. Ian Smith of Buninyong, Victoria and he offered to do a design for us.

REMEMBERING 50 YEARS OF THE WDHVC - 1967 to 2017

The Original WDHVC Badges - *ctd*

After acceptance, they were ordered, and this is still in its original form with the exception of a few minor alterations.

Ian was conscious of avoiding "one make" rivalry and decided to portray the rear view of a vintage car to ensure anonymity and when these new badges went on sale in late 1971 they were very well received.

I had included in the wording "FOUNDED 1967" on my prototype and this was included in the design. The name of the club was no longer written clockwise on the now smaller badge but had "WESTERN DISTRICT" on the top and "HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB" on the bottom and the "HVC" monogram was left off. Because the car as shown had a steel Sankey spare wheel mounted on the back, some members then claimed that the car shown was in fact a Morris, thus somewhat undermining the aim of it being unrecognisable.

As mentioned, the current club badge is virtually unchanged from the 1971 design, with the exception of the addition of "GEELONG" and the centre plating being chrome instead of brass.

When the push came to have all organisations incorporated, the W.D.H.V.C. and hundreds of others were caught in the stampede, the justification being given as for legal reasons and supposedly protection from litigation. Badges ordered after this time now included the letters INC. The whole paintwork on one batch of badges proved to be not all that desirable with the result that the paint cracked and fell off, revealing the brass plating, but this was only after long service and exposure to the elements.

Miniature versions have been available over the years including of course our lapel badge in scaled down version. The badge has been used on printed and woven garments, stationary, china coffee mugs and carry bags for as well as being our club badge it is also our official club emblem.

P.S. The August 1967 reports that the Club's radiator badges are on sale for \$1.50 ea. The November 1967 "*Backfire*" urges members to purchase badges as the financial outlay had sorely depleted Club funds.

NOTE - Actual badge sizes and colours not shown



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See also -
monthly calendar
on back page.

WDHVC EVENTS

10 JANUARY - TUESDAY

GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm Clubrooms

11 JANUARY - THURSDAY

DINE OUT 6-6.30pm Queenscliff for Fish & Chips.

The back fish and chip shop. Don't be flakey about it: turn up for your serve.

20 JANUARY - FRIDAY

BACKFIRE DEADLINE

All material for the February edition to the editor by today please. editor@wdhvcgeelong.com.au

23 JANUARY - MONDAY.

COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30pm

Rescheduled to fit in with another Showgrounds booking.

24 JANUARY - TUESDAY.

CRAFT/TECH NIGHT—MAPS.

Bring along your maps of places you have travelled, or events you have competed in.

Bring old oil company maps, strip maps, street directories, atlases, Haldas, or any rally paraphernalia.

The more the merrier. If you are not there, you will miss out on all the fun.

Wives and girlfriends are, of course welcome (just don't bring them both on the same night).

Be there at 7pm, so we can get set for a 7.30pm start.

Peter Telfer

JANUARY TINKER DAY.

NO TINKER DAY

As is usual, we will not run a Tinker Day in January due to the holiday period.

Ray van Galen. Ph 5278 9368.

JANUARY

SMELL THE ROSES DAY.

I thought it would be a tad too crowded on the roads for a run in January, so we can do the next one in February. It will need to be organised by other riders for the next two months as I will not be able to ride after surgery on the knee in February. Just let our Editor know where and when the runs will be.

Ray van Galen Ph 5278 9368.

10-13 MARCH

AVOCA RUN

24th year? Avoca Motel is full. Pyrenees Motel has vacancies. Contact the motel directly to book - ph 0499 009470.

OTHER CLUB EVENTS

SAT 7 & SUN 8 JANUARY 2017

GEELONG CLASSIC TRUCK & MACHINERY SHOW

Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 9am-3pm. Geelong Showgrounds.

Vintage machinery; tractor pull; classic cars, vintage trucks.

Car Display: those people displaying cars please be parked by 9.30am.

Contact Rod Booley. 5281 5340.

More info - www.facebook.com/classictruckandmachinery.



SAT 7 & SUN 8 JANUARY 2017

DRYSDALE CLASSIC CAR & BIKE SHOW

The Cruise on Saturday Evening at 5.30 pm and the Show, Sunday from 10 am.

All About Traffic Management, will take care of the Cruisers on Saturday night.

