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President's Piece

Hello and welcome to Winter. The rain is welcome and we always need more, except for the day of our Swap Meet. Set up day was a shocker, but by luck (and Fred's praying) swap day came out cool but dry. It was another great swap meet this year and a credit to our wonderful swap leader and his committee. Also a big thanks to all those who made the effort to help out on the day and setting up prior. It is these sorts of events that enable us to keep our membership fees at a reasonable level and continue to grow the club. Especially a big thanks to the kitchen ladies who, once again, put on a scrumptious dinner for the briefing night then kept the army of volunteers fuelled up over the next couple of days. Comments from buyers and sellers were again very positive about the friendliness and great organising of the Swap. I am always proud to tell people I'm in the WDHVC and after an event like the Swap, even more so. Now the important questions; did you all get a bargain or did you all manage to get rid of some treasures and a good price? Always a good measure of how successful your day was.

A great talk from *Catriona Rowntree* at our last meeting, I'm sure most of us would think how wonderful it must be to be zipping all over the world and visiting all those amazing places. I would imagine the reality of living out of a suitcase could get a bit wearisome very quickly. Great tips on how to beat jetlag and how to ingratiate yourself with the locals too.

As this goes to print, I find myself doing what so many of you have been doing for some years, relaxing in the relative warmth of north Queensland having a couple of weeks to shake off the Victorian cold. I've never been this far north so I'm sure it will be an experience to remember. I've even bought a phrase book so I can talk to the locals.

Had success with my little project this last month. Finally has its plates on and is now drivable. Had a few little things come up but these issues are minor and pretty much resolved now but now I need some nicer weather to really have a good drive to iron out any more bugs.

Saddened this month to hear of the passing of *Eddie Thorpe*. Eddie was a member many years ago but had re-joined only in the last two years after being on the waiting list for some time. Eddie had a 29 Desoto and a somewhat unique Jaguar, the model I am unsure of. I was talking with him Good Friday and so it was a great shock to hear he had passed. Condolences to his family.

I will be absent from the next general meeting so I'll be leaving you in the capable hands of your VP *David*. I'm sure he will do a good job but don't give him too much praise or I might not get my seat back.

As I always say, get out in your car or out in your shed.

Dallas

Cover Photo: "Traffic Jam" - cast metal toys from a swap meet stall

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 592 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 14th MAY 2019

PRESIDING

President Dallas Jones opened the meeting and welcomed 128 members and a visitor, Andrew Park, to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Noreen Mellington, Kevin Hunter, Sandra Batson, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Bernie & Jean Ellson, Graham & Raelene Pretlove, Daniel Murdoch, Paul Strickland, Alan Tipper, Eva Barwise, Joan Stott, John Sullivan, Steve Turner, Rob & Lyn Anderson, Frank McKenzie, Jim Maffett.

Moved: Jim Coates

Seconded: Ken Batson Carried

SICK LIST

None

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous general meeting as published in the *Backfire* confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Roger Sykes

Seconded: Graham Baldock Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Roger Vaughan letter of resignation from the WDHVC.
- Coral Lehmann letter of resignation from the WDHVC.
- Cheryl Elliott letter withdrawing her nomination from the Committee for 2019-20.
- Margot Jarman sent photos of cars that may be of interest to the Club.

Emails In

- Doug Green inquiry about his place on the membership waiting list.
- State Library of Victoria details on the new electronic system for the monthly *Backfire* lodgment.
- City of Greater Geelong reminder to collect the Swap roadside community signs.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

- Cheryl Elliott requesting the return of Club keys.

Emails Out

None

Moved: Libby Booley

Seconded: Graham Cameron Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

As the Swap financials are still being finalised, Maurice presented a partial summary only this month. A full report will be provided at the next meeting.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Graham Anderson Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Catriona Rowntree will be the guest speaker at this meeting. The June meeting will be a Pie Night.

LIBRARY (Gary)

Gary had an interesting story on Sydney's funeral trains and stations.

DINE OUT (Gary)

Ten members said they plan to attend.

EDITOR (Jon)

No Backfire issues this month.

WEBSITE (Damien)

There is a continuing good level of external interest in the Web Site. Damien has provided more DVDs available for loan from the Club library.

FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

No Federation meeting since the last report

COMMITTEE REPORT (David M)

At the recent Committee meeting discussions included :

- David Perkins has volunteered to be our Federation delegate.
- The existing Committee vacancy will not be filled for 2019-20.

MERCHANDISE (David M)

No report this month.

