

BACKFIRE

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The President's Idle Chatter

Hi all,

The last month feels like we are finally getting our events back to normal. We even managed a tinker day, which was the first time in quite a while. It was just as well because Graham Baldock had about four postponements and he was sick of polishing the garage floor.

All the football crowds are back so it definitely seems like daily life is getting more normal.

At this stage there are no plans to postpone any more events (except the next Swap is going to be in 2023). This means even some of the coffee runs can now be scheduled indoors instead of outdoors, which had been deemed more Covid safe.

I won't be around for the AGM in April. We are heading up to Port Douglas for a break and to look after our grandson. Our son and his wife are going on a delayed honeymoon up to the Daintree so of course the grandparents get to help out with babysitting. Vice President John Bailey will stand in for me.

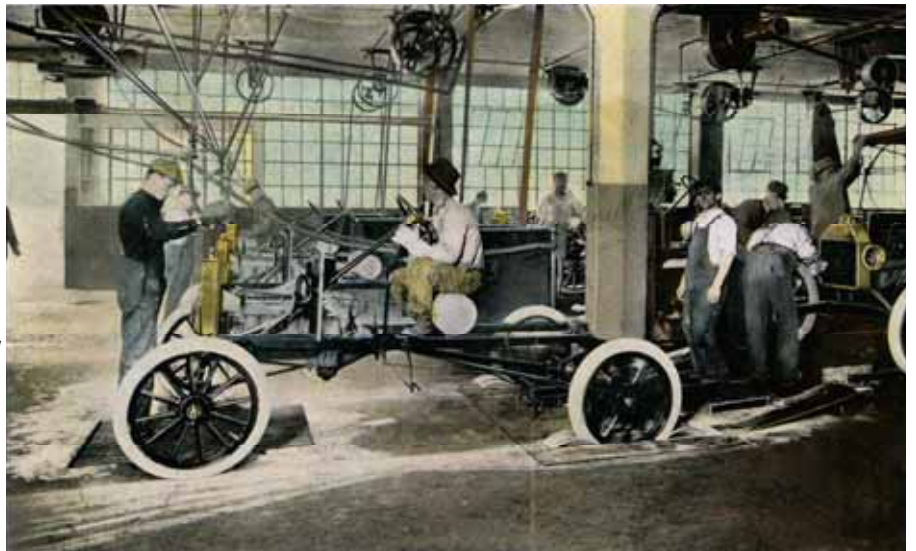
We don't have any more nominations than we have positions for the new Committee so that makes it very straightforward. No voting is required.

We are even back to the normal routine of having supper after the AGM so don't forget to bring along a plate to share while you socialise.

Stay safe

Cheers

- David Mitchell



*"At the end of the assembly line. Cars run from here on their own power."
Postcards showing the Ford plant in 1917.*

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No 609 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC.
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2022

PRESIDING

President David Mitchell opened the meeting and welcomed 68 members attending. Several visitors attended the meeting (Gunter Scholz, Graham Perkins, Geoff Soames, Greg Boyle .

APOLOGIES

Fred Dosser, Libby Booley, Alan Tipper, Simon Anderson, Rob East, Peter Telfer, Joan Stott, Darryn Tucker, Alex McLaws, Colin Chapman.

Moved: Graham Cameron

Seconded: Rod Booley Carried

SICK LIST

Our thoughts are with the family of John Fursland who passed away recently.

MINUTES

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

Moved: John Bailey

Seconded: Max McKenzie Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred)

INWARD

Letters In

- Thank you letter from Sandra Batson on our wishes for her recovery.

Emails In

- The Federation is holding its Annual Mortlake Picnic on 20 March.
- Membership cancellations from Robert Thompson and Roger Spooner.

OUTWARD

Letters Out

- Sympathy card to Peter and Barbara Hamann on the passing of their grandson.
- Sympathy card to Netta and Trevor Warren on the passing of their son-in-law.
- Get well card to Sandra Batson on her recent fall.
- Get well card to our President on his recent illness.

Emails Out

- None

Moved: Ken Parry

Seconded: Murray Turner Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maurice)

Maurice presented his report on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and presented accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: Maurice Healy

Seconded: Graham Cameron Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

No report. See the *Backfire* for details on events.

