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Joint Clubmen and Clubladies of the year John and Louise Baker and Vin and Lana Forbes cut CHACA's 48th. Birthday Cake at Gallipoli Park, Marysville. 4th. May 2014.

CHACA Coming Events

June 15th. (Sunday, Club Run). Williamstown to Mt. Macedon. (Rene Gielen).

June 26th. (Thursday, 8pm.) General Meeting, 8/41 Norcal Road Nunawading. Mel. 48-G11.

July 12th. (Saturday, Club Run). Fox car Collection, Docklands. (Peter Barker).

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Tea, coffee and snacks are served at the conclusion of each meeting. Visitors and prospective new Members are welcomed.

Club Newsletter

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Nominally 2nd. Wednesday each month.

Journal Nights

Normally 3rd. Thursday every month.

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CHACA CPS Eligibility Criteria

Committee has looked at the draft guidelines and the Sub-Committee has now produced the draft guidelines.

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26th. June 2014

Will be a 'natter night' for a change, although we will still be having the 'Great Car Debate'

This time it is the 1934 Standard Chevrolet, 1934 Ford and the 1934 PE Plymouth. Three great cars.

Thanks again to Margaret Griffin for the slide show last month, quite a few members came up to me to say how much they enjoyed it.

See you at the meeting

RAY GRIFFIN

Vice President

(Also owns both a Chev and a Plymouth!)

Memories

Dear Eddie.

You may wish to print this photo in the Journal.

Lockhart 1977! What a happy weekend! The highlight was meeting Sir Jack Brabham who told us he had a property in the area.

We miss our three time World F1 champion and I certainly miss the '35.

Regards, Wal Martin.

The photo below depicts Sir Jack Brabham standing beside Wal's 1935 Ford at Lockhart in NSW.

For those who are wondering what it's all about:- we (CHACA) had a National Rally to Lockhart in 1977.

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Queensland attended this event and the whole town participated. The shops were decked out with goods from the 30's on display in their windows and some shopkeepers were even dressed in the clothing of the era, as were most CHACA members. The buildings themselves dated back to the 20's and earlier.

We had a street parade down the main street culminating in a staged bank robbery, guns and all.

Wal Martin lost all his cars, including the '35 Ford in the Kinglake bushfire some years ago. He had a magnificent collection and a fantastic garage filled with all sorts of memorabilia.

Breakfast in the Park and Fox Car Collection

Saturday July 12th

And now for something completely different, a morning “eat’n run” event.

This run will take us from our meeting spot in one of Melbourne’s premier public parks, Jells Park, in Glen Waverley to Docklands where we will enjoy the Fox Classic Car Collection which features more than 50 prestige vehicles collected over a 30 year period by Lindsay Fox. The collection includes Bentley, Ferrari, Jaguar, Porsche and Mercedes Benz marques.

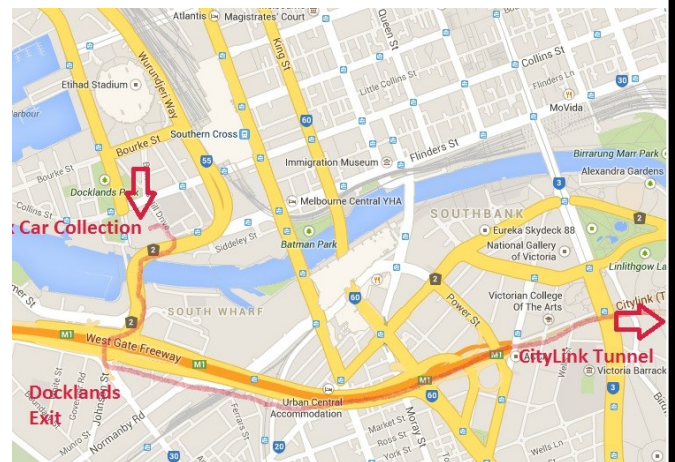
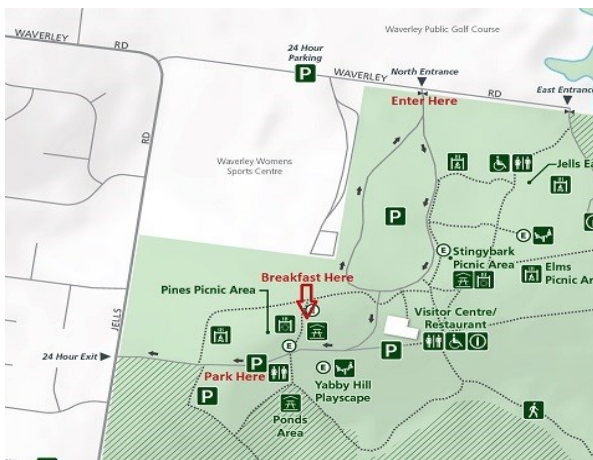
Even the building has an interesting history being a former customs building and tenanted by the government printer in the early 1900’s.

We will view one of the largest Mercedes Benz car collections in the southern hemisphere and experience the high life while wandering through rows of luxurious vehicles such as the Porsche Spyder made famous by James Dean and the Mercedes 300SL the likes of which Pablo Picasso, Juan Fangio and Ava Gardner once owned.