TINKER DAY (Ray)

Thanks to Gary and Noreen Mellington for making the Club welcome at last month's Tinker Day.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Barry correctly guessed Gary Tonkin and so he took home the Mars Bar this month.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Six 2018-19 financial year members have not renewed and so their Club plates have been revoked. Three more members' cars have been added to the plate scheme.

CRAFT NIGHT

Volunteers needed to organise the craft night.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- Karl Lorenz reported that he had been at 5 events since the last meeting. The Rheola Easter Carnival was his highlight and he recommends it to members in 2020.
- John Bailey enjoyed the Camperdown Clock Tower visit.
- Gus Shea said the ANZAC day run and BBQ was a great success.
- Upcoming events:
 - ◊ Seasick Rally this weekend;
 - ◊ Contact Barb van Galen for details on the June 6 Coffee Run;
 - ◊ Lunch at Winchelsea on June 9th.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Albury confirmed as the base for this year's run.

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

Window winders this month

SWAP MEET (Fred)

President Dallas formally thanked Fred and the Swap Committee for their work in once again running an excellent event.

KITCHEN (Rhonda)

Rhonda thanked all those who had helped in the kitchen over the Swap.

GUEST SPEAKER

Catrina Roundtree proudly displayed her Great Uncle's 1965 Jaguar and entertained the meeting with car and travel stories.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Judith Matthews asked that members reach out to those fellow members who need support. Please let Graham Pretlove know if you have visited a member or know of a member who may appreciate a visit.
- Dallas will be away for the next meeting.
- Rod Booley was presented with the engraved Club member of the Year award. President Dallas had formally thanked Rod at last month's meeting.
- The Eric Baker award was presented to Ray van Galen. President Dallas thanked Ray for his continuing active role in the Club.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

- See the next *Backfire* for MG TE tail lights for sale.
- See John Hickford for details of free Ford Falcons in Anglesea.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 11th June 2019 in the clubrooms.

- Leigh Dwyer

ERIC BAKER AWARD GOES TO RAY VAN GALEN



Ray van Galen was presented with the Eric Baker Award for 2019, in recognition of his contributions to the running of the club. These include organising the very popular Tinker Days, the Smell the Roses runs and his support of wife Barb in her work as Member Registrar. President Dallas announced the award at the May meeting and presented Ray with the perpetual trophy.

- Ed



May Guest Speaker and Feature Car

Catriona Rowntree and her 1965 Jaguar S-type

When our guest speaker and fellow club member, Catriona Rowntree, began speaking to the May meeting, she warned us that she could “talk the leg off a chair” and urged Gus to “make sure you rein me in – I will keep on going”.

What followed was a thoroughly entertaining glimpse into her life as a presenter on the TV travel show *Getaway* and her deep and lifelong connection to classic cars.

Catriona and husband/chief mechanic, James Pettit, brought along her immaculate, slate grey 1965 Jaguar S-type. The car emitted a gloriously understated burble of power as it slid neatly into the club workshop at the start of the night and gleamed splendidly for members to inspect after the meeting.



MC John Bailey had little to do as Catriona responded to members' questions



Catriona made special mention of the efforts of our youngest member and microphone wrangler, Sam Harris with the comment, “Sam, you are incredible!” Then she told us about her car.

She said she came from “a long line on classic car lovers” and the appreciation of cars of character and distinctive beauty was in her blood. As she grew up her Dad “took her to every single car show”.

“One day Dad was able to buy a 1968 Jaguar 420 G,” she said. The car had belonged to the chairman of the Bank of New South Wales. It had walnut all through the interior, with little drop down trays and mirrors. A distinct memory of her father when the family rode in the car was him saying: “Don’t slam the doors!”

“Now I say that to my kids!” Catriona laughed.

Catriona’s current S-type Jag belonged to her great uncle, Dr Cameron Rowntree, and was passed down to her father. Together with her Dad she took on the restoration of the car after he became sick. Sadly he did not see the project finished but she now proudly owns and drives the beautiful vehicle.

Catriona recounted that her first car was a \$2,000 Leyland Mini. At first she couldn’t drive it because it was a manual, but a friend taught her how by bunny hopping around the block. She saved up and later bought the shell of a 1966 Mini Cooper S, which she restored with the help of a mechanic and which she still has. She says the little car is great around town and she loves the connection

with others that you get when driving a classic car – their great reactions.

Catriona said she was not a good student and received detentions for talking, something she confessed to being good at. (Catriona studied journalism and has made her livelihood through researching, writing, presenting and as an author.) “I love to be the conduit for other people’s stories,” she explained.

