



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 -

24-11-08 Held at East Malvern RSL.

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THIS WAS THE ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEETING

(Hutchie's personal comments as usual in italics)

NOTICE. Several clubs have decided to suspend the issue of Special Use Vouchers, due to rumours which circulated, that they were illegal. A copy of an official letter from VicRoads was distributed before the meeting. It states clearly " that while special use authorization is not defined in the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999. VicRoads guidelines suggest that club permit vehicles can be used, with special use authorization, for activities such as parades, family outings and family weddings."

The letter confirms that "VicRoads position is that should a club Secretary agree to reasonable use of a vehicle for specific purpose (evidenced by a club letterhead authorizing special use of the vehicle), the intended use of the vehicle can be regarded as a use in connection with official activities under the auspices of the club in connection with regulation 310(2)(a)(i) of the above regulations."

In plain language, as in the past, it is up to each club to decide if a request by a member is reasonable use.

Delegates meeting was opened at 8PM by President Rod Adler, (Vintage Drivers Club). President Rod announced that long standing Committing member **Paul Gorter** (R&S Valiant Car club) was in hospital very ill and that we all hoped Paul would return to full health soon.

The preliminaries of new Delegates and visitors introducing themselves, and naming the 4 new member clubs, were dealt with, then President Rod explained that the next item was our guest speaker. *(note that as usual, no time is wasted with apologies from the floor, as Delegates enter these when they sign the attendance sheets as they enter. This saves the tedious delays of the Secretary writing them in the minutes. Try this in your own club.)*

President Rod suspended standing orders and introduced the **Guest Speaker, Mr. Ken Bradley- TCIS Insurance Brokers**, who are specialists in insurance for car clubs. Ken stated that they currently have arranged insurance for 237 car clubs. Of those, only 180 have the cover called "Association and Officials"; Mr. Bradley explained why it is important for all clubs to have this type of cover.

Ken went on to explain (with the aid of the AOMC "magic lantern" projector, the various types of cover which their Company provides, with interesting examples of where things can go wrong in the normal running of a car club. *This man knows insurance, especially as it applies to our clubs. I do not propose to report in detail, as he proposes to pass on all of his presentation to the AOMC, to either distribute to clubs, or to include in the next Newsletter.*

Standing Orders were resumed, to commence the AGM section of the meeting. Minutes of 2007 AGM had been distributed and were accepted, followed by reports from the various officers. When these were completed, the President announced a 15 minute coffee break. As is often the case, this took a little longer than 15 minutes, but it did give time for Delegates to catch up with friends and have a chat.

When we were all finally seated, President Rod called on **Mr. Patrick Devine**, (Mercedes Benz Club), to act as "Temporary Chairman", to conduct the **Election of Office Bearers** for 2009. The results are as follows.----

President, **Iain Ross** (Bristol Owners Club of Australia)

Vice President **Rod Amos** (Vintage Sports Car Club)

Secretary **Richard Snedden** (Wolseley Car Club)

Treasurer **Tony Aplin** BMW Car Club)

Publicity Officer As there was no nomination, the Executive is to appoint somebody as a "casual vacancy".

Committee **Peter Richards** (Mustang Owners Club).

Philip Johnstone (Triumph Sports Owners Association)

Tony Dixon (Daimler Lanchester Club)

Paul Vellacott (Australian Lancia Register)

Frank Bourke (MG Car Club)

Patrick Devine congratulated the people elected, and Rod Adler resumed the Chair, to open the **General Delegates Meeting**.

Treasurer Tony Aplin reported on the finances from 1st. July to the present. He indicated that the profit was down on the same time last year, and as a result, some slight increase in affiliation fees for next year would be required. This new set of figures were distributed prior to the meeting. Tony indicated that the new fees would apply to new clubs joining, but that the accounts had already gone out to existing clubs at the old rates, for the current term. The new rates were approved by the Delegates present.

Tony stated that the first **City to Cape** run had been a financial disaster for the AOMC, but that the problems were to be overcome with the forthcoming event. The 2009 event was being planned to show a profit.