Interested ?

Then read on for details and mark it in your calendar noting that this is a Saturday morning run

8.30am Meeting for Breakfast at Jells Park Glen Waverley (enter off Waverley Rd)
 Enjoy a Bacon & Egg Muffin cooked fresh on the BBQ (supplied by the Club).
 Location – Pines Picnic shelter adjacent to the restaurant – see map details below
 What to bring— BYO tea or coffee cups/mugs and some walking shoes if you’d like to get in some exercise for the day.



9.30 ish Depart for Fox Car Collection and travel via Monash Fwy

10.15am Arrive and park at Fox Classic Car Collection
 749-755 Collins Street, DOCKLANDS 3008
 Entry through Batman's Hill Drive
 (All fees assist charities): \$10 adult, \$8 concession, \$5 children 12 years and under, no charge for preschool children
 Noon to 1.00pm wrap up and head for home at your leisure. Some may wish to go on to lunch with CHACA friends as the mood takes them, others may want to explore the Docklands precinct a little more and others will start to head for home via the route of their choice or take a stroll across the river and visit the Polly Woodside!
 Any queries, please call run coordinator, Peter Barker, on 0417 051 674

Advance Notice 17th August 2014
Trip to Freestone Road Haven
Airey's Inlet

Will meet for coffee at Queenscliff and then we go to the Freestone Road Haven for lunch.
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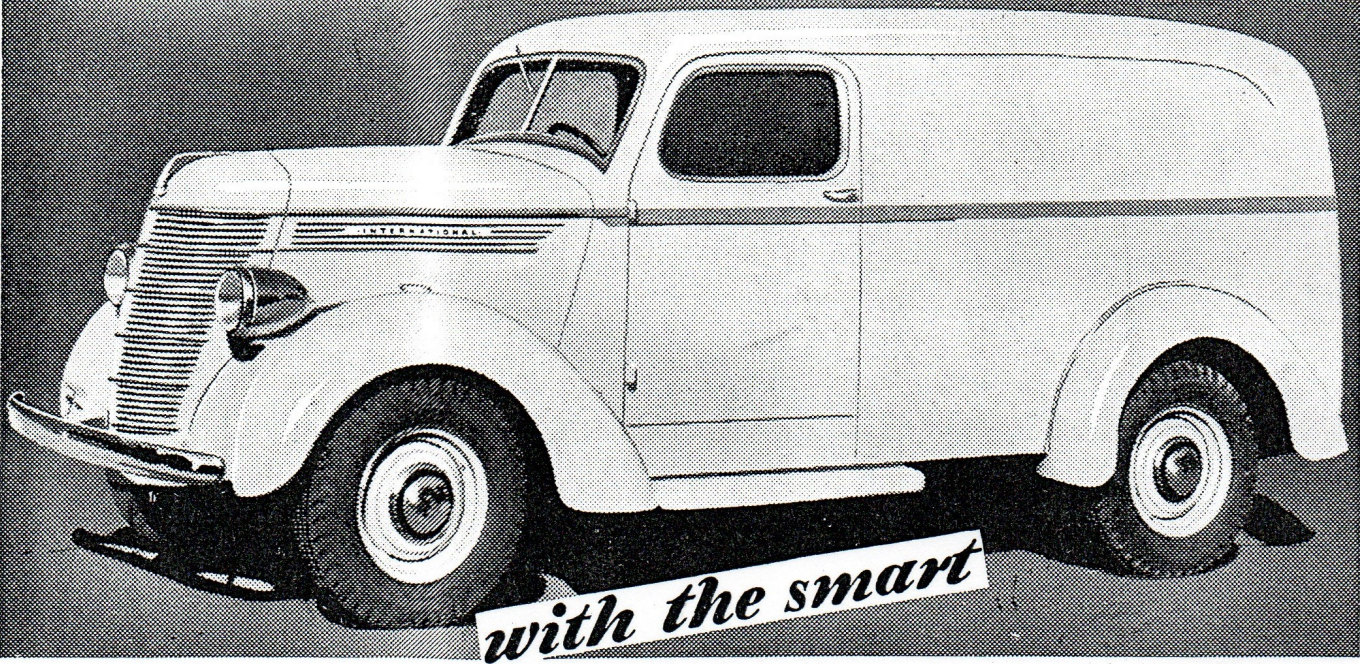