She has been involved with the television travel show *Getaway* for 23 of the 25 years it has been to air. The show has obviously been very satisfying for her as she is still involved. When starting out, she lived at home in the city, close to the studio. Unlike others who had to move to “the big smoke” to pursue their opportunities, she began with the everyday support of having her family close by.

While acknowledging that the lifestyle is not for everyone, she enjoys the travel, the plane flights, the odd hours and the driving. With a small four-person crew, the tasks on the road are necessarily shared and Catriona said she has been able to drive some “glorious drives”. Among her favourites have been the English Cotswolds, Tasmania, New Zealand and Italy. She said Tuscany on a Vespa was a highlight.

Piloting a valuable rented Alpha Romeo on the Italian Autostrada was among her scariest experiences, with the fast cars doing 180kph in the left hand lane, the more modest drivers in the centre at 120 kph and Catriona, the old men and the farm tractors on the right, at a more sedate pace.

Parking the Alpha in the tiny Italian car parks was another challenge - and the car was only slightly scratched in the process. One compensation, according to Catriona, was the Autogrill brand highway rest stations and fuel stops. "They have everything," she said. "The Italians do this better."

Among other destinations she mentioned was the fabulous car collection of the former Jordanian King Abdullah, who took the throne at age 17. The last car he drove after returning home from cancer treatment was a Merc that is still on show in his car museum.

Catriona touched on her exploits while driving in the celebrity race at the Melbourne Grand Prix. She has been involved three times. The first time she volunteered to be the celebrity driver with the camera on board and she crashed. The second time she flipped a classic Holden and the third time she finished and came third. "It was a joy," she said, adding with a smile that, while no one remembers who won the races, they do remember her behind the wheel.

Catriona spoke a little about her farmer husband James. She said was "a great mechanic" who was happy in his Kingswood ute but would readily respond to a call to fix her Jag when it broke down somewhere on the road. While they lived very different lifestyles, she was very happy that she had married into a family with a love of cars and had a husband who could fix them.

Catriona encouraged her audience to "travel as much as you can and as often as you can". "One thing about travel," she explained, "is that you slowly lose your judgements, you slowly lose your preconceptions."

After her talk Catriona took questions from her audience. She presented Fred Dosser with a copy of her latest book on cruising for being the first to ask a question.

For further details about Catriona, go to <https://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/life-and-relationships/catriona-rowntree-the-lessons-my-father-taught-me-20170831-gy7uph.html> or <https://www.news-mail.com.au/news/mazda3-celebrity-challenge-grand-prix/2198730/>



VALE - LEONARD WILKINSON the 6th

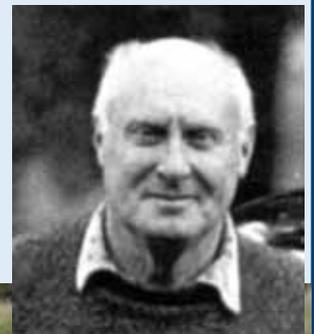
We were saddened to learn that "Len" Wilkinson passed away on 16th April 2019.

Len worked in the textile industry as a textile engineer, where he has a family history extending over 300 years. He enjoyed travelling overseas extensively. His interests included Super 8 film photography and classical music. Len and Conchita were married in 1981.

Len and Conchita joined the Club 30 years ago and have been involved in various activities, rallies and events. In 2003 Len organised a very successful long distance Club 'Tour of Tassie' and participants were very impressed with Len's attention to detail in the arrangements. Len and Conchita hosted a Tinker Day visit to their home in September 2010.

His vehicle collection included a 1938 Ford 10, a 1975 Renault TL Coupe and a 1975, 2 cylinder, 2 stroke Suzuki, which he purchased new for \$2300. It is a very unusual vehicle with an under-floor 446 cc mid-mounted engine (Len would quip "Just like a Lamborghini). It weighs in at 500Kg with a payload of 530 KG. For registration purposes it is deemed to be a "forward control tray truck".

We express our deepest sympathy to Conchita and son Leonard.



Len's 1975 Suzuki "forward control tray truck".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WDHVC EVENTS

See also -
calendar summary
on back page.

31 MAY - FRIDAY

BACKFIRE FOLDING MORNING 9am Clubrooms

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

6 JUNE - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am, Sharp.

Contact: Barb Van Galen 5278 9368 0408 664 537.

9 JUNE - SUNDAY

LUNCH RUN TO BARWON HOTEL, WINCHELSEA.

