



Car (Bike) on the Cover



*Cole Bottriell's 1992 Honda Gold Wing
GL1500 Aspencade*

MARYBOROUGH DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB Inc.
Reg. No. AOO19397 S

MISSION The aim of the Club is to encourage the preservation, restoration, and use of historic vehicles.

MEETINGS Club meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month at MDHVC Velodrome Clubrooms, off Avoca Road, Maryborough, unless otherwise notified. Outings are held on the last Sunday of the month, as advised in the DIARY section of our newsletter, Auto Torque.

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Wanted to buy, swap or sell - cars must have VIN number and price.

If you want Auto Torque emailed, (only way to **guarantee** you getting A/T before the meeting - please let Secretary know. (Send me an email, then I have your correct email)

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President's Prattle (or Rusty's Rant)

Hi fellow members.

Here we are - it is October already and time to start our Christmas preparations. My rant this month is about AI, and how it is affecting our lives and our motoring.

Ok, so the old adage states a picture is worth a thousand words or the photo never lies. Not any more if you have smart phone, you can put people in the picture or remove them at will. You could also add someone's head or body. This is scary stuff - be very afraid. The computer is now a big part of our lives. Whether we use or own one is irrelevant. All businesses, stores, factories, farmers, etc use and rely on new technology.

Have you noticed how we are being encouraged to use a credit card and become cashless. The large stores are trying to get us to check ourselves out. As regards motoring, the modern car is now reliant on computers, eg cruise control, sat nav, lane change warning, auto transmissions, radar stopping control, the list is endless.

Short story - When I was a little boy about 7 or 8, my father was reading a motoring magazine. He said to me they are making automatic cars. I asked what this meant and was told they drove themselves. My small brain thought of a saucer shaped car with a clear bubble top that one would hop in and tell it were to go and bingo it would do just that. Silly, silly, silly. Or maybe I was just ahead of my time.

Think of what I just wrote – cruise control, sat nav, radar, etc, etc, etc. So please all embrace this technology, and drive safely in these flash new cars.

Maybe, just maybe, we should get a little nostalgic and come on some outings. No mod cons, just tour and smell the roses as we try to navigate our way to our destination. All stay safe, well and warm.

Rusty b.

CLUB CALENDAR

October 10th	General Meeting 7.30pm
October 27th	Outing to Clydesdale
November 13th	General Meeting 7.30pm
November 30th	Christmas Lunch

SUPPER ROSTER

Don Thornhill, Trevor Tonkin, Geoff Trengove

duties

Setting out the chairs before meeting and wash/clean up afterwards.

CLUB PERMIT RENEWALS

November 2024 Les Barry, Rhonda DaBonde, Tony Evans, Ron Kennedy, Neville Little, Bill O'Meara, Demi Parker, Alison Smith, Cleve Thiele.

Bike on the cover

Fifty years ago, in October 1974, Honda introduced the Gold Wing motor cycle. Its predecessor, the CB750, was the top-of-the-line model, and an excellent seller. The new Gold Wing was a very different motorcycle, with a flat 4-cylinder 1000cc water cooled engine instead of being air cooled, and shaft drive instead of chain drive. It was envisaged as a large sport motorcycle, and consequently was created 'naked', without saddlebags, a windshield, or even wind protection for the rider.

Honda soon found that many owners, particularly in America, were using the bike for long distance cruising, and that meant that Honda had to re-evaluate their ideas and provide comfort for the long haul, wind protection, a smooth ride, a comfortable seat, storage for luggage and plenty of power.

Cole's bike is a fourth generation Gold Wing and is vastly different from the first model. The engine is a 1500cc flat 6-cylinder with a 4-speed gearbox and an electrically assisted reverse gear. The weight of Cole's bike is 360kg dry weight, compared with the first model which had a dry weight of 265kg. It comes complete with many standard equipment items including a radio cassette with 6 speaker sound system which increases in volume as the road speed increases, fairing, panniers and a boot, windshield, cruise control, intercom between rider and passenger, heater, and adjustable air suspension. Cole laments that it has no ashtray or cup holder. Later models also include items such as sat nav, pillion seat backrest, and anti-lock braking.