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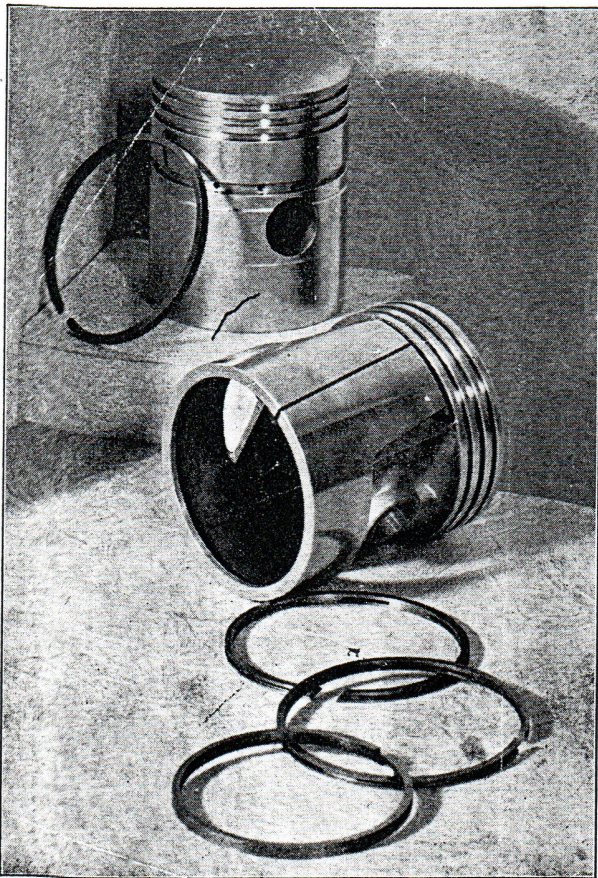
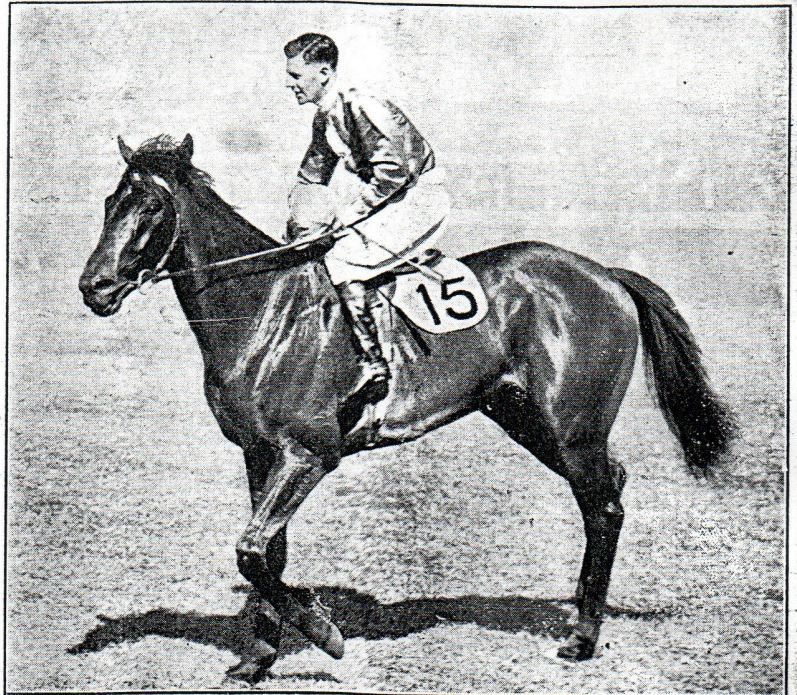
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Bobby Darins “Dream Car”

A 1960 DiDia

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Andrew Di Dia**



The 1960 DiDia 150 was a luxury, custom-designed iconic, handmade car also known as the "Dream Car" forever associated with its second owner, singer Bobby Darin.

The car was designed by Andrew Di Dia, a clothing designer, who Bobby Darin had met whilst on tour in Detroit in 1957. Darin telling Di Dia at the time that he would purchase the car if he ever "hit it big".

For seven years, from 1953 to 1960 the DiDia 150 was hand-built by four workers, at a cost of \$93,647.29 but sold to Darin in 1961 at a cost of over \$150,000 (1.5 million today).

[At the time the car was listed as most expensive 'custom-made' car in the world by the Guinness Book of Records.]

The body was hand-formed by Ron Clark and constructed by Bob Kaiser from Clark Kaiser Customs. Its metallic red paint was made with 30 coats of ground diamonds for sparkle.

Built in Detroit, Michigan, clothing designer Andrew 'Andy' Di Dia designed this "unrestrained and unconventional" automobile. Only one example was ever built. The normal V8 engine is located at the front with an engine displacement of 365/427. It has a rear-wheel drive, the body and chassis is hand-formed from 064 aluminum with a 125-inch wheelbase alloy tube frame.

It has a glass cockpit in back, a squared steering wheel and thermostatically controlled air conditioning system.

The interior is rust colored in contrast to the ruby paintwork. The design included the first backseat-mounted radio speakers and hidden windshield wipers, that started themselves when it rained.

Other features include: retractable headlamps, rear indicators that swivel as the car turns, 'floating' bumpers and a trunk that was hinged from the driver's side. Each of the four bucket seats have their own thermostatically controlled air conditioning, individual cigarette lighters and ashtrays, as well as a radio speaker. The original engine, a Cadillac V8, was later replaced by a 427=20 high-performance by Ford when it was taken on the show circuit.

Darin drove his wife, Sandra Dee, in the car to the 34th Academy Awards in 1961. When Bobby drove the car to the Academy Awards, Andrew Di Dia and Steve Blauner followed behind him in a limousine. The car had two fans and a switch that you had to turn on. Bobby didn't realize, so it heated up. All the magazines said the car caught fire but it didn't.