There were several questions regarding the **2009 City to Cape** run, with some Delegates hoping to have the younger cars involved. Iain Ross explained that the **RACV Cape Shank Resort** could only cater for (*I think the figure given was 450 cars*), and the 50 year old cars was from the original aim of setting up a function along the lines of the South Australian **Bay to Birdwood Event**. **Next Year it is 25th. Oct. 2009 (see page 9 AOMC Newsletter)**

Another question was raised regarding the vast discrepancy in profits of about \$4,000 for the British/European Show, and the \$19,000 gained from the American Motoring Show. It was explained that not only were there more than double the number of cars at the American day but there were more than double the spectators through the gate as well.

Take it from one who has been a helper on the day prior to many of these events, there is just as much work in setting up for both. It is not worth the effort for a \$4,000 profit. The clubs must support the event, if it is to continue. If all the B & E clubs put in like the Mercedes Benz people do every year, it will be as good as the American day.

So come on all British & European clubs, come along to the next one. RACV Classic Euro Show

1st. March 2009 at the Melb. Steam Traction Center, Ferntree Gully Rd. Scoresby. But pre-purchase your tickets to avoid delay at the entry gate. Iain Ross explained that Flemington Racecourse had been unavailable in 2009.

5th. April 2009 Shannon's American Motoring Show will be at Flemington Racecourse as usual.

The CPS (Club Permit Scheme) . Rod Amos was asked to report on the topic (*which may have been the main reason for the rather larger attendance*) Rod presented a very comprehensive report, outlining the history so far on what many people are calling "the 90 day scheme". *To the surprise of many delegates, he did not appear to be as furious with the sabotage of the Federation Executive, as most present tonight.*

Rod in fact gave a complete and dispassionate description of the reasons the FVVCVC put forward for their wanting to change things all of a sudden after all these years of inaction. The result of the hastily put together survey to all of our affiliated clubs, asking for a quick response, resulted in an avalanche of replies from clubs wanting the new scheme to go ahead as soon as possible.

Mr. Amos explained that VicRoads had chosen 90 days because the fees we have been paying for CPS are 1/4 of the fee for full registration. He also justified the 90 days, by breaking down normal use of a CPS vehicle.

Mr. Amos presented figures showing the number of clubs involved with the 4 bodies VicRoads has been consulting about this new system. CAMS have not shown interest, as they are only interested in competition, & S/Rods are interested in the modification section, but are happy with the log book side as it has been developed so far.

AOMC 212 clubs (33,000memb.) FVVCVC 93 clubs (10,000) S/Rods 39(1,500) CAMS 96 (n/a)

Many clubs are affiliated with both AOMC & also with Federation. The replies which came in show that 91% of clubs want the proposed scheme to go ahead. (The last survey of clubs in 2006 it was 84%) .

One Delegate suggested that the Federation Executive and its clubs was a case of the tail wagging the dog, as it appears the vast majority of the clubs are in favor of the changes as outlined so far.

Rod explained that VicRoads had completed all they could, the police had been consulted and they were happy, and that VicRoads had appointed a consultant to draw up the document for presentation to the Government.

This was started by the police wanting to be rid of special use vouchers.

The only Delegate present to speak for the Federation idea of (official club runs plus 30 days log books), gave as an example, a 6 month run by model T Fords, where 90 days would not be enough. A Delegate who was an organizer of the recent model T rally, (*sorry, I did not catch his name*), stated that the 6 month run had nothing to do with his event, just because they finished there. And anyway, those NSW cars were all on full registration.

Delegates Reports. Dennis Brooks, (Historic Commercial Vehicles), reported on the article on p11 AOMC Newsletter re. Bunnings & **National Motoring Heritage Day**. Dennis suggested contact at individual stores, Community Coordinator.

I reported on **Hupmobile Centenary rally** at Cessnock NSW & our Swedish companions. (p20 Newsletter).

The Morris Minor Club reported on the great display at Caribbean Gardens recently.

Attention Club Editors good articles for your Newsletter. p12 **New fog light laws**. p19 **Insurance**

p5 to 7 Calendar shows all **Federation Square club displays** for 2009 (always last Sunday, & it's free).

p10 **Engine numbers story**, and also **RACV for Roadworthy tests**.

p20/21 **Ethanol blended petrol** (effects on older cars).