



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 - 25-5-09 Held at East Malvern RSL.

Compiled by Graham Hutchinson (CHACA) Classic & Historic Auto Club of Australia.

Delegates Meeting opened again at the earlier time of 7-30 PM. by President Iain Ross, (Bristol Owner's Club).
Not so many caught by earlier start this time. Hutchies personal comments in italics, as usual.

Following brief formalities and welcome to one new Club, and new Delegates, Iain spoke about the long service given to the AOMC, by the late **Paul Garter**, and how much he will be missed. Iain stated that he had been honored to speak at Paul's funeral. *On a personal note, I have been a Delegate from CHACA, to the AOMC since 1993, and Paul was an established fixture, at that time, always willing to do whatever was required at the time. Frequently he stepped in to take the Minutes, (in long hand). At any AOMC activity, Paul was the one behind the scene, who did all those little things which needed to be done, to make things run smoothly. Paul will indeed be missed.* There is a Vale notice to Paul, on page 7 of the AOMC Newsletter.

President Iain Suspended Standing Orders, to introduce our **Guest Speaker, Don Kinsey**, who we all know from his knowledgeable commentary on all manner of cars, and indeed mechanical devices of all kinds, at our own Motoring Shows, and also at events like the RACV Great Australian Rally, at Mornington.

Don treated us to a wonderful photographic history of early vehicles, pointing out the early design features. He was able to get close-up shots of many of these vehicles with the aid of George Hetrel, and his museum vehicles.

Don also lead us through the history of famous Australian racing cars, and their drivers, as well as the early days of several of these racing personalities, with an aviation background. ***Congratulations Don, on a great display.***

President Iain Ross resumed Standing Orders, and reported that **Treasurer Tony Aplin**, (BMW Car Club), was in hospital, but had forwarded the balance figure, showing a satisfactory position in our finances. Ian reported that final figures were not in yet, but it looked like a profit from the Shannon's American Motoring Show, would be about \$27,000 with in excess of 800 cars on show. The RACV Classic Euro Show, was also a success, with 700 British and European cars, but those figures were not yet available. **Dates for 2010 Shows, 28-2-10 Classic Euro, 28-3-10 American Show. Delegates were asked to alert their clubs, to avoid clashes.**

Regarding the Euro Show, you may remember there were problems in setting up for this event, (setting up is usually done on the Saturday), but, this was not possible this time, due to there being a race meeting on that Saturday.

There was no mention of this problem during the meeting, but I spoke to Patrick Devine later, and he assured me that the Mercedes Benz Club (with their usual extensive presentation), had been happy with the day.

CHACA were not able to participate this year, due to this date clashing with our own Birthday Run, which attracted 45 club cars to Braeside Park.

Vice President Rod Amos, (Vintage Sports Car Club), **spoke about CPS**, (Club Permit Scheme). *Sorry, but we did not hear some of this report, use the microphone next time Rod.* I think Rod was saying that he hoped to hear from Vic Roads, within weeks. He reported on more strange stuff coming from those few Executive of the Federation, wanting to interfere with the "Rolling 25 Year Rule".

One Delegate, Mr. Norm Nettleton, represents 2 clubs tonight. They are--- Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club, and also the Model T Ford Club. Mr. Nettleton moved that the AOMC support the retention of the Rolling 25 Year Rule.

Norm gave examples, of some quite bizarre results, if the formula suggested by these people, (who claim to represent all the Clubs belonging to the Federation). were to be adopted. It was suggested that the few Federation Delegates, must obtain opinions from all their affiliated Clubs, instead of those from the few who are just Committee Members.

The motion was passed Unanimously by the very large attendance. I did not count those present, but it would have been in excess of 200 Delegates. Many clubs are affiliated with both Federation and AOMC, ***so as there was not one Delegate present, who favored a change from the present rolling 25 years, the people who are coming***

up with these silly suggestions, should be replaced by Delegates who truly represent the club members.