Di Dia toured the car around the country, when Darin wasn't using it for public appearances. After publicity and Film use, Darin donated his "Dream Car" to the St Louis Museum of Transportation in 1970 where it remains.

Andrew Di Dia.....car designer

Compliments.....Steve Beardon

Three Aussie blokes working up on an outback mobile phone tower:

Mongrel, Coot and Bluey

As they start their descent, Coot slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly.

As the ambulance takes the body away,

Bluey says, 'Well, bugger me, someone's gotta go and tell Coot's wife.

Mongrel says, 'OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it.'

Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of Beer.

Bluey says, 'Where'd you get the grog, Mongrel?'

'Coot's wife gave it to me,' Mongrel replies.

'That's unbelievable, you told the Missus her husband was dead and she gave

You a case of beer?'

'Well, not exactly', Mongrel says.

'When she answered the door, I said to her, "you must be Coot's widow."

She said, 'You must be mistaken. I'm not a widow.'

Then I said, 'I'll betcha a case of beer you are.'

Aussies are good at that sensitive stuff.

Up Coming Swap Meets for 2014

8th June 2014 Maldon Swap Meet Maldon Racecourse

June 2014 **PAKENHAM SWAP MEET** This event to be held at the Pakenham Racecourse [Mel 317 G9]

29th June 2014 **THE FRIDGE SWAP MEET** Coldest Swap Meet in Australia Ballarat Multi Storey Car Park Cnr Doveton and Dana Sts, Ballarat Vic

September 2014. **SHEPPARTON SWAP MEET**, Shepparton Showgrounds, High St (Midland Hwy) Shepparton.

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Vale Tom Lambert. 21/4/24 to 20/5/14

Longer standing members of CHACA will remember Tom Lambert, Past Editor, Past Secretary, Past President, Past Activities Officer, Life Member and the instigator of our extremely successful Swap Meets. It was these Swap Meets that put CHACA on the map financially and continues to see us in good stead some 17 years later.

Tom passed away on 20th. May at the Mt. Martha Nursing Home.

Tom joined CHACA in 1971 and served as Editor of CHACA from 1973 to 1978. Then in 1982 he volunteered his services as President till 1984.

Tom was well known for his "White Lady", a 1940 Oldsmobile 70 Series sedan. This car first appeared on a CHACA run to Kalorama in October 1971 and faithfully served Tom and his wife Bernice (now deceased) for the next 40 years. Tom and Bernice were regular attenders on Club runs and in fact won several awards over the years:-

Attendance Awards for the years 1974, 1976, 1979, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1992, 1993 and 1996, Clubman of the Year 1973, 1986 and 1990.

In 1984 Tom sponsored the Club's "Participation and Preparation Award" (the Tom Lambert Perpetual trophy).

He won that award in 1990.

However, Tom's greatest achievement was his formation of our Swap Meet.

Despite protestations from the committee that it couldn't be done he persisted. The first swap-meet was held at the old Rowville Drive-in site in 1979 and was an outstanding success. 4 years later we moved to Chirnside Park which was undercover, and we started running two swaps a year. Then in 1989 we moved to the Victorian Wholesale fruit and vegetable market. For seventeen years Tom managed all our swapmeets until we ceased in 1997 in deference to the All Makes swapmeets of which we became shareholders.

Tom has been a valuable asset to the Club and we were indeed fortunate to have had him as a member.

Our condolences go out to his family.

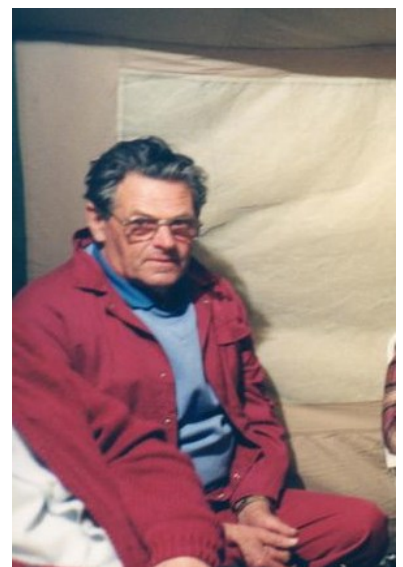


The "White Lady"



A very young Tom Lambert

A very tired Tom after a long day on his site at the Bendigo Swap Meet.



CHACA 48th. Birthday Run. Gallipoli Park Marysville. 4th. May 2014.

Car run organiser James Allan.

Quite a few cars met at Lilydale Lake.

Very chilly with sun shining. This did not stop people meeting and greeting, enjoying a cuppa and using the facilities.

The cars took off after 10.30am and made their way to Marysville randomly with instructions from James in hand.

We arrived at Gallipoli Oval around 11.30 am and were greeted by Barry Smith pointing out our pavilion. Peter Barker had all the Bbq's heating up nicely. Peter and helpers did a fantastic job.

David Landells purchased the sausages and hamburgers on behalf of the club.

They were quickly put on to start the cooking process as people were cold and hungry.