LIBRARY (Gary)

No report.

DINE OUT (Sharyn)

Valley Inn this month.

EDITOR (Jon)

No report but some personal reflections from the Editor this month.

WEBSITE (Damien)

No report.

FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

Last backfire has the most recent update.

COMMITTEE REPORT (David M for James)

No update since last meeting summarised in the last Backfire.

MERCHANDISE (David)

No update.

TINKER DAY (Ray)

To be held at Graham Baldcock's this month.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Not this month.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

- Gus reported that there were 3 members' cars added to the permit system this year. He has been advised of 5 cars sold recently.
- Ivan Cave talked briefly about the completion of the new Mt Duneed "showroom" at Gus' place.
- Doug Thomas's Nissan was on display and was admired by many members. The car was imported from Japan in 1994. Doug has owned the car since 2009.

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

- See the Backfire for details on events when scheduled.
- The ANZAC Day breakfast will be on again this year.
- The Ladies Day is planned for April.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

- Events attended by members include:
 - ◊ Evelyn reported on the Ballarat Swap.
 - ◊ Karl enjoyed the Inverleigh Coffee Run.
 - ◊ John reported on the Torquay Motor Show and the Lancia National Rally.
 - ◊ Graeme said that there was a good crowd at the Geelong Revival.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Numbers required soon for the Tasmania run this year.

TECH NIGHT (David for Peter)

No report this month due to Peter's illness.

SWAP MEET (Fred)

Cancelled for 2022.

KITCHEN (Pam)

No report.

GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker this month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- President David reminded the meeting that Committee position nominations close tonight and encouraged members to nominate.
- There was a general discussion on the benefits of converting vintage cars from 6 volt to 12 volt.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSIONS

Several members shared their purchases of cars / parts since our last meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 12th April 2022 in the clubrooms.

- Leigh Dwyer

Committee Meeting Notes

15 March 2022

Membership:

- 4 new prospective members attended: Geoff & Janice Lenton; Gregory & Diane Boyle; Wayne & Trish Moodie; and Dylan Lamont. Memberships subsequently approved.
- Resignation letter from Kevin & Joan Smith. Thanking the club for the years of enjoyment.
- 72 members yet to pay membership.
- Currently 9 membership vacancies

Permits:

- No new CPS applications but lots of renewals signed this month.

Rallys

- ANZAC morning 25th April. BBQ at Barwon Heads.

Committee Meeting Notes (ctd)

- National Motoring Day 15 May. A club event to be organised. (Perhaps including another local club?)
- Acknowledgement and thanks given to Rod Booley for his work as Rally Director. A great job well done.

General Business

- Committee decided to consider, on a case by case basis, offering a complimentary subscription to *Backfire* to members of long standing, upon their resignation or retirement from the club.
- An interview-type format to be introduced at General Meetings to assist owners speaking about their vehicles being shown in the workshop. G Shea, D Perkins and J Bailey to construct a questionnaire proforma.
- Stand-in Editor required for May *Backfire* (Jon & Damien both away). Dallas Jones subsequently agreed to step in.
- Barb proposed picking up some older members, or those who cannot drive, and take them on an outing. David M to talk to Judith about this possibility.
- John Bailey to contact Soul Sisters Swing about dates for them to perform.
- John Bailey to talk on his experiences at Arcoona at the May meeting.

AGM:

- Committee Nominations received: David Mitchell (President), John Bailey (Vice President), Fred Harris (Secretary), Maurice Healey (Treasurer) Graeme Anderson, Jon Breedveld, Tony Brincat, Col Jordan, David Perkins, Gus Shea, and Barb Van Galen (General Committee).
- Club Member of the Year. To be put to the membership at the AGM that, as this last year has been a non-event, it would be difficult for members to vote for anyone for this award. Suggesting that it should be deferred until next year when we expect that club activities will be back to normal.
- To be acknowledged that despite the setbacks of this and previous years, Gus Shea and Jon Breedveld have made significant contributions to keep the club wheels in motion.
- Trevor Schneider to be asked to chair the AGM.
- One 25 year presentation.
- Members asked to bring a plate of supper.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc will be held at the clubrooms on Tuesday, 12 April 2022.