Meet at Waurm Ponds Hotel Car Park at 11am.

Contact: Barb Van Galen 5278 9368 0408 664 537.

11 JUNE - TUESDAY

GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

12 JUNE- WEDNESDAY

DINE OUT 6.15pm White Eagle House. Find a bit of your

holiday money and come and join us.

Contact Gary McCredden 5275 2544

18 JUNE - TUESDAY

COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30pm. Clubrooms.

20 JUNE - THURSDAY

TINKER DAY. 10.30am Clubrooms. Yes, it is that time of year

again. Our soup line day is planned for this Tinker Day. As you all know is the perfect opportunity to bring along an item of interest that you may have lurking in the shed to show to the other members, possibly a hobby thing, It need not be car related at all; in fact the things that are the most interesting have often nothing to do with vehicles. Our ladies in the kitchen will once again put on soup and bread to remind us of the 1930 depression era, when that was the best meal you were liable to get at any time. If you have special dietary needs, than you should bring your own food for lunch please. It would be great if everybody brought some food along to share around and help out as well as the soup provided by the club. Contact: Ray van Galen 5278 9368. Mob. 0411 954 865. Barb's Mob. 0408 664 537

23 JUNE - SUNDAY

MYSTERY RALLY. Details at next meeting.

24 JUNE - MONDAY

JULY BACKFIRE DEADLINE By 5pm please.

Jon Breedveld 0417 311 441

25 JUNE - TUESDAY

CRAFT/TECH NIGHT 7pm to set up for a 7.30pm start.

Craft Topic "Card Making". Tech Topic "Potions and Secret Recipes". (Thanks to Leigh Dwyer for the suggestion.) Tell us about what works (and what doesn't) for you. For cleaning radiators, removing rust, dirt, grease, oil, or anything from anything. What you put in your washing machine, or dishwasher? What unblocks your drains? What gets rid of your flies, mosquitoes, snails, mice, rats, door-to-door sales people? What makes your veges, flowers, trees grow? What makes your chooks lay bigger or more eggs? What removes streaks from your glasses or windscreen? What you use to wash out the mouth of your other half, children, or grandchildren, when they say naughty words? Whatever else you can think of.

There you are, you members who are non-technical people, you have just run out of excuses not to attend Tech Night! All are welcome, ladies and gents. Visitors are always welcome. You are also welcome to bring something for supper. All the best.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

? JUNE - MAYBE ONE DAY?

SMELL THE ROSES

Well I think that the summer has been and gone, so we will have a break from organised bike runs until the weather improves again. But there is nothing stopping you from doing a run of your own any day to keep the bikes in running condition though. Give me a call and I might come along with you.

Contact: Ray van Galen 5278 9368. Mob. 0411 954 865.

4 JULY - THURSDAY

MORNING COFFEE RUN.

Meet at clubrooms at 9.45am, sharp.

Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 0417 021 982.

Warragul Rally - Melbourne Cup Weekend , November.

I have been in touch with the Warragul Gardens Caravan Park and there are a limited number of cabins available for the Warragul Rally in November. If you wish to join Fred and myself please ring them and book your cabin. The number is 5623 2707. Please let them know that you are with the car club and then let me know so we can travel together.

- Sharyn 0417 546 089

OTHER EVENTS

LAST SUN EVERY MONTH

Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc meet.

9am to noon (weather permitting) car park cnr. Cherry St & Kelly St Werribee. Free entry. Have a bite to eat and a coffee. Talk car stuff with car-minded people.

Jeff 0412 705 245. John 0407 546 235.

- Rod Booley

Haven't Seen You in a While

We have a number of regular members, partners and ex-members that we have not seen for some time.

If you know of someone that is unable to attend club activities, perhaps through sickness, and would like a visit, can you please tell Graham Pretlove, or a committee or life member?

All members are important and when circumstances change we want to show them that we care and they are not forgotten.

If you feel you can help by visiting another member, just contact Graham or Judith, who have the details.

- Judith Matthews



Can you In Crease the Numbers?

Our *Backfire* is folded, ready for posting, at the clubrooms on the Friday after the *Backfire* deadline.

We have a small crew who perform this small, but important part of the running of our wonderful club.

We start around 9am. If you would like to help, just turn up. No need for a regular commitment, just come when you can.

All the best,

Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

RALLIES & RUNS

April Tech Night

The topic was lowering and lifting vehicles. Our postwar baby boomers talked on how they lowered their cars. Methods used included lowering block, cutting spring, heating springs with oxy torch. Some of the problems talked about were scraping the bottom of the car, and the suspension bottoming when carrying four people.