James Allen purchased nice table cloths and sturdy plastic plates and cutlery with serviettes and condiments sauce etc. to make the occasion special.

Barry Smith kept the urn going and topped up efficiently, and tea and coffee was available on arrival.

Everyone got stuck into setting up. And not long after we were enjoying our BBQ lunch.

We all had and enjoyable lunch and plenty of conversation kept us warm and happy.

Although the day was bitterly cold, everyone enjoyed the day and were delighted to see Marysville coming back to life with new buildings mixed with the old.

The Birthday Cake was cut by the traditional club men and women of the year.

This year being Vin Forbes and John Baker and their wives Lana and Louise, appropriately dressed in our new Chaca Club Regalia.

The large Chocolate mud cake was cut by Lana, and helpers distributed for members to enjoy. Maybe the leftovers will be at the next club meeting. Cake ordered at Michelle's patisserie .

A special presentation was made to a surprised and honoured Henry Alger.

Henry being made a life member of Chaca, he being a founding member and long time supporter of Chaca. The presentation was made by our President Kevin Churchill. Henry made a lovely speech and he was very proud of his new status. His speech brought tears to Trish and many other members eyes.

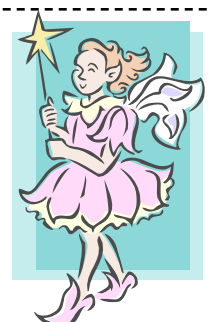
Thank you to Chaca on a great birthday experience. We all appreciated it very much. We also appreciate the members new and old who worked hard to make the day a success.

We hope the new members enjoyed the day and we thank them for their help and attendance.

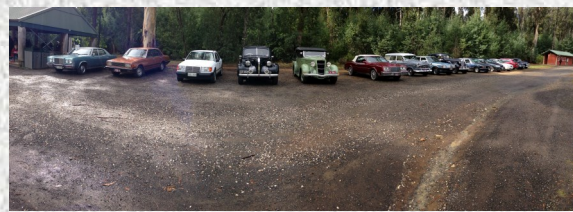
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**Wives are magicians.
They can turn anything into an argument.**

Courtesy Ian Hanks







The Tale of a Channel Crossing

The idea of driving my amphibious Jeep across the English Channel materialised over an evening drink at the Bull's Head, Shenstone. It was a good little vehicle with a fair road performance. After all, such a vehicle -'HALF SAFE'- had driven across the angry Atlantic Ocean to the African coast and thence via Europe and the Channel to England and then to Australia.

That morning in August 1959 dawned bright at Dover, and the prospects looked good. However, we soon experienced our first problem—the customs authorities. Although they were trying to be as helpful as possible, no one could decide which form to use, one for a boat, or one for a car. Anyway, after considerable delay, it was suggested that we should just go, and forget the normal formalities.

So at about 9.30 am, my red and blue Jeep drove down the ramp into the calm waters of Dover Harbour. These conditions gave no indication of those to be encountered outside the walls. Nevertheless, our initial progress in a fairly choppy sea was good at about 5 knots. I recall overtaking a large yacht and asking the surprised helms-woman if we were on the right road for Calais.

About a couple of hours out, the passing of the car ferry confirmed our navigation. It was not long after this that conditions began to deteriorate. The sea was increasing and haze had reduced visibility to about a mile; even though the sun was still shining as the forecast had suggested. Not only were conditions outside getting worse, but also those inside our stomachs. In fact, one of the crew was already convinced that it would be better to drown. By mid-morning it was obvious that the initial delay and the slower progress latterly had left us battling against both wind and tide.

The little craft fought bravely against mounting seas and considering that we had no top or even side windows, it shipped very little water. Directional stability was good, thanks to the accurate steering. However, in order to prevent the water over the side it was necessary to keep swinging the bow (bonnet) into the waves. This made navigation very difficult. Our compass was

ex-aircraft and heavily damped, and before it had corrected after a yaw one way, we were already going the other; and both we and the poor instrument became confused.

At about this time we realised there was an increase of watery sounds from the bilges, and a glance at the outlet of the bilge pump revealed there was no water being ejected. Standing on my head on a bobbing craft to remove the floor section and inhale oily fumes when my stomach was already dancing the hornpipe, is still one of my most unpleasant memories. My efforts only confirmed the failure of the pump. The filter was blocked and as the unit was water-cooled, it had stopped working.

Slowly the intake of water, some shipped and some through the drive-train seals which were never 100%, overtook our efforts at bailing. Eventually, at about 5 pm, water reached the ignition. With no steerage way matters worsened. All loose equipment was jettisoned; still the water level rose, so we decided to abandon ship.

We were very lucky and the survival precautions we had taken may well have saved our lives. As members of an underwater club, it was second nature to bring all our swimming equipment, including dry rubber suits. These were put on over our clothes, mask and snorkel were added to protect the eyes and ease breathing, swim fins and CO2 inflatable life jackets completed the outfit.

Clad thus, the crew stepped overboard to a K type one-man dinghy which proved to be too small to be of much value. Late afternoon turned to evening and night fell. We were tired, very sick, and a little cold. Darkness revealed the light beacon of Calais—so near and yet so far. Gradually, the wind and the tide took us back into the Channel.