The AGM will follow the monthly general meeting, which commences at 7:30pm.

Members please bring a plate of supper to make it a successful social evening.

AGM Agenda

- approval of minutes of 2021 AGM
- President's report
- Secretary's report
- presentation of the Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the 2020/2021 financial year
- election of Auditor
- confirmation of Committee.

The following executive and committee nominations were received up to the end of the general meeting on 8 March 2022.

- **President** – David Mitchell
- **Vice President** – John Bailey
- **Secretary/Public Officer**, Consumer Affairs notification of Incorporated Association – Fred Harris
- **Treasurer** – Maurice Healy

The following nominations were received for the general committee.

- Graeme Anderson
- Jon Breedveld
- Tony Brincat
- Col Jordan
- David Perkins
- Gus Shea
- Barbara van Galen

As the nominations did not exceed the vacancies, a ballot will not be required.

Fred Harris
Honorary Secretary

March Feature Vehicle

Doug Thomas presented his rare 1992 Nissan 300 ZX convertible in the club garage at the March meeting.

The gleaming grey, non-turbo 4-speed auto was imported from Japan in 1994. Doug bought the car from Neville Mustica in 2009.

Improvements since have included new paint and a new leather interior.



Also known as the Fairlady Z, the 300ZX features multilink suspension, rack-and-pinion steering, a viscous differential, anti-lock brakes, and a 24v DOHC naturally aspirated 3.0-litre V6 capable of 165kW (Aus-spec cars).

More Info: [Nissan 300ZX - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nissan_300ZX)





Letters to the Editor

“He kicked the habit!”



Letter to Editor regarding Ken (alias “Bombhead”) Shepherd

Ken and I worked on adjoining farms when we were teenagers. One Wednesday night we decided to go to the Donald Ball. His idea was to drive his old 1926 Austin Seven down the old track to where I worked and we’d head off from there. I had my car licence, but he didn’t.

He headed off and in the dark he sees a light up the road – thinks it’s me, so he puts on a turn and does a couple of doughnuts, then tootles up to the light.

I’d been sitting down the end of the road waiting for a couple of hours, so I decided to come back to see what trouble he was in.

And this is what he said! “I was tootling up to the light with my old wobbly headlights hardly showing a light when a cop jumps out and stops me. Tells me to get out and starts to interrogate me on my whereabouts. I told him I was to meet me brother down the end of the road and that he and I were going to the Donald Ball.

He replies: “No you are not! You’re young Shepherd aren’t you?”

“Yep!”

He says: “You haven’t licence. I oughta put you in the jailhouse. Now get home.” And he gives me a gigantic kick up the behind. Of course I said “thanks!”.

Time goes on for about another six months and Bombhead goes in for his licence. Guess who takes him? Same cop! They chitchatted but didn’t mention that certain event. Anyway he passes his licence test and the cop congratulates him, and on leaving Bombhead says “I got a present for you.” So he goes out to the car and brings in an old boot and plonks it on the counter and says “I just dug that boot out the other day. Thought you might want it.” The cop laughed his head off.

Incidentally, the cops were out on a tip to catch some sheep rustlers - that was the cause of that night we missed the Donald ball.



- Bruce Shepherd



Letters to the Editor

Damien Giustini sent in the following woeful tale from a car enthusiast in Lismore, NSW.

Hi all - from the great brown land down under.

It has been a sad event for my city —I do not think it will ever recover from the extra 6ft of water that came on top of the highest recorded flood height in the town’s last century.

Pictured is my 1906 “K Ford, which is one of my nine early collector cars I lost due to the damage to the wooden framed bodywork and upholstery diamond pattern construction.

To add “salt to the wound” —the rodents had their “last supper” at the highest flood free leather seat being the “K” before they got washed away

Plenty of spark —but exiting from multi places.



**For the May edition, send your story or Letter to Editor to:
dejay57@hotmail.com
(Mob: 0432 172 171)
All contributions welcome!**



Gary's Giggles

Tall Tales from our Legendary Librarian

A letter of Recommendation:

I have always found Mister X working studiously and sincerely at his desk without idling or gossiping with colleagues. He seldom wastes his time on useless things and always finishes assignments on time. He is diligent at his official work, and can never be found chitchatting in the canteen. He has absolutely no vanity in spite of his high accomplishment and knowledge of his field. I think he can easily be classed as outstanding, and should on no account be dispensed with. I feel strongly that Mister X should be promoted, and a proposal to administration be sent away as soon as possible.