On Sunday the Old Skool Car Club will be looking after marshalling and parking of show vehicles.

Measures will be taken to eliminate the dust problem of last year, to protect your vehicles.

14 JANUARY - SUNDAY

PORTARLINGTON MUSSEL FESTIVAL

Car Display. The entrance to the parking area will be off Harding Street, at the bottom near the pier.

Contact Rod Booley. 5281 5340.

(see also notice next page)

22 JANUARY - SUNDAY

FESTIVAL OF SAILS Geelong Waterfront Car Display.

Meet on the Customs House Lawn at 10.30 am. Entry via rear lane at Novatel.

5 FEB - SUNDAY

COLAC & DISTRICT HERITAGE FESTIVAL .

12 FEB - SUNDAY

GEELONG WATERFRONT CAR DISPLAY .

Meet on the Customs House Lawn at 10.30 am. . Entry via rear lane at Novatel.

WDHVC 50TH ANNIVERSARY



March 2017 marks 50 years since the Club began.

To celebrate this important event we are arranging **two major events**.

Anniversary Dinner

Saturday 18 March 2017

Captains Room at the Geelong Football Club (Skilled Stadium)

Sit down three course meal. Master of Ceremonies - President John Bailey,

Musical entertainment provided by Soul Sister Swing.

Cost: \$35 per club member (\$65 for non members)

It promises to be a great event, not to be missed. Make up a table of members and friends now!

Money for the Anniversary Dinner will be collected at the January and February meetings and tickets issued. Tables of 10: \$35/member and \$65/non member.

Bookings will only be taken when money is paid.

Club BBQ lunch

Sunday 26 March 2017

WDHVC clubrooms.

Meat, bread and salads provided.

Will include a mass gathering of as many of our vehicles as possible on the oval for a commemorative photo that can join the gallery on the clubroom wall.

These are must go to events so get them in your diary now!!!!!!

Portarlington Mussel Festival Classic Car & Machine Display

Classic cars and machines have been a welcome part of the Portarlington mussel Festival for the last few years. This year we have changed the site for the classic cars and machines display to better suit participants and avoid the challenges experienced last year.

The new site for the cars and machines will be on the larger barbecue area behind the Port Pier Café, close to the pier. The gate to the site will be open and cars will be free to arrive and leave as required.

There will be a lot of foot traffic in the area and we would appreciate a marshal for each participating club to be responsible for all safety requirements, marshalling the movement of vehicles according to required safety procedures.

The entrance to the area will be off Harding Street, at the bottom near the pier. We look forward to seeing you at the festival.

*Sheryl Follett
Mussel Festival Director*

REMEMBERING 50 YEARS OF THE WDHVC - 1967 to 2017

Club Meeting Venues - by Max Tucker



Our Club has met for monthly meetings at six different locations over its years of existence. The inaugural public meeting to form the Club was held in April 18th 1967 at the Highton Public Hall in Barrabool Rd. The weatherboard building in which the meeting was held has since been relocated to a farm property in the Barrabool Hills and was replaced by a Community Centre.

From May 1967 to Jan 1972, meetings were held at the Royal Commonwealth Society Rooms in Latrobe Terrace. This venue was arranged by our first President Tim Spurgeon.

The Club membership continued to grow, and from February 1972 the Club met at J.C. Taylors social rooms in Gheringhap St. Larry Bartlett organised this as he worked for Taylors at the time, and use of this venue continued until April 1974. The building was later demolished.

From May 1974 to February 1976, the Club was permitted to meet at the Western District Car Club rooms at McCurdy Rd. Herne Hill. This venue is now used for residential purposes.

In March 1976 we commenced meeting at the W.D Hope Centre at Norlane where the former Shire of Corio granted us use of one of the former migrant hostel "igloo" buildings. Numerous working bees were held to remove the internal walls and create a meeting room with a tiny kitchen at one end. This use continued until September 1990. The buildings of the former migrant hostel have since been demolished or relocated and many of them can now be seen on the left hand side of the Hamilton Highway just past Merrawarp Rd.

In 1990 the Club was considering adding a small extension to the W.D Hope Centre buildings and enquiries were made about other possible venues that could cope with the growing membership.

Frank Tamis was also a member of the Vintage Machinery group based at the Showgrounds and he suggested that we should investigate the possible granted use of the "Simpson Pavilion" and our Club meetings have been held there since October 1990.

