



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 - 23-2-09 Held at RACV Club, 501 Bourke St. Melbourne. Compiled by Graham Hutchinson (CHACA) Classic & Historic Auto Club of Australia. *(Hutchie's personal comments in italics as usual)*

Delegates meeting opened at 7-30 PM by President Iain Ross, (Bristol Owners Club). After brief formalities of welcoming new Delegates and new clubs, President Iain suspended standing orders, for our **Guest Speakers from the MG Car Club**.

Mr. Michael Herlihy (who is Vice President of the MG Car Club), introduced the topic of his presentation "**Encouraging Youth in the Movement**". In their club it is referred to as **Y.O.W** (Youth on Wheels).

Mr. Herlihy explained, with the aid of a well prepared large screen presentation, the various CAMS licenses their members have to obtain, prior to entry into their competition events. Michael told us that children competing in go-cart racing, range in ages from 7 to 14, and that in the past, 18 years was the age at which these experienced "karters" were eligible to apply for a full CAMS license. They found that many of these young people had been lost to motor racing, due to this 4 year break, and so CAMS had set up a junior class, with strict training requirements, to allow these young people to continue their racing experience. Michael listed supervised events such as Sandown, Rob Roy, and the Police Driving School, where they get to compete under strict guidance.

Michael Herlihy then went on to explain how the MG Club some years ago, had rearranged their membership to include a "Youth Register" within their club, and that now, this grouping which ranges from 14 to 25 years, is the largest section of their club. They have their own administration within the MG Club.

Michael went on to explain that they had applied for a CAMS grant of \$5,000, to assist in the setting up of this special grouping. He put up on the screen, several categories, which are available on CAMS website, (youth development is one). Any car club can put up a business plan, to obtain a grant from them, provided the request meets one of the criterions. *Sorry I missed the list, so you will have to look it up.*

Our guest called frequently for back-up from the 3 young men who accompanied him last night. It was clear that this initiative has been a means of growing their membership, as not only have these young people brought in their friends, but their parents too have joined.

President Iain Ross resumed standing orders and thanked the group from the MG Car Club for their informative presentation, and then, dealt with Minutes as printed in AOMC Newsletter, and correspondence as distributed prior to the meeting.

President's Report Iain Ross listed the following -----

- Long time Committee member Paul Gorter has been in hospital, but is now at home, but very ill. Best wishes had been sent on behalf of all Delegates.
- Another long time Committee member, and past President, Peter Richards has had to resign due to heavy work load. Peter's resignation was accepted with regret.
- Delegates were asked to fill in the questionnaire seeking information on possible changes to meeting places and times of meetings.
- A sub-committee has been set up to examine additional ways to raise funds for the AOMC.
- Reason for change of venue of the British & European (RACV AOMC Classic Showcase) from Ferntree Gully Road in March to Sunday 17th. May at Flemington. As there are races at Flemington on the Saturday, the setting up is going to be a problem, as it will have to be done late Sat. and early Sunday.
- ***Iain is going to need help this time, please enter it in your diary.***
- There is lack of action from AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation).

Treasurer Report The treasurer was unable to be present, so the figures were read out by President Iain Ross.

Motoring Shows Report

Shannon's American Show Sunday 5th. April 2009 at Flemington Racecourse

RACV Classic Euro Show (was British & European) Sunday 17th. May 2009 at Flemington Racecourse

In answer to a question about how judging is done on "Club Displays" on these days, our Webmaster, Philip Johnstone stated that the things the judges look for is listed on the AOMC Web site www.aomc.asn.au

CPS (Club Permit Scheme). Vice President Rod Amos (Vintage Sport's Owners Club) reported that a very senior VicRoads person from Traffic Section had been asked to concentrate on the completing of this matter, and it was close to the stage where it was ready to present to the Minister. However, the recent extensive road closures due to the bush fires had taken precedence, and has lead to yet another delay.

Rod had prepared an 8 page document which gave the history of the many submissions to VicRoads, (mostly from the AOMC). This document was distributed to Delegates prior to the meeting. **It has been sent to all affiliated clubs.**

I try to keep these reports at 2 pages, so will not try to summarise the 8 pages, but will list some of Rod's thoughts which we may not have thought about, for instance-- Is 90 (or 45) days excessive?

1 page for each of these would represent 1 of the 90 days. They soon mount up.

1. Trip on Tuesday to fill up with petrol (cheapest day), prior to weekend event.--
2. Any club event.
3. Trip to car wash, because we are not allowed to wash the car at home.--
4. To seek technical advice.
5. Testing after repairs.--
6. Attending club meeting. --
7. Invitation to attend another car club event.
8. Attendance at some charity event.--
9. General maintenance (checking tier pressure).--
10. To obtain spare parts.
11. Testing to identify need for repairs.--
12. Personal use, (such as inter state visitors).--
13. Any personal use.
14. Taking it down for an oil change and grease.--
15. To impress a prospective new club member.

Many of these, under the present system would have required a "Special use Voucher" (which the police don't like.

AOMC have asked that to allow for "car shuffling at home, an entry be not required within 50 Metres from home address. They have also asked for a 45 day log book for cars seldom used, or for multiple vehicle owners. A further AOMC suggestion is that the CPS still be "club based", so that the vehicle owner has to be a member of an authorised club, which ensures some supervision. **Indications are that VicRoads will include all of these.**

How about a special meeting of your members with cars on "club plates" to review these 8 pages?

AOMC Seminar Paul Vellacott (Australian Lancia Register) stated it will be on a similar practical format as last year, this time concentrating on matters like wreckers, and restoration etc. It will again be held at the same place, **RSL Club East Malvern Saturday 18th. July 2009.** More details at May Delegates meeting.

The Robert Shannon Trust Award--- President Iain announced that he had recently presented a cheque for \$1,500 to the 16 year old Thomas Sutherland. Thomas is associated with the South Gippsland Restorers Club, and the award is to assist in his work in restoring an Austin 7. A Delegate from the Club spoke about the presentation, and particularly thanked **Philip Johnstone** for the help he had given them in preparing the submission.

Philip stated that the AOMC had received 2 submissions last year, but that the second request was not set out in such a way as to ensure success. The guidelines are available on the AOMC Web site. Philip reminded Delegates that submissions have to be in before 30th. June 2009, for consideration of 2010 awards. Philip offered to assist with a submission by any club who had a suitable young person they wished to put forward.

Delegates Reports ---1. The Austin 7 Club Delegate reported on the forthcoming Park Orchards event. As this is to be the 60th. year in succession of running this, they are to have a dinner to mark the achievement. It is hoped to have as many past participants present as possible at the dinner.

2. Alvis Car Club Delegate reported on their October tour.

3. The Delegate from the **Veteran Car Club** reported on the cancellation of the planned tour to Bright, but reminded Delegates about the Kalorama Rally 22nd. March.

4. Lloyd Shaw, from the Vic. Historic Race Register spoke about the events at Phillip Island 13th. to 15th. March.

5. Patrick Devine reported on the Mercedes Benz Club Tasmania Tour with 60 cars expected. Patrick also spoke about the difficulty their club will have in setting up the club display at Flemington for the British & European Show on 17th. May. President Iain Ross apologised and was aware of the trouble the Mercedes Benz Club go to every year, but explained that it was the only date available at Flemington. *(see above, all of us have same problem).*

6. I reported on a good turn out of Hupmobiles on Australia Day in the Domain. We were featured for our Centenary year. We had 12 Hupmobiles on display on the day, and lead all the cars into the gardens at 8-30 AM.

Next Delegates Meeting Monday 25th. May at East Malvern RSL.