(signed)

Branch manager

A note pinned to the recommendation said:

"Mister X was present when I was writing the report emailed to you today. Kindly read only the alternate lines 1, 3, 5, 7 etc for my true assessment of him."

(signed)

Branch manager

A man runs into a vet's office carrying his dog, screaming for help. The vet rushes him to an examination room and has him put the dog down on the examination table. The vet examines the still, limp body and after a few moments tells the man that his dog is dead.

The man, clearly agitated and unwilling to accept this, demands a second opinion. The vet goes into a back room and comes out with a cat and puts the cat down next to the dog's body. The cat sniffs the body, walking from head to tail poking and sniffing, and finally looks at the vet and meows.

The vet looks at the man and says: "I'm sorry, but the cat says your dog is dead, too."

The man, finally resigned to the fate of his dog, thanks the vet and asks how much he owes. The vet answers: "\$350."

"\$350 to tell me my dog is dead?!" Exclaims the man.

"Well," the vet replies: "I would have only charged you \$50 for my initial diagnosis. The additional \$300 was for the cat scan."

I took an IQ test and the results were negative.

Other Events

Source: [swap-meets\(ozwrenches.com\)](http://swap-meets(ozwrenches.com))

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| Mar 27 2022 | HTPAA Antique Tool Market | HTPAA Antique & Collectable Tool Market, 9am St Anthony's Hall, 74 Grange Road, Glen Huntly Info: email toolsales@htpaa.org.au |
| April 3 2022 | Castlemaine Swap Meet | Camp Reserve, Castlemaine Ron Gartside 0418 517 830 |
| April 9 2022 | Horsham Swap Meet | Horsham Show Grounds |
| April 10 2022 | Werribee Swap Meet | President's Park, McGrath Rd Wyndham Vale, Graham Rose event 0428 394 249 gandproseevents.com |
| April 10 2022 | Scoresby Picnic Car Show | National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd. 0409 144 603 / 0419 312 304 |
| April 24 2022 | Swap Meet @2.0 | Swap Meet & Car Display, 850 Stud Rd Scoresby, |
| April 24 2022 | Lancefield Swap Meet | Lancefield Park, Lancefield Victoria. |
| May 1 2022 | Gippsland Vehicle Coll'n Swap Meet | 1a Sale Rd Maffra |
| May 7-8 2022 | Naracoorte Swap Meet | Naracoorte Showgrounds, Smith St. 0408 854 658 naracoortehvc@gmail.com |
| May 8-14 2022 | National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, | Narrandera NSW |
| May 28-29 2022 | 45th Historic Winton Races. | https://www.historicwinton.org/ |
| May 14 2022 | Wedderburn Swap & Mkt Saturday | Engine Park, Wedderburn Vic |
| May 14 2022 | Lockington Swap Meet Sunday | Lockington Park, Pannoo Road, Lockington, Victoria, 3563 |
| May 22 2022 | Colac Swap Meet | Colac Showgrounds, Graham Rose event |
| Jun 8-13 2022 | Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club . June Rally | Open to Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage, and Classic Cars, Commercials and Motorcycles manufactured prior to 31 Dec 1992. https://www.vmcinc.wordpress.com |
| Jun 12 2022 | Maldon Swap Meet | Maldon Racecourse Reserve (Vic) |
| Oct 7-9 2022 | Motorclassica | Exhibition Buildings, Carlton. 3-day festival of motoring, with a range of events and attractions. Save the dates and look out for when tickets go on sale. |

Events Calendar

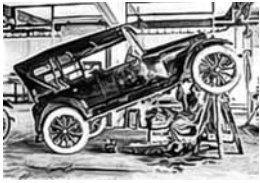


All attendees at Club events must be able to show evidence of their being fully vaccinated if asked. Masks are recommended when in close proximity to others. Updates will be sent by email.
(Please pass on to those without email addresses.)