The Royal Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society has assisted us in numerous ways and permitted our Club to make improvements initially to make the building suitable for our meetings and then in 1997 allowing us to extend the hall in a westerly direction. This work was largely carried out by Club member working bees. Then in 2000 a joint project saw more working bees construct the toilets and storeroom on the south side of the hall.

Shed fire and extinguishers

A recent fire brigade call out to a shed fire resulted in two old cars and the shed being totally destroyed. The shed was well alight when we arrived and prevented it spreading to near by structures. The owner was repairing an old car and it was believed that the fire started when petrol dripped onto the hot exhaust pipe. Two Australian 6 cylinder cars were destroyed by the fire plus his workshop.

When working on motor vehicles there is a risk of fires. Welding and grinding are a higher risk activity. Petrol is a very flammable liquid and extra care is needed with it. A fire extinguisher is needed to be close by.

There are no regulations for private sheds, but commercial sheds require a 9kg dry chemical extinguisher (rating 4A 80BE) near the door for all building that a vehicle enters. This is much bigger than 1kg dry chemical extinguisher (rating 1A 5BE) required boats and caravans.

An alternative is a fire hose reel, (19mm hose 36m

long) together with the 9kg dry chemical extinguisher also used in commercial buildings.

A hose can be used for putting out a petrol fire. Water is not very effective on a petrol fire but large quantities can 'blow' it out, a bit like blowing out a birthday cake candles. The fire brigade uses water to put out stolen and touched cars. Remember that old cars still contain plastics that burn to produce toxic smoke!

In the future I will have a dry chemical extinguisher close by when restoring my old car. I will also have a garden hose on a reel with an adjustable nozzle near the shed. A fog or spray take a lot of heat out of a fire and the jet is used to put out burning items.

(Classes of fires A = wood/paper and carbon material, B = inflammable liquid ie petrol, E = Electrical hazard. Water conducts electricity and is a hazard to the fire fighter, dry chemical extinguisher is non conductive.)

Lindsay Alford



1952 AERO WILLYS

IDENTIFICATION FEATURES

AERO-ACE

Identify by: Words "Aero-Ace" on rear deck lid; name "Willys" on front fenders; full length chrome sweepspear; "hardtop" design with 3-piece rear window.

AERO-WING

Identify by: Words "Aero-Wing" on rear deck lid; name "Willys" on front fenders; full length chrome sweepspear; "sedan" design with conventional rear window.

AERO-LARK

Identify by: Words "Aero-Lark" on rear deck lid; name "Willys" on front fenders; no chrome sweepspear on body. **NOTE:** Aero-Lark has 75 h.p. L-Head Engine.

SPECIFICATIONS

108" wheelbase; 6-cyl. "F-Head" Engine; 90 brake h.p. (**NOTE:** Aero-Lark has 6-cyl. L-Head Engine; 75 brake h.p.); 5.90 x 15 standard tires—6.40 x 15 tires optional at extra cost; 180 7/8" over-all length.

Optional Equipment

Overdrive • Radio • Heater • Electric Clock • Cigar Lighter (Std. on Ace) • Hood Ornament • White Sidewall Tires • Other Standard Accessories.

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1952 AERO WILLYS, CONTINUED

OUTSTANDING FEATURES

Hurricane "6" Engine—Gives brilliant performance and up to 35 miles per gallon of gasoline with overdrive and optional economy axle ratio. The Willys "F-Head" design has valve-in-head intake and valve-in-block exhaust, for better breathing, new efficiency and quiet operation, on regular grades of gasoline.

Ultra-Smooth Ride—Independently sprung front wheels with long coil springs and rubber insulating cushions, teamed with auto-compensating aero-type shock absorbers, smother road roughness and noise.

Rubber Cushioned Drive—Extensive use of rubber cushions makes the Aero Willys one of the quietest cars built. Rear springs are rubber mounted to a cross member that floats on rubber pillows. Even the muffler and exhaust are floated on rubber cushions to reduce vibration and noise.

Aero-Frame Construction—Eliminates needless weight and produces a car structure that is rigid and strong, exceptionally quiet and long lasting. The Aero is constructed on design principles closely similar to those used in airliners as body and chassis form a single, sturdy, welded unit.

