



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

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AOMC Delegates Meeting

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Delegates Meeting opened by President Iain Ross, (Bristol Owners Club), at 7-35 PM.

President Iain reported that **Arthur Grieves** (Citroen Car Club) was very unwell at the moment, and his wife Heather, was very worried about him. Long time Delegates will remember this wonderful couple, who were known as **Mr. & Mrs. AOMC**. In those early days, Heather & Arthur worked tirelessly to establish this organization.

Iain also reported that our highly regarded **Office Administrator, Graeme Jones** has not been well lately, but that his move into a retirement village is expected to see a rapid recovery. **Graeme will still be the cheery voice on the phone when you ring the AOMC office.** He will continue with membership matters, while our minute taker over recent times, **Daryl McMahon**, is to take over some of the Secretarial duties.

President Iain asked **delegates to consider offering themselves for a Committee position at the November AGM.** A letter is to be sent to all member clubs, seeking nominations. In particular, assistance for the running of our major fund raising events each year, the two Motoring Shows.

Treasurer Thomas Fiebig (Mercedes Benz Club), reported that the AOMC is in good financial shape. Treasurer Thomas stated that in spite of the poor weather this year, the American day showed a good profit, but that more of the British & European clubs would have to show greater support in future.

Vice President Rod Amos, (Vintage Sports Car Club), reported on the **CPS (Club Permit Scheme)**, in particular progress on the **modifications issue**. It seems that some input is taking place, but that the AOMC opinion is not being sought. There is a totally new group within VicRoads looking at this, & the groups from whom they are seeking advice, are not contributing as much as is required. There is the usual group of people wishing to be negative, all of which does not bode well for a good result.

Rod invited questions & several Delegates raised matters relating to Roadworthy tests. It appears that testers are being asked to take pictures of many procedures. For instance, with the wheels off to inspect brakes, underneath while up on the hoist, Engine & chassis numbers etc. This has lead to much higher charges.

There were the usual complaints about VicRoads people not understanding the CPS requirements, such as who it is within each club is authorized to sign the permit, indicating that the applicant is not only a member of an authorized club, but that that person is financial. ***My advice is to ask to speak to the Branch Manager, & if a satisfactory answer is not forthcoming, go to another VicRoads Branch.***

A delegate had not been able to get VicRoads list of his members on CPS. Rod said it would take a full year for them to obtain a full list.

AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation). President Iain Ross reported that the annual meeting of this inter-state body is to be held in Adelaide in September.

Philip Johnstone (Triumph Sports Owners Club), reported on the conflicting & misleading answers on the AHMF survey which did the rounds of affiliated clubs across the various States on the question of historic vehicle use, costs, expenditure etc. It was hoped this information would help in approaches to Government Bodies. Responses were disappointing.

AOMC Seminar was held on the 30th July at the Moorabbin club rooms of the Chevrolet Club. The topics were mainly on efficient running of a car club. **Philip Johnstone** was congratulated & thanked for the selection of speakers & general organization of this annual event.

Dennis Brooks (Historic Commercial Vehicle Club), was thanked for his work in putting together the **Services Directory** which appears on page 10 of the AOMC Newsletter. *The AOMC have a list of roadworthy testers who are sympathetic & understanding of historic vehicles .It is available on the AOMC Website, (See above). Look for Services Directory then RWCTesters*

Handbooks. The new Yellow coloured books are now available. They are \$6 posted, but clubs may order in bulk at \$4, for sale to members at \$5. Contact Graeme Jones in office hours 9555 0133. It is wise to have a book in all CPS vehicles. Most police don't know about the Scheme, & the CH & the more recent Historic number plates are not on the Police data base, to avoid a charge of driving an un-registered car, the book can be used to educate one more "Bobby".

Interesting reports. 1. A delegate from the Austin 7 Club spoke about 13 of their cars on King Island recently. The cars were shipped over, (they were not able to accompany their cars). This reporter stated that some of the roads were quite rough, only passable to an Austin 7. *I think he was either joking or one eyed.*

2. David Williamson (Rover Club), reported on the use of parts from rare cars which insurance companies had written off due to accidents. It appears that there are 2 categories, either **Repairable or Statutory**. If it is a statutory write off, even the good bits are not to be used.

3. The MG Club Delegate reported on his club, as a result of quick action & availability of people knowing what to do, as well as equipment being available, one of their members who had a heart attack, was saved from death. As a result they are about to purchase a defibrillator. They are to train members in it's use, & also resuscitation techniques. *There was a report from the MG Club about this matter at the recent AOMC seminar. In fact the man whose life was saved that day was in attendance at the seminar.*

New Members Kit. Philip Johnstone asked Delegates to please send a list of what their club sends to new members.

Guest Speakers Gordon Campbell & Alistair Riddell (Motafrenz Car Club)

Getting started with affordable classic cars was their topic. Mr. Campbell spoke about how people outside the car club movement could be encouraged to join, by starting with a car from the 50's to 80's which are plentiful, cheap, with plenty of inexpensive parts available & with skilled people able to help.

It was pointed out that the AOMC has a publication along these lines already available. Ask Graeme Jones to send you a copy. There were numerous suggestions from Delegates which could be summarized into using the knowledge of club members to find the person who can tell where to find what the new chum needs, & the people who are the experts in that field.

Swap meets, car shows, car websites were also mentioned.

Meeting closed 9-15 PM, with a nice supper served by **Garry Jewel** (VDC) & helpers.

Next Delegates Meeting will be 21st. November at the Chevrolet Club Rooms Moorabbin. It is the AGM.

Note this is a week early, (3rd. Monday instead of the usual 4th Monday). *Come along & nominate for Committee.*

AOMC Newsletter There are several good items for your own Newsletters, Just acknowledge.

1. page 9 Incorporated bodies Public Officer abolished now Secretary is responsible. Any queries Fred Green Consumer Affairs is the expert. Phone 8684 6456 Mobile 0411 257 163

2. page 10 Services Directory

3. pages 11/12 Uses for WD40.

Sorry I am a few days late with my Delegates report this time, but the painter has had drop sheets over my computer all week, so instead of getting it out on the day after the meeting, here it is Saturday.

The Pascoe Vale venue was sited to cater for our Western Suburbs people, but only 13 hands went up in answer. Yours truly got a bit lost finding it, & the acoustics were such that I missed a bit of the voices over the loud speaker.