



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 24-5-2010 held at East Malvern RSL.

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Hutchies personal comments in italics as usual.

President Iain Ross. (Bristol Owners Club). Opened the meeting at 7-30 PM. by dealing with the usual preliminaries, of welcoming and having visitors & new delegates introduce themselves. Iain announced that there had been 4 new clubs affiliated with the AOMC during the quarter since the last Delegates Meeting.

President Iain asked Delegates to alert their clubs to the correct mailing address **GPO box 2374 Melbourne 3001.** **Some mail is coming through with a V added to the 2374 box No. which is delaying mail delivery.**

He also mentioned that the AOMC have asked the RACV to research the results of using ethanol in older cars.

We were to have a **Mr. Daniel Sangster (from Veh Quip) as our Guest Speaker tonight**, to speak to us about "**child restraints in older vehicles**". For some reason the gentleman failed to show up, so we had no guest speaker tonight.

This was as a result of discussion over recent Delegates Meetings regarding the new VicRoads Regulations, which require seat belts and restraints for young children in all cars, and the requirement the belts are to be installed by . "people authorized by VicRoads". So we are still none the wiser.

President Ian Ross reported on the success of the recent Motoring Shows. The Classic Showcase, (for British & European vehicles), had record numbers of cars & visitors through the gate. The American Show was also a success in spite of the bad weather. *There were no figures detailed this year. In previous years, I have been able to list attendances and profits.*

The Car Shows for 2011 are to be held on the 1st. and 2nd. Sunday in April. The 3rd. for the Classic & 10th for the American Show. both at Flemington as usual. Please see these dates are entered in your club calendar.

Iain called on people to help with the setting up on the Saturday , as it has been left in recent times for too few. *(As one who has helped with this setting up task in the past, I can assure you that many hands make light work with this task) But Hutchie is over 80 now, and is hoping some of our younger people can do their bit.*

Treasurer Tony Aplin (BMW Car Club), reported on our substantial financial position, with again this year, good results from the Car Shows. Unfortunately Tony has had to retire from the position of Treasurer, but the Finances of the AOMC will be in good hands, as Mrs. Pam Hill has agreed to take over until the next AGM in November. **A new Treasurer will be required in November.**

One Delegate asked why we needed all this money in the bank. President Iain spoke of the struggles the AOMC had in earlier days with lack of finances, to be able to support affiliated clubs. Two of the Executive (Philip Johnstone & Rod Amos) spoke about some of the costs of running the AOMC, and of the expenses which may arise due to possible court battles etc.

It was not so long ago that the AOMC had to go in to support a member of one of our clubs, who was charged with inappropriate use of a club car. Fortunately the case was thrown out, when the Policeman was shown to not understand the Club Permit Scheme Rules. It could have been a much more costly affair, if the case had proceeded.

While still awaiting the arrival of our Guest Speaker, President Iain called on **Vice President Rod Amos** (Vintage Sports Owners Club), To report on the latest news from VicRoads, on the new CPS (Club Permit Scheme).

Rod reported that VicRoads had completed their work, and that it was now with the Minister for his final approval. Rod went on to give a report on discussions with VicRoads people, about the "**Code of Conduct**" the AOMC is proposing to develop to overcome VicRoads Regulations (such as VS18), relating to modifications of modern vehicles, and the unsuitable nature of such Regulations to older vehicles. This stuff on modified vehicles is not thought to delay the new CPS.

It is intended to gather a Working Group of knowledgeable people to develop the details for the Code of Practice. Any volunteers?

Mr. Amos gave us a wonderful set of examples of quite minor modifications to older vehicles, which made them safer on the road, while retaining the integrity of the original vehicle. Rod gave so many examples of where certain parts are no

longer available, original design was poor, and with minor alterations could overcome shortcomings and make the car more roadworthy. A synopsis of Rod's thoughts was in a hand out, this is to be sent to all clubs shortly. *Great presentation Rod.*

Paul Vellacott (Australian Lancia Register), reminded Delegates about the **AOMC Seminar. Sat. 31st. July 8 AM at the clubrooms of the Chevrolet Club. 1/3 Edgecombe Court. Moorabbin.** Attendance is free, and all your club members are welcome. Topics to be covered are—**Radiators, Wiring looms, Body panel making, Batteries, Chrome plating, Spray painting.** *It is planned to finish at 12-30, so you have time to go to the football.* Registration forms were handed out, or just **telephone Graeme Jones at the office 9555-0133 to let him know how many are coming,** (for catering purposes).

National Motoring Heritage Day . Several Delegates reported on the activities of their club on the 16th. of May. I reported on the CHACA run to Olinda Rhododendron Gardens. *While there were no "flowering weeds" at this time of year, the autumn leaves were falling, & the trees are magnificent. A great spot for a club run.*

The Buick Club had a tour around Victoria that weekend.

There were reports from several Delegates about special events which took place on the following weekend. *Some clubs are not aware of the importance of having every historic vehicle on display on this special day.*

The Philip Island weekend raised \$28,000 for the bushfire appeal. It was apparently a great success.

The Ford Club visited the bushfire areas of King Lake and Healesville

Rick Code reported on the Gippsland Club run to Buchan to celebrate 100 years since the first car crossing of the Buchan river.

The model T Ford Club Delegate reported on a special run where the club ladies were invited to learn how to drive the model T. He stated that Wives, Daughters, and Grand Daughters came from everywhere. The general wish was for someone other than the Husband had to be the Teacher. The event started at Pakenham, and the Ladies drove short trips from there.

The VDC Delegate reported that next years Kalorama would be the 25th. year of that run. Sorry, missed the rest, they speak too quickly for me to catch it all.

General Business. Due to the difficulty everybody was having with the PA system, it was suggested that some of the AOMC funds should be used to purchase our own. President Iain Ross took the suggestion on board.

Bob Clarke, (CHACA) suggested consideration be given to concession for pensioners at the gate, be extended to members from affiliated clubs. It was pointed out by Iain, that the venue cost \$6,000, and that the entry fee included admission of 2 people per car. Bob suggested that many cars came in with only the driver. Iain said the Executive would look at it.

Dennis Brooks (Historic Commercial Vehicles of Aust.) Reported on a new restriction to the importation of "modified Vehicles". Dennis said the 96 page document was meant for new cars, of the hot rod type, but thought it may affect older cars. The new system now allowed only 1 vehicle every 5 years, where under the old rules, importation was allowed every year .

One of the Delegates stated that the new system was a nightmare, even for older cars. If this affects you or your members, you will have to find the 96 page document.

The meeting was closed at 8-50 PM. earlier than usual, due to no Guest Speaker. **Next Delegates Meeting 23-8-2010, probably at the Chevrolet Car Clubrooms in Moorabbin.**

Articles in the AOMC Newsletter worth a place in your club newsletter.

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