Low Silhouette—The Aero Willys is just five feet high and has an extremely low center of gravity—just 23 inches from the road for safer stability on curves—as well as less air resistance. Absence of side-sway and roll give added assurance on sharp turns.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT FEATURES

- "F-Head" Engine*
- 7.6 to 1 Compression Ratio*
- Intake Manifold Cast in Head*
- Automatic Spark Advance
- Aluminum Pistons
- Chrome Piston Ring
- Synchromesh Gears
- Side Mounted Radiator
- Key Starting
- Sealed Beam Headlamps
- V-Type Steering Wheel
- Front Coil Springs
- Rubber Mounted Rear Springs*
- Aero-Type Shocks
- Hypoid Gears
- Aero-Frame Construction
- Seats 61" Wide
- Arm Rests Front and Rear*
- Ash Trays (Front only on Lark)
- Dome Light*
- Lacking Glove Drawer*
- Dual Stop and Tail Lights

*Aero-Wing and Aero-Ace Only

Quotes About Cars

It finally happened. I got the GPS lady so confused, she said, "In one-quarter mile, make a legal stop and ask directions."

- Robert Brault

I shouldn't have driven home from the bar last night—especially since I walked there.

- Author Unknown

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RALLY & RUNS

November Tinker Day Report



On 17 November we left the club house for Oakdene, in the rural area near Ocean Grove. We had more than the usual number of red plated cars as the forecast was for 30°C temperature with no rain.

The cars were not getting wet and the temperature was not too hot to cause overheating problems.

Oakdene is a restaurant/cafe surrounded by scrap metal art. There are some very creative art work, as shown in the pictures.

Several signs were made from shovels with holes cut into the metal and yellow back ground to give trendy directions.



A shed wall was covered by a assortment of bits and pieces, giving a very interesting effect.



There was also a bike collection to rival one of our member's!



Many of our member purchased a a coffee so we were not free loaders.

An enjoyable day exploring the hidden treasure was had and we moved down to Ocean Grove Nature Reserve, where we had lunch under the shade of the trees.

Lindsay Alford

VALE - JOCELYN SHAW

We were saddened to learn that Jocelyn Shaw passed away on 18th November 2016.

A large group of club members joined a large gathering at the funeral service held in her honour.

Clive addressed the service, explaining that he met Jocelyn when they attended the Geelong High School and they were married for 57 years. Jocelyn had been the Dux at the Chilwell State School and went on to teachers college and a teaching career for 30 years. She also studied at Deakin University and obtained a Batchelor of Education degree.

Jocelyn was devoted to her family and encouraged them, particularly in educational and musical pursuits. Their two daughters, Janis and Trish, spoke of a mother who was brave, determined, intelligent, faithful, unconditionally loving, fun, joyful, creative ideas, enjoyed life, organised, tidy, consistent, caring and someone who "loved to love". Jocelyn had a great love of cats and dogs.

Both Clive and Jocelyn have been actively involved in our club for many years and we express our sympathy to Clive and the extended family at this time.

Trevor Schneider

December Smell the Roses Report

There is a song by "Icehouse" that has in it some meaningful words to me. "I had a little accident, nothing too serious"

The day started out like no other before it. Rod Roach presented me with a Christmas present of genuine Indian apparel to go with my newly restored Indian Scout. I am not often lost for words, but that did it!



Rod Roach with his Honda Goldwing, Dallas Jones with his BMW, Darren Gill with his CB750 Honda, Laurie Clutterbuck on his CB750 K4 Honda, Manny Vella on the '42 Indian, Greg Stephenson on his '83 Harley Davidson, Ray Matthews on his 125 Honda, Judith Matthews in her Capri and Gus Shea driving a Capri convertible.

Ray van Galen



Ray's "little accident" happened when his front tyre came off the rim and he was forced to ride his machine to the ground. The result was a bruised and battered leg. Hopefully well on the mend by now. - Ed.



Great Mars Bar Competition

The January competition



Just one look at this darling little chap and you want to take him home.

What we need to know is where did he come from in the first place?

Do you know who this child is and even where he may have been born?

This month is a "Jackpot " month, so you get to have TWO Mars bars for the correct answers to these two questions.