1975 Honda Gold Wing GL1000



Cole's Gold Wing GL1500 Aspencade

Cole has owned this bike for around 8 years, and has ridden many thousands of kilometres on it. The odometer is showing over 200,000 km and Cole says there is a club in America for owners of bikes which have travelled in excess of 500,000 miles (that's 800,000 km). When Cole purchased the bike, he set about making it sparkle as we all do with a new purchase, and found a small card in one of the paniers with the name Ralph Stanyer of Maryborough on it. Ralph ordered a white Gold Wing Aspencade new in 1992, but it arrived at the dealership with some damage. He was offered a silver one which he accepted and kept for about 10 years. This is the bike that Cole now owns. The bike has returned home.

The day we spoke was a sunny, warm and pleasant day, and as we all do, Cole said it would be a perfect day for a ride to get a coffee in Maldon. This is the attitude we should take more often and make use of our historic vehicles.

Advance Notice - Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch has been organised for this year and is to be held on November 30th. For your attendance, your names must be on the list along with a \$10.00 deposit for each member attending. As catering requirements need to be organised, this deposit will be non-refundable. The cut-off date is November 13th which is our November meeting night.

.Notes from Federation

Fuel and Lubricant Survey The University of Canberra and the Australian Historic Motoring Federation are conducting a survey on current and future use of fossil fuels and lubricants in operating heritage machines. You can participate by completing the survey at <https://uoc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SVeYdZYPxnUunYd3o>

Federation recommends that as many club members as possible complete this survey as it provides information for motoring organisations to use when discussing with governments, the future of historic vehicles, machinery, aviation, maritime, engines, and any other old equipment you keep in working order.

In Issue 285 of Restored Cars Graham Allum makes mention of the value of historic vehicles to the national economy. Some points he makes are:

- There are approximately 970,000 motoring-enthusiast owned historic vehicles in Australia.
- Owners spend on average \$10,240 on each vehicle owned, mainly on mechanical and body repairs, and parts and accessories.
- Multiplying this spend by the number of owners, the aggregate direct turnover of this sector is \$9.92 billion.
- Including supply chains, consumables, direct and indirect jobs, the total value to the economy is \$25.2 billion.

For this reason alone we should all complete the survey so that our peak motoring bodies have the statistics on hand to be able to communicate our importance to the economy, and not be over-ridden by ideological politicians with little knowledge.

Non – club events

<i>October 13th</i>	Charlton Swap Meet
<i>October 19-20th</i>	Mt Tarrengower Hillclimb Maldon
<i>October 20th</i>	St Arnaud Classic Car Show
<i>October 20th</i>	Invitation to join with Ballarat Club at Mt Franklin
<i>November 3rd</i>	Inglewood Show 'n' Shine
<i>November 16-17th</i>	Bendigo Swap
<i>April 27th 2025</i>	Federation Scoresby Picnic
<i>May 18th 2025</i>	Federation Murrabit Picnic

If you know of other events which may be of interest to our members, let me know for inclusion into this section of Auto Torque.

My friend Harold says My wife recently bought me a Senior's GPS. It not only tells me how to get to where I want to be, but also reminds me why I went there.

Monthly Pub Lunch Runs

Now that daylight savings time is with us, we will again be commencing our lunch runs. These are usually to a pub in the surrounding area, and are another great opportunity to get our cars out for a leisurely run in good weather to a destination for a good meal in pleasant company.

If you have a favourite destination, be it a pub or other dining facility, let Russell know and he can possibly include it in our list of places to visit.

World Land Speed Records

Holding the world land speed record drives men to dream of the impossible. The first speed record for a motor driven vehicle was achieved on Dec 18th 1898 by a French driver named Gaston De Chasseloup-Laubat driving an electric powered Jeantaud car. He achieved the mind-boggling speed of 39.252 mph. His record stood for 30 days until the speed of 41.420 mph was reached. This record was broken 15 times in the next 5 years until the magic 100mph was achieved on July 21st 1904 by Louis Rigolly in an 8-cylinder internal combustion engine car.

Since then the record has been made to be broken. Just a few of the many land speed records and holders are listed below. There have been many, many more in between these mentioned.

Date	Car	Driver	Engine	mph
Jan 24 1905	Mercedes	Herbert Bowden	Internal Combustion	109.75
Jan 26 1906	Stanley Rocket	Fred Marriott	Steam	127.60
Jan 23 1922	Bluebird	Malcolm Campbell	Internal Combustion	137.72
Mar 29 1927	Sunbeam 1000	Henry Seagrave	Internal combustion	203.79
Sep 3 1935	RR Bluebird	Malcolm Campbell	Internal combustion	301.13
Aug 5 1963	Spirit of America	Craig Breedlove	Jet	407.52
Jul 17 1964	Bluebird	Donald Campbell	Turbine	403.13
Oct 5 1964	Green Monster	Art Arfons	Jet	434.19
Nov 2 1965	Spirit of America	Craig Breedlove	Jet	555.49
Nov 15 1965	" " " Sonic 1	Craig Breedlove	Jet	600.60
Sep 25 1997	Thrust SSC 11	Andy Green	Jet	714.14

Finally, on October 15 1997, Andy Green became the first person to break the sound barrier in a land vehicle, achieving 760.34 mph (1227.99 km/h) or Mach 1.016.