- Saturday 26 March . Smell the Roses Day** Covid permitting, a motorbike run starting at 10.30am, at the Ballarat Road service station, near Batesford. Also suitable for other vehicles: I am taking a slow bike myself, so feel free to bring along something not fast. The route will be away from the main roads and not too far away. It includes a stop at the Maude picnic spot. You will need to bring anything to drink or eat as there are no shops at Maude. *Contact: Ray van Galen. 0411 954 865*
- Thursday 7 April, Coffee Run.** to Anglesea Chocolatier. Meet on site at 10.30am. *Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)*
- Tuesday 12 April General Meeting** 7.30pm in Pavilion or Clubrooms.
- Wednesday 13 April Dine Out** Location TBC. *Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089*
- Tuesday 19 April Committee Meeting** 7.30pm
- Thursday 21 April . Tinker Day** at the clubrooms from 10.30am on. This will be an opportunity for our members to bring out the very old and unusual vehicles that are tucked away never to be seen on outings. We could take members on little rides around the showgrounds or even round the block in these unusual vehicles, enjoying the wind in your face with the sound of old machinery chugging along. Anything is welcome whether it has 1,2,3,4 or more wheels. Our members have a great variety of special vehicles that we would all love to see and have a ride in. Bring your own everything to eat and the club will have tea and coffee for all of us. If we are lucky with the weather, we may be outside for a good while. *Contact: Ray van Galen 0411 954 865*
- Monday 25 April . ANZAC Day BBQ** at Barwon Heads. Meet at the clubrooms 8.30am. **SUPPLIED** - bacon, eggs, bread, boiling water, tea, coffee, sugar, milk and the kitchen sink. **BYO** - table, chairs, crockery, cutlery and anything else you require. If you want to bring something to cook and stay for lunch, the BBQ will be there for your use until after lunch. Please add your name to the list at the meeting or ring Murray so we can organise our catering purchases. *Contact: Murray 0409 841 700*
- Monday 25 April May Backfire Deadline** 5pm *Contact: Dallas Jones 0432 172 171*
- Tuesday 26 April Tech Night - It's Finally "Time"** (Set your alarms!)
Organiser Peter Telfer has attempted to cover this topic several times, but Covid intervened. However, he has not been wound up about it and has kept a spring in his step. He puts it down to the pendulum swings of life in Covid times, insisting that time has not run out and looking forward to calling "Time".
Bring along clocks, watches, timers, hour glasses, sun dials, and anything else to do with telling time, or timing, or time travel (how many DeLorean models do you have?) Come along and enjoy the fun.
Ladies and visitors are always welcome. Be there around 7 pm, to set up for a 7.30 pm start. *Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938*
- Friday 29 April Backfire folding morning** 9am Clubrooms. *Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938*
- ?? April - ?????? Ladies Day** Details later. Names to be taken at April meeting.
- No Smell the Roses run in April**
- Thursday 5 May, Coffee Run** Details TBC. *Contact: Rod Booley 5281 5340 (0417 021 982)*
- Sunday 15 May, National Motoring Day** Details later.

Long Distance (Tassie) Rally – 2 weeks from 17 September

Hi everybody. This is your last chance to go to Tasmania: we will be closing entries at the April meeting. I know this seems early but we have to book the boat and motels are hard to get if you leave it too late. Please ring me or see me at the meeting - Sharyn 0417 546 089..



Stories From the Shed



PHENOMENAL PHANOMOBILE

Our Club Webmaster, Damien Giustini, has sent in some photos of a veteran car rally at Halls Gap.

I gather this was auspiced by the Veteran Car Club of Australia, from 17 - 20 March. (Graeme and Simon Anderson may also have had a passing interest!)

Among the photos was a 3-wheeler, called a Phanomobile, a rare German veteran from the days when clever men simply set up shop and started manufacturing - often starting by building bicycles, then moving on to motorbikes, to crossover vehicles and ultimately 4-wheeled cars and trucks. The following information about the Phanomobile came from a card displayed in the vehicle by it's owner, with further details from the Net. - Ed

1910 Phanomobile



This car was imported by Mr V Salvanna and used as a general runabout in the area around Nunawading in Victoria.

