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
21-2-2011 held at Chevrolet Clubrooms,
1/3 Edgecombe Court, Moorabbin.

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Hutchies personal comments in italics to keep Report ethical

This report was compiled by Mr. Peter Galley, as Hutchie had a stay in hospital.

President Iain Ross (Bristol Owners Club), opened the meeting at 7-30 PM & introduced the **Guest Speaker. Rhys Timms,** who went on to tell of his adventures in the Peking Rally in his 1936 MG. 97 vehicles entered, most of which finished the 1400 Km. Rhys and his navigator finished in the first 26 cars after 37 days, despite flat tyres, damage to front springs, brake system, broken diff & windscreen. And yes he would do it all again.

After a short break, President Iain resumed the meeting & advised that the **Revised Club Plate Scheme,** was essentially for club activities & should not be abused.

The AOMC is concerned at lack of Engineers with the knowledge to repair early vehicles, & is seeking talks with the VACC to overcome the problem. The AOMC is also looking at the legal aspects of joint club rooms.

Treasurer Thomas Fiebig, (Mercedes Benz Club of Victoria), ***Sorry, I think I got Thomas' club wrong in my Nov. Report,*** **Our new Treasurer, Mr. Fiebig** reported that the AOMC was in a good financial position.

Show Report, President Iain reported that the 2 Motoring shows are the main income for the Association, & there is a need for more Judges to assist on both days. **April 3rd for Showcase, (British & European). April 10th American. both at Flemington.** Iain also reported on the **Heritage Day, May 15th.** that more clubs are required to act as marshals from the various starting points. It had been decided that a gold coin donation will be taken for the CFA.

Club Plate Scheme. Vice President Rod Amos, (Vintage Sports Car Club), reported that the revised scheme was up & running, despite some hiccups. Some windscreen labels have had the wrong name, so please check to see details are correct. Some members have requested a third plate for their trailer. Rod advised that VicRoads had revised their Modified vehicle rules, but he expressed concern at the lack of knowledge by VicRoads staff on early vehicles.

Engine Number Records. Philip Johnstone, (Triumph Sports Owners Association) reported that most times a search is successful, but he was disappointed when somebody asks for their money back when there is no result. Philip explained that the volunteers have spent just as much time in looking through the records.

AOMC Seminar, Paul Vellacott (Australian Lancia Register), reported on the **Saturday Seminar 31st July** . 6 expert speakers have agreed to speak on the subject of **Club Management.** ***more details in the May AOMC Newsletter.***

Australian Historic Motoring Federation. Iain Ross is President & Graeme Jones, (our Office Administrator) **is secretary.** They are making efforts to establish how many members & vehicles are involved in the Federation. Efforts are continuing to establishing a council in Tasmania.

Delegates Reports. 1. Kalorama Sunday 27th March. John Rhodes (VDC) stated that this event was open to all vehicles 25 or more years old.

2. Wanted, Suitable vehicles for transport on Anzac Day, **Monday 25th April.**

3. Patrick Devine reported that this year Mercedes Benz were celebrating 125 years, with a large display by their club at the **Classic Showcase Show, Sunday 3rd April at Flemington Racecourse.**

4. Delegate from the Gippsland Historic Vehicle Club asked that all clubs attending the **Heritage Day at Yarra Glen racecourse 15th May,** should endeavour to take their local Politician

5. The FB-EK Holden Club Delegate reminded Delegates about **The All Holden Show Sunday 20th March at Flemington.**

6. The Austin 7 Club reminded delegates about **Historic Winton 27th to 29th May.**

7. Picnic at Hanging Rock. The Macedon Ranges club reported on another great day.

General Business.

(a) Seat belts in older cars. In answer to a question from the floor, President Iain advised that the AOMC is seeking assistance from a suitably qualified Engineer, for further advice.

(b) Using a Club Plated Vehicle to tow a trailer to a swap meet was considered a Commercial Process, which is illegal. More to follow.

(c) The Cardinia Motor Sport Complex. Land has been secured, & is in the process of being rezoned. More next quarterly meeting.

Meeting closed 9-30 PM. Next Delegates Meeting May 23rd at RACV Club, Bourke St Melbourne. ***(Note back to usual fourth Monday).***