



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

22-2-2010 Held at East Malvern RSL.

Compiled by Graham Hutchinson (CHACA) Classic & historic Motoring Club of Australia.

Hutchies personal comments as usual in italics.

President Iain Ross, (Bristol Owners Club) Opened the meeting at 7-30 PM. *(Most Delegates are aware of 7-30 start by now, and appreciate the early finish which results).*

President Iain went through all the preliminaries of welcoming Delegates, referring to pre recorded names, & apologies in attendance sheets. *(Delegates have finally accepted this time saving measure, as there were no names from the floor for our Minute recorder, (Daryl McMahon) to have to write down.*

Iain Ross also listed 2 new clubs to have affiliated recently. **Minutes of November** meeting were dealt with. The only Business arising, related to the matter of VicRoads regulations (raised in November), which make it compulsory to have toddlers restrained in **all vehicles**, including historic cars which do not have seat belts fitted.

This was left with the Executive to look into. President Iain Ross reported that they had decided to take no action, as it was seen as a safety matter, which would be difficult to convince VicRoads to alter.

The Delegate who had gone to so much trouble in researching all the relevant regulations, still thought it should be pursued further. Yours truly suggested that those affected should get together to examine the relevant regulations, and try to come up with alternate wording, which may be accepted by VicRoads. Iain Ross said the Executive would welcome any input from Delegates, so it could be re-examined. **Standing orders were suspended for our Guest Speaker.**

Our Guest Speaker, Mr. Chris de Fraga was introduced. Chris started out by explaining how he got the job as **The Age Motoring Writer**. It happened that at the time, Chris was driving an MG TC, and the Editor assumed that therefore, he must know something about cars.

Mr. de Fraga explained that as a Motoring Writer, they are sought out by senior motoring company engineers, who ply them with masses of technical details, and encourage them to drive their new cars. Chris told us about some of the tricks the companies get up to, to ensure the car gets a good write-up. Like a car which does not handle hills well, has a suitable flat route selected. A car which handles badly, will have long straight stretches of road selected for the Motoring Writers test track.

Chris amused we Delegates with stories about the trouble he and some of his fellow writers got into over the years. A very entertaining Guest Speaker.

Following a 10 minute break for Delegates to have coffee and bickies, and a little chat, **Standing orders were resumed.** **Presidents Report.** Iain reported--- 1. AOMC have asked RACV to conduct research on the effects expected from the use of ethanol in cars which were not specifically designed for it. *(See page 21 AOMC Newsletter for a British report on ethanol).*

2. President Iain Ross reported that CAMS which has in the past, only been interested in competition motoring events, has been making contact with some of our affiliated clubs, with what appears to be a widening of their interests. One Delegate stated that indeed, his club had recently had an e-mail from CAMS.

3. National Motoring Heritage Day, 16th. May 2010. *(See page 15 AOMC Newsletter for a suggested mock-up of an advertisement to publicize what your club is doing on the day).* **President Iain stated that this mock-up is available on the AOMC Website** for clubs to download as required. www.aomc.asn.au

(How many noticed that the page 15 mock-up features "Hutchie's Hupp" on the left?).

4. Iain also asked Delegates to think about nominating for AOMC Executive at end of the year AGM.

Treasurers Report. Tony Aplin (BMW Car Club), reported that AOMC finances were sound, but urged full support for the forthcoming two Motoring Shows, as our main fund raising events. **With the RACV/ AOMC British & European this Sunday the 28th. at Flemington Racecourse, and the Shannon's/ AOMC American Show, 11th. April.**

Club Permit Scheme. Rod Amos, (Vintage Sports Car Club), reported that VicRoads had received in excess of 300 responses from car clubs, and several individual submissions. There were only a handful of negative replies, and these were from individuals. (*guess who these were from?*). The clubs were all in favour of the log book type CPS.

Rod also reported on the hastily put together, but well attended seminar held at Monash. There were a few attending who wanted to retain their original number plates, but the VicRoads speakers let it be known that there was no chance this could happen with the CPS. (*Of course, when changing over to Club plates, it is possible to state that you wish to retain the original number, and in fact hold the plates yourself, so that on changing back to full registration, the old plates are re-fitted*).

Engine Number Records Philip Johnstone (Triumph Sports Owners Club), reported continuing requests were being processed. A report from the Model T Ford Club named one of their members who had been able to trace not only the original owner of his car, but been able to contact the country Ford Dealer, (still in business), where it was purchased, in 1910

AOMC Seminar. Paul Vellacott, (Australian Lancia Register), reported on the mid year Seminar. **Sat. 31st July, 2010. This year it will be held at the Chevrolet Clubrooms, 1/3 Edgecombe Court. Moorabbin.** The topics this year are to be. **Wiring looms, Body trimming, Body panel making, Batteries** Various shapes & sizes, in both 6 and 12 volt. (*Put this date in your diary, and please advertise it in your club*). This is general interest material for your members.

Delegates Reports. Once again the Delegates speak faster than I can take notes, so I must only report on some of them.

Kalorama Rally, Sun 21st March. enquiries John Rhodes 9879 7460 A/H.

VDC Reunion Sat 20th. March. Veneto Club Bulleen contact Bill Carson 9803 5405.

Veteran Car Club Rally at Cobram 11th to 14th March Contact Daryl Meek 5331 8412.

Mercedes Benz Club Patrick Devine reported that some of their members are going to Germany 20th Sept. to 9th October.

Phillip Island Racetrack 19th to 21st March will have 32 events, with 500 entrants from here & overseas.

General Business. 1. It was suggested that the Australia Day in the gardens, the main event "The Cars" got no coverage at all, where other minor things got media coverage. It was suggested by several Delegates that we must see that our car club events are well publicised, and we get as many Politicians along to all our activities, and let them know what they can do for us.

2. LP Gas Identification tags to be fitted to front & rear number plates (See page 14 AOMC Newsletter).

3. Seat Belt Fitters. It was suggested that the AOMC Executive make enquiries to see if there is a list of people who are authorised to fit safety belts.

The meeting was closed at 9-15 pm. Next Delegates Meeting Monday 24th May .

Articles of interest in AOMC Newsletter.

Page 7 Easter dates 2010 to 2015.

Page 11 & 22. Membership rules in your club will need to be fixed for the new CPS, (Club Permit Scheme).

Page 21 Ethanol in England.

Page 17 Safety of your club archives. (*Would you be able to find Minutes for say May meeting 1987?*).

Page 13 Full details on AOMC Seminar 31-7-2010

Page 11 Full report on the CPS Information Seminar at Monash 12th December. 2009.

Page 14 LPG tags to be fitted to number plates.