After many years of use (and abuse) the Phanomobile suffered the ultimate indignity and was pushed under a tree in an orchard in Doncaster and left to rust. In the 1930s the car was pulled to pieces,

the engine left lying in the shade while the chassis was converted into a rather strange looking trailer.

In 1946 the engine was found and purchased for £10 by a Mr M Hunter.

Two years later Mr Hunter convinced Mr Salvanna to sell him the chassis trailer for £12 with the aim of restoring the entire vehicle. The car then passed through several owners until in 1960 the entire "basket case" was bought for £70 by Norman E Hall of Melbourne, who embarked on a six-year project to return "Madame Fanny" to the road.

Norm did the entire restoration himself, including going back to school to learn how to recreate the original style wicker bodywork, returning "Fanny" to the road in 1966.

Sadly, Norm died relatively young and Fanny spent most of the following quarter of a century sitting in a garage until purchased by the current owners in 2009. It is a testament to the quality of the original restoration work done by Norm Hall that only minor remedial work was required to once again get this very unusual car back on the road.

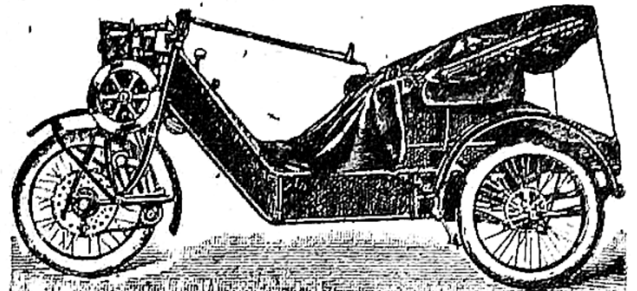
Fanny has an 8 hp, twin cylinder engine couple to and epicyclic gearbox. While there is no clutch pedal on the floor, there is a clutch within the gearbox.

Gears are changed by turning the stirrup handle to the left for bottom gear and to the right for top, activating the clutch and driving bands on the gearbox. The accelerator is not on the floor but instead is the small lever on the passenger side of the tiller.

As both the petrol tank and oil tank sit below the engine, a small pump on the dashboard is used while driving to keep air pressure in the tanks to feed the engine above.

Cruising speed on a good day with a tail wind is about 40 kph!

The 8 h p. PHANOMOBILE.



The little car with big capabilities. Front drive successfully solved. 15/- Tax. Absolutely no skidding. Silent and vibrationless, 2, 3 or 4 seater. Unequaled for ease of driving. Workmanship, finish and simplicity. Will take 75% of hills on top gear. A lady or child can drive it. No stooping, no pit, no special motor house. Unique system of gear changing, combined with tiller steering. Twin-cylinder engine. Two-speed gear. Bosch Magneto. Total up-keep does not exceed 1d. per mile. Send at once for descriptive catalogue from PHANOMEN MOTORS, 328, UPPER STREET, N., and arrange for Trial run.

About the Marque

The Phanomobile (pronounced "Fanno-mobile") was built in Zittan Germany by the Phanomen Motor Works, founded by Gunter Hiller. He commenced building bicycles in 1888, before adding motorcycles to the range in 1900.





Stories From the Shed



PHENOMENAL PHANOMOBILE

In 1907 the company produced its first tiller steered, three wheeler and advertised them as "perfect for doctors and vets". Attempts to produce a normal four-wheel car started in about 1910 but were not very successful.

In 1913 Gunter Hiller died suddenly at the age of 50 and the company passed to his brother who continued building cars, motorcycles and bicycles until a major factory fire in 1919. The factory was rebuilt in 1920s, with the final four-wheel drive passenger vehicle rolling off the line in 1923.

Powered by engines as large as 880cc, versions of the three-wheelers were produced for some 20 years, many being sold to the German, Austrian and Swiss postal services.

Production of these quirky three wheelers stopped in 1927 after which the company started making light trucks.

Phanomen and then went through several name changes and amalgamation, eventually becoming the V E B motor works in 1957 before ceasing all production in 1989.