Ray van Galen

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:
Ray van Galen
Ph 52789 368,
or
email rbvangalen@gmail.com



Christmas Tinker Day at the Shepherds

The traditional December Tinker Day in Moriac was again a very pleasant outing, thanks to the generosity of the Shepherd family and the entertainment provided by the Moriac School students.

Those attending: R & L Booley, L & M Hose, F. McKenzie, A & L McLaws, G Baldock, C & L Jordan, T & N Warren, G & R Pretlove, K Batson, Kevin Hunter, G Paech, M & E Baum, G & N Mellington, G & M Tucker, K Harris, C Dennis, R & B van Galen, R & J Matthews, M Giddings, Graham Peacock, Ron Pocock, Michael Baker, Murray Coster, R & L Roach, Collin Chappel, Peter Telfer, H & G Camron, G & B Turner, B & T Harty, B Guthrie, B Chapman B Costa, C De Rooy, K & E Shepherd, L Alford, S Harris, M & R Foran, G Shea, D Mitchell, J & V Stott.



Some of the magnificent spread

Ken's very noisy Cocky



Two of the older vehicles present



No less than 5 restored Indians on show



The Moriac School students entertained members

November Tech Night Report

Since it was the last tech night for the year we brought a plate and had a dinner with the ladies from the craft night.

The theme was engines and the first was a restored old Chev truck with a motor similar to the Holden gray motors. On the back was a V8 side valve truck motor about to be restored for a Ford truck. To remove the water pump the radiator and the hose has to be removed and there is a bolt hidden inside the pump.

It is very difficult to undo as the head corrodes, and is best replaced with a stainless steel bolt on replacement. (I am amazed at where manufactures hide bolts and screw on consumer goods: they like testing us!)

Next were two 4 cylinder aluminium blocks with cast in steel liners, with 3 bearing crankshafts. The Lancia was a Vee four at about 10 degrees and the Imp is a standard inline 4. The Lancia crankshafts appeared to be machined out of a solid block/billet of steel.

A Falcon engine was on a trailer and a retired Ford engineer spoke about its development.

With aluminium heads the difference in expansion between the aluminium head, the cast iron

block and the head bolts is critical, and with an in line 6 cylinder engine it is even more so, with the extra length and changes included head gasket construction/material, bolt length etc.

Modern engines now have rings with less 'tension' (force on the bores), which leads to less friction, giving greater fuel economy and less wear. Also each spark plug has it own coil, removing the unreliable high voltage leads

At a previous tech night he spoke about the air inlet induction system.

A member brought in a collection of model aero-plane engines

Another member had a small 1 cylinder engine made in Australia and exported for use in variety of applications including washing machines in rural area before the SEC connected power to farms.

This is only a brief summary of what went on. Come along to the next tech night to hear all the details. You do not have to bring an item for show and tell, but are welcome just to look and hear. Our members have a wealth of information.

Lindsay Alford

WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

Bob

Where were you born?

Geelong

Family?

Wife Rhonda, 2 children, 4 grandchildren

Number of years in the WDHVC?

27 years

Other interests?

Fire safety, fire prevention, CFA volunteer

What was your first vehicle?

1952 Consul

What vehicle would you love to own?

Mark 2 Jaguar

What vehicles do you have now?

1947 Inter KB1

Profession?

Fire prevention

Skills?

Restoring vehicles

What bugs you the most?

Politics in all aspects

What makes you happy?

Being out in old vehicles .

SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

Fabric covered chairs

Approx. 45 brown fabric covered, metal framed upright chairs with arms, in good condition. \$10 ea for small lots or \$9 ea if you take the lot. Suitable for sporting or community club rooms. Ph Fred on (03) 5259 2053 **1/17**



1968 Plymouth Fury 111

Club reg 18763-H. 2 door L/H drive convertible. 383 engine. New hood, paint, tyres, ball joints, master cylinder. Interior good. \$28,000 ONO. Contact Merv 0418 331 544.

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V8 gas system

May 2009. 140 litre tank (375mm X 1400mm). \$500 ONO.

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5 X wheels

5 spoke mags. 2000 Jeep stud pattern. Silverstone AT 117 Special tyres 50% tread. 245-70R-16 rims. \$80 ea.

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22	23 Committee Meeting 7.30pm (changed date)	24 Craft/Tech Night "Maps" 7 for 7.30pm	25	26	27	28
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