Our 'tool maker' made his own lowering blocks from offcuts of rectangle steel sections borrowed from work, drilling holes and welding a bolt in it.

Our Packard, owner talked about how the Packard, cars were used as taxis in the USA. When picking up politicians at the airport, they were too heavy, so taxi operators had to raise the rear of the cars by modifying the springs.

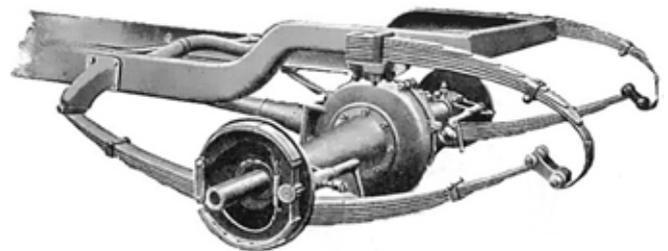
Our Volvo owner rallied a Cortina with a modified the suspension. He also spoke about rallying and some of the old rally drivers in Australia.

When used to tow caravans, Holden and Falcons cars needed air shocker to level the car. A sample was on display.

Some people did not lower their cars. As a student I was busy studying and repairing a British car to keep it going. Also I had to travel 10km on a dirt road before reaching the bitumen so lowering was not practical.

Thanks to all who had input, and the memories of our youth.

- Lindsay Alford



Backfire Deadlines

The deadline for material for inclusion in *Backfire* has changed from a Friday to the following Monday.

Copy deadlines for the rest of 2019 are:

July <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 24 June
Aug <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 29 July
Sept <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 26 Aug
Oct <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 23 Sept
Nov <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 28 Oct
Dec <i>Backfire</i>	5pm Mon 25 Nov

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SWAP MEET REPORT

Bay City Swap 2019

What a great swap it was again!!!!!!

A small group of volunteers marked the oval out on Thursday prior to the swap, but alas the wettest day and night of the year came along and wiped out their efforts.

On Friday more volunteers arrived to fix this problem and set up for the Saturday, with the rain not easing until about lunch time. They were fed and watered and eager to go when the rain stopped and we set up in record time.

Stall holders started arriving Friday afternoon and at the end of the evening the numbers were down a little bit, which was to be expected under the extreme weather conditions. At this point attendances looked as if they would be down on Saturday, but to our delight Saturday was a winner with really good crowds.

The change to entrances for site holders and public parking went well and maybe this will be the way to go next year.

Our club swap site was very successful with all the merchandise that was displayed ended up being sold by a good salesman.

All volunteers reported for duty as required and on behalf of the swap committee I would like to sincerely thank the ladies who provided all the meals and snacks, all parking and gate attendants, the ladies who did an excellent job with the Devonshire teas and anyone I have forgotten to mention.

This was another great swap and this club should be very proud of its efforts.

Fred Harris
Swap Director



SWAP MEET PICTORIAL

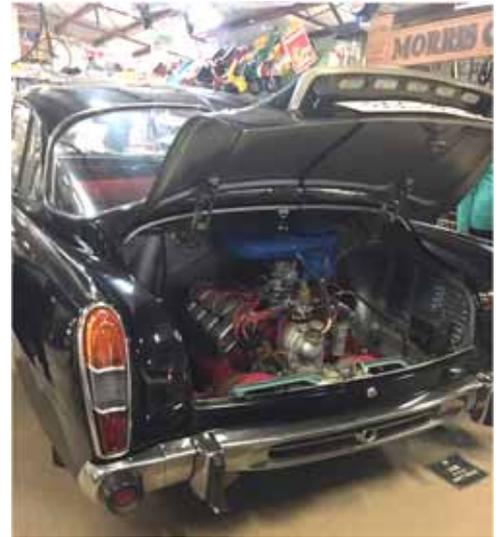


RALLIES & RUNS

Sea Sick Rally 2019

On Sunday 19 May, 20 of our members boarded the ferry for the trip over to Sorrento to meet the lovely members of the Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicle Club.

They met us with an array of different cars. After the usual introductions we all boarded our favourite cars for the trip to Arthurs Seat. Here we stopped at "Charlies Motor Museum" where our hosts put on a wonderful morning tea, before we spent considerable time looking at the amazing collection of all things vehicle related.



Some of us went around two or three times and saw something we missed on the first look. After lunch some went off for a chair lift ride or a walk around the gardens at Arthur's Seat or a trip to the lighthouse.