Time passed, the sea calmed and the poor old Jeep was still with us—but only just. For a while, we climbed back on where it was a little warmer; in fact, we even slept, but soon reverted to the safety of the sea in case she capsized. When conditions improved a little more we made a last ditched effort on the bilges. In fact, at one stage the engine actually fired but that starting system

was never good and wouldn't rally to the task.

At about 1 am, we were aroused from the depths by the sound of many diesel motors. A galaxy of navigation lights approached from the east. There was still enough life in our battery to work our own lights. I wrenched the spotlight from the bonnet and turned it towards the nearest boat. This time the beam actually reached the little wooden trawler. Her engine slowed and she came around and drew alongside; the French crew gazed down amazed, after all, even a fisherman's imagination doesn't stretch to find a road vehicle parked in the English Channel.

What remained of our equipment was passed aboard, including a fair amount of tinned food.

As the Jeep was still floating, the captain decided to try a tow. After a few yards, the poor old Jeep

was swamped, there it hung, still on its rope, its headlights like green eyes gazing up helplessly.

We suggested that it should be left dangling, to be dropped in shallow water from where we could salvage it. The captain did not agree, or perhaps misunderstood, and insisted on trying to get it on the towing gear. The top rope stretched from the winch on the bows of the trawler along the deck and through an eye in the stern. All the crew held the rope, but somehow amidst much shouting and waving of arms, it was released from the winch. The pull was too much for them and gradually the hawser began to accelerate along the deck until it flashed through the eye. The last man having to let go just in time.

Well, that was the end — my amphibian was gone.



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CLASSIC & HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE CLUB of AUSTRALIA MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held on May 22nd 2014 at CHACA Club Rooms
Norcal Road Nunawading

Mr Kevin Churchill welcomed those in
attendance to the May meeting of CHACA.

VALE – Tom Lambert

Mr. Churchill informed members of the sad loss
of Life Club Member Tom Lambert. Mr Lambert
was the instigator of the Swap Meet and held
positions of President, Secretary, Editor and
Activities Officer and generously devoted over 30
years to assisting with the Journal. Members were
asked to share memories of Mr Lambert and a mi-
nute silence was held.

Attendance as per Attendance Register

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New Members and visitors:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES APRIL 2014 MEETING

Moved that minutes be changed to reflect the
omission of a thank you to Mr Mark Plackett. Mr
Plackett provided a very interesting and informa-
tive discussion on antibiotics.

Accepted: J Rennie **Seconded:** B Garrett **Carried**
**BUSINESS ARISING FROM APRIL 2014
MEETING:**

CHACA Sub-committee guidelines for CPS
vehicle eligibility criteria placed in journal. Any
comments, problems or suggestions for improve-
ment to be forwarded to: Brian Garrett at
bjgarrett@optusnet.com.au or call 9459 1779.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

Email – Taylor Fielding – Australian Financial
Review article – investing in cars
AOMC –Code of Conduct for Members
AOMC – Club Permit Scheme Seminar
Maldon Swap Meet June 8 2014

Outwards:

RACV – change of address re: B. Smith.
Historic Winton – change of address re: B. Smith
VicRoads – change of Club's address

BUSINESS ARISING FROM

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Committee will discuss the Code of Conduct
at their next meeting.

Club Permit Seminar will be covered in reports.

Moved: G Moore **Seconded:** I Hanks **Carried**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis Healy provided written advice receipts for
the month of April 2014 were as follows:

Receipts: \$ 71.00

Payments: \$1070.05

Balance: \$3898.85 at 30 April 2014

Moved: K Churchill **Seconded:** I Hanks
Carried

MONTHLY REPORTS

President – Kevin Churchill

Mr Henry Alger vested with Honorary Life
Membership at CHACA Birthday run.

VicRoads reminder to all members on club plates
that vehicles must remain roadworthy – the Club
is ultimately responsible.

Vice President – Ray Griffin

Recently attended vintage caravan nationals at
Broken Hill and will present a slideshow.

Next month will be a "Natter Night"

Technical Officer – Neville Thomas Kunnel

If ringing Neville please leave a message with
your details and he will return your call. Some
older members have still not submitted
photographs for renewal despite several contact
attempts. Renewals will not be signed off without
the photographs.

Membership Secretary – B. Smith

Quiet, no new members

Journal- Eddie Reynolds

Post Office has introduced changes for mailing
Journal. Sometimes important to contact members
between Journals so please ensure Eddie has your
up to date email address.

Property – Eddie Reynolds

Name badges are now available for those who
ordered them.

Activities- Peter Barker

Congratulations to James Allan on organising a
very successful Marysville Birthday Run. James
spoke about the event and thanked those who
assisted in the set up.