Extra photos: Adelaide Antique Automobile Club newsletter- Nov 2016

More Info: [Phanomen Phanomobil Veteran 1910 Tricar](#)

[The Opera of the Phano - 1910 Phanomobil - YouTube](#)

[PHÄNOMOBIL 1912 - YouTube](#)



Andrew Applebee
1910 Phänomobil Roadster
Madame Fanny

More from the 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally

(photos supplied by Damien Giustini)



RALLIES & RUNS

March Tinker Day at the Baldocks

After three cancelled attempts due to the nasty Covid virus, we finally got to hold a Tinker Day at Graham and Elaine's place. All 30 odd people that went were very keen just to get out of the house and do something with the car club. It was good to see a few new members on the day too.

Graham even had a "free give away" table for those little treasures that he no longer needed but had in the shed for many years.

Elaine put on a lovely spread of some of my favorite biscuits and sliced cake for us to enjoy while we had our cuppa and chinwag time.

The raffles were won by Max McKenzie and Neville Mustica.

Graham had his polished cars out on display and they gleamed in the sun outside. He explained a bit of history about his time at the railways and his collection of favorite things.

As always we had a very nice day out and look forward to more of the same.

A big thank you to Graham and Elaine for having us around for the day.

- Ray van Galen.



RALLIES & RUNS

Ballarat Wonder



It was a perfect day to have a rally to the Ballarat area. There were about a dozen cars and five motorcycles on the run, stopping in the lovely park in Buninyong for our picnic lunch and a natter.

Then on to a very large laser cutting business. It was so interesting to hear about the business from Keith and Sue that it was hard to drag everyone away.

We then went to see Keith's amazing collection of 120 motorcycles, some rare, and again, no one wanted to leave. Much could be written about what we saw, so you'll have to join in next time.

A very interesting and enjoyable day (and a bit of motorcycle heaven).

Thanks to Fred, Sharon, Keith and Sue.

- Judith Matthews



RALLIES & RUNS

Ballarat - Huge & Dusty

At the March meeting some members spoke about attending the Ballarat Swap Meet.

I had been with my father-in-law for several years (at least 30 years ago!). Our approach refined over the years and in the end we had a big tandem full of priceless junk to sell, my caravan to sleep in and two bicycles to ride around the enormous area.

I don't remember securing any real bargains, but I do remember that it was fun.

So this year I took myself, the Brumby and a crate tied to a bag trolley (just in case) to the Ballarat airfield. A little "post lockdown" treat. The Swap was still huge - and busy - but I was happy poking along the rows. I found Dallas Jones' site and we radiated out from there, both singly and together, to check the place out.

It continues to amaze me just what people sell (and buy). While there was a fair range of stalls, there was little to no old English stuff to tweak my interest. Not a Morris badge anywhere!

It seemed that the sellers of generic tools and consumables; food stalls and those with relatively modern Holden, Ford or motorbike parts occupied much of the space. And the dust that layered everything added an abrasive edge to the event. I came out exhausted, having walked at least 12 kms with my trolley. I was empty-handed. And I had left my headlights on! (Luckily two blokes parked beside me arrived and a quick jump start sorted out my oversight.) While it was fun to renew my Ballarat link, I will stick to the smaller swaps in future. - Ed



A timely sculpture for sale: a wheel, a spring a gas bottle and some railway spikes, matched to an imagination, a welder and some time!



A willing breeze spread fine dust over everything and everyone

SOME AUTOMOTIVE FIRSTS

From "I Love Old Cars and Transport Stories"

- by Frank Rodwell OBE*

(*over bloody eighty)

The Austin 7 was built under licence in Germany by B.M.W. as the Dixie, in France as the Rosengart and in the U.S.A. as the American Bantam. The Japanese Datsun of the early 1930s was copied from the Austin 7. Peter Brock's first home made car was based on an Austin 7. The first Lotus and Bruce McLaren's first race car were worked-over Austin 7s.

When America entered WW2 they needed a light weight, go anywhere, general purpose (GP) vehicle in large numbers. American Bantam produced a suitable prototype but could not meet the quantities required, so the Willys and Ford companies were each given contracts. One of the production lines was turning out a vehicle every 80 seconds. These vehicles were commonly known as Jeeps.

Willys should be pronounced 'Willis' and Billy Durant's middle name Crapo is pronounced 'Craypo'.