And on the same subject, Geoff Trengove submitted this:

[WORLD LAND SPEED RECORD CARS](#)

Here is the 1957 MG EX 181 in the foreground and the 1938 MG EX 135 in the background.

In 1957 the MG Car Company arrived at the Bonneville Salt Flats with an unusually shaped vehicle and legendary racing driver Stirling Moss.

The car was called the MG EX 181 and it was entered into the Class F land-speed series for cars with engines between 1.1 and 1.5 litres.

The EX 181's unique body was hiding a 1.5 litre twin-cam, supercharged MGA engine that had been tuned to run on 86% methanol laced with nitrobenzene, acetone, and sulphuric ether.

The engine produced 290hp at 7,000rpm and on August 23, 1957 Stirling Moss drove to a top speed of 245.64mph (395.31 kmh), beating the previous record of 203mph.

In 1959 MG returned with racing driver Phil Hill and the engine producing 300hp.

Hill drove to a top speed of 254.91 mph (410.23 kmh), breaking MG's earlier record.



Club run to Grand Stupa Bendigo

It was a very wet morning at the station for the start of our club run to Bendigo to visit the Grand Stupa. Russell, and daughter Alison, along with Geoff Trengove and Rosie Day turned out in two modern cars. However, despite the weather, we had a good day. I won't tell you all about the Grand Stupa as it is a place you need to see and experience for yourself to reap any benefit from your visit.

Our next run is to Clydesdale and hopefully with better weather, we will have more participants for this run.

Russell

General Meeting Wednesday 11th September 2024

OPENED: The meeting opened at 7:31 PM Vice-President Keith Dodkin welcomed everyone and explained Russell had a medical appointment in Melbourne.

PRESENT: Thirty-one (31) members as per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Russell Bell, John Leach and Bill Wilson.

MINUTES: Minutes of the prior General Meeting in August 2024 as published in Auto Torque, were submitted for confirmation Moved: Ray Jessup Sec'd: Graeme Moore Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: NIL.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Out: Vicroads – update of Club Signatories
Consumer Affairs – Annual return
Order for Badges.
In: 5 Club Newsletters.
Prime inks for Less – Invoice \$79.00 for toners – Payable to Amanda Gardner.
Consumer Affairs Victoria – Invoice \$49.00 Annual Return Lodgement – Payable to Amanda Gardner

Emails: Motors & Masterpieces: Driving Change with Challenge in Charity Auction for Families Living with Cancer – seeking donations to Auction.

Moved: Amanda Gardner Sec'd: Stan Graham Carried.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Laurie Cooke gave a verbal report on Club finances for the month of July 2024.

Accounts for Payment:	\$79.00	Toners Prime inks for Less
	\$49.00	Consumer Affairs Vic (annual return)
	\$	Val Barry Catering.
	\$?	Federation Rep payment to Russell Bell – defer to General

Business

Laurie moved that the accounts be accepted for payment. Sec'd: Jenny Austin Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Amanda Gardner gave a brief verbal report.

OUTINGS:

29th September Grand Stupa Bendigo.
27th October Clydesdale Primary School - BBQ onsite BYO food.
30th November Christmas Lunch at Carisbrook Senior Citizens hall - \$25/person – subsidised \$15/member, a \$10/person booking fee is required when booking – envelopes will be available – this is due to too many no shows last year

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Discussion of changing Fed Reps payment from fixed \$75/ meeting to actual cost of receipts (Fuel & Accommodation) or increase to \$100 per quarter. Ron Kennedy left the room prior to a vote.

Val Barry moved pay on receipts for fuel and accommodation Sec'd: Ray Jessup Carried
MDHVC not listed in Restored Cars or on Community page for Maryborough Advertiser.

Graeme Moore mentioned a test on Fuel consumption variation between Ford Zephyr V8/V6 and V^ with overdrive.

Keith mentioned an event at Tarnagulla where he and Russell both attended.

CLOSED: Vice President Keith closed the meeting at 7.51pm.