"Let's Go West" is on 15 June, details in Journal.
Breakfast in the Park & Fox Car Collection
reminder it is on Saturday not Sunday, 12 July.
Members free in the afternoon. Also preliminary
notification re: Freestone Road Haven trip on 17
August.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

AOMC

CPS SEMINAR – Barry Smith

Seminar held with our delegates being Bob Clark and Barry Smith. Changes to the CPS are imminent, awaiting formal notification from VicRoads however indications are that the scheme will be pushed out for vehicles to 30 years not 25 years and annual photographs will be introduced. The 30 year rule would only apply to new members not existing ones. A new code for a modified vehicles scheme is also proposed. Again we are awaiting confirmation of this. A note to members; VicRoads are using fixed cameras to audit log books so please remain vigilant in filling out log books.

AOMC – GENERAL

AOMC is financially healthy. A major motor show will be held next year in March for historic and modern vehicles. Thankyou's given to those who organised the CPS Seminar.

Peter Galley indicated he would be unable to continue his role as an AOMC delegate and as Bob Clark has also requested assistance CHACA requires two new delegates. If interested please contact a Committee Member – these meetings are held quarterly so would not require a large time commitment. Thank you Peter for your past contribution.

FEDERATION

Brian Garrett attended the last meeting and will provide a report for the Journal.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE OR WANTED

Toyota Corolla carburettor - \$30 – contact Peter Cassar – 9459 1494

Dodge Spirit – '84 or '86 part of deceased estate – contact Terry Herbstreit – 9789-6376

1927 Plymouth restored – contact Ray Griffin – contact 5977 6649

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mail Box

Peter Galley asked why there was a change to mail collection arrangements and who collected it and how after so many years with the same PO Address. This could be confusing for other clubs. Kevin Churchill collects the mail, distributes it promptly, and effort has gone into ensuring everyone is aware of the change. Mr Galley stated this was a backward step. The Committee noted his concern and will review the arrangement should any issues arise.

Yarra Glen Event

Victor Pace asked why this was not a designated club event as it was last year and commented on

the lack of promotion. Approx. 6 members did attend.

ACTION: Consider putting it on the Event Calendar for next year.

Great Car Debate :

Terry Herbstreit gave a very informative and entertaining talk on the greatness of Mini Minors. Did you know in 1966 Mini Cooper S Types outright filled the first 9 places at Mt Panorama? Bob Clark was an apology due to illness.

NEXT MONTH: The Battle of the 34's – Ford vs Chevy vs Plymouth

Smith's vs Griffin's vs Lester – Margaret Griffin to follow up.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Ray & Margaret Griffin presented a very interesting travelogue on The Vintage Caravan Nationals to Broken Hill.

Particularly interesting were the spanner sculptures in Boort. Thank you for your efforts – it was great.

The raffle was drawn. Winners were: H Alger, K Ross, P Barker, G Smola, O Kosta, M Whiting

Next Meeting Thursday 26th. of June 2014

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.42 P.M.



Old is Great

An old Woman was asked, "At your ripe age, what would you prefer to get: Parkinsons or Alzheimers?"

The wise one answered, "Definitely Parkinsons - Better to spill half my wine than to forget where I keep the bottle."

And so say all of us !!!

Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic vehicle Clubs

General Meeting at Barham. 3rd May 2014.

The following is a summary of the relevant matters from that meeting.

The National Motoring Day will be celebrated on the 18th May 2014. Clubs will organise events.

The Peninsula Hub Rally sponsored by the RACV was a great success even though some rain was experienced. Fifty seven cars attended.

The next Hub run will be in 2016 and start at the Marong Picnic. Federation is looking for a club to run the 2016 Rally.

The Scoresby Picnic run was also a great success. This was the event which had previously been held at Pakenham. It appears that Scoresby will now be the permanent home for this run. Over 300 cars attended along with steam engine displays etc. Trophies for all classes. Next run on April 4th 2015.

Bendigo to Castlemaine run for Veteran and Vintage cars scheduled for the June long weekend has been cancelled and now scheduled for the Saturday 30th August, the day before the Marong Picnic.

Planning is under way for the 2015 Australia Day event. Emphasis will be on ex military vehicles and will celebrate the 100 years since Gallipoli.

No information has been formally distributed from Vic Roads on revised CPS rules apart from a preliminary email to the Federation and AOMC.. VicRoads has advised that they will shortly be sending a letter to clubs with revised CPS details and will be asking for feedback from the clubs so that the CPS rules can be firmed up.

A new Vehicle Standards Information Document VSI-33 will be issued In future. This document will be for period modifications above VSI-8. It will enable modification to older cars to improve safety and reliability.

A new number plate will apply for vehicles modified beyond VSI-33. It will have five numerals and an "M" to indicate a modified vehicle. These vehicles will need a VASS certificate (Vehicle Assessment Signature Scheme). Any vehicle currently on an H plate and modified beyond VSI-8 and 33 will need to move across to an M plate and have a current VASS certificate. If no VASS certificate held then an engineering inspection will be required.

Vic Roads are also reviewing CPS approval to various clubs that either do not comply with the CPS rules or is not a club in the eyes of the law. Twenty clubs have recently been removed from the CPS approval system.

It now appears certain that the year of manufacture eligibility for the CPS scheme vehicles will be 30 years from date of build. This will not be retrospective.