- contributed by Fred Harris



CLUB MERCHANDISE

Show You Belong

The WDHVC has items on display in the cabinet at the rear of the Clubrooms for members to purchase.

Members can select from:

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| Coffee Mugs | \$15 |
| Lapel Badges | \$10 |
| WDHVC Metal Car Badges | \$25 |
| Black Geelong Plates | \$33 |
| Replica Inaugural Metal Club Badge | \$20 |
| 50 th Anniversary Metal Badges | \$20 |
| WDHVC pens | \$4 each or 3 for \$10 |
| WDHVC Log Book Reminder Stickers | \$2 |
| Magnetic WDHVC Badges | \$4 each or 3 for \$10 |
| Windscreen Banners | \$10 |

Contact:

David Mitchell (Ph 0409 099 716)

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale



1947 Morris 8 E series 2 door sedan. VIN 119722 asking \$18,000.ono. Call Ron 0425 890 346. **3/22**

May *Backfire* Editor is Dallas Jones
Mob: 0432 172 171

E: dejay57@hotmail.com

Deadline: Mon 25 April.

Send your yarns to Dallas!

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Membership renewal fees were due by 31 March. If you have cars carrying Red Plates that are registered through our club and we did not receive your completed membership renewal form and money by 31 March, VicRoads considers those cars to be unregistered and you cannot legally drive them on public roads.

If you no longer wish to be a club member, please email or post your resignation to the Secretary, Fred Harris.

Quotes About Life

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon.
Then it's time for my nap.

~ Bob Hope

I never drink water because of the disgusting
things that fish do in it.

~W. C. Fields

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

Wanted

Early brass Zenith carb , up draft or side draft for current project. Contact Paul 0417 390 027

thetradyc@outlook.com

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Clues

1952 48-215 Holden Sedan. Reg YW 316.
Original plates.

1951 Holden 48-215 Sedan Unregistered.

Both running and driveable. 35 years of parts collected. NOS & 2nd hand.

Trying to sell as a whole. Open to offers.

Call Colin 0408 994 324

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For sale/wanted ads are free to Members and generally appear for **two issues** of *Backfire*. To remove advertisements from the [newsletter](#) earlier, email editor@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0417 311 441).

Reminder: All vehicles in the "For Sales" must have VIN number & Price or Registration Number & Price, otherwise they will be listed under "Clues". Ads for the 'Clues' section must not refer to any payment that may take place by mentioning an amount or 'best offer', etc.

All ads for cars also appear on the **club web site** where greater detail and photos (where supplied) can be viewed. To see ads, go to

<http://www.wdhvcgeelong.com/wdsale.html>

All ads remain on the website until you request their removal. To remove an ad from the [website](#), email webmaster@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0418 587 415).



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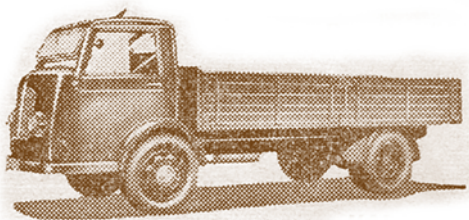
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 EXTREME WEATHER (including Total Fire Bans) A club event may be cancelled on extreme weather days. If an extreme weather day is predicted members should either: check the club website; check their emails; or contact the event organiser. | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 March | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Castlemaine Swap Meet | 4 COVID All events are subject to Covid 19 rules current at the time. Updates by will be sent by email. | 5 | 6 | 7 Morning Coffee Run 10.30am Anglesea Chocalaterie | 8 | 9 Horsham Swap Meet |
| 10 Werribee Swap Meet Scoresby Picnic Show | 11 | 12 April Meeting & A G M | 13 Dine Out | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 Committee Meeting | 20 | 21 Tinker Day Clubrooms 10.30am | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Swap Meet @2.0 Scoresby. Lancefield Swap Meet | 25 ANZAC Day BBQ Bwn Hds April Backfire Deadline | 26 Tech Night "Time" Clubrooms | 27 | 28 | 29 Backfire folding morning 9am Cubrooms | 30 |
| 1 May Gippsland Swap Meet | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Morning Coffee Run Details TBC | 6 | 7 Naracoorte Swap Meet |