Then all too soon it was time to drive back to Sorrento to board the ferry for the return trip back to Queenscliff where we parted ways and headed home. What another great day out with our car enthusiast friends from across the bay. We look forward to hosting them next year.

- Rod Booley.



RALLIES & RUNS

May Tinker Day

We had a lovely drive through the green tinged countryside to Steiglitz then on to Meredith.

Our stop was at Steel Art, in Meredith's main street, with hosts Daniel and Bianca McDonnell. Well this was an exciting adventure for those people who love rusty steel art for their gardens etc.

Daniel and Bianca are still setting up, with plans for further development including a cafe and



perhaps future wedding venue. They have some fabulous garden art and great fire pits, which are very popular.

Daniel gave us a great talk and made a model vintage car while we watched. He explained the various welding and cutting procedures that go into a sculpture or model. He talked the whole time he was welding and explained his future plans for their new premises.

He has a strong car background and races old motorbikes as well as doing his metal art. He had a great sense of humour and held our interest with all he spoke about, also explaining that his wife makes the smaller items.



When the time came for lunch, we headed up to the back pub (Hearn's pub) at Meredith to have a great meal at a reasonable price. Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing and both venues come highly recommended.

Another fantastic Tinker Day - thank you to Ray and Barb.

- cobbled together from separate reports by Libby & Ray (Ed)



Great Mars Bar Competition

The June Competition



It seems that a lot of our members rode motor-bikes in their early life. They were usually cheap to buy and used little fuel. The problem seems to be that one could not fit a baby, a young child and a wife and yourself all on the one machine easily. Sidecars solved a lot of these difficulties but the winter weather made things hard.

But who is this handsome chap on the big Indian bike? Does he still own the bike and go on Smell The Roses days? Is his hair grey now? Does he have any hair now? And does his small dog still try to bite the postman?

This is your chance to get out of buying your next Mars bar: get it for nix by telling us who it is at the club meeting.

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen
Ph 52789 368,
or
email rbvangalen@gmail.com



Quotes About Cars

"The longest journey begins with a single step, not with a turn of the ignition key."

~Edward Abbey

WDHVC MEMBER PROFILE



Name?

Les

Where were you born?

Geelong

Family?

Wife Teresa, 4 children, 1 set of twin grandchildren

Number of years in the WDHVC?

2 years

Other interests?

Gardening

What was your first vehicle?

1949 Ford Prefect

What vehicle would you love to own?

Lamborghini

What vehicles do you have now?

Mustang, SS Commodore, 1962 Dodge Phoenix, 1930 Chev Pickup.

Profession?

Mechanic, scaffold rigger and crane driver

Skills?

Mechanical and gardening

What bugs you the most?

Lying politicians

What makes you happy?

Grand kids .

- Libby

The Grumpy Chemist

Arriving home, a husband was met at the door by his upset wife.

Tearfully she said, "The chemist insulted me this morning on the phone. I had to call time and time again before he would even answer it.

Straight away, the husband drove to town to confront the pharmacist and demand an apology.

Before he could say more than a word or two, the chemist said: "Just a minute; listen to my side of it. This morning the alarm didn't go off, so I was late getting up."

"I went without breakfast and hurried out to the car, only to realise that I'd locked the house with all the keys inside and I had to break a window to get my keys."

"Then, driving too fast, I got a speeding ticket."

"Later, when I was about three streets from the store, I had a flat tyre."

"When I finally got to the store a crowd of people was waiting for me to open. I got the store opened and started serving these people, and all the time the darn phone was ringing."

"Then I had to break a roll of coins against the cash register drawer to get change, and they went all over the floor. I had to get on my hands and knees to pick up the coins and the phone was still ringing."

"When got up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase displaying perfume bottles. Half of them hit the floor and broke."

"Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up, and when I finally got back to answer, it was your wife. She wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer."

"Believe me mate, as God is my witness, all I did was tell her."

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Who remembers



the first search engine?

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

Leather Coat One for the naked radiator/open tourer drivers. Full length dark brown aviator's/drivers coat, in excellent original condition. Made by Morris Jacobs, Geelong. Small men's (20" approx across shoulders). \$150. Call Val 5229 7126.



Triumph Herald Due to interstate move, for sale is my 1962 Triumph Herald, Reg. 28615 H. Driving it as a convertible but have steel roof to fit on if required. Ground up resto, plenty of spares \$7,000 ono. Call Kevin 0400 901 607. **5/19**

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