



HUTCHIE'S AOMC DELEGATES REPORT TO THE CLASSIC AND HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA



(other clubs are welcome to use this report).

AOMC Delegates Meeting

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President Iain Ross (Bristol Owners Club) opened the meeting sharp on 7-30 PM, to a good turnout of Delegates, for this 1st. of these meetings to be held at this location.

Iain pointed out the location of the AOMC office, & other important facilities, in these impressive clubrooms. Many of the Delegates who attended the recent AOMC Seminar were familiar with the venue.

Iain then demonstrated the new PA system the AOMC had purchased. This is a great improvement, but people must be instructed on how to use the microphone, so they can be heard.

New Delegates were invited to introduce themselves, and President Iain listed the 5 clubs to have affiliated with the AOMC since our last meeting in May.

Formalities were dealt with, such as Minutes of May meeting, Correspondence etc. then **Standing Orders were suspended for the 2 Guest Speakers** to inform the Delegates on their topics.

Mr. **Rhis Timms** (MG Car Club) is standing for election to the **RACV Board** in the forthcoming election. Rhis pointed out the difficult rules placed on people seeking election to this Board.

Mr. Timms went on to tell us about his forthcoming adventure to be involved in a trip across Europe in his 1936 MG saloon as part of the historic Peking to Paris race, (1st. done in 1907). Rhis had gone to a great deal of trouble in preparing a great visual slide show, with some great photos of recent and past events. Pity I was unable to catch much of what was an interesting subject.

I am unable to report in detail on what Rhis was saying, as a result of him speaking very quickly, running his words together, and poor microphone use. When many in attendance are no longer young, (like me), even with our hearing aids, correct use of the sound system is important.

I am like most people, never having learnt the technique of how to use a microphone, but I am reliably informed that it should be held firmly against the chest, just below the neck, so that one speaks directly over the device. Allowing the microphone to gradually get lower as it is held varies the sound, & wobbling the head up & down, or from side to side also results in distorted sound.

Mr. **Daryl Budgeon** (Australian Electric Vehicles Association) was our 2nd. **Guest Speaker**. Daryl spoke of the very early days, when electric cars were very common. In those days, the use of a crank handle on internal combustion engines was considered a disadvantage, in comparison to the simplicity of driving the electric car. The fact that the batteries were good for little more than 20 miles, was not a disadvantage when the driver kept to only local trips. The invention of the starter motor & longer trips, gradually led to the demise of the electric car, until now that fuel oil is getting scarcer.

Daryl also presented a great set of visual slides to explain the advantages of the modern electric car, & photos of cars which have been converted by private owners. These slides showed relative advantages of AC and DC settings as well as things like self energising breaking adding to distance covered between charges, (presently up to 400 Km.) The various alternatives to Lead Acid batteries were discussed. Much of the technical stuff was beyond Hutchie & some others present. Also those of us who were on the side, were unable to see some of the slides because Daryl stood in front of the screen.

There were many questions from the Delegates to Daryl, mostly showing that the initial cost of the car and charging from the standard power grid were not as popular with those present as they were with our guest. Other things pointed out by Mr. Budgeon in favour of electric motoring are no pollution while driving and not having to buy petrol or diesel.

President's Report. Iain Ross summarized his report published in the AOMC Newsletter as follows---

Cash for clunkers, new regulations on child restraints in older cars, CPS (Club Permit Scheme) passed Minister & back to VicRoads for introduction early 2011, AOMC Code of Conduct, Customs regulations on imported cars. Iain also reminded Delegates that the next Delegates Meeting in November, was the AGM & they were hoping for new nominations.

Treasure's Report. **Tony Aplin** has resigned as of the end of financial year, and **Mrs. Pam Hill** has again stepped up to take over until the AGM. Pam thanked Tony for his time as Treasurer of the AOMC, and proceeded to give a detailed report on the total funds at this time.