Rod Amos also drew our attention to another of the ideas coming from this "group of tails, wagging the dog", on the subject of Modifications. Rod assured us that conversations he had had with senior Vic Roads people, on the subject of modifications, led him to believe that their views are very close to the comprehensive documentation from the AOMC, he thought Vic Roads were unlikely to accept the nonsense coming from the Federation Committee. *It has always been entirely up to each club to decide on acceptable modifications, more of the same I think.*

There had been questions raised about the "dynamic brake testing", for roadworthy testing. Mr. Amos had discussed this also with senior Vic Roads people, and they accepted that early cars, while they must be able to stop, in a reasonable distance, they are not expected to be the equal of modern cars. **It was suggested, that if in doubt, get your tester, to ring Vic Roads.** The general rule was, that the roadworthy test is for the car to be as good as it was when manufactured. Stop lights and indicators were to be encouraged.

Rod had also raised the matter of clubs doing their own testing. *I have always believed that an independent Roadworthy be obtained, to go onto either Club Plates, or Full Registration, but I can see the value of checking from time to time, by the club, to ensure it is kept roadworthy.*

Dennis Brooks, (Historic Commercial Vehicles of Australia), sent around a slip, for all clubs to fill in, showing what their club did to have your cars out and about, on the 17th. May. The **National Motoring Heritage Day**. The AOMC had the Classic Euro Motor Show, on that day, bringing about 700 British & European cars onto the streets.

Dennis gave notice of the forthcoming annual meeting in September, of the AHMF (Australian Historic Motoring Federation), to be held this year, in Alice Springs. Dennis stated that the officials had not been communicating at all. This was endorsed by President Iain Ross, who is disappointed that so little is being achieved.

One function which this AHMF is responsible for, is the awarding of funds for the Robert Shannon Award. This is funds to encourage young people, who are involved in restoration work. **Delegates were urged to submit the name of any young person within their club, who might be eligible.** There is a special application form available on the AOMC website, <http://www.aomc.asn.au/> **Urgent** the application must be with Philip Johnstone, AOMC, no later than the first week in June, (that's next week), for submission to the AHMF, by the 30th June. The submission must be presented in a "Super Professional" manner, if it is to be considered. Philip Johnstone is happy to assist with the submission. *I did alert you to this date, in my February Report.*

Paul Vellacott, (Australian Lancia Register), spoke about the **AOMC Seminar** to be held here at the RSL East Malvern, Stanley Grose Drive, east Malvern, **8-30 AM start, to finish about Noon. Saturday 18th July.** there is no charge, but to allow for catering, please let Graeme Jones know how many will be coming from your club.

Phone Graeme on 9555 0133. This year the theme is to be, **The Auto Wrecking Industry**. Paul has been amazed at the range of stuff which is available. There is to be somebody from the EPA as well.

There has been a major overhaul of the Incorporations Act. It was hoped to have a person along to the next AOMC Delegates Meeting in August, who can tell us about the changes, and what an incorporated club has to do about it.

Delegates Reports. 1. Armstrong Sidderley Club Delegate reported on a rally at Bathurst, where they were able to drive their cars around the race track. They were happy about the accommodation, and the wide range of activities available.

2. Patrick Devine reported on a scheme introduced at the recent British & European Show, where he carted the President of the Mercedes Benz Club around to introduce him to the Presidents of other clubs. I think Patrick would like the AOMC to do something like this, on some sort of function basis. Watch this space.

3. A Delegate from the Alvis Club, was encouraging Delegates to get their members to attend the Kalorama Rally next year. I think he said it was the 3rd. Sunday in March, 2010.

4. Philip Johnstone, was pleased that his Triumph Club, had again won the "Best Club Display Award", at the recent Classic Euro Motor show. He suggested that to win it next year, start planning now. The guidelines the judges look for are all laid out on the AOMC website, (link above).

5. The Delegate from the Castlemaine Motor Cycle Club, spoke about the great event they staged on Anzac Day.

That's all I can remember folks, next AOMC Delegates Meeting, will be 24-8-09, at the RACV Building.

PS. From 1-6-09, I have a new email address. ghutchinson1@dodo.com.au