Coming Federations events:

Tour to Castlemaine. Vintage & Veteran cars only. 30th August 2014

Marong Picnic 31st August 2014

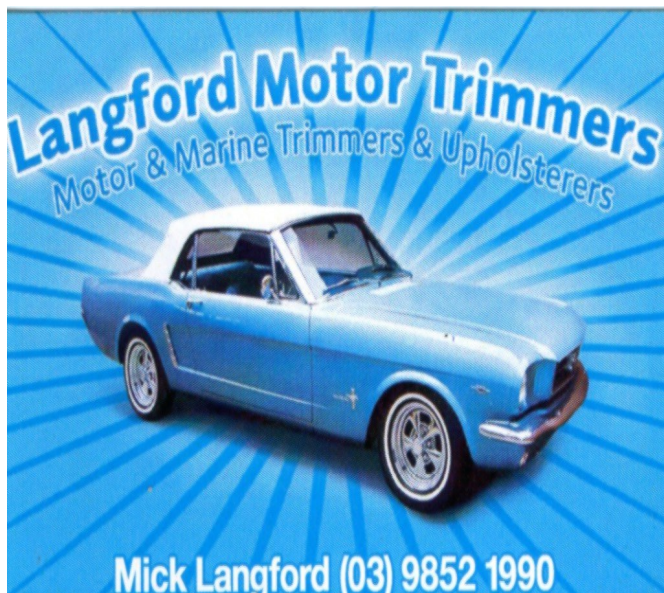
Maffra Picnic. 12th October 2014

Go to the Federation web page at <http://www.federation.asn.au/index.htm> for info on all coming events.

Brian Garrett

Events & Swap Meets of Interest to Club members

31st August	Federation Picnic at Marong
5th October	Last of the Chrome Bumpers, Lardner Park
12th October	Truck Show and Swap Meet, Alexandra, Victoria. John 0407 722 755.
12th October	Federation Picnic at Maffra
26th October	Benalla Cruise and Shine, PH: 03 5766 4235 or 0417 121 540
2nd November	Lions Of Balmoral Show and Shine, PO Box 9 Balmoral, Victoria
9th November	33rd Annual Display Historic Commercial Vehicle, Yarra Glen Racecourse Russ 0409 073 523 Ken 03 9727 1060
15th/16th November	Federation Bendigo Swap Meet
23rd November	Sandown Truck Show
7th December	Big Boys Toys Car Show Family Fun Day Essendon Airport Fields 9 am—5 pm (<i>proceeds to muscular dystrophy research</i>)



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Alf Watts. <alferd1938@optusnet.com.au>

Mobile. 0458999130 (0314)

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It is believed that scheme participants that renew at their local Vic Roads office will not be affected by this delay.

It is recommended that for the time being renewals should be forwarded in person to the branches rather than posted to Vic Roads headquarters.

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Barry Smith 14 Jacqlyn Avenue, Rye Victoria, 3941

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Club Permit Scheme Renewal of Permit.

Send to Neville Thomas Kunnel the Permit together with a copy of your current Membership Card and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Neville will return it to you for you to pay at your nearest Vic Roads Office. You can also see Neville at meetings, **please bring along a copy of the Permit for Club records, also the 3 photos of your Club Permit vehicle/s if Neville doesn't already have them.**

FOR New Applications/renewals: Contact Neville Thomas Kunnel

Email.....thomas_neville@yahoo.com.au

PHONE: 03 8712 3161 MOB: 0422 324 072

1 Val Court, Dandenong, Vic 3175

To all Permit Plate Holders

Due to VicRoads tightening their control on all Clubs involved with the Club Permit Scheme (CPS) we now request that all members issued with a Permit through CHACA since February 1st. 2011 under the new Log Book scheme attend at least one Club Run or Meeting every 6 months **with the Car**. This will assist the Club in ensuring your vehicle continues to meet with all the guidelines and conditions of use as set out by VicRoads and CHACA.

Members are also reminded that the Club is bound by the new rules of this scheme to advise VicRoads of any Permit Holder who is no longer a financial member of the Club.

Any queries please contact

Neville Thomas Kunnel on **Ph: 8712 3161 Mob: 0422 324 072**

Photos for Club Records

All members

Please send 3 photos of your Club Permit vehicle to Neville (if you haven't already done so).

1. A 3/4 view of the front right
2. A 3/4 view of the rear left
3. The engine

Size of photos: 6x4 inches or 15x10cm.

CPS Handbook

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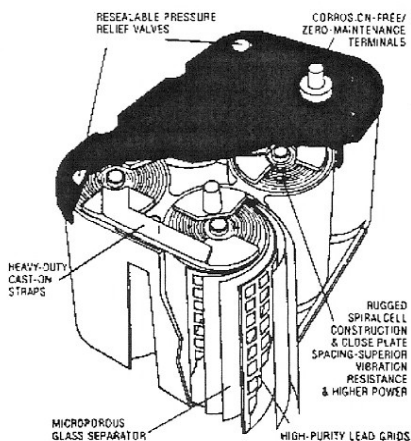
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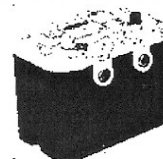
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Email: annecampbell3@bigpond.com

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