Car Shows. President Iain reminded Delegates of the importance of these events, as the main fund raising for the AOMC, that help is urgently needed on the day, and on the Day before for setting up. In 2011 the 2 events will be on alternate Sundays, so this will help, in that much of the gear can be left in place for the following Sunday.

Delegates were asked to see that their club enter the dates in their 2011 calendar.

April 3rd. RACV & AOMC Classic Showcase, (Formally British & European) Flemington Racecourse

April 10th. Shannon's & AOMC American Motoring Show Flemington Racecourse

Vice President Rod Amos, (Vintage Sports Car Club) reported on **CPS (Club Permit Scheme)**. It has been approved by the Minister, & is back with VicRoads. Rod reported on the recent conference at VicRoads where several matters have been approved, like—The parking distance from your home (not requiring a permit) has been extended from 50 metres to 100, also the original change from a rolling 25 years to 30 years has also been dropped, so it is back to the original Victorian rolling 25 Years for eligibility for club plates. VicRoads has welcomed our Code of Practice idea, and Rod is happy with the response of clubs participation so far.

The design of the new Log Books is well under way, with the AOMC and the Federation input. The procedure will be that a permit notice will be issued as now, requiring an authorised signature from the club to verify you are a financial member. When the fee, (which is to be same as now), is paid, VicRoads will issue the Log Book with starting & finishing dates shown. That will mean that the old book is to be used until the expiry date, & the new book used from the next day.

Clubs & VicRoads will combine with CPS member lists being freely exchanged. VicRoads will have powers to suspend a permitted owner or club in extreme circumstances. This means that both will have powers not previously available.

There were numerous questions from Delegates which Rod was able to satisfy.

Philip Johnstone (Triumph Sports Owners Club) reported on **Engine Number Records**. There are now many marks which are now on computer discs. Philip reported the latest was the complete list of MG engine numbers on record; all now on disc.

President Iain Ross reported on the AHMF meeting in Perth had resulted in a change in Officers. Iain was now the President, (taking over from Neil Athorn), and that our own Graeme Jones is the new Secretary. This means that all of the returns from the survey on use of older vehicles.

A show of hands indicated that very few of those present had as yet completed the survey. Philip Johnstone said that it can be downloaded from the AOMC Website, and enough copies made for your members, or you can fill in the details on line. One member said he could not find it on the AOMC Website. Philip suggested he get his 10 year old neighbour to do it for him. I just checked and found it close to the top of the home page. I might add that I sent my figures in about 3 months ago.

Iain summarized on matters discussed at the AHMF meeting as follows--- The 2010 survey, Robert Shannon Award, the cash for clunkers, New national rules on child restraints. Ian was not happy with the fact that of the 4 X \$1000 awards from the Robert Shannon encouragement grants for young restorers, none came to Victoria. *Could this be because none of our clubs put in a submission? I remember Philip Johnstone offered to assist any club with the wording of their nomination.*

Paul Vellacott (Australian Lancia Register) reported on the AOMC Seminar held in these Chevrolet Clubrooms. Paul related that the speakers were well received by the 285 people who attended. *I noticed that there were very few chairs left vacant. A great morning. Congratulations to Paul.*

Norm Nettleton (T Model Ford Club) reported on the **Proposed Pakenham Complex**. The proposals are to set up a place where training of young drivers, police, ambulance drivers and others can take place, It is planned to have it available for clubs to have their special functions. The aim is to have 85% training, with 15% activities. People on side are Police, TAFE, Ambulance. State Government. Local Council & Driver Training people. All that is preventing a start is an allocation of a suitable piece of land.

Delegates Reports. Patrick Devine reported that to celebrate 40 years in Australia of the Mercedes Benz Club, 9 of their members are going to Germany to receive an award. There was no **General Business**.

AOMC Newsletter Page 20to24 **has the RACV report on use of ethanol fuels in older cars.** *This should go in every clubs Newsletter. There is other good stuff too, but I try to keep to 2 pages*

Next Delegates Meeting at RACV building 22nd November AGM.